#### LHC orders release of Sanam F.P. Report

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court has directed the immediate release of PTI activist Sanam Javed, who was detained in connection with the Gujranwala case. A two-member bench, led by Justice Asjad Javed Gharal, issued a 14-page written ruling on Javed's petition. The court criticized the repeated arrest of Javed as a misuse of the legal system.

# Frontier Post

**IHC** issues notice to CDA F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued notice to Capital development Authority (CDA), seeking response from it for sending notice to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) central secretariat Islamabad on encroachment. A petition on CDA notice against PTI secretariat violation of rules and encroachment was heard

**@thefrontierpost** 

First national English daily published from Peshawar, Islamabad, Lahore, Quetta, Karachi and Washington D.C

www.thefrontierpost.com

Vol. XXXIXI

**Regd. No. 241** 

MUHARRAM 06 1446 -- SATURDAY, JULY 13 2024

PESHAWAR EDITION

PRICE. 30



ISLAMABAD: President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, called on President Asif Ali Zardari, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

## Pakistan, Azerbaijan to expand bilateral ties

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan highlighted the importance sion, President Ilham affirmed their commitment that to further expanding mutu- Countries and Azerbaijan ally beneficial cooperation could benefit from it for in the areas of bilateral promoting regional trade, interest, especially energy, connectivity and tourism, trade, connectivity, besides bringing shared defence, and people-to- economic prosperity to the people linkages.

These topics were discussed during a meeting signing of Memoranda of between President Asif Ali Understanding (MoUs) Zardari and the visiting between Pakistan and President of Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan, adding that the Ilham Aliyev, at Aiwan-e- MoUs would give a new Sadr, on Friday. Welcoming impetus to bilateral cooper-President Ilham Aliyev, ation in the fields of trade, President Asif Ali Zardari commerce, tourism, mines said that both countries and minerals, science and enjoyed excellent relations technology, law & justice, and had a great scope of and culture. President highfurther improving ties in lighted that the East had the various areas of mutual potential to lead the world

and businessmen of with Central Asian Pakistan's unwaver Pakistan and Azerbaijan to Republics and Azerbaijan. Port for Azerbaijan.

cement bilateral ties. He Central Asian

region.
President welcomed the (MoUs) towards prosperity. He House. He underlined the need added that Pakistan wanted

Speaking on the occa-Azerbaijan have of Gwadar port, suggesting Aliyev said that Pakistan and Azerbaijan enjoyed a high frequency of peopleto-people exchanges and both the countries needed to promote business-to-business relations for enhancing economic relations. He stated that Pakistan and Azerbaijan could also explore the possibility of working together in the

renewable energy sector.

Later, the President also hosted a banquet in honour of President Ilham Aliyev and his delegation, which was also attended by Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Federal Ministers, parliamentarians, diplomats, and journal ists, at the President's The President expressed his warm greetfor more regular engage-ments between the people result-oriented engagement Azerbaijan and reassured Asian Pakistan's unwavering sup

He insisted: "We request the Commission to implement these orders immediately and first of all, the accompanied Chairman of the Sunni we have to win political bat-

In a phone call with PTI stalwart Asad Qaiser, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman said that his party "accepted" the apex court's verdict, which came out as a major legal victory for the

former ruling party. "We express goodwill to the PTI on the [favourable] the ties between the two parsupremacy

Constitution and law"

#### SIC, JUI-F hails verdict in favour of PTI

ISLAMABAD: Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan on Friday said that the ruling coalition's desire to amend the Constitution according to its wishes has been blocked by the Supreme Court ruling.

F.P. Report

The apex court, in a majority verdict, declared that the PTI is a political party and eligible for reserved seats denied by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). The order has effectively deprived the government of a two-thirds majority in the Parliament, essential for amending the Constitution. While addressing the media after the Supreme Court announced its verdict, the barrister said the decision announced by the court today was based on

"It is a happy day for 25 million people, for democratic forces," he said. "The decision of the Supreme Court will be remembered in history." He further claimed that 11 judges of the Supreme Court ruled in favour of PTI and added that the verdict blocked an attempt to amend the Constitution. Gohar explained that based on the appeals that have been allowed in the ratio of 8 to 5, the seats will be returned to

Election Commission should issue us the certificate of our intra-party election within this week." During the press conference, the PTI chief Ittehad Council (SIC) Hamid Raza, and party leaders Shibli Faraz and Salman Akram Raja who also spoke to the media. "Today, we have won legal battle, now, tle," Raja said.

verdict and hope that the development will improve ties," Fazl told Qaiser. At this, the former NA speaker thanked Fazl for his good wishes. He said that today's verdict would establish the Constitution and democracy. PTI stalwart Asad Qaiser in reaction to the favourable decision by the apex court said that it was a "victory of

# PTI eligible for reserved seats: SC

grain of its previous decisions regarding the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) that he would prove that the Election in the run-up to Feb 8 election, the apex court on Friday overturned the Peshawar High Court's verdict of depriving the PTI of the reserved the SIC's plea regarding reserved seats of non-Muslim and women candidates in assemblies.

The apex court, in its majority 8-5 decision, announced that the conduct of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) regarding reserved seats was 'unconstitutional', adding that the PTI would remain intact as a political party even without being assigned an election symbol. The verdict was authored by Justice Mansoor

Justice Athar Minallah, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Muneeb Akhtar, Justice Ayesha Malik, Justice Irfan Saadat, Justice Shahid Waheed, Justice Hassan Azhar Rizvi and Justice Ali Mazhar have decided in favour of the PTI to be allotted reserved seats while Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa, Justice Jamal Mandokhail, Justice Naeem Afghan and Justice Aminuddin Khan favoured against the PTI.

Besides, Justice Yahya Afridi wrote a dissenting note. The SC accepted the PTI as a political party and rejected the SIC's appeals. It has been said in the SC verdict that the PTI could give list of the candidates of the reserved seats, adding that those 41 candidates could present their certificates to prove that they were members of the party.

It is noteworthy that the full court bench had also deliberated on the PTI's reserved seats for almost two hours on Wednesday. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Muneeb Mazhar, Justice Ayesha A. Malik, Justice Athar Minallah, Justice Syed and Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan party. attended the meeting presided over

submitted before the Supreme Court Commission (ECP) had not fulfilled soon as the court resumed hearing on seats for women and minorities. "I will take 15 minutes to argue my point," he added.

Advocate Siddiqui stated that they [ECP] argued that the SIC did not participate in the elections and did not submit the list of candidates for reserved seats. He argued that the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) did not win any seat in 2018 but got three reserved seats. The ECP submitted a prejudiced response regarding the BAP election. The issue was raised If you want the Supreme Court to before the ECP before moving the take up the 2018 election [anomaly], Supreme Court, he submitted and added that the ECP claim was contrary to its own documents. Isn't it distortion [of facts]?

Justice Mandokhail asked the lawyer was the ECP decision in accordance with the Constitution? He replied that [in 2018] it was in accordance with the law. Justice Minallah inquired him whether the ECP decision on the BAP reserved seats was challenged. Advocate Siddiqui said the ECP would have admitted that there was a mistake. But it acted as if the decision regarding the BAP did not exist.

Justice Saadat questioned him hether the BAP participated in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa elections? Advocate Siddiqui replied that it contested the election but did not win a seat. Justice Saadat said this case is different from that of the BAP. The SIC did not participate in the elections. He asked the lawyer to argue Akhtar, Justice Yahya Afridi, Justice now and give a detailed answer later. Aminuddin Khan, Justice Jamal Khan Justice Mandokhail said that there is Mandokhail, Justice Muhammad Ali a difference between a political party and a parliamentary party. The decisions taken in parliament are made by Hassan Azhar Rizvi, Justice Shahid the parliamentary party. Such deci-Waheed, Justice Irfan Saadat Khan sions cannot be made by a political

A parliamentary party is not bound

'No danger' to govt,

F.P. Report

by the CJP on Thursday.

During the final hearing on Thursday.

ISLAMABAD: Going against the Tuesday, SIC counsel Faisal Siddiqui party will decide whether to vote the prime minister or not. It (the parliamentary party) is not bound to implement the decision of the political its responsibility. He stated this as party. Advocate Siddiqui agreed with Justice Mandokhail.

Everyone in the court burst into laughter when Justice Mandokhail called the name BAP (father) weird. Justice Mandokhail questioned what will happen if a party wins a seat in [three] provinces and does not win in one. Advocate Siddiqui replied that BAP won seats in other provinces but did not win a seat in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The chief justice asked Advocate Siddiqui whether he wanted the Supreme Court to take judicial notice. If you want the Supreme Court to it can do so. But the court would not take into consideration the 2018 election [while deciding SIC plea]. Advocate Siddiqui submitted that the apex court should take into consideration the discriminatory attitude of the ECP. Chief Justice Isa inquired him whether the ECP was right in 2018? Is the Supreme Court bound by the interpretation of the ECP?

"I don't want to embarrass you; were the 2018 elections right?" he asked the lawyer. It may be noted that the bench has to decide whether reserved seats will be given to the SIC, or to other parties, or the issue will be sent to parliament to decide. It was the eighth hearing on the SIC plea. The ECP is of the opinion that the SIC is not entitled to reserved seats, while the PML-N, the PPP and the JUI-F have also opposed the SIC petition for reserved seats for women and minorities.

Isn't it responsibility of judiciary to correct ECP's unconstitutional step, asks Justice Minallah Justice Athar Minallah in last hearing remarked that isn't it responsibility of the judiciary to correct mistakes committed by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) who denied the right to a political party by keeping it away "unconstitutionally".

## PM vows to work for solarization of tube wells

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday vowed that after Balochistan, the federal government would also work in collaboration with the governments of Punjab, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the welfare of farmers regarding the conversion of agricultural tube wells to solar

Chairing a meeting on solarization of agriculture tube wells and anti-power theft campaign at the PM House, the prime minister highlighted that solar energy was the cheapest source of producing electricity, therefore promoting the solar energy in the country had become the govern- ating the provincial government's top priority. The prime minister

directed the authorities to prepare a comprehensive strategy after consultation with the hensive plan to introduce provincial governments smart metering system in regarding the conversion of the country. He said the agricultural tube wells to over billing in the electricisolar energy in the ty bills would not be tolerprovinces. In the meeting, ated. The that shifting diesel-pow- informed that during the ered agricultural tube wells anti electricity theft camto eco-friendly solar energy would save US\$ 2.7 billion in foreign exchange.

paign, since September 2023, some 74,366 people had been arrested, 174,562

Shehbaz instructed to formulate a 46 employees of Power comprehensive plan to fur- Distribution Companies ther improve electricity had been suspended and theft prevention measures. 421,460 cases had been provinces also attended the The prime minister appreci- filed across the country.

## Shehbaz directs plan for PASSCO's privatisation F.P. Report

SLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif or Friday directed the authorities concerned to prepare a action plan for the privatisation of the Pakistar Agricultural Storage and Services Cooperation (PASS

The prime minister, chairing a meeting to discuss the natters related to the Ministry of National Food Security and Research and PASSCO, also instructed to carry ou the restructuring of the Wheat Board. He said the restructured Wheat Board should include representative of farmers, Land Information Management System and PASSCO. The prime minister called for taking effective measures to enhance the yield of wheat and other crops He asked the relevant authorities to formulate an alter nate strategy for wheat procurement by the federal gov ernment and hold consultation with the provincial gov ernments and also those of Gilgit Baltistan and Azac Jammu and Kashmir, as well as relevant departments.

ments for their cooperation told that recently some with the Power Ministry to relevant prevent electricity theft, directed the authorities concerned to present a compre-

The meeting also FIRs had been registered,

The meeting was further 1,113 new electricity meters were installed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and around 12000 illegal connections were removed The meeting was attended by Minister for Economic Ahad Affairs Khar Cheema, Minister for Power Awais Ahmed Khan Petroleum Leghari, Dr Musadik Minister Malik, Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Al Pervaiz Malik (through video link), Coordinator to PM Rana Ehsaan Afza (through video link), and other high officials. Chief Secretaries of the four meeting via video link.

says law minister

ISLAMABAD: Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar said that the Supreme Court's verdict on the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) reserved seats does not pose any threat to the incumbent coalition govern-

"We still have a majority of 209 members and the verdict has not been completed yet," said the minister after the top court ruled that the PTI was eligible for the allocation of reserved seats. Tarar said that he was not sure whether the government would file a review petition challenging it? the verdict or not as it was the prerogative of the federal cabinet, not a minister.

Terming the verdict "interesting", Tarar, while speaking during a press conference, said the SIC had claimed the reserved seats and not the PTI. "There was no mention of PTI in the PHC verdict and the law says that no judgement can be given against someone without hearing them," said Tarar.

He pointed out that the majority of the parties were not present in the court yet the verdict was announced against them. Tarar further said that 80 candidates had never claimed in the SC that they belonged to the PTI and why they had to join the SIC. 'These 80 candidates said that they belonged to SIC," he said. "There are constitutional and legal flaws in this verdict that will remain under discussion," said

the law minister. Adviser to Prime Minister on Political Affairs, Rana Sanaullah on Friday said that the Supreme Court's ruling declaring PTI eligible for reserved seats was not a conspiracy against the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz-led (PML-N) coalition constitution; rewriting it contravenes this government. "The decision to seek a review of the verdict lies with the cabinet," Sanaullah stated talking to the media. decisions and will carefully consider its "Court verdicts are not based on ambigui- next steps following a detailed consultaty; a review is just one option; we will tion with their legal team."

consult our legal team after the detailed In response to a question about whether

this decision posed a "threat" to the PML N-led government, an unfazed Sanaullah asserted that the PML-N-led government had sufficient numbers in the federal government and more than necessary in Punjab. On the PTI's stance, Sanaullah "PTI never claimed the reserved seats. If the Election Commission misinterpreted the ruling, PTI could have interpreted it correctly. Even if PTI has committed a mistake, the court must rectify

"The Supreme Court ruling did not favour the SIC [Sunni Ittehad Council], as their petition was not accepted by the court," Sanaullah noted. "The new ruling identifies these independent members as part of PTI. Verdicts should be transparent, understandable to the public, and further a sense of security, leading to national

Voicing grave concerns over the ruling, he argued that "rewriting the Constitution threatens its protection". "Relief was granted [to PTI] without any request for it. Judicial decisions should be comprehensible to the common man. Unfathomable rulings are never in the nation's interest.' Reflecting on past judgement, he added

'A previous ruling had granted someone the unsolicited power to amend the constitution, which the nation suffered from for years. Such decisions were extremely regrettable and against the country's interest, he said.

"We hold the courts and the judges in utmost esteem. They are the best at what they do. Judges have sworn to protect the oath." Sanaullah concluded by reiterating,

"The government respects the judiciary

### Tarar rejects propaganda

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information, Broadcasting, and Culture Heritage Attaullah Tarar on Friday said the PTI should better confess its blunders, instead of maligning the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in a matter related to the reserved seats in the Parliament.

Rejecting the PTI's propaganda against the ECP, the minister said it was the PTI which failed to hold intraparty election in accordance with the law. Likewise, the party had not submitted declaration and party tickets to the concerned, he added. He, in a news statement, said the PTI also failed to join any party which had presence in the Parliament. "In this case, they did not request to be declared as MNA of the PTI," he added. After all these blunders, he said the PTI did not have the right to question the ECP's credibility. Ironically, it was portrayed that all in the country were guilty except the PTI, he added.

Meanwhile, PML-N Senator Irfan Siddiqi said that Friday's verdict raised a big question of whether there was any value or importance left of the Constitution of Pakistan. "The Constitution should be set aside if the decisions have to be made on the basis of the doctrine of necessity or the theory of convenience," he added.

## I'm the most qualified person to run for president, claims Biden

WASHINGTON (AFP): US President run for president. I beat him once, and I Joe Biden defiantly insisted that he will run for another term and win, as a series of verbal gaffes while leading a major summit threw a harsh new spotlight on his fitness. The 81-year-old president sought to show himself in command as he led the NATO summit in Washington two weeks after a disastrous debate performance raised fears among Democrats that he may lose to Donald Trump.

Volodymyr President Zelensky as his Russian foe Vladimir At a high-stakes evening news conferreferred to "Vice President" Trump.

think I'm the most qualified person to bed by 8 pm, a time at which he was

will beat him again," Biden said of Trump. Biden, already the oldest person to be elected the first time to the White House, said he was "not in this for my legacy" but to "complete the job I started." Biden has faced a steady drumbeat of Democrats calling for him to abandon his 2024 candidacy, fearing that Trump is in a position to beat him.

Biden made clear he supported Harris - who as vice president would But Biden mistakenly introduced take over from him, but is also seen by a growing number of Democrats as a stronger candidate at the top of the tick-Putin before quickly correcting himself. et. Biden said he would not have picked Kamala Harris, whom he accidentally ence afterward, Biden mistakenly referred to as Trump, if "she was not qualified to be president." He also But he vowed to stay in the race. "I denied reports that he needed to go to

Thursday. 'Instead of my every day starting at 7:00 am and going to bed at midnight, it would be smarter for me to pace myself a little more," Biden said. The US president said his administration was making progress towards a ceasefire deal in war-torn Gaza. "These are difficult, complex issues. There are still gaps to close. We're making progress. The trend is positive, and I'm determined to get this deal done and bring an end to this war, which should end now,"

he told reporters at the White House. President Biden said he would still be ready to deal with Russian leader Vladimir Putin and China's Xi Jinping well into a second term as he faced questions over his advancing years and fitness for office. "I'm ready to deal

still holding his news conference on with them now and three years from shape. now... there isn't any world leader that I'm not prepared to deal with," he told reporters at the White House. During the press conference, Biden acknowledged concerns over his mental capacity - saying he was focused on reassuring Democrats amid growing calls for his withdrawal from November's presidential election.

'I'm determined on running but I think it's important that I allay fears," he told reporters at a high-stakes press conference. President Biden, seeking to allay concerns about his mental fitness as he seeks reelection, said that neurological exams found he is in "good shape." "I've taken three significant and intense neurological exams by a neurologist," Biden said, the most recent in niceties. Hollywood actor and well-February. "And they say I'm in good connected Democratic supporter

Biden's error on Zelensky's name drew gasps from the room but Zelensky, Ukraine's wartime leader against Russia's 2022 invasion, laughed it off. Fellow leaders at the summit have fielded questions about Biden, and their answers have largely been supportive. "Slips of the tongue happen, and if you keep a close enough eye on everyone, you will find enough,' German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said after the president's latest gaffe. French President Emmanuel Macron said Biden had appeared "in charge," while

But key American supporters have moved away from the diplomatic

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer

said he "was on good form."

George Clooney called on Biden to exit the race, and party grandee Nancy Pelosi has stopped short of fully backing him. Around 14 Democratic members of the House of Representatives have openly urged the man who beat Trump four years ago to drop out, along with one Democratic senator.

A poll released on Thursday showed more than half of Democrats say Biden should end his bid for a second term, and two-thirds of Americans believe he should quit the race. But the former president and the incumbent remain in a dead heat on 46 percent, according to the Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos survey. Biden's campaign was however quietly testing the strength of Harris in a potential match-up against Trump, The New York Times reported.



## PTI's Sajid Mir meets Advisor to Zahid Chanzeb

KARACHI: The elected member of PTI from Karachi, Sindh Assembly Sajid Mir called on the Advisor to the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Tourism and Culture Zahid Chanzeb at his office Civil Secretariat Peshawar and discussed with him the issues of mutual interest including solving the grievances and diffi-culties of the people of both provinces.

Sajid Mir, who is also a native of Advisor Tourism's Constituency Mansehra, requested the support of the provincial government to solve some of the problems faced by the residents of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, especially Mansehra, who are staying at Karachi in connection with jobs and education in Karachi.

Zahid Chanzeb assured to review these public issues and solve them on priority basis by his KP government. He said that PTI is a pioneer political party of national unity, which believes in the supremacy of the constitution under the leadership of the party founder Imran Khan and endeavoring to give Pakistan respectable place as an Islamic Republic in the international community and the Muslim Ummah.

'Our party is trying with all patience and perseverance to make the people of the whole country benefit from the fruits of democracy, while Imran Khan and thousands of other workers have made matchless sacrifices besides undergoing the hardships of prolong imprisonment", he added. Similarly he said, hundreds of our workers were martyred and even women were put in jails and had to go through torture.

He said that PTI leaders are making these sacrifices for the bright future of the nation and these sacrifices

of ours will surely pay off.

He said that the Supreme Court's decision on more than 80 reserved seats is the result of our zealous efforts and sacrifices. This decision has come at a time when no stone has been left unturned to use all national institutions against us.

Sajid Mir also termed the Supreme Court's decision as a victory of the truth and claimed that soon PTI will come back to power at the center and fulfill the national aspirations and solve the crises facing the

Sajid Mir said that like other parts of the country, the seven members of the PTI assembly in the Sindh Assembly will not hesitate to make any sacrifice to implement the vision of Imran Khan, including the promotion of democratic values and the supremacy of the law and Constitution.

### APNS to continue efforts to solve newspaper industry's problems

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: A meeting of the Metro B Publications Committee of the APNS was held at Islamabad presided over by Chairman of the Committee Mr. Faisal Zahid Malik.

The Chairman thanked the members for attending the meeting and hoped that the Committee will consistently put up their best efforts to solve the problems faced by the newspaper industry. The members thoroughly considered the basic problems faced by Metro B publications with special reference to financial issues which were crucial for the survival of newspapers.

The member recommended that the APNS should prioritise to arrange seminars to train the newspaper publishers and their staff to launch their digital editions.

It was also suggested that to solve the problems faced by Metro B publications in procurement of ads, special committees be formed in Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore to coordinate with the respective information departments of Punjab, Sindh and Islamabad.

The members of the committee expressed their concern on the distribution system of the advertisement to the newspapers and urged upon the PID to take appropriate measures for the survival of these newspapers

The Committee members congratulated Mr. Sarmad Ali on his election as Senator and expressed their pleasure that the representation of the newspaper industry in Upper House will be beneficial for the print media.

#### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR **SENIOR LG&RDD DIR LOWER**

E-mail: addirlower@gmail.com, Facebook: assistantdirectorlg&rddlowerdir Phone: 0945-9250037 Fax: 0945-9250027

#### CORRIGENDUM

Reference to advertisement No: INF(P) 1532/24 on dated: 30/06/2024 in daily Mashriq the following corrigendum is hereby issued.

- 01. Last Date/time for submission of Electronic Tender may read as "02 August 2024 @12:00 pm" instead of "28 July 2024 @12:00 pm".
- 02. Date/time of opening of Electronic Tender may read as "02 August 2024 @02:00 pm" instead of

"28 July 2024 @02:00 pm". All terms and conditions of the advertisement will remain the

**Assistant Engineer | LG&RDD Dir Lower** Assistant Director (Sr) | LG&RDD Dir Lower

## Khyber Medical University, Peshawar OR & Committed to Excellence in Academics & Research SITUATION VACANT

Khyber Medical University requires the services of the following staff under ORIC-Commercialization project on fixed pay contrac

	basis	at Peshawar.	
	S/No	Position	Required Qualification/ Experience
	1	Scientific Officer/ Lab Manager	The applicant must have completed master (18 years) degree in biochemistry/ Microbiology/Pharmacy     Must have 03 year experience in Project management, grant application writing, and report submission.
	2	Marketing and Sales executive	The applicant must have completed master degree (16 years) degree in marketing or business administration     Prior experience in sales and marketing with preference in the health industry or health

Eligible candidates are required to send their CV, mentioning the position applying for (in the SUBJECT area of the email) a oricprojects5@gmail.com by 28th July, 2024

related projects

Shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview. No TA/DA shall be admissible for appearing in the interview

Detailed TORS can be downloaded from https://oric.kmu.edu.pk **Director (ORIC) Khyber Medical University** Phase 5, Hayatabad, Peshawar. Web site: www.kmu.edu.pk. Ph: 091-9217258



LAHORE: People passing through accumulated water on the road during rain in the Provincial Capital. -- APP Photo

## Democracies can't thrive without public trust: CM

Minister Syed is difficult for democra- well. cies to thrive, therefore, it to the people to rebuild

their confidence.

prestigious Institute of Management ery challenges. (NIM), Karachi.

Management (MCMC), and others.

completing their syllabus

profession was more of a and management, leader- his mundane occupation.

oresent included officers from tor challenges in the age areas.

Climate Science Expert

2. Climate Resilience Expert

3. Climate Change Engineer

Rizwan Khan

Muhammad

16101-1765262-7

KARACHI (APP): Sindh various cadres and groups of climate change, the of the federal government economic Murad Ali Shah has said who have come from all that without the unwaver- corners of Pakistan, and domestic unrest, and fasting trust of the public, it the Sindh Government as changing society,"

He said the Sindh govis crucial to provide effi- ernment would continue ther routinely switches cient service delivery and to own the NIM Karachi jobs nor her dividends are good governance directly as our very Institute, and linkages and collaborate "If the public does not with it, and extend all support public servants, it should serve as a warning fulfillment of professional for them to work with needs of the participants

This he said while the mandatory require- ment with confidence speaking at the graduation ment for promotion to without fear or reward. ceremony of the partici- BS-20 positions has pro- According to the CM, the pants of the 35th Senior vided all the officers with key function of profes-Management Course (BS- a platform to update their sional civil service in any 19 officers), who have knowledge base and brush completed their 16-week up their skills, enabling the policies of the sitting long Course today at this them to address policy government with full prestigious National issues and service deliv-commitment, devotion,

The CM said that the Ayub, Chief Instructor trainee officers have been the The CM congratulated tion. "I am also confident all 38 officers, including that the National School Mr Shah said that opt- public financial manage- chief minister said. ng for public service as a ment, strategic planning Murad Shah said

University of Engineering & Technology, Peshawar

University of Engineering and Technology, Peshawar intends to hire the services of individual

consultants for its project titled"Climate Proofing: Risk Assessment and Climate Proofing of

Consultants are required to develop a program for supporting the private and public actors in improved

capacities for climate resilient planning and implementation in different projects in KP and Punjab

Sealed bids are invited from individual consultants for undertaking this assignment. Bid Solicitation Documents can be obtained from the office of the Director NIUIP, UET Peshawar during office hours or can

be requested via email (dirniuip@uetpeshwar.edu.pk). The system of selection of the consultants shall be

based on quality and cost-basedselection (QCBS) under KPPRA rules where the method of the

procurement shall be single stage two envelops comprising of single package containing two envelopes

Sealed bids shall be submitted at the latest by 11:00 am July 29, 2024. Bids shall be opened on the same

day at 11:30 am in the presence of interested bidders or their authorized representatives, if any, in the NIUIP, UET Peshawar, Hayatabad Campus. Clarification/information if any may be obtained on any

working day during office hours. The competent authority reserves the right to reject anyone or all the bids

Director National Institute of Urban Infrastructure Planning, UET Peshawar

Mailing Address; National Institute of Urban Infrastructure Planning Near Peshawar Institut

of Cardiology Phase-V Hayatabad Peshawar Email: dirniuip@uetpeshwar.edu.pk

Ph: 091-9217166

separately sealed technical and financial bid clearly marked in bold and legible letters.

The reason for cancellation shall be communicated to the bidder(s) upon request.

Consultancy services for the following positions are required.

geopolitical uncertainties,

A public servant neias financially attractive as would further strengthen in the private business or corporate sector despite having competitive qualifications and professional abilities, the CM said and added that he was sure conviction and personal as much as possible. that the public servant commitment." Murad Shah said that would up to their committhat the public servant According to the CM, the society is to implement and professional acumen.

