PTI announces protest demo F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: PTI announced another protest demonstration at Islamabad's D-Chowk on October 15, the day when SCO Summit is set to kick-off. The announcement was made after PTI's political committee meeting. Sheikh Waqas Akram, the party's central information secretary, posted on X that a 'powerful' protest would be held on October 15 at D-Chowk in Islamabad.

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ECP announces by-election F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) announced on Friday that the bye-election for the vacant Punjab Assembly seat PP-139 Sheikhupura-IV will be held on December 5, 2024. The seat has become vacant following the death of PML-N. MPA Rana Afzaal Hussain. As per the schedule, a public notice will be

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Zardari, Putin vow to strengthen ties

ASHGABAT: President Asif Ali bond of brotherhood which was built ened day by day and becoming more Peace and Development" at Ashgabat

in Turkmenistan on Friday.

During the meeting, both the Presidents underlined the need of further strengthening bilateral ties. The two sides exchanged best wishes and pleasant words for each other.

Earlier in the day, President Asif Ali Zardari held meeting with the Leader of the Turkmen People and Turkmenistan Berdimuhamedov in Ashgabat. Pakistan and Turkmenistan have desired to strengthen their bilateral ties in all spheres especially trade and

Zardari also addressed an internationregional connectivity as well as cultural and economic collaboration in "Relations of the control of the collaboration in "Relations of the collaboration in "Relations of the collaboration in the co

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister

Shehbaz Sharif on Friday emphasized

that the provision of quality educa-

tion and technical training was the

government's top priority, as no

nation can progress without a high-

meeting on Federal Education and

Technical Training Affairs. The Prime

Minister stated that, in today's educa-

tion landscape, skills development

information technology, and digitiza-

tion have become indispensable, stress-

ing the urgent need to align Pakistan's

education system with these modern

principles. He further highlighted that,

in line with the government's commit-

ment to ensuring no child in Pakistan is

left out of school, the incumbent

administration had implemented an

Additionally, he underscored the importance of holding a National

Curriculum Summit to facilitate the

introduction of a uniform education

system across the country. The Prime

Minister directed relevant authorities

to expedite the construction of

Daanish Schools in underprivileged

areas, including Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir,

educational emergency.

He was chairing an important review

quality education system.

Zardari and his Russian counterpart on mutual respect and commonalities Vladimir Putin held an informal of faith and a shared vision for a betmeeting on the sidelines of ter and peaceful future. The event, International Forum on "Interrelation held to mark the 300th birth anniverof Times and Civilizations - Basis of sary of Magtymguly Faragi, a great Turkmen thinker, poet and philoso-pher, was also attended by several regional leaders.

spiralling Middle East violence: Russian President Vladimir Putin has met Iran's new president as concerns grow over escalating attacks between Israel and Iran along with its network President of Turkmenistan Serdar of aligned armed groups. Putin and Berdimuhamedov and National Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian discussed the situation in the Middle Chairman of Peoples Council of East on the sidelines of a regional Gurbanguly meeting in Turkmenistan on Friday, Russian state media reported.

They met before their two countries are expected to sign a strategic partnership agreement. Pezeshkian connectivity.

The meetings discussed entire gamut of bilateral relations. Asif Ali

Said on Friday that he hoped the agreement could be finalised at the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China er the West. He said Moscow sup-Zardari reiterated invitations to the and South Africa) summit, which Turkmen President and National Putin invited him to, in Russia on Leader to visit Pakistan. President October 22-24. During their meeting, Putin told Pezeshkian that Moscow's al forum held here in the Turkmen and Tehran's positions on internation- including the Commonwealth of capital, where he stressed an al affairs were often "very close", Independent States, the Eurasian enhanced focus on the promotion of Russian state news agency TASS Economic Union, the Shanghai

the president, addressing the cessfully," Putin said. Iranian news Ali Zardari and the heads of Central forum on "Interrelation of Times and Civilizations- Basis for Peace and Development" said that Pakistan and Development" said that Pakistan and Turkmenistan shared a deep-rooted Turkmenistan shared Shared Turkmenistan shared Sh

No country can progress without a

high-quality education system: PM

institutions in Islamabad to support

the convenience of female teachers. In

his directive to set up e-libraries in

parks and recreational areas of

Îslamabad, the Prime Minister empha-

sized that access to these libraries

should be free, with complimentary

and Balochistan.

The Prime Minister called for the technical training, and an awareness He also instructed that daycare cenformulation of a strategy to provide campaign should be launched to

ters be established in all educational monthly stipends to female students encourage them to return to school.

internet facilities also provided.

Shehbaz announces

pay raise for Islamabad Police

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday announced to mmediately increase the salaries of Islamabad Police at par with Punjab

Police and an Executive Allowance for the officers of ICT Police as well as

The prime minister, addressing an event held at the Police Lines

the remaining 44 of total 64 officials of ICT Police martyred in the line of

duty. During the visit, the contingent of Islamabad Police gave guard of hon-

our to the prime minister who later laid a wreath at the Martyrs Monument

at the Police Lines and penned his remarks in the visitors' book. He also

offered Fateha for the police martyrs and paid tribute to the sacrifices of the

police personnel. Accompanied by Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Federal

Information and Broadcasting Minister Attaullah Tarar, IG Islamabad Police

Ali Nasir Rizvi, Islamabad Chief Commissioner Muhammad Ali Randhawa

and parliamentarians, he also interacted with the family of members of

police Constable Abdul Hameed who embraced martyrdom in the line o

in rural areas of Islamabad, aiming to

increase enrollment in these schools

'Technical training should be inte-

grated into the curriculum of

Minister said. He added that students

who had dropped out of education for

any reason should be offered free

the Prime

Islamabad schools,"

duty during the protest by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf on October 6, 2024.

the Islamabad administration, on the pattern of provinces.

robust." Pezeshkian also spoke about Israel's "savage attacks" in Lebanon, adding that Israel should "stop killing innocent people" in the region and accused the United States and Europe of backing its actions.

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The Israeli military has sent ground troops into southern Lebanon Putin meets Pezeshkian amid and continues to bombard the country as it battles the Lebanese armed group Hezbollah, which is aligned with Tehran. Russia has also previously condemned Israel for targeting civilian areas during its wars in Lebanon and Gaza.

Relations between Russia and Iran have strengthened significantly since Moscow invaded Ukraine in 2022. The US has accused Iran of supplying Russia with weapons to be used in Ukraine. Tehran has denied that claim. As the conference opened on Friday, Putin said ported "the broadest possible international discussion" on the emerging multipolar world and was open to discussing it in various forums, Cooperation Organisation and "Relations with Iran are a priority BRICS. Other regional leaders,

He was accompanied by Jalal Khan Member Provincial Assembly of PMLN, Riaz Mehsud Commissioner Peshawar tration officials, and relevant police officers, Governor Kundi reviewed the arrangements for an

ures and other arrangements for the event to ensure peace and safety. Governor Kundi directed the concerned authorities to ensure peace, security, and the protection of the public, emphasizing the importance of maintaining law and order in the province. It is worth mentioning here that PTM is holding a three-day Jirga against the worsening law and order situation in the province.

CDA de-seals Islamabad KP House

ISLAMABAD: Development Capital Authority (CDA) on Friday Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) House Islamabad complying with directives of the Islamabad High Court (IHC).

Chief Aamer Farooq directed the administration to de-seal the KP house while hearing Pakhtunkhwa government. The provincial govern-ment, through the Secretary Administration approached the IHC against the sealing of the KP House, requesting to deseal it until the final decision of the case.

that the sealing of the KP House, which is a provincial government property, is illegal. Additionally, the petitioner maintained that taking official vehicles into custody after sealing the KP House is also illegal. It is important to note here Capital that the Development Authority (CDA) sealed different Khyber blocks Pakhtunkhwa (KP) House Islamabad following Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) protest in the capital

city.

The sealing operation led by Special was Magistrate Sardar Muhammad Asif. During the operation the CDA, sealed KP House blocks A and B. The authorities said C block was not sealed as the families were staying

KP CM, Governor visit Aman Jirga site

PESHAWAR EDITION

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, on Friday paid a visit to the site of Aman Jirga being organized in District Khyber to take stock of the security and other arrange-

ments for the Jirga.

Provincial government representatives, high ups of the relevant divisional and district administration and police officers were also present on this occasion. The Chief Minister on the occasion, was briefed about the security and other arrangements for the Jirga.

The Chief Minister has directed the administration to take immediate steps for providing all necessary facilities for the Jirga, adding that water, temporary washrooms, lighting, medical camps, and other essential facilities must be provided on priority basis further directing them to provide five thousand blankets for the Jirga participants.

The participants on this occasion expressed pleasure over the visit of Chief Minister, took selfies, and chanted slogans of "Long live the Chief Minister." Prayers were also offered for durable peace in the country on this occasion.

Meanwhile, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, visited the Pakhtun Tahaffuz Movement (PTM) Jirga ground in Khyber district to review the security situa-

Division, district adminisupcoming event in the ari-

Headquarters here to pay tribute to the police force for their sacrifices and dutifulness, also announced to extend Shuhada Package to the families of regarding security meas- las well, he added. The min- Dr Johar Sadozai con- in 2021, mostly in the incidents of violence. Meanwhile,

F.P. Report

Justice a plea filed by the Khyber

The petitioner argued

response would be "deadly, and will notify the Security

Rocket attack on coal mines kills 20 in Duki tardly attack. All trade cen- on fire. Taking notice of the mat-

QUETTA: Protests have erupted in Balochistan's District Duki after at least 20 miners were killed and seven left injured in a rocket attack on coal mines in the area, the latest incident of violence in the southwestern province.

F.P. Report

member of Shaheed Constable Abdul Hameed.

"A group of armed men attacked the mines in the Duki area in the wee hours rushed to nearby medical [of Friday] using heavy weapons," said Humayun Khan, the police station The police had initially house officer for the town, reported the deaths of two located east of the city of miners but the death toll since the Taliban govern-The Governor was Quetta. They fired rockets soared to 20 in the follow- ment returned to power in as well, he added. The mineral-rich region borders Afghanistan and Iran and has been troubled for decades due to frequent

> No group has claimed responsibility for the latest attack. Following the deady attack, citizens staged a demonstration at Bacha Khan Chowk with the bodies of the slain miners.

traders strike in the entire district in condemnation of the das-

tres and markets remained

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif meeting with the family

facility, Teaching Hospital Loralai for medical care. firmed.

As per the official, two of the deceased miners belonged to Pishin and two others were residents of work from Afghanistan, according to the medial officer. The owner of the coal mines, Haji Khairullah Nasir, said that the attackannounced a shutter-down ers not only carried out an assault on the mining site

closed across Duki on ter, Balochistan Chief Friday. The area surround- Minister Sarfaraz Bugti ing the coal mines were condemned the incident cordoned off by the police and ordered action against and FC personnel and a the "terrorists" involved in search operation was the attack. "Terrorists launched soon after the working on the agenda of "Terrorists destablising Bodies of the slain min- Labourers are soft targets in ers and the injured were cowardly attacks by terrorists," he said, pledging to punish the involved in such activities. Pakistan has witnessed a

surge in militant attacks Dr Johar Sadozai con- in 2021, mostly in the northwestern province Pakhtunkhwa, but also in southwestern Balochistan, which abuts Afghanistan Qila Saifullah while one of and Iran. Against this backthem was from Kuchlak drop, the federal cabinet in and three others came for June this year approved Operation Istehkam, a reinvigorated national counter-terrorism campaign following the Central Apex Committee's recommendations under the National Action Plan to but also set the machinery root out terrorism.



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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Friday said Islamabad has been made fully safe and secure to welcome foreign delegations including 12 heads of the governments for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Conference, sched-

uled for October 15-16. "Those who have mindset to conspire against the country should better stay at home as no miscreant will be allowed to disrupt the SCO Conference in Islamabad," the minister said while talking to the media. "The announcements do not make any difference as Islamabad has

been made fully safe and he said while secure," referring to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf which had announced to hold protest in coming days. "It (SCO Conference)

will go as planned and will elevate Pakistan's prestige and improve its image at international level," the minister remarked. He said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has personally reviewed the arrangements for the reception of different head of governments arriving in Islamabad to attend the SCO conference. "This shows the importance of such a grand event in Pakistan which will be instrumental to boost the country," he added. sion of topics.

security arrangements have been finalized in Islamabad with the deployment of all the law enforcement agencies including Pakistan Army and Rangers. He said all the heads of governments participating in the SCO would be accorded a warm welcome in Islamabad as the whole nation is ready to celebrate the event with national pride.

The whole Islamabad has been decorated which would eventually leave a positive impression of Pakistan in minds of the visiting delegations, he noted. He believed that the SCO would be a great success for Pakistan and would help enhance regional economic growth in the cooperation with a discussion on many important

Iran says ready to 'defend sovereignty' against Israel attack

precise and surprising."

TEHRAN (AFP): Iran said it is "fully prepared to defend its sovereignty" if its arch-foe Israel attacks as it has threatened to do in response to a barrage of about 200 missiles.

The Islamic republic launched the missiles at Israel on October 1 in retaliation for the killing of two of its closest allies, Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh and Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, along with an Iranian general. Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant vowed this week that his country's

Council Security Thursday, Iran's permanent representative to the United Nations, Amir Saeid Iravani, said the Islamic republic stands fully prepared to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity against any aggression targeting its vital interests and security.'

line with international law

Iran, he said, was not seeking "war or escalation" but would exercise its "inherent right to self-defense fully in

Council of its legitimate In an address to the UN response.' Îranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said mean-

while in an interview with Al Jazeera Arabic on Thursday that "we do not want a war," but "we are not afraid of it, and we will be ready for any scenario." come against the backdrop of a war between Israel and Iran-allied Palestinian militant group Hamas that has been raging for more than a year and has expanded to include Lebanon in recent

Imran, Bushra should be allowed to meet family F.P. Report

and Balochistan.

ISLAMABAD: Secretary General of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Barrister Salman Akram Raja on Friday said that the PTI founder Imran Khan and former first lady Bushra Bibi must be allowed to meet the family, adding that it was a basic human right to let inmates see their families.

Speaking outside the Islamabad High Court (IHC), the PTI Secretary General said that he would plead before the court to let Khan meet his sister and doctor while hoping that the government may show a more humane approach this time. "It is necessary for us during these distressing times to consult Imran Khan on political matters. Everything is being done to sabotage the political process.

The people of Pakistan want the orders passed on the basis of human rights. Anything can be expected from this fascist regime," he deplored. He said that he was appearing in court cases on a daily basis, adding that the PTI founder was only allowed to meet twice during Toshakhana case hearing.



Fazl wants consensus before moving amen in NA

of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl, Maulana Fazlur Rehman.

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Jamiat-Ulema-e-Islam- Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Friday urged the government to accept its suggestions related to the constitutional amendments in order to reach

consensus. He was addressing a conference Islamabad on Friday. "We can reach the consensus if individual. government shows some flexibility," said the JUI-F

by the government.

shouldn't be divided over amendment. the retirement issue of an

chief. He added that the ment and therefore we appointment of judges in JUI-F has started delibera- want to thoroughly study the court.

tions on the draft provided the draft," he said. Earlier in the day, PPP Chairman According to JUI-F Bilawal Bhutto Zardari chief, he had rejected the asserted that complete condraft that was provided in sensus of all parties on the 'black bag' and people constitutional amendment also supported his stance. was needed. He made these "JUI-F and PPP will now remarks in the Parliament's share the draft with the PTI special committee session to reach consensus," he on Friday, saying they have added. The veteran politi- been making efforts since a cian said that the judiciary month for consensus on the revealed that PPP has submitted its draft on estab-"It took nine months to lishment of constitutional discuss the 18th amend- court and mechanism of



Sindh cabinet approves creation of Azma calls for laws to 434 positions in teaching hospitals | regulate social media

KARACHIU (PPI): Sindh Chief amendment in SPSC (Recruitment Officer (DDO) power and autho- On the request of the health Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, pre- Management) Regulations, 2023 siding over a Cabinet meeting, regarding the maintenance of a called on the federal government to stop power distribution companies arising as a result of non-joining of from penalising citizens under the pretext of line losses, approved the during the recruitment process. Sindh Public Service Commission's of successful candidates for future vacancies, created 434 clinical care positions in teaching hospitals, didates to be further recommended sanctioned Rs367.5 million for a to the concerned Department if new 36-bed hospital in Taiser Town, and empowered SHOs with the same recruitment process. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer cabinet was told that a similar pro-(DDO) powers for effective management of police stations.

The cabinet also approved the cabinet approved the appointment. Drawing & Disbursing (DDO) Powers to the Station House Officers (SHOs) all over Sindh so that they can make necessary expenditures to run their police stations in the public interest. The cabinet was held at CM House on Friday. It was attended by provincial ministers, advisors, the Chief Secretary, the Chairman P&D and other concerned officers.

Amendment Regulations: Sindh Public Service (SHO), of grade BPS-16, has been for excessive load shedding in 2022. Commission (SPSC) proposed an given Drawing & Disbursing

'waiting list' to fill in the vacancies various recommended candidates

The amendment was proposed Commission to maintain a waiting list of next-in-line successful cansome posts remain unfilled during vision already exists in the Federal Public Service Commission. The

SHO gets DDO powers: The Sindh cabinet approved Rs69.2 million for 485 police stations in the province, including Rs33.8 million for 78 police stations of the Karachi Division. The other divisions have 407 police stations and their budget would be 35.4 million.

The cabinet also approved an amendment in the Sindh Police public hearing, Rs 50 million fines Financial Powers Rules 2019 under SPSC which a Station House Officer including K-Electric and HESCO,

strengthen police at the grassroots level an effective delivery service.

Load Management: The Sindh government has called for reforms in load management laws to proposal to maintain a waiting list in Regulation No.148 to enable the address ongoing load shedding and inefficiencies in distribution companies (DISCOs). The CM approved the recommendations and directed the Energy dept to send them to Power Division, Ministry of Energy. CM said that it was an injustice that the DISCOs switch off the entire feeder if a few people are not paying their bills and even to meet the line or technical losses the customers are penalised which was unconstitutional.

The government seeks amendments to current laws allowing economic load shedding, arguing it leads to discriminatory practices violating Article 25 of the Constitution, which ensures equality before the law. In a recent NEPRA were imposed on five DISCOs, Creation of subspecialist posts:

rised to draw Rs200,000 per month. department the cabinet approved The CM termed the move to the surrender of 731 redundant posts with an annual financial implication of Rs336.729 million in each teaching hospital and created 434 clinical care posts with an annual financial implication of Rs1.16 billion for hiring of staff on contract basis against the surrendered posts in each teaching hospital in the best public interest.

Funds approved for Taiser Town Hospital: At the request of the health department, the cabinet approved Rs.367.500 million for a 36-bed Health dept hospital, Taiser Town Karachi. The hospital is being run by the Pakistan National Forum on Women's Health (PNFWH), Karachi for year 20. Partnership with HELP: The cab-

inet, on the recommendation of the

health department, approved handing over nine dispensaries upgraded to the level of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) centres to the NGO HELP to run them round the clock (24/7). These MCHCs are located in the remote areas of district Tharparkar. The cabinet also approved a budget of Rs136.23 mil-

Information Minister Azma husband operates. "To date, issue arose with X (for-Bokhari has stated that over 500 mobile SIMs have merly known as Twitter) there is a need to establish laws and regulations governing the use of social media in the country.

She emphasized that the humiliation and defamation present themselves as innoof women on social media should not be tolerated. "I media briefing at the Lahore

main accused in her case is must be established for by chance; they are wellconnected to a franchise of social media use. Brazil planned," she added.

LAHORE (APP): There is potential

a need to build a consen-

sus to introduce a com-

mon currency among the

National Assembly

(MNA) Sehar Kamran, while

talking to APP. Sehar

expressed these views in ref-

erence to as Pakistan is set to

host a two-day SCO Council

of Heads of Government

meeting in Islamabad on

October 15 and 16.

economic ties. These views expressed by Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Member

been issued in the accused's name, which are being used to blackmail people. This is more dangerous and cruel than one can imagine. They cent while victimizing oth-

ers in court," she added. am fighting not just for "We do not have fake 500 SIMs were not issued myself but for all women accounts, nor do we for the public service but to who do not have access to intend to create them. I the courts," she said during a simply want to ensure that lion. "If necessary, I will what happened to me does High Court here on Friday. not happen to anyone else. Supreme Court. These con-Azma revealed that the Laws and regulations

MNA urges SCO nations to

consider common currency

together cultures. Let's uti-

SCO countries to facili- the people of this region financial systems impose tate trade and strengthen and ensure economic pros- on intra-regional trade,

MNA Sehar Kamran said.

should be echoed in the

background of sentiments

of cooperation and solidari-

and

economies

for not responding. This is my struggle, and it will lead somewhere," she continued.

'As a minister, if I wanted to take revenge, I could have done so quietly, without anyone noticing. These create discord and rebeltake this matter to the spiracies are not happening

bridge mote regional trade and

While highlighting the

challenges by reducing

"The introduction of a

cross-border

bring economic cooperation.

lize this opportunity to unite obstacles that the current

perity for all. "United we she said that a unified curstand, divided we fall," rency could alleviate these

She said this unique idea transaction costs and sim-

ty, highlighting the crucial common currency would

need for unity in an increas- also help in reducing the

ingly fragmented global dependency on the dollar

landscape. She opined that and facilitate trade

SCO countries may adopt a among the SCO members consensus on introducing a states," she said while

plifying

trade processes.

Legal Aid Society Hosts "Mela on Women's Rights in Marriage" to Promote Awareness about Nikahnama

F.P. Report

Democratic Endowment Nikahnamas reviewed from Niswan, and Bond remained unfulfilled, raisin Marriage", a unique and guards for women. interactive event designed marriage.

ing participants through Shaheena interactive segments that Minister, Nikahnama as a tool for marriage. protecting women's rights.

Despite its role as a gated right of divorce, and

KARACHI: The Legal Aid study conducted by the Society, in collaboration Legal Aid Society in 2023 with the United Nations revealed that in 90% of the Fund (UNDEF), Tehrik-e- Sindh, these vital clauses Advertising, hosted the ing concerns about the sys-"Mela on Women's Rights tematic exclusion of safe-

The event reflected the to raise awareness about spirit of a South Asian wedwomen's legal rights in ding, and was attended by government stakeholders, The event blended cul- civil society organizations, tural traditions with criti- and women's rights advocal legal education, engag- cates. The Chief Guest, Sher Women emphasized the signifi- Development Department,

cance of understanding Government of Sindh, Nikahnama clauses, haq delivered the keynote meher, dowry, and other address, stating, "We need protections for awareness and need to women. One of the key counsel people regarding issues discussed at the their rights and responsibilevent is the often-over- ities, especially in the case

crucial clauses that safe- blame is always put on the guard women's autonomy - women. Why do we, as such as those related to the women, do not get our bride's haq meher, the delerights? I want that we keep doing sessions like this, special conditions - are fre- until we ensure that every quently left blank or nikahnama is filled com-

groom have the full right to of the Nikahnama and the fill it accordingly. NADRA awareness related to marshould be involved in the riage. Syed Uzair Al Huda, the importance of such process of registering a Nikah Registrar comment- events, noting, "We are nikahnama. We need to ed, "It is very easy to get a working towards standardwork towards a policy that license from the union izing the process of nikah no marriage certificates are council to be a nikah regis- registration including the fully filled out."

where tance of women's rights in nikahkhwans and record a marriage. A highlight of their data." the event was a theatrical Tehrik-e-Niswan the Nikahnama, including including the bride and looked potential of the of the nikahnama and one's clauses on financial rights groom's CNIC numbers to Nikahnamas, reflecting the A man is never blamed riage. A Bridal Walk their ages are being recordfor the dissolution of a showcased embroidered ed correctly in the nikahnabinding marriage contract, marriage, meanwhile the dupattas featuring mes- ma. This can help put a stop raising awareness and fossages on women's empow- to erment

> An insightful panel discussion experts and activists who marriage. discussed the detrimental

issued until a nikahnama is trar. The government needs requirements to make these changes: nikahkhwan to become a

The event featured mul- nikah registrars should be tiple interactive segments, registered based on their including a Mehendi Stall qualifications and experiparticipants ences. They should be safeguarded. received slogans through given the basic knowledge, mehendi designs while and the government should learning about the impor- make an effort to register Iqbal

that Rights Commission, demonstrated the impor- Government of Sindh comtance of understanding and mented, "The nikahnama negotiating the terms of should have the clause child marriages,

> collective action to ensure that women are fully featured legal informed of their rights in

Khalid Hyder Syed

crossed out. An empirical pletely. Both the bride and impact of unfilled clauses Shah, Additional Chief Secretary, read their nikahnama and importance of raising Government, Government of Sindh also highlighted

registrar. This will ensure that the rights given by law to women are protected and

The "Mela on Women's Rights in Marriage" concluded with a call for collaboration stronger between government bod-Detho, ies and civil society to properformance performed by Chairperson, Sindh Human mote and protect women's legal rights in marriage. The event underscored the importance of informed decision-making fully and accurately filling and the legal age of mar- make it easier to ensure principles of justice and fairness that underpin Islamic marriage laws. By tering cultural change, the and marriage emphasizing the need for event highlighted a path forward towards greater empowerment and equity for women within the institution of marriage in Pakistan.

Saba appointed as UNICEF's National Ambassador

She said the SCO has the common currency to pro- replying to a query.

