Man killed in IED blast F.P. Report

QUETTA: One person was killed and another injured in improvised explosive device (IED) blast near a vehicle in the provincial capital on Saturday.
According to details, an IED went off in Akhtarabad near Western Bypass in Quetta. A vehicle was damaged in the explosion resulting in death of one person and leaving another serious

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Hike in PoL prices likely

ISLAMABAD (INP): Another hefty increase in the prices of petrol and diesel is on the cards from July 16 as Ogra forwarded its recommendations. According to the proposals, a healthy hike of Rs7.67 per litre was recommended in the price of petrol while Rs3.72 raise in diesel rate was proposed. If the recommendations got government's nod, the new petrol price would be Rs273.28 per litre while diesel rate would climb up to Rs281.17.

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on

Saturday directed Federal Bureau of Revenue (FBR) authorities to tighten their belts and serve the nation by for-

mulating a strategy and mechanism

coupled with usage of latest technolo-

gy to broaden the tax net base without further burdening the honest tax pay-

During a visit to FBR

Headquarters, the prime minister said

that the incumbent government had

the sole agenda of putting Pakistan on

path of progress with consistent

improvement in the economic indica-

tors. "Though it may be a difficult

journey which requires collective and

individual efforts, sincerity and sacri-

fices and putting forth the national interests supreme over all other inter-

Terming the staff level arrangement with International Monetary Fund

(IMF) as a positive omen for the coun-

try's economy, he expressed the hope

that IMF board would also give a go

ahead in this regard. The prime minis-

to act speedily and work tirelessly for

making the IMF programme as the last

one in the country's history, adding

after which a journey of progress and

ests," he emphasized.

PM directs latest

technology to broaden

tax net base

— asks FBR authorities to gird up loins for revenue generation with dedicated efforts, usage of latest technology

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif addressing officers during his visit to headquarters of Federal Board of Revenue.

Imran, Bushra Bibi acquitted in Iddat case

ISLAMABAD: An Islamabad district and sessions court on Saturday accepted the appeals filed by former prime minister Imran Khan and his spouse

Bushra Bibi against their conviction in the Iddat case. Additional district and sessions judge (ADSJ) Afzal Majoka announced the judgment a little after 3pm after reserving the verdict earlier in the day. After accepting their appeals, the judge said: "If they are not wanted in any other case, then PTI founder Imran appeals. Subsequently, the them] are responsible." Khan and Bushra Bibi case was transferred to the should be released [from court of ADSJ Majoka. jail] immediately." The couple was convicted on ing, Maneka's lawyer alleged that they contracted "If they want to bring witfirst lady's Iddat period.

the ex-premier and his spouse to seven years in jail any point during the case. tion of the period of Iddat. Referring to yesterday's He said that despite being and imposed Rs500,000 hearing, during which the given a chance, they also fine each a decision that judge had observed that refused to present witnesses civil society,

case and had reserved the innocent," Maneka's request for not possible ... the marpapers had already been recusal from hearing the riage took place, both [of presented in court.

NAB arrested ex-PM, wife in fresh Toshakhana case F.P. Report

SLAMABAD: The relief for PTI founder Imran Khai and his spouse Bushra Bibi was short-lived as both were arrested in another case. The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) arrested the former prime minister and his wife Bushra Bibi in fresh Toshakhana case. Earlier Additional District and Sessions Judge Afzal Majok nas acquitted Imran Khan and his spouse Bushra Bibi in the nikkah during iddat (illegal marriage) case. The court annulled the indictment of the couple in the case The court also issued the release orders of Imran Khar and his spouse Bushra Bibi by accepting their pleas and said they could walk free immediately.

February 3 days before the Advocate Zahid Asif said general elections on a com- Imran's legal team had Maneka, who the previous proceedings.

was widely criticised by Maneka being the follower in court. women of the Hanafi sect had lost activists and lawyers. The the right to conciliation verdict had coincided with with Bushra Bibi, Asif the Toshakhana and cipher pointed out that nowhere case sentences. With the was the Hanafi sect men-Toshakhana case sentences tioned neither had Mufti suspended and acquittal in Saeed said anything regardcipher case, Imran now ing it. He claimed that remains incarcerated at the Imran was putting the Adiala Jail in the Iddat case entire responsibility of the nly. case on "Bushra Bibi's Previously, District and shoulders". "The husband Sessions Judge Shahrukh is sidelining his wife's sac-Arjumand was hearing the rifices and saying that he is called fraud," Raja said. He verdict in May. However, alleged, adding that such Maneka, in his statement, on the day of its expected behaviour was not expected had called Bushra Bibi his announcement, he sought a from a leader. Here, ADSJ ex-wife, adding that a photransfer of the case, citing Majoka remarked: "This is tocopy of the divorce

Continuing his arguments, Advocate Asif con-

tended that Bushra Bibi had

said Maneka divorced her thrice verbally. "There is no standing of a verbal divorce plaint filed by Bushra mentioned bringing wit- ... the law says that docu-Bibi's ex-husband, Khawar nesses to the court during mented evidence weighs ... the law says that documore," he said. The lawyer further stated that neither marriage during the former nesses they can, we don't Imran nor his spouse menhave any objections," he tioned in any of their state-Senior civil judge stated, adding that the court ments that their marriage Qudratullah had sentenced could accept evidence at took place after the comple-

> Subsequently, Imran's counsel Salman Akram Raja began his arguments Citing the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance 1961, he stated that there was no point in the 90-day argument (Iddat period) because divorce papers were not sent by Maneka. "Even if we accept their argument, there can be a legal defect but the marriage can't be the lawyer also highlighted that

tion of the period of Iddat.

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehr eek-e-Insaf (PTI) has decided to stage a power show at Minar-e-Pakistan Lahore on August 14. As per details, the party's senior vice president Akmal

Baari has submitted an application to the deputy commissioner, promising to fully comply with the rules and regulations during the rally.

Last week, PTI postponed the party's Islamabad power show after the federal capital administration cancelled the No Objection Certificate (NOC). İslamabad Chief Commissioner suspended the NOC issued to PTI for public gathering just a day before the scheduled meeting. Speaking to media, PTI chairman Barrister Gohar

said that PTI got a green signal for the power show four months after the request for the NOC was made, but the commissioner cancelled the NOC. He stated that the commissioner has no authority to suspend the NOC.

Acquittal in Iddat case clears way for PTI: Gohar

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: onding to the recent verdict of PTI founder's acquittal in the Iddat case, the party chairman Barrister Gohar expressed hope that Imran Khan should be released

"Alhamdulillah, today justice has prevailed and we thank the judiciary for this decision for standing with the constitution," he said. He said like other cases against, the Iddat case did not have any foundation and soon the PTI founder would be a free

The decision of the trial become a great and prosperous councourt had been declared efforts. If we want to get rid of foreign debts, the FBR should levy taxes on null and void after the acquittal of Imran Khan. those who had not been paying any Earlier, Additional District and Sessions Judge Afzal taxes, he opined. Majoka acquitted Imran Khan and his spouse Bushra Bibi in the nikkah during iddat (illegal marriage) case. The court annulled the indictment of the couple in the case. The court also issued the release orders of Imran Khan and is spouse Bushra Bibi by accepting their pleas and said they could walk free immediately.

PTI to stage power show on Aug 14

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Extended

led growth. authorities' include: Sustainable public finances, through a gradual

Shehbaz calls for exposing elements spreading uncertainty, instability F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday emphasized the need to expose elements spreading uncertainty and instability in the country. He made these remarks during a meeting with Parliamentary leader of Pakistan Muslim League (N) in Senate and Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Senator Irfan Siddiqui. PM Shehbaz Sharif stressed the government as well as PML-N to pay attention to evolve an effective strategy to let down the organized campaign against the government, state and national security institutions. Appreciating the positive role of Muslim League (N) in the Senate, the prime minister said that the Upper House should guide all the elected houses for democratic values and dignified environment. While congratulating Senator Irfan Siddiqui on being elected as the Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, the prime minister hoped that the Foreign Affairs Committee under his leadership would pay special attention to promoting a positive, peaceful and constructive image of Pakistan in the world.

ligence and said that digitization of FBR was a step in this regard which should be fully utilized.

The prime minister maintained ter said now it was their responsibility that he felt pains over learning of seeking foreign debts as the nations could not be built like in this manner. He said his message was loud and clear that the current reforms in the prosperity would commence in the FBR should be carried out without any personal likes and dislikes, and The prime minister expressed the all the efforts should be directed confidence that Pakistan could under the national interests by rising become a great and prosperous country with collective and individual minister also directed the FBR chairman to bring forth all the hidden issues related to the department on table without wasting time. He also lauded the FBR for collecting 30 per-The prime minister said that the cent more revenues as compared to country's top taxmen should realize the last year's corresponding period the issue of repeatedly burdening of and emphasized that for the collechonest tax payers including the gov- tion of its set target, the enforcement

ernment employees who filed their of taxes should be the top agenda. annual tax returns. He stressed upon

The prime minister said that in

levy of taxes and broadening of rev- these efforts, the FBR should not creenue resources with usage of latest technology practiced worldwide including help from the artificial intel-should provide facilities to encourage the tax payers. The prime minister said that some 27 years ago, in Punjab province, they had imposed tax on agriculture sector after a thorough consultations and consideration which was later emulated by other provinces. He also referred to the need of resolving the issue of general sales tax collection. The prime minister made it clear that he would not tolerate any lapses, adding that when determination was made with sincerity, paths leading to future were usually carved

> Earlier, the prime minister arrived at the FBR Headquarters where he was welcomed by Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb, Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Ali Pervaiz Malik and Chairman FBR Malik Amjad Zubair Tiwana. The prime minister laid down floral wreaths on memorial of shuhada and offered Fateha, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

Pakistan, IMF reach \$7b loan agreement

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have reached a US\$7 billion staff-level loan agreement on a comprehensive program endorsed by the federal and provincial governments, that could be supported by a 37-month Arrangement (EFF).

According to an IMF statement released on Saturday morning, this loan agreement is subject to approval by the IMF's Executive Board and the timely confirmation of necessary financing assurances from Pakistan's development and bilateral partners. The program aims to capitalize on the hard-won tax base and remove macroeconomic stability achieved over the past year by furthering efforts to strengthen public finances, reduce inflation, rebuild external buffers and remove economic distor-

tions to spur private sector-Key policy goals of the particular, the recently provides additional resouprogram fiscal consolidation based plus of 1 percent of GDP (2 age of BISP, education,

PM satisfied over deal

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehba Sharif on Saturday expressed his satisfaction over reach ng of Pakistan's staff-level agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a new \$7 billion oan programme.

The prime minister said for the country's economy they had taken harsh and difficult decisions and owing to these decisions, positive outcome was being achieved in form of economic stability. "IMF programme proved vital in steering Pakistan out of financial straits," PM Office Media Wing, in a press release in Urdu language quoted the prime minister as saying. The IMF has agreed to extend \$7 billion loan to Pakistan, spanning over period of 37 months. The prime minister observed tha he new loaning programme would further strengther the economy of Pakistan, ushering in a new era of eco nomic prosperity and end to foreign loans. The prime minister thanked the IMF for its support in the difficul times and said that the government was continuing efforts towards strengthening of economy.

exemptions, while increasing resources for critical development and social spending. In this regard, the authorities plan to increase tax revenues through measures of 1½ percent of GDP in FY25 and 3 percent of tax system. At the same GDP over the program. In time, the FY25 budget approved FY25 budget targets an underlying general government primary suron reforms to broaden the percent in headline terms). and health spending.

Revenue collections will be supported by simpler and fairer direct and indirect taxation, including by bringing net income from the retail, export, and agriculture sectors properly into the rces to expand social protection by increasing both the generosity and cover-

FIA arrests Sanam Javed F.P. Report

GUJRANWALA: Investigation Federal Agency (FIA) arrested the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Sanam Javed on Saturday. According to sources, two separate teams of FIA reached Gujranwala from Lahore and Islamabad to arrest the PTI leader.

The sources said that Sanam Javed was wanted to FIA in a case and she was arrested from the central jail Gujranwala. A day earlier, Lahore High Court had ordered immediate release of Sanam Javed from Gujranwala jail. A two-member bench headed by Justice Asjad Javed Gharal of the LHC issued a 14-page decision. The court observed

repeatedly naming the accused in the same kind of cases by the investigating officer without evidence showed malice, which exposed the deliberate attempt to defame and defeat the judicial system of the country. The court cited the Gujranwala case against Sanam Javed was fabricated and registered on the basis of malice and is therefore discharged immediately. Sanam Javed was detained by Gujranwala police in a May 9 riots case lodged against her.

for judicial commission F.P. Report Rehman highlighted concerns regarding the nationwide movement for LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami Supreme Court's decision the people's rights has been has appealed the Supreme on specific seats, insisting initiated, with planned

Court of Pakistan to estab- that partial acceptance of lish a judicial commission the ruling is unacceptable. to oversee the upcoming He questioned the Election 2024 elections.

ference in Lahore, Amir Court's verdict, pointing out Jamaat-e-Islami Naeem-ur-Rehman empha- needed an additional 70,000 sized the necessity for a votes to secure his win. transparent electoral Criticizing the gover-tion in accordance process. Hafiz Naeem-urnance in Sindh, Naeem-urcourt's directives.

2024 elections: JI calls

Commission's credibility Speaking at a press confollowing the Supreme Hafiz that Nawaz Sharif allegedly

protests set for tomorrow. He lamented the plight of the middle class, which he believes is being systematically destroyed. "The Supreme Court's decision is a breath of fresh air,' Naeem-ur-Rehman declared, calling for legisla-

tion in accordance with the

71 Palestinians killed as Israel targets Hamas military chief

killed at least 71 Palestinians in a designated humanitarian zone in Gaza on Saturday, the enclave's health ministry said, in an attack that Israel said targeted Hamas military chief Mohammed Deif. It was unclear whether Deif was against Deif also targeted Rafa killed. "We are still checking and verifying the results of the strike," an Israeli military official told reporters. The militant Islamist group Hamas Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel that

attack, which was the deadliest Israeli attack in Gaza in weeks. Displaced people sheltering in the most wanted list for decades, held area said their tents were torn down by the force of the strike, describing of Israelis in suicide bombings. The bodies and body parts strewn on the ground. "I couldn't even tell where I was or what was happening," said and 289 injured, the deadliest toll in Sheikh Youssef, a resident of Gaza weeks in the conflict-shattered City who is currently displaced in the enclave.

were false and aimed at justifying the

GAZA (Reuters): An Israeli airstrike Al-Mawasi area.

"I left the tent and looked around, all the tents were knocked down, body parts, bodies everywhere, elderly women thrown on the floor, young children in pieces," he told Reuters. The Israeli military said the strike Salama, the commander of Hamas' Khan Younis Brigade, describing them as two of the masterminds of the said in a statement that Israeli claims triggered the nine-month war in it had targeted leaders of the group Gaza.

Deif has survived seven Israeli assassination attempts, the most recent in 2021 and has topped Israel's responsible for the deaths of dozens Gaza health ministry said at least 71 Palestinians were killed in the strike

repeatedly urged Palestinians to head to after issuing evacuation orders from other areas. Reuters footage showed ambulances racing toward the area amidst clouds of smoke and dust. Displaced people, including women and children, were fleeing in panic, some holding belongings in their hands.

The Israeli military published an aerial photo of the site, which Reuters was not immediately able to verify, where it said "terrorists hid among civilians." "The location of the strike was an open area surrounded by trees, several buildings, and sheds," it said in a statement.

The Israeli military official said the area was not a tent complex, but at least 100 people had been killed an operational compound run by and wounded in the Khan Younis Hamas and that several more mili- attack, including members of the Many of those wounded in the strike, Hamas official did not confirm than 38,000 Palestinians, medical denied his death.

Al-Mawasi is a designated human- including women and children, were whether Deif had been present and authorities in Gaza say. Separately on itarian area that the Israeli army has taken to the nearby Nasser Hospital, called the Israeli allegations "nonwhich hospital officials said had been overwhelmed and was "no longer able to function" due to the intensity of the Israeli offensive and an acute shortage of medical supplies.

"The hospital is full of patients, it's full of wounded, we can't find beds for people," said Atef Al-Hout, director of the hospital, adding that it was the only one still operating in southern Gaza. Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant was holding special consultations, his office said, in light of "developments in Gaza." It was unclear how the strike would affect ceasefire talks underway in Doha and

The Hamas-run media office said

"All the martyrs are civilians sense.' and what happened was a grave escalation of the war of genocide, backed by the American support and world Sami Abu Zuhri told silence," Reuters, adding the strike showed Israel was not interested in reaching a

ceasefire deal. Critics have accused Israel of committing genocide against Palestinians, which Israel denies. It characterises its actions as self-defense to prevent another attack like Oct. 7, though the International Court of Justice ordered Israel in January to take action to prevent acts of genocide. Hamas-led militants killed 1,200 people and took more than 250 hostages in the crossborder raid into southern Israel on Oct. 7, according to Israeli tallies.

Israel has retaliated with military

Saturday, at least 17 Palestinians were killed in an Israeli attack on a prayer hall at a Gaza camp for displaced people in west Gaza City, Palestinian health officials said.

Witnesses said the Khan Younis attack came as a surprise as the area had been calm, adding more than one missile had been fired. Some of the wounded who were being evacuated were rescue workers, they said. "They're all gone, my whole family's gone ... where are my brothers? They're all gone, they're all gone. There's no one left," said one tearful woman, who did not give her name. Rising up the Hamas ranks over 30 years, Deif developed the group's network of tunnels and its bombmaking expertise, Hamas sources say. In March, Israel said it killed Deif's deputy, Marwan Issa. Hamas tants were there, guarding Deif. Civil Emergency Service. A senior action in Gaza that has killed more has since neither confirmed, nor



facilities at tehsil offices

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson of the Benazir Income Programme (BİSP), visited BISP tehsil offices in Mandanr and Gagra, Buner, today.

The purpose of the visit was to review the facilities and arrangements provided for the deserving women of BISP who come for registration. Senator Rubina Khalid spoke to the women problems, and instructed



"It is our responsibility the staff to fully guide the to serve deserving women women during the registra- and solve their problems,"

needy women will be able program in a dignified manner, giving more women the opportunity to join the program.' During her visit, Senator Rubina Khalid also spoke to media representatives. She

expressed her thoughts about the program, stating that the Benazir Income Support Programme reflects vision of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto for the welfare of poor women in Pakistan. founded the program while in exile in Dubai, which was implemented President Asif Ali Zardari in 2008. According to the instructions of the President of Pakistan and Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, it is our duty to ensure that deserving women receive their complete amount without any deductions and in a dignified manner.

Senator Rubina Khalid further explained that a new model has been introduced to ensure transparency in the payment system and reduce human intervention, involving the services of six banks. "Educational stipends are being provided to the children of deserving families under the Benazir Taleemi Wazaif Programme. The Benazir Nashonuma Programme is playing an important role in meeting the nutritional needs of women and children. Additionally, a skill training program is being launched for deserving women and their family members to help reduce poverty.

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Chairperson BISP reviews | CM Punjab to start distribution of solar systems from Aug 14

promise made with people, in Ahmedpur Sharqia. has decided to launch distribution of solar panels from Aug 14,

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Independence Day. People using up to 200 units could get free solar panels, while those using up to 500 units would receive solar panels on 10 per cent payment. The Punjab government would pay 90 per cent of the total amount for provision of solar panels.

The interest-free loan would be provided for pro vision of solar panels, which would paid back in five years through banks. In the light of the CM announce ment, methodology regarding provision of solar panels to people had been settled.

The chief minister said that people's electricity bills would be reduced by 40pc with provision of solar panels. "Ît is my sole mission to provide maximum relief to people. Despite difficult circumstances, we are standing with the people and will continue to do so," she said.

CM grieved over demise of child: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has expressed her deep sense of sorrow and grief over the death of a

PDMA issues flood alert fact sheet

LAHORE (APP): In line with the instructions of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the Disaster Provincial Management Authority (PDMA) has issued a flood alert fact sheet.

The fact sheet includes data on the monsoon rains situation, and water levels in rivers, barrages, and dams across Punjab.

According to the report, rain was recorded in Lahore, Sargodha, Toba Tek Singh Faisalabad, Kot Addu, and Bahawalpur in the last 24 hours. Due to the heavy rains, 12 citizens lost their lives, 14 houses were affected, and 27 citizens were injured, including 5 children, 3 females, and 4 males.

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori

administering the oath of the office to Mr. Justice

Mohammad Shafi Siddiaui as the Chief Justice

Reserved seats:

Nasir terms SC

decision an ambiguous

Energy Minister Syed Nasir

Hussain Shah on Saturday

termed the apex court deci-

sion on reserved seats case

as an ambiguous and said

that Pakistan People's Party (PPP) always respected the

judiciary despite of the fact

that our party founder had

been sentenced to death by

Addressing a press conference, Syed Nasir Shah

said they were not dis-

turbed by the court decision

in reserved seats case but

surprised as PTI got relief

even though it was not a

party in the case. He said

that billions of rupees have

been spent in Karachi since

2008 to date, that's why the

people had elected PPP

candidate as Mayor Karachi. Shah said that in

the general elections, the

People's Party also won more seats in Karachi than

Replying to a question,

the provincial Minister said

that PPP had supported

PML-N in the centre for the

sake of democracy and if

we did not support Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif, a

political crisis would have

arisen and we would have

Mayor

the courts.

(CJ) of the Sindh High Court. —APP Photo

LAHORE (APP): Punjab 9-year-old child due to heartfelt sympathies and a report from the district Chief Minister Maryam drowning in a pit of the condolence with Nawaz Sharif, fulfilling her under-construction flyover bereaved family over the to ensure strict implementatragic incident.

The CM expressed The chief minister sought

the administration and directed tion of safety guidelines on the development projects.

یر نننڈ نٹ آف پولیس ٹریفک وارڈن ضلع سوات کو برائے ہالی سال 25-2024،معروف اور مالی لحاظ سے مشحکم فرموں (جن کے مالی ساکھ کے ثبوت کے طور پر بینک شیٹنٹ لف شدہ ،سابقہ تجربه اورانکمٹیک رجٹر ڈہوں) سے مندرجہ ذیل مختلف اقسام اوراشیاء کے خریداری کے لئے کوشنز مطلوب ہیں۔

نے صیب ہے۔ 1 بٹریف وارڈن ضلع سوات کے زیراستعال تمام تھے کے سرکاری گاڑیوں کیلیے مختلف سپئیریارٹس،ٹائر ثیوبز، بیٹریاں،موبل آئل بلٹرز،مومتی، خجن بورنگ، ! پینٹ وغیرہ۔2۔ٹریفک وارڈن ضلع سوات کےملکیتی عمارات میں مختلف تعمیراتی کام ،خصوصی مرمتی ،معمولی مرمتی ،رنگ روغان وغیرہ۔3۔ٹریفک وارڈان ضلع سوات کو نماسٹیشزیاشیاء کی فراہمی۔4۔فرنیچے مرمتی۔5۔مختلف مشینری کیلئے پرزہ جات اور مرمتی وغیرہ۔6۔الکٹر ایک اشیاء کمپیوٹر، پریٹر وغیرہ اور کمپیوٹر سے متعلق تمام لواز مات کی فراہمی۔ 7۔ مختلف قتم کے کیمروں کی خریداری، مرمتی، انسٹالیشن اور اُن سے متعلق مکمل اوزار، لواز مات وغیرہ کی فراہمی۔ 8۔ صلع بحر میں کہیں بھی اور کسی بھی وقت عام تخابات جغمنی انتخابات، مقامی سطح پر ہونے والے انتخابات، قدرتی آفات سے سرز دہونے والی ہنگامی صورتحال میں نفری کولانے اور لیے جانے کیلئے پرائیویٹ گاڑیوں کی ٹرا ہی ۔9۔ ضلع بحر میں کہیں بھی اور کسی بھی وقت عام انتخابات بمٹنی انتخابات ، مقا *ی سطح پر* ہونے والے انتخابات ،قدر تی آفات سے سرز دہونے والی ہنگا می صورتحال ،حکمانہ سطح ر منعقد ہونے والی تقریبات وغیرہ کے مواقع پر کنج ہا کسز ، میٹو (Menu) کے مطابق مطلوبہ خورا کی مواد اور صاف یانی کے بوتلوں کی فراہمی ۔ 10 میٹمن نمبر 8-9اوراس کے ملاوہ دیگرمواقع پر اولیس کے اجناعات یا کہیں بھی ضرورت بڑنے پر ٹاپنٹ، تریال، میز، کری ، کراکری اشیاء کے کراپیر پرفرامی۔ 11۔مندرجہ بالاتمام اشیاء کے خریداری اور کرایہ برِفراہمی کےعلاوہ دیگرا پسےاشیاء جن کااو پر ذکر نہیں کیا گیا ہیں، جزل آرڈ رسلائرز کے ذریعے ڈیمانڈ کرنے پرمطلوب اشیاء کی فراہمی۔

شوانط و صوابط: 1- برایک فرم (کیشن دہندہ) این این جوزہ پیڈیرکیشن پرکر کے مر بمبرزیر دختی کو بذرید دیدر جنرڈاک یا کوریئز مون، 2024-07-31 تک پہنچا ئیں، جواُسی روزگڈشنز دہندہ گان یاان کےمقرر کردہ نمائندگان کی موجودگی میں دن 10:00 بچکھولے جا ئیں گے۔ دریسے پہنچے والے کڈشنز نا قامل قبول اورمستر د ضور ہونگے ۔2۔ تمام مطلوبہاشیاءاوراقسام کے متعلق کسی بھی قتم کی معلومات اورفہرست حاصل کرنے کیلئے اشاعت کے فوراً بعد دفتر زیر تخطی ہے ماسوائے ہفتہ اورانواریا دیگر مرکاری تغطیل کے دفتر کیاوقات میں رابطہ کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ 3۔خواہشمند کوٹیش دہندگان ہے مبلغ ایک لاکھ -/100000 روپےسکیو رٹی بذریعہ CDR بنام سیرنٹنڈ نٹ آف پریس ضلع سوات جمع کرانا ہوگا۔ 4۔ ٹینڈر میں حصہ لینے والے تمام حصرات (فرمز) کو قانو نی طور پر واجب الا داائم ٹیکس / سیزنگس ، رجیڑیشن سرٹیٹیکیٹ ، کمپیوٹرائز شاختی کارڈ کی مصدقہ نقولات ٹینڈ رکے ساتھ جمع کروانالازی ہے۔CDR_5 کے بغیر کوئی ٹینڈ رقابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔6۔زخ آٹٹم کے حساب بے بشمول ٹیکس درج کئے جا کہیں۔7۔ تمام پلزنیکس،اکلمٹیکس مرویہ تو انین کے تحت ڈیلر کے بل سے کاٹے جا کیں گے۔8۔ نامکمل دستاویزات کی صورت میں ٹینڈرمسز دکیا جاسکتا ہے۔9۔ ٹینڈر کے خلاف ورزی پر شانت یااس کا کوئی حصہ منبط کرلیا جائیگا۔10۔ دھو کہ دی ارائح اف کی صورت میں فرم کے خلاف قانونی کا روائی عمل میں لائی جائیگی اوراس پرائیٹے والے تمام اخراجات فرم ادا کریگا۔ 11 _ برطابقKPPRAرونز 2014ء پر دیکورنگ بجنس وجوہات ہے آگاہ کر کے بولی(Bid) کی قبولیت سے پہلے کی جھی وقت تمام بولیوں(Bids) یا تجاویز کو ستر دکر سکتی ہے۔12 بیل ادائیگی،بل کی منظوری اور یاس ہونے کے بعد کی جائیگی۔13 - کامیاب بولی دہندہ کو با قاعدہ شامپ پییر پرمحکمہ کے ساتھ ایگر بمنٹ کرنا ہوگا۔ جس میں %01 شامب ڈیوٹی بھی کاٹی جا 1۔ 4۔منظورہ شدہ ٹینڈ ر کے ریٹس 30 جون 2025ء تک قابل عمل ہو نگے۔ جن میں کوئی تبدیل کمکن نہیں ،البتہ ٹینڈ ر کھلنے کے جد گورنمنٹ کی طرف سے کمیسمیں کسی بھی تبدیلی کااطلاق کیا جاسکتا ہے۔15۔KPPRAرونز کے تحت خیبر پختونخوار یو نیواقعار ٹی کے ساتھ روشرڈ ہونالاز می ہے۔16۔ نینڈر دہندہ NTN ہونے کی صورت میں تمام تفصیلات فراہم کرنے کا یابند ہوگا۔ 17۔ گاڑیوں کی معمولی مرمت یاخر بد جولسٹ میں شامل نہ ہوئی ہوں، کس سے بھی کرائی جا سکتے گا۔ 18۔ گاڑیوں کی تعداد اور اقسام میں جن کا ذکر فہرست میں کیا گیا ہے بالا حکام کے آرڈرز اور حکوشی یا کیسی کے تحت کی وبیشی اور ردوبدل ہوسکتی ہے۔ 19۔ تمام نظور شدہ فرمز کسی گاڑی،مشینری اور دیگراشیاء کیلئے کوئی برزہ وغیرہ کے فراہمی کے بعد تمام کنڈم مال متعلقہ شعبہ کے انبیارج کو واپس کرنیکا یا بند ہوگا۔ 20- ٹینیڈر کے متعلق

سيرنٽنڈ نٺآ ف پوليس ٹريفک وارڈ ن سوات علومات KPPRA کی ویب سائٹ پر دستیاب ہیں۔

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Police Department invite sealed tenders based on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works & Services, Rules 2014 from eligible bidders/firms having previous experience as well as registered with Income tax and sales tax departments for financial year 2024-25 Tenders should be addressed to the Commandant Special Security Unit (SSU) CPEC, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar. Last date for submission of proposal is 12.08.2024 upto 11:00 hrs. Tender/Financial proposals will be opened on 12.08.2024 at 11:00 hrs. In the presence of purchase committee and intending bidders in office of the Deputy Commandant SSU (CPEC) at Central Police Office (CPO) Peshawar. The delivery period will be 30-days or as per contract agreement

PURCHASE OF STATIONARY ITEMS FOR SSU MINORITY WORSHIP PLACES

S NO	NAME OF ITEMS		
1-	STATIONARY ITEMS		

The Tender documents/Specification pertaining to (he above mentioned items can be obtained at a cost of Rs. 500/- (None-Refundable) from office of the Accountant Special Security Unit (CPEC) malak Saad SImlieed Police line, Peshawar on the submission of application on the original letter head of the firm on any working day during office hours up to 12.08.2024

TERMS A CONDITIONS: The following terms and conditions shall apply

- The offers shall be accepted only with original bidding documents. Photocopies will not be accepted, Both of the supplier registered with KPRA & non registered suppliers are eligible to supply goods/
- services to Government departments.
- Each bid shall comprise a single sealed package containing one envelop as under:-<u>Financial Proposal</u> (Rate of respective item including all taxes/charges whatsoever as per following form on

the firm's letter head pad along with 02% earnest money).