NIM), Karachi. The CM said that the Realizing the massive DG NIM Dr. Lubna DG NIM and faculty the challenges being faced by citizens, Khalique Shaikh, Chief provided with all possible Government of Sindh is Instructor, Mid-Career resources to enhance their making all-out efforts to Course professional capacities provide maximum relief and personal transforma- and public service to the people of Sindh province by investing in education, two female participants, of Public Policy (NSPP) health, communication, containing infrastructure, housing, themes on public policy, and social protection, the

government would personal choice and vol- ship and communication continue to invest in new untary commitment than a skills, and research and development projects so analysis techniques, must that maximum economic The CM said that the have enabled officers to activity was generated SMC cohort face up to the public sec- both in rural and urban

## **KP** Governor visits Chinese embassy

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber scholarships to students Pakthunkhwa Governor, Faisal Karim of merged tribal districts. Kundi on Friday visited the embassy of People's Republic of China at Islamabad where he was warmly welcomed by the Chinese ambassador Jiang Ziadong.

from DI Khan to Balochistan was of paramount importance, which would help achieve the desired objectives.

The Governor said DI Khan was the first nearest station to the capital and the new international airport near it under CPEC would help bring far reaching positive results. He underlined the need for estabishment of a new economic zone near the CPEC route that would help enhance trade and business activities in the region.

The Governor said that 34 universities of KP are ready to present its services about teaching Chinese language and underlined the need for awarding special

Khyber scholarships to students of KP especially

The Governor said relations between the two countries are deep-rooted and time-tested and that nobody could create any crack in it. The Chinese ambassador The Governor while praising the role of said that the Pakistan Peoples' Party and China in progress and development of the ruling party of China have deep-rooted Pakistan said that extension of CPEC route cordial relations. Great responsibilities from DI Khan to Balochistan was of pararest on the shoulders of Faisal Karim Kundi after assuming the office of KP Governor following his nomination by PPP for this important constitutional slot.

The recent visit of the Prime Minister of Pakistan to China remained highly successful and would further improve bilateral relations between the two countries, he said.

The Chinese ambassador said that his country was playing a key role in economic development especially in the energy sector of Pakistan. He also suggested the preparation of a new economic zone project near CPEC by the Ministry of Planning and Development and sent it.



#### WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES PESHAWAR **GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AUCTION NOTICE FOR RECYCLABLE MATERIAL AT**



Water and Sanitation Services Peshawar intends to dispose of the recyclable material from the following sites of WSSP on "AS IS" "WHERE IT IS" basis through open auction which will be done lot wise as per following details.

WSSP TRANSFER STATIONS AND LAND FILL SITES

Lo #	t Name of Site	Location	Estimated Amount of Recoverable Per month	Token Money (Security)	Date / time & place of Auction	
1	Recyclables Zone A Transfer Station	Charsadda Road, Near Nishat Mill	2,392,050	500,000	6 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 11:00 am	
	Recyclables Zone B Transfer Station	In Front of Hazarkhawai Grid Station, Ring Road	1,864,689	500,000	WSSP Zone – E office, Ring Road near Landi Arbab	
2	Recyclables Zone E Transfer Station	In Front of Hazarkhawai Grid Station, Ring Road	1,760,143	400,000	Overhead bridge,	
3	Recyclables Zone C Transfer Station	Ring Road, Near Bahadur Kalay	1,405,470	300,000	8th August 2024 at 11:00 am WSSP Zone – E office, Ring Road near Landi Arbab Overhead bridge,	

The open auction will be held as per above tabulated schedule by WSSP Auction committee at WSSP Zone – E office, Ring Road near Landi Arbab overhead bridge, Peshawar. The interested bidders / parties wishing to participate in the auction must obtained auction documents from WSSP website / office free of cost. The bidders will be required to submit a call deposit as token money in the name of Chief Executive officer WSSP on or before auction date, along with copy of CNIC, contact details. The call deposit of unsuccessful bidder will be returned. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled to be held 23rd July 2024 at 3:00 pm in WSSP conference room as per below mentioned address. The highest ranked bidder will sign a contract with WSSP for the period of one year for collecting recyclables on the terms and conditions mention auction document which can be downloaded from WSSP website. The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject the bid or bids assigning cogent reason thereof.

General Manager HR/Admin/ Procurement Local Government Complex, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Plot # 33, Street No. 13, Sector E-8, Phase-VII, Hayatabad, Peshawar. Office Phone # 091- 9219098.

ڈسٹرک پولیس آفیسرسوات کو برائے مالی سال 25-2024،''لا ءاینڈ آرڈر'' کے تحت معروف اور مالی لحاظ سے متحکم فرموں (جن کے مالی ساکھ کے ثبوت کے طور پر بینک شیٹمنٹ لف شدہ ،سابقہ تجربہ اورا کا ٹیکس رجٹر ڈیموں 9 سے مندرجہ ذیل مختلف اقسام اورا شیاء کے خریداری کے لئے کوشنر مطلوب ہیں۔ 1۔ پولیس ضلعی ہیڈ کوارٹر بشمول جملہ تھانہ جات ضلع سوات کے زیراستعال تمامتھ کے سرکاری گاڑیوں کیلیے مختلف سینیر یارٹس،ٹائر ٹیویز، بیٹریاں،موہل آئل

فلنرز،مرمتی، انجن بورنگ، ڈینٹ پینٹ وغیرہ 2۔ محکمہ پرلیس کےملکیتی عمارات میں مختلف تقییراتی کام،خصوصی مرمتی،معمولی مرمتی، رنگ روغان وغیرہ ۔ 3۔ تمام سٹیشزی اشاء کی فراہمی ۔ 4۔ فرنیچر مرتمی ۔ 5۔ مختلف مشینری کیلئے سرزہ جات اور مرمتی وغیرہ ۔ 6۔ الکٹرا تک اشاء کمپیوٹر، برنٹر وغیرہ اور کمپیوٹر سے متعلق تمام لواز مات کی فراہمی ۔ 7۔ مخلف تتم کے کیمروں کی خریداری،مرمتی،انسٹالیشن اوراُن سے متعلق مکمل اوزار،لواز مات وغیرہ کی فراہمی۔8۔ شلع مجرمیں کہیں بھی اور کسی بھی وقت عام انتخابات منمنی ا تخابات، مقامی سطیر ہونے والے انتخابات، قدرتی آفات سے سرز دہونے والی ہنگامی صور تحال میں نفری کولانے اور لے جانے کیلئے پرائیویٹ گاڑیوں کی فراہمی ۔ 9۔ شلع بجر میں کہیں بھی اور کسی بھی وقت عام انتخابات بنخی انتخابات،مقامی شطح یہ ہونے والے انتخابات، قدرتی آفات سے سرز دہونے والی برنگا می صورتحال بھکمانہ سطح پر منعقد ہونے والی تقریبات وغیرہ کےمواقع پرنتی با سزمینو (Menu) کےمطابق مطلوبہ نورا کی مواد اور صاف پانی کے بوتلوں کی فراہمی۔10 میسمن نمبر 8-9 اوراس کے علاوہ دیگر مواقع پر پولیس کے اجماعات یا کہیں بھی ضرورت بڑنے برٹینے، تریال،میز،کری،کراکری اشیاء کے کرامہ برفرامی۔ 11۔مندرجہ بالاتمام اشیاء کے خریداری اورکرامہ برفراہمی کے علاوہ دیگرا پسےاشیاء جن کااویرذ کرنہیں کیا گیا ہیں، جزل آرڈرسیلائرز کے ذریعے ڈیمانڈ کرنے برمطلوبہاشیاء کی فراہمی۔

شرانط و ضوابطنه 1- برایک فرم ( کولیش د بهنده )اینه این این برگریش برکر کسر بهر زیر تنظی کوبذر ایدر جشر داک با کوریز سرون مورد. 2024-07-31 تک پہنچا ئیں، جواُ سی روزکٹیشنز دہندہ گان یاان کےمقرر کردہ نمائندگان کی موجودگی میں دن 10:00 بیجے کھولے جا ئیں گے۔دیرسے پہنچے دالےکٹیشنز نا قابل قبول اورمستر د تصور ہو نگے۔2۔ تمام مطلوبہا شیاءاوراقسام کے متعلق کسی بھی قتم کی معلو مات اورفہرست حاصل کرنے کیلیئے اشاعت کے فوراً بعد دفتر زیر پختلی ہے ماسوائے ہفتہ اوراتواریا دیگر سرکاری تعطیل کے دفتری اوقات میں رابطہ کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ 3۔خواہشند کوٹیش دہندگان ہے مبلغ ایک لاکھ -/100000 روپےسکیو رٹی بذریعہ CDR بنام ڈسٹر کٹ پولیس آ فيسرسوات جمع كرانا ہوگا۔ 4۔ ٹينڈر ميں حصبہ لينے والے تمام حصرات (فرمز ) كوقا نوني طور پر واجب الا داا كلم نيکس / سيلزنگس ، رجشريين سرٹيفيکيپ ، کمپيوٹرائز شاختي کارڈ کی ںصد قەنقولات ئىنڈر كےساتھة جمع كروانالازمى ہے۔5\_CDR كے بغيركوئى ئينڈر قابل قبول نہيں ہوگا۔6\_نرخ آئٹم كےحساب سے بشمول نيكس درج كئے جا كيں\_7\_تمام سیزئیس،اکمٹیکس مرویہ قوانین کے تحت ڈیلر کے ہل ہے کائے جائیں گے۔8۔ نامکمل وستاویزات کی صورت میں ٹینڈ رمستر دکیا جاسکتا ہے۔9۔ ٹینڈ رکے خلاف ورزی پر صانت یااس کا کوئی حصہ ضبط کرلیا جائیگا۔ 10 ۔ دھو کہ دہی ارائح اف کی صورت میں فرم کے خلاف قانونی کا روائی عمل میں لائی جائیگی اوراس پرائیٹے والے تمام اخراجات فرم ادا کریگا۔ 11۔ برطابق KPPRA رولز 2014ء میرو یکورنگ بجنبی وجوہات ہے آگاہ کرکے یولی(Bid) کی قبولیت سے پہلے کی جھی وقت تمام بولیوں(Bids) یا تجاویز کو ستر در سکتی ہے۔12 ۔بل ادائیگی،بل کی منظوری اور پاس ہونے کے بعد کی جائیگی۔13 ۔کامیاب بولی وہندہ کو با قاعدہ سٹامپ پیپر پر محکمہ کے ساتھ ایگر بہنٹ کرنا ہوگا۔ جس میں %01 شامپ ڈیوٹی بھی کاٹی جا ئیگی۔14 منظورہ شدہ ٹینڈر کے ریٹس 30 جون 2025ء تک قاماع عمل ہوئگے۔ جن میں کوئی تبدیلی ممکن نہیں ،البعۃ ٹینڈر رکھلنے کے بعد گورنمنٹ کی طرف سے ٹیکسمیں کسی بھی تبدیلی کا اطلاق کیا جاسکتا ہے۔15-KPPRAرونز کے تحت خیبر پختونخوار پوینوا تفار ٹی کے ساتھ رجشر ڈیونالازی ہے۔16۔ نٹیڈر د ہندہ NTN ہونے کیصورت میں تمام تفصیلات فراہم کرنے کا یابند ہوگا۔ 17 ۔ گاڑیوں کی معمولی مرمت یاخر پد جولٹ میں شامل نہ ہوئی ہوں، کسی سے بھی کرائی جاسکتے گی۔18۔ گاڑیوں کی تعداد اور اقسام میں جن کا ذکر فہرست میں کیا گیاہے بالا حکام کے آرڈر زاور حکومتی پالیسی کے تحت کی وبیشی اور ردوبدل ہو کتی ہے۔ 19۔ تمام نظورشدہ فرمزکس گاڑی،مشیزی اوردیگراشیاء کیلئے کوئی پرزہ وغیرہ کے فراہمی کے بعدتمام کنڈم مال متعلقہ شعبہ کے انیارج کوواپس کرنیکا یا بند ہوگا۔20\_شینڈر کےمتعلق

1 Jhoomar, 1 Bindia

6.8

تعلومات KPPRA كى ديب سائث پردستياب بين- ما INF(SW) Advt. 34



### **PUBLIC NOTICE** Auction of Gold

Finance facilities were extended by Mobilink Bank against the security of deposit and pledge of gold to the customer mentioned below. The customer who has neglected and failed to repay the finance extended to them by Mobilink Bank along with the markup thereon.

Branch	Mardan		Branch code 00		19
Auction Date	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024		Time	10:30 AM	
Customer Name	CNIC#	Addre	ess	Gold Weight (GM)	Detail of Gold Ornaments

Mohalla Jalsi Wal, Post Office

Sawaldher, Mardan.

Notice is hereby given to the customer in above mentioned that if payment of entire outstanding amount financed along with markup is not made by them to Mobilink Bank within 1 day of the publication of this notice, Mobilink Bank shall auction the gold ornaments and no further Public Notice shall be issued to call upon the customers to make the payments.

**Mobilink Bank** 



Bank AL Habib Limited

#### ATTENTION ATM CUSTOMERS

Bank AL Habib ATMs will be available 24/7 during Moharrum holidays.

For any queries or complaints please contact our Call Centre at

**(**+92 21) 111-014-014 ⊕ ⊕ ⊚ /BAHLOfficial | ⊕ bankalhabib.com

Bank AL Habib Limited

PESHAWAR: Special Assistant to Chief Minister on Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Abdul Karim Tordher presiding over a meeting regarding provision of facilities to foreign investors.

## **SACM** directs for facilitation of investors at essential stages

F.P. Report

that the interested foreign Development should be provided with Deputy Secretary Home possible facilities at essential stages.

Deputy Secretary Home Tribal Affairs Department Azizullah Jan

He issued this directive and other authorities while presiding over a attended the meeting. meeting regarding provision of facilities to foreign SACM said that all coninvestors here in the cerned departments and ing. Committee Room of the agencies must have an Industries Department on effective

Friday. Commandant

Board of Investment and investors in various poten-tial sectors of the province (EZDMC) Adil Salahuddin,

> During the meeting, the coordination among themselves so Deputy instead of unnecessary Special delay all facilities including investors under a useful and said for creating awareness

Pakhtunkhwa complete checklist should interest in investing here. be made available on the PESHAWAR: Special Trade Iqbal Sarwar and easy business web portal of ment is determined to pro-Assistant to Chief Minister other managers of the board the Board of Investment vide all possible facilities of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Akhtar Ali and Gul and Trade (BoIT) for the for investment in this Industries, Commerce and Muhammad, Chief convenience of investors in regard. Therefore, he urged Technical Education, Abdul Operating Officer (COO) all respects regarding the all concerned departments Karim Tordher has directed KP Economic Zones documents and require- and agencies to promote ments to ensure the provision of all matters including themselves to make the through an easy platform. process easy as per their Various matters and pro- responsibility. posals regarding possible foreign investment in the list of required documents potential sectors of the for investors including all province also come under the

> sion, the Special Assistant made available on the Easy emphasized provision of all Business Portal of the possible facilities to the Board of Investment. He

the required documents complicated and lengthy He said that an updated

steps, timelines discussion during the meet- required for submission of documents and other Speaking on the occa- requirements should be

## resources, skilled workforce, and Parking in

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Board of Investment & Trade (KPBOIT) on Friday welcomed His

Excellency Rahmat Hindiarta Kusuma, the Ambassador of Indonesia. Engr. Said Mahmood, Vice Chairman KP-BOIT presented

bouquet, traditional turban of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and a Souvenir on behalf of KP-BOIT. Director Business Facilitation Mr. Iqbal Sarwar gave a detailed presabout

Pakhtunkhwa, vision, mission & role of KP-BOIT and potential sec-

tors of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa where

joint collaboration can be explored. KP-BOIT invited Business Community of Indonesia through

His Excellency to invest in Khyber

for export to Afghanistan, central

The visit marked a significant

milestone in the burgeoning rela-

cooperation and mutual prosperity.

entation

Asia and China.

District administration Peshawar banned parking in front of the Emergency Gate of the Lady Reading Hospital (LRH) under Section 144

Comm of the Criminal Pakistan should immediarely Eahir Shah Toru ately resign on moral emphasized that it has highlighted that the only said an official notification been proven that the solution to the country's tion issued here on

The decision has been taken while keeping in view the hardships of the patients entering the hos-

It has been observed that parking of vehicles front of the ergency Gate of Lady Reading Hospital (LRH) is causing obstruction and hindrance in the smooth flow of traffic.

Moreover, it is also triggering a serious threat to the precious lives of patients carried by ambulances and private vehicles entering the hospital. Parking in front of the hospital not only poses a serious security threat, rather, also disrupts the smooth flow of traffic and causes inconvenience to the public at large. Furthermore, there is a history of terrorist activities, wherein, a large number of police officials and civilians embraced martyrdom.

#### Director Business Facilitation also invited His Excellency and specially Pakistan Indonesian Business Community to Pakhtunkhwa.

industries to foster sustainable

His Excellency, the Ambassador,

development within the region.

Pakhtunkhwa to exploit easy access reciprocated with words of encour-

Indonesian envoy visits

**KPBOIT** 

attend KP-BOIT's International He commended the efforts of Investment & Trade Expo, KP-BOIT in creating a conducive Islamabad to be held in September, environment for foreign investment and assured continuous cooperation in realizing shared goals.

His Excellency, shared information about Indonesian market and tionship between Indonesia and its development through a detailed Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region, heralding a new era of economic documentary and presentation showcasing, their strong and stable economy and infrastructure in the In his address, Vice Chairman of KP-BOIT highlighted strategic advantages of investing in Khyber world. His Excellency also invited between Indonesia and Khyber business community through KP- Pakhtunkhwa being a Muslim Pakhtunkhwa, citing its rich natural BOIT to attend 39th Trade Expo-Indonesia to be held in October investor-friendly policies. He 2024. Vice Chairman assured full

KP-BOIT extends its heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency, the Ambassador of Indonesia, for his visit and looks forward to a fruitful partnership that will benefit both regions. The Board remains steadagement and support, underscoring Indonesia's commitment to regions. The Board remains stead-strengthening economic ties with fast in its mission to drive invest-Khyber ment and trade, fostering an era of progress and collaboration.

Vice Chairman on behalf of KP Board of Investment & Trade (KP-BOIT) expressed gratitude to His Excellency and his team for the visit and valuable discussion held during the session.

He also said that this business visit will not only strengthen business ties but also foster a deeper understanding of the culture and historic connections that exists region. KP-BOIT look forward to continued Partnership Indonesia to drive economic develexpressed keen interest in leverag-ing Indonesia's expertise in various support and cooperation in this opment and create new opportuni-ties for businesses in the regions.

#### Security Unit Tariq Iqbal, issuance of no objective easy procedure. He said other required standard Chief Planning Officer certificate (NoC)are protate that several sectors of the operating procedures Industries Department vided to the investors in province are very attractive (SOPs) regarding NOC for front of LRH province are very attractive (SOPs) regarding NOC for for foreign investment and investors should also be put Basit Khalil, Director time. (Business Facilitation) He Emergency He further said that a investors are taking special on the portal. Gate banned Edwardes College students take part in NCLCC-24 PESHAWAR

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Edwardes issues, College students participat- unique approaches to undered in the National standing climate change Conference on Literature, through a literary lens. Culture, and Climate e conference brought (NCLCC-24), held at the together respected academic University of Chitral. The institutions and notable students, Nofal Usman, guests from across the coun-Shabab Khan, and Marwan Khushal Khan Khattak Maaz, who are pursuing University, English, contributed signifi- CECOS cantly to the sessions. These Peshawar, proposals that explored the University of Peshawar Khan

e conference brought Hasnain Maaz, try. Universities such as University, cussions. Edwardes

Karak, today's world, adding con- dedication and planning.

students presented research College Peshawar, and Kakakhel and Yasir Ali on literature, culture, and Sarmad were climate change.

intersection between litera- were well represented. The acknowledged for their ture and environmental event featured prominent exceptional efforts in organ-issues, demonstrating figures like Prof. Dr. izing the conference. Dr. unique approaches to under-Najeeba Arif, Chairperson Kakakhel, the Principal of the Pakistan Academy of Organizer and an Assistant Letters, and Prof. Dr. Professor at Khushal Khan Muhammad Naseer Ud Din, Khattak University, Karak, Vice Chancellor of Khushal along with Yasir Ali Khan Khan Khattak University, Sarmad, the Secretary of Karak. Their speeches highlighted the conference's and lecturer in English, theme and its relevance in ECP, demonstrated great siderable value to the dis- Their teamwork ensured a smooth and impactful event Dr. Syed Hanif Rasool that advanced the dialogue



## Toru asks CEC to resign after SC verdict

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Food, Zahir Shah Toru has stated that the Flection Election Flection Commissioner

from the supreme court is a victory for democracy,

the constitution, and the ing seats to others. urged PTI workers to law. The minister "Today is a significant remain united, as success expressed these views day for Pakistan Tehreek- will be while reacting to the e-Insaf (PTI)said the ideology.

Khyber Faisal showed along Provincial

emphasized the impor- ects being implemented by

Commission's partiality.

Supreme Court's decision minister", adding that regarding reserved seats, PTI is an ideology that could not be defeated.

public.

Election Commission economic and other distributed PTI's deserv- issues is Imran Khan. He

## Governor assures support to equipping youth

F.P. Report

Pakhtunkhwa assured full pledge support to nongovernmental organizations for eradication of unemployment through technical education in the He also highlighted the the new generation. province. This he assured during his visit to German overseas Pakistanis in the agency GIZ headquarters with Member Assembly hmad Kundi. The governor was Governor Faisal Karim briefed on the various proj-Ahmad Kundi.

tance of equipping the new GIZ in the province, includ-

that align with the requirements of industry and foreign countries, particularly Germany, which has a demand for skilled labor. role of federal ministry for program to ensure the safe, easy, and legal transfer of labor to Germany.

It states that factors

to other careers, inade-

generation with skills that ing the establishment of meet the demands of the technical training institutes PESHAWAR: Governor modern world and the mar- and centers of excellence. ket. He stressed the need to He was informed that the Karim Kundi establish training programs agency's 2023-2028 program aims to provide technical training to as many young people as possible, with a focus on strengthening the technical skills of

The governor praised GIZ's efforts for promotion of technical education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and expressed his appreciation for the agency's commitment for skill development in the

## Handicraft industry – preserving centuries old asset

lies Peshawar, a city with lery capture the attention stories spanning over past of visitors as despite rapid itable destination of ments, these ancient domestic and foreign arti- bazaars maintain a steadsans bringing in mar- fast appeal, especially velous and eye-catching among rural people of KP crafts designs.

Rich in different tradi- stated. tional and cultural values this city boast of a tapes- covery of human remains try of different dynasties in Soan Valley in Punjab and civilizations, most was evidence of stonevibrant among them the made cutlery and bone handicrafts introduced by tools used anciently. "It local and foreign artisans was found that people of pre-Greek, Mughals started making clay and and colonial era.

craftsmanship passed some 8,000 years back."

down generation after The wooden cutler glory of artisans.

ing and sight of meticu-lously crafted items," said "Wooden cutlery is still lously crafted items," said Bakhtzada Khan.

PESHAWAR (APP): In "The shops brimming the heart of South Asia with wood and metal cut-2,500 years and an inim-technological advanceand Punjab provinces," he Bakhtzada said the dis-

stone pots, crockery and Aptly named as "Pesha other related utensils dur-War" or "the City of ing the Neolithic period Artisans," Peshawar still commonly known as new carries the legacy of Stone Age dating back The wooden cutlery

generation with city shops in Peshawar bazaars like Misgran, bazaars, in particular, are Ratti bazaar, Dabgari a visual feast, displaying Gardens and the leg- an array of handmade endary Qissa Khawani items—wooden spoons, er in Bazaar, still echoing past blenders, kneading plates, glory of artisans. blenders kneading plates, curd mixers and bowls— 'Walking through these showcasing artisans' dedmarkets is like stepping ication and hard work. back in time. The air is These products, though filled with metal clinking, presenting an old-fashthe scent of wood and ioned look, also possess a steel shavings and curv-timeless quality and



Bazaar. "Majority of our porcelain crockery. customers belong to KPK and Punjab while our cutdesigns."

main Dabgari stainless steel cutlery and spoon are better in taste."

Central Asians recent decades and the Republics due to its dura- KPK government should unique take steps to preserve this harmful for using domesasset. '

If seen in the hygiene Faraz Ali, another perspective, the wood ancient handicrafts are shopkeeper at Misgarn cutlery and clay pots are our valuable asset yet lery is also preferred in bazaar said use of wooden not that harmful as those their existence is under Afghanistan, Middle East cutlery had declined in prepared by using certain threat due to societal chemical components.

"Wood products are not ernization.

Officer, Pabbi hospital. Although.

"Wooden utensils tically. However, mixing educationists at Khyber However, he com- are mostly cheaper than of some chemical ingredi- Pakhtunkhwa universities a Senior Research alive in Peshawar. We plained of the lukewarm stainless steel or alu- ents in preparation of has revealed a complex Officer, Archeology and have valuable customers response of urban popula- minum. Moreover, many utensils from different relationship between the Museums Department for whom we specially tion who consider these people think that meals metals can affect human likeness of modern indus-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, produce these items," said products as obsolete and cooked in clay pottery health," said Dr Riaz trial products and decline Qaiser Khan, a shopkeep- outdated and shifted to with the help of a wooden Khan, Principal Medical of traditional indigenous

transformation and mod-A recent study by KP quate infrastructure, a towards other careers, lower production, and fading interest among younger generations. Some of the significant associated to this profes-

sion face are limited martheir handmade work.

accessible exhibition centers, promotion marketing strategies for artisans and entrepreneurship among illiterate men and women interested in handicrafts for revitalizing and protect traditional handicrafts, preserve cultural heritage and enhance skills of artisans.

Emphasizing importance of protecting traditional handicrafts from the impact of modern branding, these financially support arti-experts have also under- sans and craftsmen to proactions to aid in the ness. revival of these traditional crafts.

Meanwhile, Khattak, Authority has stated that able foreign exchange.

ment was making all out contributing to this efforts to preserve this decline include; lack of valuable heritage and proinfrastructure and shifting mote it within KPK and beyond. He mentioned to organ-

the provincial govern-

izing a three days all Pakistan Art Festival at Islamabad by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and Tourism Authority challenges the workers (KPCTA) where handicrafts model of local artisans were displayed while keting opportunities and Pakistan Arts and Crafts lack of recognition for Gallery, a provincial owned center for sale, These experts recommarketing exhibition and mended to establishing promotion of handicrafts at Islamabad has also been revived.

He also assured to continue such interactions in future to promote skillfulness of local artisans and explore market for selling their products. As modernization is

gradually taking over our ancient culture and craftsmanship, many experts have underlined the need for giving this sector 'an industrial status' and lined the need for specific mote this dwindling busi-Such initiative would not only help preserve this heritage but Omair also provide earning General opportunities for local Manager, Investment, KP craftsmen but also export Tourism and Culture these items to earn valu-



### In brief

#### **Operation** continue in Dera F.P. Report

D I KHAN: The search and strike operations continued in the district against anti-state and criminal elements to ensure security during Muharram in DI Khan. According to the police spokesman, on the direction of District Police Officer Dera Mahmood, District Police conducted search and strike operations and snapchecking within their respective circles for which they urged the masses to extend cooperation. The spokesman said that during the operation, which would continue for an indefinite period, the police would continue to check vehicles, motorbikes, and pedestrians. The teams conducted thorough checks and searches, focusing on potential security threats and any illegal activities in the region. "Protecting the life and property of the citizens and maintaining peace is our top priority. The public should inform the police in case of movement of any suspicious person in their vicinity," said the police spokesman.