KARACHI (APP): UNICEF has appointed actress Saba Qamar as its first National Ambassador for child rights in Pakistan. The announcement was made on International Day of the Girl Child, a day that recognizes girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world.

"It's an honor to join UNICEF. I will echo our shared mission of achieving every right for every child wherever I am," said Saba Qamar. In my recent travels, I have seen both the challenges children and women face in this her vital part for the children and young peocountry and the difference UNICEF's dedicated efforts are making". She promised to play have the chance to fulfill their dreams.



ple of Pakistan so that they can dream and

كيلي از دفتر دُائرَ يكثر جنر ل يبيثل ميثرو بوليتن گورنمنٹ بيثاور **سرمایہ کاری کا ستھری موقع** بعداز تیسری مرتبه نظر ثانی نیلامی چوتھی مرتبه (مجموعی گیار ہویں مرتبہ)

ہر خاص وعام کیلئے مشتہر کہا جاتا ہے۔ کہ کیپٹل میٹر ولیٹن گورنمنٹ بیثاورا ہے ملکیتی جائراد رتغیبر شدہ کمرشل بلازہ بنام Plaza-II UTC کے بقیہ ہلاکس Cاور Cجوکہ مین یونیورٹی روڈ نزد اقراء چوک میں واقع ہے کو نیلام کرنا ھاہتی ہے۔الہذا خواہشمند کاروباری حضرات پنیجے دیئے گئے تیسری بارنظرثانی شدہ شیڈول بحوالہ چھٹی نمبر No.RMO/Pesh:/PA/2023/CMGP/1921-24 مورخه 19/10/2023 مطابق يولي مين حصير لے سکتے ہیں۔

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ا گر کئی بھی جوہ سے بولی آن لائن نظام (E-Auction) کے ذریعے نہ ہو کئی تو درج ذیل شیڈول کے مطاب**ن کے ہلی بولی** درجہ ذیل تاریخوں کو بمقام کونسل ہال کیپٹل میٹرو

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ايضاً	14 نومبر 2024 جمعرات	تيسرى تاريخ

شرائط نيلامي:.

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1) ہر بولی کی نیلامی بصورت پریمئیم نا قابل واپسی ہوگی۔

2) نیلامی میں حصہ لینے والےخواہشمند حضرات ہر بلاک کیلئے علیحہ و علیحہ و مندرجہ بالاشیر ول کےمطابق کال ڈیپازٹ ابینک ڈرافٹ بنام ڈائر بیٹر جزل کیپٹل میٹر و پولیٹن گورنمنٹ پیثاور بولی سے پہلے جمع کرانا ہوگا۔

3) بولی دہندہ کا میالی کی صورت میں 25 فیصد ریمنیم تین (3) دن کے اندراندر جبکہ بقیدر قم بعداز منظوری پندرہ (15) دن کے اندراندر جمع کرنے کا پابندہوگا۔ ناکا می کی صورت میں 25 فیصدایڈوانس قم بحق سرکار ضبط تصور ہوگ۔

4) کامیاب بولی د ہندہ کل زرنیلامی پر بیٹیم جمع کرانے کے بعد کیپٹل میٹرو پولیٹن گورنمنٹ بیثاور کے ساتھ با قاعدہ معاہدہ تحریر کر لیگا۔

5) کا میاب بولی دہندہ پریمئیم کےعلاوہ حکومت کی طرف سے لا گوشدہ آنگم ٹیس بصورت فائلز %10 اور نان فائلر %20 علیحدہ جمع کرانا ہوگا۔

6) ابندائی معاہدہ اجارہ عرصہ پندرہ(15) سال کیلئے ہوگا جو کہ مزید یا بھی سال (05) کیلئے قابل قوسیتی ہوگی۔ بعداز اختتام معاہدہ یا زہ ادکان یا جائیراوکودوبارہ نیلام کیا جائے گااور زیادہ بولی آنے کی صورت میں (First right of refusal) پہلے ہے موجود دکا ندار کو دیا جائےگا۔ اگر وہ انکار کرتا ہے تو کا میاب بولی دہندہ کے حوالہ کیا جائےگا۔ 7) کامیاب بولی دہندہ بغیراجازت ڈائر مکٹر جز ل کیپٹل میٹرو پولیٹن گورنمنٹ بشاور، پورٹن اہلائس کسی دوسری یارٹی کواجارہ Sublet یا ٹرانسفزمپین کرسکے گا تاہم منتقل ک

> صورت میں مبلغ دس لا کھ (10,00,000) رویے فی بلاک (نا قابل واپسی) ٹرانسفرفیس ادا کر فی ہوگی۔ 8) کامیاب بولی دہندہ ہر پورٹن ابلاک سے حفاظتی گیٹ، ڈیکوریٹن ابجلی ٹبلیفون،سوئی گیس کے نکشن اینے خرج ترکر س گا۔

9) كامياب بولى د ہندگان كےعلاوہ باقى تمام كوان كى زرضانت اڭلےروز واپس كياجائيگا۔

10) پلازے میں تنصیب شدہ جزیئرصرف بلاک 🛭 کیلیے مختص کی گئی ہے جس کی تمام ترمینٹینٹس والیکٹرک بل اجارہ دار کے ذمے ہوگا جبکہ باتی بلائس کے اجارہ دار جزیئر کا خود

11) بولی میں حصہ لینے والےخواہشندحشرات ہر بلاک کیلیج علیحہ علیحہ ہ فارم آفس اسٹنٹ ڈائر کیٹرر گولیش کیپٹل میٹروپلیٹن گورنمنٹ ویسٹ زون ہے حاصل کر کے مکمل

لوائف(شناختی کارڈ فوٹو کا پی،CDR اور پینل دفوٹو کا پی) کےساتھ جمع کرنے کا یا ہند ہوگا۔ نیلا می کے متعلق مزیدمعلومات وتفصیلی شرائط نیلا می سے پہلے دفتر کا اوقات کار کے دوران اسٹنٹ ڈائر بیٹرریگولیشن آفر کیپٹل میٹرو پولیٹن گورنمنٹ (ویسٹ زون) پشاور

واقع سرکلرروڈیو نیورٹی ٹاؤن بیٹاور میں ملاحظہ کی جاسکتی ہیں۔

المشتم: ڈائر یکٹر (غربی) کمپیٹل میٹر ویولیٹن گورنمنٹ پشاور بحكم: ڈائر يکٹر جنرل، يپڻل ميٹروپوليٹن گورنمنٹ پشاور

IGP reviews law & order, security situation

General of Police (IGP) lives, properties and upholdzens is a foremost responsi-

He said this while presiding over a meeting at the equipped with necessary Central Police Office here on manpower, logistics, anti-Friday, where overall law riot forces, transportation, and order and security situa- and technical resources to tion across the province was address law and order reviewed.

The IG Punjab emphahands, and any violations the police are prepared to other face these exceptional challenges with full force. He acts of violence, torture, or ed via video link.

LAHORE (APP): Inspector disorder will not be tolerated. During the meeting, the Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar IG directed officers to has said that protecting the establish a coordinated approach and joint strategy ing the rule of law for citi- across all units, including operational teams, to maintain law and order. He said that all districts have been

The meeting was attended sized that no one will be by Additional IG Punjab, allowed to take law into their Additional IG Operations, RPO Gujranwala, MD Safe Cities, will be dealt with firmly. DIG Operations, DIG PHP, Given the current security DIG Elite, AIG Operations, challenges, he expressed that AIG Development, and several senior Additionally, RPO Rawalpindi, SSP Operations Rawalpindi, added that peaceful protest is DPOs from various districts, the right of every citizen, but and relevant officers participat-

نوتس برائخ غيرحاضري

آ پ مسمیان (۱) والمین نعمیت الله ولدسوکن شاه واٹر سیلائی سکیم کڑ ایپرزون 1 ،ا کاخیل باڑہ، (۲) پمپ آپریٹرنصیب خان ولد حاجی میراس خان واٹر سیلائی سکیم ٹنڈی کلے ارمزخیل باژه (۳) چوکیدارمحمه هایون خان ولد حاجی بادشاه واٹرسیلائی سکیم عالم گودر منڈی کس باڑہ خیبر،اپنی ڈیوٹی سے غیر حاضر ہے۔آپ کے گھر کے پیتہ پرغیر حاضری ول بزريعه داك رجسري بحواله نمبر 4-02/E بمورخه 2024-09-05 اور آخري نوٹس نمبر 4-01/E بمورخہ 2024-09-11 بھجوائے گئے ہیں جس کا آپ نے کوئی جوا نہیں دیا۔ آپ کواشتہار مذا کے ذریعہ مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ اس اشتہار کی اشاعت کے بندرہ دن کےاندرا مگز کیٹیوانجینئر پیلک ہیلتھ انجینئر نگ ڈویژن خیبر بہقام فیز 5 ، سیکٹر B-II ، بلاٹ نمبر 40 ، حیات آبادیثاور کے دفتر میں حاضر ہوکرا بنی غیر حاضری کی معقول وجہ بیان کریں۔بصورت دیگر آپ کے خلاف خیبر پختونخوا گورنمنٹ سروس (Efficiency & Discipline)رولز 2011 کے تحت یک طرفہ کاروائی کی جائے گی۔جس میں آپ کی ملازمت سے برخانتگی بھی ہوسکتی ہے۔

> بحكم ايكسين يبلك هيلته انجينئرنگ ڈويژن خيبر

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KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA RURAL INVESTMENT & INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT PROJECT (KP-RIISP) DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE EXTENSION, MERGED DISTRICTS HAYATABAD PHASE-V. PESHAWAR (AGRICULTURE COMPONENT) NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

FOR PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF VERTICAL FARMING TECHNOLOGY

Country: IDA Credit No. 73480/PK

Title: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Rural Investment & Institution Support Project (KP-RIISP) Agriculture Component

The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is implementing Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Rural Investment & Institutional Support Project (KP-RIISP), Agriculture Component with financial assistance from the World Bank under IDA Credit No. 73480/PK for the dissemination of modern agricultural as well as climate smart practices for improving yield, income and socio-economic conditions of the farmers of Merged Districts including Frontier regions of the province. The Director General, Agricultural Extension Merged Districts, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar now invites bids from eligible "Offerors, reputed firms, suppliers, authorized dealers", duly registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax, for the "Procurement and Installation of Vertical Farming Technology".

The detail of Vertical Farming Technology are given in the Standard Procurement Documents (SPD) and can be found at the following website; (https://zarat. kp.gov.pk/) or can be obtained at the address given below

1. Submit only one offer, either individually, or as a partner in a joint venture.

The Offers/Bids must be submitted according to the Standard Procurement Documents (SPD). Details are provided in the Standard Procurement Documents (SPD) that are available at the address given below during office hours on the payment of PKR. 1000/- or can be downloaded from the website https://zarat.kp.gov.pk/

Conditional Offers will not be acceptable.

Validity of offers/bids should not be less than 120 days.

Certificate of Authorized dealership/re-seller must be attached for each item quoted/offer by th

Must have valid NTN, GST status, taxes will be deducted according to prevailing government regulations Must provide certificate of incorporation/registration.

The Firm/company should have at least Five (05) Years of experience in supply and installation of these equipment and provide verifiable evidence like copy of purchase orders, supply order etc.

Firm/Company must provide one year manufacturer warranty for each item.

10. Goods/Items can be delivered to all the Merged Districts including Frontier Regions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as per Demand of the beneficiaries/farmers applications.

11. Bid price should be in Pak Rupees inclusive of all applicable taxes/duties. 12. In case of foreign Firms/Entities they must have/be willing to establish an office in Pakistan (provide undertaking). 13. Undertaking on legal valid and attested stamp paper of Rs. 100/- that the supplier is neither blacklisted

nor involved in litigation with any of Provincial or Federal Government Department, Agency, Organization or Autonomous/Local Body anywhere in Pakistan. In case involved in any litigation process, proof of

dispute resolution is required. 14. All terms and conditions specified in the standard procurement document (SPD) shall be considered final and binding for all firms.

15. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all the submitted bids as per World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services July

Further information can be obtained at the address given below during office hours (0900 to 1700 PST). Profiles containing above information (2 copies) must be delivered in hard form to the address given below by 13th November 2024 till 11:00 am and shall be opened on the same date/day on 11:30 am in the office of the Directorate General Agricultural Extension Merged Districts in presence of authorized

representatives of the firms who wish to attend DIRECTOR GENERAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION MERGED DISTRICTS KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA RURAL INVESTMENT & INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT PROJECT

(AGRICULTURE COMPONENT) Plot B-V. Street No. 6, near NADRA office, Hayatabad Phase-V Peshawar, 25000, Peshawar, Pakistan Ph: 091-9217721 & Email: agricfata@gmail.com

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PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi addressing a press conference at

Child Online Protection Package Four-day training held for facilitators



F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: A four-day training for provincial facil- their experiences from itators on Child Online field on various social Protection Package was media applications like held in Peshawar from TikTok and Facebook and October 8-11 with the sup- their impacts on children port of UNICEF. The train- and adolescents. They ing module has jointly been emphasized that this traindeveloped by UNICEF, ing would greatly help the Telenor, and PTA with an local communities in manaim to educate adolescents, aging online threats to parents, and caregivers their children. about healthy and harmful space. Pakhtunkhwa

Officers and community

animators. The participants shared

participants comprised psychologists, Child Protection devices, they are exposed over the province.

to potentially harmful content, which increases their risk of exploitation (sexu-

al, economic, &/or identity theft). It is significant that the caregivers and parents are aware of preventing these risks. This training will be taken to the ground level in communities within KP to make digital spaces safe for our youth. Closing Remarks: With the growing use of digital space, it has become a challenge to protect our children and ado-

lescents from the threats present online. We have been hearing news about increasing violence and mental health issues adolescents. amongst Based on this gap UNICEF, Telenor, and PTA joined hands to develop this training module. The intent is to orient our The training helped the adolescents as well as parbehaviors in and around the participants understand the ents and caregivers on Child harmful effects of inappro- online risks and tools to Protection staff of the priate digital content and reduce these risks. The Social Welfare Department equiped them with skills to training also aims to high-(MDs) and representatives protect children from these light reporting channels for Khyber risks by introducing differ- online threats and risks, Child ent controls within online which can help the com-Protection and Welfare applications & games for munities actively make Commission (KPCPWC) protection. As children online space safe. We look attended the training. The increasingly spend more forward to successfully

Governor expresses condolence over demise of journalist Khurshid Bajauri

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, on Friday expressed deep sorrow over the death of senior journalist Khurshid Bajauri. Governor Kundi highlighted that Khurshid's contributions to journalism will always be remembered. He also extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and colleagues, sharing in their grief during this difficult time. The Governor prayed for Khurshid's departed soul in eternal peace.

Kundi condemns attack on laborers in Duki

Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Friday condemned attack on unarmed laborers in Duki, Balochistan, which resulted in the deaths of 20 workers. The Governor expressed his profound sorrow over the tragic incident and extended his condolences to the grieving families. Governor Kundi prayed for the elevation of the deceased workers' ranks and offered his heartfelt sympathy to their bereaved families He also wished for the speedy recovery of the injured laborers.

Ihtisham visits HMC F.P. Report

Hayatabad Advisor stated Hayatabad N 24/7 to ensure prompt care

Amin of DGIPR promoted

PESHAWAR (APP): On the recommendations of the Provincial Selection Board the competent authority has promoted Mr.Ibni Amin, Deputy Director Information (BSthe Directorate Information & Public Relations, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to the post of Director Information/Press Registrar (BS-19) on regular basis with immediate effect, said a notification issued here on Friday. The officer, on promotion will remain on probation for a period of one year, in terms of Section-6 (2) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servant Act, 1973 read with Rule-15 (1) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Servants Civil (Appointment, Promotion & Transfer) Rules, 1989.

PESHAWAR: Advisor to Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Health Ihtisham Ali, visited the Medical Complex to inquire after the injured participants of the Jirga being held in Jamrud. During his visit, Hospital Director, Dr. Shehzad Akbar, and Administration Director, and Dr. Sher Zaman, accompanied him on a tour of the hospital's various departments. Ihtisham Ali met with the injured Jirga participants admitted to different wards and ICU of the hospital. He assured that all possible facilities are being provided to the patients free of charge. The Health Medical Complex and Jamrud Hospital are on high alert to provide medical facilities to participants of the Jirga. Emergency medicines and medical staff are available

Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi,

az Ahmed During the visit, good governance. Mushataq Judoon addressed the He emphasized

complaints mismanagement, thereby promoting

He emphasized that the

ty, gas, NADRA, the Benazir Income Support Program, Pakistan Baitul-Mal, Pakistan Post Office, Passport Office, FBR, and EOBI.

Judoon further noted that there are no fees for filing complaints with the Federal Ombudsman, nor is there a need for legal representation. The public can easily submit complaints via letter, email, the website, mobile app, or by visiting their nearest regional Complaints are addressed within sixty days.

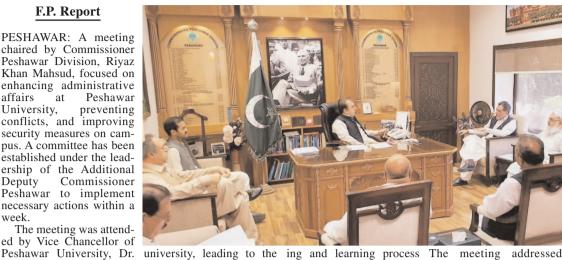
As part of the awareness campaign, banners have been displayed at various BRT stations in including Peshawar, Saddar, Chamkani, Dabgari Garden, and the University of Peshawar, to ensure that as many people as possible can benefit from the services

Commissioner directs improved security at UOP

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: A meeting chaired by Commissioner Peshawar Division, Riyaz Khan Mahsud, focused on enhancing administrative affairs at Peshawar University, preventing conflicts, and improving security measures on campus. A committee has been established under the leadership of the Additional Deputy Commissioner Peshawar to implement necessary actions within a week.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chancellor of other relevant officials. frame. Discussions centered istrative operations at the facilitate a smooth teach- satisfaction and tranquility. overall security.



university campus, and within the designated time- He directed that all avail-

able resources be utilized

Naeem Qazi, the university decision to form a commit- and provide a peaceful issues such as expelling registrar, the DSP of the tee to take necessary steps environment for students. unrelated individuals from university premises, preventing robbery incidents, Commissioner Mahsud to ensure that students can curbing the distribution of around improving admin- emphasized the need to continue their studies with drugs, and enhancing

Regional Head of Federal Ombudsman visits BRT Chamkani station



F.P. Report

Judoon, the Regional media, stating that the campaign aims to facili-Head of the Federal purpose of the awareness tate complainants against Ombudsman in Khyber campaign is to highlight approximately 180 feder-Pakhtunkhwa, along with the objectives of the al government institu- of the senior officials, launched Federal Ombudsman's tions, including electrici- Ombudsman.

against mismanagement resolve PESHAWAR: Following at the BRT Chamkani regarding the directives of Federal Station in Peshawar. regarding ment, there

World Mental health Day observed

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: World Mental health Day was celebrated at Education Hayatabad, Peshawar with the Rural Support Program tatives of civil society, govwith the support of ernment departments, par-

UNFPA, IOM and the ents and media persons. Mr. including Pakistan, on 10 Embassy of Netherland. Masood Ul Mulk, CEO, October to raise awareness The Honorable Minister for Social Welfare Khyber Special Pakhtunkhwa, Syed Qasim Complex, Ali Shah was chief guest of occasion. collaboration of Social Mahjabeen Qazi of UNFPA Welfare, Special Education and Mr. Ameer Hamza of & Women Empowerment IOM participated in the Department and Sarhad event along with represen-

SRSP in his speech highlighted the importance of mental health and raising awareness among general public about mental health Ali Shah appreciated issues. Syed Ali Bakhsh, efforts of the organizations Director, Special Education and assured his coopera-Complex, informed

about mental health and well-being. Minister for Social Welfare Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Syed Qasim Peshawar tion. Special students prethat Mental sented tableaus, skits and Health Day is celebrate songs which were appreci-throughout the world, ated by the participants.

Pakistan's flagship ecological project in limbo as climate financing declines

PESHAWAR (AA): uncertainty, has reduced Pakistan's flagship eco- the availability of climate logical project is in jeop- finance globally. ardy as a lack of international climate financing collides with financial troubles at home, exacer- nomic struggles — such bating the nation's strug- as high debt levels, fiscal gles with water shortages deficits, and currency and food security risks.

countries vulnerable to tial lenders and donors. climate change, Pakistan requires a staggering \$17 crucial billion investment to exe- because the Indus River cute the "Indus Living sustains 90% of the coun-Initiative," which aims to try's population, supports revive the mighty Indus over 80% of its agricul-River, the backbone of the ture, and provides water country's agriculture and to nine out of 10 largest food production.

Government officials Tamman. and analysts agree that securing this financing is Hussain rily due to unfavorable expert, emphasized the global economic condi-river's vital role in the

Launched in 2021 under the Ministry of Climate Change, the initiative is envisioned as a nificant initiative to reha-10- to 15-year umbrella bilitate the Indus Delta, of the available funds, gling" to secure the necesprogram restoring the ecological mate health of the Indus Basin scarcity, and sea intruwithin Pakistan.

"Pakistan is facing significant hurdles in secur- and administrative coming climate financing for plexities critical projects like the Living Indus due to multi- tors, Tamman identified ple reasons, mainly the growing global economic condi- among developing countions," said Saad Hayat tries for climate funds and Tamman, a former nation- local administrative comal coordinator of the plexities as critical barri-Living Indus project.

Speaking to Anadolu,

To complicate matters further, Pakistan's existing ecodevaluation As one of the top 10 raised concerns for poten-

> "This project is very Pakistan cities, maintained

Echoing this sentiment, Jarwar, "highly unlikely," prima- Islamabad-based water country's food security, water availability, and economic stability.

"Living Indus is a sigfocused on which is dying due to clichange, water sion," he told Anadolu.

Competition for funds

Beyond economic faccompetition funds. ers to the project's launch.

"Developing countries he noted that the COVID- across the globe are comment hinder the ability to pandemic, coupled peting for the same limitwith inflation, rising ener- ed pool of climate mate finance," he added. son for the ministry's gy costs, and economic finance, particularly those



other nations are in equally precarious positions," he explained.

asserted Pakistan also faces internal challenges in streamlining processes accessing international

procedures, a lack of access capacity in preparing funds," compelling proposals, and who requested anonymity es 25 critical interventions weak institutional mecha- due to restrictions on nisms for fund manage- speaking publicly.

harder for Pakistan to Change Ministry admitted project, which is "extremely" important, project,

challenges has made it "Complex bureaucratic difficult for the country to the necessary said the official,

Agreeing with this attract and mobilize cli- assessment, a spokesper- Basin. Endorsing Tamman's Living Indus

vulnerable to climate perspective, a senior offi- responsible for coordinat- through change. This makes it cial from the Climate ing required investments, stated, "A more concerted is success of the initiative."

especially given the mea-ger rainfall in the lower Indus Valley.

Thing to the true potential of climate financing as a general probability of the true potential of climate financing as a renewable energy generation in southern Pakistan, global image or offset combination of estimated at \$1.2 billion global economic condi- annually through natural forests. tions and national fiscal disasters and resource depletion," he warned. Climate 'debt trap' and

green-washing The project encompassaimed at restoring and preserving the ecological health of the Indus River

Key initiatives include tive impacts. Team, ecological restoration

reforestation, water management, and biodiversity conservation, secure a significant share that Islamabad is "strug- and coordinated approach sustainable agriculture to climate financing is and water governance to especially when many sary financing for the crucial for the long-term address soil degradation ances. This pursuit of and water scarcity, flood "Failing to act would control and groundwater

> The federal cabinet ing financing, according tally harmful practices approved eight priority to Jarwar, is that debt-rid-domestically. interventions December 2022, yet exe-

waste cities and urban

cution remains elusive. While climate financing is intended to mitigate the consequences of clilinger regarding its nega-

"Many forms of cli-

mate financing, particu- caused colossal losses larly loans, come with estimated at \$30 billion. strings attached. For countries like Pakistan, ty for Pakistan, but the these funds may increase commitments from rich the national debt burden if countries, whose fossil they are provided as loans

tioned Jarwar. Although the terms already

rather than grants," cau-

economies, he observed. did not primarily cause, countries. further deepening their

financial challenges. has a history of promoting Pakistan through its energy Investment perspectives of downstream communities and to address their grievunhindered hydropower development undermines Jarwar argued.

Another factor hinderden Islamabad is cautious about accruing additional loans, relying instead on 'loss and damage fund" initiated by the UN mitigating climate change Framework Convention is limited, while the donor mate change, concerns on Climate following the countries continue to bencatastrophic floods of efit from industries that 2022, which inundated contribute

"It can be an opportunifuel-based or concessional credits model is the main reason for climate change, are lacking," he added.

Supporting this view, may seem favorable, Tamman expressed conrepayment can still strain cern that climate financfragile ing from developed nations or international This situation, he financial institutions, added, can lead to a "cli-including the World Bank, mate debt trap," where may sometimes prioritize countries are compelled to donor interests over the repay loans for issues they actual needs of recipient

"For instance, funding may be directed toward The World Bank Group projects that align with the donor's climate agenlarge hydro projects in da, such as renewable development. Finance. rather than urgent local However, little has been needs like flood protecdone to account for the tion or water management, which are more critical for Pakistan's context," he said.