	S#	Description	Unit Price (pkr)	Including All Duties & Taxes	Total Cost			
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1- Envelops should be marked in bold letters as "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" respectively with name of item. 2- Financial proposals will be opened on 12.08,2024 at 11:00 hrs at office of the Deputy Commandant SSU (CPEC) and would be opened in the presence of bidders.

3- The bidders shall submit bid security from the account of the firm/bidder/contractor of any scheduled bank with their financial proposals in favor of the Commandant SSU (CPEC) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Police Department Peshawar. In case of non-acceptance of tenders, the earnest money will be refunded after final ization of the tender.

4- In case of acceptance of tenders, the successful bidder shall deposit a security @ 10% of the total value of stores in the form of call Deposit in the name of Commandant (DDO) Special Security Unit (CPEC) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Police Department Peshawar and sign the contract agreement with office of the Commandant SSU (CPEC) within 15-days of the issuance of the acceptance letter.

5- Rates quoted would be considered only if the same are in Pak Rupees and inclusive of all taxes/ duties/charges and inclusive of packing charges/freight till delivery to the Commandant SSU (CPEC) CPO

- Peshawar. Rates shall be valid up to 30.06.2025. 6- Conditional tender/application will not be entertained.
- 7- All taxes will be deducted as per existing government policy.
- 8- The processing entity shall have right and authority to cancel, reject or reduce/ increase the quantity of
- any item listed / mentioned in the instant bid / tender notice and any such decision and auction of the procuring entity shall not be challengeable in any forum/court by the bidders / participant contractors. 9- The procuring entity will have the right to reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of
- bidder's proposal as per KPPRA Rules 47(1). The procuring entity shall upon request communicate the grounds for rejection of bid or proposal to any contractor or consultant who submitted a bid or proposal. **DEPUTY COMMANDANT**

Special Security Unit (CPEC), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar

KARACHI (APP): Sindh to go to the elections again **COMMUNICATION & WORKS DEPARTMENT (Merged Areas)** OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER BUILDING DIVISION TRIBAL DISTRICT

NORTH WAZIRISTAN, MIRANSHAH SITUATION VACANT

The Communication & Works Department, Building Division Tribal District North Waziristan, Miranshah invites application from candidates having

Sr. No.	Name of Post with BPS	BPS No. of Post Gender Qualification and Experience		Qualification and Experience	Age
1	Electrician (BPS-07)	01	Male	 (i) Secondary school Certificate with electrical certificate from Recognized Technical Board. (ii) 02 Years' Experience in the relevant filed. 	18-30

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Candidates are required to send their applications along with attested photo copies of academic documents, experience. CN1C and recent passport size photographs to the under singed.
- 2. Application should be carefully filed by the candidates as the provided information will be considered as final for further processing.
- Candidates will be self-responsible for wrong apply and can be excluded from the process even after provisionally allowed in the test in case of wrong apply.
- Application is any miss information will automatically exclude the candidate from the whole recruitment process at any Candidate Appling from Govt: / Simi-Govt: organizations are required to apply through proper channel. No TA/DA will be

= 06 Marks (02 Marks for Each Year)

allowed for test / interview.

= 02 Marks

= 08 Marks

- 6. Short listing will be based on the screening test will be short listed against a single vacancy. The criteria for the selection will be as under.
- = 30 Marks
- (a) Basic Qualification = 04 Marks
- (b) Additional Higher Qualification
- (c) Experience

- (d) Hafiz UI Quran
- (e) interview
- (f) Written Test

- = 50 Marks 8 Last date for submission of application is 24 July 2024
- **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, C&W Building Division, District North Waziristan** INF(P)#1684/24

الا ٹی کے ذمے کوئی بھی بقایا جات، جرمانہ دغیرہ اس کی جمع شدہ سیکیورٹی ہے وصول کرے۔ 41 ۔ ٹی۔ایم۔او TMA کوہاٹ کواختیار ہوگا کہ وہ TMA کوہاٹ کے بہتر مغادییں جب بھی ضرور ک ورمناسب سمجھالاٹمنٹ کیلیے مزیداوراضا فی شرائط وضوابط لا گوکرے۔42۔مزیدمعلومات کیلئے دفتر کاوقات کار میں رابطہ کہا حاسکتا ہے۔ INF(P) 1682/24

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GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA COMMUNICATION & WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING E-BIDDING

(Single Stage Single Envelop E-Bidding System)

The C&W Division Lower Chitral. Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Invites Electronic Bids from eligible firms/contractors in accordance with KPPRA Procurement Rules 2014. amended upto date on Single Stage Single Envelop procedure for the following work(s)

S.#	Name of Work	Required PEC category	Bid Security i/c Stamp Duty Rs.	Tender Fee @0.03%	Period of completion	Last date and time of submission of E-Bids	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid
01.	AOM&R Emergent Nature works to All Govt. Roads/Bridges in C&W Division Lower Chitral for the year (2024-25) Sub Work : Emergent Nature Work Sub Division Chitral	C-6 & Above	Rs. 218750	Rs. 3000	30/06/2025	31/07/2024 At 12:00 PM	31/07/2024 At 12:30 PM
02.	AOM&R Emergent Nature works to All Govt. Roads/Bridges in C&W Division Lower Chitral for the year (2024-25) Sub Work: Emergent Nature Work Sub Division Drosh	C-6 & Above	Rs. 218750	Rs. 3000	30/06/2025	31/07/2024 At 12:00 PM	31/07/2024 At 12:30 PM

- 01. Bid Solicitation Documents and Instructions to Bidders can be obtained from the office on any working day or
- downloaded from C&W website (www.cwd.gkp.pk) before the submission date/time. 02. The bidders should submit their E-bids as per KPPRA Notification No. SOR(14)/Vol: 1-24/2021-22 dated 10/05/2022.
- 03. Complete Detail of Bid Security/Tender Fee in shape of CDR i.e. Bank Name, CDR Number(s) and Date(s) must be submitted electronically along with E-bid on the E-bidding System. 04. All bidders are required to be registered with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority under Finance Act
- 2013 Act No. XXI of 2013. 05. All bidders are required to submit requisite financial documents through courier.

ٹاؤن ہال ٹی ایم اے آفس کو باٹ

06. Venue of Bids opening in the office of the Executive Engineer C&W Division Lower Chitral **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

INF(P) 1670/24 **C&W DIVISION LOWER CHITRAL**

12اگست2024

13 اگست 2024

یریش کوباپ 🖊 اشتهار نیلام عام (سستابازار) ___ (ساتویں بار) 🖟

PHONE/FAX No. 0943-413400

ہاری کئے گئے فیصلے 1 احکامات کی روشنی میں نیلام کیا جار ہاہے۔ نیلا می کی تفصیل درج ذیل ہے.

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آن لائن نیلا کی کاشیڈول: 🌣 آن لائن ہولی شروع ہونے کی تاریخ : 22 جولائی 2024 میں 209.00 بے 🌣 آن لائن بولی کا اختتا می تاریخ : 28 جولائی 2024رات 11:59 بج							
eproperty.lcbkp.gov.pk : تان لائن ویب پورٹل 🔾 eproperty.lcbkp.gov.pk							
اگر کی وجیہ سے بولی آن لائن نظام (e-auction) کے ذریعیہ بیونکی تو درجہ ذیل شیڈول کےمطابق کھلی بولی ہمقام ٹاؤن ہال واقع وفتر ٹی ایم اے کوہاٹ منعقد کی جائیگی۔							

چیرہ چیرہ شرائط وضوابط ۔ 1۔ کیمین اسٹال کی اراضی TMA کو ہاٹ کی ملکت ہے اور بولی الاثمنٹ کے عمل میں صرف یا کستانی شہریت کے صال وہ افراد حصد لے سکتے ہیں۔ جو کے 18 سال یا اس نے زائد عمر کے حال ہوں اور جن کے پاس کمپیوٹرائز ڈ تو می شاختی کار دموجود ہو۔ 2۔ کیبن اسٹال کوصرف مابانہ کرامیری بنیاد پر آن لائن اسکیلے نیامی کے ذریعے الاٹ کیا جائےگا۔ 3۔ تمام خواہشندافراد ابولی دہندگان بولی کی مقررہ تاریخ سے ایک دن قبل ٹی۔ایم۔اے کی جانب سے مرتب کردہ درخواست فارم برائے کیبن الاثمنٹ بھ کرانے کے پابندہو نگے۔4۔ درخواست فارم کی قیمت منظ-201 رویے ہوگی۔ درخواست فارم میں درج کروہ معلومات کو تتی تقور کیا جائےگا۔ اور درخواست گز ارکومر نسائ کاروبار کی اجازت ہوگی جس کاذکر درخواست فارم میں موجود ہو۔ 5۔ تمام نوا بشندافراد ابولی دہندگان درخواست فارم کے ساتھ اپنے نام سے بیلن -50,000 روپے کا زریعانہ بشکل کال ڈیپازٹ ابینک ڈرانٹ (نا قامل واپس) بنام تحصیل میرلس آفیسر TMA کوہات جمع کرانے کے پابند ہو نگے۔ جوکہ پیلے نمبرآنے والے بولی دہندہ کےعلاوہ باتی تمام بولی دہندگان کو بولیا کاعمل کمسل ہونے کے بعد بغیر کسی سود کے واپس کر دیاجائےگا۔ 6۔ TMA کوہاٹ کے ناد ہندہ افراد نیلا کی الاثمنٹ کے مل میں حصہ لینے کے عیاز نہ ہو نگے۔اگر نیلا می الاثمنٹ کے مل کے دوران یا بعد میں ناد ہندہ ہونے کا پیتہ چاتو ایسے افراد کے بی ہولی الاثمنٹ منسوخ تصور ہوگا۔ اور جمع شدہ رقم ابینک ڈرانٹ بحق TMA کو باٹ منبط تصور ہوگا۔ 7۔ کیبن اسٹال کی الاثمنٹ انیلامی ماہوار کرا میرکی بنیاد پر کی جائیگی۔ کیبین کیلئے سرکاری بولی المحفوظ شدہ بولی میلخ -/8000روپے(۱۴بنہ) سے شروع ہوگی۔سالانہ کراہی میں صرف 03سال تک ہر 60ماہ بعد 10 فیصد کے حیاب سے اضافہ کیا جائےگا جبکہ 03سال گزرنے کے بعد پھر ہرسال 10 فیصد کے حساب سے کرامیش اضافہ ہوگا۔ کامیاب بولی وہندہ ہے 02 سال کا ایڈوانس کرامیدوسول کیا جائگا جوکہ 01 سال کرامید میں خم 18 اور بقایا 0 سال کا کرامید بلورسکیو رقی ہوگا اور بیترام رقم 07 ہوم ے اعر TMA کوباٹ کے اکاؤٹ میں جمع کروانا ہوگی۔8۔ کیمین اسٹال ہولڈر TMA کوباٹ کو ہر ماہ کی 05 تاریخ تک کراہیا ٹیروانس اداکرنے کا یابند ہوگا مسلسل دومینیے تک کراہیا والذر کے کی صورت میں بغیر کی نوٹس کے کیمن اسٹال کی الائمنٹ منسوخ کر دی جائیگی۔اورجمع شدہ زریعانہ اسکیورٹی ضبط کی جائیگی۔9۔خاندان میں صرف ایک فرونیلا می سے عمل میں حصہ لے سکتا ہے اور خاندان میں صرف ایک بی فرد کو کیبین الاٹ کیا جایگا۔غلط بیانی کی صورت میں کیبن کی الانمنٹ منسوخ کی جائیگی اور جع شدہ ذربیعاند اسیکیورٹی ضبط کی جائیگی ۔اس سلسلے میں بولی وہندہ کوفیغلی ر جنریش سرفیفیکیٹ بیش کرنا ہوگا۔ 10۔ کامیاب بولی دہندہ شال / کیبن کے موجودہ ڈھانچے میں کوئی تبدیلی نہیں کر یگا۔ اور شال / کیبن کوروز اند کی بنیاد برصاف رکھنے کا پابند ہوگا۔ 11 ـ كامياب بول دېنده/سال بولڈركيبن كو (Sub-let) نهين كريگا ـ خلاف ورزى كي صورت مين الاثمنٹ منسوخ اور قبضة محكمه واپس لينے كامچاز بوگا ـ 12 ـ كامياب بول دېنده كيبن آگ ياكس ورصورت میں شالز / کیبن کو پینچنے والے نقصان کا ذمہ دار ہوگا۔ اور ضروری مرمت خود کریگا۔ 13۔ کامیاب بولی دہندہ ہرسال اپنے خربے پر کیبن کی مرمت ورنگ ورغن کا ذمہ دار ہوگا۔ 14_ کامیاب بولی دہندہ اپنے خرچ پر پانی بھی بھی سیکیورٹی وغیرہ کا انظام کریگا۔ 15_ بولی کتی منظوری جازا تھارٹی کی منظوری سے مشروط ہوگی جسکومقول وجہ کی بناء پرتمام یا کسی بھی ایک بول کو منظور انامنظور امنسوخ کرنے کا اختیار حاصل ہوگا اوراس سلسلے میں مجازاتھارٹی کا فیصلہ تھی ہوگا۔اوراسے کسی بھی فورم پر چیلنی نہیں کیا جاسکے گا۔16 کے امیاب بولی وہندہ کوالاثمنٹ کے بعد اورقبل از تبضه بجاز اتفار ٹی کی منظوری سے TMA کوبات سے ساتھ مفصل کرایہ نامہ افرار نامہ تو پر کرنا ہوگا۔ جس کے بعد دی کیبین کا قبضہ دیاجائیگا۔ 17 کامیاب بولی وہندہ اسٹال ہولڈر کوستا بازار میں صرف درج ذیل کاروبار ااشیاء کی خرید وفروخت کی اجازت ہوگی۔ اور ان اشیاء کے علاوہ کس بھی قتم کی خرید وفروخت کی ہرگز اجازت نہ ہوگی۔ (i) سبزی افروٹ، (ii) کریا نہ اشیاء، (iii) گوشت امرغی، (iv) کپڑا، جوتے ، جزل سٹور، برتن وغیرہ، (v) برانی النڈااشیاء۔۔۔۔18 ۔ کامیاب بول دہندہ اسٹال ہولڈر TMA کوہاٹ کی تمام شرائط ابائی لازشلیم کرنے کے پابند ہونگے۔19۔ستابازار میں کسی تم کی غیر قانونی وممنوع اشیاء کی نمائش اخرید وفروخت کی ہرگز اجازت نہ ہوگی۔20۔کسی تیم کی بداخلاقی ہزخ نامہ کی خلاف ورزی یا کسی بھی متبادل اشیاء وغیرہ و ک فريد وفروخت جرم تصوره وگاراس صورت مين ميلي نوش جاري كياجائيكا اورو برانے كي صورت مين بغيراطلاع ديئ الأنمن منسوخ كردي جائيگا - 21 سنال كيبين بولفراور TMA دكام ك درمیان کی بھی تناز مدی صورت میں حتی RMO او پائی کشتر کوباٹ کریں گے جو کہ حتی اور دونوں فریقین کیلئے قابل تبول ہوگا۔ اور کسی بھی عدالتی فورم پر چیننی نبیل کیا جا سکے گا۔ 22-کامیاب کو ل د ہندہ اسٹال ہولڈرکو یکبن کے سامنے اارد گرد کئی بھی قشم کی عارض اپنے پیتجاوزات قائم نہیں کر یگا۔ فلاف ورزی پر جرمانہ عائد کیا جائے گا ورد ہرانے پر الانمنٹ منسوخ کی جائیگی۔ 23۔ کیبن اسٹال ہولڈرکوش نمبر 13 میں موجودا شیاء کے علاوہ کی اورتنم کی اشیاء کی خرید وفروخت نہیں کرے گا اور دی گئی اشیاء کی خرید وفروخت کیلئے TMA سے کاروباری لائسنس حاصل کرنے کا یا بندر ہیگا۔ 24-اگر TMA ند کوره جگه کی اور مقصد کیلئے استعمال کرنا چاہے۔ تو 15 دن کے ٹوٹس پر بغیر وجہ بتائے ستا بازار کو کالی کیا جائے گا اور TMA کوئی دوسری متبادل جگددیے کی پابند ٹیس ہوگ ۔ اور كيين اسال بولذركى بھى عدالت يى جانے كا جازئيں بوكا - 25 - بركارى زرخ نا مے كى بايندى كى جائي ورند 33 كناه جرماند كيا جائيگا - 26 كوكى بھى يار ئى TMA/MC كے فيط كے ظاف سول مقدمات دائر کرنے کی مجاز نہ ہوگی۔ 27۔ کسی بھی غیر قانی اوراتشکیر مواد کی نمائش اور فروخت نہیں کی جائیگی۔28۔ TMA کوباٹ کسی بھی کیبین کو 03 دن کے نوٹس پر بغیر وجہ بتائے خال کرا سکے گی اور شال ہولڈریغیر کی عذر کے کیبن خالی کرے گا۔ 29۔اگر کو کی شخص کی دوسرے کیلئے نیلای کے مل میں حصہ لے گا تو دواس کی طرف سے مختیار نامہ القار ٹی لیٹرمہیا کریگا۔ 30 - بولى الاأمنث كي حتى منظوري مجاز حكام المختصيل كونس كوباث دے گی جو بولى كے تمام عمل ياكسى بھى ايك بولى كومنقول وجوبات كى بناه پرمنظور انامنظور امستر دامنسوخ كرنے كے مجاز ہوں گ۔31۔ کیمین اسٹال ہولڈر TMA دصوبائی حکومت کی طرف ہے وقتا فو قتاجاری شدہ احکامات کی پابندی کر بیگا اورتمام شرائط وضوابط پڑمل کرنے کا پابند ہوگا اور کسی بھی تھی ماشر طانوعدالت میں جینئے نبیس کریگا۔ 22۔ کیبین الا ٹی/ شال ہولڈر پر لازم ہوگا کہ وہ کیبین اشال کوکار وبار کیلئے ہفتہ میں 07 دن کھلا رکھنے کا بابند ہوگا کے بین کی بندش کی صورت میں پینٹی اجازت لازی ہوگی۔ اگر کیبین بغیر کسی اجازت کے 07دن سے زیادہ بندرہتا ہے تو پیضورت کیا جائے گا کہ کمیس متعل طور پر بند ہے ایس صورت میں کنیبن کی الاثمنٹ منسوخ کر کے دوبارہ نیلام کیا جائے گا جبکہ جن شدہ سکیو رٹی ضبط کی ہا کیگی۔33 کیبین کاالا ٹی یااس کے قانونی ورقاء کاروبار کے دوران اصل تو می شاختی کارڈ کی رکھنے کے یابندر ہیں گے۔ جو کس بھی وقت مجازا تھارٹی کی طرف سے چیک کیا جاسکے گا اور مطالبے پر راہم کرنا ہوگا۔34۔ کیبن کاالا ٹی TMA کی جانب ہے جاری شدہ الائمنٹ سرٹیفیکیٹ کونمایاں جگہ پرآ ویزال کرنے کا پابندر ہے گا اور مطالبہ برفراہم کرنے کا پابندر ہیگا۔ اور کس بھی مجاز اتفار ک کی طرف ہے جانچ پڑتال اور تصدیق ہوسکے گی۔ 35۔ کیمن کا الا ٹی اس بات کویٹنی بنائے گا کہ اس کے کاروبار کی وجہ ہے بیدل چلنے افراد کاراستداور ٹریفک کی روانی متاثر ندہوں پہلی خلاف ورزی کی مورت جرمانه عائد کیا جائے اور مرک بارخلاف ورزی پر کیمین کی الائمنٹ منسوخ کی جائیگی۔36۔الاٹی تحکومت کی طرف بند کردہ پلاسکٹ ٹاپٹک بیگز استعال نہیں کر پھااور صرف ماحول دوست ر محلیل شده) شاینگ بیگز استعال کرنے کا پابندر بیگا۔ 37 منطعی استحصیل میڈیسل انظامی کو باے افتصار حاصل ہوگا کہ وہ کسی موت سیکیو رفی خدشات کے پیش نظر ، قدر تی آفت کے پیش نظریا کوئی بھی ابیامعاملہ جس سےعوامی مفاد وابستہ ہو، کی خاطرستا بازار میں کاروباری سرگرمیاں معطل کردے اختم کردے، جس پرالاٹی کوکوئی اعتراض نہ ہوگا۔ 38۔ ہر کیبن الاثی پر لازم ہوگا کہ وہ الاٹ شدہ کیبن میں مناسب سائز کا کوڑادان کا استعمال کرے جس میں تلف شدہ اشیاء، گند وغیرہ ڈالنے کا پابند ہوگا۔ اورای گند وغیرہ کو TMA کو باٹ کی جانب سے سستا بازار میں مخصوص کردہ ڈ مینگ پوائٹ پر ڈالنے کا پابند ہوگا۔ 39 کس بھی متعدی اوبائی مرض میں مبتلا تخص افر د کوستا بازار میں کاروباری اجازت نہیں ہوگا۔ 40 لی۔ ایم اے کو ہاے کواختیار حاصل ہوگا کہ وہ کیبن

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Governor informed about traders concerns



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that the business and agri- bility.

country. He expressed his delegation from the the Governor commitment to promoting Peshawar Traders Chamber Chamber Baba-e-Tajiran Pakhtunkhwa these sectors to achieve at the Governor House in Amin Hussain Babar, and Faisal Karim Kundi stated economic growth and sta- Peshawar. The delegation President of the Peshawar

He shared these thoughts President

for the advancement of the during a meeting with a Elahi, Patron-in-Chief of Peshawar Traders was led by Provincial Traders Chamber Ghulam Malik Mehr Bilal Javed.

The delegation included

The participants of the requested the authorities.

The delegation also of mosques in the canton-Chairman of the All ment area. They informed Pakistan Travel Agents the Governor about the business opportunities are issues would be addressed Association Abiduddin, issues faced by travel agen- available. He suggested on a priority basis. On this Mohammad Hashim, and cies related to Jerry, and forming a joint delegation occasion, the traders prepresidents and other offi- discussed the problems of of the province's business sented souvenirs and boucials from various market the industrial sector, partic- community

traders' associations in ularly small industries, which are being neglected.

delegation informed the immediate notice of several tioned his recent meeting Governor about the traders' issues, including issuing with the Chinese concerns regarding income orders to open the U-turn in Ambassador, where they tax. They mentioned that front of Takht Jamal on identified 10 economic income tax has been Arbab Road on Sadar zones under CPEC that are imposed collectively on Road. Regarding the allofour to five markets in cation of 100 kanals of land out that the location of the Peshawar. The delegation in Peshawar for Indus economic zone in D.I. suggested that instead of Hospital, the Governor Khan is inaccessible to income tax, it should be mentioned that he had discalled property tax or cussed this matter with Dr. need for collective efforts another name and requested Bari. He assured the delerelief in this regard. They gation that he would have a detailed discussion with the Governor to discuss this Prime Minister about issue with the Chairman of income tax and would also the FBR and other relevant discuss it with the FBR and trial development for other relevant institutions.

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their business sector's The Governor took development. He also menyet to be started. He pointed traders. He emphasized the to move the province forward and resolve its issues collaboratively. The Governor highlight-

ed the importance of indusnational economic progress While talking to the del- and stressed the need to provide all necessary facilitioned his recent visit to ties to the industry. He Tajikistan, where ample assured that the traders' visit quets to the Governor.