#### Land retrieved from grabbers F.P. Report

KHANEWAL: An official team retrieved a five acre piece of precious urban state land worth Rs 60 million from land grabbers and dismantled illegal structures built there in Kabirwala city on Friday. Heavy machinery was deployed that razed the illegal buildings built there and officials found that the alleged land grabbers had demarcated five marla plots at the site presumably to illegally sell these to the people in a fraudulent way. Tehsildar Ali Haidar Lashari led a team of municipal committee officials and police to conduct the peration ordered ADCR Abdul Sattar Khan, and assistant commissioner Kabirwala Mohsin Alam. Legal action was being taken against the land grabbers.

#### Minister reviews arrangements F.P. Report

BAHAWALPUR Provincial Minister for Irrigation Muhammad Kazim Ali Pirzada presided over a meeting held in the committee room Commissioner's Office. The meeting reviewed the steps taken regarding the arrangements for Muharram Majalis and processions Bahawalpur Division. The Provincial Minister emphasized ensuring full-proof security arrangements for Muharram processions and gatherings in different locations. It was directed to ensure the cleanliness of routes for processions and Majalis and the availability of other facilities. Various officials including Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Nadir Chatha, Regional Police Officer Rai Babar Saeed, Additional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners. DPOs, and officers from relevant departments were present at the meet-Commissioner Bahawalpur Division mentioned the importance of cleanliness and better arrangements of Muharram procession routes, along with the active participation of officers and staff from various departments. The meeting was informed that all arrangements for 1409 Majalis and 514 processions in Bahawalpur Division are complete. Moreover, during the Ashura of Muharram, over 17,000 police personnel will perform their duties, and from the 7th to 10th of Muharram, army and rangers companies will

also be assigned security



FAISALABAD: A traffic warden moving an illegally parked car with the help of lifter.

## Facilities for patients at DHQ hospital directed

F.P. Report

HAFIZABAD: Deputy Commissioner Sundas Irshad visited Headquarter Hospital and Centre Trauma and reviewed standard of cleanliness, availability of medicines and other treatment facilities, ongoing repair work and other arrangements made for improving treatment and other facilities in DHQ and Trauma

She also inspected ongoestablishment of Museum and government Sharif Rathore, District Education Officer Education Samina Yasmeen and Deputy Director Development Abbas were also alongiwth

During the visit of DHQ Hospital and Trauma Centre, DC checked general emergency, children ward, medical ward, medical ward, nursery ward and other departments and tool ment facilities in DHQ and cials and other people par- lation control.

Trauma Centre.

construction of Museum on the country. Sagar Road.

Qila Ram Koor, DC direct- the Punjab government and ed the education officer to appropriate interval in ensure completion of repair childbirth was also benefiing development schemes and renovation work in cial for mother and children schools across the district health. during summer vacation so boys school Qila Ram that attractive and pleasant the best treatment facilities Koor. CEO Health Dr. atmosphere could be avail- are available for mother able to students.

**Population** observed: World Popul- trict. ation Day was observed in Tassawar Hafizabad. In this connec- to keep small family was tion, a seminar and aware- continue with the cooperaness walk arranged by the tion of ulema, prominent Population Department Hafizabad.

presided over the seminar seminar, a walk was taken while District Population out from District Councial Welfare Muhammad Atif Ali, Tehsil were carrying banners, feedback from patients Officer Sajida Mushtaq, flexes and placards regarding provision of Incharege MSU Dr. Zahida inscribed with different slomedicines and other treat- Janat, ulema, officers, offi- gans regarding about popu-

ticipated the seminar and She directed the Medical walk. Addressing the walk, Superintendent to make speakers said that unlimited fully functional air-condi- growth of population is District tions in all wards and major cause of social and patients would not be face economic problems conany hurdle to get medi- fronted by the nation and to cines. She also checked contain increasing populaongoing repair work in tion was inevitable for Trauma Centre and under progress and prosperity of

They urged the people to While visiting govern-implement on measures of ment boy's high school population department and

DO Population said that and children at population Day welfare centres in the dis-He said that awareness

Welfare personalities, social workers, lawyers, mediamen and ADCR Imtiaz Alli Baig civil society. At the end of Officer Hall. Participants of walk placards

## 3 years gap in children's birth termed essential

F.P. Report

LOWER DIR: District population welfare officer Shahid Khan has said that overpopulation and lack of proper birth control is a major challenge for which all stakeholders should play their active role. He was speaking at a seminar held centers. at Timergara here on Friday in connection with World Population Day.

Religious clerics, area

controlling the rapid necessary for the economic unemployment. and political stability in the country. He said the depart- the population of Pakistan ment was providing its was now 241.5 million and services to over 1.6 million it stood fifth largest counpeople of Lower Dir try in the world while the through its four basic health 1st in the Islamic world

the view that there should said that a proper gap between births as Islam was important both for the elders, social and political stressed feeding children activists attended the function for two years. They said health.

tion. Mr Shahid said that that imbalance in population and resources was the increase in population was basic cause of poverty and The speakers said that

owing to its increasing Other speakers were of population. The speakers be at least a three years gap between children' births and children

### **SIAL** cautions public on avoiding traps of fake agents

SIALKOT: Sialkot International Airport is cautioning the public against falling prey to fraudulent activities perpetrated by fake travel agents operating in various cities and locations. Recent reports have highlighted instances where unauthorized individuals posing as travel agents have misled air travelers with enticing offers of visa services, Permanent residencies, cheap education, etc.

These fraudulent agents operate outside the boundaries of legality, preying on unsuspecting individuals who seek reliable travel arrangements. Spokesperson International Airport M. hefty

Umair Khan, emphasized, However, credentials and using industry. authorized services, air

fraudulent activities."

media to create fake, base- for Sialkot International less, and irrational propa- Airport, emphasized, "The ganda against the airport proliferation of fake travel and public departments agents poses a significant operating. It is pertinent to risk to air travelers. We mention that on an average urge all passengers to dozens of Pakistanis are exercise caution and verideported from multiple fy the authenticity of travcountries causing irrepara- el services they engage

"It is crucial for travellers International Airport conwhen dealing with travel with law enforcement agenlished norms. By verifying practices within the travel The airport remains

travelers can mitigate the committed to upholding risk of falling victim to high standards of safety and integrity in all travel-These agents use social related services. The Spox ents. ble loss to the image of the with, particularly those Sialkot country and also facing offered outside estabort M. hefty financial loss. lished channels."

## to be vigilant and cautious tinues to collaborate closely agents, especially those cies and regulatory bodies operating outside the estab- to crack down on illegal

## Three coal miners killed in chair lift

SHANGLA: As many as three laborers died in a tragic accident at the Lakhdara Coal Mine. The deceased laborers identi-Fazal ur Rehman, and Khan Ali residents of Shangla.

snapping F.P. Report

the fall of principles of Islam. resulted deceased laborers to sevtheir deaths. The mine's ceiling also collapsed on Javed Ullah top of them.

According to police, the laborers were returning to the surface after completing their work when the accident occurred. Other laborers accident rushed to the scene and Kurram in Parachinar. retrieved the bodies, which were later shifted to the Manjhand Tehsil Hospital.

This incident highlights the lack of safety measures in place for laborers working in coal mines in Pakistan. Despite numerous accidents and deaths, coal mining companies fail to take adequate safety precautions, putting the lives of laborers at risk. The incident has raised concerns about the safety of laborers in coal mines and demands action from the authorities to ensure their

#### Toru terms SC verdict a win for PTI F.P. Report

Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Food Zahir Shah Toru termed Supreme Court of Pakistan verdict on reserved seats as a victory for the constitution, law, democracy and justice and demanded that after this decision the Chief Election Commissioner and members of the Commission Election immediately should resign, on Friday.

In a statement, the provincial minister for . Food Zahir Shah said that after the decision regarding the reserved seats, the election commission's partiality has been proved. Zahir Shah Toru also emphasized that today it has been proved that the Election Commission had wrongfully distributed the right of PTI among others while turning away from the Constitution.

The provincial minister also said that today is a big day for PTI and it has been proved that PTI is an ideology that no one can destroy. He said that PTI workers should remain united as the success will be PTI's ideology.

## One Ph. D, two M. Phil scholars defended their thesis

BANNU: Two students of Physics and Dr. Kamaluddin Khan were region and the requirements of the Department of University of Science among the external accused. and Technology Bannu successfully defended their Ph.D. Murad Ali Khan's supervisor was Chairman Dr. Dr. Aurangzeb Khan, Prof. Dr. Abdul Manan and the external assessors were Dr. Shahid Ali and Dr. other officers were present on this demand in the southern districts, in Yusuf Iqbal, while another scholar, occasion. Addressing the event, he which the officers of all the depart-Dr. Naseebullah, Assistant Professor said that it is the urgent need of the ments of the university are actively

On this occasion, Bannu University Vice Chancellor Prof. Sultan Mehmood, Dr. Mushtaq and of Physics, successfully defended his hour to pay attention to research playing their role.

thesis in High Energy Physics, whose agendas to adapt the new generasupervisor was Dr. Dr. Rashid Khan tion to the development of the modern age. If we do not pay attention to research, we will be left behind in the world.

University of Bannu is producing PhD scholars according to the market

## Martyred police official laid to rest in Bara

F.P. Report

BARA: The late police official was laid to rest with State honor here in Bar-Qamber Khel village of Bara, district Khyber on Friday. Police personnel Israr Ahmad had been targeted by unknown armed persons last night at Kaleem staff, Shalober, Bara in which he embraced Shahadat and the killers successfully managed to escape.

District Police Officer (DPO) Saleem Kulachvi, police presented a salute tribal elders, police officials, relatives of the wreaths at the coffin and yard, Bar-Kamber Khel deceased and people from offered prayers for the different walks of life were among the participants, attended funeral prayer heirs of the late police offi-held in Police Line, cial and paid rich tribute to have martyred in different Shahkas, Jamrud.

A smart contingent of late police soldier.



and the officials put floral departed soul. DPO, It is to be mentioned here Khyber sympathized with that since January to July the services rendered by the militant

Later on the body was shifted to his native gravevillage for burial purpose. activities in

## Martyrdom of Imam Hussain (RA) a guideline

F.P. Report

fied as Hazrat Khan, Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) is a guideline for the whole of humanity as it highlighted the importance of sacri-The rope of the chair fice for the cause of lift snapped which has upholding the norms and

These views eral feet and resulting in expressed by the Deputy Commissioner Kurram Mehsud, Commanding Officer 55 Baloch Colonel Yusaf, Ulema and tribal leaders addressing the while Interfaith Conference organized by the district administration

> Deputy Commissioner Kurram Javed Ullah Mehsud was the chief guest while Commanding Officer 55 Baloch Colonel Yusaf was the guest of honor in the conference. DPO Kurram Nisar

Commissioner Kurram Hafeezullah and those who established a KOHAT: The martyrdom of tribal leaders of Upper, peaceful society for their Lower and Central Kurram were also present on this

> speeches that the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) was a guidance for the whole of humanity and we should put aside all our differences and establish an atmosphere of Islamic brotherhood.

> They further said that the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) was a living example for the entire humanity by which we can achieve success. They reiterated their commitment to play a role for peace, development and prosperity of Kurram district. Deputy Muharram was a month which teaches us to sacri-

Upper added, best people were next generations and the role of the leaders of Kurram district in this The speakers said in their regard was highly com-

mendable. Promotion of inter-faith harmony was a common responsibility of all of us. All the law enforcement agencies and tribal leaders were on the same page to thwart the nefarious intentions of the anti-state elements who were spreading chaos in the society.

A comprehensive security plan has been formed by the security forces for the peaceful holding Muharram and all the processions and gatherings of Muharram will end peace-Commissioner Kurram in fully, he hoped. At the end his address said that of the conference, special prayers were offered for the security of the country and Ahmad fice and firmly stand for the peaceful holding of Assistant against the oppression. He Muharram.

## **BOD** approves Adil for WSSCM chairmanship

F.P. Report

MARDAN: The newly appointed members, Board of Directors (BoD) Water and Sanitation Services Company Mardan (WSSCM) agreed to recommend, Engineer Adil Nawaz as chairman for the first meeting, while the for-mal approval of the chairman will be executed by the provincial cabinet.

In the first meeting of the BoD, company secretary Farhan Ahmed welcomed and congratulate the newly elected members Board of Directors Haroonur-Rasheed, Javed Hussain and Mobeena Riazuddin on their appointment. General Manager Engineer Imran Zaman briefed the BoD that from January 2024 to June 2024 thirty three thousand, nine hundred and eighty five tons of garbage has pany has already devised an and religious duty of e been collected from the energy efficiency policy for member of the society.



Mardan city and disposed of safely, while three hundred and four kilometers of drains in the city has been cleaned

water is provided to five times a day through a one pipeline. The Company has installed SCADA systems in six tube wells and ten fuel sensors in vehicles to minimize the energy consumption with the supports of German Cooperation

efficient use of energy and to reduce the cost.

Chairman Engineer Adil Nawaz and the Board of Directors expressed satisfaction on the briefing and Likewise, clean drinking stated that our mission is to make Mardan as a model thousand consumers three city in terms of cleanliness and we will make sure to hundred and fifty nines km utilize all the available resources to achieve our mission.

They stated that provincial government is trying to improve the living standards of the citizens. Keeping the environment (GiZ). Imran told the com- clean is the national moral pany has already devised an and religious duty of every

## Over 1000 cops to perform Muharram security duty

F.P. Report

MARDAN: The District Police Mardan on Friday has announced an extensive security plan to ensure peace and safety during Muharram ul Haraam. Over 1,000 police officers and personnel will be deployed throughout the district.

Special teams, including the Rapid Response Force, Bomb Disposal Squad, Ladies Police, and Elite Force, will be on standby to handle any emergency situation, said a police spokesman.

He said to maintain the effectiveness of the security plan, police officers' transfers and leaves have been canceled. Additional police checkpoints have been set up on all internal and external routes of the district, with special routes designated for traffic flow.

Extra traffic police personnel will be deployed to manage the increased Afridi has appealed to the to the vacant positions. The council's actions.

scholars to cooperate with the police in maintaining council to address issues peace and security. He urged the residents to report any suspicious persons, vehicles, or objects by calling the helpline 15, the control room at 0937-9230065, or contacting the nearest police station.

meeting for protest in favour of demands: All Pakistan Paramedical Staff Federation has called an emergency meeting on July 20 to protest the recent appointment of doctors to Allied Health Professionals Council positions, terming it a violation of the Allied Professionals Health Council Act 2022 and the Constitution of Pakistan.

The federation's central president, Sharafatullah Yousafzai has demanded that the council's chairman Zamurd Khan take immediate action to rectify the sitmovement, he told. District uation and appoint eligible

public, minority communi- federation has also called ties, traders and religious for the registration process to begin soon and for the related to dispensers and medical technicians. The meeting, to be held

at the federation's central office in Islamabad, will be attended by central executive and cabinet members who will discuss the coun-Paramedics summons cil's illegal actions and plan a course of action to protect the rights of allied health professionals.

The federation's secretary-general, Muhammad Arshad Khan has accused the council of violating the law and the constitution by appointing doctors to positions meant for allied health professionals. He has demanded that the council fulfill its legal and constitutional obligations and ensure a bright future for

allied health professionals. The controversy has sparked outrage among allied health professionals, who feel that their rights Police Chief Zahoor Babar allied health professionals are being violated by the







GAZA: Palestinian girls walk past the school hit by an Israeli strike in Khan Younis.

## France's unions call for protests to pressurize Macron

PARIS (AP): With just 15 days plunging the country into chaos." before the start of the Olympic "respecting the results" of recent legislative elections and allow a leftwing coalition to form a new govern-

vote for the National Assembly resulted in a legislature split among three political groupings: the New Popular Front leftist coalition, Macron's centrist allies and the farright National Rally of Marine Le Pen. The New Popular Front won the most seats but fell short of an outright majority to govern on its own. The alliance's three main parties, the hard-left France Unbowed, the Socialists and the Greens, have urged the president to turn to them to form the new government.

Sophie Binet, the general secre-French broadcaster LCI that if

Binet said the president should allow ture's inaugural session is scheduled Games in Paris, a major French the New Popular Front to form the union called for mass demonstrations new government, although the leftist and possible strikes to pressure alliance has not yet proposed a can-President Emmanuel Macron into didate for prime minister because of internal divisions. She called on union members to take to the streets and "join rallies to put the National Assembly under surveillance." Binet France has been at the brink of a didn't rule out strikes during the governing paralysis since Sunday's Olympics. Asked about strikes that could disrupt the biggest event France has ever organized, she said: "At this stage we don't plan a strike during the Olympic Games. But if Emmanuel Macron continues to throw gasoline cans on the fires that he lighted ... " CGT has an open call for potential strikes by public service workers from July through September. The Olympics run July situation." She said the union wold 26-Aug. 11.

ister, Gabriel Attal, to continue han- dialogue breaks down," including in dling day-to-day affairs, despite private security and at the Paris air-Attal's offer of resignation. Macron ports. However, she added, "the goal tary of the influential hard-left CGT said he will wait for the country's union, said in an interview with political parties to build a broad con- Olympics." Last year, unions organsensus at the National Assembly ized mass protests to try to stop Macron did not respect the results of the election, "he risks once again minister, infuriating the leftist coalities that the retirement age."

tion and the unions. The new legislafor July 18. CGT railway workers called for nationwide rallies on July 18 in front of the prefectures and near the National Assembly in Paris to demand the New Popular Front be allowed to form a government, according to the union's statement.

The leader of the center-left CFDT union, Marylise Léon, also expressed concern about Macron's reluctance to name a new prime minister whose government could start addressing workers' problems. "The expectations of workers around purchasing power and working conditions have not disappeared," Léon not rule out strikes during the Macron has asked his prime min- Olympics "in certain sectors if social of CFDT is not to block the

## 'Relief' as Canadian serial killer found guilty in death of 4 women

judge found a serial killer the summary of his judgguilty of first-degree mur- ment. One of Ms Contois' der in the deaths of four family members held up a indigenous women. But in large photo of Rebecca in the court gallery, Jeremy his direction as he left the reserved. His younger sis- up her photo? Because we, packed full with the four months, until a man lookter, Rebecca, was one of the women killed in the city of not statistics," Krista Fox Winnipeg, Manitoba two said afterwards.

relief," Mr Contois said, that misses us dearly." but will not get full closure Skibicki's victims are until the killer, Jeremy Morgan Harris, 39, Skibicki, is formally sen-Marcedes Myran, 26 and until the killer, Jeremy Morgan tenced. In his oral verdict, Ms Contois, who was 24. Joyal dismissed the argu- been given the name ment by the defence at trial Mashkode Bizhiki'ikwe, Harris, which are believed that the accused was not meaning Buffalo Woman, criminally responsible for by indigenous elders. Skibicki, 37, said he was falo head sat on a red cloth suffering from schizophre- on a table near the prosecunia at the time of the tors in tribute to the still killings. Prosecutors argued unidentified victim. In his that Skibicki deliberately verdict, Judge Joyal said killed Ms Contois and three the accused failed to with Ms Contois believed other women in 2022 in demonstrate he was not to be the final victim. He Ms Fox said she believes crimes that were calculated criminally responsible for met at least two at local that it was only because Ms and racially motivated. The the murders, dismissing the murders and the subsequent testimony of a British psyweeks-long trial sent chiatrist, Dr Sohom Das, in the prairie province. were able to get justice. Canada's indigenous com- motivated by delusions prosecutors that he deliber- argue that he was not aware munity, which has long when he committed the ately targeted and exploited of the severity of his actions grappled with cases of vio- murders. The judge added "vulnerable" women. Over due to delusions driven by

reaction was courtroom. "Why did I lift "Every single one of us

"I feel a little sense of has a name, and a family Manitoba Court of King's The fourth woman has yet Bench Chief Justice Glenn to be identified, and has the murders. Lawyers for Throughout the trial, a bufthrough who said Skibicki was Judge Joyal agreed with Skibicki's lawyers tried to lence against their women. that the "mercilessly graph- the course of the trial, the schizophrenia.

100-person courtroom was went profound impact on the called police. entire Manitoba community, indigenous and non-

indigenous" With Skibicki facing life behind bars, the focus is remains of two of his victims, Ms Myran and Ms A formal search has been months of pressure from court documents, Skibicki March and May of 2022, homeless shelters Winnipeg, a city of 820,000

TORONTO (BBC): Tearful Wearing a grey T-shirt and ic" facts of the case "are court heard that Skibicki cheers erupted in a packed pants, Skibicki did not react largely uncontested", given had assaulted the women, Canadian courtroom as a as Judge Joyal read aloud that the accused had admit- strangled or drowned them ted to the murders in police and then committed sex interviews and in court acts on them before disprior to the trial. Skibicki membering their bodies and had pleaded not guilty due disposing of them in to a mental disorder. The garbage bins. The killings undetected women's families and ing for scrap metal in a bin friends for the verdict. outside Skibicki's apart-Judge Joyal said the case ment found partial human has had an "undeniable and remains in May 2022 and

'She's obviously been murdered," the man said in the 911 call, which was played in court. Police were able to identify the remains now shifting to finding the as those of Ms Contois. More of her remains were discovered at a city-run landfill the following to be in a Winnipeg landfill. month. In police interviews shortly after his arrest set for this autumn, after Skibicki surprised officers by admitting to killing Ms their families. According to Contois as well as three others. At that point, police killed the women between had no knowledge of the other deaths.

Speaking outside court, Contois' remains were found that the other families

## to Nazi Germany

MOSCOW (BBC): A Russian human rights activist has compared the country's judicial system to that of Nazi Germany. Oleg Orlov, who was appealing against a prison sentence for discrediting the armed forces, quoted a US prosecutor at the Nuremburg trials as saying the Nazis totally destroyed jus-

now banned human rights group Memorial, lost his appeal. He was jailed five months ago for two-and-ahalf years after calling Russia a fascist state and criticising the war against Ukraine. The sentence was seen as a clear sign that Russia was increasingly cracking down on public dissent. Speaking by video link from custody in the central city of Syzran, Orlov told the Moscow city court in his final statement that he regretted nothing and would not repent.

### China hits back at Nato over Russia accusations

International

BEIJING (BBC): China's foreign minister Wang Yi has hit back at Nato's 'groundless accusations' that Beijing is helping Russia in its war on Ukraine. He has also Western warned the alliance against stirring up confrontation. Mr Wang's comments, made in a call with his Dutch counterpart, came hours after leaders of Nato member states gathered in Washington DC and issued a declaration on the

They accused China of being a "decisive enabler" of Russia through its "large-scale support for Russia's defence industrial base", in some of their harshest remarks yet about Beijing. They called on China to stop "all material and political support" to Russia's war effort such as the supply of dual-use materials, which are items that can be used for both civilian and military purposes. Western states have previously accused Beijing of transferring drone and missile technology and satellite imagery to Moscow. The US estimates about 70% of the machine tools and 90% of the microelectronics Russia imports now come from China. Beijing was also accused of conducting "malicious cyber and hybrid activities, including disinformation" on Nato states. W hile speaking to the Netherlands' new foreign minister Caspar Veldkamp, Mr Wang said "China absolutely does not accept' all these accusations and insisted that they have 'always been a force for peace and force for stabili-

In comments carried by state media, he said that China's different political system and values "should not be used as a reason for Nato to incite confrontation with China", and called for Nato to "stay within its bounds". His remarks was the latest in a flurry of angry responses from Beijing. A foreign ministry spokesperson said Nato was smearing China with "fabridisinformation", while Beijing's mission to the EU told the alliance to accusations that it has been aiding Russia in the war and insists that it remains a neutral party. It has called for an end to the conflict and proposed a peace plan, which Ukraine has rejected. But, besides the growing accusations of military support, observers have also pointed out that Beijing's purchases of vast amounts of oil and gas have helped prop up Russia's economy crippled by sanctions and replenish coffers drained by war spending. Beijing's official rhetoric on the conoften flict mirrors Moscow's - like them, China still does not call it a war - and Chinese President Xi Jinping has maintained a close relationship with President Vladimir Putin, with both of them famously declaring their partnership has "no limits". Beijing has accused the

US and other Western states of pouring "fuel on the fire" by supplying lethal weapons and technology to Ukraine for its defence. In recent weeks, several countries have gone a step further and allowed Ukraine to use their weapons to hit targets inside Russia.

#### Russian activist compares courts

PARIS: The spire of a cathedral's central spire and reports of casualties, and the tice and law during their rule. Orlov, 71, who chairs the

gency fire service said.

## Kenya's President sacks almost entire cabinet

William Ruto sacked nearly every member of his cabinet following weeks of ruption have turned public youth-led protests across the country. The exception was Prime Cabinet Secretary Mudavadi, who retained his job which makes him the most senior government official after the presidency and parliament's speaker. Mudavadi will also continue to double up as the country's foreign affairs cabinet secretary. Ruto attributed the mass dismissals to the protests and resulting withdrawal of his government's controversial finance bill, which he said had brought the country to "an inflection point". The firing of the cabinet has been one of protesters' demands. Ruto said he had taken time to reflect and review the performance of his ministers. Many of the

embattled

political allies of Ruto who President presidential bid. But allegations of government corsentiment against several cabinet members.

"Even with the progress we have made, I am acutely aware that the people of Kenya have very high expectations of me and they believe that this administration can undertake the most extensive transformations in our nation's history," Ruto said at State House, Nairobi, while dismissing his cabinet "with immedirity agents, was first ate effect." Ruto had earlier sparked by opposition to made concessions to the protesters, including scrapping the first lady's official budget, announcing the planned dissolution of 47 state agencies, and suspending purchases of new government vehicles and ings this week, citing the non-essential travel for government employees.

cabinet secretaries are close week-long national multi- the foreseeable future.

aided his successful 2022 ing 150 participants from different interest groups. The plan received the backing of the opposition, but has generally been rejected by protesters who say they only want their demands met. They have planned a major nationwide protest, July 16 - a day after the dialogue forum is due to begin. Demonstrators have also demanded Ruto's resignation. The protests, in which dozens of people were killed in clashes with secutax hikes in the finance bill. The demonstrations have continued despite the president's decision to scrap the bill last month. Moody's Kenya's sovereign debt ratgovernment's inability to introduce "significant rev-He also announced a enue-raising measures in

## Australian soldier charged with spying for Russia

SYDNEY (BBC): An sively" by the nation's secu- could be upgraded. Both Mr Australian soldier and her rity agencies but would not Kershaw and Australia's spy husband have been arrested comment on the case and each charged with spy- directly as it is now before Russia. Investigators say the couple both Russian-born Australian citizens obtained Australian Defence

Moscow. Australian police say "no significant compromise" of military secrets has been identified.

It is the first time stricter foreign interference laws introduced by Australia in had obtained a security 2018 - have been used to clearance, police say. Mr lay espionage charges. Kira Korolev, a 40-year-old army private, and her 62year-old husband Igor instructed Igor to access her Korolev faced court in work account and send sen-Brisbane on Friday, each on sitive material so that she an espionage offence -

courts. Australian Federal Police Commissioner Kershaw said the couple had been in Australia for Force (ADF) more than a decade before material to share with the alleged offending and However, had both become citizens several years ago.

employed labourer, and systems technician in the army, a role for which she Kershaw alleged she secretly travelled to Russia while on leave from the ADF, then had been "briefed exten- said, adding that the charges es of security seriously".

agency boss Mike Burgess who addressed media together on Friday declined to answer questions about the nature of the documents or how authorities were tipped off about the alleged crimes.