Additionally, he argued that some donor countries or institutions may use their own emissions while continuing environmen-

"This can lead to accusations of green-washing, where the actual impact of the financing in terms of one-third of Pakistan and warming," he added.

In brief

Dr. Ali named AD (ORIC) F.P. Report

Khan, President of the Broadcaster Association Mardan Region, has officially taken charge as the Assistant Director of the Office of Research, Innovation, Commercialization (ORIC) at Abdul Wali Khan University. Dr. Ali Khan has been associated with the university since its early days, where he made significant contributions to education and various awareness programs. Dr. Ali Khan began his career as a renowned radio broadcaster before joining the university. He earned his MS from Macharata University in Italy and recently completed his PhD in Pakistan. His appointment to this new position marks yet another milestone in his academic and professional journey. The Radio Broadcaster Association, along with its Secretary General Ajmal Shah Yousafzai, extended their heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Ali Khan, praising his accomplishments and wishing him continued

Several houses gutted in fire F.P. Report

NEELUM VALLEY: A massive fire swept through a locality in Neelum Valley of Kashmir destroying houses in the wee hours of Friday. A short-circuit in a house was said to be the reason behind the destructive blaze in Jagran Shawl area Neelum Valley which completely destroyed 10 houses and one shop and partially damaged another 12 houses. According to District Disaster Management authorities, the blaze which erupted at 3:00 am engulfed the whole ocality. The authorities said that due to the fire all the households were reduced to ashes. Local residents tried to control the blaze on their own but it spread rapidly as all the houses were constructed with wood. Due to non-availability of road, fire-bridge team failed to reach the affected area, while rescue and other dismanagement teams reached the area and brought the fire under control after four hours. Chairman District Disaster Management Authority directed to provide all necessary items to the affected homes.

2 terrorists killed in Sahiwal F.P. Report

SAHIWAL: Two hardened terrorists who orchestrated the terror attack on Dasu hydel power project in which 11 Chinese were shot dead by Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) personnel in a gunbattle in Sahiwal. In a statement on Friday, a spokesman said that they were shifting five terrorists who were involved in Dasu terror attack from Sahiwal Jail due to a threat alert suddenly when unknown assailants attacked the prison van on Sumandri Road and tried to get freed their During colleagues. heavy exchange of fire, two terrorists identified as Mohammad Hussain and Ayaz alias Jahanzeb were killed on the spot. Three other terrorists were safe as they were being shifted in a separate prison van. It is necessary to mention here that on 14 July 2021 nine Chinese and 13 others were killed while more than 20 received critical injuries in the terror attack on the Dasu hydel power project.

Govt commits for elimination of polio virus

Commissioner

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Commissioner the Divisional and District the Teachings of the Holy

ited District Zakat Officer's Kohat

Officer with his staff, Conservation and apprecial also attended by the ADC District Planning Officer ated the excellent perform-

with his subordinate staff ance, cleanliness and atten- nalities, Heads of Line

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ne Chief complained about the These views he Khyber absence of teachers in the expressed while addressing

In Lakhtibanda, while

F.P. Report

HAFIZABAD: Government is taking all possible measures to eliminate polio from the country but it is obligations of Ulema, parents, teachers, social workers, civil society and prominent personalities to play their vital role to achieve the destination of polio free Pakistan to ensure administer drops of polio vaccine to hundred percent children up to five-year-old during fivedays anti-polio campaign being started from October, 28.

These views were expressed by the Deputy Commissioner Hafizabad Abudl Razzaq while addressing the meeting of District Anti-Polio Committee held at district complex. ADCG Hammadullah, AC Hafizabad, Sohail Riaz, AC Pindi Bhattian Ishfaq Ahmad, CEO Health Dr. Umer Sharif, representative of WHO Dr. Touqeer Ahmad, DHO Dr. Faiq Ali Tarar, Ulema, representatives of traders attended

DC appealed the Ulema, representatives of traders, social workers, parents, teachers and civil society to cooperate for its educational standard, promoting litwith polio teams constituted by the Health Department for giving polio drops to target children to save new generation from crimpling disease of polio. of administration, concerted efforts and He urged the officers of health department to launch campaign to create Faisalabd stand at No. 601 amongst 800 awareness among parents about importue best universities of the world and cred-tance of vaccination of children as well it of this achievement go to Vice as counter baseless propaganda against Chancellor, he added.

Sahibzada Afridi

KOHAT: Commissioner

Kohat Division Syed Motasim Billah Shah has

made a surprise visit to var-

ious departments and schools of the district

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Pakhtunkhwa's Program

Assistant Director Local

Government, SDO, Sub-

Engineer and Accounts Officer of Irrigation

Department, District Zakat

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Assembly

Deputy

Minister

polio drops.

While giving briefing regarding arrangements made for making anti-polio camping successful, they told that health department was constituted 998 polio teams to administer drops of polio vaccine to 238551 children below five-year-old to visit door to door during anti-polio campaign while arrangements were also made to give polio drops to children at railway stations, bus stands, business centres and hospitals.

GC Varsity campus secures 2nd position: Director Government College University Faisalabad (Hafizabad Camps) Khuram Shahzad said that Government College University
Faisalabad stood first in the Punjab and second in the Pakistan in World University

He said that hectic and joint struggle of Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nasir Amin, Director Quality Enhancement Cell Professor Dr. Asif Manshah, Government College University Faisalabad was stand first in Punjab and second in the country erary and positive activities.

He said that GC University achieved this ideal success due to the best abilities ideal academic activities. GC University

Muhammad

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Success in this world and

regarding

Departments and students

Deputy Commissioner

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school. On this occasion, the ceremony organized in

the Commissioner also vis- the District Council Hall

Office, Farmer Facilitation Rehmat-Ul-LilAalameen

Centre, Fertilizer and Seed Scholarships. The Holy

godowns, Agricultural ceremony beside the Farms, Agricultural Chairman DDAC Kohat Machinery and Geological Shafiullah Jan MPA, was

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Deputy Hazrat

Kohat PBUH.

Remat-ul-Lil Alameen enlightening the next gen-

Almighty.

Awam Ka' **Portal** F.P. Report KOHAT: Deputy Comm-

Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Program 'Awami Agenda", held a special meeting on "Ekhtiar Awam Ka" Portal on Friday. The meeting was attended by the heads of Line Departments of Kohat District.

Deputy Commissioner Kohat while directing the Heads of Departments said that the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has launched a special Portal namely "Ekhtiar Awam Ka" for solving the public problems/complaints with the aims to empower the people and make them part of the decisions making

process. A dashboard has been provided for all the Departments and Officers to ensure speedy implementation of government agenda and decisions through this portal.Deputy Commissioner asked the Heads of Departments to ensure implementation on Government Primary and Commissioner also visit-Government Middle ed the Population Welfare were distributed among the

students of the schools it. Meanwhile, Provincial Sports Department has under the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Program "Awami Agenda", and on the special directions of Adviser to Chief Minister on Sports Fakhar Jahan and Law Minister Aftab Alam Afridi Advocate formally started the Sports Galaat the ground of Government Degree College Dara Adam Khel on Friday in a

colorful program. The said Sports Gala is being held with the full Secretary of support Khyber Sports Pakhtunkhwa Matiullah, Commissioner Kohat Division Syed Motasim Billah Shah, Director General Sports Abdul Deputy Nasir, Commissioner Kohat Abdul Akram, Director Merged Areas Sports Raziullah Bitanni, Assistant Commissioner Dara Adam Khel Amir Nawaz and DSO Sub Division Dara Adam Khel SajidAfridi.

The opening of the Sports Gala was made with the Cricket, Football and level. Badminton matches. Apart from Football, Cricket, Volleyball, Basketball, Athletics, Tug-of-war and Badminton, traditional games including Shooting, Chindro, GoliDhanda etc. will also be a part of the said Sports Gala.Locals have wholeheartedly welcome the holding of Sports Gala and stressed for conducting such events in future also.

LOWER Balambat police have claimed to have arrested issioner Kohat Abdul three abductors posing to Akram has under the Chief be officials of the police special branch who kidnapped a 23-year-old Sajid for ransom a few days ago. Briefing local journalists, the Lower Dir SP investigation Rashid Ahmad said that Sajid 23, a resident of Stanadar Balambat went missing and the Balambat police was tasked to trace

nim out. He said the Balambat police team led by ASHO Fahim Khan traced the case through modern technology and arrested Aman Bahadar s/o Sher Bahadar who not only confessed the crime but also identified his accomplices. The official said that two other accused belonging to the district of Mardan were also arrested. The police also recovered the car and arms used dur-

The used to send millions of rupees from abroad on his directives of high ups account and the accused wanted to get the money, so they planned his abduction and called him at night on phone for his account verification to the Chakdara Scouts' Fort. He said the accused posing to be special branch police, kidnapped him for ransom to Peshawar at gunpoint.
The SP investigation

appreciated the Balambat ting its possession through police for tracing the case within days. The Balambat police also arrested two drug sellers, Sardar Ali and Muhammad Ayaz and recovered 1392 gram of charas from their posses-sion. Meanwhile the Lal Qila police during a search operation arrested a proclaimed offender Bahadar Gul, a resident of Maidan wanted by police in a double murder case since 2006. The

accused was sent to jail. against Shops sealed: The involved.

Commissioner Samarbagh Muhammad Younus on the sealed the under-construction shops on government land near the Samarbagh Hospital. The Assistant C o m m i s s i o n e r, Muhammad Suhail had issued notices to the shopkeepers after marking the state land to remove the encroachments within three days. The administration sealed the shops after geta heavy contingent of police, Dir Levies and tehsil municipal administration when the shopkeep-

encroachments. Talking to local journalists the AAC warned the Samarbagh subdivision residents to avoid selling and purchasing of the state land in the area. Otherwise; the official said that legal actions would be taken

ers failed to remove the



Positive face of Bannu should be shown to world

F.P. Report

BANNU: DIG Bannu Region Imran Shahid has said that Bannu Region Police is alert to deal with all kinds of terrorism. The situation has improved a lot in the police system, efforts are being made to ensure the provision of justice to the common man at the

police station level. Through the pen, the positive face of Bannu should be shown to the world so that a better image of the region can be presented to the world. SP CTD Mujibur Rahman, Zonal Chief Khyber Bank Rahm Baz Khan, SDO WAPDA Azam Khan, Mohammad Jamal Qamar, prominent businessman Hamza Khan Mehsud, Abuzar Mehsud, Usama Khan Mehsud, Mehsud and other family leaders were also present. Bannu Region Imran Shahid said that Bannu Gul is a district of extremely hospitable and gentle people who have given birth to eminent children in every field of life who have made the country famous at the international

By playing his role through Bannu Gul, the best and soft face of Bannu can be seen at the global level so that the ambiguity found in the minds of outsiders regarding Bannu can be removed. I have found the leaders and the civil society in a better way. Still as DIG, I will always remember the love of the leaders and the nation

Division by increasing police duties.

face any kind of difficulties. The police is busy day and night to facilitate the people. There are enmities, now most of the people in homework to end the local lands and enmities so that they can change the people's thinking and improve the current situation, he said. Bannu Division Police has always faced every situation with bravery, now there is a need for the media of Bannu to tell the world through the soft image of Bannu through pen and camera so that the public can understand Bannu Gul in real sense.

Meanwhile, leader of PTI Member any National Assembly NA-39 Maulana Syed Naseem Ali Shah has said that the provincial government foiled the massacre of Pashtuns in Pakhtun region and Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur saved the nation from conflict.

The firing on the Khyber Qaumi Jirga at the behest of the federal government and the testimonies in it will definitely bring color. He peace and protect public interests, whenever there is towards the police. He said will be in the front line. sense

that overall peace has And during the meeting improved in Bannu with the delegation led by Malik Nordraz Khan Wazir, the General Secretary of Special check points PTI Dumail, Special have been established on Assistant Basir Ali Shah the external routes so that and other leaders and party the people do not have to officials were also present

on this occasion. The role of the Chief Minister to extinguish will always be a part of history because peaceful protest Bannu are killed due to and demands are the basic enmities, now the police constitutional right of every officers are doing their citizen, but the federal government coming through oppression and oppression is the number one in hostility with the Pashtun nation. But firing took place at the behest of fake rulers, as a result of which innocent Pashtuns were martyred and many people were injured.

> The law cannot work under any circumstances. For the rich, the law is the slave of the house, while the law is for the poor. Such central a system cannot work under circumstances. According to the Pashtun tradition, Ali Amin's decision in the Malikar Jirga with all political forces and

the resulting negotiation process is the victory of the Pashtun nation and the death of fake rulers. He said that as long as Imran is alive. Khan's mission will be completed and corrupt gangs will be removed from the country by eliminating them from the politihas taken an oath to restore cal arena. There are and soon the rulers of form 47 will be out of the assema problem for the nation, blies and justice system the soldiers of Imran Khan will be established in real

DRC takes action on road accidents

F.P. Report

Resolution Council (DRC) in Ghazi has taken strong action in response to the growing number of accidents on Ghazi-Sarikot Road, caused mainly by stray animals and construction materials left on the roadside. In a meeting led by Chairman Muhammad Shakir Qureshi, the DRC expressed serious concern over this issue and sent urgent recommendations to the authorities, calling for like one-wheeling and ille- animals and roadside conimmediate steps to make

the road safer for everyone. The DRC's investigations found that both government and private individuals often leave construction materials, like sand, gravel, and debris, on or near the road for long periods. This creates dangerous conditions and has led to many accidents. The DRC recommended that no construction materials should be left on the road or its sides for more than 24 hours. They also called for strict enforcement of this rule and the removal of all encroachments to ensure

the road stays clear. Another major problem night. This puts motorists in great danger. The DRC nity. urged livestock owners to from the road, warning that if any accident happens due to stray animals, the owners

loss of life or property.

The DRC also recommended a strong crackdown on risky activities gal motorcycle racing, struction materials. which have become common on Ghazi-Sarikot once a beautiful and safe These reckless Road. actions have caused many serious accidents, and the

DRC has called for legal

against

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involved. Chairman Qureshi sent these recomincluding the Khyber had not taken any meaning-Pakhtun Khwa Highway ful action until now. Authority, the

Communications & Works that claimed the life of a (C&W) Department, the Tehsil Municipal Authority DRC to intervene in the (TMA) Ghazi, local police, matter through a local Jirga Assistant Commissioner to raise the public concerns Ghazi, and neighborhood of high intensity.

the DRC identified was and village council's chairstray animals, such as cows persons and they have been TARBELA: According to and goats, wandering freely urged to take quick, coordithe details, the Dispute on the road, especially at nated action to ensure the safety of the local commu-

Additionally, the DRC keep their animals away asked the local leaders, especially those from areas like Umarkhana, Kundi, Sherawal, and Sarikot, to will be held responsible and start public awareness camwould have to pay the dam- paigns. These can include ages and compensation for announcements

mosques, Friday prayers, and by distribution of pamphlets to inform people about the dangers of stray

The Ghazi-Sarikot Road, route, has now earned the sad reputation of being a "road of death" due to frequent accidents. Over the past few years, many lives have been lost, often Shakir because of stray livestock or construction debris on mendations to all relevant the road. Despite these and important authorities, tragedies, the authorities

A recent tragic accident 17-year-old boy pushed the

Readers' Forum hold protest

F.P. Report

the famous Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto not given in Sindh province, from Library of Larkana protested in front of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Press Club against the cancellation of 15year age relaxation for jobs by the Sindh government. Slogans of Sindh. restoration were raised on this occasion while addressing the demonstra-

Leaders Sartaj Jatoi, Abdul Razzaq Soomro, Wagar Ahmad Sodhar and others said that the Pakistan Federal

government jobs. Age relaxation is increase. LARKANA: The Readers' Forum of available, but why is this relaxation which it is clear that 2 laws are running in one country, while removing the age limit of 15 years, disappointment will spread among the youth of

It is because in order to get education, when education is completed from primary school to university, it is obvious that the age increases. The 15-year relaxation in the job limit should be restored as soon as possible Public Service Commission and other and the restlessness spread among the the arguments of the lawyers of the provinces of the country, Punjab, students should be removed, other-

KPK and Balochistan in the field of wise the scope of the protest will

Meanwhile, in the case filed against the leaders in the city of Badah of Larkana district, the defendants, through their lawyer, filed an application for bail in the court of District and Sessions Judge Larkana. His lawyer Mohammad Rafiq Abaro, Luqman Ahmed Magsi, Ahmed Ali Wadho, Waseem Raza Memon, Sajjad Jamarani testified in the case, while the named accused in the case appeared in the court through their lawyer, where the court after hearing parties, named 5 in the case.



'Russians invaded my house and held a soldier captive there'

was her pride and joy. 17 leg wound. Sadovaya Street was little

But wha

and her husband bought it. the house, painting cherry Marina's basement, who blossom and doves - sym- was starving and in desperbols of love and well-being - ate need of medical care. in their bedroom. They built His name was Oleksii. a swimming pool in the gar- Before the war, Oleksii den and a sauna in the base-"Everything was planned with such passion," she tells the BBC World fight and later became a Service. But the peace was-

launched its full-scale invacould be her last glimpse of we'll even survive at all," she said in a video. The next time she saw her home was almost a month - Russian a year later in February footage uploaded online 2023, through the eyes of a shows him wrapped in one Russian soldier, in bodycam of Marina's carpets. When footage posted on social the Russian soldiers eventu-

room, flicking through photos of Marina and her famitime he had barely any food ly. "Beautiful," he said, or water. Injured, starving looking at one photo. It was and dehydrated, he was a chilling image that made unable to leave the building. her angry. "I wish I had taken the albums with me,"

the start of October. entered Marina's home. As almost killed Oleksii. his bodycam footage went viral back home, Fima was vani in the hope that there widence of a leg injury.

Perederii's home in the documents show that he was pipes. He managed to break small mining city of recalled from the front in Vuhledar in eastern Ukraine February 2023 because of a

But what the footage didmore than a shell when she n't show was that the Russians were keeping a They lovingly renovated Ukrainian soldier captive in worked as an IT specialist. When Russia invaded his country, he volunteered to drone operator in Vuhledar. His love of dancing earned In February 2022, Russia him the nickname Dancer.

When the Russians broke sion of Ukraine. Marina's through Ukrainian lines in husband went to fight while late January 2023, Oleksii she took their children and and his comrades tried to ran. Before fleeing, she retreat, but some of them, recorded what she thought including Oleksii were shot. Wounded, they were taken their home. "My dear house, from house to house by I don't know if you will Russian soldiers, with stand or not. I don't know if Oleksii eventually ending we'll ever return here... or if up in the basement of Marina's home.

He was held captive for media. ally retreated, they left
A marine going by the
name Fima was in her living spent 46 days in Marina's house and for much of that

"I was able to find some crumbs on the floor," he Marina says. Ukraine spent tells the BBC World Service two and a half years defend- from Kyiv. "There was a ing Vuhledar before Russia piece of cracker, which a took control of the city at mouse stole from me at experiences with primary night. I hid it, and then the During the long battle, in mouse probably stole it late January 2023, Fima had because I couldn't find it." led a group of soldiers to the But hunger was nothing this footage with photosuburbs and got caught in compared to thirst. One day, heavy fighting on Sadovaya after the Russians had left, Street. He and some others the desperate need for water

one open and drank some of the liquid inside, but it was antifreeze. Those few sips caused internal burns and were nearly fatal. Then, in March that year, when Ukrainian forces retook parts of Vuhledar and reached Sadovaya Street another video Marina's home went viral. It shows ex-New Zealand soldier Kane Te Tai entering number 17 and finding Oleksii. "New Zealand New Zealand, it's me! Oleksii shouts at his col-

league, who had travelled to

fight for Ukraine. Te Tai

died in battle just two weeks

Oleksii was carried out of the house and to safety. Had he been left just a few more days, Oleksii says he wouldn't have made it. Several other Ukrainian and Russian soldiers are known to have died in and around Sadovaya Street during the battle for Vuhledar. "Thank God Oleksii survived. But the fact that people died in my house, it shocked me," she says. "There is only death in there.

The BBC World Service asked the Russian Ministry of Defence about Oleksii's treatment but received no response. Half a year after Oleksii's rescue, Russian captor was being lauded at home. He was no longer just referred to by his call sign, Fima, but by his first name, Andrei. State TV footage shows him reenacting the Vuhledar assault and sharing his school children, where teachers present him as a hero. The BBC compared graphs of Andrei from hundreds of social media profiles and found a match - the same hairline, the same

German police shut pro-Palestinian camp

BERLIN (AFP): German activist. activist had attended a pro-Palestinian rally in Berlin that they had to pack up the on Monday -- the anniver- camp and leave and that I Hamas attack on Israel -- there. that ended in clashes with

of Dortmund shut a four- against the genocide and month-old protest camp occupation in Palestine," that had invited the 21- she charged. In an earlier year-old activist. Police video from the Berlin rally, said they had carried out a Thunberg voiced anger "risk assessment" and about "how Germany and found that Thunberg's visit German police are treating

Palestinian protest camp move in a video message ities of silencing activists. shoulders. She said that Police pointed to the fact after Dortmund protesters sary of the October 7, 2023 would get arrested if I went

"Germany is silencing Police in the western city who are speaking up

Germany, at pains to that had invited Greta on social media site X, atone for the Holocaust, Thunberg, a vocal critic of speaking with a Palestinian often stresses its strong Israel, who accused author- keffiyeh scarf over her support for Israel and Jewish communities everywhere. It has also urged that the Swedish climate announced the invitation, Israel to comply with inter-"police came and told them national law in the Gaza conflict and called for ceasefires in Gaza and Lebanon. politician Alexander Throm of the CDU-CSU demandand threatening activists ed Thunberg, a founder of the Fridays For Future climate protest movement, be barred from the country. He told the Bild daily that "there is no place in Germany for haters of Jews, like Greta Thunberg" Throm said the Swede was would have drawn large peaceful protesters who abusing her prominence as crowds. They amended an are saying no to genocide". a climate activist and called initial statement to delete a The Berlin rally ended on Fridays for Future "to reference to Thunberg as a with disturbances in which expressly distance themviolent" protesters hurled rocks, selves from Thunberg"

Ramaphosa won't be charged over farm scandal

JOHANNESBUERG criminal investigations Ramaphosa's government (BBC): South African were still ongoing. In into turmoil ahead of a prosecutors say they will 2022, his African National crucial party leadership charges against President majority to block an Cyril Ramaphosa in rela- impeachment tion to the controversial against him over the scan- corruption and money farm theft scandal that dal. Last year, the antinearly brought down the corruption president two years ago. A cleared Ramaphosa amid former spy chief laid a calls for him to resign. accusing him of commit- agency between 2016 and the decision not to proseting irregularities in trying 2018, claimed to hide the theft of \$4m Ramaphosa hid the farm after a "careful assess-(£3.25m) in cash at his theft from police and tax ment" of all available evigame farm in the north- authorities and instead eastern

any wrongdoing, saying silence them. The presithat the money stolen dent was also accused of evidence presented to from his sofa in 2020 money laundering, tax prosecutors cannot sustain came from the legitimate evasion and breaching for- any sale of buffaloes at his eign currency laws over Phala Phala farm. The the cash, which was in US decision not to bring any dollars. Ramaphosa or anyone else ry but denied the criminal came after "a comprehen- allegations, saying he had prosecutors the police. process",

the so-called "farmgate" involved and said it came scandal and was re-elected from legitimate sales of as president in June, albeit game from his animalafter being forced to form breeding farm. The highly coalition, while the publicised burglary threw ing and house-breaking.

watchdog

Limpopo organised the kidnapping prosecutors and questioning of the The president denied robbers in an attempt to Crime ring any dollars. Ramaphosa also covered any possible against acknowledged the burgla-contravention of income investigation reported the break-in to

He has also disputed Ramaphosa survived the amount of money

criminal Congress (ANC) used its vote. But an investigation into the matter has found motion insufficient evidence of laundering, the National Prosecuting Authority

In a statement, Director complaint Arthur Fraser, who of Public Prosecutions in Ramaphosa, headed the state security Limpopo Ivy Thenga said that cute Ramaphosa was taken dence presented to the Directorate for Priority Investigation (DPCI). "The available charge," spokesman Mhaga said. The probe tax and exchange control regulations, the prosecutor added. The case against three people accused of breaking into Ramaphosa's farm is set to continue next month. They appeared at a early 2024, thousands of Limpopo court earlier this

(NPA) said.

Mthunzi week on several charges, including money launder-

75 migrants rescued from a crippled boat

ATHENS (AP): A group of 75 migrants crossing to Europe from North Africa has been rescued from a crippled boat south of the island of Crete, Greek authorities said Friday. The coast guard said the migrants, who are believed to have set off from eastern Libya, were picked up in the Mediterranean Sea by a merchant ship after issuing a distress call. Their nationalities were not immediately known. The vessel, escorted by a coast guard patrol boat, was taking them to a port in southern Crete. The long voyage from

Libya to Crete has emerged this year as a new route for people from Africa, the Middle East and Asia to seek a better life in Europe. People who have completed the crossing told Greek authorities they paid smuggling gangs up to 9,000 euros (\$9,800) each for the passage. More than 3,500 people have made the crossing so far this year, according to the United Nations refugee agency, out of a total of 42,000 who entered Greece illegally mostly reaching the eastern Aegean Sea islands in small boats from Turkey.