Improving health and education sectors need of hour, says Governor KP

that the systems of hospi-

It further informed about

a formal coordination/con-

nection cell setup at Governor Secretariat Sindh

sector universities of the

Dr Qibla Ayaz requested

Tue delegation informed

for review on Education

Peshawar or Islamabad.

Sindh province.

Kundi stressing the need House for improvement in health Saturday. and education sectors and bringing workable and goal egation presented various oriented reforms in existing suggestions for improvemedical colleges and hospi- especially administration tem and legal lacuna. tals on solid basis in the and financial affairs. The province has termed it need delegation was of the view of the hour.

The Governor was tals and universities in addressing a representative Sindh province in public highest standard in educainterest was better than the delegation of education experts led by Dr Aasia Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Khan and comprising Dr Qibla Ayaz, Dr Jamil

KP govt announces Moharram holidays

PESHAWAR (APP): The government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has announthe occasion of Ashura.

16 and 17, said a notifica-

(INP): Chitrali, Dr Abdul Rehman education commission in Pakhtunkhwa Khattak, Dr Sajjad Khan the province to oversee Governor, Faisal Karim and others at Governor matters of universities at Peshawar provincial level.

The Governor was also On the occasion, the delinformed about appointment and promotion of the faculty at medical colleges. systems of universities, ment of education sectors loopholes in admission sys-

occasion, this Governor Pakhtunkhwa underlined the need of maintaining tion imperative to enhance youth abilities.

He said that a letter has been written to vice chancellors of public sector universities to inform about for speedy disposal of mat- use of properties of all uniters pertaining to the public versities and income obtained from it besides other resources.

This would help know about universities that Policy 2003 and establish- always requested for grants ment of a university for are using its resources in tribal youth either in correct way or otherwise. correct way or otherwise.

Faisal Karim Kundi said provision of best healthced two days holidays on the Governor about finan- care and education services cial, education and admin- was included in responsi-The government decla- istrative powers of the uni- bilities of the government and 10th Moharram, July among federation, province collective efforts for betterand Higher Education ment of education and issued here on Commission. They sughealth sectors by putting it ay. gested a separate higher on modern lines.

ASJ orders registration of FIR

Humavun Khan

PESHAWAR: Additional Session Judge (ASJ) Peshawar Aftab Iqbal has ordered registration of First Information Report (FIR) against three doctors of the Khyber Teaching Hospital (KTH) for their alleged negligence and carelessness during treatment, resulting in the loss of a patient's eye.

The counsel Khalid Anwar Afridi argued that the doctors' negligence had caused his client to lose his eye. The petition was filed in 2022, and the court had ordered the police to investigate the matter.

The police investigation found the doctors' negligence and carelessness to be the cause of the patient's eye loss. The court, in its decision, noted that the doctors' statements recorded by the police were not presented in court, and the available record supported the allegations against the doctors.

The court ordered the police to register a case against the doctors under the relevant laws and to accordance with the law.

Reserved seats case:

Sherpao hails decision of Supreme Court

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Demanding the resignation of the chief election commissioner, Qaumi Watan Party (QWP) reserved seats case.

In a statement, he said

Pakistan (ECP) would pave fair manner," the QWP the wave for ensuring the holding of the free and fair elections in future.

Chairman Aftab Ahmad the Supreme Court's deci-Khan Sherpao on Saturday sion was a no-confidence hailed the decision of the against the ECP the way it electoral reforms with the Supreme Court in the conducted the general elec-

"The apex court decision that the resignation of the has proved that the ECP did tion to steer the country out chief election commission- not act as an impartial body of the prevailing chaler and other members of the in conducting the last gen- lenges.

Election Commission of eral election in a free and leader remarked, adding that the election watchdog had acted against the rele-Aftab Sherpao said that vant laws and Constitution.

He called for bringing consensus of all the political parties as it was the only way and democratic solu-

cal parties were dissatisfied with the performance of the ECP, therefore, the chief election commissioner should resign as he failed to ensure free and fair election.

Aftab Sherpao said that the Supreme Court decision also served as a reality check for the political parties that should realize that they should deliver and serve the people to remain relevant.



red public holidays on 9th versities and its distribution and stressed the need for take action against them in PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sardar Ali Amin Khan Gandapur chairing 10th meeting of Provincial Cabinet.

Country passing through critical phase of history, says Chairman Faiq Shah

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made it clear that issues The party leader said He added the process of would be resolved when there must be speedy tri- eradicating corruption and table for all and stating timely justice. that the country is passing through a critical phase of its history.

While chairing a meetcouncil here on Saturday, never fruitful for country Shah called upon lawyers and justice, he added. and politicians to jointly struggle for supremacy of

of both legislation and law have become a nuisance

Amun Taraqqi Party poor, powerless and pow-Muhammad Faiq Shah erful. nating corruption were made it clear that issues The party leader said He added the process of

Hence only speak of Furthermore, he said heroism for sake of NAB along with all other judges' ego, personal institutions were burdened interests and media on the national treasury. ing of the party central impressions, which are

said electricity production He said implementation and unfair distribution the law and fearless.

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law should be made equi- als, judges' decisions and awarding punishment hadn't begun till date.

Shah said it could be better to change NAB into inating corruption as they the National Agriculture came in parliament by The Amun Taraggi Bureau to bring revolution Party Muhammad chief in the agriculture sector.

He added all are above billions.

Seminar on impact of anthropogenic

tained those halting cor- authority gained for this ruption have themselves purpose. involved in corruption.

Faiq said his party has given a practical sketch of He added the process of the Board of Wisdom and Honesty for completely wiping out the corruption.

said corruption would be curtailed by true enforcement of the proposal of the BWH.

He, however, said rulers don't have interest in elimspending millions and they had gone by accumulating

Shah said the Senate,

He added inheritance

has further prolonged this

sequel. In the meanwhile, the party head Faiq Shah while speaking at KhanGarh said the country

has caught a mess. The ATP chief stressed the provision of authority to people vital to end the

He said the crisis can only be averted by joint

efforts. He said if youth would

take major decisions for this movement then the The party leader main- Assembly, and power and future will be secured.

Dr. Shahzad completed his Ph.D Degree

PESHAWAR: Special Assistant to CM Abdul Karim Tordher presiding over

a review meeting of Namak Mandi Processing & Export City project.

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Khan of Institute of examiner, ensuring a thor-Management Sciences has ough and comprehensive successfully defended his review of Dr. Khan's work. Ph.D thesis under the The event was graced by esteemed supervision of Dr. the presence of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Daud Ali. Dr. Amara Gul Dean faculty of Khan as the first-ever Ph.D Arts and Social Sciences graduate from the Institute, (online), Dr. Zia Ur the award of the Ph.D setting a new precedent for Rahman, Controller of academic excellence and Examinations, along with research prowess.

"Psychological Factors Rafique Khattak, Shiraz Affecting the Transform- Ahmad, Syed Tausef Shah, Entrepreneurs into Brands from the Quality Enhanc-"was evaluated by distin- ement Cell (QEC). guished external examin-ers, Prof. Arif Khattak from dents and other esteemed Bahria University Islam-abad and Prof. Dr. Waseef adding to the momentous tory of the Institute of Jamal from the Institute of atmosphere.

Management Sciences Peshawar. Dr. Tariq Iqbal PESHAWAR: Dr. Shahzad Khan served as the internal The event was graced by

notable faculty members The Ph.D thesis titled Dr. Kamran Azam, Dr. Atiq Emerging Atif Atiq and Malik Sajjad

Dr. Shahzad Khan presented an insightful and impactful presentation of his research, followed by a successful question-andanswer session. The external examiners, impressed by the depth and quality of his work, declared Dr. Shahzad Khan qualified for

degree.

Prof. Dr. Abdul Majid Khan, Director of the Institute of Management Sciences, University of Haripur, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the examiners and all participants. He emphasized the significance of this achievement, marking it as

chances of Kabul river water quality held (APP): Nawab, faculty and other province, but the water ing dire consequences as a Kabul River will continue Water participants participated in quality of the Kabul River result of this disaster.

Department of Management, Resource University of Agriculture, Management Institute, Pakistan (IWMI), organized a one-day awareness among the public with the topic of

"Impact of anthrohere Saturday.

Faculty of Crop Production Sciences Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Hussain Khalil, Dean Faculty of Rural Social

large numbers.

Peshawar, in collaboration Water Resource sources of pollution, lead to a better understand- Implementation of more with International Water Management Professor Dr. including toxic water from ing of the impact of climate stringent measures to con-Institute, Muhammad Regional Researcher Water industries and climate ties on the water quality of of sustainable water man-Modeling, seminar on the importance Muhammad Shahid Iqbal contaminating water. speakers said. "If we first of Kabul River water and General Manager Residents of Charsadda, determine the factors condition to the importance of Kabul River water and General Manager Residents of Charsadda, determine the factors conditions are allowed by the conditions of the conditi of Kabul River water and General Manager among the public with the WSSP Peshawar Syed Zameerul Hasan said that live along the river are fac- can guarantee that the they said. water is essential for the pogenic changes Kabul survival of all living beings River water quality" held and our existence. Clean water is essential for every On this occasion, Dean aspect, Kabul River water is a very important supply for agriculture in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

It irrigates large tracts of Sciences Prof. Dr. Khalid agricultural land in the

continues to deteriorate at Chairman Department of an alarming rate. Various

awareness seminar will come," they said.

"Yes, we hope that this resource for generations to

Implementation of more Zubair, human activities such as change and human activitirol pollution, exploration IWMI Dr. change, are increasingly the Kabul River," the agement techniques, and speakers said. "If we first promotion of knowledge about the importance of Warsak and Nowshera who tributing to pollution, we clean water are essential,



Peshawar, southern and plain areas, Meteorological Department officials said here Saturday.

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Chances of heavy rains in most upper districts

Management Sciences.

The officials said that Charsadda, light rain is also possible in Bitgram, Swat, Kohistan,

Chances of heavy rains in chances of rain with thun- Peshawar, Landi Kotal, said. most upper districts of der in Chitral, Upper and Mohmand, Khyber, The minimum tempera- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Lower Dir, Shangla, Malakand, Kohat, Hangu. ture of Shiphar Peshawar is recorded 21 mm rain,

Swabi, Meteorological Department the last 20 hours, Dera

Landslides and floods 31 while the maximum is Meteorological

Ismail Khan district of



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2 children die in lightning strike

MULTAN (INP): Sister brother died due to lightning strike in Basti Maluk area of Multan, rescue officials said on Saturday. The sad incident occurred when both brother and sister 10-year-old named Faizan and 8-year-old Maimoona bathing outside the house in the rain. However, the Rescue 1122 reached the spot and started necessary

Four drug peddlers held

proceedings.

PATTOKI (INP): The police arrested four drug peddlers, recovered narcotics valuing hundreds of thousands rupees and a drone camera during separate actions here on Saturday. The police teams constituted on directions of DPO Kasur, Muhammad Isa Khan during snap checking of vehicles at Clarkabad road arrested two drug pushers including Nisar and Abdul Majid after recovery of over one kilogram heroin and a drone camera. During another action, two suppliers Ramzan alias Jani and Jhedo were arrested with four kilogram hashish. The detainees had formed a network which was involved in supplying drugs in Kot Radha Kishan and surroundings. Separate cases were registered against the nabbed drug peddlers and investigaions were kicked off.

Rs 1m each for victims announced

SHEIKHUPURA (INP): Punjab government has announced to pay one million rupees to each of the four family members who died in roof collapse incident in Sheikhupura. In line with directions of Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz, Maryam Deputy Commissioner Dr Waqar Ali Khan on Saturday visited residence of the affected family located at harapur road Siddiquia Colony near Milad Chowk. On CM's directives, the DC on behalf of Punjab govannounced ernment Rs10, 00,000 for each of the four victims of the four roof collapse victims. He also assured of providing best possible treatment facilities to the injured. Dr Waqar prayed to Allah to rest the departed souls in eternal peace, early recovery of the injured and for bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss with fortitude.

11 gas meters

disconnected MULTAN (APP): Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) punished 11 citizens in a crackdown during last 24 hours. According to officials of Task Force, the consumers were using gas illegally as they were found making commercial use of gas, offering illegal connections to others and had also shifted meters at different sites by themselves. Gas metres of all the 11 consumers were disconnected for violation of the laws. The department urged citizens to cooperate and informed about illegal use of gas at phone number 061-9220085 as secrecy would be maintaineď.

Security reviewed

LARKANA (APP): SSP Larkana Mir Rohal Khan Khoso visited various police stations and areas of the district Larkana on Friday and Saturday night to review the security arrangements in connection Muharram ul Haram. He issued necessary instructions to the police officers and personnel on duty regarding law and order. During the visit, SSP Larkana briefed the SHOs of different police stations about the law and order situation in their areas and the ongoing action against criminals.



HYDERABAD: Shiites mourners touching Zuljinnah during procession on 6th Muharram-ul-Harram.

SC decision on reserved seats hailed

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Mehdi Hassan Bhatti and MPA Ch. Zameer-ul-Hassan Bhatti said that the judges who returned tion is increasing in the cleanliness, drainage of reserved seats to PTI are country day by day and rain water, to remove hangjudges who returned working according to constitution and law are deserving special tribute while this verdict reflect and added that common working according to constitution and law are deserving special tribute among people, they said cession routs.

She warned the officers that rule of law is existed in Pakistan still. While commenting on

judgment of the Supreme Court of Pakistan announced, they said that which would be harmful for election symbol of bat agriculture sector and farmwould be allotted to PTI ers very soon as like deserving seats in parliament. They said that judgment of the Supreme Court of Pakistan was declared that in fact PTI was deserved reserved They said that in general

elections, the people of the Hafizabad were rejected ex-Federal Minister Saira Afzal Tarar and now she once again lost her seat made so far. because she was not of woman.

and supporters of PTI were ties to devotees. happy over this verdict of

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BAHAWALPUR: Torre-

ntial monsoon rains lashed

at night between Friday and

Saturday and continued

lashing on Saturday have

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of the city, even roads and

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on Saturday have chocked

sewerage system of the city

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look of canals on roads and

Bahawalpur city and

ing look of canals.

HAFIZABAD: Member in the country who desired National Assembly Aneega to snatch two-time bread from the masses. Due to accompanied by DC unwise polices and negligence of the Rulers, infla- concerned to improve

> cent population depended monitoring. on agriculture. They regretharmed farmers and no Hafizabad on Saturday. inquiry of corruption in dis-

deserving for reserved seat routes of processions: has been registered against Deputy They said that we salute Sundas Irshad visited diffather. the Judges of the Honorable ferent routes of processions returned from abroad two Supreme Court of Pakistan of Muharram-ul-Haram in days ago. who adhere to rule of law city and checked security and confidence of the peo- and other arrangements FIR, deceased woman's ple on the Honorable Court made by the different husband used to speak bitwould be enhanced while departments to provide all terly and last night he shot leadership, workers, voters basic and necessary facili- his wife dead. However, the

Monsoon rains badly hit

sewerage system

Gate, Circular

Satellite Town, Commerc-

adjoining areas received ial Area, Railway Station Corporation Bahawalpur,

heavy monsoon rain at area, Shahdra and others District Council Bahaw-

which roads and streets

elect with votes of the peo- Pervaiz, Chief Officer MC ple but a mafia was existed Ansar Sahi, Incharge Police Security and officers of other departments were

DC directed the officers

were already and officials of all departindulge in inflation and ments that any kind of negpoverty whereas other ligence would not be tolerhand, present government ated in connection with was levying tax on farmers arraignments for holding which would be harmful for majalis and processions. AC Hafizabad Munawar Hussain gave briefing They also said that agriculture sector was back- CCTV Cameras on the bone of our national econo- routes of processions and at my and more than 60 per- the places of majalis for

Woman shot dead by fully said that unjustly dis- husband: A man shot his tribution of empty bags for wife dead over a petty procurement of wheat were domestic dispute in domestic dispute

According to police the tribution of empty bags was deceased woman was a mother of three children. visits various Police said a case of murder Commissioner victim's husband and his The accused

According to text of the police handed over the ADCG/Administrator body to the family after the Court.

Municipal Committee, AC post-mortem and arrested
They said that we Munawar Hussain, DO the suspect while still
reached to Assemblies to Civil Defence Shahid investigating the case.

here that in the last meet-

them, resulting in accumu-

alpur and Bahawalpur

machines were also being

The teams of Municipal

Reports reaching here ings of the district manage-

suggested that few mud ment held to review situa-

houses were also collapsed tion caused by heavy rains

or damaged in slum areas in Bahawalpur were told

due to heavy monsoon that shopkeepers used to

pours. Rainwater have throw garbage into drains

accumulated on main roads passing in front of their

in city areas including shops which have blocked

were presenting look of Waste Management Co-

canals and ponds. Rain- mpany were seen engaged

water have also entered in in draining out rainwater

houses and shops in down- from roads. D-watering

It is being mentioned used to drain out rainwater.

Chowk Fawara, lation of rainwater on roads.

Under-trial accused of murder shot dead in court F.P. Report

ABBOTTABAD: under-trial accused of murder was gunned down in the premises of court here on Saturday.

According to details, the police had brought the murder accused identified as Zahid to Havelian court for trial. The culprit opened fire at under custody accused killing him on the spot and fled the scene. The body was shifted to hospital for postmortem and police after registering a case against the assailant started raids for his arrest.

FIA Cyber Crime team visits Kurram F.P. Report

PARACHINAR: The Cybercrime Team of Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Saturday visited district Kurram and discussed with elders their objectives to take action against elements spreading hateful material on social media.

They held meeting with cal elders and media persons and informed them about line of action and plan to stop spread of hateful videos, messages and posts on social media.

They asked people to abstain from uploading objectionable material on social media and said we should avoid disrupting peace and hurt the sentiments of people. People welcomed efforts of cybercrime team of FIA and assured them full cooperation to maintain peace.

Three die in Chiniot mishaps

CHINIOT (INP): At least three people died and 20 others injured in separate incident incidents in different localities of Chiniot police said on Saturday.

According to details armed men gunned down a youth identified as Habib over property dispute in Chak No 244 of tehsil Bhawana in Chiniot and fled the scene. A 25-yearold unidentified man died after he fell down motorcycle at Chiniot road ir Chenab Nagar.

One person died and 20 others injured in separate rain related incidents after heavy downpour lashed Chiniot city and surrounding areas. The bodies and injured were shifted to different hospitals of respective areas.

Rickshaw driver dies, woman injured

FAISALABAD (INP): A teenager rickshaw driver died while a young female passenger was injured in a road here on Saturday.

According to details, a reckless driven mini loader van hit a rickshaw near Samanabad area Faisalabad. As a result of collision, rickshaw driver Adeel Younus 18, hailing from Chak No. 245-RB Risala Road died on the spot while Nabeela Sajid 24, a resident of Chak No. 233-RB Risala Road sustained injuries. The body and injured were shifted to

Flour dealers protest against withholding tax in Jamurd F.P. Report

JAMRUD: Flour dealers suspended their businesses in Jamrud in protest against withholding tax here on Saturday. It is to be stated here that the incumbent government has implemented withholding tax on flour mills that has caused price hiking of the com-

modity. flour sellers in flour mills owners and dealers associations across protest. the country have started agitation against what they said was an unjustified tax. With imposition of with-



sealed their trade centers in

flour mills will raise price holding tax will directly that will be like to deprive that till withdrawal of the affect the poor segments of the poor of three times withholding tax they would the society, they added and bread. In other countries never give up protest said as integration to the food items were exempted against it.

Jamrud Bazaar said that community, they also from taxes to ensure provision of edibles to the poor ones while in Pakistan They went on that the adverse tax policies were imposition of sternly tax on introduced to further squeeze its citizens, they hiking of the edible item opined. They threatened

JI Dir workers to fully participate in sit-in on 26th

F.P. Report

LOWER DIR: Jamaat-i-Islami district chief and former MPA Izazul Mulk Afkari asked party activists to mobilize the public to participate in the JI proposed sit-in in Islamabad against inflation, price hikes and lawlessness. He was addressing party workers at a camp set up in Chakdara. The JI district general secretary Hafiz Yaqub ur Rehman, tehsil Dr emir Muhammad, Farooq Abdullah and others also spoke on the occasion.

Izaz said the JI had rejected the federal budget tral

International Monetary Fund. He said that salaried and poor class had been taxed while feudal, and wealthy people had been and others. exempted from taxes. He said the JI postponed its protest rally in Islamabad on July 12 because of the Muharram processions. He country. They said that said that hundreds of the JI most of the water-borne workers would participate diseases spread because of in the proposed sit-in in Islamabad on July 26.

Bashir Foundation inaugurated a water filtration plant at humanitarian activities. Chakdara during a function. The function was had installed two water filaddressed by the AKF cen- tration plants in the Lower

president Khaksar, JI district chief Izazul Mulk Afkari, district naib emir Syed Sultanat Yar

The speakers said the AKF provided clean drinking water to consumers at their doorstep across the consuming contaminated water. The speakers asked Water filtration plant: the philanthropists and Al-Khidmat wealthy people to financially assist the AKF for its They said the Foundation president Fazal Dir district from where the prepared with the technical Mahmood, provincial presupport and help of the ident Khalid Wiqas, district drinking water easily.

Muqam condoles death of slain senator Hidayat

F.P. Report

Gilgit Baltistan Affairs, was martyred along with the Federal Government. Engr Amir Muqam here three others people in a Former Governor Engr Saturday visited the resibomb blast few days ago at Shaukat Ullah thanked dence of slain Senator Bajaur. Speaking with the Federal Government, Prime Hidayatullah Khan where he condoled with his family.

Engr Amir Muqam also expressed his deep condolences with his family members including former Governor Shaukatullah and Haji Bismillah on behalf of **PMLN** Quaid Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Federal Government. Hidayatullah

Bismillah Khan. He offered fateha for ism.

affectees and area elders at Nawagai, Engr Amir Mugam said that entire Federal Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif was standing with the affected fami-

whether it was Federal or

fight the menace of terror-KHAR: Federal Minister eternal peace of Senator announced compensation for SAFRON, Kashmir and Hidayatullah Shaheed who for martyres on behalf of

Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Engr Amir Muqam for standing with them in this hour of difficulty. Former Member National Assembly and senior vice President PMLN Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Shahabuddin Khan, He said the entire nation president of Mohmand district Zar Khan Safi, Provincial Governments or President Bajaur Abdul central or provincial leader- Karim and other office was the son of Haji ship would collectively bearers were present.

Quetta to suspend internet, cellphone services

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QUETTA: The od. provincial Balochistan government announced that internet and cellphone services will be suspended in Quetta on Muharram 9 and 10, from 6am to 12am midnight.

This is part of the increased security measregion for the Muharram observances. Additionally, in seven districts, banning Muharram 9 and 10.

public gatherings and pil-lion riding during this peri-

Force platoons of the

The federal government has also approved the deployment of the Pakistan According to Home Army and Civil Armed Minister Meer Zia ullah Forces across the country Langau, 8,000 security as a security measure durpersonnel will be deployed ing Muharram. The details in Quetta on the day of of troop deployment will Ashura (10th Muharram), be finalized with the and five Quick Response authorities concerned. These security measures Pakistan Army will remain are being implemented to ures being taken in the on standby. The cellphone maintain law and order services will also be sus- during the Muharram pended in the districts of observances, which see the provincial government Jhal Magsi, Jaffarabad and large public processions has imposed Section 144 Usta Muhammad on and gatherings across the country.

Commissioner inaugurates official web site Of APC

F.P. Report

ABBOTTABAD: Commissioner Hazara division Syed Zahir-ul-Islam Saturday inaugurated the official website of (APC) and termed the pivotal role of media as the voice of the voiceless.

While addressing the launching ceremony of official web site of APC, the Commissioner praised the dedication of journalists in striving for societal improvement through bravery, impartiality, and simplicity in language, despite facing threats and intimidation.

He underscored the historical significance of and freedom movement, media, they noted that the Club.

try. The Commissioner disseminating Abbottabad Press Club to the development of Abbottabad and the Hazara region.

Earlier, President APC Muhammad Ahmed highlighted the irreplaceable benefits of digital media. They pointed out that through modern tools, registered journalists can now connect globally and share news and videos of Abbottabad seamlessly on the web-

site.

stressing the current need electronic media continfor stability in the coun- ues to thrive by digitally likened Abbottabad Press reports. The website of Club and its journalists to Abbottabad Press Club torchbearers, continuing aims to transparently the legacy of contributing address community issues and provide easy access to relevant news and con-

Commissioner Zahir-Shahid ul-Islam Chaudhry and General launched the website by Secretary Sardar Shafiq pressing the button. He pressing the button. He received a briefing on the functions of APC. He also distributed press club cards among registered journalists, their vital role in promoting responsible journalism and community welfare. Later, he also handed over the new membership journalists and lawyers in Acknowledging the cards of APC for the year Pakistan's establishment challenges faced by print 2024-25 to all members of cards of APC for the year

Education the only way to progress

F.P. Report

SUJAWAL: Deputy Commissioner Zahid Rind has expressed grave con-cerns over the crumbling state of education in Sujawal district, urging civil society to play its role in social development. Addressing the closing ceremony of a two-week summer camp at a communitybased school in Sujawal, he said that education is the only way to progress and prosperity in today's era, and it has no replacement.

"I have visited different areas of the district where I witnessed a lack of awareness regarding the importance of education among that this state of affairs was quite alarming for him as Education the chief executive of the December last year. The

Fareed

Road,

town areas.

Commissioner appreciated the efforts of Ismaili Youth Aga Services, Education Board, and the school administration for organizing a summer camp to highlight the importance of science education, technology, and artificial intelligence. Administrator of the

Camp Summer Parveen shared that the camp aimed to foster interest in scientific education among students, improve their extracurricular skills, and attract them to the importance of the English language in their professional journey. She said children as well as their that it was the second camp parents," he added, saying of its kind, with the first camp held by Aga Khan Education Board in

chief guest inspected projects presented by students and was briefed about their 15-day journey at the camp

Body of girl found hanging with tree THARPARKAR (INP)

Body of a 10-year-old girl was found hanging with a tree here on Saturday. According to details, the locals spotted body of young girl hanged with a

of Tharparkar. The police reached the cene and shifted the body to hospital for postmortem. A case was registered into the incident and postmortem report was awaited for further investigation.

tree in village Jamo Dhani







GAZA: A Palestinian woman inspecting the damage, after Israeli forces withdrew from Shujayea

New heat wave in Greece expected

ATHENS (AP): Greek long walks. In neighboring risk and Saturday. Officials authorities warned of an North Macedonia, authori- have described this summer impending weeklong heat ties have also issued a as the most dangerous ir wave during the summer weeklong heat alert starting the past 20 years for wild tourist season, with a high in the small, landlocked risk of dangerous wildfires, Balkan country. as much of southern Europe sweltered under high tem- stay indoors when possible

The ministry for civil the hottest hours of the day. protection and climate Emergency measures change said southwesterly announced include orderwinds from Africa would ing employers to keep pregbring temperatures some- nant women and people times exceeding 40 degrees aged over 60 off work, ban-Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) at ning construction work least until July 19. The new from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and heat wave comes on the keeping kindergarten classheels of the hottest June on es indoors after 11 a.m. record in Greece, according Health officials have to preliminary weather reported a rise in calls to they broke out, which limitservice data. It was also the emergency responders due ed damage to buildings or hottest globally, according to heat-related health probto the European climate lems. service, Copernicus.