But Mr Burgess said that

the ongoing threat of espionage is "real". "Multiple Igor worked as a self- countries are seeking to steal Australia's secrets. We Kira was an information cannot be naive, and we cannot be complacent." "If you are spying in this country, we are looking for you. If you are being spied on in this country, we are looking out for you," he added. Mr Kershaw stressed that Australia's allies could be "confident" that the country would "continue to identify one count of preparing for could forward it on to and disrupt espionage and Russian authorities. An foreign interference activiwhich carries a maximum investigation in to whether ty". In a statement, the ADF "stop hyping up the so-called China threat". Australian Prime Minister delivered to them is still members had been arrested Beijing has long rebutted Anthony Albanese said he underway, Mr Kershaw and that it "takes all breach-

## US set to wind down Gaza pier operations

from its pier designed to increase the flow of human-Strip amid Israel's continu-

ing war.

The \$230m pier has repeatedly been detached from the shore because of weather conditions since its initial installation in mid-May, and the project also faced problems with the distribution of assistance due to conditions onshore. 'I do anticipate that in relatively short order, we will wind down pier operations," National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan told journalists.

Pentagon spokesman Major-General Pat Ryder said in a statement that "the pier will soon cease operations, with more details on that process and timing available in the coming days". A United Nations report says 96 percent of threats that prompted aid

The Palestinians, or about plies into Gaza. The aid United States has said it 495,000 people, face starwill soon end operations vation amid Israel's ninemonth war on the territory. While the pier has brought itarian aid into the Gaza in 8,100 metric tonnes of aid to a marshalling area on Gaza's shore since it started operating in May, the 370m (1,200-foot) floating pier has had to be removed multiple times because of bad weather. Sullivan said the pier helped bring urgently needed food and other aid to Gaza, but additional supplies are now coming into the Palestinian enclave via land routes. "The real issue right now is not about getting aid into Gaza. It's about getting aid around Gaza effectively," he told reporters. Military personnel attempted to re-anchor the temporary Gaza pier to the beach after technical and weather-related issues, but were unable to do so.

The project has also been hampered by security insecure, and one in five of the food and other sup- cleared out. — Aljazeera

groups have said that while any amount of food for Gaza is welcome, many have criticised the project as a costly distraction, saying the US should concentrate on pressuring Israel to allow more aid through land borders, which have long been considered the most productive option. The UN suspended all World Food Programme (WFP) deliveries from the pier after a June 8 Israeli military raid that secured the release of four Israeli hostages but killed hundreds of Palestinians, citing concerns that troops used an area near there for flying out the rescued hostages by helicopter.

Aid flowing through the pier then began piling up in the secure area on the beach, but the WFP eventually hired contractors to move it into storage areas for further distribution. Defense Department said this week that a significant Gaza's population is food agencies to halt distribution amount of the aid had been

### French firefighters rush to put out blaze at Rouen cathedral

medieval cathedral in the city of Rouen in northern France is mostly clear of smoke after catching ablaze and firefighters rushed in to contain it. The fire broke out about midday in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption, which was undergoing renovation, the local prefecture and emer-

The Gothic cathedral, one of France's finest, dates back to the 12th century and was repeatedly painted by Impressionist artist Claude Monet in the 19th century, generating worldwide fame. Images from France's BFM television channel released shortly after the fire erupted

people in the streets looking up in horror. In later footage broadcast

by the channel, smoke could the scaffolding around the spire but was no longer rising in a dark column. Rouen Mayor Nicolas Mayer-Rossignol, writing on X, said all public resource had been mobilized to quell the unknown. The local prefecture, which exercises state authority in the region, said the cathedral had been evacuated. A security cordon was in place around the building.

away to give space for

extent of the damage is unclear, according to the prefecture. Workers who were on site carrying on the still be seen through a gap in renovation are safe, the the white cover encircling cathedral's archbishop said. The cathedral was built and rebuilt over a period of more than 800 years and has features from early Gothic to Flamboyant and late Renaissance architecture. It is famous for its three towblaze, whose origin remains ers, each of which are built in a different style. In 1822, lightning started a fire that destroyed the wood and lead Renaissance spire of the central tower. The new iron spire was not completed for six decades. It stood at 151 It advised people to "stay metres (500ft) and for a short time made the catheshowed a thick plume of emergency responders to dral the world's tallest buildsmoke rising from the work". So far, there are no ing. — Aljazeera

to Germany, angering Moscow WASHINGTON (BBC): argued, accusing Nato and pare, he explained: "We are km (310-3,400 miles) Long-range US missiles are the US of trying to intimitalking here about an Russia's Vladimir Putin felicity." to be deployed periodically date Russia. in Germany from 2026 for War, in a decision announced at Nato's 75th the missiles was initially anniversary summit. The seen as temporary but and hypersonic missiles nent, as part of a US comhave a significantly longer mitment to Nato and range than existing missiles, Europe's "integrated deterthe US and Germany said in rence". German Defence a joint statement. Such mis- Minister Boris Pistorius, banned under a 1988 treaty Nato between the US and former with a "military reponse to ing longer-range missiles.

US cruise missiles to return

The joint US-German the first time since the Cold statement made clear the "episodic" deployment of Tomahawk cruise, SM-6 would later become permasiles would have been who was speaking at the summit Washington, said the idea nent", Italian news agency and their spokeswoman on Soviet Union, but the pact behind the US plan was to fell apart five years ago. encourage Germany and Russian Deputy Foreign other European countries to Minister Sergei Ryabkov put their own investment said Moscow would react into developing and procur-

Pistorius joined colleagues violating the pact with a from France, Italy and new type of nuclear-capable Poland in signing a letter of cruise missile. The US finalintent aimed at developing ly pulled out of the treaty in long-range missiles in 2019, and Russia followed The European suit. Europe. Long-Range (Elsa) Approach was intended to improve European missile capability, which was "sorely needed to

missiles Such banned under Intermediate-Range Nuclear about the decision. "It can Forces (INF), which was signed at the end of the Cold the new threat". "This is just a link in the chain of a course of escalation," he Nato allies the time to pre-

deter and defend our conti-

Ansa reported.

talking here about an Russia's Vladimir Putin felt increasingly serious gap in it was too restrictive and in capability in Europe." Mr 2014 the US accused him of Politicians Strike Germany's Greens were critical of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's agreement to allow US missiles on German soil The Greens are part of Mr Scholz's ruling coalition, security Sara Nanni made clear their frustration that he the had made no comment even heighten fears and leaves room for disinforma-

#### The Frontier Post Rehmat Shah Afridi (Late) Founder Bilal Shah Afridi Chief Executive Jalil Afridi

Managing Editor
Printed and published by Mahmood Afridi at Moraka's Printers, 27 Abdara Road, University Town, Peshawar. Peshawar Office: 091-5700095, 0300- 9009001 Peshawar Fax: 091-5703687, Post Box No. 573 E-mail: fppeshawar@thefrontierpost.com Lahore Office: 0335-4026284 Email: fplahore@thefrontierpost.com *Islamabad Office:* 0321-5066253 Email: mahmoodafridi@thefrontierpost.com Karachi Office: 021-32213411, 0300-8340907

Email: fpkarachi@thefrontierpost.com "USA and Canada Toll Free Number 1-800-5905747

## What Britain's first Asian PM suffer defeat

THE crushing defeat of the Conservative Party in the UK election ends Rishi Sunak's two-year premiership. He has a place in history books as the first British Asian prime minister - but now also as the prime minister to suffer one of the heaviest election defeats in Britain's modern political history. Sunak was dealt an almost impossible hand on becoming prime minister two years ago - the latest in a head-spinning carousel of Conservatives to take the top job. He was the UK's third prime minister in the space of two months. Already, Boris Johnson had squandered a dominant political position with rule-breaking parties in Downing Street during the pandemic before Liz Truss's premiership imploded within weeks as her bold tax-cutting budget fell apart. When Sunak became prime minister, my father told me how important a symbolic moment it felt to him, having come to Britain from India as a young doctor in 1968. Now 80, Dad felt torn by a dilemma of how to cast his own vote.

When the general election was called six weeks ago, Dad told me he would probably vote for Sunak, despite his doubts about an unruly and divided Conservative Party. He saw Sunak as a decent man, trying to do his best in difficult times. It almost sounded like a plan to cast a sympathy vote for Sunak, just in case nobody else did. But as the election campaign wore on, he became less sure. "I would like to see him carry on as prime minister - but the country also needs a change of government," Dad said. "His being Indian and Hindu are probably not the right reasons to vote for him ... but he did well during the terrifying times of Covid," he added of Sunak's stint as Chancellor of the Exchequer before becoming prime minister.

He planned to finally decide inside the polling booth. Meanwhile my 18-year-old daughter, deciding how to cast her first ever vote, could not conceive of Sunak's identity influencing her choice. Her priority issues were climate change and rising homelessness. Her friends - including those of Asian heritage - associate Sunak more with his wealth and educational privilege than his ethnic heritage or his faith. After 14 years of Conservatives in power, the country's youngest adults have never known another government. A little younger than 10 years old when Britain voted for Brexit, they have grown up knowing that had been a big argument, while often feeling that nobody had really tried to explain what the point of it had been.

At 44 years old, Sunak leaves office as the youngest ex-prime minister for well over a century. He became prime minister just seven years after becoming an MP shorter than any other recent occupant of Downing Street. Sunak's political inexperience was reflected in some of the mistakes made in a bruising election campaign. He apologised profusely for his decision to leave the recent D-Day commemorations in France partway through. A few of the criticisms of his apparent lack of respect for British traditions had a suspicious, prejudiced undertone: that Sunak did not understand how much it meant. Sunak, as an individual, often seems less impressed with the ceremonial aspects of his role. But traditions of Remembrance do matter to British Asians too. Indeed, the armies that fought the world wars resemble today's Britain of 2024 more than that of 1944. They were drawn from across the Commonwealth - including a massive contribution from India - that is finally being increasingly recognized.

As the election campaign entered its final week, Sunak spoke out powerfully against racist comments by a campaigner for the right-wing populist Reform UK party, which had been captured on film. He said that his daughters should never have to hear such language about him. Yet while Sunak's election defeat was political and personal, it had little to do with his faith or ethnic heritage. Sunak was unable to revive his party after 14 years in power - and negative perceptions of his wealth did seem to make it harder for him to forge a connection with voters in such tough economic times. Ultimately, this crushing defeat has much more to do with the Conservative blue color of his party than the color of his skin.

Rationally, the evidence is that Sunak's ethnicity must be marginal in public perceptions of him, given just how much his reputation has surged and fallen over a short time. Sunak had been one of the most popular British politicians for decades when he first came to public attention as Chancellor of the Exchequer during the Covid pandemic. He was seen more as a technocrat than a party politician, and his furlough scheme - where the taxpayer subsidized the wages of those who could not work virtually during lockdown - was enormously popular. Sunak's popular ity was dented once the pandemic was over. Having taken on debt, he had to raise taxes. His family wealth and wife's tax arrangements became more controver-

sial, too. Again, on becoming prime minister, Sunak personally had a much better public reputation than his Conservative Party. But after two years in office, their reputations had converged - downwards. The political and economic context changed. Sunak's ethnicity did not. Sunak as a Hindu was the first ever British prime minister to practice a non-Christian faith. This was discussed much more in India than in Britain, reflecting a secular political culture and some awkward uncertainty too about how to talk about faith here. Sunak celebrates his faith openly - lighting Diwali

lamps on the Downing Street steps. He emphasized too that he welcomed the cultural norm of seeing diversity at the top as no big deal. The UK has had ethnic minority leaders in Downing Street and in devolved governments in Scotland and Wales - though each chosen by their party, rather than the public. If diversity becomes a new norm in British politics, minority leadership will ebb and flow depending on how leaders grapple with the dilemmas of leadership. The electoral reckoning for Sunak could barely have been more brutal - yet British voters will feel that both the man and his party were given a fair shot.

#### **Important Notice**

The Frontier Post will not be responsible for the comments in the articles and letters. The Frontier Post requests the writers of articles and letters to please make sure that they write their email addresses and mention the names of the cities, towns, districts or tehsil of their residences at the bottom of their articles and letters.



## Biden has a chance for a graceful exit. He should take it

Sam Lyman

T'S the most pertinent question in American politics. After last step down. In Feinstein, the other senator of his generamonth's debate debacle, public no longer saw the tion, seemed to understand President Joe Biden is vibrant trailblazer of yester- the importance of a gracefacing mounting pressure year but rather an out-of- ful exit. from voters to drop out of touch politician - disorientthe race. But he appears ed and bent by old age unfazed by recent critical clinging to life with the at the top of his game politcism, insisting in a recent same intensity that she ically. As president pro cluded that he could best ABC News interview that clung to power. Despite tempore of the Senate, he no one "is more qualified mounting criticism from was third in line to the presto be president or win this the media and members of idency. He had just passed race than me."

Biden says he has consulted staff and family making such a momentous decision, he would do well Dianne Feinstein? Or tale; the other, a model for cautionary tale.

most accomplished legislators of her generation. She on bipartisan legislation to months later. combat domestic violence, strengthen our national security. She steered the ments. But even some of powerful Senate Rules the most glowing tributes Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. the longest-serving members of the Senate Judiciary lesson of Dianne Committee.

breaking lawmaker who finale." Sound familiar? worked in good faith across the aisle and always delivshould not define a political mind, however, it often

depleted senator elicited careers in their own right. schedule a special trip to low Hatch. countless calls for her to But Hatch, more than any Salt Lake City to encourage

When Hatch chose to

step down in 2018, he was

Hatch, Biden and Feinstein about the matter. But in were all contemporaries in the Senate. They all had prolific legto look beyond his immedi- islative careers in their own ice is just beginning." That ate circle to the examples of his former friends in the right. But Hatch, more than any of mentoring. At the conclusion of his term, Hatch Senate. Biden faces a stark choice: Will he follow the other senator of his generation, path of Democratic Sen. seemed to understand the impor-Republican Sen. Orrin tance of a graceful exit. When states manship to those who Hatch? One is a cautionary Hatch chose to step down in rest of his life to raising up going out on top. First, the 2018, he was at the top of his a new generation of policy Feinstein was among the **game politically.** 

shattered the glass ceiling her own party, she refused comprehensive tax reform, by becoming the first to relinquish her seat and a fitting capstone to a female mayor of San insisted on finishing her career of profound legisla-Francisco and the first term. I've always wondered tive achievements that leader is not amassing woman elected to the whether she chose to stay included the Religious power but knowing when Senate from the state of of her own volition or California. While in the because of pressure from the Senate, she led the charge staff. She passed away four Disabilities Act and the Washington set the ultimate

came with an asterisk: Feinstein had stayed far too And like Biden and Hatch, long, doing lasting damage she played a critical role in to her reputation and legashaping the courts as one of cy. As Mark Leibovich Dianne Feinstein's career: Stay in Feinstein became an your job too long, and you icon in her party as a path-risk losing control of the

By staying in the presidential race, Biden appears ered results for her con- to be following the script of stituents. This, and this Feinstein - and Supreme alone, is how she should be Court Justice Ruth Bader remembered. But it isn't. A Ginsburg before her. And single moment in time now, he too risks losing control of the finale, taintcareer that spanned multi- ing a storied career with a ple offices and more than stubborn refusal to step four decades. In the public aside. The good news: It doesn't have to be this way. Biden does not yet have a That moment came for diagnosed medical condi-Feinstein in the early sum- tion like Feinstein did. So tal decline, a bruised and longtime friend, Orrin barely cognizant Feinstein Hatch. Hatch, Biden and was wheeled into the Feinstein were all contem-Senate by a young staffer. poraries in the Senate. They The infamous image of the all had prolific legislative

Freedom Restoration Act, and how - to give it up. On Americans State Children's Health example. Washington was The obituaries written Insurance Program, among at the pinnacle of power shore up civil liberties and about Feinstein recognized hundreds more. Hatch had when he chose not to seek a her manifold accomplish- also participated in the con- third term as president. This firmation hearings of more than half of all federal the importance of limited who had ever judges including 15 served, Supreme Court justices. Over the course of his 42year tenure, Hatch had filled the career of five sen- after him. ators in one. As chair of the Senate Finance Committee and as the most seasoned Republican in the Senate, he - like Biden - could have served another term and

role in shaping policy. But he chose not to. Because he grasped the importance of top and making way for the next generation. Hatch's able own party to run for anoth- power at the expense of his mer of 2023. After months he still has time to choose a er term. Then-Majority of severe physical and men- different path - that of his Leader Mitch McConnell was Hatch's colleagues urging safeguard the American him to stay in the Senate. And then-President Donald

the senator to seek reelec As Hatch's longtime

speechwriter, I watched him wrestle with the weighty decision whether to stay or go. But with characteristic foresight and humility, he conserve his country by bringing his Senate service to a close, thus clearing a path for younger leaders. In his retirement announcement, Hatch teased what would come next: "I may be leaving the Senate, but the next chapter in my public servemphasized the importance statesmanship to those who promised to dedicate the rest of his life to raising up makers in the ways o bipartisan dealmaking.

Hatch passed the final test, the one that separates the politicians from the statesmen. He understood that the true measure of a with this score, President George selfless decision reinforced government, informal term limits and the separation of powers. It ended his political career but gave life to the democracy that came

Hatch made a similar decision by giving up his seat to mentor and make way for up-and-coming leaders. That's why his legacy of commonsense continued to play an outsize policymaking lives strong today through the staff he raised up, the judges he championed and the ongoing work of the Orrin G. two things: going out on Hatch Foundation. Biden now faces the same test of leadership: Will he surrendecision to retire in 2018 der his power for his legawas all the more remark- cy? Will he conduct himself considering the as a statesman by passing tremendous pressure he the baton to the next gener faced from leaders of his ation? Or will he guard his party and the nation? It's a simple choice between foremost among Feinstein and Hatch. To experiment, Biden and other members of the old Trump went so far as to guard would do well to fol-

Labour has power at last

## Orban and Putin scratch each other's backs ... again

**Andras Toth-Czifra** 

President Zelenskyy whom Orbán port this effort. had met days earlier, Ukraine.

Orban's "peace mission" was, was laid bare in the most horrific way three Russia carried out a missile attack against several Ukraine's territorial Ukrainian cities, targeting, integrity. The EU's comamong others, a children's to talk, and the circumthe war, was passing on messages. If indeed there was anything to pass on, given that the political and military circumstances that affect the chances of alone peace negotiations, have not changed.

Putin may allude that he regards Orban, whose country currently holds the rotating presidency of the EU Council, as the repremay care about European But it is clear that even if had a mandate to act on behalf of the EU, Putin would hardly take negotiating with the bloc seriously. The Kremlin's eyes are set on the US presidential election in November, and the looming governance crisis in France, whose president has fashioned himself as the chief Western European hawk on Russia. While we are not familiar with the sub-

President

end of gas transit via Ukraine, were mentioned. But why was it impormight insist that the is simply a Kremlin agent or Trojan horse. Orban's government is not trying too hard to counter these claims. But this is a simplistic and not very helpful take. The reality is likely more complicated. To understand Orban's motivations, it is important to remember that he is currently engaged in a power struggle within the EU. Following an uneven showing of his allies in the European parliamentary elections in June and a dispute between several factions of illiberal parties, partly over the topic of the war in Ukraine, he has put together a new illiberal alliance, which is on track group in the European Parliament. Growing this alliance is key not only to the distribution of power in

MISSION accompli- these parties might soon shed!" crowed Viktor find themselves in govern-Orbán on July 5 after ment. Orban, who is still his surprise trip to attempting to get access to Moscow, organized, as Hungary's frozen EU the Hungarian prime funds, hopes these allies minister himself admit- could be counted on for **ted, in utmost secrecy** political favors. He is thus **behind the back of** trying to appear to be a Hungary's allies, and, major political pole, using according to Ukrainian the Hungarian presidency Volodymyr of the EU Council to sup-Orban is greatly aided

by the fact that, beyond the Just how successful occasional weapons shipment and tightening of sanctions, the EU and the US appear to have no clear days later, on July 8 as plan to bring the war to an end in a way that respects mitment to sustained assishospital in Kyiv. But this tance to Ukraine is weakwas no peace mission. ening, and Brussels has no Having no mandate from vision for dealing with a the EU, NATO, or Ukraine post-war Russia. While this is so, Russia's inhustances on the ground the mane bombing campaigns most that Orban's visit may even help the cynical could possibly have argument, often heard accounted to, as regards from supporters of concesfrom supporters of concessions to Russia, that supporting Ukraine's fight will actually lead to more innocent deaths. Orban's "peace party" may be more suitably referred to as the meaningful ceasefire, let business-as-usual party, since that is what its members actually desire. But, Vladimir unlike its opponents, it offers what to many looks like a solution. The Kremlin's strategy, meanwhile, still hinges upon Russia's resources and sentative of the EU. He determination outlasting the will of Ukraine's backsanctions against Russia. ers. While conventional wisdom may hold that time Orban or the presidency is on Putin's side, Russia's trade, domestic finances and political stability have all taken a hit due to the

Portraying Orban as the sober voice in the EU is useful to underpin Putin's domestic argument that the active phase of the war will soon be over as the West is leaning towards pressuring Ukraine into a ceasefire on Russia's terms. It is a win-win for stance of the conversations both sides of the Moscow that Orban held behind talks. The most immediate closed doors with Putin, it benefit to Putin from is more likely that, like his Orban's visit, however, is talks in Kyiv, they covered what it makes the EU look bilateral issues. There is no like. The frustration that doubt Hungary's gas pur- the visit has unleashed is chases, which could be likely not even the most impacted by the potential important thing. Leaders of the EU and its member states have quite rightly protested against the cirtant for Orban and Putin to cumstances and the optics meet in person? Some of Orban's talks - but they have not done much else. Hungarian prime minister Punishing a member state whose government uses the rotating presidency to deliberately undermine the EU's position is not impossible. But such a step would most likely require the assent of a large majority of other member state governments, who are usually wary of setting such precedents. Orban's rogue politicking does hurt Hungary's chances to build alliances and secure deals within the EU, but this damage is incremental and difficult Currently, it looks like Orban can afford not to care too much about the consequences actions in the EU. That, even more than the to become the third biggest cacophony of disputes around the Hungarian prime minister's visit, this something that the Kremlin loves to see.

The Moscow Times

#### NE Born Every Minute was magical reality TV, inviting us into the delivery suite to holds affected by the policy. marvel at the everyday miracle that each new life the feeling of hope, possibility and fresh beginnings that comes with a baby's

many babies have been prodenies third and subsequent children born after April 2017 means-tested support worth up to £3,455 a year.

long raised tricky questions the past four years, I've been for Keir Starmer's changed part of research working Labour party, which has - to date - not committed to ending the policy, despite sustained pressure from antipoverty charities, influential thinktanks and religious leaders including the archbishop of Canterbury. Today, only seven days into Labour's government, official statistics with when her local supershow that one in nine chil- market reduces items close to

#### There is a lot that is cruel about the two-child limit, but

brings. Who doesn't love one thing that is especially pernicious is the way in which its net widens and the number affected grows every day it remains in place. By But for the past seven the time it is fully rolled out, years, the opportunities of analysis suggests one in five children will live in affected foundly and barbarically households. That's equivalent shaped by the presence of the to six children in every two-child limit. This caps school class. The two-child limit seeps into the everyday fabric of families' lives, leaving children and their parents without the basic essentials The two-child limit has that they need to get by. Over alongside families directly affected by the two-child limit and its sister policy, the benefit cap.

We have spoken to parents such as Wendy, who no longer gives her youngest children a bath or story at bedtime because this clashes dren in the UK live in house- their use-by date. And money; trying to hide shoes

#### **Ruth Patrick**

Amanda, who had to choose which child's needs to meet when one child needed new T-shirts, the other underwear. Amanda felt the basic injustice and sadness of this, reflecting on other people who "don't have to think about which kid they love the

most that month". I have researched poverty for 15 years, and it has sadly long been common to hear parents talk about the steps they take to try to shield their children from its effects: skipping a meal so that their kids can be fed; turning the heating off during the day when children are at school. What we found in our study of the two-child limit and benefit cap is that children are also routinely trying to a deliberately simplistic and protect their parents from the impact of their poverty: nudging a sibling in the supermarket not to ask mum for that treat or magazine, because she doesn't have the

that are rubbing as they know the money simply isn't there for a new pair.

This is profoundly damaging to children who are being forced to grow up too soon, all because of political choices that could and should be overturned. Lifting the twochild limit would instantly remove 300,000 children from poverty and would send a wider signal to children, their families and to all of us that, borrowing a New Labour sentiment: every child matters. Those who defend the policy argue that people should only have the children they can afford, and that those on benefits should face the same decisions as those in paid work. But this is misleading argument. Working families are affected by the policy: these latest statistics show that 59% of affected households include someone in work.

None of us can know what

the future will bring. Who can be confident when they first conceive that they will be able to support that child without any extra help for the next 18 years? I am a mother to four children, aged from 12 to five. I work nearenough full-time and have a partner who is an electrician.

At the moment we can finan-

cially support our children,

but this could easily and sud-

Brussels, but also because

denly change. One of us could get sick, or lose our job, or our relationship might break down. Were any of these things to happen, the social security system should be there to support us, helping us through a difficult time. But so long as the two-child limit remains in place, we would not receive a penny for our fourth child. Our third would get help, purely by dint of her age; she is seven and was born just before the limit took effect. But household budgets are not boxed off into perchild elements, so all four and go today. children would suffer. The

last government was disproportionately dominated by elites, including that tiny minority of households who can say with confidence that they have the financial means to support their children come what may. But this new government is different. Many cabinet members have known life on a low income, and recognise the fear that financial insecurity bring. The new work and pensions secretary, Liz Kendall, rightly said today that"too many children are growing up in poverty and this is a stain on our society.'

Starmer has pledged that his party will be judged on its record on child poverty. Scrapping the two-child limit must be the first step. But Labour should also make a broader argument about the value of social security as an investment in each and every one of us. I want to live in a country where every child born every minute has the opportunity to flourish and thrive. For that to happen, the two-child limit needs to go,

The Guardian

## **Blame Trump for** North Korea's saber-rattling

Vladimir Putin's recent visit to Pyongyang and my, was seen as crucial to this process. North Korea's announcement process. about testing new missiles have alarm bells in Washington, rattled the United States' allies and threaten to destabilize the whole Indo-Pacific region. While this is certainly not the first time that tenactions of one man: former US **President Donald Trump.** 

During his presidency, Trump's attempts at diplomacy were often viewed as ill-informed and dangerous, especially when he and North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un exchanged nuclear threats in 2017. Yet Trump and Kim, who met for two summits in 2018 and 2019, actually made significant progress toward resolving the decades-long tries - until Trump's impulsiveness derailed these efforts and set the stage for escalation.

Seeing a chance to shine on the Peace Prize like his predecessor Barack Obama, Trump pushed for a summit with Kim. This also reflected a stark reality. In their first and only meeting after Trump's election, Obama warned that North Korea was on the verge liked the idea of a leader-to-leader of acquiring missiles and bombs capable of killing millions of even provided a United Nations Americans. Obama also told envoy with a message for Kim, Trump that the US might have to launch a preemptive strike to prevent this scenario. Trump's offer to meet Kim was a dream come true for North Korea, signifying its amassing more weapons of mass acceptance on the world stage. Kim, like his father and grandfa- dismissive of these efforts, Kim's ther, has sought to modernize the unilateral decision to halt missile country's underdeveloped econo- and nuclear weapons tests and start my. Ending the cold war with the dismantling test sites showed he US, which would have enabled was serious. Notably, Kim also decided to cut the summit short. North Korea to transfer resources from defense to the civilian econo-

Joel S. Wit

To achieve this, Kim was even willing to put his nuclear weapons program on the chopping block. Even as they were issuing public Immediately after Trump took sions have escalated, the current office, the North Koreans reached turmoil can be traced back to the out to the US State Department sig-

expectation that the US-North Korea conflict would soon end.