The crossing from Libya takes at least two days, while a fast smuggling boat from Turkey can reach the eastern islands in well under an hour, provided it can dodge frequent coast guard patrols. Italy remains the main European destination for illegal migration, with more than 51,000 arrivals so far, and is followed by Spain.

Poland tightens visa rules

WARSAW (AP): Poland is tightening its visa regulations as probes into alleged cash-for-visa scandal have confirmed irregularities under the previous rightwing government which cost the public purse millions of dollars, the foreign minister of this European Union country said.

Radek Sikorski said it will be much tougher now to obtain a visa for Poland, a document which gives access to unrestricted travel within Europe's border-free Schengen zone, and the vetting of applicants will be Italian Premier Giorgia The other center, about 22 directly from Albania. The demanded that European stepped up. For example. student visa applications will be scrutinized to prevent situations in which they were only used as a means of getting into Europe. The state Supreme Audit Office released the report of its investigation into the Foreign Ministry visa department and con-Conservative firmed media allegations made last year that Polish consulates in Asia and Africa took thousands of dollars for each work visa, against regulations. It said it found 46 kinds of irregularities in five different areas, including a lack of transparency, an environ-ment prone to corruption and poor supervision by the minister at the time, Zbigniew Rau.

One of the most egregious examples involved visas for dozens of farmers from India, who were described in their documents as Bollywood filmmakers. The ministry lost control over the visa system, especially in the years 2018-2023, Sikorski told a news conference.

"We can confirm that, unfortunately, in a scandalous way, unlawful pressure was exercised over Polish consuls with the intention of increasing the number of visas issued to people ... who should not necessarily obtain them, including the citizens of the Russian Federation,' Sikorski said. He said the ministry was contributing to the process of drawing up Poland's new policy for curbing illegal migration, Prime Minister which Donald Tusk is to present

on Saturday. this Earlier Sikorski's initial reaction to the scandal was to hike visa fees, which used to be among Europe's cheapest and attracted migrants from Asia and Africa seeking access to Europe via Poland. The cash-for-visa system was developed under the previous government of Law and Justice, in stark contrast to its antimigrant policies and statements. The report released said that between 2018 and visas were issued to people who paid hefty sums to agencies cooperating with Polish consulates.

Somalia says it welcomes Egypt's offer

Egypt has offered to deploy peacekeeping troops to the Horn of Africa nation in a security partnership that is emerging as the mandate of a longtime group of African Union peacekeepers winds down. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi attended a summit in the Eritrean capital, Asmara, where he and the leaders of Somalia and Eritrea pledged strong cooperation in regional security.

Somali authorities said in a statement at the end of the summit that they welcomed Egypt's offer to deploy troops in Somalia as part of a stabilization force when the present African Union force disbands in December. The statement said the leaders welcomed the African Union Peace and Security Council's decision to launch the African Union Mission to Support Stabilization in Somalia, or AUSSOM, under whose mandate the Egyptians or others would be deployed. A separate statement following

the summit signed by representatives of Somalia, Egypt and Eritrea assertand deployment timeline for the AUSSOM troops. Somalia's federal an African Union peacekeeping mission since 2007 in fighting the Islamic extremist group al-Shabab, which has ties with al-Qaida and is



The summit in Asmara followed a period of tensions in the region stemming from disputes pitting Ethiopia against others. The first dispute between Ethiopia and Egypt — is over Ethiopia's construction of a \$4 ed Somalia's sovereign right to billion dam on the Blue Nile, a key determine the composition, tasks tributary of the Nile River. Egypt fears it will have a devastating effect on water and irrigation supplies government has been supported by downstream in Egypt unless Ethiopia ties. takes its needs into account. Ethiopia plans to use the dam to generate badly needed electricity.

Somalia's breakaway region of Somaliland part of its territory.

Somaliland. Somalia has sought to block landlocked Ethiopia's ongoing efforts to gain access to the Red Sea via a contentious agreement with Somaliland to lease a stretch of land along its coastline, where Ethiopia would establish a marine force base. In return, Ethiopia would recognize Somaliland as an independent country, according to Somaliland authori-

Somaliland seceded from Somalia more than 30 years ago but is not recognized by the African Union or the which has ties with al-Qaida and is The second dispute — between United Nations as an independent responsible for deadly attacks in the Ethiopia and Somalia — is over state. Somalia still considers

Italy formally opens centers in Albania to process male migrants

SHENGJIN (AP): Italy's sheltered in Albania. They roughly government on Friday for- will be screened initially mally opened two centers on board the ships that in Albania where it plans to rescue them before being process male migrants who sent to Albania for further are intercepted in international waters. The opening ters will cost Italy 670 was delayed for several months because crumbling lion) over five years. The soil at one center needed to be repaired.

Italian Ambassador to jurisdiction, Albania Fabrizio Bucci said the two centers are ready to process migrants, but could not say when the first ones would arrive. "As of today, the two centers are ready and operational." Process are largely.

An area in Shengjin, 66 kilometers (40 miles) northwest of the capital, the two centers are ready and operational." Process are largely. the two centers are ready and operational," Bucci migrants will land.

million euros (\$730 milfacilities will be run by Italy and are under Italian Albanian guards will provide external security.

screening newcomers. told journalists at the port Housing units, a small hosof Shengjin on Albania's pital, a detention center and Adriatic coast where the offices at the port are sur-

hectare) site. The centers will only

house adult men, with vulnerable people such as women, children, the elderly and those who are ill example of "out-of-box or victims of torture will thinking" in tackling the be accommodated in Italy. Families will also not be separated. While in Albania, the migrants will retain their right under international and European Union law to apply for other country will be able asylum in Italy and have their claims processed there.

Each claim is expected to take about a month to process. Italy has agreed to welcome those who are rounded by a five-meter granted asylum. Those 1991. Under a five-year deal (16-foot) -high metal fence whose applications are signed last November by topped with barbed wire. rejected face deportation wing allies have long Meloni and her Albanian kilometers (14 miles) to its controversial agreement to countries share more of the counterpart, Edi Rama, up east near a former military outsource the housing of migration burden. She has to 3,000 migrants picked airport in Gjader, will asylum-seekers to a non- held up the Albania agreeup by the Italian coast accommodate migrants EU member country has ment as an innovative soluguard in international during the processing of been hailed by some countion to a problem that has waters each month will be their asylum requests in a tries that, like Italy, are sufvexed the EU for years.

fering a heavy burden of refugees.

endorsed by European Commission Ursula von der Leyen as an issue of migration into the European Union, but has been slammed by human rights groups as setting a dangerous precedent. Rama has made it clear that no to have such centers in Albania. For Italy, they are considered an expression of gratitude for the tens of thousands of Albanians it welcomed with the fall of the communist regime in

Meloni and her right-

New mayor takes office in southern Mexico

CHILPANCINGO (AP): A city. Alarcón took the oath drug gangs, the Ardillos elections, at least four maynew mayor was sworn in a of office with a minimal and the Tlacos. One staged oral candidates were killed Gustavo Alarcón, a doctor, Chilpancingo for years. had been elected as an alter-

city wracked

city in southern Mexico security detail of a handful where his predecessor was of police officers. He killed and beheaded less pledged to "work for the than a week after taking good of all" and fight the office. The new mayor, violence that has gripped

deceased Mayor Alejandro he needed more protection, Arcos in the June election. but officials said no formal Arcos took office on request had been received. Oct. 1 in the violence- State and federal governof ments can offer mayors Chilpancingo, the capital of bulletproof vehicles, addithe southern state of tional bodyguards and Guerrero. But his beheaded emergency alert systems. It body was found in a pickup was not clear if Alarcón had truck Sunday; his head had been granted that kind of been placed on the vehicle's protection. Chilpancingo, a Guanajuato. The situation roof. Two rival drug gangs city of about 300,000, is in Guanajuato is so bad that are fighting to control the dominated by two warring ahead of the country's June

Before he was killed, nate on the same ticket as Arcos had told local media

a demonstration of hundreds of people, hijacked a blocked a major highway and took police hostage in 2023 to win the release of arrested suspects.

Earlier this week, federal Public Safety Secretary Omar García Harfuch said four mayors from other towns in Mexico had requested protection on Monday, a day after Arcos' remains were found. The requests came from Guerrero and another violence-plagued state,

oral candidates were killed. But violence in Guerrero

reached such unprecedentgovernment armored car, ed levels that earlier this year, Roman Catholic bishops announced they had helped arrange a truce in another part of the state between two warring drug cartels. At the time, former president Andrés Manuel López Obrador— who refused to confront the gangs — said he approved of such talks. "Priests and pastors and members of all the churches have participated, helped in pacifying the country. I think it is very good," said López Obrador, who left office

NATO will start an annual nuclear exercise

BRUSSELS (AP): NATO is vital that we test our "but obviously what worries announced changes to threat,' discourage ing attacks on his country.

The "Steadfast Noon"

and will run for about two deterrence. France also has weeks. It will be led by nuclear weapons but is not a Belgium and the part of the organization's Netherlands, use eight military bases and involve 2,000 personnel and 60 aircraft from 13 nations. The exercise has been held at roughly the same time each is aimed at proving that the year for over a decade. alliance's ability to counter Bomber aircraft and fighter any threat to its 32 member jets that can carry nuclear countries is credible and warheads are taking part. something that "any adver-No live munitions are used. sary would need to take The bulk of the exercise is extremely being held around 900 kilo-

"In an uncertain world, it and developments in Iran —

Russia in the North Sea.

Moscow has been informed

will hold a long-planned defence and that we us most is Russia. major nuclear exercise next strengthen our defence so week, the alliance's chief that our adversaries know said, a few weeks after that NATO is ready and is President Vladimir Putin able to respond to any new Russia's nuclear doctrine to Secretary-General Mark Ukraine's Rutte told reporters in Western allies from support- London. The United States and the U.K., with their strategic nuclear forces, are exercise starts on Monday key to NATO's security

nuclear planning group.
Angus Lapsley, NATO
Assistant Secretary General for Defense Policy and Planning, said the exercise seriously indeed." Lapsley said that meters (560 miles) from NATO has been monitoring the emergence of North Korea as a nuclear power, about the drills, NATO offi- the rapid expansion of

He said Moscow has been investing in its nuclear forces "with accelerating intensity" over the last two years, and that it is "introducing lots of novel systems and putting more emphasis on investment in short and intermediate range weapons systems." Lapsley noted that Moscow has recently been "talking an awful lot about their nuclear doctrine and how that may or not be evolving." He said that it appears to be "a pretty clear attempt to influence us" when it comes to support for

Ukraine. Putin and other Kremlin I think we shouldn't.' voices have frequently threatened the West with Russia's nuclear arsenal. In a strong, new warning late last month, Putin said that a conventional attack on Russia by any country with the support of a nuclear power will be considered a joint attack. The threat was meant to dissuade the U.S. Ukraine to strike into behind the scenes.

Russian territory with longer-range weapons and appears to significantly lower the threshold for the possible use of Russia's nuclear arsenal. But NATO has not seen any real change in Moscow's nuclear pos-

Taking office on Oct. 1, Rutte stressed that while Putin's nuclear rhetoric was 'reckless and irresponsible," there was no evidence of any imminent threat of nuclear weapons being used. Rutte said it's important to just leave Putin to "talk about his nuclear arsenal. He wants us also to discuss his nuclear arsenal, and

At the same time, Rutte said, giving in to any threat "would set a precedent that using military force allows a country to get what it wants, and we cannot do that." Daniel Bunch, the Chief of Nuclear Operations at NATO's military headquarters, said that while dozens of aircraft are involved, a lot China's nuclear capabilities and its allies from allowing of the drill is happening

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Obama targets young voters

ORMER President Barack Obama will make his case for Vice President Kamala Harris on Thursday night during a rally at a Pittsburgh college campus, as Democrats seek to spur young people to vote in the Nov. 5 election.

Obama has been a vocal supporter of Harris since she ascended to the top of the Democratic ticket after President Joe Biden stepped aside in July following a poor debate performance against Republican former President Donald Trump.

Obama, whose White House term ended in 2017, is still popular with his party's base. His rally at the University of Pittsburgh, which he will headline while Harris campaigns in Nevada and Arizona, is the first of several events he plans to do in battleground states across the country in the coming weeks.

Obama is not the only former president the Harris campaign plans to deploy.

Bill Clinton, a two-term Democratic president and former Arkansas governor, will make stops in Georgia on Sunday and Monday before travelling to North Carolina for a bus tour later in the week in an effort to reach rural voters, according to a Reuters

Obama will say Harris and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, her running mate, are uniquely positioned to lead the United States at this moment, according to his adviser Eric

"He'll also talk about the enormous stakes and the risks involved in returning President Trump into office," Schultz said, according to a Reuters report.

Youth are a critical part of the coalition that the Harris campaign hopes will propel her to victory. But voter registration among young people in 34 states is down compared with four years ago, according to data updated in September from the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University.

The number of people between the ages of large numbers abroad er implications of interna-Palestinians, have fallen reality speaks volumes means that foreign policy tional events. As a result, short of their expecta- about the mindset of the 8 and 29 who are registered to vote in Pennsylvania in September was 15 percent lower than it was on Election Day in 2020, the center's data showed.

Obama's engagement could help get young people motivated in the campaign's final stretch. The former president has sought to serve as a closer for Democratic candidates before, with events for Hillary Clinton in 2016 and for Biden in 2020, especially at the end of the election cycle when early voting had begun, as it has now.

Obama is focused on voters who can put the White House, the House of Representatives and the Senate in Democratic hands, another aide said. The former president has helped raise \$80 million for the 2024 presidential campaign, the Reuters report adds.

Obama and his wife Michelle gave rousing speeches in support of Harris at the Democratic National Convention in August; the former first lady is expected to campaign further for harris as well.

Harris was an early supporter of Barack Obama's own 2008 presidential bid, and he has helped her behind the scenes as the party's 2024 standard-bearer, encouraging her to tap talent to bolster her campaign, which she did.

The former president is viewed by some as having helped usher Biden out of the race after Democrats' worries about the 81-yearold leader's age and abilities skyrocketed after his June debate against Trump.

Harris and Trump remain in a close race, and wnning Pennsylvania could be key to winning the White House.

Vice President Kamala Harris was set to attend a Univision town hall in Las Vegas and an evening rally in Phoenix while remaining in close contact with the White House and monitoring federal disaster response efforts.

Harris agreed to CNN town hall on Oct. 23 in Pennsylvania, her campaign chair Jen O'Malley Dillon said in a Thursday state-

It comes after former President Donald Trump ruled out another debate with Harris after their first head-to-head contest last month. Harris had called for Trump to face her once more before polls close.

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Domestic concerns overshadow global crises in US election

Dalia Al-Aqidi

HILE global attention remains rivet- affairs remain a second- less of a divisive issue in Jewish the ongoing ary issue for many American politics. This Middle East conflict, American voters, who are enduring particularly the escalat- more concerned with the means that, while internaing tensions between immediate, day-to-day tional Israel and Iran, another challenges they face at involving Israel may be held in Gaza and work significant event looms home. Though profound deeply significant on the more decisively to end large on the horizon — globally, US foreign poli- world stage, they rarely the upcoming US presi- cy's impact might be rele- serve as a point of condential election. The Nov. 5 election is as voters cast their bal- influence on the elec- undermine the party's

not only the future of US own lives. foreign policy, but also the geopolitical dynamics of the Middle East. The events, particularly those stakes are high, as the in the Middle East, wield course of American ence in the region, distinct set of priorities reshaping alliances and power balances.

US, the importance of national foreign policy appears Another significant rea-somewhat diminished in son is the inherent comthe eyes of many voters. plexity of foreign policy. Unlike previous eras, which were marked by involve a web of diploma- over the party's approach direct military involve- cy, military strategy, eco-ment in large-scale wars nomic sanctions and culas those in tural Afghanistan and Iraq, the which makes foreign pol-US is not currently direct- icy challenging to distill ly embroiled in a widely into clear, digestible talkpublicized armed conflict ing points during a camoverseas.

absence of American who may not fully grasp East boots on the ground in the nuances or the broadtorate, particularly as eign policy, preferring to enough or national threat.

This inward focus rais- and debate. es an interesting paradox: while decisions made at ter often driven more by US Republicans

gated to the background tention or a substantial satisfaction threatens to anticipated to carry sub-stantial weight in shaping what directly affects their The

held by American voters. Domestic issues consis-However, within the tently overshadow interconcerns. International relations

considerations,

paign As a result, voters' pri-rities have shifted find it difficult to frame Politicians frequently

Lastly, there is the matthe ballot box may have bipartisan support for relations, particularly in that recent global events volatile regions like the will significantly sway Middle East, they are voter opinions. Both areas where every ballot the and voters' concerns about the Democrats, despite their economy, healthcare and many differences, have

potential challenge facing the Democratic Party in could shake its voter base in unexpected ways. Arab growing signs of disillusionment, signaling a dynamics could be to the shift that could erode overall electoral map. Democratic support. the Jewish community long considered a steadto foreign policy, particuabout " Israel. share a growing sense of prove problematic for Democrats as they head

into a crucial election. For Arab Americans, flicts or inward, focusing more on these issues in a way that the Biden administra- maneuvering, but about domestic issues. The resonates with voters, tion's policies on Middle the price of groceries, the does not weigh as heavily candidates often sidestep tions. While this demoon the minds of the elec- deep discussions of for- graphic may not be large to alter the there is no immediate focus on more tangible national outcome drasti- at the bottom of voters sense of military sacrifice domestic issues that are cally, its concentrated concerns. No matter how easier to communicate presence in key battle- consequential internation-Americans' of long-standing significant. Many of them distant and abstract comfeel that the current far-reaching conse- Israel, which further administration's efforts quences for international diminishes the likelihood are insufficient and this perceived neglect could

other domestic matters. historically maintained their own frustrations, experiences

community believe that the administhe conflict in Israel's long-held support within There is, however, a the Jewish electorate.

Several recent polls Simultaneously, within make one thing clear: for the average American voter, the economy and fast Democrat stronghold the rising cost of living concerns are rising remain the top priorities. These bread-and-butter issues — jobs, inflation, healthcare costs — are Although distinct in their the concerns that resonate priorities, both groups most with everyday people and the challenges dissatisfaction that could they experience firsthand

Kitchen table conversations across the nation are not about global condiplomatic East conflicts, particular- cost of gas and how to regarding the make ends meet. This American electorate.

Foreign policy, mean while, consistently ranks ground states makes Arab al events may be, most discontent Americans feel they are pared to the tangible

Therefore, politicians cost the party votes in attention and support of electorate At the same time, concerns, for it is here -

Israel's ongoing conflict with Hamas. Many in the consensus tration should take a firmer stance to secure developments the release of hostages serve as a point of con- favor. This sense of dis-

Recent polls show that Kamala Harris is strugthis election, one that gling to maintain the support that helped President Biden outcome may shift the limited influence over the American voters, histori- Michigan in 2020. The US presidential election. cally reliable party sup- potential loss of this key involvement and influ- First and foremost is the porters, have shown state underscores how vital these shifting

issues they confront daily

who hope to capture the address these day-to-day Jewish voters are voicing in the practical, lived Despite their complexity strong backing for Israel, particularly regarding American people — that and importance, foreign making the conflict there Washington's response to elections are won or lost.

Importance of Shanghai Cooperation Organization

. Farhan Khan

Cooperation RATS (SCO) is an intergovernorganization, established Chinese and currently, the on 15 June 2001 in SCO countries include: Shanghai. The six found- Islamic ing countries included the Pakistan, Republic of Kazakhstan, Belarus, Republic of India, the People's Republic of Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic, the Russian People's Republic of China, Federation, the Republic Kyrgyz Republic, Russian of Tajikistan and the Federation, Republic of Republic of Uzbekistan. Tajikistan, Republic of In 2002, the Charter of Uzbekistan the SCO was signed at the Observer meeting of the Council of Mongolia and Afghanistan Heads of States in St. (whose current government entered into force on 19 of the Member States) and September 2003. It is a dialogue partners including statute that stipulates the Armenia, goals, principles, structure and major areas of Kuwait, activities of the organiza-

to strengthen mutual trust, Member States roughly

Shanghai General and Director of the Organization Committee, respectively.

The official languages of international the SCO are Russian and Republic of Republic Kyrgyz Republic of Kazakhstan, with two States which is not recognized by most Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cambodia, Egypt, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, The goals of the SCO are Turkey and UAE. The SCO

Internally, the SCO adheres to the "Shanghai spirit", namely; mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, consultation, respect for diversity of civilizations and pursuit of common development. The supreme decision-making body of the SCO is the Council

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However, Pakistan and India are generally represented by their Prime Ministers at the CHS and Foreign Ministers at the CHG due to difference in presidential and parliamentary form of government. Iran is also represented by its First Vice President at the CHG. In addition to the meetings of the CHS and the CHG, there are other mechanisms for meetings on foreign affairs, national defense, security, economy and trade, culture, health, education, transport, emerprevention and gency relief, science and technology, agriculture, the judiciary, tourism, industry, energy, poverty alleviation, sports, etc.

The Council of National Coordinators is the SCO coordination mechanism. The Organization has two permanent bodies -Secretariat in Beijing and the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure (RATS) in Tashkent. On January 1, 2022, H.E. Mr. Uzbekistan assumed office pating delegations. as the SCO Secretary

friendship and good-neigh- comprise over one-fifth of between the the World's landmass, over population, and around one-fourth of the global

Pakistan became nology, culture, education, Observer State of SCO in energy, transport, tourism, 2005. It became a full and environmental protec- Member during the CHS tion etc: to jointly ensure meeting, held in Astana in 2017. Pakistan will host the 23rd meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of the SCO Member States from 15 to 16 October 2024 in Islamabad. Since being a full member, this will be the first highest level meeting to be hosted by Pakistan. It is a matter of great pride for the country. While Pakistan has been hosting various multilateral events from time to time, an international event of this stature is being hosted after a considerable gap (Pakistan hosted the ECO Summit in March 2017 and meetings of the OIC Council Ministers in December 2021 and March 2022.)

The SCO Member States will be represented at the meeting by the Prime Ministers of China, Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, First Vice President of Iran and Minister for External Affairs of India. Prime Minister of Mongolia (Observer State), Deputy Minister Prime Turkmenistan (Special Guest) and representatives some international organizations will also attend.

In his capacity as the current Chair of CHG, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif will preside over the proceedings of the forthcoming CHG meeting. The meeting will take stock of the ongoing cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, environment and socio-cultural linkages. It will also review the SCO's performance and approve its budget.

Since becoming a member in 2017, Pakistan has worked consistently and constructively to strengthen good-neighborly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation among SCO member States. Hosting of CHG reflects Pakistan's abiding commitment to the goals and principles of SCO Charter and the values of "Shanghai Spirit." In line with the international practice, and our own traditions, Zhang Ming of China and Pakistan will extend due H.E. Mr. R. E. Mirzaev of courtesies to all the partici-

US hypocrisy on Taiwan hurts world order

counts.

Maya Majueran

AI Ching-te's recent comments on "the motherland" can be seen as a veiled form of 'Taiwan independence' theory, which will no doubt escalate cross-Strait tensions.

gral part of China's territory are legally binding and inte-since ancient times. gral to the post-World War Separated from the Chinese mainland by the Taiwan dated that the Taiwan part of China has not ing its imperialist expanchanged despite the sordid efforts of the "Taiwan inde-China. pendence" forces on the cord across the Strait.

by international law, including United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 which was adopted by an tion recognizes the People's Republic of China as the only legitimate government of China and affirms that Taiwan is an integral part of China. Consequently, the government of the People's Republic of China is the of the UN, a permanent sole representative of China member of the Security in the UN, and the Taiwan island has no status as a separate entity.

bodies have consistently aware of Taiwan's legal staupheld this resolution, tus. rejecting any claims of Taiwan's international representation.

as part of China's territory. Taiwan has been an inte- These declarations, which II international order, man-Strait, Taiwan's status as island, seized by Japan dur-

Given these historical ing to participate in the UN This position is backed or any other global or regional organization excluspite of these facts, the moting Taiwan's efforts to be admitted as a member to UN bodies, if not the UN itself, and spreading misleading information on the Taiwan question.

As a founding member Council, and a signatory to the Cairo Declaration and The UN and its affiliated US should have been fully

> Yet disregarding its mitments, the US has adopt- China's internal affairs.

ments such as the 1943 undermine China's sover-Cairo Declaration and the eignty, such as the "Taiwan 1945 Potsdam Proclamation Relations Act", which conalso confirm Taiwan's status travenes the three Sino-US joint communiques that form the basis of diplomatic ties between China and the The "Taiwan Relations

Act", enacted in 1979, not only violates international law but also contradicts the US' own recognition of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal governisland and some Western and legal precedents, ment of China. It has been a tained its commitment to powers' attempts to sow dis- Taiwan has no legal stand- primary driver of continued reunifying Taiwan with the tensions across the Taiwan Strait, enabling the US to maintain unofficial rela- ernment has repeatedly sive to sovereign states. In tions with the Taiwan emphasized dialogue, ecoisland, and sell weapons nomic integration and cul-United States continues to and military equipment to overwhelming majority on challenge international law the island. The US attempts Oct 25, 1971. The resoluand norms by covertly proto interfere in the Taiwan question have disrupted peace in the region. The US' actions expose

its double standard. While Washington publicly acknowledges the one-China principle, it simultaneously provokes Beijing with arms sales and highprofile visits by US politi-cians to the island. The and historical realities of Potsdam Proclamation, the claim that Washington's version of the one-China principle is different from Beijing's is nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt responsibilities and com- to justify its interference in

China has been left with no choice but to respond Key historical docu- ed policies and laws that with legal measures against the separatist activities on the island, including criminal penalties for those advocating for "Taiwan independence". This reflects Beijing's firm stance on protecting its territorial integrity and opposing any form of foreign meddling.