People were urged to and avoid heavy labor in

North been authorities also reported an accidentally starting fires, advised to wear light cloth- increase in wildfires, say- mostly during outdoor ing, drink plenty of water ing 14 were registered and avoid long hikes during nationwide in the past 24 tation. Every summer sees the hottest part of the day. hours. Wildfires are also devastating wildfires in In June, several tourists plaguing Greece, and the Greece, and last year more were found dead on Greek civil protection ministry than 20 people died in the islands after setting out on has warned of a very high blazes.

fires, following an unusually rainless winter and spring that have left vegeta-

tion and forests tinder-dry.

Three fires broke out in northern Greece, although two of them were quickly brought under control Greek firefighters, backed this summer by drones and a strengthened fleet of water-bombing aircraft, have dealt with more than 2,000 wildfires since the beginning of June. Most were tamed shortly after property.

Dozens of people have been arrested and fined for work near uncleared vege-

Poland considers downing Russian missiles over Ukraine

Foreign Minister Radoslaw siles breach our airspace. Sikorski has said Warsaw is considering a proposal Mr Sikorski said. from Kyiv to shoot down Russian missiles heading lowing. If we shoot them towards Polish territory down only when they enter while they are still in our airspace the debris is a Ukrainian airspace. The threat to our citizens and to proposal was included in a our property. "And the joint defence agreement Ukrainians are saying, between the two countries signed during President do it over our airspace Volodymyr Zelensky's visit when they're in imminent to Warsaw earlier this danger of crossing into week. Polish territory. "To my

idea. What our agreement but we are exploring the said is we will explore this idea," Mr Sikorski said. Mr idea," Mr Sikorski told the Sikorski said an unarmed American Enterprise Institute in Washington. He his home in Bydgoszcz said some Russian missiles about 500km (311 miles) fired from the St Petersburg from the Belarusian border, area towards Ukrainian targets near the western city of December 2022 Lviv, not far from the Polish border, traversed been killed by falling debris Belarus and entered Polish airspace for about 40 sec- Russian missile near the towards their targets in

Ukraine. Mr Sikorski acknowledged that such a short time Kamysz said

We assume by mistake,"

"Our dilemma is the fol-

'Please, we will not mind, "At this stage, this is an mind, that's self-defence Russian missile landed near without harming anyone, in

Two Polish citizens had when Ukraine shot down a before turning Polish border a month earlier. Earlier this week, Polish Minister Defence Wladyslaw Kosiniak-Warsaw gave Poland little time to would consult with its Nato

react. However the propos- allies and seek their agreeal would theoretically cover ment before attempting to any missile traversing west- shoot down any Russian ern Ukraine in the direction of Poland. "We are a front-such a decision, it can only tance to Ukraine this year.

WARSAW (BBC): Polish line state and Russian mis- be an allied decision. It will never be an individual deci-Kosiniak Kamysz told Poland's TVN broadcaster at a Nato sum mit in Washington DC "The key opinion is the United States, who is quite sceptical in this matter, so Poland will certainly not make such a decision on its

own," he added. Marek Swierczynski, a defence analyst for Polityka Insight, told the BBC the idea could prove perilous for Poland. "Without robust allied support, which there isn't, this proposal is very risky," he said. "From the point of view of our air defence assets and the fact we might be subject to some kind of Russian response."

Since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 Poland has provided Ukraine with 44 packages of weapons and ammunition, including more than 250 tanks, MiG-29 fighter jets, combat helicopters artillery systems portable air defence missile systems worth more than 4bn (\$4.4bn; £3.4bn) Poland plans to provide

Five jailed for Ecuador presidential candidate's murder

linked to one of Ecuador's biggest criminal gangs have been jailed for the murder of presidential candidate Fernando Villavicencio last

Mr Villavicencio, a member of the country's national money and motorcycles to assembly and an ex-journalist, was shot dead as he left a campaign rally in the capital, Quito, last August. Carlos Angulo, the alleged leader of the Los Lobos Mr Villavicencio's movegang, and Laura Castilla ments. More than 70 people were sentenced to 34 years and eight months in prison trial, including a key witfor directing the hit.

Two men and a woman were handed 12-year sentences by the court in Quito Mr Villavicencio. for aiding a hit squad in the attack. Prosecutors alleged tion that Angulo - widely known Villavicencio had been one

QUITO (BBC): Five people the hit from the Quito prison in which he is detained. He he was being made a "scapegoat" for the hit.

Castilla was left in charge of logistics for the hit. She allegedly supplied weapons, the men to carry out the hit. The others - Erick Ramirez, Victor Flores and Alexandra Chimbo - were accused of helping the hit squad track gave evidence during the ness who said the gang had been offered more than \$200,000 (£154,000) to kill

A crusading anti-corrupactivist, as The Invisible - ordered of the few candidates to detention.

allege links between organ ised crime and government denied the charges, claiming officials in Ecuador. In the weeks leading up to the election, the politician had received death threats and been given a security detail But he continued to campaign and was gunned down by a group of assailants on 9 August outside a school in the north of Quito. Prosecutors said during the trial that one of the men involved in the assassination was shot dead in a confrontation with police a the scene. Six other men all Colombian nationals were later arrested in connection with the killing, but were subsequently found murdered at El Litoral prison, where they were being held in pre-trial

Kenya police chief resigns after criticism

NAIROBI (AFP): Kenya's police chief has resigned after criticism of officers conduct during recent antigovernment demonstrations in which dozens of protesters were killed. The presidency said in a statethat President William Ruto has "accepted the resignation" of Inspector General of Police Japhet Koome, who has served in the role since November 2022.

Deputy Inspector-General Douglas Kanja has been appointed acting police chief with immediate effect, the presidency said. The announcement came a day after Ruto sacked nearly his entire cabinet, bowing to the demands of protesters.

Some of the young people behind the demonstrations had called for Koome to go, with police accused of using excessive force during the protests, the most serious crisis of Ruto's near two-year presidency. Kenya's national rights watchdog said at least 39 people were killed antigovernment protests. Reporting from Nairobi, Al Jazeera's Catherine Koome's resignation was

"This is what these young protesters and many other Kenyans have been asking for. They were asking for the police chief to resign because of how he handled those protests,' she said. "It wasn't just tear gas the police were using, it was also live bullets. Some people are still in hospital because they were shot Many others died because of the shooting.

Mexico's coast battered by Hurricane

MEXICO CITY (BBC) Hurricane Beryl has lashed Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula after wreaking across havoc Caribbean, causing at least 10 deaths. It made landfall as a category-two hurricane, bringing winds up to

(108mph). It was later downgraded to a tropical storm, but is expected to re-intensify over the Gulf the Mexico at the weekend. Beryl brought heavy rain to tourist hotspots of Cancún and Tulum. No major damage was reported but the high winds felled trees and caused power outages. Civil protection chief Laura Velazquez said power would be fully restored to those still without it by Sunday.

resident Tulum Carolina Vazquez was among those to be affected by the outages, speak ing to the Reuters news agency as she queued at a soup kitchen organised by the Mexican army. "In my little house a tree fell down, half of the house cracked, the roof tiles,' she said.

Fernando Trevino, an employee at a local business, said: "We are evaluating, but so far it seems that everything is in order with the protections that were put in place, the preparations and so. Ahead of Beryl's arrival Schools were closed hotel windows boarded up, and emergency shelters were set up in areas facing the brunt of the impact.

Orban goes global as self-styled peacemaker without a plan

own, but he has spent the past two weeks on a whistle-stop tour of Kyiv, Moscow, Azerbaijan, Beijing, Washington and even Mar-a-Lago, on a one-man mission that has infuriated leaders in the EU and US.

"Peace will not come by itself in the Russia-Ukraine war, someone has initiatives [for resolving the war]," he to make it," he proclaims in videos said of President Xi Jinping, accord-posted daily on his Facebook page. ing to Chinese state media. The final He has been bitterly attacked by both Brussels and Washington for breaking EU and Nato unity and cosying up to Vladimir Putin and China's leader Xi Jinping.

Few argue with his central prem-

ise, that there can be no peace without peacemakers. But his close economic relationship with Russia's president leaves him open to the charge of acting as Mr Putin's puppet. The right-wing Hungarian PM says a ceasefire try with 9.7 million inhabitants. But tied to a specific deadline would be a

"I am not negotiating on behalf of anyone," he told Hungarian radio during a brief stopover in Budapest between visits to Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv and Mr Putin in Moscow. For the next six months, Hungary holds the rotating presidency of the European Union.

Mr Orban followed up his first visit to Kyiv since the start of the war with the first trip by an EU leader to Russia since April 2022. That visit to the Kremlin clearly angered his European partners. Charles Michel, the head of the European Council of 27 EU governments, said the rotating presidency gave no mandate to invincible. What better way to show engage with Russia on the EU's Hungarians that their leader was still

his praise of two other allies, Xi ment, edging aside the rival dential victory in November, he Jinping and Turkish President Recep Conservatives and Reformist group believes, would force the Ukrainians Tayyip Erdogan.

has overseen an agreement between Russia and Ukraine" so far, referring to a now defunct Black Sea grain agreement. "China not only loves peace but has also put forward a series of constructive and important visit on his whirlwind tour was to presidential candidate Donald Trump, another close ally who he strongly backs to win again in November and who he refers to as a man of peace.

In one interview, he declared that during Trump's four-year term as president "he did not initiate a single war". This has been a remarkable trip who is it designed to impress, and could it have any effect? A key target of his message is the domestic public.

Viktor Orban has had a relatively bad year so far, losing the two most prominent female politicians in his party to a scandal in February, and witnessing the emergence of his first serious challenger for more than a decade - Peter Magyar. In June, Mr Orban's Fidesz party won an impressive 45% in European elections, to 30% for Mr Magyar's three-monthold Tisza party. But he lost more than 700,000 votes (one in four) compared with the last parliamentary elections

For the first time, he does not look strong than to parade across the world Mr Orban admitted that was the stage, in a global tour "to make case, but insisted: "I'm clarifying the peace"? His mission was also targetfacts... I'm asking questions." In ed at an international public, in the Kyiv he posed "three or four" to week that his new Patriots for Europe week that his new Patriots for Europe President Zelensky "so that we can (PfE) group in the European understand his intentions, and where Parliament attracted 84 MEPs from the red line is, the boundary up to mainly far-right parties in 11 counwhich he can go in the interest of tries. Patriots for Europe has emerged peace". He has also been generous in as the third largest faction in parliaof Italy's Giorgia Meloni.

BUDAPEST (BBC): Hungary's Meeting Mr Erdogan on arrival at Mr Orban's visit to Moscow won Viktor Orban has no peace plan of his the Nato summit in Washington, he him effusive praise from the spoke of him as "the only man who Russians: "We take it very, very positively. We believe it can be very useful," said Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov. The US was less impressed. "We would welcome, of course, actual diplomacy with Russia to make it clear to Russia that they need to respect Ukraine's sovereignty, that they need to respect Ukraine's territo-rial integrity," said US State Department spokesman Matthew Miller. "But that is not at all what this visit appears to have been.

At the same time, the US did welcome Mr Orban's first visit to neighbouring Ukraine since the start of the full-scale Russian invasion. The Hungarian leader has given very little away about the actual content of his talks in Kyiv, Moscow or Beijing. A leaked version of his letter to Charles Michel, sent from Azerbaijan, offers some clues.

Mr Putin was open to a ceasefire, Mr Orban told the European Council president, provided it did not provide Ukraine with a chance to reorganise its army on the front lines. Three days earlier in Kyiv, on 2 July, the Ukrainian leader used a similar argument, telling Mr Orban that the Russians would abuse any ceasefire to regroup their invading forces. Mr Orban was apparently "surprised" that President Zelensky still believed Ukraine could win back its lost territories. And Vladimir Putin told Mr Orban that "time favours Russian forces", according to the leaked letter.

Arriving in Washington days later, Mr Orban posted yet another video on Facebook, saying he would argue that Nato "should return to its original spirit: Nato should win peace, not the wars around it". Unlike his Nato allies, Viktor Orban views Russia's two-anda-half year war in Ukraine as a civil war between two Slav nations, prolonged by US support for one of them. One thing he probably does agree on is that this autumn the conflict will become only worse. A Trump presi-

German shock at reported Russian assassination plot

officials had told their counterparts in Berlin earlier this year and security around him was stepped up.

Germany's interior Minister Annalena Baerbock appeared to confirm the details. "In exposed to a variety of Russian threats view of latest reports on Rheinmetall, this is what we have actually been communicating more and more clearly in recent months," she told reporters at the Nato summit in Washington. "Russia is waging a hybrid war of aggression." Moscow, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov rejected the allegations. "It's all presented in the style of another fake story, so such reports cannot be taken seriously." Rheinmetall avoided commenting on issues of "corporate security", but Mr Papperger is now being described as the most highly protected figure in Germany's economy. He told the Financial Times

The company is one of the world's has become key to supplying Ukraine military Rheinmetall recently opened a tank

year and to start producing them in Ukraine soon.

Although Chancellor Olaf Scholz of a Russian link. ministry avoided commenting on the reported refused to comment but Foreign assassination plot directly, he said it was well known that Germany was and was paying close attention to them. Interior Minister Nancy Faeser said we are taking very seriously the significantly heightened threat of Russian aggression". Earlier this week, a senior Nato official told the BBC that Russia was "engaging in aggressive covert operations across Europe – involving sabotage, arson and assassination plots aimed at weakening public support for Ukraine".

The German foreign minister said the Baltic states had already highlighted the various methods deployed by Russia's Vladimir Putin in his war on Ukraine. As well as sabotage, she spoke of cyberattacks and disrupting that German authorities had imposed GPS signals so that Baltic flights a "great deal of security around my could no longer land in neighbouring countries. "We have seen that there have been attacks on factories, and biggest producers of ammunition and that again underlines that, together, we as Europeans must protect ourwith arms, armoured vehicles and selves as best we can and not be

equipment. naive," Ms Baerbock told reporters. In early May, a building complex repair plant in western Ukraine. Last owned by the Diehl Metall firm went international arrest warrants must be month, it signed an agreement with up in flames in south-west Berlin. issued".

BERLIN (BBC): German political Ukraine to expand co-operation in the Although a technical fault was figures have reacted angrily to a report that Russia had plotted to kill the head of Germany's biggest arms report that Russia had plotted to kill the head of Germany's biggest arms report that Russia had plotted to kill the head of Germany's biggest arms reported to head over the first Lussy. The Russia Last April Market and the Russia Last April Market and the Russia Last April Market and the Russia Last April Market and the Russia Last April Market and the Russia Last April Market and the Russia Last April Market and the Russia Last April Market and the Russia Last April Market and the Russia Last April Market and the Russia Last April Market and the Russia Last April Market and the Russia Russia had plotted to kill the Russia Russia had plotted to kill the Russia Russia had plotted to kill the Russia had plotted to kill t company Rheinmetall, Armin ny wanted to hand over the first Lynx Lithuania. Last April, Mr Papperger's Papperger. The CNN report said US infantry fighting vehicles later this garden house was set alight at Hermannsburg in northern Germany, although there has been no evidence

The fire was quickly brought under control and a rambling, anonymous confession purportedly from leftist militants appeared on activist network Indymedia. The reported plot against such a high-profile German CEO has prompted widespread alarm. Leading conservative figure Roderich Kiesewetter said the chancellor should come clean with the German population about how great the threat from Russia really was. German intelligence needed to be boosted to the level of neighbouring countries, he said.

'We must take it very seriously and also prepare ourselves accordingly," he told public broadcaster ZDF. Michael Roth, who chairs Germany's foreign affairs committee told Bild newspaper that Vladimir Putin was waging a "war of extermination not only against Ukraine, but against its supporters and our values". The head of the defence committee, Marcus Faber, added his condemnation, saying if information about Russian intelligence involvement came to light, then "the expulsion of diplomats must follow and, if necessary,

Alec Baldwin's Rust trial dismissed over hidden evidence

manslaughter case against him for a set. fatal shooting on the set of the film Rust. The trial collapsed three days into Baldwin's trial in Santa Fe, at a court just miles from where Halyna Hutchins, a cinematographer, was shot with a revolver that Mr Baldwin was using in rehearsals.

It is the second time the case against the actor has been dismissed since the October 2021 shooting. He will not be and prosecutors hid evidence - a batch of bullets - that could have been connected to the shooting. A key aspect of the case has been how live ammunition ended up on the set and Mr Baldwin's lawyers have questioned the investigation and mistakes made by authorities who processed the scene.

Their motion to dismiss sparked a remarkable set of events, with one of the two special prosecutors leading the case resigning, and Judge Mary Marlowe Sommer dismissing the jury to hear from multiple witnesses. The bullets, Mr Baldwin's lawyer said, could be related to Ms Hutchins' death, but were

broke down in tears as a New Mexico nition was not connected to the case and ments. The evidence came to light, judge dismissed the involuntary did not match bullets found on the Rust

The judge ruled, however, that they should have been shared with Mr Baldwin's defence team regardless. The state's wilful withholding of this information was intentional and deliberate," she said from the bench. "There is no way for the court to right this wrong." Prosecutors will not be able to lodge the charge against Baldwin again, as the judge did not rule the case a mistried again. His lawyers alleged police trial, but instead outright dismissed it with prejudice.

"It was the nuclear option. The case over," Los Angeles trial attorney Joshua Ritter told the BBC. Mr Baldwin, best known for his role on the NBC sitcom 30 Rock and for portraying Donald Trump on sketch show Saturday Night Live, wept as the judge read from a lengthy statement detailing her reasons for the dismissal. His wife, Hilaria, covered her mouth. Other members of his family cried and smiled.

The actor hugged his lawyers then embraced his wife, who was seated behind him. They walked out handfiled in a different case with a different a black vehicle without answering miss the case.

MEXICO CITY (BBC): Alec Baldwin number. Prosecutors argued the ammu- any questions or making any when a crime-scene technician told the court that a man named Troy Teske, a retired police officer, had turned over live ammunition that could be related to the case. Mr Teske is friends with the step-father of Hannah Gutierrez-Reed, the film's armourer who was convicted of involuntary manslaughter earlier this year. He was working with Seth Kenney, who helped with props and ammunition on the film set. After the judge sent the jury home, the court heard from a series of witnesses about the bullets, including authorities who led the case and Mr Kenney.

Towards the end of the hearing, one of the prosecutors leading the case -Kari Morrissey - took the stand to testify about the bullets and why they weren't shared with the defence. It's remarkably rare for a prosecutor to testify in a case they bring about their role in the investigation. Ms Morrissey testified the ammunition had "no evidentiary value" from her perspective. While on the stand, she said that her co-prosecutor, Erlinda Ocampo Johnson, in-hand through a tunnel of press into resigned as the judge weighed to dis-

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Usual suspects fear a Turkiye, Syria thaw

URKISH President Recep Tayyip Erdogan expressed openness last July to talks with Syrian President Bashar Assad, but not if withdrawing Turkish troops from Syrian territory was a condition. A year later, Erdogan has indicated that he would invite Assad "any time" for discussions to "restore Turkiye-Syria relations to the same level as in the past," which was a groundbreaking statement. Interestingly, there was no mention of a condition involving the withdrawal of Turkish troops from northern Syria. Iraq and Russia have been advocating this meeting for a while, and recent developments in Syria have been fostering the possibility.

Turkiye would have two objectives: first, to establish full control over its border with Syria, as on its border with Iraq, aimed at eliminating elements of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces and the PYD. The Iraqi government, previously critical of Turkish operations, has given the green light for Turkiye's new security policy in Iraq. Turkiye now seeks a similar understanding from Damascus to ensure that northern Syria does not pose a threat to its national security. The second objective is the safe return of Syrian refugees, a complex issue with both security and humanitarian dimensions. Turkiye has hosted over three million Syrians for more than a decade, always viewing this as a temporary measure while pushing for a political solution.

Turkiye's policies toward Iraq and Syria have significant distinctions, but also parallels, both aimed at securing its borders with the approval of the other two governments. Turkiye signed critical deals with both countries in the 1980s and 1990s. The 1998 Adana Agreement lays the groundwork for a possible Turkish-Syrian thaw, as it did decades ago. It was signed at a time when relations between Turkiye and Syria were strained to the brink of war.

Damascus had been allowing Abdullah Ocalan. leader of the outlawed Kurdish separatist PKK who is now serving a life sentence on the Turkish island of Imrali — to take shelter in Syria and direct the group's activities for years. When Turkiye threatened military action, Damascus deported Ocalan and closed PKK camps in Syria.

The Adana agreement was designed to help restore relations: some described it as a Turkish-Syrian version of the Camp David agreement between Egypt and Israel. Syria's decision to expel Ocalan and negotiate with Turkiye was linked to its concern about the strength of the Turkish military compared with its own weakness. In an interview later, however, Assad said: "The deportation of Ocalan was not out of fear, but because we preferred you. We could either be friends with the Turkish people or prefer the Kurds and lose you. Because our preference was with you, we sent

Damascus now has a choice: normalize relations with Turkiye and join forces against the Kurds, or continue its policy of the past decade, allowing Turkiye to maintain its forces in the north. Significant signs suggest it may opt for normalization. Fears of a permanent Kurdish presence in northern Syria could lead to Ankara-Damascus talks, with discussions underway to launch a joint military operation against Kurdish groups who Turkiye considers terrorists. This process began with intelligence officer meetings in 2020 and progressed to meetings between defense and foreign ministers, though subsequent progress has been a

An Erdogan-Assad meeting would be driven by the need to address mutual issues, and to solve Syrian problems cooperatively. However, as Turkiye's last ambassador to Damascus Omer Onhon has pointed out, even if they met soon the process would be complex, with intertwined issues and no quick solutions. Who would worried about a Turkish-Syrian thaw? Well, the usual suspects: first, the PYD and SDF. As primary opponents, they stand to lose the most. Second, the US. As the Kurds' patron, Washington's influence could wane in Svria at the expense of Russia. Third, the Syrian armed opposition. Dependent on Turkish support, they might feel betrayed by Turkiye's shift toward Assad. Fourth, the Syrian refugees; those living in Turkiye and in Turkish-dominated areas in northern Syria could face uncertainty and upheaval. There have already been protests against the Turkish government in northern Syria, and attacks on Syrian migrants by Turks in parts of Turkiye. Northwest Syria, home to about five million people, including local populations and displaced opposition Syrians from areas under Assad's control, remains volatile. Moreover, there are members of armed groups and other opposition Syrians who have been living in northern Syria within the framework of the de-esca-

lation zone agreements signed in 2017. How Turkiye and Syria can agree on groups they perceive as threats remains to be seen. For instance, Turkiye considers the Kurds terrorists, while Damascus views armed groups fighting against the Assad regime as terrorists. The differing perspectives, the complex humanitarian situation. and the vested interests of stakeholders all pose challenges to this process. These fundamental differences will be a significant hurdle in any potential rapprochement.

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How Israel spins Gaza killings to avoid being held accountable

Ray Hanania

ORE than 38,000 Palestinians have Israel's nine-month mili- say what caused the revitary assault against the sion but did stress that the civilian population of the number was exaggerated. Gaza Strip. However, In fact, The Times of Israel according to The Lancet incorrectly stated that the medical journal, the number of fatalities is probath the number of "identified" bly more like 186,000, shining a spotlight on how difficult it is to measure by more than half the numthe carnage because of the ber of women and children restrictions Israel has that it previously said had placed on news reporting been killed during the war, of the Gaza conflict.

Israel only embeds jourall reports and videos. Reporters who refuse are banned from entering the ent Gaza-based reporters, mainly from Arab media the Israeli carnage and many of them have paid the to report the truth.

and many more wounded. journalists in the history of the organization, which one CNN reporter noted Israeli military although he only inter-Israeli the viewed spokesperson on what was happening in Gaza.

Controlling the media and restricting and censoring news reporting in a contoward controlling the narrative. And Israel needs to because, while Hamas militants killed about 1,200 Israelis on Oct. 7, including have killed about 30 times more Palestinians, including some Hamas militants.

gives Israel the ability to lie is doing and blur the reality of the carnage. For example, a majority of those killed by Israel are believed to be civilians. The UN estimated in May that 69 percent of the reported deaths were of women and children. But because Israel Strip, the UN revised its only accused of killing a confrontational estimate down to 52 percent a few days later.

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Israeli nalists with its army in the ing," it reported. However, spokesman Peter Lerner Gaza Strip if they agree to a reduction from 69 percent last month said: "Every allow its censors to review to 52 percent is not "more civilian life lost in this war

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halls of American politics that more than 8,000 civil-

Just look at the coverage

without worrying about angering the censors, that 31 people were killed in single Russian assault. Blaming the Russians

for civilian deaths strengthens the national outcry against Russia. Meanwhile deflecting blame for the killing of Palestinians gives Israel the political cover to continue what it is doing without an American back lash. Another win for Israel is how the media restricts its coverage of the issue of hostages. Hamas took hundreds of civilian and military hostages during its coverage by the US news

But Israel has held thousands of Palestinian civildetention, a system that like without ever having to

Many of the thousands men, women and children alike — constitute an obvi ous form of hostage-taking anti-Israel expressions by Palestinians. Support in the US for Ukraine is driven by an emotional indignation that is spun by the way the war and the deaths are presented. In the Israel-Palestine war, support for Israel is driven by the spinning of perceptions, which minimizes the moral outrage of it killing women and children.

How Israel and its American supporters conduct themselves has nothing to do with the rule of law democracy, human rights moral, even while inflicting stand the most horrendous human

We built our world for a climate that no longer exists

Jeff Goodell

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spray water on the struccould be reopened to traf-A tragedy? Hardly. But

it's evidence of one of the central truths of our time, and one that is becoming more and more apparent every day: We have built our world for a climate that no longer exists. Consider Houston, the throne of Big Oil, where the electric grid has the same hub-and-spoke basic architecture as it did 100 years ago. This week, Hurricane Beryl knocked out power to more than 2 million homes. Yes, hurricanes are devastating. But less than two months earlier, a sudden windstorm in the city blacked out electricity for more than a million people.

How many blackouts will it take before we realize today's power grid was built for yesterday's climate? Or consider the wildfires in California earlier this month. They occurred during a heatwave that broke many alltime temperature records in the West, including an astonishing degrees Fahrenheit in Palm Springs. One consequence of this heat was that it was too hot for firefighters to fight the fires without risking heatstroke.

If it were much hotter, water bombers and helicopters could not fly, radically diminishing firefighters' ability to control the flames. Once you start to look, danger signs of Old World infrastructure are everywhere. The vast majority of buildings and homes in European cities like London, Paris and Madrid have no air conditioning. When an extreme heat wave hits, the people who live and work in them are increasingly vulnerable (one recent study published in Nature Medicine estimated there were more than 60,000 heat-related deaths in Europe during the summer of 2022).