But ending decades of hostility cannot be achieved in a few hours and the first Trump-Kim summit in June 2018 in Singapore fell far threats, Trump and Kim were short of such unrealistic expectasecretly angling for a summit. tions. Trump himself seemed to realize this, telling his aides that it was a "process" that might require several summits. He was right. naling Kim's desire to meet the While Trump was criticized for new American president. During being unprepared for his second secret talks in Singapore, North meeting with Kim in Hanoi in

Notably, Kim also announced a major economic modernization program, indicating his expectation that the US-North Korea conflict would soon end. But ending decades of hostility cannot be achieved in a few hours and the conflict between their two coun- first Trump-Kim summit in June 2018 in Singapore fell far short of such unrealistic expectations.

international stage and win a Nobel Korean spies reportedly asked their February 2019, the summit was CIA counterparts whether Trump preceded by intense negotiations was serious about meeting Kim.

Although the Trump administration's official policy was to force the North Koreans to come to the negotiating table, the president cials, the talks produced a lengthy summit. In December 2017, he proposing a meeting. Whether Trump knew it or not, engaging directly with Kim was the only way to stop North Korea from destruction. While observers were

between Trump's special envoy, Stephen Biegun, and his North Korean counterparts.

According to former US offidocument that addressed nearly every issue the two countries had struggled with, leaving two major questions for Trump and Kim to resolve: How much of North Korea's nuclear program would be dismantled immediately and how many sanctions Washington would lift in return. Trump and Kim came close to resolving these issues, but Kim's demands exceeded what Trump was willing to offer. The two haggled until Trump, who is known for his impatience, abruptly

After the formal talks had ended, a Kim adviser approached Biegun with a new promising proposal. The two seemed to be making progress when Trump walked by, shook Kim's hand, and left despite Kim's request that he stay a few more hours. The American delegation had no choice but to follow Trump and the stunned Kim returned to Pyongyang emptyhanded. At the time, many experts believed that the summit had failed because Kim was not willing to give up his stockpile of nuclear weapons. Some thought that John Bolton, Trump's hawkish national security adviser, had sabotaged the talks, while others noted that Trump was likely distracted by the congressional testimony of his former lawyer, Michael Cohen. But the blame lies squarely with Trump himself.

didacy

cycles.

anonymity.

intelligence officials.

on the condition

icy toward Russia."

Trump against Biden.

cemented by "the role the

caution from US intelli-

gence officials comes near-

As Anthony Fauci, the former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, put it, Trump's attention span is "a minus number." Trump himself may have had second thoughts about walking out of the Hanoi summit. As he left Vietnam, he reportedly called then-South Korean President Moon Jae-in and US is playing with regard sought his advice. But Trump and to Ukraine and broader polsought his advice. But Trump and Kim never reconnected.

This raises the question: What if Trump had reached a historic deal with Kim in Hanoi? It is probably safe to say that the US and North Korea would have made significant - albeit slow - progress toward better relations. If they had, it is also likely that Kim would not have jeopardized his new relationship with the US by embracing Putin, nor would he be building an enormous weapons arsenal that threatens to annihilate American cities. Alas, because of Trump's rash decisions, we will never know

## Political rifts have left US haunted by fear of civil war. How France can do better

**Alexander Hurst** 

N 2016, it was the "Angloworld that the heels of Britain's own goal of Brexit. A few weeks ago, it US (even seeking assistance from seemed as if France would take the National Rifle Association) as the UK's place as the US's part- the basis for provoking an identiner in implosion. But even tarian implosion. Far-fetched? though fireworks and cheers Hopefully - though a shocking populism is contagious. filled Paris's Place de la 91% of French people share the République on Sunday night folsentiment that "society is violent". lowing the success of a hasty tures are not going away any math. more than a four-year respite Trump means that Trumpism has gone away.

France and the US have seen their neuroses about social fracture leading to civil conflict seep into politics, as well as playing out in film and TV dramas. The US's fractures are so deep that fullblown civil war is already the subject of fiction. Alex Garland's Civil War film skips over the reasons that the country is divided and jumps straight to the middle of the fighting, suggesting a politically improbable alliance of Texas and California to overthrow a president turned autocrat.

During the recent election campaign in France, historians, analysts and politicians evoked the spectre of conflict that could arise in the case of a far-right victory. try towards "civil war".

Of course, there is one big diffrom exploiting and aggravating ference between the US and social fracture. France: guns. "There have to be guns for there to be a civil war; it's

sets about to turn France into the

La Fièvre, directed by Eric of convenience Benzekri, opens with an altercation between leftwing parties and between a football player and his centrist coalitions to keep the far coach, which both far right and far Popular Front (NFP), the shock right out of power, they only tem- left attempt to inflate into a race winner in the recent French parliaporarily drowned out reality, and identity crisis to exploit for mentary elections. But the director France's social and political fractitheir own purposes. In the after- has drifted towards the more main- far right. Meurisse), a political communications consultant, and an anxietyridden depiction of the centre left, feverishly tries to stop Kinsky from pushing French society to the brink. The two play a nationwide game of chess that takes in disinformation, social media astroturfing, a citizens' assembly and - in a direct foreshadowing of how Kylian Mbappé and other French footballers took public stances against "the extremes" - the use of a Paris football club as a force for moderation.

While Civil War can seem almost apolitical, La Fièvre never stops theorising, pulling from Stefan Zweig's The World of Yesterday, the Overton window and the research institute Destin Commun's La france en gûete. The show lays bare the way that mod-Emmanuel Macron said that ern democracy is being hollowed should the extreme right win it out by what it terms "conflict would "divide and push" the coun- entrepreneurs", those in politics and the private sector who gain

One of the truths Benzekri con-

French TV series La Fièvre. The often blocks progress while conelecting Donald Trump hot on co-protagonist and far-right activist tributing to a society where conversation - and thus, democracy becomes unworkable. But what seems to worry Benzekri most is the phenomenon of politics as spectacle, and the degree to which

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, Benzekri worked with Jean-Luc Mélenchon - the radical-left leader of France Unbowed (LFI), the largest party in the New Sam Berger (Nina stream centre left, and now seems to see some of his former allies as there is another way to change the conflict entrepreneurs who also bear responsibility for the deteriorating state of French politics.

I've watched as the US has experienced the polarisation of almost all aspects of life along political lines. It's a phenomenon I desperately would love France to avoid. But how?

During the 2021-22, and 2022-23 academic years, I taught a firstyear seminar to students at Sciences Po Paris that I titled, "In search of respect: US democracy confronting race and inequality." I pulled the title from a book written by a French anthropologist, Philippe Bourgeois, who studied crack gangs in Harlem in the 1990s. A desire to be "respected", it seemed to me, was at the root of so much of the emotion and anger that Trump was able to channel and direct.

Populism pits different segments of society against each other, often around competing notions of respect. A far-right populist tells supporters that they are right to feel disrespected, because "someone

supporters that the institutions of the state itself are racist. And now each side's desire for justice and to be respected validates the other side's deepest fears about what kind of society they are going to live in.

One solution is to change the game rather than play by the new rules the populists have set out for us. In La Fièvre, football is a socially unifying factor. Offscreen, Destin Commun has for many years promoted ecology as a common project with the potential to create social cohesion: an argument that it has found to be one of the most effective in countering the

rules of the game and create something new. According to Mathieu Lefèvre at Destin Commun, when it runs a focus group it often finds that participants request to come back the next day for nothing because they are so relieved to have had the chance to listen to, and be listened to by, other people in their communities. What if focus groups weren't just run for campaign purposes, but in every one of France's 36,000 communes? What better way to feel respected than listening and being listened to?

Even though the NFP is now the largest group in the national assembly, it lacks anything close to a majority and is divided between different wings. Unless moderates succeed in coalition-building, a legislature split between three rough political families - the far right, Macron's centrist coalition and the NFP - is a recipe for ungovernability that would serve "conflict entrepreneurs", but certainly not the country. In the final scene of La Fièvre, the president

### veys is that the far right isn't the else" has come and intruded upon asks: "Can we make it through?" In the bare minimum," says Marie only threat. Ideological rigidity can something fundamental about who real-life France, we are going to Kinsky (Ana Girardot) in the 2024 come from the far left too, and they are. A far-left populist tells find out. French voters save the Republic. Now comes the (really) hard part

RANCE'S legislative election results shocked - but also delighted - much of the public, especially those on the left. The seemingly relentless march to power by the likes of far-right stalwart Marine Le polls. Turnout for the second Pen has been halted - at least for now. The left wing of French politics once again has a sense of its own purpose and power: the ability of its voters to achieve big things, and to do the right thing. This is why it was heartening to see so many people celebrating across the country Sunday night, as the improbably resounding election results came out. They deserved it.

The political earthquake that had been feared after last week's first round of voting - when initial results showed the far-right Rassemblement National (RN) on the brink of taking power - has been averted. The New Popular Front (NFP) - a hastily assembled under half of centrist voters went coalition of France's center-left, far left and Greens - emerged with far right. An astonishing 72% of the most seats in Sunday's decisive left-wing voters in the opposite sitround. Emmanuel Macron's centrist coalition to historic electoral suc-Ensemble alliance came in second, cess. Still, it was only the begin-them coming up with a cohesive preventing the far right from tak- ning - and the easy part. Yes, the

have been higher, and it is hard to overstate the sense of urgency with which French voters flocked to the round was the highest since 1981. People who'd gotten used to staying at home on election days were brought back into the fold. That first round of voting last Sunday seemed to show the RN on the verge of forming France's first farright government since the collaborationist Vichy regime of World

Instead, the country is now left with two large electoral blocs - the center and the left - which came together after a week of political bargaining in which more than 200 left-wing and centrist candidates withdrew from the second round in a bid to avoid splitting the vote. It ought to be noted, however, that for the left in a run-off against the President uation voted tactically, leading the

ing power. The stakes couldn't left woke up Monday to a brandnew day, but the country also awakened to a newly fractured and fractious National Assembly. Out of 577 seats, the Popular Front has 182, Ensemble 163, and the Rassemblement National 143. Other, smaller parties share the remaining 84. The left doesn't have long to show that they are correct in thinking that, this time, they could actually change things for the better.

It is currently impossible to predict how this unwieldy and misshapen parliament will succeed. The Popular Front is itself a coalition, which managed to work well enough together during what was a short, tight and high-pressure campaign. Governing together would prove to be more of a challenge. Back in 2022, a somewhat similar alliance was formed for the legislative elections, and it descended into internecine wars about as quickly as most had expected.

It will find common ground on some issues, but it is hard to see party line on major issues at the

national and international level over the next few years. Still, they may find they have little choice. The French center has run out of breath, and the left doesn't have long to prove itself. The traditional right, meanwhile, is nowhere to be seen. Still, for just one more day, the French can be forgiven for wanting to bask in its weekend election triumph. Many had assumed that it was a foregone conclusion that the far right would win a majority, absolute or otherwise. They hadn't counted on the resolve of the left in quickly cobbling together an alliance that saved the republic.

It wasn't the first time they had done so; in 2002, 2018 and 2022, France had found itself on the brink of a far-right government. On all those occasions, and again last week, many held their noses and voted for the center to keep the far right in check. It worked this time, as it did previously, but Le Pen and her ilk aren't going anywhere. Presidential elections are coming in 2027, meaning that her party has time to recover then get ready to pounce again. The left doesn't have long to get its act

## meddlers helping Trump

Russian election

USSIA is turning to a familiar play-book in its attempt sion of Ukraine," national to sway the outcome of the upcoming US presi-Leavitt told VOA in an dential election, looking email. "When President for ways to boost the can-Trump was in the Oval former Office, Russia and all of **President Donald Trump** America's adversaries were by disparaging the camdeterred, because they paign of incumbent feared how the United President Joe Biden, according to American America who don't see this A new assessment of clear contrast between threats to the November election, shared Tuesday, ness versus Trump's effecdoes not mention either candidate by name. But an approach are the left-wing intelligence official told stenographers in the mainreporters that the Kremlin stream media who write view of the US political landscape has not changed Donald Trump for a living," from previous election she added. The Biden cam-"We have not paign has so far not observed a shift in Russia's responded to questions from VOA about the new preferences for the presidential race from past elections," the official told officials also have not yet reporters, agreeing to discuss the intelligence only comment on the latest alle-Kremlin of using a "whole The official said that of government" approach preference has been further to see Trump and other

American candidates per-

ceived as favorable to

Moscow win in November.

ety of approaches to bolster

its messaging and lend an

"Moscow is using a vari-

ly four years after it issued air of authenticity to its a similar warning about the efforts," the US intelligence 2020 presidential elections, which pitted then-President its hand and laundering nar-Moscow was using "a range of measures to primaratives through influential rily denigrate former Vice US voices." Russia's efforts President Biden and what it also appear focused on tarsees as an anti-Russia 'establishment,'" William geting US voters in so-called swing states, states most likely to impact the William Evanina, the then-head of National outcome of the presidential Counterintelligence and election, officials said. Security Center, said at the time. "Some Kremlin-Some of those efforts have already come to light. Earlier Tuesday, the US Department of Justice linked actors are also seeking to boost President Trump's candidacy on announced the seizure of social media and Russian two internet domains and of the assessment. television," he added. A another 968 accounts on the declassified post-election X social media platform, part of what officials assessment, released in March 2021, reaffirmed the described an artificial intelinitial findings. Russian ligence-driven venture by President Vladimir Putin Russian intelligence and authorized "influence oper-Russia's state-run RT news ations aimed at denigrating network. Justice Department statement said President Biden's candida-Russian intelligence and cy and the Democratic Party" while offering sup-RT used specific AI softport for Trump, the report ware to create authenticsaid. US intelligence offilooking social media cials said they have been in accounts to mimic US indicontact with both presidential campaigns and the cantors then used to promote didates but declined to messages in support of share what sort of informa-Russian government objection may have been shared. tives." A joint advisory, The Trump campaign issued simultaneously by Tuesday rejected the US intelligence assessment as Netherlands, backward. "Vladimir Putin Russia was in endorsed Joe Biden for of expanding the AÎ-fueled Iranian actors "may not be President because he knows influence operation to other aware that they are interact-Biden is weak and can eas-

Tuesday described such use of AI as a "malign influence accelerant," and warned the press secretary Karoline technology had already been deployed, likely by China, in the run-up to Taiwan's elections this past January. For now, though, US intelligence officials see few indications Beijing is seeking to interfere in US States would respond," she elections, as it did in 2020 said. "The only people in and 2022. China "sees little gain in choosing between two parties that are per-Biden's ineffective weak- ceived as both seeking to contain Beijing," said the tive peace through strength US intelligence official, noting things could change.
"The PRC is seeking to expand its ability to collect false narratives about and monitor data on US social media platforms, probably to better understand and eventually manipulate public opinion," the official said. "In US assessment. Russian addition, we are watching for whether China might responded to requests for seek to influence select down-ballot races as it did gations, which accuse the in the 2022 midterm elections.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington, which has denied previous US allegations, responded by calling the US "the biggest disseminator of disinformation. "China has no intention and will not interfere in the US election, and we hope that the US side will not make official said. "This includes an issue of China in the outsourcing its efforts to election," spokesperson Liu commercial firms to hide Pengyu told VOA in an email. The new US election threat assessment warns that in addition to concerns about Russia and China, there is growing evidence Iran is seeking to play the role of a "chaos agent" in the upcoming US vote. "Iran seeks to stoke social divisions and undermine confidence in US democratic institutions around the elections," according to an unclassified version of

It also warned that Tehran "has demonstrated a long-standing interest in exploiting US political and societal tensions through various means, including social media." As an examofficials Tuesday ple, pointed to newly declassified intelligence showing Iran trying to exploit pro-Gaza protests across the "We have observed actors tied to Iran's governviduals, "which the operament posing as activists online, seeking to encourage protests, and even providing financial support to protesters," said National Intelligence Director Avril the US, Canada and the Haines. Haines cautioned, warned though, that Americans the process who interacted with the social media platforms. The ing with or receiving supily be bullied, as evidenced US intelligence official port from a foreign govern-by Putin's years-long inva- who spoke to reporters ment."

## **British defence needs** root and branch reform

TOHN Healey has been Secretary of State for Defence for less than a Defence for less unan a week. Yet already, while setting out his stall at Nato's most consequential summit since its formation are logistically viable, and in 1949, some want to proposed defence review. The military's problems are clear, they say, and Healey must not delay in giving defence more money to plug the obvious gaps. With a war raging in Ukraine there is

no time to lose. Setting aside the chutzpah of those, in uniform and out, who were running UK defence for the past decade and now complain loudly about the state of it, they are wrong for several reasons. The two main ones are that the way the Ministry of Defence (MoD) spends its money is in a downward spiral of paying more to get less; and what it does eventually buy does not add up to a warwinning proposition.

Tinkering with process, while changing the letterheads, is usually activity masquerading as achievement. But Healey's planned reforms have been deliberately sequenced to avoid these traps, and his programme - first detailed in his Policy Exchange speech of late February - should be executed as designed.

The planned reforms of the MoD are not about shuffling the deckchairs. They are a fundamental reset of the incentives and the accountabilities that create a culture and drive behaviour. For one, named individuals will become responsible achieving actual results. The Chief of the Defence Staff will have a properly constituted Military Strategic Headquarters (MSHQ). He and it will be responsible for itary and its collective readi**Edward Stringer** 

ness to fight the next war. That will require it to train and integrate the forces of all three Services, ensure they able to endure a sustained bounce him into scrapping campaign. It will need to think through "how we will fight" now and in the future, generate appropriate, and realistic war plans to be resourced.

Armaments Director (NAD)

will be responsible for sus-

taining the "national arsenal". As the Ukraine conflict demonstrates, your peacetime kit doesn't last long in wartime. What allows you to prevail is the size of the war stocks you maintain and the defence industrial base you rely on to replenish them. The NAD will be accountable for managing the supply chains that feed that national arsenal from sovereign capacities where essential, but also by burden-sharing with trusted allies. It will ensure the Services get what they need, not what they want, to meet the warplans of the MSHQ. And wrapped around both a rebooted Department of State under the Permanent Under-Secretary. It will be charged with informing national security policy, then taking that policy and turning it into clear direction from the Defence Board to the department and all its various components. MSHQ

and NAD will be singing off the same sheet. The other ramification of observation from Ukraine - that your peacetime kit doesn't last long goes beyond the logistic and into the conceptual. All wars are different, and all evolve. Look at the transformative use of drones in all spheres of Ukrainian warfare, or modern information and digital the state of the front-line mil- technology rapidly repurposed to make their targeting

much slicker. Rapid adaptation, across society as well as in the military, is what is needed, along with plans to mobilise that ecosystem of innovation. And then the capacity to produce at scale. Yet the paradigm Healey inherits is orientated around chasing top-of-the-range military equipment, of which we can afford only a few samples for our "bonsai" peacetime force. Often there is no open production line behind them once they are bought, and so no way of replacing wartime losses. This is not a formula for fighting and winning a sustained conflict. If your foes calculate you can't, then you lose the ability to deter that conflict, too.

So Healey's defence review is going to have to consider to what extent we need to alter that approach, and move from a capable, but very small and inherently unsustainable peacetime notion of the forces needed to fight and win a war. It will have to consider moving towards something that is capable of expanding to an adaptive, wartime force. This will require, inter alia, a new contract with our Reserves, greater supply and logistic standardisation with our allies, and realistic provision of essentials that are too easy to overlook during peacetime funding arguments.

To answer those questions honestly will require a command and management structure incentivised to be realistic, and led by named individuals that are accountable for the actual outputs that our defence relies on. And that is why Healey must first reform the structure of the MoD and the command of our frontline forces. Only then will we get fighting services that our allies and foes will respect and fear - because they will be demonstrably able to fight and to win.

The Telegraph



## **SCCI** chief stresses strengthening of Pak-Indonesia bilateral trade

F.P. Report

Sarhad Chamber of in called for strengthening The meeting was Pakhtunkhwa. bilateral trade relations attended by Senior Vice Fuad Isl between Pakistan and President SCCI, Sanaulalh prospects are

ing their visit to the dent

said that the bilateral trade volume was far away from Ihsanullah, Nisar Ahmad, potentials of the both Sohail Javed, Saddar Gul, countries.

He stressed the need for members of the business countries.

Compliant

Operation (OMO).

on July 12, 2024 for 7-day

Khan, Vice President Ejaz He was talking to mem- Khan Afridi, former presibers during the visit of Mr dent Zulfiqar Ali Khan, between Pakistan Hindiarta Sherbaz Bilour, members Kusuma, Charge De of executive committee of Affair, Mr Axelsyah R the Chamber Monawar Miraza, Economic Attaché Khurshid, Affaf Ali Khan, and M Syofiyan Sur of the Qurtul Ain, Fahad Amin, Embassy of Republic of Muhamamd Ismail Safi, Indonesia in Pakistan, dur- former senior vice presi-Imran Chamber here Friday. Mohammad, Haji Aftab Mr Kusuma in his Iqbal, Nadeem Rauf, multi-media presentation, Ashfaq Ahmad, Syed Ejaz

SBP injects over Rs10

trillion into market

Market 20.54 to 20.60 percent. For tenor.

the 28-day tenor 17 bids

and 28-day tenors and quotes for 7-day and 17 tral bank accepted the sin-

accepted all the 42 received quotes for 28-tenor at 20.54 gle quote at 22.58 percent

to percent annual rate of cut-off rate.

State Bank of Pakistan The central bank (SBP) injected Rs10,129.3 received 25 bids for 7-day

billion in the market on tenor accumulatively offer-

Friday through Reverse ing an amount of Rs Repo Purchase and Shariah 8,102.75 billion at the rate

According to OMO amounting to Rs1,971.55 results issued her Fridaye, billion were offered at the

the SBP conducted Open rate of return ranging

Market Operation, Reverse between 20.54 percent to

Repo Purchase (Injection) 20.60 percent.

Mudarabah of return ranging between

tials and experience and tance of the chamber, countries to enhance the PESHAWAR: President, promotion of cooperation important initiatives, mutual trade volume multiple-sectors, investment opportunities, between Indonesia and Commerce and Industry including tourism, educabiliteral trade and poten-(SCCI), Fuad Ishaq has tion, health and others.

Fuad Ishaq

Diplomats also presentthrough which highlighted pendence next year. potentials to boost the Indonesia and Pakistan.

Axelsyah R Miraza while munity and people of both responding to various queries of the participants, said that strong bilateral trade, cultural and diplo- bilateral trade relations matic relations were estab- and cooperation in multi-Faiz Rasool, Ishtiaq and lished between the two

Meanwhile, the central

bank also injected Rs 55

billion in the market

through Shariah Compliant

Mudarabah based Open

Market Operation for 7-day

SBP received one bid amounting to Rs55 billion

(face value of collateral) at

20.58 percent rate of return

while no bid was received

The SBP accepted all 25 for 28-day tenor. The cen-

For the 7-day tenor, the

**Business** 

The diplomats invited Khyber Pakhtunkhwa said businessmen to make prospects are brighter to investments in Indonesia enhance the mutual eco- with multiple facilities nomic and trade relations and a complete five year tax-holiday facility. They informed the participants ed a comprehensive multi- that Indonesia would compresentation, memorate centennial inde-

The diplomats called bilateral trade between for removal of obstacles to mutual trade and the gap Kusuma and between the business comthe countries. They said Indonesia is giving much importance to enhance ple sectors with Pakistan. . Indonesia is also considerestablishment of business community. They, however, said ing signing a free trade to business contacts and taking mutual benefits played during the meeting, essential to further tap they said.

PSX loses 48

points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The

100-index of the Pakistan

Stock Exchange (PSX) on

Friday shed 48.26 points, a

slight negative change of

0.06 percent, closing at

79,944.10 points against

79,992.35 points on the last

working day. points
A total of 437,315,657

shares were traded during

the day as compared to

389,024,310 shares the pre-

vious day, whereas the

price of shares stood at Rs

23.484 billion against Rs

20.924 billion on the last

transacted their shares in

the stock market, 155 of

them recorded gains and

245 sustained losses, whereas the share price of

44 companies remained

The three top trading

companies were Fauji Fertilizer Bin Qasim with

45,357,302 shares at Rs

40.85 per share, K-Electric

with 29,218,014 shares at

Limited witnessed a maxi-

mum increase of Rs 99.06

per share price, closing at

Rs 7,699.27, whereas the

runner-up was Unilever

Pakistan Foods Limited

with a Rs86.83 rise in its

per share price to Rs

Data Agro Limited wit-

decrease of Rs 42.62 per share closing at Rs 405.96, followed by Hoechst Pakistan Limited with a

Rs30.00 decline to close at

maximum

Rafhan Maize Products

Rs1.20 per share.

18,192.23.

Rs 1,500.00.

nessed

Around 444 companies

trading day.

unchanged.



PESHAWAR: President, Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), Fuad Ishaq presenting the traditional turban to Mr Rahmat Hindiarta Kusuma, Charge De Affair, Embassy of Republic of Indonesia in Pakistan.

## Treatment of heart attack patients **AKUH awarded Platinum** Performance Achievement Award

KARACHI: The Aga Khan Hospital University (AKUH) has received the Chest Pain - MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2024. This is an award by the American College of Cardiology's (ACC) National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR). It places the Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi among the world's top hospitals for offering measures. high-quality cardiac care to heart attack patients.

Registry empowers healthbased guidelines. It estab-

Registry Award, the AKUH has heart demonstrated Pain - MI Registry and per- heart attack formed at the highest level demonstrating

"This award reflects our dedication to delivering

The Chest Pain - MI top-tier cardiac care to our patients. It reinforces our care providers to consis- commitment to the health tently treat cardiac patients and well-being of our using the latest science- patients and the community. Our doctors, nurses and for better understanding excellence to ensure our and improving the quality, patients receive the highest

To receive the Chest Pain - adherence to guideline rec-Platinum ommendations and overall care. At AKUH, this recog-Performance Achievement quality of care provided to nition is a milestone in the attack patients. sustained AKUH has met ACC's rig- and, most importantly, as a achievement in the Chest orous standards for treating patients, on specific performance commitment and dedica- ty.

tion to continuous improvement in the quality of care and patient outcomes.

recognition of our achievements but also a motivator for our future endeavours,' said Dr Javed Majid Tai, Director Cathlab and site lishes a national standard staff continue to strive for Director for NCDR. "We remain committed care for patients with coronary artery disease, particularly those at high risk of heart attack.