There are those in Taiwan, and the US who benefit from pushing the two sides of the Strait conflict. toward decades, Beijing has mainmotherland through peaceful means. The central govtural exchanges as the preferred path to resolving the Taiwan question. However, the rhetoric and actions of certain political actors in the US and Taiwan are compli-

cating this approach. The Taiwan question is an internal affair of China, and any external interference in it is a breach of international norms. The Taiwan's status and cease its provocative actions that threaten regional stability. Only by adhering to international law can the US help maintain global peace

favor of a turn to individual

complicated situation of

complexity.

Is there a crisis of representative politics in Europe?

Liberal democracy is carefully assessed and their essentially representative causes identified. I suggest political rule is effectively not irreversible, are expresconducted by political sions of a crisis of represenparties through the electation rather than a product toral process. Direct rule of widespread approval of by "the people" has a lim- fascism or due to the appeal ited role to play and, as in of the extreme right. the Brexit referendum in 2016, it can have a detri- case that there is an mental outcome. The increase in public distrust other major dimension of of politicians, lower elecdemocratic government is toral turnout, and declining the rule of law, as in con- membership of political stitutionalism. Now, in parties. Young people especially appear to be with-drawing, and there is widesis of democracy, even its spread complacency and end. For democracy to be cynicism about democracy. in jeopardy, there would There is even the belief that need to be either a major democracy does not work **crisis of representation or** or is unable to fix a broken of the rule of law, or some world. Yet, disaffection combination of both. Is with democracy does not

A shift towards author- expressed. itarianism?

Russian Federation, recent- and especially the left. ly in Israel, India, and the right gaining electoral ment. ground. In 2023, the I suggest that the prob-extreme right emerged as lems are largely structural

racy is political rep- Austria. The rise of illiberresentation, as citi- alism and the specter of limitations of representawhereby that such trends, which are

> It does appear to be the stop grievances from being

Instead, disaffection In much of the world, takes the form of antithere has been a clear, if establishment attitudes, variable, drift towards which are almost always at authoritarianism, as reflect- the expense of the mained most notably in the stream parties of the right

The extreme right are the US since former President main benefactors of this Donald Trump. But in crisis of legitimacy of rep-Europe, aside from some resentative politics, but not outliers such as Hungary, the main cause. As these this trend is less evident — parties enter into govern-though it may now be ment, they also lose their emerging with the extreme character as anti-establish-

the largest party in the in that they derive from the

Gerard Delanty

the conflict between indi- of citizens cannot any vidual and collective inter- longer be met by political ests. For democracy to representation. It is not that work, it must, at some there is no desire for collevel, satisfy both. In the lective interests or an period since 1945, it was absence of solidarity in arguably the case that capitalism tempered by democinterest and individual interest to be served. The interests. The former has been progressively eroded and the era of neoliberalism gave legitimacy to the politics of individual interest (which is easier to satisfy through short-term quick fixes than is the collective interest, which requires long-term goals).

I think what we are seeing today is that many people are now realizing that human rights and gender their own individual inter- politics, and greater socieests are also not being tal served by their electoral Representation, rooted in representatives. The result, the old ideologies, also no as political theorists such as longer works well in the Ben Ansell in Why Politics context of digital media, Fails (2023) and David the tyranny of algorithms, Runciman How and the perpetual reporting Democracy Ends (2018) of corruption and scandal. have argued, is a failure of Increased knowledge by politics, which can be citizens leads to greater understood more as an skepticism and distrust. internal crisis of democracy These trends are all occurthan an external one (for ring at a time when politi-

weaknesses. Crisis of representation in Europe

example, from war or cal parties and political

organized political vio- leaders are losing their role

While constitutionalism in governance, which con-

does not appear to be in cri-sequently gradually loses sis in Europe in the way its representative nature, that it is in the US, one and, as Jonathan White has zens do not directly rule. authoritarianism need to be tive politics, which is sys- major weakness is that the shown in The Long Run temically unable to resolve demands and expectations (2024), democracy ends up caught in the trap of shorttermism. It is also caught in the trap of often being too slow, in contrast to fast

capitalism. In this situation, it is hardly surprising that there is increased polarization, interests — on the contrary, racy struck a balance there is an ever-greater atomization, and a transforbetween the collective desire for the collective mation of politics by fear or by the cult of personality. problem is rather that the This makes it harder to institutional form of demo- achieve the kind of rational cratic representation is consensus that Habermas, unable to deal with the in his theory of the public expectations of citizens, sphere, saw as the core of partly because of the nature democracy. The resulting of new expectations, which instability has not yet led to go beyond the older a crisis of governance, as demands that were easier to coalitions are, at least for now, still able to prevent realize, challenges such as climate politics, a more the extreme right from gaining an absolute govern-

ing majority. It is also not the case that progressive politics is at an end. As Simon Tormey has shown very well in The End of Representative Politics (2015), it is just that it does not express itself entirely through the organs of representative democracy, but through other forms of mobilization and collective action. The fundamental fact is that democracy has reached the critical juncture at which representation and citizen lence) and deriving from its as the gatekeepers of the expectations are not identical. This has created an racy, experts are playing an inchoate void that is filled increasingly important role by many voices.

I resigned as a US diplomat because I will not be the face of a policy supporting Israel Hala Rharrit would be felt for general HEN I became an

American diplolike this do not happen swore an oath "to support **Constitution of the United** States". It is in the spirit violations. This is meant to and implementation of help prevent American comthat oath that I resigned plicity in war crimes or from the US State crimes against humanity. Department in April. My These include Leahy Vetting resignation was an act of (the process the State against Department uses to ensure Washington's illegal, inhuadherence to the Leahy mane and failed Gaza pol-Law), the Arms Export icy, which has continued to Control Act and the Foreign surge US military assis-Assistance Act. But the tance to Israel despite administration of President credible evidence of viola-Biden and tions of international and President Kamala Harris is wilfully bypassing and vio-During my 18-year diplolating these safeguards.

defend

protest

US law.

served

Political/Economic

Foreign Service, respective-

ly. I also worked on Capitol

Hill and in think tanks in

the State Department. As a

political adviser in the US

Foreign Service, I worked

on a range of issues from

human rights to counterter-

rorism, and collaborated

with US agencies on imple-

menting laws like the Leahy

Law, which prohibits the

American government from

providing assistance to for-

eign military units that com-

mit gross violations of

Drawing on this cumula-

tive experience, I could not,

in good conscience, imple-

ment such a catastrophic,

militaristic policy as the one

This policy, characterised by

actions

violate

not brush this to the side.

bombardment, to the depri-

medicine. These are poten-

US policy implicitly sup-

porting the commission of

these acts, moreover, is not

making Israel any safer

(arguably, it does the oppo-

site). Despite its stated goal,

it has failed to secure the

release of Israeli hostages,

whose families continue to

suffer. It has destabilised the

Middle East to the brink of

an all-out war. It has

destroyed US credibility

while threatening US nation-

al security. And it has

unleashed generational trau-

ma which, if left unreme-

died, will ensure a never-

ending and vicious cycle of

Crucially, this US policy

not only supports violations

of international law, but vio-

lates US law, too. The US

government has systems in

place to ensure situations

violence.

tial war crimes.

Court

innoce

human rights.

enabling

plausibly

International

Washington before joining

matic career, I served throughout the region, There is overwhelming evidence, including from including Yemen, Qatar, Egypt and the UAE. I also within the State Department, that US arms are being used had assignments outside the in a manner that contravenes Middle East, in Washington the laws I mentioned above. and Hong Kong, and I US military assistance to Israel, in spite of that evidence, has continued to Chief at the American consurge – and at record levels. sulate in Durban, South This has emboldened Africa. Diplomacy has Israel's Prime Minister always been a passion and a Benjamin Netanyahu and natural career path, given resulted in a sense of my undergraduate and masimpunity which assures ter's degrees in international incessant escalation in the affairs and Arab Studies region, threatening everyfrom George Washington one's security. In my last diplomatic University and Georgetown University's School of

role, as Špokesperson based at the US State Department's Regional Media Hub at the US Consulate in Dubai, I to Washington how traditional and social media across the Arab world covered the Gaza crisis and how US messaging was being received throughout the region. Every day, I documented for Washington the massacres Israeli forces were perpetrating in Gaza, often sharing gruesome images and videos that were going viral across the Arab world of children being bombed and starved. These reports included warnings of US complicity, such as the use of American-made bombs on civilians and civilian infrastructure – potential

we have all seen unfold in Gaza – and now in Lebanon. war crimes. continuous arms transfers to these reports, along with many others that were com-Israel and political protection on the world stage, is ing directly from American officials and subject-matter experts, would have prompted, at the very least, con-Justice has determined could cerns and a review of US Genocide Convention. As an weapons assistance. Instead, American diplomat who opposite occurred. cares deeply about the importance of rule of law Although I was assured throughout the conflict that and human rights, I could my reports were being read State Department and shared many times with the White Palestinians have suffered and endured for the past year House's National Security is abhorrent – from incessant Council, I was told in January that the daily snapdisplacement to constant shots I was producing were no longer needed. I was vation of food, water and pressured instead to go out on Arab media to promote

the Biden-Harris administration's Gaza policy. I refused. As an American diplomat, I refused to propagate falsehoods and be the face of a policy that was resulting in the mass killings and starvation of innocent civilians. I objected that this was not only inhumane and immoral, but also illegal and against America's interests. I warned that Washington's blatant double standards and dehumanisation of Palestinians was ruinous to America's credibility throughout the Arab world, resulting in a seismic growth of anti-American sentiment across the region and ultimately threatening to US national security. I contended that, unless we changed course

immediately, the impact

of

It became clear, however, specifically, that American that no matter what I or other arms exports are not used to American diplomats did, commit gross human rights reported, documented or warned, the policy was not shifting. I took my service to the American people very seriously, and after doing all I could from within the system to little avail, I began to feel that I was violating the oath I took in 2006. So I resigned.

As someone who truly believes in the power of diplomacy and in the US's potential to play a positive role in the world, it has been devastating to watch my country refuse to use its powerful diplomatic leverage on Israel to achieve a ceasefire and secure a sustained and just resolution to this historic conflict.

Now, the region is potentially on the brink of an allout war. Millions have been displaced and more than 40,000 have been killed in Gaza - including well over 10,000 children. It's worth repeating: well over 10,000 innocent children killed and another 20,000 orphaned as they continue to be wilfully starved and incessantly bombed. Now in Lebanon, despite reported agreement from Hezbollah to a US and French-supported ceasefire deal last month, Israel continues to pound civilian was charged with reporting areas and the death toll has surpassed 2,000. These are not mere numbers, but rather innocent people with fami-Allowing this level of killing to continue is as unconscionable as it is indefensi-

None of this was necessary and has instead been disastrously counter-productive. Diplomacy, not more arms, was and continues to be the only answer. This failed and intransigent Biden-Harris policy has not achieved any of its stated objectives, most notably the release of all Israeli hostages or the destruction of Hamas. It is only ensuring a never-In any other situation, ending cycle of violence, revenge, extremism and hate. The generational trauma that the children of Gaza, the West Bank and now Lebanon are experiencing will have an enduring

The families of Israeli hostages themselves have been protesting for months against Mr Netanyahu and his far-right government, at the "highest levels" of the demanding an end to the violence and agreement to the ceasefire deal Hamas had already accepted. Yet it is abundantly clear, for Mr Netanyahu's own political survival and in his pursuit to "reshape" the Middle East, civilians are wilfully and easily sacrificed. Enough is enough. This needs to end and it requires collective

action. There is another way. The US needs to implement and follow its own laws requiring a review and suspension of lethal military assistance to Israel. Friends and allies of America ought to implore it to do so. America must end its complicity and insist on a just and sustainable peace. A ceasefire is possible, if Washington uses its leverage with Israel to push the Israeli government to accept one. No more bombs, no more dangerous and cataescalation. strophic Diplomacy and a recognition of our common humanity is the only solution to end the carnage and save the region from all-out war.

Europe needs to help Ukraine defend itself with or without US support

European (YES) summit, which Harry brings together many of launched to help rebuild Europe and North the continent after the America's defence com- Second World War. munities. The topic this year was clear: Ukraine report by the Council on

ground, however, was the goes towards procuring constant image of former defence weapons, train-US president Donald ing personnel and gather-Trump swooping down to ing intelligence to defeat end western support for Russia, which has one of their defence (were he to the world's most powerwin the presidential elec- ful militaries. tion in November), and

President UN General Assembly earlier this month to con-Israel's war in Gaza and Lebanon – and the fear of coffers. - has dominated the news many ask? and many a policymak-'s attention. should not be only
And yet the consensus Europe's problem. "Nato er's attention.

at YES was that Ukraine allies are particularly

has been invaded and to be a Nato frontier two fighter aircraft," most report said. ago, European capitals have first day of the war.

AST month, I European country has the achieved that since the Yalta Marshall Plan, the initia- and military support. It more Ukrainians would losing the war. Strategy tive then US president Truman

According to a recent Foreign Relations, most Hovering in the back- of the aid sent to Kyiv

But as the US presi-In many ways, despite of Mr Trump – a Ukraine reach Ukraine. sceptic – lurking, many Volodymyr Zelenskyy's voters and several memembattled pleas at the bers of Congress are uncertainty questioning why Washington is pouring so tinue helping his country, much money into the lationist policies of his to them. They put their

Ukrainian government's a full-scale one with Iran European security issue, journalist Fareed Zakaria training, and helped find According to CFR, it

ust win. wary of being pulled
There are strategic rea- directly into the hostiliholding ties, which could dramatfrontlines, ically raise the risk of a beyond the moral ques- nuclear war. However, as tion of a neighbour the fighting has prowhose sovereign territory gressed, many donor governments have shed must be defended. Ever their reluctance to give since Russia launched a Ukraine more sophistiinvasion cated assets, such as batagainst what they believe tle tanks and modern

Since Russia's fullsupported Kyiv from the scale invasion, the EU has been united for Ukraine is the US's Ukraine, with the bloc top recipient of foreign providing more than 88 Janine di Giovanni

has also imposed sanc- flee - which appears to tions on Russian individ- be part of Moscow's likely to be under conuals and worked to fight strategy - with Europe stant disinformation from the being the most likely Estonia, Kremlin.

"the West doesn't help outside the country). back Ukraine, your lives This year, he went so far five streets

If Mr Trump November, there whether he will return to several European counthe "America First" iso- tries opened their doors previous term. But dur- children Isn't it a ing an interview to the offered them language Pompeo, secretary of extraordinary show of state in the previous solidarity. Trump administration, suggested that

wouldn't happen. America needs strategic partners, he insisted,

there can be no American were security Ukraine's victory and European borders strong European securi- 2015. Mr Pompeo added.

aid, followed by Israel. It billion (\$96.3 billion) in Ukraine and its western generations of new immiis the first time a economic, humanitarian supporters: its troops grants.

cannot push Russia back, and they lose. Many

state. In an era of technoc-

destination. Another Victor Pinchuk, the influx of refugees would having already experi-Ukrainian billionaire prove costly for their enced Russian invasions who hosts the YES sum- host countries (at the last in the past, their peoples mit in Kyiv each year, count, there are about 6.3 are anxious. Political wrote in Politico that, if million Ukrainians living As Mr Pinchuk point-

will not be the same". ed out, "if, for example, million more as to claim that Russian Ukrainians flee as Russia troops could be on the advances, it would cost of several Europe billions of euros replace the departing the bloody ongoing wars dential election rolls European capitals if more per month addition-in the Middle East.

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| Josep Borrell as the EU's foreign and security poli-Ukrainians are said to cy chief.
hardworking and often Then

be hardworking and often is highly educated. After around war broke out in 2022, at the YES summit, Mike them jobs. It was an

Many of my neighthis bours, here in France, opened spare bedrooms In geopolitical terms, to strangers. I have never he said, Ukraine must seen this happen before, win for the US, as well as even during the wave of for Europe, to be secure. refugees and migrants goes to the polls later this pouring into Europe during the Syrian civil war. which runs contrary to It is no secret that Mr Trump's previous Ukrainian refugees were threats of pulling out of treated far better than campaign. African or Middle "Keep in mind that Eastern refugees who for Europe to ensure its without away from the Eastern no option but to continue

Down the line, this America's help. Let's assume the could be problematic, worse-case scenario for causing rifts for future

There are other major consequences to Ukraine

The Baltic states are threat. Latvia, Lithuania and Finland parties sympathetic to Moscow are on the rise in some of these countries. It is no coincidence that Kaja Kallas, Estonia's prime minister until July, has been chosen to foreign and security poli-

Moldova, just a few hours' drive from the Ukrainian port of Odesa, a country already in conflict with Russia over the state of Transnistria. President Maia Sandu recently said: "There is nothing more important than helping Ukraine win the war.

Georgia, Soviet republic like Moldova and some of the Baltic states, is equally vulnerable. deeply divided country month, a pro-Moscow political party called Georgian Dream has unleashed a propaganda

All this is to say that brutally turned peace and security, it has in supporting Ukraine with

The EU has already taken a decisive lead in this regard, but there is a long way to go yet.

EU should avoid trade war over EVs

Harald Brüning

subsidy investigation. But it was quick to add that, "in parallel, the EU

would have to be fully WTO-compatible...".

surrounding Chinese electric vehicles has seen new develop- the exclusive powers to Commission's proposal to commercial policy, and, in impose definitive counter- this case, to ensure that its vailing duties on imports desired tariffs on Chineseof battery electric vehicles made EVs finally get off the from China has obtained ground. the necessary support for the adoption of tariffs on Oct 4. The high number voted, of countries that abstained because it included several countries that have sought closer relations with China in the recent past.

The protectionist tariffs were proposed in June by the EC, which claimed Chinese-made EVs were benefiting from government Ursula subsidies and thus enjoying whose an unfair advantage against EU carmakers. Beijing has denied having ever subsidized the EV industry, saying it "firmly opposes the unfair, illegal and unreasonable protectionist practices total domestic industry revof the EU in this case, and resolutely opposes the EU

HE dispute within additional countervailing the European Union duties on China electric vehicles" The fact is that the EC has

The European determine the bloc's external The problem for the EU is

from EU member states that its number one car-manufacturing state, Germany, understandably, against the proposal, since from voting was puzzling, its giant auto companies such as Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen and BMW have heavily, and profitably, invested in China. This has set German Chancellor Olaf Scholz of the center-left Social Democratic Party against his compatriot der Leven, von conservative Christian Democratic Union is Germany's main opposition party.

Incidentally, the auto industry accounted for nearly one-quarter of Germany's

enue in 2022. The Oct 4 vote hurts

Germany's national interests, that is, the interests of

both its carmakers (employ- a way out of the conundrum. on imported goods to offset for 2.5 million direct and ers, employees and their In this compromise solution, the unfair price advantage families) and consumers that Chinese carmakers would the goods-making compa- across the 27-member EU. look for affordable, eco- have to commit to setting nies hold due to subsidies Last year, Chinese-made friendly vehicles.

minimum prices for their paid by the government of EVs accounted for 19 per-

The auto sector accounts 10.3 million indirect jobs

tariffs on Chinese-made EVs is politically annoying, but economically less so. Incidentally, the auto industry accounted for nearly one-quarter of The EC's aim is to make it Germany's total domestic industry revenue in 2022. The Oct 4 vote more difficult for Chinese automakers to compete in hurts Germany's national interests, that is, the interests of both its carthe EU, many of whose makers (employers, employees and their families) and consumers that automakers are still struggling to catch up with their look for affordable, eco-friendly vehicles. The EC said in its statement Chinese counterparts that that the vote represents another step toward the conclusion of its antihave rapidly transitioned to

because

Instead of resorting to and China continue to work hard to explore an alternative solution that protectionism to cope with competition Chinese-made EVs, EU states' governments should do everything in line with World Trade Organization rules to help their countries' automakers expedite their development, especially in

making EVs. Protectionism hinders industrial modernization, a field in which the EU and other Western economies are lagging behind China. It's time Western economies rolled up their sleeves and

The EU auto market is learned from their competimuch more important to tors, including those in China than the US market China, even on the price which front. Washington's recent deci-Let's hope the last-ditch sion to impose 100 percent

China-EU negotiations help the two sides to strike a compromise acceptable to both. In today's fast-changing

political, economic, strategic and environmental landscapes, a trade war between the EU and China is the last thing the world needs, not least because they are among the world's top three trading economies and their mutually beneficial trade relations still have a lot of potential. What we need most urgently today is free and fair, and mutually beneficial trade. But without the goodwill of all sides, this can never be achieved.

So I hope the EU's and China's negotiators will reach a mutually acceptable deal by the end of the month. I am sure car company employers, executives and workers, and consumers both in China and the EU would be grateful for their

The EC said in its stateanother step toward the conclusion of its anti-subsidy to Brussels and Beijing. investigation. But it was quick to add that, "in parallel, the EU and China continue to work hard to explore an alternative solution that would have to be fully

I believe the "price com-

WTO-compatible...

EVs sold in the EU, and I the exporting country is cent of the European EV ment that the vote represents hope the minimum prices often little more than a market, and analysts have would be low and acceptable euphemism for imposing forecast that the share could

As a German and EU citizen living in China's Macao Administrative Special Region, I can only hope that both sides will be able to by the end of this month.

German Finance Minister hammer out a win-win deal blesome outcome of the EU made EVs from Oct 31 for The term "countervailing EC "should not trigger a made EVs are already sub-

punitive and/or protectionist reach 25 percent by the end of this year. But if this month's negoti-Christian Lindner of the pro- ations fail, the EU will business Free Democratic impose extra tariffs on Party responded to the trou- affordably priced Chinese-

members' vote, saying the up to five years. Chinesemitment "approach could be duty", that is, a duty levied trade war...We need a negoti- ject to 10 percent tariff.



Role of furniture industry critical in economic growth: SCCI

Breast Cancer Awareness Day

organised at SKMCH&RC

including common signs Campaign theme this year skin, nipple discharge, ly manner.

Breast cancer is the know what is their nor- of feeling hesitant or shy

and timely access to treat-signs and symptoms of ous, but it is important to

(Reuters): Wells Fargo's will be in line with the \$11.69 billion in the quar-

in its commercial banking

"As we continue to see

The fourth-largest U.S. borrowing costs last lender reported third-quar- recent years as the Fed

Wells Fargo's net inter-

said during a media call. on loans and pays out for points. Policymakers have more.

est income could actually expectations of \$1.28, for the rest of 2024.

Santomassimo

research and the impor- detection is key to sistent.

tance of early detection of improving survival.

(WFC.N), opens new tab third-quarter, which could

profit beat analysts' expec- be seen as the beginning of

than expected to cover rates are coming down on

potential loan losses and certificates of deposit, pro-

predicted its interest motional savings instru-

would drop by 9% in rate cuts, those trends will

2024, more pessimistic continue, and that'll be a

than analyst expectations net positive for NII as we

benefit from rate cuts according to data from

of an 8.4% decline, after look forward," he said

But the bank also fore- business.

tations in the third quarter a trough of NII, he said.

and symptoms, advance- is "Pay Attention to even lumps in the armpit It is important to ments in treatment, Yourself" because early area, and pain that is per- remember that breast can-

most common cancer in mal, so that they should be about it. The condition were asked to Pledge to

Pakistan. Early detection able to detect any unusual may be benign or cancer- Check and were encour-

ment can help save lives. breast cancer. They should get it checked to rule out ing message about early The Shaukat Khanum watch out for lumps, cancer and if it is cancer, detection of breast cancer Breast Cancer Awareness changes in size, shape, to get treatment in a time-back to their communities.

Wells Fargo profit beats

forecasts as provisions shrink

The fourth quarter NII deposits -- dropped 11% to

ority,"

income would improve, ments and on most inter-sending shares over 5% est-rate sensitive deposits Scharf. "Credit perform- year. Santomassimo said

ter earnings per share of raised interest rates, is a

Wells Fargo's net inter- \$1.52, compared with expected to keep declining demand has been subdued

their deposits, its CFO est income -- or the differ- the first time since 2020, had to compete for

Michael Santomassimo ence between what it earns cutting it by 50 basis deposits by paying clients

said

It encourages women to medical attention instead after treatment.

ter. Analysts on average

had predicted \$11.87 bil-

lion, according to esti-mates compiled by LSEG.

deposit balances in all of

Banks' interest income,

our businesses.

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Chamber of Commerce furniture industry were Industry Moqeem Khan said the government patronage to important sector.

He was addressing a asked furniture manufac- associations will be part office bearers, which had reconciliatory meeting of turers to come up with a of the upcoming expo in played a major role for two parallel furniture comprehensive plan to associations held here at promote the sector. the chamber house on

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: A breast cancer awareness day was

organised at the Shaukat

Khanum Memorial Cancer

Hospital and Research Centre (SKMCH&RC) in

Peshawar. A large number

of young students from

different private and gov-

ernment colleges as well

as doctors from different

hospitals attended the ses-

On this occasion, Dr Maria Qubtia and Dr Jamshed Ali, Consultant

Medical Oncologists from

the hospital spoke on a

range of topics related to

breast cancer awareness

as it set aside less money

cast its net interest income

the Federal Reserve cut

to clients to hang on to

because it will pay out less LSEG.

higher on Friday.

breast cancer.

vice president Shehryar them amicably. Khan and business com-Fazal present in the meeting.