Reservoir dams around Airport tarmacs soften in the heat, causing flights cancellations. Sea walls that protect coastal cities from flooding are more and more ineffective as sea level rises and storm surges become more powerful. Cities are becoming human frying pans. In Phoenix this summer, surface temperatures on streets and sidewalks hit 160 degrees Fahrenheit – even a few seconds of contact could

cause severe burns. And it's not just infrastructure that is maladapted to our rapidly warming world. Our economic systems and cultural lives are out of sync, too. The Summer Olympics (and American football) become dangerous games in 100-degree heat. The insurance business was not structured to deal with permanent flooding from sea level rise. Religious pilgrimages, such as the Hajj in Saudi Arabia, during which more than 1,300 people died amid blistering temperatures last month, are not supposed to be essentially death marches. Big automakers like Toyota and GM, both of which have been slow to adapt to the EV

ARLIER this week, revolution, risk sharing the the Third Avenue fate of Kodak at the dawn of **⊿Bridge in Manhattan** the digital age. Even Big Oil I've talked to, anyway know their days are numbered (which is why they are Why? Because it was so hot fighting so hard to derail or stall the clean energy revolu-

It's tempting to believe that we can adapt to all these work. Firefighters had to changes with better technology. And it's certainly true ture for several hours to that better technology is a cool it off before the bridge powerful force. One clear example: the incredible decline in the cost of renewable power in recent years. Twenty years ago, when I started writing about climate change, fossil fuel executives argued that we needed to keep burning fossil fuels because they were cheaper than renewable power, and access to cheap energy was important for economic development, especially in the Global South.

Now, that economic paradigm has been reversed. In virtually every part of the world, electricity generated by renewable power is cheaper than electricity generated by fossil fuels. As a result, the amount of electricity created by wind, geothermal and especially solar is increasing fast. Here in Texas where I live – hardly a bastion of tree-huggers – as much as 70% of the power on the grid this year is coming from renewable sources.

Despite this progress, the clean energy revolution is still happening too slowly to stop the rising heat and extreme weather we are experiencing. In fact, global oil and gas consumption hit an all-time high in 2023 not surprisingly, so did the level of climate-warming CO2 emissions. Air conditioning is another example of the complexity of technological progress. When I talk with people about my book, "The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet," I often hear some version of this: Yeah, the heat can be brutal. Good thing we have air conditioning!

AC is becoming a survival tool for many people in everhotter climates, but it is not a magic fix for a superheated world. More than 750 million people on the planet don't even have access to electricity, much less AC. We are not going to air condition the the world are stressed by ocean, which is full of mysteextreme rainfall events. rious and beautiful creatures which hundreds of millions of people depend on for sustenance. We are not going to air condition forests, which are key to maintaining biodiversity on Earth. We are not going to air-condition the fields where food crops are grown. Our dependence on AC,

in fact, masks the true scope and scale of the challenges we face. In the end, addressing the climate crisis is not about building better technology. It's much bigger than that. We need to rebuild our world. Fast-rising temperatures and more extreme weather are forcing us to rethink everything about how we live – where we get our energy, how we grow our food, how we build our cities, and, mostly importantly, who we vote for.

The sooner we stop clinging to the old ways and focus on building a smarter, more sustainable, more equitable future for everyone, the better off we – and every living thing on this planet – will be. What has already been lost during the climate crisis is a tragedy. But what can be won in this fight is worth imagining too.

Putin watching West's indecision with derision

Pyotr Kozlov

authoritarian diplomacy. Russian gliding cruise munitions decide whether to negoti- campaigner sion is, the more brutally election day. Russia will strike at

Ukraine. Economic Putin to his knees and make him pliable. For the Kremlin, large-scale economic restraints were a the Rosgvardia National touchy, but predictable step Guard, headed by Putin's

THE full-scale inva- of gas and oil money from sion of Ukraine by the West, a stream of President Vladimir money from China and have acted as a force deter- being driven to negotia-Putin, a nuclear-armed India poured into Russia, ring Russians from any disleader, allowing the Kremlin to sent. poses what appears to be buy the loyalty of Russia's a completely unsolvable hesitant elites, give more challenge for Western money to the population, While and finance large-scale production. bombs and ballistic mis- Putin, a Soviet KGB offisiles have been falling cer, paranoid of any disfrom the sky onto peace- sent, felt his confidence ful Ukrainians for two and stability grow after he and a half years, Kyiv's was elected to another Western allies have been presidential term this year. unable to overcome their Conveniently, his main internal disagreements to opponent, anti-corruption Alexei ate or fight Putin. The Navalny, mysteriously died more visible this indeci- in prison shortly before The special services -

the FSB, heirs of the Soviet sanctions Chekists; the Investigative were not enough to bring Committee, headed by Putin's Leningrad State Institute contemporary Alexander Bastrykin; and and therefore not an former personal security existential threat. Instead guard Viktor Zolotov

the West in its attempt to him persona non grata on the world stage. Although the warrant for his arrest from the International Criminal Court (ICC) in force, leaders of major powers have gradually resumed their visits to China's Xi Moscow. Jinping continues to speak of Beijing developing a "boundless partnership" with Moscow. This week, India's newly re-elected Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Putin's residence outside Moscow, embracing him and calling "dear friend" and Your Excellency.'

But even more egregious for the West was see-Prime Hungarian Minister Viktor

tions in the Kremlin in Putin's luxury (US-sanc-Another setback awaited tioned) Aurus limousine, counteroffensive of sumaccompanied by a motorisolate Putin by making cade, from Moscow's government-run Vnukovo Airport, where Western air-

lines have not flown since the beginning of the war. Orban, the leader of the The Hague remains in Hungarian presidency of the European Commission, was traveling to discuss the terms of a possible ceasefire in Ukraine. European leaders are outraged. The Kremlin, on the other hand, watched the Twitter scandal with undisguised derision, my insiders say. Western leaders have advocated since the start of the full-scale invasion that Ukraine should reclaim territory annexed by Russia and bring Putin a strategic

defeat on the battlefield. And from the very beginning of the invasion, Orban they have promised Kyiv would be dangerous — and

But deliveries of these have been weapons plagued by delays, meaning that the Ukrainian mer 2023 failed to make significant achievements. Similarly, Russia took advantage of delays in replenishing Ukraine's exhausted air defense systems to bombard its cities and energy infrastructure with glide bombs and missiles, even launching a new

advance into the Kharkiv region. The EU promised Kyiv accession soon. But when it will happen is unclear. NATO membership, which Brussels and Washington have long discussed, is probably a mirage. The alliance cannot accept a new member fighting a war within its own borders, or has 20% of its territory under occupation.

Some voices in the West say that a cornered Putin

weapons to defend itself. if left with no way out, the Russian leader will use nuclear weapons.

> They say whatever you do, Putin will win one way or another. Putin is actively playing with and capitalizing on these fears. But Washington, Brussels and other allies cannot allow Putin to seize Ukraine and do what he wants with it. After all, it would be a symbolic defeat for the West and give Moscow's autocrat even more power.

While the West is talking itself into inaction by being unable to decide whether to back Ukraine wholeheartedly or push for negotiations, the Kremlin continues to successfully play on their divisions. And for as long as it feels that the external pressure is easing, instead of seeking compromise. Moscow will order attacks as brutal as striking a children's hospital with a cruise missile.

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Biden or plan B? Democrats' election dilemma

dential election four away, Democrats are facing a perfect political storm. President Joe Biden's startlingly unfocused performance against Donald Trump has left party officials, major donors and many of the Democrats' likeliest voters calling for a change at the top of

the ticket. A few weeks ago, backing Biden was thought to be the Democrats' best hope. After all, it is not easy to beat an incumbent. Since 1932, only Herbert Hoover, Jimmy Carter, the elder George Bush and Trump have failed to win reelection. Scenarios in which Democrats Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson chose not to seek reelection — in 1952 and 1968, respectively — the Republicans Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon rode to victory. Similarly, a Democratic primary challenge from Edward Kennedy in 1980 helped cripple Carter's reelection campaign, ultimately sending Ronald Reagan to the White

With this history in mind, most Democrats thought it safer to stick with Biden, a man who has already beaten Trump once. No Democrat who aspires to be president someday wants to be the one to hobble an already vulnerable incumbent.

But growing worries about Biden's age — he is 81 now and would be 86 at the end of a second term — have become the central issue of the campaign, even as Trump faces sentencing for a felony conviction in New York (how is that for an indicator of just how dysfunctional America's politics have become?). Following another contender risks alienating ment, millions of people who tell Biden's debate debacle, the editorillarge numbers of women and al board of The New York Times, minority voters. As for the alterna-

drop out and recent polls signal Whitmer, Transportation Secretary that about half of Democratic Party Pete Buttigieg and others — they are largely untested on the national

Unless Biden decides to leave stage. To understand how quickly the race, however, the odds of an unproven candidate might replacing him are virtually zero. flounder, look no further than

Unless Biden decides to leave the race, however, the odds of replacing him are virtually zero. During his sweep through the primary election season, he secured the support of the delegates he needs to be nominated at the party's convention in Chicago in August. These delegates are ble primary challenge seemed needlessly dangerous. When the them. Moreover, even if the Democrats could easily replace Biden, who would be the party's new nominee? Poll after poll shows that Vice President Kamala Harris is no more popular than Biden, but pushing her aside for another contender risks alienating large numbers of women and minority voters.

> During his sweep through the pri- Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis' hotly mary election season, he secured anticipated, but disastrous, attempt the support of the delegates he to take down Trump in this year's needs to be nominated at the Republican primaries party's convention in Chicago in August. These delegates are cation that he plans to step aside pledged to back Biden unless he and public shows of support from releases them. Moreover, even if former Presidents Barack Obama the Democrats could easily replace and Bill Clinton are meant to con-Biden, who would be the party's new nominee? Poll after poll shows that Vice President Kamala in the race is that the president can Harris is no more popular than still beat Trump. In America's Biden, but pushing her aside for hyperpolarized political environ-

Biden has so far shown no indifirm that the party is moving forward. The rationale for remaining pollsters that Biden is too old to

sides believing that the future of American democracy is at stake, voter turnout will likely be high across the board.

But the hill that Biden must climb will become steeper in the coming weeks as a steady stream of anonymous Democratic officials warn in the media that he must go. This drip-feed of negative coverage will weigh on the president's ability to turn the page, at least until the convention next month. If there is any talk of advancing the date on which Biden is formally nominated, it will fuel speculation that he is panicking, even if he is not. And all this will be happening at a time when the Biden campaign hoped to keep media attention on rump's many liabilities.

For now, the Democratic Party s paralyzed. Ousting a sitting president would be an enormous political gamble; sticking with a stumbling incumbent might be even riskier. Trump, meanwhile, has enjoyed a charmed few weeks of good news. Almost all his legal headaches have been postponed until after the election. Sentencing has been delayed in his New York "hush money" trial. Recent Supreme Court rulings have trial. Recent reduced the likelihood of him facing jail time, as well as reminded conservative voters that he pulled the court rightward and would do so again if he wins. The media is more focused now on Trump's search for a running mate than on his own erratic behavior.

The decision on Biden's political future rests with the president himself, and it is impossible to know what he will do. For now, he appears intent on staying the course and trying to change the subject. But with each passing day, the pressure for a change at the top of the Democratic Party's presidential campaign will grow. It is an unprecedented predicaserve a second term will still vote ment in what was already a the center-left establishment paper tives — California Gov. Gavin for him, if only to keep Trump out uniquely dysfunctional US president to Newsom, Michigan Gov. Gretchen of the White House. With both dential election.

People-power led to my re-election

and I used to share Finsbury Park, north London. In one room was our constituency caseteam, helping **Islington North residents** with the many problems they faced. Next door was

Congolese Community Council, which provided support for Congolese refugees. Our offices worked together to ensure people could get the help they needed. Teme is – and always has been – a pillar of the Islington community, and there are countless people in Islington who owe him a debt of gratitude. I am proud to say that I am one of them.

During the election campaign in Islington North, Teme spoke to hundreds of people to ask them to elect me as their independent MP. He didn't sign up to our campaign's "phone-banking" system, which asked volunteers to call up voters who had already expressed their support. He didn't need to. He had his own contacts book, and called up his friends and neighbours one by one. Teme has dedicated his life to offering advice to his community; no wonder they listened to him when he explained why they should put a cross next to

my name. This election wasn't about me. It was about our community, and there was only one way we could win this election: together. Teme was one of thousands of people who gave up their time to support our cam-paign in a variety of ways: knocking on doors to speak to voters, offering posters to residents and shops, sending messages in family or street WhatsApp groups, stewarding rallies, creating art, or making cups of tea for those entering data late

into the evening.
Underneath is one common endeavour: reaching out, connecting and mobilising people to build collective power. We didn't leaflet outside schools and train stations to take selfies for social media. We leafleted to encourage people to talk to their friends and neighbours about how we can improve our world together. We didn't hold rallies so we could make ourselves feel better. We held rallies because we constituency to be excited

Jeremy Corbyn

an office building in by – and join – our grassroots campaign. And we didn't visit places of worship and community centres to find last-minute has been replicated elsevotes. We visited them to draw on years of practical solidarity – of working together to improve each other's lives. These bonds were far stronger than any digital advertising cam-paign could ever hope to replicate.

Here in Islington, we are way of doing politics. That have no doubt that this

with those who have been inspired by our victory to build community power in every corner of the country. Once our grassroots model where, this can be the genesis of a new movement capable of challenging the stale two-party system. A movement that offers a real alternative to child poverty, inequality and endless war. A movement that provides a real opposition to the far The time for celebration, right - one that doesn't however, is over. Building concede ground to divisive for the future starts now. rhetoric, but stands by its principles of anti-racism, planting the seeds for a new equality and inclusion. I

We didn't hold rallies so we could make ourselves feel better. We held rallies because we wanted people across the constituency to be excited by – and join – our grassroots campaign. And we didn't visit places of worship and community centres to find last-minute votes.

starts with our first People's Forum. It will be a monthly run in elections. However, opportunity for residents to hold me, their elected representative, to account. It will be a chance for local people to ask me anything about the month gone by and give me instructions for the month ahead. It will be a shared, democratic space for local campaigns, trade unions, tenants' unions, debtors' unions and national movements to organise, together, for the kind of world we want to live in. Listening to the voices of those who elected me. Discussing the concerns and hopes of our communito do something about it. That is what real democracy looks like.

The general election did not allow for the full expression of people power. Rather, we saw a rejection of the political establishment, leading to a loveless landslide; this election saw the secondlowest turnout since 1918 and the smallest combined vote share for the two main can parties since 1945. Public

discontent with a broken political system will only grow as the government fails to make the real change that people expect.

movement will eventually to create a new, centralised party, based around the personality of one person, is to put the cart before the horse. Remember that only once strength is built from below can we challenge those at the top.

Look at where other independents challenged the main parties most effectively. They built on community power to stand up for themselves and against those who had ignored their demands for peace and humanity. It's that sort of power that needs to be built everywhere. Make no misty. Empowering each other take: this is just the beginning. It is the beginning of a movement that can win with - and for - communities all over the country. People in power underestimate the power of people at their peril.

The brighter future we speak of is no pipe dream. community Islington North is proof that a fairer world is possible. We have proved that you challenge machinery with a wellorganised grassroots campaign. We have proved that you cannot crush dissent without consequences. We have proved that, with peo-That energy needs some-where to go. It needs to be Wanga on your side, we can

Make no mistake: Destroying hospitals is part of Kremlin's strategy

HE news from Kyiv on July 8 about another attack on Ukrainian cities, with missiles hitting medical infrastructure including

Ukraine's largest children's hospital - is shocking. Alas, these events come as no surprise when we look at how attacking hospitals is not unintentional, but part of a strategy Russia has deployed

We saw this in Syria following Moscow's 2015 intervention. If the trend in Ukraine continues, it is that Russia had successfully tested plausible that the Russian army more than 200 weapons in Syria. eastern Ukraine going according to counter-attack deep inside Russian will continue to use its toolbox that Some of these missiles and shells we have already seen in Syrian cities. Russia sent military forces to support President Bashar al-Assad's regime at a time when Syrian rebels were mere miles away from the presidential palace in Damascus. Taking advantage of the civil war, Moscow expanded its existing positions and built new bases for its forces deep inside Syrian territory, which are still active today. These bases played an important role in stabilizing the Syrian regime and pushing rebels out of many areas of the country.

The firm foothold in Syria that the Russian army, together with Iran, built over three years came the cost of civilian casualties and destruction. This alliance with destroyed. The similarities with the

Ruslan Trad

Ukraine, as Iranian-origin drones targeted civilian infrastructure in Ukrainian cities. From 2015 until February 2022 Russian forces used Syrian territory for three main purposes: creating a bridgehead for military operations in other areas such as Libya, strengthening military and political positions in the Mediterranean, and weapons testing. It is hard to forget how proudly President Vladimir Putin said have been used in Ukraine since 2022, and the Russian army has been sending weapons captured on the Ukrainian front to Syria and Iran for research.

But in addition to weapons, Russia tested concepts in Syria that would repeat against the Ukrainian population. The attacks on hospitals are emblematic of this. As a result of strikes and military operations by the Assad regime and Russian aircraft, nearly 90% of the medical infrastructure in Syrian cities with increased rebel activity has been damaged and put out of action. In major cities such as Damascus and Aleppo, entire neighborhoods have been

difference is that, in the case of strategy of destruction that has been developed in Syria for sever-

infrastructure because that is the way of warfare. range strikes against Russian mili-The brutality is directly linked to tary infrastructure, and this is a events on the front. Russia's mistake. All signed security advance into the Kharkiv region treaties and such support are has stalled, nor is the advance in worthless without permission to plan. The Ukrainian army has sev- territory. Otherwise, strikes like wanted people across the channelled. It needs to be beat the odds, and win. eral problems, notably a lack of today's will continue without serimanpower and weapons, but it has ous consequences for the Russian managed to repel most of the attacks on the front lines. The Kremlin provided diplomatic cover the Assad regime after Damascus used chemical weapons against its own citizens. Furthermore, Russia targeted hospitals and other critical infrastructure, including those whose coordinates were shared with the Russian command by the UN, to undermine the morale of rebel forces and force them to disperse.

Russia is trying to do the same in Ukraine today, acting with spe-cial brutality when its war is not going to plan. The Russian army is attacking civilian areas to disperse Tehran is active once again in war in Ukraine are many, and the the resources of the Ukrainian

forces currently concentrated along the front. Moscow knows that Ukraine needs additional air Ukraine, the Russian army has defense systems to defend its cities been implementing for months a and skies, and it is exploiting this weakness with devastating consequences. Despite all the terrible losses, Kyiv's Western allies are The destruction of civilian still preventing the Ukrainian will continue armed forces from launching longarmy infrastructure and bases.

Attacks on hospitals and other infrastructure will not stop even if there are negotiations. The purpose of the invasion of Ukraine was to seize, occupy, and exploit territory that Russia believes is its own, not to sit around a table talking Attacks like the one on the children's hospital in Kyiv and the medical center in Dnipro are just part of this strategy and should remind Ukraine's allies - some of whom have wavered - that Kyiv urgently needs military support and guarantees that it will be able to defend its skies. Reality is not just knocking at the door - it is blowing

Trans fat: Invisible killer

mobilised. That's why our

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus & Tom Frieden

Cake. All are delicious - but potentially deadly. In addition to their often-high sugar, salt or fat content, these foods can also contain a toxic ingredient that kills almost 300,000 people from coronary heart disease each year: industrial-

ly produced trans fat. Invented in the early 20th century as a substitute for butter and later used to increase the shelf life of food products, industrially produced trans fat is highly hazardous to human health. There is no safe level of consumption. Fortunately, this toxic food additive can be replaced easily with healthier alternatives there is no difference to taste or manufacturing costs, and hundreds of thousands of lives a year can be saved.

Six years ago, WHO called on countries and the food sector to eliminate industrially produced trans fat from the global food supply. At that time, only a small proportion of the world's population – less than one in 10 people – were protected from this toxic chemical. A new WHO report on the state of global trans fat elimination details the tremendous progress we've made in just the past few years. Today, 53 countries with nearly four billion people are implementing WHO-recommended best practice policies that include bans or limits on trans fat, removing this major health risk for

health benefits of these policies.

lot of work to do. More than four billion people remain unprotected from this toxic chemical. Globally, most of the remaining deaths caused by trans fat are concentrated in just eight countries, mostly in Africa and the Asia Pacific. Implementing best practice policies in these additional countries could prevent 90 percent of the global deaths associated with this harmful ingredient – an important milestone in the fight against noncommunicable diseases. And as trans fat restrictions increase worldwide, food manufacturers will likely dump products containing this toxic chemical that have been banned elsewhere into a dwindling number of markets without regulations.

All countries, regardless their people by implementing regulations, even if trans fat levels in food are low. Trans fat elimination is a cost-effective means to tackle noncommunicable diseases and save lives, as shown by studies in Argentina, Kenya, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union which demonstrate that industrially produced trans fats can be eliminated and replaced with healthier fats or oils without changing the cost, taste or availability of food. Countries that have

the introduction of WHOrecommended best-practice policies. Three priority tive. actions are needed to

However, we still have a achieve a trans fat-free

First, we call on all governments to limit or ban trans fat in all foods, in line with WHO-recommended policy. This includes a national limit of 2 grams of industrially produced trans fat per 100 grams of total fat in all foods, and a mandatory national ban on the production or use of partially hydrogenated oils – a major source of artificial trans fat as an ingredient in all foods.

Second, we call on governments to ensure limits and bans are monitored and enforced. To encourage and strengthen enforcement, WHO has created the Trans Free Programme to formally recognise countries' efforts to eliminate trans fat, similar to how WHO validates of income level, can protect countries for eliminating malaria or neglected tropical diseases.

Third, we call on the food industry to implement WHO recommendations, making sure that when trans fat is removed, it is replaced with healthier fats and oils, and to minimise fats linked to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, such as saturated fat. Companies should also agree to not sell products containing trans fat in markets where no policies yet exist. Large food manufacturers and a large ingredient producer have taken steps in this direction, and other companies should follow their lead.

The push for the global elimination of industrially produced artificial trans fat marks the first time the world has been mobilised to completely remove a dietary risk factor for heart disease. We know what to do, we know how to do it, and we know it works. The world is making good progress. It's time for country leaders to finish the job of protecting their people from this toxic food addi-

Patriots for Europe?

6 Victory in defeat, there is none higher," wrote Robert A Heinlein in Stranger in a Fidesz party. Among a few other in the way of future political coop-Strange Land, about unsung heroes who never give up. Although the far right likes to portray itself as unsung heroes, it has mostly found defeat with a series of pyrrhic victories in recent weeks, unable to turn record electoral support in the EU, France and the UK into concrete political power.

This was perhaps best exemplified by Jordan Bardella, Marine Le Pen's hand-picked "golden boy", portrayed as almost infallible in much of the media. He led National Rally (Rassemblement National, or RN) to new highs in the 9 June European elections (eight percentage points up on the party's 2019 performance) and France (14.5 percentage points up on the party's showing in the first round of legislative elections in 2022). And yet, on Monday, Bardella was not announced as the new prime minister of France, but as the president of Viktor Orbán's new Patriots for Europe (PfE), one of three rival far-right groups in the European parliament. The others are the longstanding European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR), dominated by Giorgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy (FdI), and a smaller, more extreme group called Europe of Sovereign Nations, launched on Wednesday by the German far-right Alternative for Germany (Alternative für Deutschland, or AfD).

Although officially a new the old far-right Identity & Democracy (ID) of which Le Pen's National Rally was the biggest might not be close friends, there player, with the addition of Orbán's are no personal grudges that stand

gains and losses, the only real surprises are former Czech prime minister Andrej Babiš's Action of Dissatisfied Citizens (ANO), and the Spanish party Vox. So far, Orbán has been unable to

win over his regional allies, such as the Slovak prime minister, Robert Fico, or the Slovene ex-prime minister, Janez Janša. Consequently, the new group has only one government leader among its members, Orbán himself, though others could join him around the table of the European Council in the coming years. Ultimately, Orbán is less interested in the European parliament than in the decision-making Council, where he needs an ally to

fight EU sanctions on Hungary. The far right struggles to collaborate internationally for many reasons including clashing personalities, party volatility, ideological extremism and strategic considerations. But these factors are dynamic and have changed as the far right slowly but steadily moves from the margins into the mainstream of European politics. In the 1980s, a bad personal relationship between the then National Front (FN) leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, and the Austrian Freedom party (FPÖ) leader, Jörg Haider, hindered their collaboration in Europe. But this was a time when the far right was mostly politically ostracised and its politicians were not used to compromising for political gain. Today, many far-right leaders are, or group, and now the third-biggest in aspire to be, part of governing logical grounds, having achieved a the parliament, PfE is mostly just coalitions and have learned to compromise to get things done. Hence, while Le Pen, Meloni and Orbán

A revolving door of unstable parties is also, mostly, a thing of the past. A strong core of far-right parties has been represented in the European parliament for decades now. Similarly, a solid core of farright MEPs has been involved in European politics in Brussels for years, having established personal connections and political experi-

It is true that ideological extremism, particularly competing nationalisms, complicate things. For instance, in 2007, the far-right Identity, Tradition, Sovereignty (ITS) group split over anti-Romanian remarks by an Italian MEP. And more recently Fidesz claimed that it had refused to join the ECR because it included what it called an "extreme anti-Hungarian" party. Still, in both cases, there were other reasons at play, not least fierce resistance toFidesz within the ECR.

Much of that resistance to Fidesz is about Orbán's pro-Russia positioning and yet this is only partly an ideological dispute. While the ECR, which includes Poland's Law and Justice (PiS), presents itself as the "pro-Ukraine" far-right group and loves to boast about vehement opposition to Putin, the same PiS supported Fidesz's membership of the ECR and later even negotiated with Orbán about joining PfE. In the end, PiS has remained in the ECR on pragmatic rather than ideocompromise with Meloni about dividing up the leading jobs in the

The main hindrance to collabo- an ongoing "cordon sanitaire" of ration on the far right is strategic, pro-EU parties.

rather than ideological, organisational or personal. Far-right parties have often used international collaboration to fight isolation domestically, by showing either that they do not stand alone internationally or that mainstream(ed) parties in other countries want to collaborate with them. Much of the Russia-Ukraine debate is also more about strategy than ideology, as foreign policy is of secondary concern for most far-right parties. Parties such as AfD, Fidesz and RN carry a strong international stigma that is considered a hindrance for parties trying to find mainstream accept ance (for example, Sweden Democrats) but less so for those who do not (such as Chega in Portugal) or who have already achieved it (Italy's League).