Standard of cardiovascular services to provide top-quality, guideline-driven care," said Dr Farhat Abbas, CEO, AKU Health care for heart attack patients." advancing our cardiac care

journey towards excellence motivator to further its mis-AKUH's healthcare to the communi-

Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH) is a notfor-profit healthcare institute that offers all medical services to patients under one roof. AKUH emphasizes access, quality, relevance, and impact as its guiding principles and operates an extensive network of healthcare facilities across 130 cities in Pakistan. In addition to its flagship quaternary care hospital in Karachi, AKUH has a network of 4 off-campus hospitals, 35+ pharmacies, 19 medical centres and over 300+ lab collec-This award is not only a tion points. The institution also extends its services to home healthcare and home delivery of medicines. In recognition of its high quality and patient safety, the AKUH is accredited by the Joint Commission International (JCI) as an

Academic Medical Centre Laboratories are accredited by the College of American This award serves as a Pathologists (CAP) for fast This award recognises registry engages hospitals catalyst for AKUH's ongo- and accurate testing. As a AKUH's success in bring- in a robust quality improve- ing efforts to innovate and leading healthcare instituing a higher standard of ment process that uses data improve, ensuring that tion committed to providcare to heart attack patients. to drive improvements in patients receive the best ing exceptional patient care possible cardiovascular irrespective of the socioeconomic standing of the patient, AKUH offers welfare and zakat support to deserving patients. In 2023, Rs. 5.8 billion worth of sion of providing top-tier such financial assistance was provided to 1.3 million patients across Pakistan.

## Citigroup reports betterthan-expected Q2 profit

CHICAGO (Yahoo News): business segments. Equities ing program aimed at curb profit that beat analysts' tives.

beating the \$1.38 consen- Jane Fraser said. sus estimate of analysts

below estimates, on growth quarterly report since in banking and trading Fraser's massive restructur- 25% year-to-date.

Citi's net income of \$3.2 ment assets drove stronger cost of credit grew, "primaillion was 10% higher investment revenue, and rily driven by higher cards than the year-ago quarter, our focus on rationalizing while diluted earnings per the expense base is starting share (EPS) climbed to to pay off," Citi Chief for credit losses (ACL)." \$1.52 from \$1.33 last year, Executive Officer (CEO)

Investors and analysts compiled by Visible Alpha. were watching for Citi's lower The bank's revenue rose cost management, especial-4% to \$20.1 billion, a shade ly since this is the first full

"Growth in client invest-billion, even though the net credit losses, partially offset by a lower allowance

Citi stock rose in pre market trading Friday fol-

#### Citigroup (C) on Friday trading revenue grew 37%, ing costs ended in March. reported second-quarter driven by gains in deriva-Limited with 33,085,415 shares at Rs 4.81 per share and WorldCall Telecom expenses fell 2% to \$13.4

lowing the report but turned when markets opened, falling 2.5% to \$64.06 as of around 10 a.m. ET. It has gained roughly

## US wholesale inflation picked up in June

United States rose by a consumption larger-than-expected 2.6% last month from a year earlier, a sign that some inflation pressures remain

The increase, the sharpest year-over-year increase 2023, comes at a time when other price indicators are showing that infla-

tion has continued to ease. The Labor Department said Friday that its producer price index tracks inflation before it reaches consumers — rose 0.2% from May to June after being unchanged the month before. Excluding food and energy prices, which tend to bounce around from month to month, so-called core wholesale prices increased 0.4% from May and 3% from June 2023.

The increase in wholesale inflation last month was driven by a sizable 0.6% rise in services prices, led by higher profit margins for machinery and auto wholesalers. But profit margins for wholesalers and retailers — categorized as "trade services" in the producer price report — can be very volatile. By contrast, a measure of wholesale inflation that excludes trade services, food and energy was unchanged from May to June. It helps explain why many economists were not alarmed by unexpected Friday's uptick in overall wholesale

index can provide an early sign of where consumer inflation headed. Economists also watch it because some of its components, notably healthcare and financial services, flow into the Federal

The producer price

inflation.

(AP): Reserve's preferred infla- that consumer inflation economy rocketed out of Wholesale prices in the tion gauge—the personal cooled in June for a third tures, or PCE, index. Some of the wholesale price components that feed into PCE — including some healthcare costs — came in below expectations Friday, raising hopes since March for continued progress toward easing consumer

Friday's wholesale fig-

\_expendiprice inflation, which would reassure the Fed.

ures follow the government's report Thursday three years ago, when the September.

straight month. Consumer prices declined 0.1% from May to June — the first such drop in overall inflation since May 2020, when the economy was paralyzed by the pandem-

other recent data, still suggest a continued slowfirst gripped the nation interest

the pandemic recession, leaving deep supply shortages and sending prices soaring.

The Fed raised its

benchmark interest rate 11 times in 2022 and 2023, to a 23-year high, to try to curb the price As a whole, this week's spikes. Inflation has since price figures, along with cooled from its fourdecade high of 9.1%, and the central bank is widely down in the inflation that expected to begin cutting

## CG underscores need to diversify exports to Indonesia

Indonesia Dr June Kuncoro Hadiningrat, become a good friend of Karachi's business while highly appreciating a wide range of community as throughout his tenure, Dr. products being manufactured in Karachi, June was just a call away to fully facilitate underscored the need to diversify Pakistan's exports to Indonesia with a view to effectively deal with the trade imbalance between the two countries.

Speaking at a farewell reception hosted by Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), he said that excellent quality leather goods, surgical and several other products can also be exported to Indonesia. "Indonesian delegations, during their visits to Pakistan from time to time, prefer to carry out most of their shopping in Karachi as this city offers very good quality products.

Chairman Businessmen Group Zubair Motiwala, Senior Vice President KCCI Altaf A. Ghaffar, Vice President KCCI Tanveer Ahmed Barry, Chairman Diplomatic Missions & Embassies Liaison Subcommittee Farooq Afzal, Former Presidents Majyd Aziz, Abdullah Zaki, Tariq Yousuf and Muhammad Idrees along with KCCI Managing Committee Members and officials from Indonesian Consulate were also present on the occasion.

While referring to concerns expressed over trade imbalance, Indonesian CG said that during his tenure, a lot of efforts were made to encourage Pakistani exports to Indonesia and it was really heartening to see that Pakistani rice was successfully exported to Indonesia last year and this year also. "To further improve trade ties between the two brotherly countries, I always maximum number of encouraged Indonesian delegations to visit Pakistan", he added while appreciating Zubair Motiwala for arranging Single Country

exhibition in Jakarta. Dr. June further said that last three years of his service as Indonesian Consul General in Karachi were really rewarding thanks to full support and cooperation extended by Karachi Chamber in bringing the business communities of both countries closer to each other. "I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to business community, specially KCCI, which is one of the historical Chamber of Commerce.

BMG Zubair Motiwala said, "We had a ic integration.

KARACHI (PPI): Consul General of very good time with Dr. June who has us in dealing with visa, travel and traderelated issues' While referring to quota restrictions on

Pakistani exports to Indonesia, he requested Dr. June to look into the possibility of getting these quota restrictions removed on his return to Jakarta which would actually result in enhancing the exports of Pakistar to Indonesia.

He noted that Pakistan's export to Indonesia stood at meager US\$125 million whereas goods worth US\$3.2 billion were being imported from Indonesia which needs special attention so that Pakistan's exports could also be enhanced to a reasonable level for efficiently dealing with the issue of trade imbalance.

Keeping in view the strong ties between KCCI and Indonesian Consulate, Zubain Motiwala also requested Dr. June to convey KCCI's message to his successor that after taking over the assignment in Karachi, the newly appointed Indonesian CG should hold his first meeting with Karachi Chamber. "We wish best of luck and success to Dr. June for all his future endeav ors." Earlier, Senior Vice President KCC Altaf A. Ghaffar, while welcoming the Indonesian CG, expressed heartfelt appreciation to Dr. June for his dedication towards strengthening bilateral trade between Pakistan and Indonesia. "We deeply value your exceptional contributions to diplomatic relations and cultural exchange between the two countries.

He said that Pakistan and Indonesia have a long-standing historical relationship strengthened by regular high-level interactions. The bilateral social, cultural, and economic cooperation between the two coun tries reflects the depth and strength of this

"Despite immense trade potential Pakistan's exports to Indonesia stood at the meagre level of \$127 million in FY23 which needs to be further enhanced to a reasonable level through collective efforts", he said, adding that addressing trade barriers. simplifying customs procedures, promoting ease of doing business, and supporting Speaking on the occasion, Chairman SMEs can foster trade, exports & econom-

#### **Shipping** Activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Six Hyundai Hong Kong, APL Le Havre, Sara. Hanyu Freesia, Carol and Top Fortune scheduled to load/offloadContainer, Rice, Chemicals, LPG and Coal, berthed at QICT Terminal, Grain Terminal Terminal, Engro Southern Gas Terminal and Bulk Terminal respectively on Thursday.

Meanwhile three more ships, Maersk Pelepas, Roan Teresa and Houyoshi Park are also arrived at outer-anchorage of the Port Qasim on same day.

Eleven ships engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them a containers carrier 'Hyundai Hong Kong' left the port on today morning while three more ships APL Le Havre, Hanyu Fressia and Toxotis are expected to sail on today afternoon.

volume Cargo 143,325 tonnes, comprising 81,470 tonnes imports cargo and 61,855 tonnes export cargo carried in 4,038 Containers (1,369 TEUs Imports and 2,669 TEUs export) was handled at the port during last 24 hours.

Six ships at Outer Anchorage of Port Qasim, out of them a chemicals carrier 'Raon Teresa' is expected to take berths at Engro Vopak Terminal on Friday, while anotherconship 'MSC tainers Positano' is due to arrive at Port Oasim on Saturday.

TO ADVERTISE IN The Frontier Post For Classified advertisements

please contact Mobile: +92-334-1001900 Email: shoaib@thefrontierpost.com

COURT **NOTICES** 

**KOHAT** 

In The Court of Ms Mashal Latif Civil

of hearing.30-07-2024, Titled: Taskeeu-Ud-Din Vs Javid Igba Notice against:- (2)Taskeenu-Ud-Din Son of Mir Azam Khan R/o Muhammad Zai District Koha presently R/o(now in Abroad (Defendant) Whereas the above plaintiff has instituted a civil sui against you Defendant in which date of hearing 30-07-2024 is fixed for vour appearance Since vou intimation/service is not possible through ordinary means/mode therefore you Defendant is intimated through this publication to appear before this court by person or by pleader on date fixed 30-07-2024 otherwise court shall be proceeded in accordance with law. order Issued

on 29-06-2024, Court of CJ-IV Kohat

Judge-IX Kohat, Suit no.35/1 Date of hearing. 31-07-2024, Titled:-Muammad Idrees Vs Asmat Ali Shah Notice against:-(2)Tahir Shah (4) Faisal Shah Sons (5) Mst Rozina Bibi Daughter of Nazeer Khan R/o Gumbat District Kohat presently R/o(now in Abroad Dubai UAE) (Defendants) Whereas the above plaintiff has instituted a civil suit against you Defendants in which date of hearing 31-07-2024 is fixed for your appearance Since your intimation/service is not possible through ordinary means/mode therefore you Defendants is intimated through this publication to appear before this court by person or by pleader on date fixed 31-07 2024 otherwise court shall be proceeded in accordance with law. . Order Issued on. 25-06-2024 (Cour of CJ-IX Kohat)

In The Court of Iftikhar Ahmad Civil Judge-XI Kohat, Suit no.85/1 Date of hearing. 20-07-2024, Titled:-Haroon(etc) Vs Ikram (etc), Notice against:-(9)Mst Zubaida Daughter of Shahzad Mir R/o Garhe Risalda Hangu Roar District Kohat presently R/o(now in Abroad America USA) (Defendant) Whereas the above plaintiff has instituted a civil suit . against you Defendant in which date of hearing 20-07-2024 is fixed for your appearance Since your through ordinary means/mode

through this publication to appear before this court by person or by pleader on date fixed 20-07-2024 otherwise court shall be proceeded in accordance with law order Issued on. 26-06-2024 (Court of CJ-XI

NAMES CORRECTION

My Pakistan Engineering Council namely M/s Hashim Khan Tareen License # 14974 address is mistakenly written as Haripur Village Bhuttri, Nadownload my new and correct address is Village Bhuttri, Rehana District Haripur, Please concern this address as my oermanent address

LOST & **FOUND** 

ھ سے میری ہنڈاCD-70موٹر سائیل APL، ۇل2020 كى اورىجنل انوائس تھانەغرنى كى حدود مى*پ* کھو گئی ہے۔جس کا چیب س نمبر CD109430 اور نجن نمبرC416839\_جس کو ملے برائے مہر بانی اس

نبيل ملك موبائل: 5814040-0311





## In brief

#### Football Club C'ship schedule

announced ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Football Federation Normalization Committee announced the schedule National Women Football Club Championship. 2024. This premier women's football event will feature initial rounds in four cities: Lahore, Islamabad, Karachi and Quetta from July 21 to July 26, said a press release. Three teams will compete in Lahore TWK FC, Real Lahore WFC and Young Rising Stars FC. In Islamabad, six teams will vie for the final round. Group A: Legacy WFC, Gilgit WFC, Smurfs WFC; Group B: Highlanders WFC, Strikers WFC, Nawansher United FC. Four teams will battle it in Quetta Balochistan Quetta Women FC, Hazara Quetta Women FC and Hazara United FC Karachi will host 13 teams, divided into four groups. Group A: Karachi United FC, MUK WFC, Young Muslim FC; Group B: Karachi City WFC, Mohsen Gillani WFC, Jahangir Memorial; Group C: Dya WFC, Overseas WFC, Baloch Muhammadan WFC; Group D: Jafa WFC, Karachi Women FC, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto WFC, Hazara Girls FC. The championship's final round will take place in Islamabad from August 1 to August 10. The top teams from 8 groups will compete for the coveted title. The semifinal is scheduled for August 8 and the final will be held on August

#### **SA** to host Esports Olympics in 2025 LAUSANNE (AFP):

10 here at the Jinnah

Stadium.

Saudi Arabia will host the inaugural Esports Olympics in 2025 the International Olympic Committee said on International Olympic Committee (IOC) oday announced that it has partnered with the Olympic National Committee (NOC) of Saudi Arabia to host the inaugural Olympic Esports Games 2025 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," the body said. "The proposal will be made to the IOC Session, which will be held on the eve of the Olympic Games Paris 2024. "The duration of partnership

between the IOC and the Saudi NOC will be 12 years, with Olympic Esports Games held regularly." Riyadh is already to host the Esports World Cup in July and August, when 2,500 gamers will battle for \$60 million in prize money. The IOC, in its perpetual quest to reconcile Olympic tradition with attempts to attract a younger audience, held an initial "Olympic e-sport week" in Singapore in June 2023, consisting of "ten mixed-gender category events". Last October, the IOC set up an "e-sport commischaired by Frenchman Lappartient, the president of the international cycling union (UCI), to consider a dedicated competition. However, IOC president Thomas Bach has said in the past he does not see esports as part of the traditional Olympics. "With respect to esports, our values are and remain the red line that we will never he cross,' said. Nevertheless expressed his delight that the Esports Games had a natural home in Saudi Arabia. "We are very fortunate to be able to work with the Saudi NOC on the

Olympic

Games, because it has

great -- if not unique

field of esports with

all its stakeholders,"

Bach said in a state-

ment. "The Olympic

Esports Games will

greatly benefit from

this experience.

expertise in the

Esports

## Anderson ends England career in win over Windies

**Sports** 

LORD'S (Agencies): James Anderson ended his legendary international career in England's

leading wicket-taker, took one of Ben Stokes, coach Brendon the four wickets to fall on the McCullum and managing directhird morning as the hosts com- tor Rob Key. pleted a rout by an innings and

home of cricket, 41-year-old Anderson was given a guard of to ever play Test cricket. honour by both teams on his entrance to the field and was visibly moved by the standing ovation he received from the expectant crowd.

doubt after West Indies had been ball he faced in Test cricket then reduced to 79-6 on the second sealed an Ashes draw with his evening, 171 away from making final delivery against Australia England bat again.

Anderson bowled the first full over of the day and struck in his made his Test debut against second, having Joshua da Silva Zimbabwe in 2003, Anderson caught behind.

Gus Atkinson had Alzarri Joseph held at long leg to of players lined up on the outbecome the first England bowler to take a 10-wicket haul on Test debut since 1976, then bowled the swiping Shamar Joseph.

The stage was set for nderson, who somehow Anderson, who somehow Test, and Anderson, in his 188th missed the chance for the fairytale finale when he dropped a in tandem throughout the hour of caught-and-bowled chance off play on Friday morning. Gudakesh Motie.

Instead it was Atkinson who leg to leave West Indies 136 all out. It gave Atkinson 5-61 in the second innings and 12-106 in the match, the best figures by an England debutant in 134 years.

lead in the three-match series.

Anderson immediately joins the England coaching team as a with Motie somehow evading bowling mentor for the second fielders and the whole ground Test at Trent Bridge, which willing Anderson towards his begins on Thursday.

Anderson

This has been a long goodbye crushing victory over West for Anderson, who announced Indies in the first Test at Lord's. his intention to retire in May Anderson, England's all-time after talks with England captain

Much of the week has been a celebration of his unparalleled On an poignant day at the career, one that has made him the most successful fast bowler

This did not have the drama of the exits of his great friends Sir Alastair Cook and Stuart Broad. Cook made a century in his last Test against India, while The result was already in little Broad hit a six from the final at The Oval last year.

On the same ground where he was last down the pavilion steps. He walked between the two sets field while the big screen showed his picture and a caption of "James Anderson The Greatest". In a mix of England's old and

new, Atkinson, playing his first Test, and Anderson, in his 188th

Anderson, as he has done so often, found movement down the had the final say when Jayden Lord's slope to take Da Silva's Seales was caught at deep square edge, while Atkinson bounced out Alzarri Joseph and splattered the stumps of Shamar Joseph.

With the last pair at the crease and one final wicket to take, the crowd sang Anderson's name The win halts a run of four and cheered him to the crease, successive Test defeats for only for Motie's chipped drive to England and gives them a 1-0 pop out of the bowler's left hand as he followed through.

In almost comical scenes, moment, celebrations were Cook, Root, Stokes)

muted when Seales hooked Atkinson to Ben Duckett. Anderson led England from the field, soaking up the adulation, then was interviewed by his te

first Test captain Nasser Hussain

in the England dressing room,

pint of Guinness in hand. Anderson's 3-32 leaves him with 704 Test wickets, third on the all-time list behind only spinners Muttiah Muralitharan and Shane Warne. It was England who decided to move on from Anderson, and now England must prepare for life without him.

Played under eight Test cap-(Hussain, Flintoff, Strauss,

Anderson's Test career in

Played on 50 Test grounds Played with 109 team-mates Played against 409 opponents

Dismissed 261 different bat-

Bowled more than 40,000

England's new era begins England refreshed their team in response to the 4-1 defeat in India and with an eye on planning for the Ashes in 2025-26.

Atkinson was superb, bowling with high pace and little fuss to record the best match figures by an England bowler on debut since Fred Martin against sive single-figure score in Tests. Australia at The Oval in 1890. He also managed to trump Vaughan, Anderson's career-best match Pietersen, figures of 11-71.

the stumps and impressive for his 70 on day two, while offspinner Shoaib Bashir was not required to bowl in his first home Test.

Perhaps most importantly for England, Stokes' return to play a full part as an all-rounder provides balance that has been badly missing. His repaired left knee allowed him untroubled

innings and 10 in the second. Still, the skipper would like a score with the bat – his four on Thursday was his fifth succes-

spells of eight overs in the first

England will make at least one change for Nottingham, with Matthew Potts and

some point in the summer Mark Wood will come back into the Test reckoning.

This was a chastening week for an inexperienced West Indies side. Concerns over their batting were realised and an exciting bowling attack was hampered by an injury to Shamar Joseph.

The Windies do have form for shock results. They stunned England at Headingley in 2017 and at the beginning of this year produced one of the all-time great Test wins by beating Australia in Brisbane.

They should improve as the series progresses, but England look too strong and anything other than a 3-0 series win uncapped Dillon Pennington should be regarded as a disap-Jamie Smith was tidy behind vying to replace Anderson. At pointment for the home side.

## Pakistan thump West Indies to reach World C'ship of Legends Final

NOR1... (Monitoring Younis scored a gutsy half-century before Sohail Khan's fourfor led Pakistan Champions to down West Indies Champions and qualify for the World Championship of Legends final.

Chasing a daunting 199run target, West penultimate delivery of the innings and thus succumbed to a 20-run defeat.

Put into bat first, Pakistan Champions accumulated 198/8 in the allotted overs against a disciplined West Indies Champions' bowling attack, led by Fidel Edwards.

Edwards ran through Pakistan Champions' toporder, reducing the secondplaced side to 10/3 in two Sharjeel Khan, Sohaib Khan and Shoaib Malik perished cheaply. With Pakistan Champions in tatter, captain Younis Khan joined Kamran Akmal in the middle and together

The duo added 79 runs



31 deliveries, laced up fours and a six. with eight boundaries.

total to take Pakistan mark. Afridi was caught at penultimate delivery. point off SSulieman Benn, duck as Pakistan Champions

they anchored the innings. for the fourth wicket Pakistan Champions when the World Championship

on his fighting knock. ishing in the 16th over. He Akmal fell agonizingly remained the top-scorer for short of a well-deserved Pakistan Champions with a half-century, scoring 46 off 45-ball 65, featuring six

Yamin then joined forces Younis then knitted a brief with Sohail Tanvir and the one-sided partnership with pair did well to bolster the hard-hitting batter Shahid total as they registered a Afridi (1) and 11 runs to the quickfire 61-run partnership which lasted with the Champions to the 100-run latter's dismissal on the

Tanvir made an 18-ball who struck again on the next 33 while Yamin scored an delivery to send Misbah-ul- unbeaten 40 off 18 balls. Haq packing for a golden peppered with two fours and three sixes. It is pertislipped to 100/6 in 12.4 overs.
Younis was then Champions will face leadnent to mention that India involved in yet another ers Australia Champions in crucial partnership for the second semi-final of

#### Volleyball C'ships prize distribution ceremony held ISLAMABAD (APP):

The prize distribution ceremony of the national senior and junior volleyball teams who won medals, and made the country proud in the Volleyball Challenge (AVC) Cup and Central Junior Volleyball Championship was held

Provincial Coordination Nadeem Irshad Kayani was the chief guest of the event held at a local hotel, while Volleyball Pakistan Federation Chaudhry Chairman Muhammad Yaqoob. Pakistan Sports Board Deputy Director General Shahid Islam, Saeed Akhtar and other officials were also present on the

occasion. Addressing at the ceremony, the Federal Secretary emphasized the IPC ministry's commitment to promoting sports development in Pakistan. He announced plans to organize a conference on sports economy to attract sponsors and support various sports.

The ministry aims to sports culture.

Kayani said the aim is to convert the mini stadiums into academies and promote the culture of

The IPC ministry and PVF will play its positive role for the successful organization of the volleyball league in the country and will provide all possible support, he said. Meanwhile, Pakistan

Volleyball Federation Chairman, Chaudhry Muhammad Yaqoob, praised the national team for making the country proud internationally. He outlined the federation's plans for coaches and players, highlighting the need for increased funding to supparticipation in international events. He said the more the national team participates in international events, the better results Pakistan will get. In the event, the play-

ers were awarded with cash prizes for winning silver medals in the Asian Volleyball Senior Challenge Cup and gold medals in the Central Asian Junior Volleyball Championship and bringing the name of the coun-

## Sahibzada Farhan to lead Pakistan Shaheens in redball matches in Australia

KARACHI Sahibzada Farhan has been named captain of Pakistan Shaheens for two four-day against matches Bangladesh 'A', that will be played in Darwin, Australia

from 19 to 29 July. 28-year-old Sahibzada Farhan has featured for on Friday. Farhan has featured for Federal Secretary Inter Pakistan in five T20Is. The right-handed batter has also played 58 first-class matches, scoring 4,401 runs, which includes eight centuries and 27 half-centuries.

On the tour, Pakistan Shaheens are also scheduled to play two 50-over matches and nine-team T20 tournament in Darwin. The captain for the whiteball series will announced in due course.

The 15-member red-ball Shaheens' squad are all set to depart for Darwin in the wee hours of Saturday replaced with spinner national side's head coach



Faisal Akram, after the former was ruled out of the tour due to back injury.

Pakistan red-ball head coach Jason Gillespie is also traveling with the side to Darwin as the team's head coach. He will return to Pakistan in the first week of August after the second four-day match against Bangladesh 'A', which concludes on 29 from Karachi via Dubai. In July. Former Australian the squad, fast bowler fast bowler will assume Hunain Shah has been responsibilities as the

and commence preparations for the two-Test series against Bangladesh, which will be played in Rawalpindi and Karachi. Pakistan Shaheens

Sahibzada Farhan (captain), Faisal Akram, Haseebullah, Kamran Ghulam, Kashif Ali, Khurram Shahzad, Mehran Mumtaz, Mohammad Ali Mohammad Huraira. Mubasir Khan, Muhammad Irfan Khan, Omair Bin Yousuf, Shahnawaz Dahani, Tayyab Tahir and Umar Amin.

Player Personnel Gillespie (head coach for red-ball matches), Abdul Rehman (head coach for white-ball matches and will join the side on 28 July), Mohammad Masroor (Assistant coachcum-manager). Mohammad Asad (physiotherapist), (trainer) and Usman Hashmi (analyst).

#### before Dwayne Smith he raised 34 runs for the of Legends later today at prepare a targeted plan for cleaned up Akmal in the seventh wicket with Aamer the same venue. talented athletes, focusing on Olympics 2028, and Alcaraz, Djokovic close in on convert mini stadiums BERLIN (AFP): A brilliant final on foreign soil. "Seeing into academies to foster a Spain team featuring Italy lift that trophy will

champion Carlos Alcaraz and seven-time winner Novak on Friday although Daniil Medvedev and Lorenzo Musetti hope to gatecrash the All England Club party.

Alcaraz, 21, is bidding to reach his fourth Grand ears of Alcaraz. Slam final before setting his sights on becoming only the sixth man to win the Open and Wimbledon back-to-back.

Twelve months ago, he defeated Djokovic in a fiveset Wimbledon final having seen off Medvedev in straight sets in the semifinal. It has been an uneven Wimbledon for the Spanish world number three.

He was pushed to five sets by Frances Tiafoe in the third round and then needed four sets to see off Ugo Humbert and Tommy Paul. Alcaraz holds a 4-2 head-to-head lead over Medvedev, a player he likened to "a wall, every ball bounces back".

Medvedev is looking to reach a seventh Slam final. The fifth-ranked Russian, a former US Open champion, stunned top seed Jannik

Djokovic can set-up a January's Australian Open Wimbledon final blockbuster final. "It's tough to play against Carlos because you he can hit a winner from there," said Medvedev.

Wimbledon final blockbuster

"I'm glad that my oppo-

nents think that. That over Holger Rune. means they have to be really focus on every shot," he said. Medvedev has hit 64 aces to Alcaraz's 52 so far. He has dropped served has seen his service games breached 16 times.

Djokovic has equalled Roger Federer's mark by reaching a 13th Wimbledon semi-final and is two wins from matching the Swiss star's record of eight singles titles at the All England Club. Victory on Friday would take him to a 10th final at the tournament and 37th at the Slams. At 37, Djokovic could also become the oldest champion of the modern era, an impressive

achievement for a man who underwent knee surgery as recently as last month.

LONDON (AFP): Defending Sinner in five sets in the quar- his Australian Open and ter-finals, gaining revenge for French Open titles and has his defeat to the Italian in yet to make a final on tour. He was handed a free pass into Friday's last-four

when Alex de Minaur withknow whatever shot you hit, drew from their scheduled quarter-final with a hip injury. The Serb has been in That was music to the feisty mood at Wimbledon accusing fans of disrespecting him in his last-16 win

"If somebody steps over the line, I react," he said. Djokovic has a 5-1 winning record over Musetti, including a come-from-behind eight times while Alcaraz five-set victory at the has seen his service games French Open last month. That third-round match set the record for the latest finish at Roland Garros, with Djokovic completing victory at 3:07 in the morning. Musetti, 22, also took

Djokovic the distance in their first meeting at Roland Garros in 2021, when the Italian won the opening two sets of their last-16 tie before injury scuppered his hopes in the decider. "He's a legend, but especially here Wimbledon," Musetti ahead of his Centre Court debut where he was allowed to practice on This season he has lost Friday morning.