Fazal Moqeem said the Furniture Industry has an furniture industry is on important role in econom- the decline in K-P and ic stability and progress asserted unity and collecand stressed the need of tive efforts to address all giving full attention and issues associated with this

The chamber president

Fazal Moqeem assured to take up issues with rel-SCCI senior vice presi- evant government departdent Abdul Jalil Jan and ments and will address

Sarhad munity attached with the here that SCCI had played a role as a mediator and tions and exhibitors under an important role in the chamber platform and reviewed both reservations regarding holding of boost to local industry as furniture expo.

The meeting developed a broader consensus and ture associations and decided the furniture exhibitors thanked SCCI of the upcoming expo in played a major role for Peshawar and associa- building up unity and Peshawar and associa- building up unity and tions will be fully partici- brotherliness atmosphere pated by displaying their and vowed to jointly take products in the exhibi- initiatives for promotion

This initiative of the the province.

It is worth mentioning remove apprehensions of people attached to the furniture business to some united furniture associa- extent but it will also play ensuring equal share in business and will give a

On the occasion, furniof furniture industry in

cer is manageable and you

In the end, students

aged to take the life-sav-

projected another half of a

percentage point reduction

lowed by top banks lower-

ing prime lending rates,

\$20.37 billion in the third

lion versus \$943.2 billion

as higher interest rates

The bank's loans to bor-

year earlier. Loan

The rate cut was fol-

by the end of this year.

It is important to seek can live a meaningful life

"Our risk and control which will likely shrink

work remains our top pri-ority," said Chief Banks have also tightened

ance was consistent with consumer activity and

our expectations, commer-cial loan demand remained strong. Wells Fargo's rev-

tepid, we saw growth in enue declined 2% to

which had benefited in rowers fell to \$910.3 bil-

The U.S. central bank deterred commercial and

last month lowered its consumer borrowers. At

benchmark policy rate for the same time, banks have

quarter.



PESHAWAR: President of Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Fazal Muqeem Khan and Vice President Sheharyar Khan in a group photo with the officer bearers of furniture association.

PAAPAM to host 19th **Pakistan Auto Parts show**

LAHORE: The Pakistan Platinum tion of the Pakistan Auto Limited, Atlas Honda Parts Show (PAPS-24), the Limited, New Asia, and nation's premier automo- B e a r M A X . tive exhibition, from PakWheels.com is the October 25-27, 2024, at official Digital Media Expo Centre Lahore. This Partner, while the Trade year's event will span Development Authority of across all three halls of the Pakistan (TDAP) and the Expo Centre, showcasing Engineering Development the strength and diversity Board (EDB) are vital of over 3,000 large, medi- partners, further strengthum, and small industries ening the event's internafrom across Pakistan. The tional appeal. theme for this year,
"Industrial Pakistan," underscores PAAPAM's commitment to promoting Village, a platform the nation's industrial designed to attract internacapabilities and driving tional buyers from key economic growth through markets like the USA and innovation and collabora- Europe. By promoting the 300,000 visitors, even automotive parts manu-

around 65 local exhibitors Mr. Rehan and 12 sponsors. The show is proudly commented, supported by key spon- Pakistan Auto Parts Show industry, ensuring sustainsors, including Diamond 2024 provides an unparal- able growth and develop-

Association of Automotive Hyundai, LMC, Sazgar, & Accessories MG, and BYD, as well as Manufacturers (PAAPAM) Gold Sponsors Honda is set to host the 19th edi- Atlas Cars Pakistan exchange as part of our

One of the exhibition's primary objectives is to spotlight PAAPAM's Auto Attracting over export of high-quality

> Convener of PAPS-24 "The

Changan, and Suzuki, industry to demonstrate its Platinum Sponsors capabilities to the internacapabilities to the international community. We welcome foreign investment and technology vision for building 'Industrial Pakistan' and propelling our economic growth.

PAPS-24 will feature a wide variety of automotive categories, including passenger cars, buses, tractors, rickshaws, motorcycles, auto parts manufacturers, service providers, machinery makers, toolmakers, and essential services such as accessories, tracking, and insurance.

The exhibition is open to the public from 10 AM to 7 PM daily, offering a unique opportunity to explore cutting-edge innovations and advancements in the automotive industry.

Association of Automotive Parts & amp; Accessories Manufacturers (PAAPAM) represents the interests of automotive parts manufacturers in Pakistan. It aims to promote and protect the

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PAPS-24 promises to be a factured in Pakistan, landmark event featuring PAAPAM aims to 50 international exhibitors, enhance the industry's 53 PAAPAM members, global presence.

Toyota, leled opportunity for our ment. SMEDA launches digital literacy training

Development (SMEDA), in collaboration Bank (ADB), has officially launched a nationwide 'Digital Literacy Training Programme' for women entrepreneurs across

Pakistan. women with essential digital

ty and safety. The digital literacy trainempower women entrepreneurs by providing them with practical tools and insights to navigate the digi-With appropriate knowl- grounds across Pakistan.

and Medium Enterprises will be better positioned to Authority grow, manage, and sustain their businesses in the highly with the Asian Development competitive, yet enabling digital world.

He emphasized the significance of the initiative: "The Digital Literacy Training Programme is one of our flagship initiatives to SMEDA CEO Socrat ensure that women entrepre-Aman Rana said here neurs are not left behind in onSMEDA Friday that this the digital age. There is a initiative seeks to equip significant gap in access to the right digital knowledge skills, empowering them to for women in Pakistan, and harness digital platforms and this programme is designed tools for business growth to close that gap, empowerwhile ensuring they are ing them to fully leverage well-versed in digital securithe digital world for their

business success.' The training programme ing program is designed to has already been successfully rolled out in Layyah, Dera Ghazi Khan, and Karachi with the aim to reach women from diverse socio-economtal landscape effectively. ic and geographical back-

LAHORE (APP): The Small edge, women entrepreneurs SMEDA's goal is to provide equitable access to this vital training, helping women entrepreneurs overcome barriers and achieve success in the digital era.

Participants in the initial phases have expressed enthusiasm about the program's impact. Many have already begun using the new tools and techniques to conduct market research and set up online platforms, showcasing the immediate benefits of the training. Head Women Entrepreneurship Development Department, SMEDA, Ms. Tania Buttar, stated that the programme will continue over the next six months, reaching additional regions across the The long-term country. vision includes providing extended support, helping women seamlessly integrate digital solutions into their businesses and further

streamline their operational

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Tesla's robotaxi event was long on Musk promises

LOS ANGELES (Reuters): For a the signature trappings of businessman who perpetually Musk's salesmanship, but some struggles with broken promises, Elon Musk gave himself quite a they were hoping for more conto-do list Thursday night at crete details on how the compa-Tesla's (TSLA.O), opens new ny plans to transform from an tab long-awaited Hollywood automaker into an autonomous unveiling of its driverless robot-

After traversing the fake studio set in a sleek, silver twodoor "Cybercab" prototype, Musk promised that the company's popular Model 3 and Model Y vehicles would be able to operate without driver supervision in California and Texas by next year.

Musk said the company would start building the fully autonomous Cybercab by 2026 at a price of less than \$30,000, and showed off a robovan capable of transporting 20 people around town - which he said would reshape cities by "turning parking lots into parks.

Later came the dancing humanoid robots that also mixed drinks at the bar, which Musk said Tesla will also eventually sell for \$20,000 to \$30,000 a piece. "I think this will be the biggest product ever, of any kind," he declared.

Thursday night's electronic in the near future. dance music-infused event had

Tesla investors and experts said driving and artificial intelligence titan with a solid business plan.

Tesla shares fell nearly 10% streets of the Warner Bros movie in early trading on Friday. The stock, which has been pummeled in recent years by fears of cheaper EV rivals eating into Tesla's market share, is up nearly 50% since April when Musk announced the shift to robotaxis. Still, shares are down 8% over the last year, compared with a 33% increase in the broad-market S&P 500 index.

"His vision is lovely, but somebody has to actualize it," said Ross Gerber, a Tesla shareholder and CEO of Gerber Kawasaki Wealth Investment Management. "For now, for the next 24 months, Tesla has to sell EVs. Why aren't we focused on that?'

Gerber said he was happy to see products like the Cybercab and the robovan, but hoped to also see a more traditional, lower-priced mass-market vehicle that the company could sell



to sell a car expected to start at about \$25,000, a promise that investors saw as critical to winning new customers. Reuters reported exclusively on April 5 that Tesla had abandoned this project, initially sending Tesla shares down.

Shares of ride-hailing firms Uber (UBER.N), opens new tab and Lyft (LYFT.O), opens new tab were up about 5.8% and 6.9%, respectively, as analysts rivals, but has critical weakness- and camera technology, but layer said the lack of details on Tesla's robotaxis eased competition Musk had for years pledged worries for the companies

'YEARS BEHIND' Tesla is aiming to leapfrog incumbent self-driving players,

including Alphabet's (GOOGL.O), opens new tab Waymo, by pursuing a lower-cost technological path that Musk believes will allow the company to scale up its autonomous vehicles far quicker than rivals.

Tesla's strategy is simpler and much cheaper than that of its self-driving system makes it safety precaution.

nearly impossible to pinpoint why a crash or other failure occurred - something that could concern regulators.

'Tesla software is at least years behind where Waymo is. That's the hard part. No flashy vehicle design is going to change that," said Matthew Wansley, professor at New York's Cardozo School of Law.

Tesla's rivals use similar AI es. Chief among those is that the on so-called redundant systems AI technology underpinning its and more-expensive sensors as a

Poola, co-chief Ramesh investment officer at Creative Planning, which holds Tesla shares, said he was impressed by the presentation but "obviously, we were looking for more details on what exactly his future plans are going to be and how he's going to monetize this new AI and robotics.'

In particular, Poola said he anticipates regulators will pose a "major hurdle" to Musk's plans shift to unsupervised autonomous driving by next year. Tesla's current "Full Self-Driving" driver-assistance feature cannot be operated safely without a human driver paying constant attention.

"He's shown the prototypes and definitely there's some excitement around it," Poola said. But widespread adoption of autonomous Cybercabs, where riders can hail rides through an Uber-style app, are still "maybe three to four years away," he

That is not necessarily a bad thing, Poola said, adding that he will be telling clients not to sell Tesla stock. "There are lots and lots of avenues to monetize this technology," he said. "Cybercab may not necessarily be next year, but down the road, the viability is there.

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In brief

Govt to promote departmental

sports Adviser to the Prime and Public Affairs, Rana Sanaullah, has emphasized the government's commitment to promoting departmental sports, citing it as a top priority for Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. While presiding over the review meeting on the revival of departmental sports here on Friday, Sanaullah, who also holds the portfolio of Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination (IPC) stressed that maintaining departmental sports is a national responsibility for every institution. "We must work together to create a sports-friendly environment that attracts youth and everyone towards games," said. He highlighted the importance of sports in engaging and positively influencing the youth, particularly in the face of negative social media impacts and organized crime. "The future of our generations is linked to sports development and promotion," he said. On revival of departmental sports, Sanaullah directed departments to create their own sports policies for athlete job security. He said steps are being taken to allocate sports quota for recruitment in departments. The formation of a healthy society is connected with sports and the gov-ernment, under the Prime Minister's leadership, is determined to take all necessary steps to promote sports nationwide, he said. Attendees included Federal Secretary for Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination (IPC) Nadeem Irshad Kayani, representatives from Wapda, Ministry

Ronaldo sent fiery message to ex-Real Madrid star

of Railways, Police, NAB, FIA, Higher

Education Commission,

Rangers, Pakistan Navy,

and other departments.

MADRID (Agencies): Portuguese football Cristiano legend Ronaldo has been accused of sending a list of all his trophies achievements, along with a fiery voice note, to Italian foot-Antonio Cassano, Cassano, 42, accused Ronaldo, 39, of sending him a text listing all of the trophies he has won, the goals he has scored, and the statistics from his career, after the Italian left him out of his top 10 list of the greatest players of all time, Goal reported. He mentioned the likes of Lionel Messi, Pele, and Diego Maradona in his list but left out Ronaldo. The claims, made by Cassano, came as he recently appeared on The BSMT Podcast, hosted by Italian radio host Gianluca Gazzoli. During the podcast, former Real Madrid star told Gazzoli that he believed that "Ronaldo is number one". Then, he clarified that he was referring to the former Brazilian football legend who is the thirdhighest goal scorer for his national team and goes by the same name as the five-time Ballon d'Or award winner. "I said Ronaldo is number one, the Brazilian. Cristiano Ronaldo doesn't make my top five, or even top ten, because for me the quality of a player is another thing," Cassano told Gazzoli, during the podcast. The former Roma, AC Milan and Inter Milan star alleged that after his remarks, he got a text message from a number originating from Spain, listing all the trophies, goals and statistics Ronaldo has under his name. "Then he (Ronaldo) sends me a voice note, telling me, 'You disrespected me, don't do anything like that again. You only scored 150

goals, you only won four

trophies.' Perfect.

PCB adds Dar, Azhar, others to | Australia on brink national selection committee

eters to the body.

governing body of cricket the committee. confirmed that the new International

Novak Djokovic proved

his staying power on Friday, beating an opponent 18 years his junior 6-7 (4/7), 6-1, 6-4 to claim the last spot in the Shanghai Masters semi-

The 37-year-old's victo-

ry over the Czech Republic's Jakub Mensik

came a day after one of his

greatest rivals and contem-

poraries, Rafael Nadal,

announced he would retire

number

big battle, it took the best

out of me to win it," said

Djokovic after the match.

ting rallies driving the sta-

break in the ninth game matched immediately by

The veteran pulled

ahead early in the tiebreak,

but seemed to lose focus,

allowing the 19-year-old to come from behind to

The 24-time Grand

breaking in the second and

Mensik in the next.

The first set was closely

fought, with Djokovic's guy," he said.

Slam champion dominated but, you know, I still

the second set though, have the desire to play,"

ered to pile on the pressure tennis' golden era.

dium wild with tension.

Both Djokovic and

seven be

in November.

65th-ranked

Desk): The Pakistan first-class cricketer Aleem serve as the data and Cricket Board (PCB) on Dar. Additionally, Hassan the selection team. Friday announced changes Cheema was also conto the national selection firmed by the board as the committee consisted of privilege, and I am proud to committee, adding some new addition to the commembers such as the caphave contributed to the former Pakistani crick-mittee. Meanwhile, right-tain, head coach, Shafiq, growth and success of In its announcement, the retained his membership of bers. The latest develop-

According to sources, after additions to the committee Javed will oversee other Muhammad include, former cricketer key matters of committee resigned from his position. Aqib Javed, ex-captain while top-order batter Ali Cricket development

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani Mountaineer, Sirbaz Khan is being received at

Djokovic progresses to

Shanghai semi-finals

The Serb, who is aim- again in the third, but another top 10 scalp. It is

Taylor Fritz after the Djokovic called his opporound in Shanghai. He has

American beat Belgium's nent "one of the best play- lost to Djokovic at every

David Goffin 6-3, 6-4 ear- ers we have on the tour", one of their previous nine

crowned

lier on Friday. "Overall, adding "the future is very encounters.

bright for him".

brought serious firepower really dig deep and to on him," said Fritz. to the court, their hard-hit-show to the world that I "I'm only getting

End of an era'

announcement

The fact Djokovic's

ever had" -- was not lost

whelmed, to be honest,

sixth game. Mensik recov- last man standing from time Grand Slam champi-

Islamabad International Airport on his arrival. --APP Photo

Pakistan first-class cricketer Aleem serve as the data analyst for team for 'personal reasons'.

handed batter Asad Shafiq and five non-voting memment comes two weeks Yousuf

In a statement on X, Azhar Ali and former has been tasked with youth Yousuf said: "I announce chores. my resignation as a selector

The 26-year-old Fritz,

who said he grew up

watching Nadal on televi-

sion, said it was "the end

of an era". The American

quickly took charge in the first set of his earlier match, breaking the 66th-ranked Goffin in the sec-

Underdog Goffin --who knocked out second

seed Alexander Zverev in

the last round -- looked

stronger in the second set,

but ultimately couldn't

'We've played a lot of

"I'm only getting better

expected the match-up to

from need all of my speed, all of

compatriot

on Carlos Alcaraz.

World number

place in the semi-finals on

Thursday, as did Mensik's

"It's the final stages of a

winner, gressed past the third

"These kind of matches times and I've never gotten

against teenagers is some- him... (So I'm) waiting for

thing that really motivates that time that, you know,

still got it, you know, and and better, and I'm excited

my legs can still go the for the opportunity to play

distance with the young him." Djokovic said he

triumph came the day tournament, anybody can

after the retirement beat anybody. I'm going to

Nadal -- who he called my precision, all of my

on him. "I'm a bit over- Jannik Sinner booked his

the Serb said of being the Machac, who upset four-

"the greatest rival that I strength," he said.

be tight.

Mensik me... and pushes me to maybe I can get a first win

ond and sixth games.

(Monitoring Council (ICC) umpire and Furthermore, Cheema will for the Pakistan cricket Serving this incredible The previous selection team has been a profound have contributed to the Pakistan Cricket".

Sports

In regard to this, the new roles of the captain, former cricketer head coach, and the nonvoting five members in the new selection team is yet to be announced by the national board in the forthcoming week.

Pakistan to overcome mistakes in next matches

MULTAN (APP): Pakistan Test Captain Shan Masood said that mistakes would be overcome in the next test match and the best team would be selected as per the conditions.

He praised the English cricket team after their commanding performance in the first Test match in Multan, which saw the hosts defeated. Holding a post-match press conference, Masood commended England's approach, saying they provided a valuable lesson on how to find ways to win in challenging situations.

"England played exceptionally well and deserved to win. They have shown us how to carve out a path to victory," Masood remarked. 'We tend to overemphasize the pitch and we expected the pitch in Multan to break down sooner, but we aimed to extend our first innings" he said and added that, unfortunately, the team could not capitalize.

He added that both teams were evenly matched, but conditions changed over five days adding that by Day 4 or 5, the pitch was not the same as Day 1. We were disappointed with the loss, but credit goes to England for playing a smart, well-executed game", he maintained.

The Pakistan skipper expressed regret over missing the opportunity to secure the match. The team had the game set up, but let replicate his feat with it slip away. Moving foring for a 100th singles title Djokovic got a crucial the first time US Open ter to the changing condition Shanghai, will next face break in the fifth game to finalist Fritz has prowork as a team to find solutions," Masood said.

When asked about the absence of key spinner Abrar Ahmed, Masood revealed that the bowler was undergoing treatment in hospital. 'Abrar was seriously unwell during the match due to fever and body aches. We wish him a speedy recovery," Masood said. On the underperformance of Pakistan's star batsmen Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan, Masood defended his teammates. "Babar and Rizwan were our best batsmen, but unfortunately, their form did not click in this match. It

was just bad luck. Looking ahead, Masood promised that Pakistan will field their best team in the second Test. "We will assess the conditions and select accordingly. We have learned a lot from this defeat and will aim to bounce back stronger," he concluded.

thumping Pakistan Australia all but secured their place in the semifinals of the Women's T20 World Cup with a ruthless

Pakistan in Dubai. The reigning champions are two points clear at the Sunday. Pakistan still have top of Group A with three wins from three and, given their high net run-rate, it would take an unlikely set of results to deny them a

The only disappointment injuries will cause conern for Australia on an otherwise comfortable night were injuries to Tayla for just 82, the lowest total

of the World Cup so far. Ashleigh Gardner was the pick of the bowlers, tak- Vlaeminck and Healy. ing 4-21, with Georgia

They then needed just 11 overs to chase down their modest target, Healy top-scoring with 37 from 23 nine-wicket win over

of semis after

balls before retiring hurt. Australia take on India in their final group game on a very slim chance of reaching the semi-finals but will need a win in their final game against New Zealand on Monday.

Australia impress but Australia have won six

of the nine editions of the Women's T20 World Cup Vlaeminck and captain - including the last three-Alyssa Healy. After win-ning the toss, the six-time take something pretty winners skittled Pakistan special to deny them another trophy. However, there will be

concern about the fitness of

Fast bowler Vlaeminck, Wareham and Annabel whose career has been unbeaten 22 from 23 seeing

boundary in the first over of Pakistan's innings. Healy then pulled up running between the wickets and had to be helped from the field in obvious pain.

Injuries aside, it was a complete performance from Australia.

Just four Pakistan batters reached double figures and there were just four boundaries in the entire innings.

Pakistan were 23-2 after the powerplay and the lowest score at a Women's T20 World Cup of 46 looked under threat when they slipped to 39-5.

Aliya Riaz's punchy 26 from 32 balls spared them that embarrassment.

Healy and Mooney's run-a-ball 15 got Australia's chase off to a flying start, with Ellyse Perry's Sutherland claiming two overshadowed by multiple them over the line.



DUBAI: Ashleigh Gardner picked up all of her four wickets at the death.

Pak delegation participates in ITF, ATF AGMs

Pakistan Federation sented the country at the Annual General Meetings

(AGMs) of Tennis International Federation (ITF) and the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF), held in Hong Kong from October 8 to 11.

The AGMs gathered top tennis officials from around the world to dissport, said a press release issued here on Friday. The ATF AGM was

followed by the ITF AGM on October 10 and 11. the Federation. Pakistan's delegation included Senator Salim Saifullah Khan, patron of the PTF and member of Murtaza, member of the ATF Marketing

Committee. Senator Salim Saifullah Kazakhstan

ISLAMABAD (APP):A Pakistan at such a presti- Redha J. Al Ghareeb ward, we need to adapt betdelegation from the gious platform was an (President-Kuwait Tennis
tor to the changing condi-Tennis honour.

plans that will not only boost tennis in Asia but also promote its growth in Pakistan," he said. Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, who was attending the ITF

AGM for the first time as president of the PTF was warmly welcomed by ITF President David Haggerty, ATF President cuss the future of the Polskiy and heads of several national federations.

Aisam said, "It was a very positive and enrichheld on October 8 and 9, ing experience to attend the AGM as President of

We had meaningful interactions with heads of tennis federations worldwide. It was a wonderful ATF), Mr.

Federation), Mr. Mario (PTF) repre- "We discussed strategic Monroy (President-Peru Tennis Federation), Mr. Dietloff von (President-German Tennis Federation), Mr. Iqbal Issack (President-Sri Lanka Tennis Association), Mr. Mutassim Hamood Sangor Zadjali (President-Oman Tennis Association), Cheng Michael (President-Hong Chinese

Tennis Association), Mr. Ceslav Ciuhrii (President-National Tennis Federation of Moldova), and Mr. Eziz Dovletov (President-Turkmenistan Tennis Federation). "I am confident that

the ATF Board of experience, and we made the outcomes of these dis-Directors, Aisam-ul-Haq valuable contacts, includ- cussions will lead to sig-Qureshi, president of PTF ing David Haggerty nificant improvements and Mohammad Ali (President-ITF), Mr. for tennis in Yuriy Polskiy (President-Pakistan.....we will con-Bulat tinue working with all of Utemuratov (President- them to promote and Tennis develop tennis in the said that representing Federation), Mr. Abdul region and our country.'

England complete record-breaking win over Pakistan

MULTAN (Web Desk): Jack Leach took the three wickets England required for a recordbreaking win over Pakistan and a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Though Pakistan began the fifth day six wickets down, Abrar Ahmed was absent through illness, and England were initially held up by Salman Agha and Aamer Jamal adding 109 for the seventh wicket.

Leach needed only four deliveries to trap Salman lbw for 63, then took a sharp caught-and-bowled to remove Shaheen Shah Afridi. Naseem Shah charged to be stumped, giving Leach 4-30 in his first Test since January.

Pakistan's 220 all out left England victors by an innings and 47 runs. No team in Test history has ever conceded as many as the 556 as England did in Pakistan's first innings then gone on to win by an innings.

It means England have now won on three successive occasions when they have leaked totals in excess of 500. Only once before have England fielded first, been hit for more runs and gone on to win and that was in 1894.

staggering batting effort, when ond Test on the same ground, England amassed their highest beginning on Tuesday. total since 1938, 823-7 declared. Brook's 317



England's first triple-century for made 262, their highest in Tests.

England have now won four consecutive Tests in Pakistan The turnaround was built on a and can win the series in the sec-

> England do it again in Pakistan

England's 3-0 win in Pakistan 34 years and his 454-run part- two years ago was unprecedented nership with Joe Root, who and one of their all-time great series triumphs. In the canon of achievements are astonishing. The their best overseas wins, this victory is made all the more probably does not quite touch the 2022 opener in Rawalpindi or their defeat of India in Hyderabad earlier this year, yet it will live long in the memory because of the mind-boggling numbers.

Even with the context of an extremely flat pitch and some fragile opponents, England's batting impressive given the tourists' short preparation time, inexperienced bowling attack and continued absence of captain Ben Stokes.

Stokes stepped up his return from a hamstring injury during

three frontline seamers, most England's acceleration towards victory by bowling Abdullah Shafique from the first ball of Pakistan's second innings.

The hosts' unravelling to 152-6 by the end of the fourth day, still 115 behind, meant their only realistic hope on the final day was avoiding the unwanted record for an innings defeat.