In the end, the foundation of Patriots for Europe (and, to a lesser extent, the even newer Europe of Sovereign Nations) will help to further mainstream the far right in the EU. They will pull the rightwing European People's party, which is the largest group in the parliament, even further to the right on such issues as the European Green Deal and immigration, and towards an even more conciliatory relationship with the ECR. In other words, the far right continues to move forward maybe not at the lightning speed often proclaimed by both the far right and the media, but forward nevertheless. At the same time, Orbán's Patriots for Europe represents yet another pyrrhic victory Yes, it is the biggest far-right group ever to be constructed in the European parliament, but it is also almost completely ostracised, excluded from committee roles by

almost half of the world's population. WHO has recognised five countries - Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand - for their world-leading efforts to become trans fat-free, having gone beyond the adoption of best-practice trans fat policies to include monitoring and enforcement frameworks that will maximise and sustain the

implemented best practice trans fat policies can support others to do the same by sharing their experience and know-how. Food manufacturers, especially national and global conglomerates that have long profited from products containing deadly trans fat, have a responsibility to consumers to invest in replacements. healthier Advocates in the global community should continue to push for the total elimination of trans fat through

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'Vast opportunities of investment in Pakistan'

ISLAMABAD (PPI): President Istehkam-e-Pakistan where Federal Ministers, students are studying there. He said that Pakistan and historically wonderful tra-Party and Federal Minister Senators, Members of the of Board of Investment, National Assembly, Diplo-Privatization and Comm- mats and prominent politiunications Abdul Aleem cal, business and social per-Khan has said that Pakistan sonalities were present. pays high regards to bilaterrelations with all Pakistan, Nicolas Galey

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Communications and Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan in a group photo during The French Embassy in Islamabad hosted a special event.

APBF flays NEPRA for hike in fixed power tariff for industry

Pakistan Business Forum cially for the SMEs, was industries and burying peo-(APBF) has rejected the really surprising. If the frequent increase in prices decision is not withdrawn, warned of the government of electricity, gas and petro- it will prove dangerous for leum products, saying the the country's SME sector, massive jump in electricity he stressed. base rates and petroleum products prices would increasing cost of producmake local products tion in the country is the uncompetitive in the inter-real threat to both largenational market.

held an emergent meeting (SMEs), as frequent of stakeholders on higher upward revisions in policy electricity tariffs, stating rate and continuous fluctuathat NEPRA's latest fore- tions in rupee against dollar cast for power purchase are posing further chal-prices for the current fiscal lenges for the economy. year reveals a substantial APBF Chairman Ibrahim financial burden, with con- Qureshi while describing sumers to bear 300% of the government's decision costs for fixed capacity to increase electricity tariffs payments. He was of the as an incorrect move, urged view that substantial fuel the government to reverse costs, particularly petrole- the proposed increase. The um imports, potentially government's decision to pose extreme volatility and increase the electricity tarstrain on foreign exchange iff is anti-industry, and the

Maaz Mahmood remarked and calls on it to withdraw that at a time of unsatisfac- this move.

hike in electricity base tar- in fixed charges was tanta- 2024 ISLAMABAD: The All iffs for the industry, espe- mount to destruction of depressed amidst high infl-

He said that the everscale manufacturing (LSM) The APBF president and small-scale businesses APBF strongly condemns APBF President Syed the government's decision

industries and burying peo- ation, low exports, depletfor launching an agitation campaign. They also made it clear that if in case, the decision couldn't be withdrawn immediately, aggressive and harsh steps would

be taken against unfair and

unjust hike in fixed cha-

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nate incident, he added. He said the government should prioritize resolving the energy crisis by providing sufficient and affordable electricity and gas to imposing bans on luxury costs for the masses and local level.

The APBF leader said policies, as the economic

low industrial growth, the the unprecedented increase indicators throughout the remained ing foreign reserves and warned of the government continued uncertain position of the local currency.

He said that the aggressive economic measures, high borrowing rates, inflation, oppressive taxation and unstable currency have been negatively affecting running businesses, many of which have closed their relevant authorities will be operations. He said that with a view to deal with fiscal challenges the government will have to work on the three-way strategy by implementing short-term goals that will help to keep generating resources for industries. The import bill smooth fiscal operations, should be reduced by medium-term goals where imposing bans on luxury the government should products. He highlighted focus on financial inclucontrolling inflation to sion, documenting the ensure affordable living economy by designing a system where all businesses containing the cost of pro- can be registered and propduction for businesses at a erly document their income cal level. including collection of He stressed the need for sales tax, initiating the a revisit of the economic process of privatisation as well as improving gover-nance by introducing reforms in each sector. Syed Maaz Mahmood said that the increase in base rate of electricity is also part of pact signed between the government and IMF, which says that the govern-

SNGPL disconnects 11 gas meters

NEPRA's determinations

without any delay and

amendment.

MULTAN (APP):Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) punished 11 citizens in a crackdown during last 24 hours.

According to officials of Task Force, the consumers were using gas illegally as they were found making commercial use of gas, offering illegal connections to others and had also shifted meters at different sites by themselves.

Gas metres of all the 11 consumers were disconnected for violation of the laws. The department urged citizens to cooperate and informed about illegal use of gas at phone number 061-9220085 as secrecy

would be maintained. According to Regional Manager Hussain Zafar, a special cell has been introduced to respond to complaints. Some officers have also been deputed in the special cell to ensure timely resolution of complaints.

Gold rates up by Rs.400/tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of per tola of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.400 and was sold at Rs.249,400 on Saturday against its sale at Rs.249,000 on last trad-

ing day.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs.343 to Rs.213,820 from Rs. 213,477 whereas that of 10 gram 22 karat gold went up to Rs.196,002 from Rs. 195,687, the All Association reported.

The price of per tola and constant at Rs.2,900 and Rs.2,486.28 respectively.

market international increased to \$2,410 from \$2,404, the Association reported.

'Govt decision of hike in power tariff harsh on masses'

upheld findings of the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) in the ISLAMABAD appeal filed by M/s NFC President of the Islamabad ness community before the provision of free elec-Employees Cooperative Chamber of Commerce Housing Society. In 2016, and Industry (ICCI), Ahsan the residents of the society Zafar Bakhtawari has said complained to the CCP that that the government increased power tariff four they were being deprived of choice in terms of cable teltimes in 10 days to appease evision. They were forced the International Monetary to subscribe to the sole Fund (IMF) which has cable television network made the livelihood for provider i.e. MC Networks. common miserable besides The Commission's order depriving traders and industrialist of their right

imposed a penalty of Rupees One Million on the to conduct business. NFC Employees Co-opera-Addressing a business delegation at Chamber tive Housing Society Limited for granting exclu-sivity to a cable service House on Saturday, he pointed out that the govprovider and restricting resernment's policies are idents' choices, thereby detrimental to business violating Section 4(2)(a) expansion, investment, 4(2)(b) and 4(2)(d) read with Section 4(1) of the

Competition Act, 2010. The Tribunal reduced the which raises questions penalty to PKR 500,000/, about how the government keeping in view compliance plans to collect taxes when the economy was faltering. oriented approach of NFC Cooperative Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari

finalizing the budget, leading the country towards an economic crisis. He highlighted that inflation has left people struggling to pay utility bills, and the government is not targeting those who should be paying taxes, resulting in severe exploitation. He condemned the

defaulters, tax evaders, electricity thieves, and failed government institutions, which places the burden of their extravagance on taxpayers and the general public.

The ICCI President unemployment reduction, noted that while the govinflation control, and ernment has announced achieving tax targets, relief for users of 200 units, it has paradoxically spent millions on its pub-

He demanded that concriticized the government Power Producers should ation.

(INP): for not consulting the busi- not be renewed and that lion to WAPDA employees should be discontinued immediately.

He urged the government to adopt alternative energy resources like hydel and solar power to address the issue and emphasized that proper policy implementation and reforms in exemption given to tax the electric power sector could help prevent future unrest and improve the overall situation.

Zafar warned that if the government does not review its policies, doing business in the country will become increasingly exacerbating the suffering of the masses.

He revealed that a meeting of all stakeholders will be convened at ICCI next week to devise a joint tracts with Independent strategy to address the situ-

Yango celebrates year of transformative operations



F.P. Report

KARACHI: The international ride-hailing service Yango, a part of the global tech company Yango Group, proudly marks the first year of operation in Pakistan, now covering five of the nation's major cities since 2023. The milestone further builds on Yango's commitment to revolutionising the mobility industry in Pakistan and delivering unparalleled services to its users and partner drivers.

In a span of one year, Yango service has made substantial strides in the Pakistani market, demonstrating the profound impact of advanced technology, affordable pricing, and stringent safety measures. Yango has enhanced the ride-hailing experience and instigated positive changes within the mobility industry. The service has prioritised safety since

its launch, continuously enhancing the user experience to ensure security and comfort. Key safety features include an SOS button for immediate connection with local authorities in emergencies, a share route option that allows users to share trip details with trusted contacts, and verified ver's licence, photos and vehicle documents to ensure compliance. These features are just a few examples, with more available 24/7 to assist users and partner to making a positive impact daily.

drivers in Pakistan with inquiries and pro vide timely solutions.

Yango's business model actively supports local businesses and fosters economic growth. The availability of Yango's services in Pakistan resulted in the creation of numerous direct and indirect jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities. Till date, Yango has partnered with over 50 transportation companies in Pakistan making every single partner driver a stakeholder who is utilising Yango's ride-hailing solutions to provide exceptional transportation services and to support a valuable and stable additional earning stream.

In its first year, Yango customer support service showcased its efficient and customer-centric approach by returning over 1,400 lost items to their respective owners Mobile phones were the most commonly lost items, while the most unique returned item was a wedding album. Yango's appli cation diverse range of services is further highlighted by the longest trip to date, an impressive 387 km journey from Islamabad to Lahore.

'Yango's one year anniversary ir Pakistan is a moment to celebrate our achievements, assure our commitment to providing seamless customer experiences and further focus on the happiness and well-being of our partners and partners drivers. We are dedicated to enhancing our safety features while introducing additional features for both passengers and drivers We are also focused on implementing initiatives that will positively impact our users, partner drivers, and the Pakistan community as a whole," Miral Sharif Country Manager for Yango in Pakistar said on the occasion.

As Yango ventures into its second year in Pakistan, the service plans to launch into drivers through regular checks of their dri- new cities, further expanding its coverage and extending the reach achieved in the past year. Moving forward, Yango aims to become the go-to mobility platform in safety enhancements planned for the Pakistan, distinguished by its innovative upcoming months. Additionally, Yango safety solutions. By doing so, it reinforces has established a diligent support team its role as a part of a tech giant committed

FRIA calls for careful policy as high food prices fuel inflation ment plan of approaching astating effects on the econ-predict outcome of their

Employees

Housing Society.

Tribunal

maintains

penalty
F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Appellate Tribunal

(FRIA) has warned the high ful policy to keep it in con- of local currency. trol, as Pakistan's inflation reading ticked up 0.11% in tion would remain high and the week ended July 11, may even increase further 2024 compared to the previous week, fueled by the caused by relative demand hike in food prices, and maintained its uptrend for the items, exchange rate depresecond successive week.

According to the akistan Bureau of Pakistan Statistics (PBS), the short-Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), registered a week of last year.

FRIA Senior threat to the economy in the round effect. current fiscal year is the inflation, as the govern-

LAHORE: The Ferozepur Fund for financial assis-Road Industry Association tance has brought a fresh wave of price-hike, because cost of doing business inflation is already hitting would hurt economic due to continuous raise in growth, demanding a care- oil prices and depreciation

He predicted that infladue to market frictions and supply gap of essential ciation and recent upward adjustment of administered prices of petrol and diesel. He said that due to the

term inflation gauge, called lagged effect of floods, production losses, especially of major agriculture crops, surge of 23.33% when has not yet been fully compared with the same recovered. Consequently, the shortage of essential Vice items has emerged and per-Chairman Shahbaz Aslam sisted. Inflation may further said that the most serious jack up as a result of second

Shahbaz Aslam said the

business sectors, he said.

value chain, Pakistan also

global supply value chain,

which will increase domes-

He said that value addi-

tion in agriculture and

increase its export volume.

tic exports.

and increased rates of utilities, cost of production would further increase. This will render Pakistani exports uncompetitive in the global market.

FRIA SVC said that there is a consensus that a low inflation rate helps economic activities, while high inflation hurts economic growth. The high inflation environment affects decision making of all economic agents in economy, like investors, savers, consumers and producers through uncertainty about the expected payoffs from their decisions.

Moreover, a persistently high inflation also causes erosion of the value of the local currency in terms of foreign currencies. Such uncertainties, in turn, have adverse implications for economic activities.

IMF loan would have dev- helps economic agents to preceding week

fair level of certainty Especially, producers follow their plans for business expansion with more confidence; and new investment is undertaken in the expectation of predictable returns.

The rise in week-onweek inflation was led by the farm broiler chicken, which became costlier by 16.34% to Rs373.25 per kg in the week under review compared to Rs320.84/kg in the previous week.

The SPI-based shortterm inflation index comprises 51 essential items whose data is gathered from 50 markets across 17 cities in the country.

During the week ended July 11, 2024, prices of 23 (45.10%) items increased, rates of six (11.76%) items decreased while prices of 22 (43.14%) items stood He said low inflation unchanged compared to the

Export-led growth necessary for economic revival in country

Chairman, Federation of the field for Product diver-Pakistan Chamber of sification and for this, value Commerce and Industry added products have to be (FPCCI) Capital office introduced in all important Karim Aziz Malik on Saturday said that exportled growth is necessary for Covid-19, obstacles have economic revival in the arisen in the global supply country, which will increase the trend of economic has to align itself with the development in the country.

new potential markets and product diversification is very important for exportled growth in the country to development of agri- indusenhance the economic Chairman, country's exports can growth, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Capital

fication

trend in the country.

At this time, search for

there was a record export of office Karim Aziz Malik rice with a volume of \$ 3.5 told APP here. billion and in the next one-The Chairman Capital year rice exports will reach \$5 billion. office Federation of Pakistan Chamber Senior business leaders of Commerce and Industry said that rice is currently the (FPCCI) said that the govsecond largest sector in the ernment has to explore new

country's exports and there markets for market diversiis a need to make it zeroand increase rated like other export secregional trade, which will tors. also improve the business Malik said that for the

Along with this, new sec- country, energy prices have irrelevant expenditure of

(APP): tors have to be brought into to be brought equal to the the government. regional countries so that the domestic industry can develop.

He said that Central Asian countries are very Malik said that after important for the promotion of regional trade and there are great opportunities for Pakistan's trade there. He said that the State

Bank of Pakistan (SBP) should reduce the interest rate so that the Rs 30 trillion lying in the country's banks can be used for the promotion of business and investment in the country.

try is necessary so that a Chairman Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry He said that this year (FPCCI) said that the government has to fix the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) system to increase the tax revenue, new taxes of Rs 1700 billion will increase the inflation in the

country He said that the government should adopt the austerity measure and also rapid the process of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) economic revival in the privatization to stop the

He said that it is possible to reduce the government expenditure by reducing the interest rate by 550 basis points, otherwise the relief that the people got from the reduction in inflation will not remain.

Karim Aziz said that the Bank gradually State reduced the interest rate to 12% and the interest payment on loans is 9770 billion rupees in the current financial year, while 8730 billion rupees will be spent on the payment of interest rate on internal loans.

Lost and Found

My General Surgery Specialization degree issued by College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan has been lost. Please forward to the address below if anyone finds it. Dr. Rumman Khan Son of Sharifullah

Resident of House No. 396 Phase 6 Hayatabad Sector F 7 Peshawar

fresh record despite disappointing US inflation data and a lackluster market rose 0.2% in June, more reaction to American bank All three major US

Global stock markets most-

on more than one percent.

as the ven shot higher on expectations for Federal income.

obal stock markets most-vention. One day after powered ahead on slides by the S&P 500 and Friday, lifting the Dow Nasdaq ended a run of above 40,000 and near a records, New York indices were back on the front foot.

Stocks flirt with fresh records,

US wholesale inflation than expected, according to Labor Department data.

However Friday's data indices climbed after both was not bad enough to Paris and Frankfurt packed overshadow Thursday's benign consumer price lower profits due in part to Tokyo bucked the trend index report that boosted

rebounding yen hits Nikkei NEW YORK (AFP/APP): possible central bank inter- Reserve interest rate cuts analysts said.

"Yesterday's appears to be a one-off and it's not leading to more selling," said Adam Sarhan of 50 Park Investments, who the considers dynamics a bull market. The hardest-hit large

bank after earnings was Wells Fargo, which sank 6.0 percent as it reported a decline in net interes

Sindh Sarafa Jewellers ten gram silver remained

The price of gold in the





In brief

Shaheen's leave for Australia

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Shaheen's squad on Saturday left for Brisbane, Australia International Airport Karachi. The team will land in Brisbane, Australia via Dubai. The Shaheen will play two matches against Bangladesh A-1. The squad will also play T20I tournament.

Immobile joins Besiktas

ISTANBUL (AFP): Lazio record goal-scorer Ciro Immobile has signed a two-year deal with Turkish club Besiktas after eight seasons and more than 200 goals with the Roman "An agreement has been reached with the player for two seasons," the Istanbul club said in a statement, adding he would be paid six million euros (\$6.5m) per season. The 34-year-old Italian international was welcomed on his arrival in Istanbul by hundreds of 'Black Eagles' fans. The Borussia former Dortmund forward joined Lazio in 2016 from Sevilla and scored a club record total of 207 goals in 340 matches. He holds the joint record for the most goals scored in a Serie A season with 36 in 2019-20. But a checkered 2023-24 season during which he scored just seven league goals, saw the striker lose his indisputable starting status and suffer the brunt of the frustration of disgruntled Lazio fans. He won three trophies during his time with Lazio -- the Italian Cup in 2019 and the Italian SuperCup twice. An important player during Italy's European title success in 2021, the 57-times capped forward with 17 goals was not selected for Euro 2024. Immobile's mission will be to revitalise the Besiktas attack: the 16-times Super Lig champions last won the title in 2021. Last season they finished sixth, more than 40 points behind

Kane out to crown **England legacy**

LONDON (Agencies):

Harry Kane's move to

Germany has not yet

champions Galatasaray

Fenerbahce, its two

great Istanbul rivals.

second-placed

yielded the trophies he craved, but in Berlin on Sunday the England captain could quench his craving for silverware in style by winning Euro 2024. Kane's strike to bring England level in a dramatic semi-final vicover Netherlands was his 406th goal for clubs and country. Yet, he is approaching his 31st birthday without a single trophy to his name. Kane transferred his prolific Premier League form to the Bundesliga with ease last season, scoring 44 times in 45 appearances since joining Bayern Munich from Tottenham for a reported fee of £82 million (\$105 million). Yet it still did not result in collective success as Bayer Leverkusen did not taste defeat once in winning a domestic league and cup double, while Bayern bowed out to eventual winners Real Madrid in League Champions semi-finals. Kane came off towards the end of the decisive second leg against Madrid with a back injury that hampered the end of his club campaign and rolled into the Euros. He was unusually the target of stinging criticism from former England strikers Gary Lineker and Alan Shearer for his laboured performances early in the tournament which were symptomatic of a highly-fancied side that failed to shine. The Three Lions won just one of their opening five matches in Germany in 90 minutes and have needed late goals to come from behind in each of the three knock-

out rounds against

Slovakia, Switzerland

and the Dutch.

Krejcikova wins Wimbledon for second Grand Slam singles title

LONDON (AFP): Barbora and illness meant she went hold to love. Krejcikova of the Czech winless on the tour from Nervy con Republic defeated Italy's Jasmine Paolini to win the Wimbledon women's title on Saturday for her second Grand Slam singles triumph.

French Open victory.

Her win comes 26 years

after her mentor Jana Novotna, who died iof cancer in 2017, claimed the Wimbledon title. "Before she passed away, she told me to go and win a Slam. I did that in Paris in 2021 but I never dreamed of winning the same trophy that Jana did," said the 28-year-old Krejcikova, who secured the title in a nervy final service game on a third

championship point.
"It's unreal what just happened. The best day of my tennis career and the best day of my life.

st day of my life. be here now is crazy. It's fightback.
"I was just telling myself been a beautiful two be brave. It was such a weeks." She added: eighth games levelled the to be brave. It was such a difficult match, a great final, a great competition and I'm super happy to be standing here enjoying this moment." Krejcikova, who will return to the top 10 following her victory, came into Wimbledon after a testing season. A back injury

February until June.

"I was injured and ill and didn't have a good start to the Wimbledon singles final, Wimbledon winner. How did (first round) I had a very tough match, 7-5 in the third set and

I wasn't in good shape."

two Grand Slam finals nerve-wracked Italian manback-to-back after coming aged to claim just four off second best to Iga Swiatek at the French Open last month. "I'm a little bit Krejcikova hit 10 winners sad but I try to keep smil- to the Italian's five. ing. I have to remember today is still a good day," said Paolini, who had never and returned re-energised. won a grass-court match in She had also dropped the first

Wimbledon as a kid cheering for Roger Federer, so to launched another second set

"Barbora, you played unbelievable. You play such beautiful tennis. Congrats unforced errors to seven for to you and your team." Krejcikova set the tone at ble-fault count to a tournathe start of the match by ment-high of 33. The Czech breaking the Italian in the managed just four winners in

Paolini, the first Italian woman to reach a

Sports

season and now I'm had to save two break points in the third game but Krejcikova, the 31st that happen?" "I think seed, won 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 to add the 2024 All England Club crown to her 2021 believe it. Two weeks ago ble-break ahead for 4-1. Krejcikova moved to

three set points in the eighth game and only needed one The result means sevas Paolini dumped a backenth-seeded Paolini has lost hand return into the net. The points on the Czech's serve in the 35-minute opener.

Paolini dashed off Centre Court for a bathroom break her career until last month. set in her marathon semi-"I remember watching final triumph over Donna Vekic and on Saturday she

her opponent, taking her douopening game and backing the set as she went spectacu-up the advantage with a larly off the boil.



LONDON: Barbora Krejcikova lifts the Ladies' Singles Trophy following victory against Jasmine Paolini during her Ladies' Singles Final match during day thirteen of The Championships Wimbledon 2024.

BCCI brushes aside reports of India not travelling to Pakistan

NEW DELHI (Web Desk): The ing their team's participation in Board of Control for Cricket in Champions Trophy 2025. India (BCCI) Vice-President Rajeev Shukla denied the reports suggesting that the Indian cricket team will not put out any official information not travel to Pakistan to participate in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025.

Earlier this week, Indian media reported, citing a source from the BCCI, that the Indian team will not claimed that the board is planning to ping in as a co-host. formally propose Dubai and Sri The Pakistan (Lanka as potential venues for host- (PCB) submitted the ing India's matches.

Meanwhile, BCCI VP Rajeev sation with an Indian media outlet,

"We do not know which source gave such information. BCCI has regarding this," Shu The Print over the phone. Shukla told

Last year, India refused to travel to Pakistan to participate in the ACC Men's Asia Cup 2023. As a result, be visiting Pakistan for the upcom-ing ICC event. Reports further hybrid model with Sri Lanka stepthe continental event was held in a

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) submitted the schedule for the Champions Trophy to the ICC last week, which was reportedly Shukla, during a telephonic conver- approved by all the participating countries except India.

from the government.

"In the case of the Champions Trophy, we will do whatever the Government of India tells us to do,' BCCI Vice-President Rajeev Shukla said in May. "We send our team only when the Government of India gives us permission. So we will go according to the decision of the Indian government.'

It is worth noting that India has not travelled to Pakistan since the Asia Cup in 2008 due to the longstanding political tensions between the two neighbouring countries.

In contrast, Pakistan has made four trips to India in the last 16 years. Their most recent visit was asserted that the cricketing body has not issued any information regard- India's visit to Pakistan is contin- Cup 2023.

Atkinson can shape England's post-Anderson era: Joe Root

LONDON (AFP): Joe Root bowling department. We've early 90mphs, and still has backed Gus Atkinson to play a key role in shaping England's fast-bowling attack following Jimmy Anderson's emotional farewell at Lord's.

Anderson played his final Test for England after a glittering career that featured format -- more than any other quick in history.

England batsman labelled Anderson greatest ever bowler", but the 41-year-old's exit in the aftermath of Friday's innings and 114-run rout of the West Indies in the first Test provides opportunities for a new generation to emerge.

Indies, in which he surpassed Anderson's careerbest match figures with 12 towards," Root said. for 106, has made the tran-Ben Stokes' side.

look very bright in the bowl in the late 80mphs, invaluable really.

AUCKLAND (AFP): Wing Mark Tele'a scored two tries

on Saturday as New Zealand

squeezed past England 24-

17 to win a hard-fought sec-

either side of half-time as

the All Blacks took the

series 2-0 and extended their

30-year unbeaten record at

Eden Park. Just like in the

16-15 first Test win at

Dunedin, New Zealand had

to wrestle back the lead in

the second half from a spir-

boys to hold on and win the

arm wrestle and finish off a

good performance," said New Zealand captain Scott

Barrett. "Test matches cer-

tainly challenge your char-

acter and we had to dig deep

there, right till the last

minute." Fly-half Marcus

Smith led the visitors to a

14-13 advantage at half-time

after his pin-point cross-field

kicks created tries for wing

Tommy Freeman and

ing spell, the All Blacks took

the lead when Tele'a caught

the England defence nap-

ping from a ruck to dart over

for a try. All Blacks fly-half

Damian McKenzie landed

the conversion, but England

Smith kicked wide into

immediately hit back.

After a breathless open-

Immanuel Feyi-Waboso.

"Hugely proud of the

ited England side.

Tele'a touched down

ond Test in Auckland.

lost our greatest-ever move the ball around and bowler, but for Gus to come make things happen at high in and do that shows a lot pace. "It was great to see about where we are as a him come in and do that on team. We are moving in the such a slow wicket here." right direction," Root said.

704 wickets in the five-day Lanka in a three-match arrangement that lasts for series later in the summer. the rest of the summer.

But Root is already look-"our clash with Australia, which is Jimmy. I'll terribly miss play-

Atkinson's remarkable Ashes) is the series that played that amount of Test Test debut against the West you're always looking for- matches, taken that amount ward to, they're the ones of wickets. you're always building

sition look less daunting for out there, what they need Pennington and Matthew "I think the future does someone like Gus that can edge to bounce off, it's

Tele'a double edges

All Blacks past England

24-17 to win series

defence for a converted try. Finlay Christie.

tryline.

kick-off to pin the All he scythed through Blacks deep in their own put Tele'a over.

have had a second try when swung New Zealand's way

England led at half-time reach. The visitors fought

after Freeman outleapt until the end with England

Tele'a to haul in Smith's captain Jamie George denied

kick. The England number near the New Zealand line

ond-half camped in the All ly better team than we when

Blacks half and Smith we started," said England

with a penalty. With half an hugely exciting times ahead

hour left, scrum-half Cortez for this English team. "We'll

brought

New Zealand should

Tele'a broke away, but Smith intercepted the final

pass to Stephen Perofeta on

McKenzie landed a penalty,

but Smith quickly took the

half, where they stayed for

10 successfully converted from the touchline .

England started the sec-

extended the lead to 17-13

the arms of Feyi-Waboso, his All Blacks debut when Twickenham in November,

who stepped inside the he replaced the dazed we'll look forward to that."