## Spain and England go head to head in Euro 2024 final

teenage sensation Lamine stands Yamal between England and a first major men's international trophy in almost 60 years in Sunday's Euro 2024 final at the Olympiastadion in Berlin.

Spain have been the outstanding side at this European Championship, their run to the final taking in wins against title-holders Italy, hosts Germany and pre-tournament favourites France.

England, in contrast, have laboured their way to Berlin, going four straight games without winning inside 90 minutes before a stunning last-minute strike by Ollie Watkins gave them a 2-1 semi-final victory over the Netherlands.

But a team led by Jude Bellingham and Harry Kane contains enough match-winners to believe it can go toe to toe with Spain and end England's wait for glory which goes back to the 1966 World Cup. Unlike the country's women, who won two years ago, England's men have never won the

European Championship. Back-to-back Euros finals This, however, is their second straight continental final after their agonising defeat on penalties against Italy in 2021, and the memory of that will help drive them on in their first ever

haunt me forever," midfielder Declan Rice told the BBC. "We are now presented

with another opportunity where we can write our own history but we are up against another top side who we have to massively respect." England produced their

best football at the tournament against the Dutch in Dortmund, even if they needed a controversial Kane penalty to cancel out Xavi Simons' opener before substitute Watkins won it at the death. Since beating Serbia 1-0 in their first game, Gareth Southgate's side have been ahead in normal time for a combined total of about 20

minutes across five matches. They had unconvincing draws with Denmark and Slovenia before overcoming Slovakia in extra time in the last 16, only after being rescued by a Bellingham bicycle kick in injury time.

They came from behind against Switzerland in the last eight before progressing their equivalent competition on penalties, but the Dutch performance should give

them real belief. 'We've come here to win. We play the team who've been the best team in the tournament and we have a day less to prepare so it's a admitted huge task,' Southgate, whose future beyond Sunday's final is currently uncertain.

Spanish revival Spain's form means they

are the favourites going into the first meeting of the nations at either a World Cup or Euros since 1996. While England have con-

sistently reached the latter stages of tournaments under Southgate, Euro 2024 has confirmed the revival of the nation that dominated international football just over a decade ago. La Roja won back-to-back European Championships in 2008 and 2012, either side of their triumph at the 2010 World Cup.

They didn't win another knockout game at a tournament until a run to the semifinals of Euro 2020, but that was followed by a last-16 exit at the last World Cup. However, Luis de la

Fuente then became coach and has overseen a remarkable run of results. Spain won the UEFA Nations League last year and started their Euros campaign by thumping 2022 World Cup semi-finalists Croatia 3-0 in Berlin.

They outclassed Italy and should have won by more than a 1-0 margin on their way to ending the group stage as the only team with maximum points and no goals conceded. The knockout rounds have seen them ease past Georgia before coming through gruelling tests against Germany in Stuttgart and then France on Tuesday in Munich.

Minister calls for

addressing concerns

of Afghan refugees



### In brief

#### Admin cracks down against alms-seekers

SLAMABAD (APP) In a coordinated effort led by the Deputy Commissioner Islamabad, Assistant Commissioners and Magistrates have launched an operation targeting professional beggars across various areas of the Federal Capital. According to the spokesman of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration, the operation resulted in the arrest of 12 professional beggars. The arrests were made by Assistant Commissioners in different jurisdictions. The Assistant Commissioner for the City area apprehended seven beggars near Jamia Masjid Rumi and Faisal Market. In the Pothohar area, three beggars were arrested, while

Assistant Commissioner for the Rural area detained two beggars from P.S. Lohibher, Sihala, and nearby areas. The arrested beggars were taken to police station Meanwhile, minors found begging were sent to the Edhi Center for care and rehabilitation. This operation is part of a daily crackdown supervised by the Assistant Commissioners, aimed at addressing the issue of begging in Islamabad.

#### IRSA releases **290,100** cusecs water

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Friday released 290,100 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 337,600 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Dam was 1521.70 feet and was 123.70 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 178,000 cusecs and 135,000 cusecs respectively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1193.60 feet, which was 145.60 feet higher han its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded 31,500 cusecs 27,000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh Taunsa, Guddu and Sukkur was recorded as 187,700, 180,100, 147,200 and 75,000 respectively. cusecs Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 69,200 cusecs of water released at Nowshera and 26,500 cusecs released from

#### **AIOU** organises Open House 2024

River Chenab at Marala.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Department Computer Science Allama Iqbal Open University on Friday organized the House 2024," where final year (Computer Science) students showcased their projects addressing societal needs. A total of 77 students participated, presenting 27 projects. These included a gas leakage detection project, a rural emporium (e-commerce platform), a system for cleaning and protecting wheat from pests, a batterypowered modern wheat harvesting machine, a PC watch tower, and a 3D driving tutor, among others. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, Professor Dr. Hajra Ahmed. On this occasion, Dr. Hajra inspected all the projects, and the students gave presentations and demonstrated their projects. Dr. Hajra stated that all these projects were useful and aligned with today's societal needs. She mentioned that the students' projects demonstrated that they possessed ample talent. Dr. Saleem Iqbal mentioned that under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood, they organized this event to showcase the students' projects with the primary aim of

informing market.



Capital

ISLAMABAD: Students and faculty members of government boys degree college Harnai visiting Senate Museum at Parliament House. —APP Photo

## Pakistan-Hungary pledge to enhance parliamentary cooperation

**ISLAMABAD** National Assembly Speaker interactions between parliation of Pakistan as a vital Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Friday highlighted the importance of bolstering parliamentary cooperation Pakistan and Hungary dur- and collaboration. ing a meeting with The Speaker also stressed scoring Hungary's com-Hungarian Ambassador to the need to expand cooperamitment to strengthening Pakistan, Béla Fazekas.

Emphasizing the longstanding between the two nations, cation — key areas that enhance cultural and par-Sadiq pointed out their could yield mutual benefits. liamentary exchanges, setshared commitment to Ambassador Fazekas ting the stage for deeper global peace and sustainable development.

He advocated for regular firmed Hungary's recogniments, particularly through friendship groups and exchanges of delegations, between to facilitate shared learning

tion beyond parliamentary bilateral ties. the long- initiatives, focusing on The meeting concluded friendship trade, investment, and edu- with a mutual pledge to

regional player.

He extended an invitation for Speaker Sadiq to lead a parliamentary delegation to Hungary, under-scoring Hungary's com-

The meeting concluded Ambassador Fazekas ting the stage for deeper expressed gratitude for collaboration between the Sadiq's remarks and reaf- two countries.

## Wafaqi Mohtasib directs Gov't entities to resolve people's problems

ISLAMABAD (APP): The belonging to Muzaffarabad Director General, Wafaqi and adjoining areas, who the grant. located Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir under the directions of the Wafaqi

Qureshi. These officials listened Federal against Government Entities in Azad Kashmir area and passed on the spot instructions to their officials who

were in attendance there.

Secretariat, had a lot many complaints at Corporation.

the complainants are not cials also delivered an fully conversant with the awareness lecture on how Mohtasib, Mr Ejaz Ahmad procedure being followed to get relief from the office the BISP in view of their of the Wafaqi Mohtasib. lower literacy level. The to the public complaints Regional Director BISP the Wafaqi Mohtasib offiremained a sympathetic cials also met the press and person, who was always willing to help others.

the complaints of most of date of the Wafaqi Office the people on the spot and particularly with regard to The Khuli Kutcheri was promised to look into com- provision of relief to the attended by a very large plaints having legal issues, people against Federal number of complainants which need to be addressed Government agencies.

The senior officials from Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmad against Government the Wafaqi Mohtasib office and Consultant PR & Departments like NADRA, instructed the representa-Government the Wafaqi Mohtasib office Media, Khalid Sial, held a Pakistan Posts, BISP, tives of the other organiza-Khuli Kutcheri in the National Savings, NHA and tions to spare no efforts in Wafaqi Mohtasib Regional State Life Insurance timely resolution of the public problems. Earlier, It was found that most of the Wafaqi Mohtasib offi-

> After the Khuli kutcheri media persons posted in Muzaffarabad and briefed He took pains to resolve them on the role and man-

## 931 Traffic Wardens regulating traffic during Muharram

Over 931 Traffic Wardens under the supervision of inspectors and DSPs are performing duties on the had issued a comprehensive deployed along with district city roads to control traffic traffic plan. According to police personnel to ensure flow during Muharram.

Rawalpindi Tamoor Khan, traffic Police Officers and ed glasses, revolving lights, unregistered vehicles and motorcycles and others ed persons and things. moving without, improper and fake number plates.

Harram, the City Traffic the plan, a complete ban According to a City was imposed on parking of Traffic Officer (CTO), any vehicle or pushcart on

The CTO informed that Wardens had also been the wardens had been traffic load would be divertdirected to take action directed to remove all kind against vehicles having tint- of encroachments from the mourning processions. processions routes besides keeping a vigil on suspect-

the route of the procession.

In order to ensure securi- would be blocked by erect- helpline 051-9272616.

ty of the mourning processions during Muharram-ul-hurdles, the CTO added. The CTO said, Traffic

Police (CTP) Rawalpindi Police officials would be security of the mourners. Strict disciplinary action

would be taken against the delinquent officials, the CTO said. He informed that ed to alternate routes during

A control room was set up at Traffic Headquarters to monitor the situation while Entry of vehicles on the motorists who seek help and route of the processions assistance can use CTP

#### Minister for States & Frontier Pakistan has extended the Regions (SAFRON), Engr stay of Proof of Amir Muqam on Friday emphasized Pakistan's enduring friendship and cooperative spirit with Afghanistan, particularly in addressing the concerns of Afghan refugees. The minister in a meet-

ing with Afghanistan's Charge d'Affaires Sardar Ahmed Khan Shakeeb called for strengthening

Registration (POR) card holders for one year, recognizing the ongoing humanitarian situation. "People of both brother- Pakistan for their hospitali-

ly countries have sacrificed ty towards Afghan refugees a lot, and the restoration of over the past four decades. peace is crucial for their

well-being," Muqam stated. pursue long-term solutions critical support for Afghan for its citizens residing in nationals in Pakistan.

He appreciated the extension of the POR card validi-He urged Afghanistan to ty, acknowledging it as a

return and integration.

Sardar Ahmed Khan Shakeeb expressed pro-

found gratitude to the gov-

ernment and people of

Charge

## Naqvi reviews security arrangements for Muharram processions

Interior Minister Mohsin Nagvi visited the Markazi Asna Ashri Imambargah in G-6, Islamabad last night and reviewed the security arrangements for the upcoming Muharram processions. He met with Islamabad Muhammad participants and inquired Ali Rindhawa and IG about the arrangements.

ICT admin

imposes

ban on entry

some Ulema

ISLAMABAD (APP): In

a bid to maintain peace

and security during Muharram, the Islamabad

Capital Territory (ICT)

administration has issued

a one-month ban on the

entry of some Ulema

known for their sectarian

According to a notifi-

cation issued here, the

district administration, following the District

Intelligence Committee's recommendation, has prohibited the entry of 17

Ulema into the city. This

measure aims to prevent

any potential unrest dur-

ing the Muharram obser-

Among those banned are Allama Tahir Ashraf,

Maulana Yusuf Rizvi

Meshadi, Dr. Asif Ashraf

Jalali, and Maulana

Other Ulema included

in the ban are Allama

Shaukat Raza Shaukat,

Zakir Asif Raza Alvi,

Muhammad

Aurangzeb

vance.

Maulana

Allama

Mohammad

JaffarJatoi.

Qureshi.

Mehdi,

Baloch,

Muhammad Iqbal.

scores the importance of

and fiery speeches.

expressed satisfaction essary steps to ensure the DIG Ali Raza, and other over the security measures security of the proces-relevant officials.

and arrangements. Interior Minister said that the police and administration are on high alert to ensure CCTV cameras are being peace and security during used to monitor the situa-Muharram.

He directed the Chief Commissioner Islamabad Police, Ali participants Nasir Rizvi, to take nec- Police Ali Nasir Rizvi,

room has been set up and

tion. Interior Minister was accompanied Chairman CDA and Chief Commissioner Islamabad, Muhammad Randhawa, IG Islamabad

## Gilani urges strong governance for Pakistan's development

urgent need for effective opment goals. governance to tackle Ilyas, Maulana Abdul Pakistan's Khaliq Rahmani, and challenges. Pakistan's socio-economic

He was addressing the Farooqi.
The list also includes 35th Senior Management Course participants at the Institute National Ilyas, Peer Irfan Al-Management (NIM).

Drawing on his experience as both Prime Minister particularly the increased Hanif and Senate Chairman, parliamentary representa- future leaders.

Zakir Anwar Ali Najfi, Allama Allama Kameel RAWALPINDI (APP): City Hakim Khan and other lished with the cooperation Shehnshah Naqvi, Zakir Allama Alpa Sarfraz The Islamabad administration's decision under-

ensuring safety and order during Muharram. arrangements. This proactive On this occasion, City approach aims to mitigate any potential threats and maintain harmony in

## ANF recovers 27 kg

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting 5 operations managed to recover 27 kg drugs and arrested 8 accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Friday.

drugs in 5 operations

He informed that 400 grams ice was recovered from a parcel booked for Australia at a courier office in Islamabad. 20.4 kg hashish was recovered from a vehicle intercepted near the bus stand in Rawalpindi and 4 accused were arrested during the operation. 1 kg opium and 2 kg heroin were recovered from the possession of two suspects rounded up on M-1 Motorway Islamabad.

2.4 kg hashish was recovered from an accused netted near Daska in Sialkot. 510 grams ice was recovered from an accused arrested near Band Road Lahore Cases under the Anti-Narcotics Act have been registered against the arrested accused and further investigations are under process.

(APP): Gilani highlighted the piv- tion for women, which he Senate Chairman Syed otal role of a professional deemed vital for a prosper-Yousaf Raza Gilani on and dynamic bureaucracy Friday, emphasized the in achieving national devel-

He stressed the impor-

tance of integrating global Sustainable Development Goals into Pakistan's development agenda, asserting that good governance is essential for their realization.

Gilani pointed out recent progress in governance,

ous Pakistan.

He encouraged the course participants to utilize their training to foster inclusive development while adapting to changing domestic, regional, and global dynamics.

Recognizing commitment to excellence in professional training, the Chairman commended the institute's role in shaping

## RPO, Commissioner visit main procession route of Ashura

police officers were pres-

Commissioner about the

Kamran Abbas, and Regional Police Officer Zakir Wasim Abbas (RPO) Rawalpindi Babar and Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Engineer Aamir Khattak during a visit to the main procession route of Ashura reviewed all the

> Police Officer (CPO) Syed Khalid Hamdani, SSP Operations, Chief Traffic Officer, SP Rawal, Assistant Commissioner,

security arrangements. Commissioner reviewed point-wise arrangements made on the route of the procession and gave instructions to the authorities concerned.

Babar Sarfraz Alpa and Engineer Aamir Khattak also interacted with the ulema including 'Mohtmam Jamia Taleem ul Ouran.' Later, the RPO and

Commissioner visited Imambargah Qadmi and reviewed the security arrangements. They also discussed the security with the organizers.

The RPO said that with the cooperation of the scholars belonging to all schools of thought, peace and order is being ensured during Muharram and the possible security finalized. "We will ensure the establishment of an atmosphere of peace and Muharram and an ideal and unity will be estab- regard, he added.

of the ulema of all schools ent. Syed Khalid Hamdani of thought and the citibriefed the RPO and zens," he said.

The Commissioner said that the establishment of peace during Muharram is first priority of the police security and administration for which all possible steps are being taken. The CPO said that the 'Caravan Aman' of police and religious scholars while visiting Taxila, Gujar Khan, Kahota and other areas delivered the message of love, peace and brotherhood.

The 'Caravan Aman' would also visit other areas to promote interfaith harmony, he added. Foolproof security arrangements are being made for all the Muharram processions and Majalis, the CPO said.

The processions would be monitored with the help of CCTV cameras and special monitoring of the social media is also being done. Legal action would be taken arrangements are being against those trying to spread religious hatred. All possible steps would also be taken to ensure implemeninterfaith harmony during tation of Code of Conduct and Standard Operating atmosphere of brotherhood Procedures issued in this

## Girls grab more top positions in SSC Part-II exam

previous trends, girls bagged majority of the top positions in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Part- II 1st Annual School, Secondary (FBISE) on Friday.

In the Science group, Sciences, Islamabad got Zebadia Naseeb from Army position with 1014 marks. Public School, EME College Campus, Rawalpindi secured while Hijab Fatima from Global School System, Rawalpindi Cantt obtained second position with 1085 marks.

In Humanities group, Aqsa Rawalpindi Cantt citizens. Examination 2024 as per the secure first position, Onaiza declaration of the result by the Jalil from DHA Senior School Federal Board of Intermediate for Girls, Lahore Cantt secured Education second position and Muhammad Anas from Institute of Islamic Sciences, Islamabad got third

The result was announced during a ceremony held at a local first position with 1087 marks college with Federal Secretary for Education and Professional Training, Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani as a chief guest.

ith 1085 marks. Speaking on the occasion, Akhlaq briefed the participants out of total 11925 appeared in The third position as shared the Federal Secretary emphabout the salient features of the Humanities group. by Mossadiq Shahbaz of Army sized on equipping students examination and also advised Public School, Golra Campus, with the latest technology to the students to work hard in dates, 10480 candidates of Rawalpindi and Fatima Wajid compete in this digital world. their future endeavors for the Science group were appeared in dates of Science group, 8150 to all the concerned.

(APP): from Fauji Foundation Model He said that the present govern-previous School, Morgah Campus, ment is taking concrete steps to giority of Rawalpindi with 1084 marks. elevate the standard of educa- informed that the board is tak-Farooq from Future Foundation ing these students as productive the examination system through

He highlighted the steps being taken to improve the infrastructure in these instituand supportive environment for the students. He said that the institutions have been engaged to introduce multiple learning activities for the students as these are crucial for the intellec- regular tual growth of the students.

betterment of the country.

Chairman FBISE digitalization.

As per the SSC-II result notification, a total of 113660 regular candidates appeared in the tions to create more friendly exam out of which 104899 could pass against the 7852 private candidates out of the total 14173 who appeared in the exams, with

pass percentage of 88.20. In Science group, 101735 candidates appeared in the exam out of Speaking on the occasion, which 94394 could pass the regular candidates appeared in Chairman, FBISE, Syed Junaid exam against 10505 candidates the exam out of which 75641

Among the ex/private candithe Humanities group.

the exams out of which 5623 candidates were appeared in the tion in the public school, mak- ing concrete steps to transform dates appeared out of which Humanities group, 2960 candi-2229 could pass the exam.

In technical group, no one out of four candidates appeared in the exam could pass it.

As per the result of SSC-1, a total of 132062 regular candidates appeared in the exam out of which 81583 could pass against the 2468 private candidates out of the total 11110 who appeared in the exams, with

pass percentage of 58.71. In Science group, 118962 regular candidates appeared in could pass the exam against 5942 out of 13100 appeared in

Among the ex/private candi-

could pass it while in exam out of which 1785 could Humanities group, 3689 candi- pass the exam. While in dates appeared in the exam out of which 683 could pass the exam.

The results cards of regular candidates are being dispatched to their respective institutions and those of Ex/Private candidates within the country are being sent to the addresses given by them in their admission forms and those of overseas candidates are being sent to heads of institutions from

where they appeared.
This year, 43 unfair means cases were reported in SSC Part-I and 56 in Part II. All the cases have been decided by adopting a judicious procedure and allowing personal hearings

#### 3, including 2 women, killed in Kandahar

KANDAHAR (Amu TV): Three people, including two women, were killed in an attack by unknown gunmen in the southern city of Kandahar, a local Taliban official said on Friday. The incident happened in Police District 7 in Kandahar City on Wednesday evening, July 10, the Taliban-run provincial directorate of information and culture reported. The motive behind the attack remains unclear.

## The Frontier Post **FGHANISTA** Muharram 06 1446 — Saturday, July 13, 2024

#### Measles claims 160 lives in Afghanistan: WHO

KABUL (Pajhwok): One hundred and sixty people have died from measles in Afghanistan during ongoing year, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has said. Expressing concerns about the spread of measles in Afghanistan the world health body said measles disease has spread in Afghanistan now compared

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

## **UN publishes names of 61** Muttaqi, Utumbayeva

Nations Sanctions Monitoring Team has identified 61 Taliban officials currently under international sanctions in its latest report.

Out of these sanctioned individudetailed in the UN Security Council's published list on its website.

Key figures like Mullah Hasan Akhund, Abdul Ghani Baradar, Abdul prominently listed among the sanc-

tioned Taliban leadership.

Also included are Amir Khan
Muttaqi, the Foreign Minister, and Sirajuddin Haggani, the Interior Minister, who recently obtained temfor Hajj and attend a security meeting.

Notable figures such as Abdul Haq Waseeq, head of intelligence, Noor Khairkhwa, minister of information and others.

KABUL (Khaama Press): The United culture, are also subject to sanctions. The sanctions prohibit these individuals from traveling abroad without Security Council authorization and assets their Afghanistan.

als, 35 are members of the Taliban and senior officials, as was extended by a consensus of 15 permanent and non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for another year.

The U.S. ambassador to the UN Salam Hanafi, and Abdul Kabir are emphasized that the team's mission extension aims to combat terrorism and uphold human rights, particularly women's and girls' rights in Afghanistan.

China's ambassador also stressed the importance of preventing porary permission to travel to the UAE Afghanistan from becoming a hub for terrorist activities once again.

Several members of the Haqqani network are also listed in the sanc-Mohammad Saqib, minister of Hajj and tions, including Khalil-ur-Rahman religious affairs, and Khairullah Haqqani and Yahya Haqqani, among

Ministry of Higher Education and Ministry of Education are also on the list. Mohammad Ibrahim Omari, Abdul Baqi Haqqani, Fazlullah Rabi, Nek Mohammad, and Abdul Qados Mazhari face global sanctions for allegedly obstructing girls' education

The sanctions list extends to various ministries and administrative bodies within the Taliban regime, reflecting international efforts to enforce compliance with global norms.

The comprehensive 26-page report compiled at the request of member states underscores ongoing international scrutiny and efforts to impose travel restrictions and asset freezes on Taliban leaders and affiliates.

The prominent Taliban officials and their associates in the UN sanctions list underscore global efforts to address security concerns and uphold international norms amidst Afghanistan's evolving political

## sanctioned Taliban officials discuss post-Doha meeting developments

KABUL (Pajhwok): Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi during a meeting with the Secretary-General's Special Representative

Roza Afghanistan Otunbayeva expressed hope for the removal of financial and banking sanctions and alternative for drug cultivation, a statement has said.

In a statement the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) said that both dignitaries have discussed the third Doha meeting and necessary steps needed to the taken post Doha meeting.

That statement added that the acting FM Amir Khan Muttaqi hoped that financial and banking sanctions would be lifted and cultivation. progress would be made regarding the alternative continued meetings with

aid, a media report said on

The UK should consid-

reads

Hugh Bayley, who vis-

ited Kabul in May, said he

and NGOs would wel-

come more western diplo-

mats to represent the opin-

The UK pulled all diplo-

since then Afghan bank

assets held overseas have

been frozen, and the econ-

omy has nosedived. Yet as

much as \$2.9bn (£2.3bn) of

aid has been sent to the

rather than to Taliban-

No state recognises the

China,

although

Iran,

Taliban as the Afghan

directed ministries.

government,

sions in Kabul.

countries

Russia,

Britain.



compensations to poppy acting government officials of diplomatic representa-

Otunbayeva assured

in the third Doha meeting. vened to discussion She said that a meeting. Doha meeting.

about the matters discussed tives in Kabul be convened to discuss the third

## Baradar unveils new export processing Zones

(TOLONews): Abdul Ghani Mullah Baradar, deputy prime minister for economic affairs, referred to the establishment of six standard zones for processing export products at a ceremony on Thursday.

Baradar said that currently, exports are being conducted from 13 provinces to countries around the world. Speaking at the ceremony celebrating National Export Day and honoring the top exporters of the year 1402, added that the Islamic Emirate is in discussions to create more facilities for merchants and preferential trade tariffs with various countries.

According to the deputy prime minister for economic affairs, to ensure highquality exports, discussions Emirate in Administrative have been held with some Affairs, who was one of the foreign companies to stan- speakers at the ceremony, dardize the country's transit said: "For 40 years, it has the growth of Afghanistan's was against this Jihad, and economy and trade.

Baradar said at the ceremony: The acting Minister of Meanwhile, the "I give good news to investors" Industry and Commerce at Chamber of Commerce and



of the Islamic Emirate and according to global standards, processing zones will be established in Kabul and six other provinces.

Noor-Ul-Haq Anwar, the head of the general directorate of the Islamic the support that exists now Mullah Abdul Ghani is from the merchant class."

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar that by the order of the leader the ceremony announced and balance increase Afghanistan's exports and assured efforts to reopen air and land corridors to expand trade and transit relations

with regional countries. Minister of Agriculture, of Industry and Mines, said: Irrigation, and Livestock, "If you have 8 billion said: "Day and night, our imports and 2 billion professionals and experts exports, it won't work this points. He also urged mer- been known to everyone are busy in China, Russia, way; this is a truth that we chants to consider the that no one was against the and various countries learn- must convey to our leaders.' Islamic Emirate's economy- Jihad against the Soviet ing and transferring knowlcentric policy and strive for Union, but half the world edge in science, technolo- ny celebrating National gy, and other fields so that we can raise the capacity of our livestock here.

Investment and Chamber of Industries and Mines have emphasized supporting merchants and industrialists in the country.

Officials from these two chambers stated that to increase exports and grow Afghanistan's economy, more global markets need to be established to export the country's products and minerals, especially coal.

Mohammad Momand, the First Deputy of the Chamber of Commerce and Investment, said: "The work on a five-year plan to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Commissioner Bayley has suggested restoration of his counshould cooperate with us in this area, the Ministry of Commerce should cooperate try's diplomatic mission in Afghanistan to support so that we can hold seminars Afghan women and moniin those regions. Shirbaz Kaminzada, head tor the impact of British

Ataullah Omari, Acting of the Afghanistan Chamber At the end of the ceremo-

> sport Day, exporters in suggested, seventeen sectors, including fresh fruit, dried fruit, veg-Guardian report. the etables, carpets, minerals and saffron, were honored. believed Afghan women

## Taliban official calls Muharram rituals as 'Bid'ah'



(Amu Ahmadullah Taliban's head of Herat's information and culture directorate, in a meeting with Shia scholars in the province called Muharram er restoring its diplomatic rituals as Bid'ah, a term ed," he told Shia scholars presence in Afghanistan to used for religious innovasupport Afghan women tions in Islam, saying that and to help monitor the impact of British aid, a

it should stop. Taliban deputy chief min- on that. ister Abdul Ghani Baradar,

they did not exist in books. He said he calls such rit-

"political Bid'ah," uals as Muttagi, adding that Muharram ceremonies should align strictly with Islamic sources.

We should first determine how these ceremonies should be conductat a gathering in Herat. "You are all religious

We should avoid such tions)," he stated.

reports of unprecedented restrictions imposed by the Taliban on the ten-day Ashura and Muharram commemorations.