Jamal, who was dropped twice on Thursday, was hit on the head by Brydon Carse in the solitary moment of discomfort Pakistan experienced in the first hour. Salman backed up his firstinnings century, only to be pinned on the front pad when England turned to left-arm spinner Leach. Jamal attacked Carse's bouncers, producing a steepling top edge that Ollie Pope dropped while

back-pedalling from square leg. But Jamal was left stranded on 55 when Leach got Shaheen and Naseem in the space of four balls, giving England only their second Test win by an innings in Asia, and first since 1976.

Pakistan plumb new depths This is another humiliating back into the series.

this first Test, bowling in the defeat for Pakistan, who are middle during intervals. He enduring one of the worst perilooks close to being fit for the ods in their history. Beaten by second Test. The skipper would the USA at the T20 World Cup probably come in for one of the in June, Pakistan are on an awful run in Test cricket, their likely Chris Woakes, who began winless streak at home now extended to 11 matches.

This is also their third humbling in as many Tests following Bangladesh's stunning 2-0 series win here just over a month ago. Overall, captain Shan Masood has lost all six Tests in charge and is under huge pressure. In Jason Gillespie they have an experienced and calm head coach, though even the Australian will wonder how he can inject some confidence into his team.

Their batting is inconsistent, talented pace bowlers Naseem and Shaheen are short of their best and Pakistan wilted in the field, both physically and tactically, in the face of England's relentless run-scoring.

One certain change for the second Test will be a replacement for Abrar, though his replacement is unclear. Spinners Noman Ali and Zahid Mahmood were released from the Pakistan squad for the first Test. It is a tight turnaround to the next contest. It is hard to see what Pakistan can do in order to battle



In brief

IRSA releases 132,200 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Friday released 132,200 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 99,200 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Dam was 1536.49 feet and was 138.49 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 51,700 cusecs and cusecs respectively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1205.80 feet, which was 155.80 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded as 10,300 cusecs and 35,000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa , Guddu and Sukkur was recorded as 69,500, 69,400, 56,600 and 16,500 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 22,500 cusecs of water released at Nowshera released from River Chenab at Marala.

IESCO issues power shutdown

programme SLAMABAD (APP): Electric Islamabad Company (IESCO) on Friday issued a power suspension programme for Saturday for various areas of its region due to necessary maintenance and routine development According to IESCO Spokesperson, power supply of different feeders and grid stations would remain suspended for the period from 07:00 AM to 13:00 PM, Islamabad Circle, H-8, NPCC-1, Shifa International, I-I-8/2, H-8/2, Carriage Factory, Kand Feeders, Rajgaon Cantt Mehboob Shaheed, Park View, Pindi Board, Jail Park, Car Chowk, Chaklala PAECHS, Old Rawat, CWO, Sparco, DHA Homes, Basali, Pind Feeders, Rawalpindi City Circle, Complex Khayaban Sir Syed Dhok Hassu Pirwadhai, Quaid Abad, Muslimabad, Gulzar Shaheed, Ahsanabad Industrial, Social Security, Bagh Sardaran, Officer Colony, Radio Pak Rajahabad, Pindhoon, I-14/3, Noon, I-16/1 , HPT Radio Pak Lakho Road, Ameer Hamza, Officer Colony Feeders, Attock Circle, Air University, PM Housing Colony, Qaziabad Feeders, Chakwal Circle, Rawal, Bahrpur, Kariala, KSM Bhawan, Sarkal, Mureed, Al Qaim Mills Feeders, Jhelum Circle, Ajmal Shaheed, F-7 Kachhari, Abbaspura Feeders.

ICT admin target

'agent mafia' ISLAMABAD, Oct 11 (APP):The Islamabad district administration on Friday launched a campaign against unauthorized agents operating near government offices in the Federal Capital and arrested 6 agents. According to the spokesman of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration, agents were arrested outside the Passport Office in G-10 area, marking a step toward curbing this illegal activity. In a recent move to tackle the presence of unauthorized agents near government buildings, the Assistant Commissioner Saddar, Maheen Hassan raided with the district administration teams and arrested these agents. On the occasion, Deputy Commissione Islamabad, Nawaz Memon emphasized the need for daily operations outside all government offices to address the growing issue of unauthorized intermediaries.



Capital

ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Mr. Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salem Al-Zaabi, called on the Acting President Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani. —APP Photo

Naqvi strongly condemns attack on coal miners

Federal minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi has strongly condemned the brutal attack on coal miners in the Duki area of Balochistan, where during this difficult time. 20 workers were tragically killed by armed individuals. deep sorrow over the incident, labeling it a grave tragedy for the nation.

conveyed his heartfelt con- dent will not escape the spectrum expressing their dolences to the families of law," Naqvi declared, vow- condemnation and calling the deceased, offering sym- ing that the perpetrators of for urgent measures to pathy and support to those affected by the loss. "We face the full force of justice. the future.

share the grief of the Naqvi firmly stated that bereaved families equally," those responsible for the he stated, emphasizing the senseless killing of innogovernment's solidarity cent workers would not be with the mourning families granted any leniency,

The minister expressed injured in the attack and the country. reassured the public that justice would be served. miners has sparked wide-In a statement, Naqvi involved in this tragic inci- ers across the political

stressing the need for He also prayed for the accountability and ensuring swift recovery of those the safety of laborers across

The attack on the coal The malicious elements spread outrage, with lead-

ANF recovers 75 kg drugs in eight operations

Anti-Narcotics eight operations across the country managed to recover 75 kg drugs worth over Rs 2,5 million and arrested nine suspects including two women, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Friday. He informed that 1200

kg hashish was recovered from the possession of an 19.2 kg hashish was recov- going on a bike, arrested

(APP): toll plaza, Islamabad. 250 to Mardan. Force grams hashish was recov-(ANF) while conducting ered from the possession of ered from a rickshaw an accused netted in checked in Sheikhupura Korangi area in Karachi. and an accused was arrest-

> confessed to selling drugs kg hashish was recovered to the students of education- from the possession of a institutions. spokesman said that ANF is Hyderabad. In an operation, making efforts for drug-free 5 kg hashish was recovered educational institutions.

arrested from ered from a vehicle inter- near a hotel in Hyderabad. Sector, I-11/3, Islamabad. cepted near Sangjani Toll Cases have been registered 9 kg opium and 3 kg 600 Plaza, Islamabad. 14.4 kg against the arrested susgrams hashish were recov- charras and 4.8 kg opium pects under the Anti-Drug ered from a vehicle round- were recovered from a pared up near the motorway cel sent from Afghanistan tions are under process.

5 kg heroin was recov-

reflecting themes of peace, unity, and progress. The arrested accused ed during the operation. 10 Muhammad Ali Randhawa woman rounded up near expressed his satisfaction with the ongoing progress, noting that these beautificafrom the possession of a In another operation, woman and an accused tion efforts not only aim to showcase Islamabad's natural charm but also underscore its status as a modern, welcoming city for international delegates. CDA is making sure that all beauti-Act and further investigaprojects are completed in time, ensuring that the city

No room for negligence in anti-dengue activities

Rawalpindi ongoing anti-dengue campaign in the district, for showing any negligence.

while chairing a meeting after issuing the certifiof duties.

strict absent officers through internal monitoring.

RAWALPINDI (APP): directed the health teams zens to adopt dengue pre-C o m m i s s i o n e r to revisit the government ventive measures, follow Division, departments to check san- SOPs and play their due Engineer Aamir Khattak itation and dengue larvae, role in the fight against on Friday warned the per- and urged the health teams dengue. "We only need sonnel deployed for the to take stern actions cooperation from the pubagainst dengue SOPs vio- lic to the extent that they lations if found in depart- keep their houses clean ments.

instructed to ensure the were sealed. "There is no room for quality of anti-dengue negligence in anti-dengue activities as well as to prohas been imposed against activities", he said. The vide full awareness to the dengue SOPs since

and report to the hospital According to the "Departments where immediately in details, the commissioner larvae are found even fever", he added. where immediately in case of

Earlier during the meeton the dengue situation in cate will be sealed", he ing, the health officials Rawalpindi directed the said and added that in briefed that actions were concerned quarters to high-risk union councils, being taken against the ensure strict compliance duties of divisional heads violators. It was apprised for internal monitoring that during the last 24 He instructed for the have been assigned with hours, 49 FIRs were regisactions against zero tolerance on absence. tered in, 11 challans were commissioner served and 13 buildings

A fine of Rs 1,34,500.0

further citizens. He urged the citi- January this year. commissioner RDA seals 601 under-construction buildings amid violations concerns

anti-dengue efforts.

Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) taking strict action against the Standard dengue Procedures Muhammad Operating construction buildings.

According to a RDA had spokesman, RDA had accelerated its ongoing operation against the According to a RDA had accelerated its ongoing operation against the Murtaza, strict enforce
health department authorities to ensure compliance with the necessary SOPs.

Director Admin and SOPs violators to control dengue.

here, held National taken against the viola-Assembly, Haji Pervaiz tors. and Tayyab Qureshi, R coordinator anti-dengue campaign emphasized the need for RDA and the issued by the Punjab gov- areas.

must be fully implement- larvae, Haji Pervaiz said approved private housing

tolerated, he warned. During the meeting, SOPs.

Dengue Focal Person, housing societies during Dawood the peak dengue season (SOPs) sealed 601 under- gave detailed briefing on in collaborating with health informed that authorities to ensure

> former with the law was being RDA had sealed 601 under-construction build-Director ings during the campaign Relations. against dengue started on Muhammad

The current weather Naseem, Haji Pervaiz said that conditions are conducive Director BC Rimsha and all anti-dengue SOPs for breeding of dengue representatives of the ed. Any negligence in and underscored the schemes attended the this regard would not be importance of strictly meeting.

adhering to anti-dengue

Assistant Director, He highlighted the Building Control and critical role of private department

Murtaza, strict enforcement of dengue SOPs is Finance RDA, Asif engue. underway and strict Mahmood Janjua, Deputy
Chairing a meeting action in accordance Director Finance, Muhammad Junaid Taj Bhatti, Deputy Director Building Control, Atif Mehmood, Deputy Public Hafiz Irfan, housing schemes to September 1, in Dhok Assistant Director ensure full compliance Munshi, Jalal Deen, Finance, Arshad Javed, with anti-dengue SOPs Kotha Kalan and other Assistant Director Mehwish Planning Assistant

Gilani calls for promoting cooperation with UAE

President Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Friday said that Pakistan greatly valued its long-standing relationship with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and highlighted the importance of enhancing bilateral cooperation in key sectors such as Information Technology, renewable energy, agriculture and tourism.

on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

CDA

embarks on

beautification

drive

Islamabad is undergoing a citywide beautification drive ahead of the highly

Cooperation Organization

tive aimed at enhancing

the city's aesthetic appeal.

designed peacock struc-

tures, and decorative

globes strategically placed

at prominent locations

These installations sym-

bolize Islamabad's commit-

ment to hosting international

events in style and with

grandeur. The city's main

roads, intersections, and

public spaces are being

adorned with seasonal flow-

ers, adding a burst of color

and life to the urban land-

scape. Iconic figures, includ-

ing peacocks, butterflies, and

globes, have been installed,

presents a warm and visual-

y stunning environment

for the summit's partici-

pants and visitors alike.

Chairman

throughout the capital.

Shanghai

intricately

ISLAMABAD

anticipated

displays,

(SCO) summit.

applauded the vision of the energy. He further ple-to-people linkages late Sheikh Zayed bin informed that the UAE between the two countries.

UAE and extended condo- tate His Highness's close faminomic cooperation. ly members, late Sheikh The acting president Tahnoun bin Mohamed Al apprised the ambassador Nahyan and late Sheikh Hazza bin Sultan.

bilateral relations between Pakistan and the UAE brothers and sisters. The acting president have been following an expressed these views upward trajectory over the upward trajectory over the while talking to the years. UAE has encour- Pakistanis were also dis-Ambassador of UAE aged its companies to cussed and it was decided Hamad Obaid Ibrahim invest in Pakistan, particuto make the visa process Salem Al-Zaabi, who called larly in the areas of commore efficient and accessimunications,

Yousaf Raza Gilani change and

Sultan Al Nahyan in the would like to increase the economic transformation of number of flights to facilitravelling and lences on the sad demise of strengthen bilateral eco-

The acting president about the All Parties Conference (APC) held on During the meeting, the ambassador stated that consistent and unequivocal support to our Palestinian

> During the meeting, visa difficulties for climate ble for promoting economrenewable ic development and peo-

Pakistan is heading in the right direction, says Muqam

Federal Minister for State Capital Development Authority (CDA) has launched a detailed initiaand Frontier Region, Kashmir Baltistan (GB) Affairs, Engineer Amir Muqam, the city's aesthetic appeal, featuring vibrant floral dence that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan was heading in the right direction, where the country was successfully reviving its foreign ties, particularly with Saudi Arabia.

In an interview with the PTV news channel, he said, This renewed diplomatic effort is crucial for stimulating economic growth and combating inflation."

He also expressed heart-

Amir Muqam had con-

gratulated the nation on Pakistan's economic stabilirelentless efforts and visionary leadership for this progress. "Continued pubwill yield further positive nation's developments in the near future," Muqam stressed.

Responding to a query, said, "Khyber

(APP): felt gratitude to the Saudi emphasizing the need for government for their unwa- the provincial government vering support of Pakistan. to prioritize stability and public welfare.'

"To achieve lasting peace, the KPK governty and improving conditions, crediting Prime nomic development, boost-minister Shehbaz Sharif's ing industries, and creating ing industries, and creating jobs, particularly for young individuals," he added.

Muqam emphasized the lic trust and support for the importance of collective Prime Minister's initiatives efforts in overcoming the expressing pride Pakistan's resilience and progress despite adversity.
"Unity and cooperation

Pakhtunkhwa (KP) fragile are crucial in addressing peace requires urgent atten- economic, social, and secution beyond politics, rity issues," he stressed.

Ayaz declares modern education necessary for girls

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker of the National tion of girls' rights, their ing their participation in Assembly Sardar Ayaz proper upbringing, and all sectors of life is crucial Sadiq on Friday suggested ensuring their education for the nation's social and that the modern education and health are top priori- economic development, & training must for the ties. He said that Islam he added. girls for the survival of and the Constitution of future generations.

In a message on the equal rights. occasion of ing the protection of girls' rights and the challenges they being faced.

discrimination.

He said that the protec- sisting of women, ensur-

He also highlighted that Pakistan provide women legislation to prevent child The marriages is a testament to the Constitution of the count the government's commitfication and infrastructural International Day of the try guarantees children, ment to protecting chil-Girl Child, he said the day both boys and girls aged 5 dren from exploitation. holds great significance in to 16, the right to free edu- The Parliamentary Caucus highlighting and address- cation without any gender on Child Rights is actively working to ensure the wel-"With over half of the fare and protection of chilcountry's population con- dren, he said.

Islamabad Traffic Police issues Diversion Plan for SCO Summit

a comprehensive traffic diversion ensure smooth travel. plan for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit, scheduled for October 14, 15, and 16, 2024.

Over 1,100 traffic officers will be deployed across the city to manadvised to use alternative routes to avoid inconvenience caused by road closures and diversions due to high profile movement.

According to the ITP spokesperson, traffic traveling from Peshawar native routes. These roads will proto Rawat via GT Road will be diverted through Taxila, Motorway, Chakri Interchange, Chak Beli Road, and Rawat. Drivers are urged to follow these routes to avoid the blocked roads during the summit.

rected to Rawat, Chak Beli Road,

Traffic coming from Margalla Road heading towards Rawalpindi will be diverted to 9th Avenue. Additionally, traffic from Faisal Road signal, providing Avenue to Zero Point will also be route during the event. age traffic flow. Citizens are redirected to 9th Avenue, ensuring a clear route for other vehicles.

For those commuting from Bhara Kahu to Rawalpindi, the police have recommended using Korang Road, Bani Gala, and Lehtrar Road as altervide easier access for vehicles traveling during the summit. Traffic coming from Rawalpindi to Islamabad

Chakri Interchange, Motorway, and Expressway will be completely traffic during the summit.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Taxila. The ICT Police have advised closed. Citizens can use the service Traffic Police (ITP) have announced motorists to use these alternatives to road as an alternative route to bypass this closure. For those traveling from Colonel Sher Khan Shaheed Road to Faizabad, the police have instructed to use 9th Avenue from the Stadium Road signal, providing an accessible

> Heavy traffic traveling from Peshawar to Lahore will be diverted through Taxila, Motorway, Tarnol Phatak, and Fateh Jang Road Interchange. Similarly, heavy traffic traveling from Lahore to Islamabad and Rawalpindi via GT Road will be redirected to Chak Beli Road and Chakri Interchange, Motorway.

The spokesperson further stated will be redirected to 9th Avenue via that from October 14 to 16, all types Saddar and Murree Road. Motorists of heavy traffic will be restricted should use these alternative roads to from entering Islamabad. Citizens are Vehicles traveling from Lahore to avoid congestion on the usual routes. requested to cooperate with the traffic Peshawar via GT Road will be redi-Point and Koral Chowk on the routes to ensure a smooth flow of



ISLAMABAD: CDA gardeners beautified green blet at Taramri Chowk with beautiful artificial flowers and fancy lights in preparation for upcoming the 23rd Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit.

IE's envoy presents credentials to Uzbek

KABUL(BNA): Sheikh Abdul Ghafar Bahr, the Acting Ambassador of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan in Uzbekistan, has officially submitted a copy of his credentials to Bakhtiyor Saidov, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan. During the meeting, Minister Saidov warmly welcomed Sheikh Bahr and described the submission of the credentials as a significant step in enhancing diplomatic relations between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan.

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Afghanistan reaches **self-sufficiency in producing diesel** KABUL (Ariana News): Officials from the

Union of Crude Oil Refining Factories say Afghanistan has reached self-sufficiency in producing diesel fuel by 80 percent. The union officials stated that the private sector has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in the country's crude oil refining field, and this complex is developing day by day. They added that the crude oil currently being refined in domestic factories is equal to international standards.

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

US envoy says Afghan women and girls face devastating mental health crisis

KABUL (Khaama Press): U.S. Special Envoy for Girls, and Human Rights, Rina Amiri, said on Friday that Afghans, especially women and girls, are facing a devastating mental health crisis due to the Taliban's extremist policies.

As we commemorate World Mental Health Day, I want to draw attention to the devastating mental health crisis faced by Afghans, especially women & girls, due to the Taliban's alarming & extreme policies," Amiri said.

"We must all be resolute in supporting them in the struggle for their rights," she added. Over the past three years, the Taliban has widespread imposed restrictions on the private and public lives of Afghan

citizens, especially women. Previously, the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) reported that the Taliban's enforcement of the "Amr bil Ma'roof" law has significantly increased mental health pressures on Afghan women. The UN agency further stated that the restrictions under this law have left many Afghan women feeling hopeless, depressed, and angry.

The continued impact of

the Taliban's harsh policies is worsening the mental health situation in

Afghanistan, particularly among women who bear the brunt of these oppressive restrictions. Global support and action are critical to addressing the mental crisis

Afghanistan, with a focus on protecting the rights and well-being of women and girls in Afghanistan.

Iran deports 270,000 Åfghan **Migrants**

KABUL (TOLONews): Hossein Sharafati, Director Foreign General Nationals and Migrants of Khorasan Razavi, Iran, says that over 270,000 illegal Afghan migrants have been deported from Iran in the past six months.

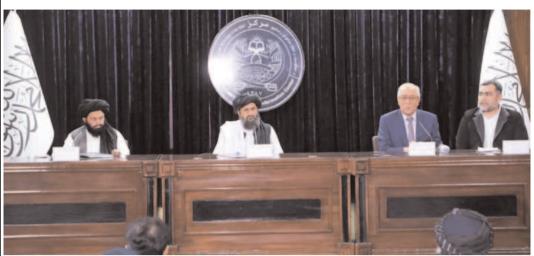
In an interview with Iranian media, Sharafati said that none of the Afghan migrants, whether legal or illegal, have the right to reside or work in certain cities of the country.

The Director General of Foreign Nationals and Migrants of Khorasan Razavi said: "None of the Afghan nationals, whether authorized or unauthorized, have the right to reside or work in the seven border cities of the province, and identifying these individuals has become a priority for relevant authorities."

At the same time, some Afghan migrants residing in Iran say they are facing numerous challenges, such as forced deportation and being denied the right to work in the country. They have called on the caretaker government to address their challenges. Mohammad Akbar Soltani, an Afghan migrant in Iran, said: "In a shop, a company, or a store, migrants are not allowed to work. The Afghan passport has no value.

Meanwhile, some migrant rights activists say that the host government must treat Afghan migrants better. Alireza Karimi, a migrant rights activist, said: "Iran, as a host to a large number of Afghan migrants, is obligated to treat them in a humane and just manner in accordance with international laws.'

Afghanistan signs \$1 billion Gas extraction contract with Ariel group



KABUL(BNA): The Ministry of of Uzbekistan. Mines and Petroleum officially signed a gas extraction contract for the Tooti Gas Field Block in Jowzjan Province with the Uzbek company, Ariel Group.

The signing ceremony took this contract signifies a deepen-place at the Government Media ing of cooperation between the Center, attended by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, Deputy

event, Mr. Uzbekistan and Afghanistan, emphasizing that the signing of two nations. He further noted that this partnership would cre-

collaboration.

Additionally, Mr. Ergashev Ergashev highlighted the robust reaffirmed Uzbekistan's commitand amicable relations between ment to continuing its support for Afghanistan and expressed intentions to facilitate job opportunities for many Afghans within a shared market framework.

In conjunction with this, Mullah Hidayatullah Badri,

meters and is part of the Amu Darya Basin located in Jowzjan Province. He revealed that Ariel Group, in collaboration with its Afghan partner Kam Energy, is set to invest \$100 million in the first year, with a total investment of \$1 billion over the next ten years.

Moreover, Minister Badri stated that, under the terms of this agreement, the company would generate 100 megawatts of elec-tricity from gas within the first two years, representing a signifi-cant advancement in enhancing electricity supply in the region.
Furthermore, the Ariel Group

is expected to undertake a two dimensional survey covering at least 1,500 square kilometers and three-dimensional survey of 1,000 kilometers within the first three years. This comprehensive approach aims to uncover new gas resources and facilitate pro essional extraction practices.

It is essential to note that the initial year of this contract will serve as a trial period; should the company fail to fulfill its Prime Minister for Economic ate numerous job opportunities Acting Minister of Mines and commitments within the first Affairs, and Ismatullo Ergashev, for Afghan workers, underscor- Petroleum, provided insights into year, the contract will be subspecial Envoy of the President ing the mutual benefits of this the Tooti Gas Field Block, which ject to termination.

Germany to deport Afghan migrants with criminal records



KABUL (TOLONews): Nancy Faeser, Germany's minister of interior, has announced the deportation of Afghan migrants with criminal backgrounds from the country.

Nancy Faeser said in a parliamentary session that they will continue their plan to return Afghan criminals and will deport more individuals.

The German Interior Minister said: "In general, not only concerning criminals from Syria and Afghanistan. Unlike all our European neighbors, we have now, for the first time, returned people to Afghanistan. Deporting dangerous individuals contributes to Germany's internal security, and it's a good signal that we have done this.'

At the same time, the acting Minister for Refugees and Repatriation also met with the European Union ambassador in Kabul. During the meeting, they discussed the issues of migrants in Pakistan and Iran and the forced deportation of Afghan refugees by Germany and other European countries.

Abdul Mutalib Haqqani, the spokesperson for the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation, said: "In that meeting, the challenges faced by Afghan migrants in Iran and Pakistan were discussed, and there were talks about preventing the deportation of some Afghans from Germany and European countries.

Meanwhile, several migrant rights activists say that migrants in other countries should abide by the laws of those countries. Ali Reza Karimi, a migrant rights activist, said: "To prevent such situations and build a better life in Germany, migrants should avoid any criminal acts, learn the German language, and respect the culture of Germany and the host country.

Asifa Stanakzai, another migrant rights activist, said: 'Residents of Germany must respect the German Constitution and avoid anything that harms the interests of the community." These statements by the German Interior Minister come as Germany deported 28 Afghans accused of crimes at the end of August this year.

Russia emphasizes importance of continuing talks with IE

KABUL (TOLONews): Grigory Karasin, the head of the International Affairs Committee of the Russian Federation Council, called the continuation of talks with Afghanistan's interim government important.

In a meeting on Central Asia egional security held in regional Dushanbe, Tajikistan, this Russian official added that the interim government now holds power in Afghanistan, and dialogue with it is essential to maintain peace and

stability in Central Asia.

TASS news agency quoted Karasin as saying: "It appears important to continue dialogue with the Taliban movement in power [in Afghanistan] in order to maintain peace and stability in Central Asia."

Afghanistan in all areas and coop- peaceful development." erate with this country; this will be beneficial for the region and other

Minister of Tajikistan sees peaceful cooperation, these projects cannot be with the interim government.



talks aimed at forming an inclusive government in Afghanistan as beneficial for the country.

Sodik Imom, Deputy Foreign Minister of Tajikistan, said: "That is why our countries agree that peaceful dialogue aimed at forming an inclusive government with the participation of representatives of all political and ethnic forces of "The countries of the region Afghanistan is an important guar-should have good relations with antee for this country's transition to

realized," said Hewad Zazai, another political analyst.