Ratima came on to make welcome

McKenzie stroked over

penalty,

the next 15 minutes.

another

England

Anderson will be around England will face the to mentor Atkinson and the West Indies in two more rest of England's pace Tests and then host Sri bowlers as part of an

"All I've ever known for ng ahead to the next Ashes England is playing alongside scheduled for late 2025 into ing alongside him but the 2026. England will be aim-fact that he'll be around for ing for a first series win over the summer will be great for Australia since 2015 and the young bowlers coming Root believes Atkinson through," Root said. "You could emerge as a key figure. can't buy that experience, "I think as a player (the can you? No fast bowler has

"So for young guys coming in, someone like Gus or "When teams have gone the likes of Dillon for those conditions is Potts, to have that knowl-

The game's momentum

on Beauden

when the All Blacks

Barrett. The twice world

player of the year showed

his class by restoring the

lead for New Zealand when

he scythed through a gap to

McKenzie missed the

conversion, but landed two

from scoring a potential

"I think we're a significant-

them

over penalties to pull New but Zealand out of England's

match-levelling try.

captain George.

India crush Zimbabwe to wrap up T20 series win

Harare Sports Club on Saturday to secure a 10wicket in in the fourth T20 international and with it claim the series.

Chasing Zimbabwe's 152 for seven, India cruised him with 28 balls to spare to take a 3-1 lead in the five-match left-handed

Jaiswal hammered 93 not out off 53 balls and was named player of the match while Gill made 58 not out off 39 deliveries.

"Chasing was some thing we talked about," Gill said at the post-match presentation. "We couldn't do it in the first game so it was good to get it done.'

Zimbabwe won the first match by 13 runs last Saturday but India have taken charge since then, dominating the next three matches. Although

Sikandar Raza hit 46 off 28 balls, Zimbabwe were unable to capitalise fully on their first good start of the series.

Wessly Madhevere (25) and Tadiwanashe Marumani (32) put on 63 for the first wicket after Zimbabwe were sent in to bat. But the openers fell in successive overs to part-time bowlers Abhishek Sharma and Shivam Dube.

India again opted to field only four specialist bowlers, including new cap Tushar Despande, who claimed the wicket of Raza while conceding 30 runs in three overs. Raza said he had

thought after his team's innings that 160 was a par score but admitted: "The way they batted, 180 would not have been enough." Jaiswal set the tone in

the first over of India's innings, hitting three boundaries off Richard Ngarava. There was no let-up as

India's fifty was posted inside four overs and the hundred inside 10 overs. Jaiswal hit 13 fours and two sixes, while Gill hit six fours and two sixes.

The series wraps up with the fifth T20 in Harare on Sunday.

PCB denies NOC to Naseem Shah for The Hundred – reports

Yashasvi Jaiswal and captain Shubman Gill Desk): The Pakistan upcoming busy season The incident occurred thrashed Zimbabwe's bowlers to all parts of the Saturday, decided against Championship (WTC) innings when he walked granting the No Objection Certificate (NOC) to right-arm pacer Naseem Shah, owing to his participation in The Hundred.

According to details, the cricketing body made the decision in a bid to prevent Naseem from potential injuries and to ensure his workload management as he is Pakistan's first-choice pacer in all three formats.

Notably, Naseem was signed by Birmingham Pheonix in the £125,000 category and his absence from the tournament will result in him suffering significant financial loss.

matches against Bangladesh, England and

West Indies while also playing an ODI tri-series against New Zealand and South Africa ahead of the Champions Trophy 2025, the PCB is unwilling to take any risks regarding Naseem Shah's fitness. For the unversed,

Naseem also missed the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in India due to a shoulder injury.

The right-arm pacer suffered the injury during the ACC Men's Asia Cup 2023 fixture against India ing out of the tournament squad.

off the field favouring his bowling shoulder on the

reserve day allocated for

the blockbuster clash

between two Asian giants. Briefly, after Pakistan's 228-run defeat against arch-rivals India, the PCB called up Zaman Khan and Shahnawaz Dahani as backup pacers for the rest of the tournament, as a precautionary measure to

Naseem and Haris Rauf. Later, the PCB confirmed that Naseem Shah was ruled out of the Asia Cup 2023 and Zaman was which resulted in him rul- added to the Pakistan

provide a cover for injured

Pogacar pummels Tour de France rivals with Pyrenees win

Tadej Pogacar extended his overall lead on the Tour de France when he won stage 14 in the Pyrenees on Saturday. His arch rival Jonas

Vingegaard came second at 39sec while Remco Evenepoel was third at 1min 10sec. Ahead of another monster run in the Pyrenees on Sunday, Pogacar extended his lead to 1min 57sec over Vingegaard as Evenepoel dropped to third at 2min

With bonus seconds for the win, his 13th Tour de France stage victory, Pogacar extended his lead by 43sec. He punched the air in triumph at the line.

"The plan was to come to the final and make the sprint hard, maybe take some seconds and a stage win. But in the end this it's much better," he said at the line. "I'm super, super happy to get this," he said.

Pogacar's team UAE waited until the third and final climb of the day before sending Adam Yates on an attack seven kilometres from the line on the 11km ascent to the

Pla d'Adet. The English rider was waiting to help after the arrived,



Slovenian launched his own attack

When Pogacar unleashed ferocious acceleration, his two podium rivals followed, but were either unwilling or unable to match the pace.

Over the final section of a climb, packed on either side by raucous fans, 2020 and 2021 champion Pogacar kept up his pace all the way to the line after 15th stage falls on July 14 dropping Yates. Wearing a and should provide a show mask in the mix zone, Evenepoel seemed relaxed chair fans alike.

and happy too. who thanked his team members by name for their first took the peloton up the feared Col du Tourmalet with tens of all day.

Before the

cyclists rode up the 19km climb at an average 7.5 gradient to 2,115m altitude, many pushing their bikes or using electric assistance. Pidcock drops out

When the peloton set off from Pau, the gateway to the Pyrenees, only 158 riders of the original 176 remained. Cross-discipline maverick Tom Pidcock was absent, the latest to pull out with suspected Covid. He is due to protect mountain Olympic title in just three weeks.

The race zipped through pilgrim site Lourdes, one of the most visited cities in France due to it's grotto and fountain. Sunday's for the roadside and arm-

Warren Barguil is the "I tried yo keep up as last Frenchman to provide long as possible but he's a win on the national holilast Frenchman to provide wild," said the Belgian, day back in 2017. The wait is unlikely to end, but Romain Bardet in his support. Saturday's stage retirement year will likely reach beyond himself try-

Instead the five fearthousands of fans partying some climbs should provide a further battleground peloton for Pogacar, Vingegaard holidaying and Evenepoel.



In brief

Secretary information, PIO

extend condolences ISLAMABAD (APP) Federal Information and Broadcasting Secretary Shahera Shahid and Principal Information Officer Mubashir Hassan on Saturday expressed their grief and sorrow over the death of the mother of senior journalists Aon Sahi and Nokhaiz Sahi. Federal Secretary Information and PIO expressed heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family of the deceased. Shahera Shahid said she was deeply saddened to hear the news of the death of the mother Aon Sahi and Nokhaiz Sahi. She said the demise of a mother was a great tragedy. The secretary information and PIO said that they stood with the bereaved family in this hour of grief. They prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family to bear this loss with fortitude.

IRSA releases 292,000 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Saturday released 292,000 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 347,100 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1523.34 feet and was 125.34 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 182,400 cusecs and 139,400 cusecs respectively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1194.00 feet, which was 146.00 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded 32,100 cusecs 20,000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa, Guddu and Sukkur was recorded as 180,600, 151,400 and 82,300 respectively Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 69,200 cusecs of water released at Nowshera and 33,600 cusecs released from

IGP reviews security

River Chenab at Marala.

arrangements RAWALPINDI (APP) Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab, Dr Usman Anwar, visited Rawalpindi on Saturday to review the security arrangements put in place for Muharram ul Haram. He was accompanied by Additional IG CTD Waseem Syal, Regional Police Officer Rawalpindi Region Babar Sarfraz Alpa, City Police Officer (CPO) Rawalpindi Syed Mehmood Khalid Hamdani, and SSP Operations Flight Lieutenant (retd) Hafiz Kamran Asghar, along with other senior officers. IGP Anwar inspected the security measures for the Ashura main procession and Majlis. RPO Alpa briefed him on the arrangements over there. The visit was aimed to review the Muharram security across Punjab, following instructions from the Chief Minister Punjab. IGP Punjab said that Police teams are working tirelessly to ensure law and order with the support of various stakeholders, including scholars, administrators, and citizens. He emphasized the collaboration with Majlis organizers, peace committees district administration, and security agencies to ensure foolproof security. RPO Alpa stated that complete screening and sweeping of routes and venues are conducted before sensitive processions. He also mentioned that all processions are monitored through CCTV cameras from a control room.CPO highlighted Hamdani that the code of conduct and security Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Muharram

are strictly enforced.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi presenting souvenir to US Ambassador Donald Blome. —APP Photo

Romina chairs moot on establishing mountaineering school

the Prime Minister on Climate suitable locations, prepare a detailed Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam chaired PM's committee meeting on establishing a mountaineering school in Gilgit Baltistan to promote sustainable green tourism, mountaineering education and local community engagement ensuring environmental conservation.

The committee discussed a thorough plan for the establishment of a mountaineering school, overseeing the implementation process from conception to reality. Addressing the meeting the PM's aide said the success of the project is in team work and the suggestions of all the participants will be incorporated to finalize the establishment of the mountaineering school. Romina Khurshid stressed the need for such initiatives that can help slow down global ing programs for instructors and warming and overcome the devastating impacts of climate change, particularly in mountain regions.

Environmental budget, engage with relevant stakeholders and establish a robust monitoring and evaluation system to establish mountaineering school.

The first sub-committee will be headed by Secretary Inter Provincial Coordination will prepare a detailed feasibility, assessing the potential sites, infrastructure requirements, and financial implications, identify suitable locations for the construction of the Mountaineering School, considering accessibility, environmental impact.

The second sub-committee headed by Secretary Federal Education will design a comprehensive curriculum for the Mountaineering School, incorporating international best practices and standards in mountaineering, rescue operations, and environmental conservation. Establish trainstaff, ensuring high-quality education and skill development for stu-

ISLAMABAD (PPI): Coordinator to comprehensive curriculum, identify engage with relevant stakeholders, including the Government of Gilgit Baltistan, local communities, mountaineering associations, and international experts, to ensure comprehensive input and collaboration.

Capital

Facilitate coordination with the Government of Gilgit Baltistan to align the project with regional development plans and secure necessary approvals and support, establish a robust monitoring and evaluation framework to track the progress of the project, assess outcomes, and ensure accountability of the project. Federal secretaries from ministries

Federal Education and Professional Training, Inter Provincial Coordination and Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan and executive director, NAVTTC attended the meeting while ex-Minister for Tourism, Gilgit-Baltistan, Ghulam Muhammad and Gilgit-Baltistan, and representatives from Ev-K2-CNR, tourism educationists from KIU dents. The third sub-committee head- Hunza and Baltistan University and The meeting decided to form three ed by National High-Altitude mountaineers including Naila Kiani sub-committees that will design a Mountaineering, Naila Kiyani will participated in the meeting online.



ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to PM on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam chairing PM's committee meeting on establishing a mountaineering school in Gilgit Baltistan.

Punjab Cabinet Committee visits main procession route

procession route of Rawalpindi and reviewed all the arrangements.

The Cabinet Committee members under the leadership of Khawaja Salman Rafique reviewed all the arrangements in detail and issued instructions to the authorities concerned to ensure law and order.

The Committee was briefed that the main procession would start from Imambargah Colonel Maqbool Hussain and culminate at Imambargah Qadeemi. The Cabinet Committee also visited Madrassa Taleem-ul-Quran and met with Mohtamam Maulana Ashraf Ali.

Khawaja Rafique said,"We witnessed an atmosphere of Officer, interfaith harmony, unity, Region, peace and tolerance throughout the province during visit of different cities." Apart from the security arrangements, peace committees were active for interfaith harmony, he added.

"We have to forget the differences and talk about commonalities," Cabinet Chairman Committee said. informed that three security security of the processions and majalis across Punjab. Harram processions.

on Law and Order here on and social media, records Saturday visited the main of majalis and muharram processions were being compiled, Khawaja Salman Rafiq added. There should be a strong briefing for the several key points including officials deployed in the field, he instructed. 'Sabeels, Niaz and

Langar' were being man- Road, informed. Ministers, Mujtaba Shuja and Iqbal Road. ur Rehman, Bilal Akbar Khan and Special Assistant, sions at Naya Mohalla Malik were Chowk Zeeshan included in the delegation. Secretary

General of Police, Punjab, at Imambargah Qadmi. Usman Anwar, Khattak, Regional Police

members Alpa, Divisional and District Peace Committee were also present on this occasion. **CTP Rawalpindi issues**

traffic plan for 7th Muharram processions RAWALPINDI (APP)

(APP): Following the instructions closed for all kind of traffic, of Chief Traffic Officer with Rawal Road as its alter-(CTO) Taimoor Khan, the nate route. The procession City Traffic Police (CTP) He Rawalpindi on Saturday has issued traffic plan to tiers had been set up for maintain the flow of traffic for 7th Muharram

RAWALPINDI (APP): In addition to monitoring The plan involves 199 Punjab Cabinet Committee the use of the loudspeakers officers and personnel, including 4 DSPs/Circle Incharges and 46 Traffic Wardens. The main procession will start from Nishtar Street, Transformer Chowk, Kurry Road, Chah Sultan Chowk, Chaklala Glass Factory aged under the direction of Chowk, Zafarul Haq Road, Chief Minister Punjab, he Leprosy Hospital, Murree Provincial Road, Committee Chowk,

> It will join other procesand continue through Fawara Chowk Home Raja Bazar, Dingi Khoi, Department Punjab, Noor Bansanwala Chowk, and ul Amin Mengal, Inspector Jamia Masjid Road, ending

The CTP Rawalpindi has Commissioner Rawalpindi made necessary arrange-Salman Division, Engineer Aamir ments to ensure public convenience and smooth traffic Rawalpindi flow, preventing any unto-Babar Sarfaraz ward incidents until the procession passes Shaheen Chowk. Nishtar Street to Shaheen Chowk on Kurry Road will be closed for all traffic, while Band Khanna Road and Murree Road will be open as alternate routes.

Murree Road will remain closed for all kind of traffic, will pass through Committee Chowk, Liaquat Bagh Road, Road, and Fawara Chowk. Bansanwala Chowk and experience Bani Chowk will also be closures.

Gilani pays tribute to Kashmir martyrs

ISLAMABAD Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Saturday paid tribute to the martyrs of Kashmir, honoring their sacrifices and struggle against the Indian occupied forces.

In a message 'Kashmir Martyrs' Day," he said that the martyrs of July 13, 1931, laid the foundation for today's freedom movement. He said that generations of Kashmiris have been making sacrifices and struggling against the Kashmiri Hindutva government's conspiracy to destroy their identity.

Gilani condemned unlawful and tyrannical occupation of Indian forces on Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He reiterated Pakistan's unwavering support for the right of selfdetermination of Kashmiris, affirming Pakistan's commitment to supporting the freedom movement until the liberation of occupied Kashmir. He expressed confidence that the day to end India's illegal occupation is not far off.

closed, with alternative routes including Rawal Road, Murree Road, City Sadar Road, Gunjamandi Road and Saidpur Road. Liaquat Bagh Road, Iqbal Road, Alam Khan Road, Iqbal Road, Alam Khan and Fawara Chowk to Bansanwala Chowk will intermittent

Right to self-determination fundamental right of Kashmiris

Speaker of the National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Saturday paid tribute to people of Indian occupied Jammu Kashmir for rendering sacrifices for their freedom and the right to selfdetermination.

In his message on the occasion of Kashmir Martyrs' Day, he said, "July 13, 1931, 22 Kashmiris laid down their lives while facing the Dogra forces.

1931, the troops of Dogra Srinagar during the court proceedings against one Abdul

Kashmiri people to defy the Dogra rule. Thousands of people had gathered outside the court to show their solidarity with Abdul Qadeer.

people of Pakistan continue to remember the sacrifices of their Kashmiri brothers and sisters. He said that the struggle against India's unlawful occupation of Jammu and Kashmir continues to this day. "History has witnessed that attempts to silence the On this day (13th July) in voices of Kashmiris through

force have failed," he added. Maharaja had killed 22 He strongly condemned Kashmiris, one after the the Indian government's other, outside Central Jail in attempts to alter the demographic structure of Indian-Qadeer who had asked Kashmir, asserting that such ters," he affirmed.

plans would never succeed. "The right to self-determination is a fundamental right of the Kashmiri people," he stated. The Speaker demand-The speaker said that the ed that India end its inhumane atrocities in Indianoccupied Jammu and Kashmir and urged the international community to take action against India's blatant

He also appealed to the global community to play its role in resolving the dispute in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolutions. "Pakistan will continue to extend full moral, political, and diplomatic support to our occupied Jammu and Kashmiri brothers and sis-

violations of human rights.

French envoy expresses commitment for strengthening bilateral ties



ISLAMABAD (APP): In a sion highlighted historical expanding our trade relacooperation, the French mark France's National commemorates the stormng of the Bastille prison on

July 14, 1789. This event was a significant moment in the French Revolution, symbolizing the fight against oppression and the beginning of a new republic based on liberty, equality, and fraternity.

Bastille Day is celebrated across France with various festivities, including a grand military parade on the Champs-Élysées in Paris.

French Board and Communications Aleem Khan expressed their tion, and technology. commitment to strengthencommitment to strengthening the friendship between their two countries.

French

show of friendship and and cultural connections between France Ambassador to Pakistan, Pakistan and also appreciat-Nicolas Galey, hosted a ed Pakistan's active particireception Friday night to pation in the celebrations. He emphasized that cul-

Ambassador Galey also cultural and social gaps.

highlighted France's support for Pakistan's developly in sustainable energy, infrastructure development, and vocational training.

Aleem Khan, who was a chief guest on the French National Day highlighted the importance of strong economic and trade relations between Pakistan and France. He reaffirmed Ambassador Pakistan's dedication to Privatization, Investment areas of collaboration, especially in trade, educa-

Pakistan and France is not only based on cultural ties Ambassador but also on economic coop-Nicolas Galey on the occa- eration. We are dedicated to the two nations.

tions and exploring new opportunities for collaboration," he said.

Both officials acknowledged the contributions of the Pakistani community in Day, known as Bastille Day. tural exchanges are crucial France and the French com-Bastille Day, or "le for enhancing mutual under-Quatorze Juillet" in French, standing and cooperation. munity in Pakistan, recog-nizing their role in bridging

> They vowed on the occasion of potential iniment initiatives, particular- tiatives to further enhance people-to-people contacts and promote cultural and academic exchanges, such Privatization Minister as student exchange programs, joint cultural festivals, and collaborative research projects.

Both ambassador and Privatization Minister Aleem Khan expressed optimism about the future of Pakistan-France rela-Nicolas Galey and working closely with tions, emphasizing the Pakistan's Minister for France to explore new need for continuous dialogue and cooperation. The event was attended by numerous diplomats, politicians, and journalists, reflecting the importance of the occasion and the strong ties between

ANF seizes 411 kg drugs in seven operations

while conducting seven operations across the country managed to recover over 411 kg drugs and arrested four accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman

here on Saturday. He informed that 2.1 kg ice was recovered from a passenger going to Bahrain at Karachi Airport.

180 kg opium and 30 kg

while 110 kg hashish was accused held on Airport recovered from Pisni Road Quetta. Gwadar area.

sion of an accused netted Faisal Karachi. from Al-Asif Square Karachi. 37 kg hashish was intercepted in Kalibata Zai

In 6th operation, 7.2 kg under process.

RAWALPINDI (APP): hashish were recovered hashish was recovered from Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) from Nokundi Chagai area the possession of an from Nokundi Chagai area the possession of an

> dwadar area. 2 kg heroin was recov-43.2 kg hashish was ered from an accused recovered from the posses- nabbed from Shahrah-e-

> Cases under the Anti-Narcotics Act have been recovered from a vehicle registered against the arrested accused and further investigations are



ISLAMABAD: A view of New Electric Bus on the way in the Federal Capital. —APP Photo

DAB auctioning \$15 today

KAUL (Pajhwok): In a bid to keep the afghani stable in the open market, the Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) siad in a press release on Saturday that all poised to auction \$15 million today (Sunday). In a post on X, Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) asked eligible commercial entities and moneychangers to take part in the auction. According to the Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB), winners of the tender are required to settle their accounts until the end of the day.

The Frontier Post FGHANISTA Muharram 07 1446 — Sunday, July 14, 2024

5 people injured in accident

SHIBERGHAN (Pajhwok): Five people were injured in a traffic accident in northern Jawzjan province of Afghanistan, an official said. Police Spokesperson Qari Abdul Sattar Halimi said the accident happened at around 10:00 am on Jawzjan-Balkh road in the Airport Triangular when a swift type vehicle skidded of the road and flipped over. The injured had been shifted to the hospital, three injured were in critical

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

Shaheen call for lifting sanctions on officials

Suhail Shaheen, head of the has called for the lifting of Mohammad Hassan Akh-UN Security Council sanc- und, Prime Minister of the tions on the officials of the Islamic Emirate; Mullah Islamic Emirate following Abdul Ghani Baradar, depthe imposition of these uty prime minister for eco-

news: "All these restric- Interior Minister; Abdul tions that hinder interaction Haq Wasiq, Director of the between the international General Directorate of community and the Islamic Intelligence; and several Emirate must be lifted to other members of the pave the way for positive Islamic Emirate. interaction.'

tions monitoring team said imposition of these sancthat 61 senior "Taliban" tions will negatively affect officials are on the global the relationship between sanctions list, of which 35 the Islamic Emirate and the are members of the cabinet international community. leadership of the

The list includes senior the Islamic Emirate creates Islamic Emirate in Qatar, Emirate, including Mullah nomic affairs; Abdul Salam The head of the political Hanafi, Deputy Prime office of the Islamic Minister for Administrative Emirate in Qatar told Affairs; Mawlawi Abdul TOLOnews that the sanc- Kabir, political deputy of tions have not been effec- the Prime Minister; Amir tive and should be lifted as soon as possible.

Khan Muttaqi, acting Foreign Minister;

Shaheen told TOLO- Sirajuddin Haqqani, Acting

Moreover, some political Recently, the UN sanc- analysts believe that the "The imposition of sanc- Doha agreement.

political office of the officials of the Islamic a lack of coordination between Afghanistan and the United Nations, and the more these sanctions persist, the greater the distance between Afghanistan and the UN General Assembly,' Jannat Faheem Chakari, a

> TOLOnews. "In this case, we need to see what reforms should be introduced in Afghanistan to release these individuals from sanctions, which would also benefit Afghanistan's economy," said

> political analyst, told

Tariq Farhadi, an analyst. Earlier, Zabihullah Mujahid, spokesperson for the Islamic Emirate, told TOLOnews that the names of 24 Islamic Emirate officials are still on the UN and EU blacklist. Mujahid described the failure to remove the names of Islamic Emirate officials from the blacklist as contrary to the

Woman dead, 7 hurt in blasts

GHAZNI CITY (Pajhwok): A woman was killed and six other people sustained injuries when their vehicles hit leftover landmines in southern Ghazni and central Wardak provinces, police said Saturday.

In a statement, the Maidan Wardak police headquarters said a leftover landmine tore through a 580passenger bus in Tup Dasht area of Sayed Abad district at 8:00pm on Friday.

A woman was killed and four others injured in the incident were shifted to hospital. Meanwhile, the Ghazni

spokesman Abu police Khalid Sarhadi Pajhwok Afghan News an old landmine hit a Mazdatype vehicle, critically injuring the driver. The blast took place in Askarkut market of Qara Bagh district morning.

Protect human rights in Afghanistan

KABUL (Pajhwok): Amnesty International (AI) says nearly 355,000 people have signed a letter calling on the caretaker Afghan government to respect and protect human rights in Afghanistan.

However, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) has repeatedly made it clear that it respects human and women's rights in line with Sharia no one's rights have been violated in Afghanistan.

AI wrote on its X handle: "Afghanistan: In a powerful show of global solidarity, 354,847 signatures have been collected calling on the Taliban defacto authorities to respect and protect human rights in

It said: "As the catastrophic human rights situation persists, we must continue our joint demand for accountability and justice

one's rights had been violated in Afghanistan. Earlier, IEA chief spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid

said countries or circles influenced by Western culture believed Afghanistan should have laws like them.

Sang Takht health centre gets building

department, said the buildng of the basic health cen-(BHC) consumed \$260,000 and was inaugurated in the presence of local officials, representatives of aid agencies and

Zaki Navid indigenous NGO Watan Afghanistan carried out the construction works with financial assistance from UNHCR.

director, said the new health centre would benefit

KABUL (BNA): Sheikh Ritz, Head of the which have consistently Acting the Red Cross (ICRC), in Crescent in challenging General President of the his office.

Mr. Néstor Magindi, Head Al-Hadith Shahabuddin independent and neutral and wished him success in the International Delawar expressed his grat-Federation of Red Cross itude for the previous sup-

companies for extracting to the Ministry of Mines. the opportunity, they are

hope that in the coming

Ministry starts evaluating firms'

documents for Herat oil extraction

HERAT (Ariana News): panies have submitted its work," said Homayoun million dollars have been The Ministry of Mines and their documents for high Afghan, a spokesperson for invested and more than

"Many domestic and for- the private sector empha-

country

ARCS, IRC Heads commit

to future cooperation

Afghan Red Crescent According to a press He emphasized that the Society (ARCS), met with release from ARCS, Sheikh Afghan Red Crescent is an national society and highand Red Crescent Societies port provided by these the support from these part- joint cooperation in the (IFRC), and Mrs. Katharina charitable organizations, ners in reaching disaster future.

Afghan, a spokesperson for

sized that if they are given

ready to invest not only in

Herat oil extraction but also

in various oil fields of the

"We have nine refineries

Meanwhile, members of

victims, the needy, and Shahabuddin International Committee of assisted the Afghan Red orphans across the country,

Meanwhile, Mr. Nésifor Mgindi and Mrs. Katrina He emphasized that the Ritz congratulated Sheikh Delawar on his new role his responsibilities. They lighted the importance of also pledged continued

invested and more than

10,000 people are working in these refineries," said

Zabihullah Nazari, the

deputy head of the Oil

of the Oil Refineries Union,

domestic investors have

invested \$300 million in

this sector, which has pro-

According to the figures

Refineries Union.

Kankor entrance exams held in Kabul



KABUL (TOLOnews): The this year's Kankor exam Authority announced that the final stage of the 1403 Kankor National Friday in Kabul.

ed among independent can- divided the exam into five women and girls is noth- in Afghanistan. didates, those from abroad, phases, and this was the last ing." provinces, graduates of 100,000 young people par-14th grade, and graduates ticipating in total.

of religious schools.

Examination will be announced within on Saturday the next ten days.

The acting head of the ational Examination examination was held on Authority said, "This year, receive education and purthe youth showed great The exam was conduct- interest in this exam. We because a society without from the phase, with more than

said that the final result of said, "I want to become a ten days.