A document obtained by Amu indicates that Taliban has required certain Shia scholars to agree to these limitations.

The document, confirmed by two Shia scholars, stipulates that Shia citizens of Afghanistan are prohibited from inviting Sunni citizens to mourning ceremonies.

It also specifies that Muharram observances are limited to three days, from the seventh to the tenth of Muharram, and must be conducted behind closed doors.

Furthermore, Taliban has restricted group gathscholars. We have the erings and the participaimpact of British aid, a commissioner for the official UK aid watchdog has impact of British aid, a commissioner for the official UK aid watchdog has impact of British aid, a communities Sunnah and we should in media programs during adjust such rituals based the mourning period.

In a recent move this week, Taliban has taken said such rituals had been Bid'ahs which we call down flags hoisted for innovated newly and that political Bid'ahs (innova- Muharram ceremonies in parts of the city of Herat in This call comes amid the west of the country.

## Shia protesters march in response to Taliban restrictions

HERAT (Khaama Press): Groups of ing a meeting with local officials and Ashura ceremonies Shia protesters in Herat marched Shia representatives, emphasizing the through the city's 12th, 9th, and 13th need to combat "political and foreign districts, waving Ashura flags and chanting "Labbaik Ya Hussain" as they expressed their religious devostatements made by the Taliban.

Caravans of Shia protesters in Herat marched through the city's flags of Ashura and chanting "Labbaik Ya Hussain." This protest movement was sparked by statements bols such as mourning flags. from Ahmadullah Muttaqi, the Taliban's cultural chief, who deemed Ashura a "bid'ah" (innovation).

Earlier, Ahmadullah Muttaqi, Taliban's head of information and culture, on Wednesday, labelled Ashura ceremonies as "bid'ah" dur-

innovation-bid'ahs.

The protestors in Herat expressed their "disgust" towards Muttagi's tion and voiced dissent against recent remarks with the midnight protests on Thursday, July 11. With the arrival of the Islamic month of Muharram and the days of Ashura, the Taliban 12th, 9th, and 13th districts, waving launched a widespread campaign in various cities, including Kabul and Herat, to remove Shia religious sym-

> Recently, the Taliban have taken down Ashura flags from Jibrail district and other Shia-populated areas of Herat. Taliban intelligence reportedly detained seven protesters on Wednesday who had protested against the Taliban's obstruction of

Some residents of Herat suggest that tensions between Ashura mourners and local Taliban authorities have escalated, resulting in a heightened military presence in the city. These residents fear potential clashes between the populace and Taliban forces due to the Taliban's interference in mourning ceremonies.

Meanwhile, the situation in Herat remains tense as Shia protesters continue to demonstrate against Taliban restrictions on religious observances, particularly during the holy month of Muharram and the commemoration of Ashura. The crackdown on Ashura symbols by Taliban forces has exacerbated tensions, raising concerns about potential confrontations between civilians and Taliban authorities in the city.

#### 50% of foreign-registered companies ions of women to the Taliban as he released a report by the Independent in Iran owned by Afghans Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI) on the effectiveness of the UK

KABUL (TOLONews): Economy, said: "Our became refugees. If each of The Iran-Afghanistan Joint request from all traders and them took \$30,000, it programme, which is the second largest operated by Chamber of Commerce, Industries, and Agriculture capital inside the country matic representation out of said that Afghans have invested around \$3 billion Afghanistan as the Taliban took over in 2021, and

in Iran. According to reports from some Iranian media outlets, the president of this chamber added that 50% of foreign-registered companies in Iran belong to

country, largely to NGOs The president of the Iran-Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce, Industries, and Agriculture also said they are trying to including strengthen economic and commercial relations with Afghanistan.

Afghans.

Turkey and India have opened diplomatic miswhile the This is Ministry of Economy is Bayley said the benefits urging Afghan investors of a British presence had who have invested abroad been put to him by NGOs, to transfer their assets back on top of the regular visits to Afghanistan. to Kabul from the UK

Latif Nazari, Abdul Minister

"Our became refugees. If each of and fulfill their duty and responsibility towards a advanced strong and Afghanistan.'

'Iran has created a series of facilities in the field of investment and exports, which have led our traders to invest there, and through this, they can export to more countries," said Omid Haidari, a businessman.

Meanwhile, Chamber of Industries and Mines said that transferring Afghans' assets inside the country and investing in Afghanistan can be useful

in reducing poverty. Kaminzada, Sherbaz head of the Chamber of Industries and Mines, told "After the TOLOnews: Emirate, more than one million of our compatriots

investors is to transfer their amounts to approximately \$33 billion. One million of our compatriots became refugees Therefore, we can correctly estimate that about \$120 billion has left the country's economy. 'To attract investment,

government must explain the opportunities to traders and investors and create a mindset for them so that they are convinced to invest in Afghanistan,' said Abdul Ghafar Nezami, an economic analyst.

Earlier, Nooruddin Azizi, acting minister of Industry and Commerce, told TOLOnews that Afghan investors invested more than \$150 billion in Türkiye, the United Arab Emirates, and arrival of the Islamic Pakistan, with \$95 billion of this amount invested in Türkiye alone.

## Pir-e-Herat Home: sanctuary for the destitute, disabled



HERAT (TOLONews): The Pir-e-Herat Home is a safe and peaceful shelter for dozens of destitute and dis-

abled individuals. The head of this home

financial support from public support and benefactors.

Abdul Ali Naw Dost, the head of the Pir-e-Herat Charity Foundation, said: "Children with no fathers, said that most of these dis- neglected, and identity-less abled children have entered children are cared for in a new life in this home after this home. The Pir-e-Herat ilies. According to him, the been established through home for the disabled con- public support and contintinues to operate with ues to be managed with

public assistance."

Officials at this home added that many of these children were born with disabilities, while others became disabled due to illnesses. Some of the children who spend their days and nights in this home are individuals in the country. being rejected by their fam- Charity Foundation has asking the Islamic Emirate to address their problems.

"We face many physical

problems, and our condi-

tions differ from those of other people in society. Our request from the Islamic Emirate government is to support us and address our needs," said Naqibullah Saburi, a disabled child.

This home also shelters several individuals who were disabled in recent wars without any support from the government or families. "I was injured during the jihad. They took me to Pakistan and hospitalized me there. Foreign doctors said I wouldn't recover and that my illness was a neurological problem. One of my hands and one of my legs are paralyzed," said Abdul Azim, a disabled person.

The Pir-e-Herat Home is said to be the first 24-hour care facility for children with no father and disabled

The doors of this home have been open to the disabled and helpless for nearly twenty-five years

## mission in Doha. **OBGYN** department of Badakhshan hospital cut due to lack of funds

of the Badakhshan provincial hospital say that the operation of this hospital's obstetrics and gynecology (OBGYN) department has been stopped due to the cutoff of aid from the World Health Organization (WFP). According to them, with the closure of this department, about 73 specialists, midwives, doctors, and

> unemployed. Shafiq Hamdard, the director of said: "Our services, which were about 60 beds for the poor people of Badakhshan province, unfortunately, stopped working, and because of

tors to nurses, became unemployed." After the gynecology ward with from 28 administrative units and beds of the Badakhshan there are 30 beds here."

KABUL (TOLONews): The officials Provincial Hospital stopped operating, there are now 3 to 5 patients per bed seeking gynecology treatment.

The patient Narges said: "At night, 4 to 5 patients come here and they are hospitalized. We sit on the same bed, we don't have a good night's sleep. Soheila, another patient, says:

We are not comfortable at all. It has health workers have also become been a day that we have 4 to 5 patients sleeping in one bed. Several residents of Badakhshan

Badakhshan Provincial Hospital, are worried about the suspension of operations of the maternity ward of the provincial hospital.

Merajuddin Raĥimi, a resident of Badakhshan, said: "The closure of this, 73 of our employees, from doc- the 60-bed hospital is a cause for concern because they come here

Rehmatullah, Badakhshan, said: "They are tired of this. You come from the district itself, you bring the patient here in three days, and there are not enough beds. Its closure is to our detriment.

But Badakhshan Department of Public Health pledged it is making efforts to address this challenge.

Najibullah Ghousi, head of public health in Badakhshan, said: Various efforts have been made both at the provincial level and at the level of the Ministry of Public Health. "Meetings with donors have started since July 1.

Badakhshan governor's media office said in a newsletter that they have discussed this issue with Roza Otunbayeva the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Afghanistan.

PTI suspends

Sher Afzal's

membership

F.P. Report

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

(PTI) has reportedly sus-

pended the membership of Sher Afzal Marwat, a firebrand party leader who was

elected to the National

Assembly in the Feb 8

According to media reports, PTI leaders met

incarcerated party founder Imran Khan on Thursday

where the decision regard-

ing Marwat was taken. The

party leaders claimed that

Sher Afzal Marwat was

constantly violating the

party discipline and over the past month. "During the

meeting with Imran Khan,

it was agreed that no leader

is above the party and all

other leaders would face

the same fate if they crossed the party line,"

Tehreek-e-Insaf issued a

show-cause notice to Sher

Afzal Marwat for making

irresponsible statements.

As per details, the notice

was issued by PTI Secretary General Omar

Ayub Khan and asked

Marwat to explain his state-

ments within three days,

which have been deemed

damaging to the party's

The notice states that

such statements are against

the party's discipline and

violate the clear instruc-

tions of the party's founder,

Imran Khan, who has emphasized the importance

of responsible behavior.

Marwat was warned that failure to respond or pro-

vide a satisfactory explana-

tion may lead to further dis-

63 missing as

Nepal hit by

heavy rains

KATHMANDU (AFP): At

least 63 people were miss-

ing in Nepal on Friday after a landslide triggered

by heavy monsoon rains

swept two buses off a high-

way and into a river.

Dozens of search and

rescue personnel were

combing the site for sur-

vivors of the accident in

the central district of

buses were carrying at least 66 people between them

but three passengers had

been able to escape before

they crashed into the

Trishuli river and were now being treated in hospi-

"We are not sure of the

total number because the

buses could have picked

up others on the road," he

swollen and no one else

has been found yet." The

accident took place along

the Narayanghat-Mugling

highway, around 100 kilo-

metres west of the capital

Kathmandu early Friday at

3:30am local time. One

bus was heading from the

capital Kathmandu to Gaur

in Rautahat district in

southern Nepal and the

other was en route to

Kathmandu from southern

Birguni.

"The river has

authorities said.

ciplinary action.

they added.

reputation.

Éarlier,

ISLAMABAD:



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chairing a meeting on restructuring of Wheat Board and matter related to PASSCO.

## No uplift sans peace, stability in region: CASS

F.P. Report

LAHORE: The Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS), Lahore, organised a seminar titled "Future Security Outlook of South Asia: Trends and Challenges" on 11 July 2024. The event featured distinguished speakers, who addressed the multifaceted security challenges confronting South Asia.

Mr Ameer Abdullah Khan, Senior Researcher, CASS Lahore, commenced try in South Asia. Dr the seminar with introduc- Farhan Siddiqui, Associate tory remarks. Ambassador Professor, Quaid-e-Azam Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhary University, (Retd), former Foreign highlighted India's zero-Secretary of Pakistan, deliv- sum ered the keynote address, unachievable goals towards wherein he discussed the Pakistan and stressed the theatres of international need to learn from missed contestation and the threats opportunities of the past. posed to South Asia's stabil-ity. Emphasising the impor-remarks, Air Marshal Asim domain, he urged Pakistan CASS Lahore, highlighted to focus on this area.

Associate National



Islamabad, strategy

tance of the maritime Suleiman (Retd), President, the critical security chal-Dr Khuram Iqbal, lenges in South Asia arising Professor, from historical conflicts, Defence political instability, and lamented the new regional-ism instituted by the couning the China-Pakistan the region.

Economic (CPEC). He emphasised the importance of a multifaceted approach, including economic development diplomatic efforts, investment in defence technologies, and climate resilience to build a strong and resilient nation capable of achieving lasting peace and stability in South Asia.

question-andanswer session generated insightful discussions. The seminar stressed the complexity of South Asia's security landscape and University Pakistan, examined the saffronisation of India's strategic culture and India's strate

## Flour millers' strike against withholding tax continue

Kashif Ullah

Flour Mills Association flour and wheat," said (PFMA) continued their Qureshi. He demanded that dreds of mills across the the provincial government masses. country remained closed on should abolish check posts Friday with wheat grinding for wheat's delivery. and flour supply stopped, prompting fear of a poten- Chairman Asim Raza, said

tial shortage. imposed withholding tax the government has made on different stages of the them withholding agents. supply chain of staple food for the ongoing fiscal year national exchequer] that we which has made the product receive from the dealers to more expensive, said the whom we sell the commod-Sargodha and Toba Tek they sell it to retailers, who Singh have been shut are non-filers, they will of staple food in the cities.

Talking to media, PFMA charge 0.5%. Peshawar Division's Senior "When the payments Vice Chairman Shahzad come back to the flour

Pakistan due to an increase in tax on

Meanwhile, PFMA no tax have been imposed The federal government on the flour mills, however, "We should hold and they are filers, they will

will continue until their 5.5%. This isn't a tax, this is agents," he asserted.

demands are met. "The an advance tax, which will crushing has been stopped be returned later on," he said. Raza, demanding that the withholding tax should be lifted from them, warned strike against the newly a ban on delivery of wheat that this decision will imposed withholding tax and flour from Punjab increase the price of flour, for the second day as hun-should be lifted, adding that eventually burdening the

"Two or three months back, a 20kg flour bag wa sold for Rs2,800 and 10kg for Rs1,400. The rates are lower now, a 20kg flour bag is available at Rs1,800 and 10 10kg for Rs900 The rates will move up now. But our strike has no by up to 5.5% in the budget deposit the amount [in the connection to it," he explained. The chairman clarified that the strike does not mean to trouble the PFMA leaders. Flour mills ity. Then, the wholesale masses nor do they want a in Bahawalpur, Bahaw- dealers have been made confrontation with the govalnagar, Jhelum, Kamalia, withholding agents, when ernment. "We have always maintained that the flour milling sector was exemptdown, stopping the supply charge a 2.5% WTH and if ed from being a WHT agent. They've kept the fertiliser dealers and manufacturers exempted from i still. We cannot operate like Oureshi said that the strike mills, they will withhold this we cannot be WHT

## 30-year rain record broken in Lahore

F.P. Report

LAHORE: Lahore received forecast more rains in the as high as 315 millimetres metropolis during the next of rain on Friday, breaking 24 hours, which could furleaving the city drenched in rainwater. water. Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) Man- and several other areas of aging Director Muhammad the province also received Ghufran confirmed that the heavy rainfall, causing fresh spell had broken a 30- problems for the residents. year-old record as the Tajpura area received 315 Islamabad, mm of rain. He said last Rawalpindi, Nikyal and year, 291 mm of rain was Barnala areas of Azad recorded at the city's Jammu and Lakshmi Chowk, which Gujranwala, received 170 mm rain this Mandibahauddin,

was active in the field and cent areas too experienced continuously monitoring heavy showers. A host of the situation. "The water areas suffered from power has been removed from outages as well. Lakshmi Chowk and other areas are also being immense trouble as rainwacleared. Soon the city will ter accumulated in a large be cleared of rainwater," number of areas — includsaid the WASA MD.

Pani Wala Talab received Dhok Kala Khan as well as 151 mm rain, Qurtuba Lahore's Devis Road, Chowk 152 mm, Gulshan- Nisbat Road, Gawalmandi, Mughalpura 145 mm, Mazang, Achara, Faisal Airport 86 mm, Upper Mall 130 mm, Samanabad 153 Gulberg, mm, Iqbal Town 152 mm, Wasanpura, Badami Bagh Gulberg Town 105 mm, and Shahdara. The WASA Chowk Nakhuda 155 mm, managing director said staff Nishter Town 162 mm, Jail was deployed for water rainfall was expected in Farrukhabad 140 mm. It is and arrangements were over the next 3 days.

that the Met Office has a 30-year-old record and ther increase the level of Islamabad, Rawalpindi,

> Apart from Lahore, and

Jehlam, Hafizabad, Sargodha, He said the WASA staff Pakpattan and their adja-

People encountered ing Rawalpindi's Dhok The neighbourhoods of Kashmirian, Sadiqabad and mm, Krishan Nagar, Rajgarh, Town, Garden Town, Mughalpura,

pertinent here to mention complete viewing flooding in the Lai Nullah.

situation, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has directed the local authorities to take immediate measures to drain the stormwater in all the cities, including Lahore. The Punjab CM directed the staff and officers to visit the vulnerable areas remain in the field till the rainwater was completely Kashmir, drained. She directed Rescue

1122 and other departments as well to brace up for an emergency situation in advance. "Work on drainage of main arteries and low-lying areas should continue uninterruptedly. Emergency measures are required to deal with the situation created in various cities because of continuous rain," she said. Maryam said rainwater should not be seen in streets and markets, while the traffic police should clear roads for easy flow of vehicular traffic.

Meanwhile, the National Disaster Managemen (NDMA)'s Authority Emergencies National Operation Center (NEOC) on Friday anticipated that 69 mm and drainage in low-lying areas various parts of the country

Viewing the emergency administration and Wasa and

> A driver was killed in a separate accident on the same road after a boulder hit his bus. He died as he was being treated at a hos-Prime Minister pital. . Pushpa Kamal Dahal expressed sadness over the accident in a post on social media platform X. "I direct all agencies of the government, including the home administration, to search for and effectively rescue the passengers," he said. Deadly crashes are common in the Himalayan republic because of poorly constructed roads, badly

maintained vehicles and reckless driving. Nearly 2,400 people lost their lives on Nepal's roads in the 12 months to April according to government figures.

Israeli operation in Gaza GAZA CITY (AFP): Around 60 bodies were found under the rubble of a Gaza City neighborhood, officials in the Hamas-run territory said, after Israel's military declared an end to its operation there. The upsurge in

fighting, bombardment and displacement in the eastern district of Shujaiya came as talks were held in mediator Qatar toward a truce and hostage release deal. US President Joe Biden told

reporters that his administration was "making progress" toward a ceasefire agreement as he called for an end to the Israel-Hamas war. His statement came after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu demanded that Israel retain control of key Gaza territory along the border with Egypt - a condition that conflicts with Hamas's position that Israel must withdraw from all Gaza territory after a ceasefire. Gaza's civil defense agency said around 60 bodies had been found under the rubble in Shujaiya, after some of Gaza City's heaviest combat in months.

Hamas said Israel's operation there had left "more than 300 residential units and more than 100 business destroyed." Mohammed Nairi, a Shujaiya resident, said he and others returning to the neighborhood had seen "immense destrucmilitary said on Wednesday it had completed its mission in Shujaiya Gaza City.

Witnesses said tanks and troops had moved on to other parts of the city. An AFP correspondent reported air strikes on the Sabra neighborhood while militants engaged in heavy clashes with Israeli forces in Tel Al-Hawa. Hamas reported 45 air strikes in the Gaza City area, as well as in Gaza's southernmost city of Rafah, where Netanyahu had said the intense phase of the war was nearing its conclusion.

Netanyahu's office confirmed that its negotiating team, led by Mossad intelligence chief David Barnea, had returned to Israel following talks with mediators in Doha on Thursday. Speaking after the team's return, Netanyahu said Israel needed control of the Palestinian side of Gaza's border with Egypt to stop weapons reaching Hamas. He added that Israel must also be allowed to destroying Hamas and bringing home all hostages are achieved.

In Washington, Biden acknowledged "difficult, complex issues" but that progress was being made in are dead. Israel responded with a military response.

### Hamas calls for independent Palestinian govt in post-war Gaza

GAZA (AFP): Hamas is suggesting during ceasefire negotiations that an independent government of non-partisan figures run post-war Gaza and the sraeli-occupied West Bank, a member of the Palestinian Islamist movenent's political bureau said Friday.

"We proposed that a non-partisan national competency government mange Gaza and the West Bank after the war," Hossam Badran said in a statenent about the ongoing negotiations between Israel and Hamas with mediation from Qatar, Egypt, and the United States. "The administration of Gaza after the war is a Palestinian internal matter without any external interference, and we will not discuss the day after the war in Gaza with any external parties," Badran added.

A Hamas official told AFP the proposal for a non-partisan government was made "with the mediators." The government will "manage the affairs of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank in the initial phase after the war, paving the way for general elections" said the official, who did not want his name disclosed. Badran's remarks came after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu demanded that Israel retain control of the Philadelphi corridor, Gaza territory along the border with Egypt. This condition conflicts with Hamas's position that Israel must withdraw from all Gaza territory after a ceasefire. Netanyahu said on Thursday that control of the Philadelphi corridor is part of efforts to prevent "weapons to be smuggled to Hamas from The negotiations are occurring in Doha, Qatar and Cairo, Egypt with the aim of bringing about a ceasefire in Gaza as well as the return of hostages still held there by Hamas.

lot of things in retrospect I wish I Israelis to do, but the bottom line is ures from Gaza's health ministry. we have a chance now. It's time to tion that defies description. All the houses were demolished." Israel's summit. The Washington Post had reported on Wednesday that both Israel and Hamas had "signalled after two weeks, but bombardments their acceptance of an 'interim govand fighting continued to shake ernance' plan" in which neither would rule the territory and a US-trained force of Palestinian Authority supporters would provide security.

60 bodies found after

The Pentagon has also announced will soon permanently end its problem-plagued effort to deliver aid to Gaza by sea from Cyprus using a temporary pier that had been repeatedly damaged by weather conditions. The UN's health agency meanwhile said that only five trucks carrying medical supplies were allowed into Gaza last week.

"More than 34 of our trucks are waiting at the Al Arish crossing, and 850 pallets of medical supplies are awaiting collection. A further 40 trucks are waiting at Ismailiya in Egypt," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said Friday on social media platform X. Hamas's October 7 attack on southern Israel that sparked the war resulted in the keep on fighting until its war aims of deaths of 1,195 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on Israeli figures.

remain between Israel and Hamas, Gaza, including 42 the military says been a "lack of coordination" in the

reaching a ceasefire deal. "There's a military offensive that has killed at least 38,345 people in Gaza, also had been able to convince the mostly civilians, according to fig-

> The Israeli army dropped leaflets on Wednesday warning "everyone in Gaza City" that it would "remain a dangerous combat zone." leaflets urged residents to flee, and set out designated escape routes from the area where the UN humanitarian office said up to 350,000 people had been sheltering. The UN said the latest evacuations "will only fuel mass suffering for Palestinian families, many of whom have been displaced many times," and who face 'critical levels of need.'

> Hamas official Hossam Badran said that Israel was "hoping that the resistance will relinquish its legitimate demands" in truce negotiations. But "the continuation of massacres compels us to adhere to our demands," he said. Israel's military said operations were also continuing in the Rafah area where "dozens" of militants were killed over the past

The military said it responded with air and ground strikes after five rockets were fired from the area toward Israel on Thursday. The military separately acknowledged Thursday it had "failed" to protect Kibbutz Beeri, where more than 100 people died during Hamas's October attacks. A summary of the inquiry, The militants also seized made public after being presented to hostages, 116 of whom remain in kibbutz residents, said there had



Chitwan, district official Khimananda Bhusal told to media persons outside Supreme Court. AFP. Bhusal said that the

## CM KP decides to establish 'Quran Mahal'

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Chief Mi- official level. He directed the nister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sardar Ali Amin Khan arrangements for holding Gandapur on Friday decided these conferences at provinto establish a "Quran cial as well as divisional and Mahal" in Peshawar in order preserve the old copies/pages of the holy Qur'an and directed the Peshawar Development Authority to provide a suitable plot for this purpose.

He further directed that the proposed Qur'an Mahal should be a masterpiece of Islamic architecture, adding shaheed that the copies/pages of the holy Qur'an from across the province would be preserved in the above mentioned Qur'an Mahal.

He was chairing the first meeting of the Auqaf department, held here at Chief Minister's House. Provincial Minister for Augaf, Adnan Qadri, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Amjad Ali other relevant officials attended the meeting. The sion was briefed about the administrative and financial lease policy of the Aquaf's properties and other important matters.

The Chief Minister Gandapur has decided to related to the waqf properhold Rehmatul-lil-Alameen ties of the conferences this year in a Department.

grand and impressive manner across the province at quarters concerned to make district headquarters level throughout the province.

He announced that Rs. 5.00 million would be provided for holding Rahamtul lil Alameen Conference events at the provincial level, whereas Rs. 2.00 million would be provided to each provincial headquarter for this purpose.

Similarly, district headquarters would also be provided with Rs. 1.00 million each to hold such conferences/events. The Chief Minister further decided that Ulema-o-Mashaikh Conference would also be

held in the province. He on this occasion, directed the authorities concerned to identify suitable land for government grave-Khan, Secretary Augaf and yard so as to meet the requirements of Peshawar City in this regard. The Chief Minister on this occa- meeting has also decided the establishment of Assets Management Unit and GIS matters of the department, mapping of the Auqaf properties across the province. Similarly, it was decided to hire a reputable law firm for better follow-up of the cases Sardar Ali Amin Khan pending in various courts WB team visits BISP HQs F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: The World

Bank (WB)/ Foreign Commonwealth & Dev elopment Office (FCDO Implementation Suppor Mission for the Ĉrisi Resilient Social Protection (CRISP) project, led by Senior Social Protection Specialist Amjad Zafaı Khan, visited the Benazii Income Support Progra mme (BISP) Headquarters. The mission included key participants such as Melis U. Guven (Lead Economist/Co-Task Team

Leader) and Zaineb Majoka (Economist), among others During the wrap-up meet ing with Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson Benazir Income Suppor Programme, and Secretar BISP Amer Ali Ahmad, th mission presented its findings for the period Jan-June

Amjad Zafar Khan high lighted the successfu achievement of all targets related to various initiative including innovations to the Social Registry, Biometric Payment Systems, Hybrid Social Protection Schemes Health and Nutrition Improvements, and School Enrollment Incentives.

## 16 students ABUJA (AFP): At least 16

Nigeria school

collapse kills

Friday when a school in central Nigeria collapsed on pupils taking exams, according to an AFP correspondent. Trapped students were heard crying for help under the rubble after the Saint Academy school in Jos North district of Plateau State fell in on classrooms.

Mechanical diggers tried to rescue the victims while parents desperately looked for their children. Officials have so far only said "several students" were killed but an AFP reporter saw five dead bodies in one hospital morgue and 11 in another. All were wearing school uniforms. With his mother at his hospital bedside, injured student Wulliya Ibrahim told AFP: "I entered the class not more than five minutes when I heard a sound, and the next thing is I found myself here."
"We are many in the

class, we are writing our exams," he said. The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said the two-storey building housing Saint Academy collapsed killing "several students" without giving details. "NEMA and other critical stakeholders are presently carrying out Search and Rescue operations," it said.

A resident at the scene Chika Obioha told AFP he saw at least eight bodies at the site and that dozens more had been injured. "Everyone is helping out to see if we can rescue more people," he said. The AFP correspondent said he saw 11 bodies in the morgue at the Bingham University Hospital and five dead taken into the mortuary at the Our Lady of Apostles Hospital in Jos.

At least 15 rescued and injured students were admitted, officials at the Our Lady of Apostles Hospital said. Officials at the Bingham University Teaching Hospital did not comment. It was not immediately clear what caused the collapse but residents said it came after three days of heavy rains in Plateau. Building collapses are fairly common in Africa's most populous nation because of lax enforcement of building standards, negligence and use of lowquality materials.

Printed and published by Mahmood Afridi at Moraka's Printers, 27 Abdara Road, University Town, Peshawar. Managing Editor Jalil Afridi. Phone 0300 9009001