Although the Islamic Emirate

has not commented on the remarks of Tajikistan's Deputy Foreign Minister, it expressed appreciation for the statement of the head of the International Affairs Committee of the Russian Federation Council regarding the continuation of talks with the interim government.

Hamdullah Fitrat, d

spokesperson of the Islamic Emirate, said: "We welcome the positive stance of the head of the International Affairs Committee of the Russian Federation Council. It is indeed a fact that dialogue between the Islamic Emirate and regional countries is important for regional stability and the expansion of relations.'

Russia is one of the countries that has hosted several regional to 195 million afghani, "Afghanistan is an important part meetings on Afghan issues in the of the region, and if the region wants past three years, and in the sixth process will continue countries," said Sayed Akbar Sial peace and to implement large eco-Wardak, a political analyst.

Sial peace and to implement large eco-moscow Consultative Format meeting, the country's foreign min-Meanwhile, the Deputy Foreign Afghanistan. Without Afghanistan's ister also stressed pragmatic talks

Breshna company collects 195 million

from Da Breshna Afghanistan Sherkat (Afghanistan's electricity company) have announced the collection of 195 million afghani ir debt owed to the compa ny by former government officials over the past three years.

Hik matullah Maiwandi, the spokesperson for the company, said that the process of collecting these debts is still ongoing.

Maiwandi said:

"Politicians and powerful figures who owed the Breshna Company have Consultative Format until all the debts are paid.

Meanwhile, residents of the capital expressed satisfaction with the col-lection of debts from former government officials stating that the collected funds should be reinvest ed in the country.

These residents also called on Breshna offi cials to consider the economic challenges faced by citizens and work towards reducing elec tricity prices, as well as addressing the ongoing issues with power out

Abdulrahman, a resident of Kabul, told TOLOnews: demand is that since there is little work and people are unemployed, it would be very helpful if the electricity fees were sig nificantly reduced.'

Haroon, another resi dent of Kabul, said: "Our request from the Islamic Emirate is to stop importelectricity abroad.

The money that has deposited been Breshna's account should invested

Afghanistan's power sector." Mirois, also a Kabul resident, said: "The collected funds should be spent on building dams to prevent power outages during the upcoming winter."

At the same time, some economic experts have consistently emphasized that Breshna should use the collected debts to invest in energy production from various sources within the country.

Amnesty: HR Council fails to address human rights crisis

KABUL (Khaama Press): Amnesty International has stated that the United Nations Human Rights Council's resolution on Afghanistan has failed to provide an adequate response to the escalating human rights crisis in the country. The organization asserts that the Taliban continues to

suppress the rights of the Afghan people. In a statement released on Thursday, October 10, Amnesty International noted that while the UN Human Rights Council extended Richard Bennett's mandate, it still did not establish an independent international accountability mechanism for the ongoing situation in Afghanistan. Smriti Singh, Amnesty International's regional direc-

tor for South Asia, criticized the Human Rights Council for failing to provide adequate support for justice to the people of Afghanistan, who have placed their hopes in the international community. Amnesty International warned that the shortcomings

in this resolution leave brave activists, particularly women human rights defenders, journalists, and others who continue their work in the face of repression, in a precarious situation. The organization emphasized the urgent need for UN member states to act swiftly to establish an independent international accountability mechanism. This would ensure that those responsible for human rights violations are held accountable.

Hillary Power from Human Rights Watch described the latest resolution of the UN Human Rights Council as another failure for the body.

She noted that despite repeated requests from human rights groups, the Council has not created a mechanism for holding the Taliban accountable for human rights violations.

The ongoing human rights violations in Afghanistan, particularly against women and girls, are exacerbating the dire humanitarian crisis in the country. With the Taliban's strict regulations prohibiting women from participating in public life and education, the prospects for future generations are bleak.

These violations not only undermine the dignity and rights of Afghan women but also hinder the country's overall development and stability.

As the international community grapples with the crisis, it is crucial to advocate for stronger mechanisms that ensure accountability and protection of human rights in Afghanistan. Supporting local and international efforts to document abuses and demand justice can empower the voices of those affected and contribute to fostering a more inclusive and just society.

Otunbayeva: Intl Day of the **Girl Marked With Sorrow**

(TOLONews): KABUL Special Otunbayeva, the Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNAMA, said on October 11th, on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl, that this day is being commemorated with sorrow in Afghanistan.

Otunbayeva, referring to the 1,120-day ban on girls above the sixth grade, said that with each passing day, girls and women in the country suffer more, and Afghanistan is being pushed backward. She called on the interim government to bring change to the current path of the country.

Regarding this, Roza Otunbayeva said: "I take this opportunity to again appeal to the de facto authorities to change course. I also promise to Afghanistan's women and girls that the efforts of girls. we will not cease to speak up for them, even when others seek to silence them."

"If they are willing to grant these Emirate can establish good relations with the world and even gain international recognition," said Zakiullah Mohammadi, a university professor.

At the same time, the British

Afghan girls on this day.

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), in a statement on this day, political analyst.

Embassy for Afghanistan also sup-



The British Embassy Afghanistan wrote in a newsletter: "Today is International Day Of The Girl. We celebrate the strength, rights to our sisters, the Islamic resilience and potential of girls in Afghanistan. Despite the challenges their dreams remain vibrant. The UK supports their right to education, health, and a future of their choos-

"Every day the doors of schools consistently emphasized remain closed to girls, I believe that women's rights in the count ported the right to education for we will not be able to make up for ensured and that the ban on girls this. After three years, this loss is attending classes is temporary. irreparable," said Salim Paigir, a The UN General Assembly, by

in a tailoring workshop with her mother for the past year, says that being deprived of education has made her lose hope for a better future. Hafasa told TOLOnews: "I was a

seventh-grade student when I could

no longer attend school, and I have

been working here for a year now. wanted to become a doctor.' The Islamic Emirate has not yet commented on this matter, but it has that women's rights in the country are

passing a resolution in 2011, declared said that collective action is needed to protect the rights of girls, and for this reason, investment must be made in grade student and has been working October 11th the International Day of the Girl to achieve girls' rights and

Islamic Emirate Distributes Aid After Poppy Ban, Farmers Seek Alternatives

chemical fertilizers have farmers. been distributed to farmers

across the nation.

KABUL (TOLONews): Irrigation, and Livestock, Following the ban on stressed that this quantity of poppy cultivation in the materials has been distribcountry, nearly 100,000 uted in cooperation with Irrigation, and Livestock tons of improved seed vari- domestic and international eties and 200,000 tons of organizations to support

the end of the current solar been Ministry of Agriculture, distributed to farmers improved seeds is currently vide alternative crops for us

nationwide.

Ministry of Agriculture, tributed to farmers.'

The spokesperson for the provinces and is being dis-

Meanwhile, some farmsand tons of improved ing for more support from seeds and 200,000 tons of the ministry for alternative Mustaeen added that by chemical fertilizers have crops to poppies. "Wheat distributed. and corn do not meet our the spokesperson of the improved seeds will also be tion of 53,000 tons of the government is to pro-

underway in various instead of opium," said Kabir, the political deputy Hamidullah, a farmer.

"There are seven people Islamic Emirate, in the first in my family who need to be meeting of the High said: "One hundred thou- ers in the country are call- fed, and the government Commission for Combating must help us in place of pop-pies; they should distribute international community improved seeds or chemical must fulfill its commitfertilizers because our econ- ments in the fight against at the third Doha meeting made to assist Afghan Misbahuddin Mustaeen, year, another 53,000 tons of Additionally, the distribuneeds, and our request from omy is very weak," said narcotics in Afghanistan. Jamaluddin, another farmer.

Prime Minister of the Narcotics, said that the

Earlier, Mawlawi Abdul tant discussions were held that the commitments will be fulfilled.



regarding

alternative farmers and the agricultur-Kabir said that impor- crops, and he is hopeful al sector of Afghanistan

Pak-S Arabia Ministers agree to increase trade

Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal, on Friday emphasized Pakistan's commitment to increasing its trade volume with Saudi Arabia by collaborat-

test of time. However, he stressed that tionship with modern realities by enhancing trade. "Our political rela- added. tionship will strengthen with robust economic cooperation," the minister

Reflecting on the beginning of I was entrusted with the responsibili-Pakistan secured \$25 billion in investments under CPEC.

was keen on joining CPEC projects. "Unfortunately, due to the poor poli-

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for growth. To achieve this, the government created the 5Es framework, which, according to the minister, was developed after consulting 1,000 opinion leaders and sector experts.

Discussing Pakistan's future trajecing with the current Saudi leadership. tory, the minister said that the coun-During a meeting with Saudi try's most pressing challenge over the Investment Minister Khalid Bin next 5-7 years would be increasing Abdulaziz Al Faleh, the minister exports. "Our weakness is that, over highlighted that trade between the the past 77 years, we have failed to two countries stood at \$4.6 billion in adopt an export-led growth strategy." 2022. He stated that the relationship He further noted that a significant between the two countries was challenge Pakistan faces is the capacunique and had always withstood the ity of low-skilled labor working in Saudi Arabia. "If the labor class the challenge now is to align the rela-returns to Pakistan, it will result in a considerable decrease in FDI," he

The minister suggested training Pakistan's workforce and upgrading their technical capabilities to retain them within the Saudi economy. Both Chinese cooperation in the form of sides discussed areas in which bilat-CPEC projects, he recalled, "In 2013, eral trade could be increased. The minister pointed out that both county of launching a game-changing tries could export meat to third-world project with China. It started with a countries, as Pakistan's agricultural piece of paper, and within 3-4 years, products are on par with those from developed nations.

Highlighting Pakistan's position as Quoting the success of CPEC, the the third-largest milk producer in the minister added that by 2017, Pakistan world, the minister noted that had reached a point where every Pakistan's livestock provides an aver-American and European businessman age yield of 1,800 liters, whereas the provision of portable water to its popglobal standard is 6,000-8,000 liters. He stated that increasing agricultural cies of the then-new government, our productivity is a key focus for the policies were discontinued, weaken- government. "Our agricultural prod- next five years and extended his

bilize the economy for long-term Saudi Arabia's vast natural resources, the Planning Minister praised the Kingdom for effectively transforming its deserts into water-rich regions.

The minister also pointed out that a planet with 70% water should not face water scarcity. He referred to the possibility of desalination through both power generation and chemical methods. "In 2013, solar power cost 12 cents per unit; today, it is much cheaper," he noted. The minister suggested that Saudi Arabia lead a proj ect focused on desalination technolo gy, with research facilitated by China. Both sides expressed optimism about the immense potential offered by the Pakistan-Saudi-China partnership.

Highlighting Pakistan's Vision 2025, the minister said it was a threepronged agenda that also included Vision 2035 and Vision 2047. He explained that Pakistan's goal is to become a trillion-dollar economy by 2035 and a three-trillion-dollar economy by 2047, which will coincide with the country's centennial celebrations of independence. "To celebrate that milestone with positive zeal Pakistan will greatly value the collaboration of its Saudi friends," he added. On the occasion, the Saudi Minister announced that Saudi Arabia is working on lowering the cost of desalination, which will enable the ulation. He also expressed his willingness to share the Kingdom's National Transformation Plan for the ing the economy," he remarked. ucts can compete with those of New cooperation in making Pakistan a tril-When the current government took Zealand and Denmark if we improve lion-dollar economy.



forum on 'Interrelation of Times and Civilizatins - Basis of Peace and Development', being held at Turkmenistan.

Full court reference for CJP set for 25th

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court's registrar issued a notice of full court reference over the matter of retirement of Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa.

According to the notice, the full court reference would take place on October 25. Senior lawyers including Supreme Court Bar Association president have been invited. It merits mention that the Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa is retiring on October 25.

Earlier, in an informal conversation with journalists at the start of the new judicial year, the outgoing chief justice was asked about a statement by Rana Sanaullah suggesting that if the retirement age for all judges were extended, the chief justice might agree to an extension himself. The CJ responded that Rana Sanaullah should brought before him.

During that meeting, it was discussed that the tenure of all chief justices would be extended, but he made it clear that he would not accept an extension for himself, although he had no objection if it applied to other judges.

Trump, Kamala locked in close race

WASHINGTON Democratic candidate Kamala Harris and her Republican rival Donald Trump are locked in a dead heat race for the presidency in the United States less than month before the vote. new Wall Street Journal poll suggests. According to the data, published on Friday, the vice president and former president are within two percentage points of one another in six of the seven battleground states that will ultimately decide the next president.

In the poll, while Harris led in the states of Arizona, Georgia and Michigan, Trump was ahead in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Nevada. All the results are within the margin of error with the exception of Nevada, where Trump is led by 5 percent in the WSJ poll. The newspaper said it surveyed 600 registered voters per state between September 28 and

October 8. US elections are not won by popular vote nationwide. Rather, candidates compete in individual states to win electoral college votes. It's akin to a point system, where each state is worth a number of points proportionate to the size of its population. In all but two states - Maine and Nebraska - the winner takes all the electoral college votes. Most states are almost certain to go to one party. For example, a Democratic win California and Vermont is often projected as soon as the polls close, while states like Oklahoma and Alabama are Republican strongholds.

That leaves a handful of states where there are close, competitive elections. These are known as swing states. In this round, all eyes are on the seven states polled by WSJ. In 2016, Trump won the presidency despite losing the popular vote because he defeated the Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton in most battleground states. According to a Pew Research Center survey

released on Friday, Harris is leading the race nationally by one point – 48 percent to Trump's 47 percent. US election poll results have fluctuated in recent months. While Trump enjoyed a solid lead over Joe Biden earlier this year in almost all the Democrats received a boost after the US president stepped aside and was replaced by Harris as the party's nominee.

Only PPP has shared its draft for amends: Bilawal will be some points accord- held detailed consultations ing to the government's with the lawyers and the

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari while talking to journalists in his chamber at the Parliament House said that the government has given me this space for a month to reach a consensus on constitutional amendments related to judicial reforms.

He said that only the final document of the PPP has come out, while the draft has not been formally received from Maulana Fazlur Rahman. The PPP draft has been with Kamran Murtaza for over a week.

He said that if the government has a two-thirds majority and still wants a consensus, then it is appreciated. How long will the government wait and give us space, so I am trying my best to continuously engage and put an agreed draft before the government through political consultation. The government wants to work according to the constitution and law. The PPP has always made constitutional amendments by consensus. The draft given by the PPP includes the establishment

amendments in Article 175 A, B, D, E, F. Chairman PPP said that some points have come out in the draft of the government. He has also asked the government to share the points other than judicial

and also includes the pro-

own manifesto. PML-N has the right to amend the constitution according to the Charter of Democracy. The PPP has not linked its aspirations with the constitutional amendment and we have put forward the constitutional court and judicial reforms. Chairman

Bhutto Zardari while journalists said that he is grateful to the government for agreeing to our insistence that there should be a consensus among all political parties. We have been given time by the government and we have been trying for it since September. He said that if there is no consensus, how long will the government wait? So far only the full draft of the PPP has come out and we have not received the JUI

draft yet. He said that a detailed meeting of the Parliamentary Committee took place today [Friday], in which all parties gave their views. The PPP presented its original draft proof the Constitutional Court We presented this draft to all political parties including the government. Apart lawyers after consultations also presented in this com-

suggestions of the lawyers also presented. Opposition parties also presented their comments. Maulana Fazlur Rahman reiterated his position that he wants to make a draft by consensus with the PPP. We also reiterated that constitutional amendment should be done by consensus with the political parties. Our answering the questions of efforts are for a consensus draft. We don't want to just oppose any suggestion for no reason.

Chairman Bilawal while answering a question said that the federal government is very confident that they have the numbers. The Law Minister said that they have a two-thirds majority, but we are sitting here for all the political parties to reach a consensus on this issue. I appreciate their words, but since last month till now, efforts are being made to reach a consensus. But how long will the government give us space for consensus and how much time will it give us? In such a case, when the SCO conference is taking place, in that case, posals in the committee, I am trying my best to which have issues related to establish a consensus. If the the Constitutional Court. consensus takes more time than required, the government may use its constitutional right and move it. from this, the points of the But it is our best effort and we have always maintained by the government were this position that a complete consensus should be reforms. Of course, there mittee. The Law Minister established.

2 Lebanese soldiers killed in airstrike

BEIRUT (AP): Two Lebanese soldiers were killed and three others wounded in an Israeli airstrike that hit a building near a Lebanese Army checkpoint in Kafra, Bint Jbeil province, the Lebanese Army said Friday.

Since Israel launched its invasion of Lebanon, Israeli forces and Hezbollah militants have clashed along the border while the Lebanese army has largely stood on the sidelines. As Israeli troops made their first forays across the border and Hezbollah responded with rocket fire, Lebanese soldiers withdrew from observation posts along the fron-tier and repositioned about 5 km back.

On Oct. 3, a Lebanese soldier was killed and another injured in ar Israeli strike in Taybeh during rescue operations. On Sept. 30, another Lebanese soldier was killed by an Israeli drone targeting a Lebanese Army checkpoint in Wazzani. Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati on Friday urged the United Nations to pass a resolution calling for an "immediate" ceasefire between Israel and the Iran-backed Hezbollah

group.
In a televised address Mikati emphasized his government's commitment to deploy the army on the border with Israel as part of a cessation of hostilities, and said Hezbollah agreed on the matter. Mikati said Lebanon's foreign ministry would ask the UN Security Council to issue a resolution calling for a "full and immediate ceasefire."

He said his government was committed to "the full application of Resolution 1701," which was adopted in 2006 and called for the Lebanese army and peacekeepers to be the only armed forces deployed in the south of the country. Lebanon is committed to "the deployment of the army in the south and the bolstering of its presence along the border," he said.

"Hezbollah is in agree-ment on this issue," he added. A government source had previously said that Hezbollah informed Lebanese authorities it had accepted a ceasefire with Israel on September 27, the day an Israeli strike killed Hassan leader Nasrallah. Previously, the Iran-backed militant group had said it would only accept a truce if there was also one with its Palestinian ally Hamas in

Mikati also condemned attacks on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as a "crime," with peacekeepers targeted two days in a row by Israeli forces, according to Lebanese official media and the foreign ministry. A year of hostilities has killed more than 2,100 people in Lebanon and forced more than one million people to flee, according to Lebanese

India, Afghanistan lands used against Pakistan: Kundi

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, on Friday emphasized the importance of restoring peace and stability in the province, adding India and Afghanistan lands is being used against Pakistan.

Addressing a press conference at the Governor House, he called for collective efforts to lift the region out of darkness and addressed the urgent need to manage internal affairs independently. Kundi highlighted the ongoing challenges, saying, province is facing serious circumstances with rising incidents of terrorism. I have always advocated for peace, and the law and order situation is deteriorat-

ing."
He urged both the feder- tions.

al and provincial governof Minister with local representatives

to present their demands to bility in the region. the federal government. encing the ideals of former League-Nawaz,

He also encouraged local ments to take the situation leaders to voice their conseriously and implement cerns through parliamenmeasures to improve secu- tary representation, assertrity. He mentioned recent ing, "We will support their political gatherings aimed case until they have repreat addressing the province's sentation in Parliament.' issues, saying that a com- Furthermore, he reflected mittee led by the Chief on the historical hospitality Khyber extended to Pakhtunkhwa will engage refugees, urging them to contribute to peace and sta-Addressing the rise in

The Governor acknowl- terrorist activities, he reafedged the constructive role firmed the government' played by Federal Interior position that India and Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Afghanistan must prevent who showed flexibility in its territory from being used accepting recommenda- against Pakistan. The press "Our tions during these discus- conference was attended by sions. Kundi reiterated the Jalal Khan, a member of significance of dialogue the Provincial Assembly and reconciliation, refer- from the Pakistan Muslim President Asif Ali Zardari, echoed the Governor's calls who has consistently advo- for unity and cooperation in cated for peaceful negotia- overcoming the province's challenges.



PESHAWAR: Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin Gandapur inspecting the site of Aman Jirga.

Share of digital payments surged to 84%: SBP

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mation of Pakistan's payment landscape towards digital payments underwent significant advancements as share of digital payments surged to 84% during fiscal year 2023-24.

The central bank, in its Annual Payment Systems Review - FY24' report issued here, attributed the continued growth of digital payments during the period from July 2023 to June 2024 to the increasing accessibility and adoption of digital payment channels as well as introduction of new and innovative products and services offered by Electronic Money Institutions (EMIs) and Branchless Banking

(BB) players. The retail payments have seen extraordinary growth in FY24, with the volume of transactions rising from 4.7 billion to 6.4 billion, and the value of these transactions increasing from Rs403 trillion to Rs547 trillion-a growth of around 35% in both volume and value, the report stated adding that the share of digital payments by volume has surged from 76%

in FY23 to 84% in FY24.

attributed to the growing increased by 8.9% to KARACHI: The State number of digital channel 125,593 and the expansion Bank of Pakistan, Friday, users, facilitated by the was supporting card-based said that ongoing transfor- convenience and variety of transactions at a growing products offered through number of retail outlets mobile banking apps, and stores internet banking portals, As of FY23 end, there and mobile wallets," the were 85,386 POS enabled SBP report said. The report merchants across the counalso highlights the pivotal role of digital payments increased to 98,936 mer-made through mobile chants as of FY24 end

banking portals, which in a single year, it stated collectively saw a 62% E-commerce payments increase in transactions to have also seen a remarkvalue of these transactions tal payments for e-com-

increased by 16%, internet total of 309 million e-combanking users by 25%, merce while Branchless Banking made during FY24, with a (BB) mobile app wallet transaction value reaching users grew by 2%, and e- Rs406 billion. wallet users by an impressive 85% during the period under review. Similarly, mobile app-

based wallets experienced substantial growth, with Rs1,043.1 trillion in value customers making 2,697 while a total of 496.1 milmillion payments through lion transactions amounttheir BB mobile app wal- ing to Rs11.6 trillion were lets and 85 million through EMIs' e-wallets, it added. Pakistan's instant pay-The report also encom- ment system. Last year in passed the expansion of FY23, number of transacthe POS machine network tions stood at 147.2 milthat has also contributed to lion with value of Rs3.1 the growth and stated that trillion.

"This expansion is number of POS machines

try. The network has now banking apps and internet marking a growth of 16% 1,346 million, with the able shift, as 87% of digirising by 74% to Rs70 tril- merce now being initiated through bank accounts or The report said that digital wallets, the report mobile app banking users revealed and added that a payments were

Transactions via RTGS saw a significant uptick rising from 4.9 million to 5.8 million in volume and from Rs640.4 trillion to processed through Raast

Vice Admiral, Rear Admiral take over Pak Navy fleet

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KARACHI: Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi took over as Commander Karachi and Rear Admiral Abdul Munib assumed the Command of Commander Pakistan Fleet during Change of Command ceremonies held at Karachi.

Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi handed over the command of PN Fleet to Rear Admiral Abdul Munib and Rear Admiral Muhammad Saleem handed over the command of Commander Karachi to Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi.

Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi is a graduate of Pakistan Navy War College (Lahore), Naval Command College (USA) and Defence National University (Islamabad). The Admiral has an illustrious naval career compris-



Hilal-i-Imtiaz (Military). (Lahore), Naval Command (Military).

College (USA) and National University (Islamabad). The Admiral has an illustrious naval and Commander Pakistan key appointments include Fleet. In recognition of his Deputy Chief of Naval Staff meritorious services, the Operations, General C4I and Director Admiral was awarded General Naval Intelligence. Rear Admiral Abdul In recognition of his merito-Munib is a graduate of rious services, the Admiral Pakistan Navy War College was awarded Hilal-i-Imtiaz

Sindh CM denies reports of IMF reservations over NFC award

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali reports that the federal gov-Shah has said that neither the federal government nor the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approached him with concerns regarding the National Finance Commission (NFC) Award

or the 18th Amendment. He said that the federal government has started implementing the 18th Constitutional Amendment by devolving or winding up some of its ministries. He spoke to the media after attending the launch of the World Bank's latest editions of the South Asia Development Update (SADU) and Pakistan Development Update (PDU) for October 2024 at a local hotel.

Shah stated that his government has reservations about some other matters, and he is in discussions with the federal government. He added that the Pakistan Peoples Party would only support measures that are in the interest of the country.

ernment has terminated expected to reduce electricity tariffs. Shah suggested that the government should take steps to utilize surplus electricity. He proposed that industrial units could be offered electricity at subsidised rates if they increased their production capacity by starting additional night shifts. "This would help offset the capacity charges paid to the IPPs by the federal govern-

Speaking at the launch of The World Bank's editions of the South Asia Development Update (SADU) and Development Update (PDU) for 2024 at a local hotel, the CM said that the ical insights into the eco-

and create job opportunities for unemployed workers,"

he said.

In response to a ques- Asian region, praised for tion, Murad Shah said that offering a roadmap for sushe learnt from media tained growth.

The chief minister said the devastating floods of power purchase contracts 2022, which submerged with five IPPs, which is nearly 70 per cent of the province caused extensive infrastructural compounding the developmental issues already exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic," he said and added that despite these challenges his government restored infrastructure and alleviated the economic hardships faced by people of the province. "We are committed to overcoming these obstacles, and the ment, improve production, people of Sindh have shown their confidence in the government to serve and uplift them," said Murad Shah.

Talking about poverty alleviation, Mr Shah said that his government Pakistan responded to findings in the report, which underlined rising poverty during 2023. "The Sindh government has reports, which provide crit- taken several steps to support the most vulnerable nomic challenges faced by segments of society," he Pakistan and the South said.

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