Afghanistan celebrates

National Export Day

reports significant \$2b export growth

serve the people. I hope to see my country prosperous and peaceful."
Meanwhile,

Kankor exam participants have requested the Islamic Emirate simplify the examination process

Mohabbatullah, Kankor test-taker, said: There are too many questions, 160 questions; we request that the number be reduced and other opportu-nities be provided for the

Mohammad Musadiq another participant, said, "Girls' schools should be reopened so that they can sue higher education

National Examination Authority, more than Asadullah, who lost his 100,000 people participated Abdul Baqi Haqqani, the legs due to a mortar explo- in the 1403 Kankor exam, acting head of the National sion and came from Paktia and the results will be Examination Authority, to Kabul to take the exam, announced within the next

Afgĥanistan.'

Meanwhile, the caretaker government in Kabul is vet comment on the AI report, but it has previously said no

NEILI (Pajhwok): The Public Health Department in central Daikundi province says construction of a building for a health centre has been completed and put into service in Sang Takĥt district

Navid Zaki, a spoke-sman for the public health residents.

Dr. Ghani Samim, the provincial public health

domestic and foreign com- large field and the start of in which more than 300 **Construction work begins** on Pul-i-Khumri road



Petroleum (MoMP) says it investment in Herat oil

of domestic and foreign eign companies have come

Herat oil field and the win- Currently, their documents

ning company will be are being evaluated. We

istry said that dozens of practical contract for this

Officials from the min- days, we may witness the

has started the process of extraction.

evaluating the documents

determined soon.

Latif Mazlom said the road would cost 60 million afghanis from the municipality's development budget and would take eight months to complete.

Afghan Red Crescent

He said the road would be widened and black-

topped. Meanwhile, Haji Saleh, an inhabitant of Pul-I-Khumri, the provincial capital, asked the people to development schemes. support the municipality's



accidents occurred on this would He said many traffic road and its construction mishaps.

Release of 11 Afghan prisoners, including child, from prisons

and Repatriations announ- on July 12th. ced the release of 11 Afghan citizens, including a ch-

freed and repatriated to ultimately released them. Afghanistan.

According to the ministry's statement, the newly Directorate of Nangarhar released entered

KABUL (Khaama Press): through the Torkham bor- spent two years and six The Ministry of Refugees der in Nangarhar province

Officials at the Ministry Refugees ild, from Pakistani prisons. Repatriations explained In a press release on that these individuals had Saturday, the ministry stat- been detained for six ed that approximately 10 months due to a lack of individuals detained in proper residency docu-Pakistani prisons have been ments. Pakistani authorities

> Additionally, according to the Border Affairs prisoners re- Province, a two-year-old in their country is the lack vulnerable to detention due Afghanistan Afghan child who had of legal residency docu- to bureaucratic hurdles.

months in a Pakistani prison was also released and handed over to their family by Afghan authori-

ties after being repatriated. Prior to this, Afghan citizens in Pakistan have been detained and deported for various reasons Pakistani authorities.

detaining Afghan migrants

The ongoing issue high-

lights the challenges faced by Afghan migrants in Pakistan. It underscores the importance of addressing legal and documentation issues to prevent such detentions and deportations in the future.

Efforts from both coun-Pakistani officials have tries are crucial to ensure repeatedly emphasized that humane treatment and the primary reason for proper handling of Afghan migrants, especially those

Poultry meat production up 58 per cent in Kunddz

KUNDUZ CITY (Pajhwok): In the past six months 3,000 tonnes of poultry meat has been produced in northern Kunduz province showing a 58,3 percent increase compared to the previous six months, an official said. Jummah Din Umarkhel, the Agriculture Department

director said cooperation with the farmers, reactivation of

inactive poultry farms and increase in the poultry meat export to other provinces were the main reasons behind the increase in poultry meat production. He said in the past six months 3,000 tonnes of poultry meat was obtained from poultry farms in the province,

while in the previous six months, 1,250 tonnes of poultry meat was obtained. He said, "There are different reasons behind the increase in poultry meat production such as cooperation

with poultry farmers, increase in poultry meat production

and expansion of poultry farms. Some poultry farmers acknowledged the increase in meat production but complained about the lack of market place. Mir Akbar, one of the poultry farmers, said: "Poultry farming has no market, in the past one kilogram of meat cost 150 afs but now it is sold at 80 afs.

Sugar prices down in Kabul markets

KABUL (Pajhwok): The 1,500afs and 1,420afs prices of sugar decreased, but the rates of other edible items stayed stable during the outgoing week in Kabul, market sources said Saturday

Food items Zmarai Safi, head of the

Food Traders' Association, said the rate of a 49-kilogram sack of sugar went down from 2,980afs to 2,900afs.

But the prices of a 49sack cilogram Kazakhstani flour and 16 liters tin of Malaysian of sugar at 2,950afs. cooking oil stayed stable at

respectively Also a 24-kilogarm bag

of Pakistani rice was sold for 2,600afs, a kilogram of African black tea for 400afs and the same amount of Indonesian green tea for 350afs, the same rates as last week's.

Hamid Sufizada, a retailer at Dehna-i-Bagh Market, put the retail price of a 49kilogram bag of Kazakh flour at 1,550afs, a 24-kg bag of Pakistani rice at 2,650afs and a 49-kg sack

A 16-litre bottle of cook-

ing oil accounted for 1,470afs, one kilogram of black tea for 400afs and the same quantity of green tea for 450afs, Hamid Sufizada added

Fuel prices

worker at the Ahmadyar pump station told Pajhwok Afghan News the prices of one litre of petrol remained unchanged at 62afs and diesel at 60afs.

Mohammad Sharif, a liquefied gas seller in Kolola Pushta neighborhood, sold a kilo of the commodity for 48afs.

Ministry of Industry and

National Export Day under Afghanistan's reputation. the theme "More Exports – Subsequently, Acting Better Economy" in Kabul. Minister of Industry and The event was attended by Commerce, Emirate Afghanistan, cabinet mem- Afghanistan's representatives.

Abdul Ghani Baradar commitment to supporting Akhund, highlighted the local industries and faciliimportance of trade rela- tating international trade tions based on exports and agreements. imports. Furthermore, he Afghanistan. PM

al standards and maintain celebrated high quality to enhance

Nooruddin senior officials of the Azizi, emphasized the sigof nificant growth 150% increase over the In his opening remarks, past three years, reaching Deputy Prime Minister for approximately \$2 billion Economic Affairs, Mullah USD. He reiterated the

Moreover, assured that the Islamic Minister of Agriculture, Emirate's economic poli- Irrigation, and Livestock, cies would lead to Mullah Attaullah Omari, increased export levels for stressed the continuous efforts to create a con-In addition to this, ducive environment for Baradar traders and investors, callannounced the establish- ing on them to utilize these ment of export processing opportunities for the counzones in six provinces try's development.

From another perspecbased on the decree of the Supreme Leader, includ- tive, Sheikh Noorul Haq Day. This day will be celeing Kabul, to standardize Anwar, General Director brated annually to encourexports. He further urged of the Administrative age the private sector and exporters to ensure their Office of Affairs, dis-boost exports.

(BNA): The products meet internation- cussed the importance of trade from an Islamic perspective, emphasizing honesty and trustworthi ness in business dealings.

Additionally, Moham mad Younus Momand, Deputy of the Afghanistan in Chamber of Commerce exports, and Investment, called on bers, and private sector noting an impressive neighboring countries to adopt mutually beneficial Furthermore, policies. Sherbaz Kaminzada and Mirwais Haji Zada empha-sized the need for standardizing production and utilizing domestic products to increase export levels.

The event concluded with Islamic Emirate officials honoring the top exporters from 17 different sectors for the fiscal year 1402 with awards and certificates of apprecia-

Finally, the Cabinet of the Islamic Emirate has officially designated May 9th as National Export



RAWALPINDI: President Asif Ali Zardari offering fateha for Captain Muhammad Osama bin Arshad Shaheed, during his visit to Shaheed's family home.

KP cabinet approves amends in Mines and Minerals Act 2017

PESHAWAR: The 10th meeting of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provincial cabinet, held at Civil Secretariat Peshawar was presided over by Chief Minister Sardar Ali Amin Gandapur. The meeting of the provincial cabinet was attended by Ministers, Advisors, Special Assistants, Senior Member Board of Revenue, Additional Chief Secretaries and relevant administrative

Understanding (MoU) regarding shared fiscal responsibilities for the financial year 2024-25, intended to be signed between the Federal Government and all Provincial Khyber

Government will agree to the proposed budget surplus of Rs. 178 bilfulfills its commitment to resolving Secretary. Additionally, the approval is contingent on the FBR completely achieving the revenue target set in the Budget Estimates 2024-25.

It is noteworthy that the MoU on shared fiscal responsibilities was initially presented in the Provincial Cabinet meeting held on June 27, 2024. After due consideration, the cabinet nominated the Advisor to the Chief Minister on Finance to address the Khyber

Blome called

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Interior Minister, Mohsin

ited the Ministry of Interior,

where Mr Naqvi welcomed

him. Other officials were

also present on the occa-

sion. During the meeting, both sides discussed the

Pakistan-US relations, secu-

rity and other matters of

mutual interest. They

pledged to enhance cooper-

ation in security, counterterrorism, anti-narcotics,

New York Police Departm-

ent was discussed. He said

a delegation of Islamabad

Police will soon visit New

York to improve mutual

cooperation. He said offi-

cers from Islamabad Police

are keen to receive training

from the New York Police

Department.

and other areas.

Federal

ISLAMABAD:

Government. As a result, a delegation Development, was established by the from the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa met with the Secretary of the Finance Division on July 2,

While debating and deciding on the draft Gandhara Corridor Act 2024 proposed by the Federal Government, the provincial cabinet asserted that the Gandhara Corridor is a cultural heritage of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and therefore a provincial matter. Consequently, the cabinet approved the decision to communicate its reservations to the Federal Government and advised against legislating on this provincial subject.

The provincial cabinet has approved the forwarding of two resolutions from Governments was presented in the the provincial assembly to the Federal cabinet meeting. The cabinet has Government. Resolution No. 02, preapproved communicating the sented by MPA Muhammad Yameen, provincial government's stance to calls for the immediate release of forthe Federal Government, stating that mer Prime Minister Imran Khan and Pakhtunkhwa other political prisoners. Resolution ree to the pro-No. 04, introduced by MPA Ahmad Kundi, addresses the issue of Palestine, lion only if the Federal Government urging the Federal Government to advocate for international awareness the province's financial issues, as and action on the conflict in Palestine discussed with the Federal Finance and to strive for convening an OIC meeting on this matter.

A detailed report from the cabinet's ministerial committee, which was formed to investigate the engagement of private testing agencies by various departments and offices of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in violation of government orders, was presented to the provincial cabinet. The cabinet approved the committee's recommendations. The ministerial committee, at strengthening the legislative framechaired by the Minister for Local work of the mineral sector for Government, Elections, and Rural ing investment to the province.

provincial cabinet on March 28, 2024. Its mandate was to assess the capacity of the ETEA, examine cases of tests assigned to private testing agencies, and seek explanations from administrative departments that did not adhere to the cabinet's decision regarding conducting tests through ETEA. The tenure of the committee was extended to further six months with the responsibility to oversee the function and performance of the ETEA.

The provincial cabinet approved monthly sustenance and food ration allowance to the additional 554 temporary displaced families of North Waziristan Merged District. This approval included release of Rs. 359.3176 million on monthly basis instead of 348.00 million to meet the current requirement, Rs. 100.71 million for clearance of pending liability of 554 families from October 2023 to

The provincial cabinet approved the provision of funds 551.900 million to PDMA for provision of tents, NFIs and cooked food for 6455 repatriating families to Rajgal valley in Khyber Merged District. Upon the request of Deputy Commissioner Khyber, the cabinet also approved declaration of emergency under section-16 (A) for the NDM Act 2010 for necessary arrangements.

The provincial cabinet approved draft important amendments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mines and Minerals Act 2017 also amending its schedule IV-A and schedule-IX. Amendments aimed work of the mineral sector for attract-

Asian Development Bank delegation calls on KP CM

F.P. Report

Naqvi, met with US PESHAWAR: A delegation Ambassador to Pakistan, Donald Blome, and both of Asian Development Bank sides agreed to strengthen met with Chief Minister Khyber mutual cooperation in Pakhtunkhwa counter-terrorism, anti-nar-Sardar Ali Amin Gandapur cotics, and security. here at CM Secretariat on The US Ambassador vis-Saturday.

Apart from Additional Chief Secretary Planning, Administrative Secretaries of concerned departments and other officials were also present in the meeting. The two discussed in details issues related to the ongoing important development projects in various sectors in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank in the

province. The Asian Development Both sides agreed to organize "Law enforce-Bank is supporting Khyber ment dialogues" in Octo-Pakhtunkhwa in different ber. The Interior minister sectors include road infraassured the US Amstructure, water, agriculture, bassador of the Interior energy, urban development Ministry's full cooperation and health. A detailed disin enhancing bilateral relacussion was also held on the tions. Talking about his progress on these developrecent visit to New York, ment projects as per the Mr Naqvi said that the timelines and the matters issue of cooperation betrelated to their timely comween Islamabad and the

pletion. In the meeting, the development projects to be started with the support of the Asian Development Bank during the next three years were agreed to start implementation of these projects early if soon. The delegation of the Ali Amin Gandapur said.

Asian Development Bank expressed their willingness ment opportunities to people to release funds ahead of the timelines for the implementation of these projects. These projects include

Sustainable Urban Mobility, Our goal is to put people on Rural Roads their Development, KP Cities Improvement Project, KP Food Security and Livestock ture in the merged districts Management Program. The and providing employment Chief Minister also instruct- opportunities to the people is ed to the concerned authorithe main priority of the ties to complete the required provincial government, Ali accessories as soon as possible in this regard. meeting The

for Country five-year Partnership Strategy 2026laboration of the Asian Development Bank for the development of social sectors, Sardar Ali Amin Gandapur said.

The provincial governagriculture, tourism, minerals,

Providing self-employby developing these sectors is an important part of the provincial government's vision, Chief Minister various projects under KP informed the delegation. feet, Ali Gandapur

Development of infrastruc-Amin Gandapur said.

To solve the problem of also food security of the province reviewed the proposed proj- on a permanent basis, proj-Khyber ects of small dams including Pakhtunkhwa under the CRBC are the priority of the provincial government, Ali Amin Gandapur informed 30. The two sides also the delegation. The provinagreed to expand coopera- cial government, he said, is tion in social sectors. The investing to implement these provincial government val- projects. In this regard, the ues the cooperation and col- cooperation of partner institutions is also needed, Chief Minister said.

The present provincial government is introducing fundamental reforms in its development ment is investing heavily in Chief Minister said. "We potential sectors to increase have reduced the throw-forits revenue, Chief Minister ward of development projsaid. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ects from 13 years to 6 has enormous investment years, Chief Minister Ali also discussed. The two have opportunities in the fields of Amin said. The provincial livestock, government, he said, is working on providing its pre-requisites are completed hydropower and housing, electricity at cheaper rates to local industries.

Moonis, six others declared absconders F.P. Report

LAHORE: The special central jail in Lahore has declared Moonis Elahi, son of Chaudhry Pervez Elahi, and six other accused absconders in the moneylaundering case filed by Investigation Agency (FIA).

The special central jail heard the money laundering case today. FIA submitted the incomplete challan of nine accused including Moonis Elahi in the court Chaudhry Moonis Elahi and other six accused have been declared proclaimed offenders in the challan against Monis Elahi and other nine accused. The proclaimed offenders include Firasat Ali, Imtiaz Ali, Amir Sohail, Wajid Ahmad and Amir Fiyaz. The accused, Zara Elahi Ahmad Farhan and Zaigham Abbas have been included in column no 4 for being on bail. FIA has requested the

court to freeze the proper-ties of Moonis Elahi and other nine accused. The court has frozen the properties of seven accused except Monis Elahi and Zaigham Abbas. Counsel of Moonis Elahi and Zaigham Abbas requested time for arguments on properties freezing matter from the court.

The court directed counsel to present arguments until August 20. Judge Tanveer Ahmed Sheikh has issued the written verdict of early hearing on challan. The judgement mentions that Interpol is being engaged for the arrest of Moonis Elahi and Interpol has issued red notices to him. Zara Elahi is accused of kick-backs. As per investigative officer, Zara Elahi couldn't present evidence of her income

As per challan, Zaigham Abbas is a cash boy of Moonis Elahi and accused Zaigham Abbas used to do illegal money transactions in the bank accounts of other accused. It has been alleged that accused Ahmed Farhan used to deposit money in the bank accounts. It is pertinent to note that FIA registered the money-laundering and corcase against Moonis Elahi on June 6.

Flour crisis Sindh F.P. Report

KARACHI: There are fears of a flour crisis developing in Sindh, especially in Karachi, as the countrywide strike by flour millers against the imposition of withholding tax in the federal budget entered its third day on Saturday.

On Friday addressing an emergency meeting of Sindh's flour millers in Karachi, Flour Mills Sindh Circle Chairman Chaudhry Amir Abdullah vowed to continue the struggle come what may. "The very fact that all flour mills' owners from the province are present at today's meeting is a proof of our unity," he said adding, "We will remain on strike as long as our demands are not met.' Chaudhry Amir said that despite the passage of two days, the government had not made any contact with the flour millers for negotia-

On the other hand labourers have been rendered jobless as flour mills are shut across Sindh. Flour mills' owners had gone on strike on Thursday morning on the call given by the Pakistan Flour Mills Flour Association (PFMA), saying they would not relent until the government withdrew newly imposed taxes.

President for joint efforts to ensure sustainable uplift

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has called for collaborative efforts by the Eastern nations to ensure sustainable development and common prosperity through the China's Global Development Initiative (GDI).

He highlighted that GDI had great potential to significantly shape the future of the world by promoting shared development. He urged the developing countries to play a leading role in the global development process. The President expressed these views while virtually addressing the 2nd Highlevel Meeting of the Forum on Global Action for Shared Development, organized by the China International Development Cooperation (CIDCA), Agency Beijing, on Saturday.

Representatives of for-

eign countries, international organisations, foreign companies and non-governmental organisations attended the event held in Beijing. In his statement, President Zardari underscored the importance of viewing global challenges such as progress, development, and health, from an Eastern perspective.

of the global population laborating with global part- opment.

Zardari visits residence of Captain Osama Shaheed

RAWALPINDI: President Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday visited the family home of Captain Muhammad Osama bin Arshad Shaheed, who was martyred in a fire-fight with terrorists in North Waziristan and offered heartfelt ondolences to his family members.

Speaking with the father of Shaheed Captain Osama, he president paid tribute to the martyred who laid down his life for the country. President Zardari also commended the bravery, patriotism, and services of Captain Osama Shaheed. He offered Fateha for Captain Muhammad Osama bin Arshad Shaheed and prayed for the elevation of ranks of the departed soul in Jannah. He also prayed for grant of courage to the bereaved family members to bear this loss with patience.

countries bouring nations. The building capaci President emphasized that shared prosperity. Pakistan was eager to see President Xi Jinping and also the People's Republic of of China spearheading GDI, leading the East and the entire world into the new millennium.

China aims to help acceler-

lived in the Eastern hemi- ners to speed up the implesphere, particularly in mentation of GDI by like Čhina, enlarging its Friend Circle, Pakistan, and other neighbouring nations. The building capacities for

China and Pakistan have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Strengthening Development Cooperation and Promoting the Implementation of Global It is worth stating that Development Initiative, through the Global focusing on areas including Development Initiative, poverty reduction, medicine, education, infrastrucate the implementation of ture construction, agriculthe UN 2030 Sustainable ture, planning consultation, Development Agenda and culture and sports, lawsolve the dilemma of global enforcement cooperation, He pointed out that most development. China is col- and human resource devel-

Malala calls on govt to stop deporting Afghans

laureate Malala Yousafzai has called on the federal government to stop deportundocumented ing undocumented Afghans, saying she was especially concerned about the "dark future" awaiting

women and girls sent back.

"It is deeply concerning that Pakistan is forcing Afghan refugees based in back Pakistan Afghanistan, and deeply concerned about the women and girls", the activist, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, told AFP in an inter-

She had to move to the

Pakistan reverses its policy situation in Afghanistan. and that they protect girls and women especially because of the dark future talks in Doha for the first that they would be witnessing in Afghanistan," she added.

Speaking to AFP on her birthday, recognised by the UN as Malala Day, the country in the world where girls over 12 are barred a time when girls have been banned from their educa-

Earlier this month, the UN and Taliban sat down for time since the latter came to power but without women in attendance. Malala said the Doha talks made a "compromise on the future of women and girls", callactivist launched into the ing for a "principled challenges facing the only engagement" with the Taliban.

"World leaders need to from school. "I cannot realise that when they sit believe that I'm witnessing down with the Taliban [...] and they're excluding women and girls, they are view. "A lot of these girls in Pakistan were studying, years", she said, adding that they were in school, these while the situation was call out those countries as women were doing work", "shocking", she "admired well — that includes said Malala, 27, who grew the resilience of the Afghan Canada and France — who have a feminist foreign pol-The Malala Fund is cam- icy" to "condemn" conver-UK after she was shot, aged paigning for the UN to for- sations like the Doha talks, just 15, for resisting the mally broaden its definition she added. Malala also banned militant Tehreek-i- of crimes against humanity called for an "urgent" Taliban Pakistan's then-ban to include "gender ceasefire in the bombard-on girls' education in her apartheid" — a phrase the ment in Gaza.

'I'm not going anywhere,' Biden says as campaign struggles

Seeking to revive his struggling reelection campaign, President Joe Biden held a rare rally in Detroit, telling a cheering crowd he wasn't going to leave the race and warning that Republican Donald Trump poses a serious threat. Biden, 81, is trying to shift the conversation from his mental sharpness and a growing number of Democratic defections to the impact of another Trump presidency, as he tries to reboot his campaign after a shaky debate performance on June 27.

"I am running and we're going to win," he said to a crowd that carried "Motown is Joetown" signs and chanted: "Don't you quit." "I'm the nominee," he said. "I'm not going anywhere." Pointing to the press area in the gym, Biden said: "They've been hammering me," to which the crowd booed. "Guess what, Donald Trump has gotten a free pass," he added.

"Hopefully with age comes a little wisdom,"

sometimes gleeful performance. "Here's what I know - I know how to tell the truth, I know right from wrong ... and I know Americans want a president, not a dictator." Biden also laid out what he intended to do with his first 100 days of a second term, including codifying abortion rights, signing the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, ending medical debt, raising the minimum wage and banning assault weapons. These sweeping changes

would be difficult or impossible without Democratic majorities in both houses of Congress. While union and religious leaders attended, governor Michigan's Gretchen Whitmer and its Democratic senators, Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, did not. Earlier on Friday, Biden made a surprise stop at a restaurant in a Detroit suburb, where he told diners he planned to "finish the job," and said: "I promise you... I'm okay.'

(Reuters): Biden said, in a defiant and Friday when two prominent Democrats - Representative James California Governor Gavin Newsom - said he should stay in the race. On Friday afternoon, United Auto Workers president Shawn Fain, who had previously said he was worried about the president's chances, praised Biden for standing with the working class, without using his name.

But there were signs that his support was weakening elsewhere, as two more lawmakers called on him to drop out. "It is time to move forward. With a new leader,' Representative Mike Levin, from California, said in a statement. Levin, like many others who have called on Biden to leave the race, faces a competitive reelection battle of his own this year. Since the debate, at least 19 lawmakers have urged Biden to step aside so the party can pick another candidate, as some have Hollywood stars, activist Biden got a boost on groups and news outlets.

Iran's new president warns US his country won't be pressured

TEHRAN (AP): Iran's newly elected "prioritize strengthening relations president said his government will countries" in line with national interbut stressed to the United States that Gaza Strip that started Oct.7. his country "will not respond to pres-

Masoud Pezeshkian penned "My Message To The New World" in the country's state-owned Tehran Times, praising the latest presidential election that "demonstrated remarkable stability" and vowing to uphold "promises I made during my campaign.

surgeon and longtime lawmaker, bested hard-liner former nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili to clinch July 5's runoff election to replace President message his administration would entered its third year.

with our neighbors" and urged Arab create "balance in relations with all countries to use "all diplomatic leverages" to push for a lasting ceasefire in ests and the prerequisites for peace the ongoing Israel-Hamas war in the Iran has long supported the militant

group Hamas, and Pezeshkian on Wednesday expressed his all-out support of "the Plastesinan resistance" in a message to the group's chief Ismail Haniyeh. Pezeshkian, in the letter Friday, hailed his country's relations with Russia and China which "consistently stood by us during challenging Pezeshkian, a 69-year-old heart times." He said Moscow was "a valued strategic ally" and his government would expand bilateral cooperation. He also expressed willingness to "support initiatives aimed at" achiev-Ebrahim Raisi, who was killed in a ing peace between Russia and helicopter crash in May. He said in his Ukraine in the ongoing war that

with Beijing and applauded it for brobetween Iran and Saudi Arabia after seven years of diplomatic tensions. Pezeshkian said he looks forward to engaging in constructive dialogue with European countries "based on principles of mutual respect" despite a relationship that has known "its ups and downs.

In May 2018, the US unilaterally withdrew from the Comprehensive Plan of Action — a nuclear agreement that also included Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany. Since then, Western powers have accused the Islamic Republic of expanding its nuclear program and ed 60 percent level, near-weaponsgrade levels. The US has issued Covid pandemic" due to sanctions.

The president also said he looked severe, mainly economic, sanctions forward to furthering cooperation against Iran. Pezeshkian accused the European countries of reneging on kering a deal to normalize relations commitments made, following the US withdrawal, to ensure "effective banking transactions, effective protection of companies from US sanctions, and the promotion of investments in Iran.' However, he added there were still many opportunities for collaboration between Iran and Europe.

He then addressed the US, underscoring his country's refusal to "respond to pressure," adding that Iran "entered the JCPOA in 2015 in good faith and fully met our obligations." Pezeshkian said the US backing out has inflicted "hundreds of billions of dollars in damage to our economy" and caused "untold suffering, enriching uranium to an unprecedent- death and destruction on the Iranian

Pezeshkian said Western countries challenges locally. He must now conously undermined the Non-Proliferation Treaty." He emphasized include nuclear weapons." Iran has erned by hard-liners. held indirect talks with President Joe Biden's administration, though there's been no clear movement toward constraining Tehran's nuclear program for the lifting of economic sanctions. Pezeshkian also accused the US

administration in his open letter of activities, who was killed in a US drone strike in neighboring Iraq in gram. Iran's president faces many leadership.

"not only missed a historic opportuni- vince an angry public — many under ty to reduce and manage tensions in financial duress due to sanctions, the region and the world, but also seri-stubbornly high inflation and unemployment — that he can make the changes promised while dealing with that "Iran's defense doctrine does not an administration still largely gov-Pezeshkian has aligned himself

with other moderate and reformist figures since his Presidential campaign. His main advocate has been former Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who reached the 2015 JCPOA. Pezeshkian appointed Zarif escalating "hostilities" by assassinat- as the head of the Strategic Council ing General Qassem Soleimani, the for the transition period of the architect of Iran's regional military administration. The council, comprised of experts and advisers, will focus on assessing potential candi-2020. Besides regional turmoil and dates for key cabinet positions and people — particularly during the tense relations over Iran's nuclear pro- ensuring a seamless handover of