

Four injured in blast
F.P. Report
QILA SAIFULLAH: A blast occurred near Junction Chowk in the city of Qila Saifullah, resulting in injuries to four individuals including a tribal leader. According to a police report on Thursday, the explosion happened close to the vehicle of tribal leader Mehboob Jogezeai. The explosive material was installed in a motorcycle, and its detonation led to this incident.



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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif presenting souvenirs to front line polio workers and relatives of those polio workers who embraced martyrdom in line of duty.



By: Jalil Afridi

Security forces kill 9 Khwarij in Bajaur

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RAWALPINDI: Nine Khwarij including two suicide bombers and a high value target Kharji ring leader Said Muhammad alias Qureshi Ustad were killed by security forces during an intelligence based operation in Bajaur District.

According to the ISPR, a large quantity of weapons, ammunition and explosives was also recovered from the killed Khwarij, who remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities against the security forces as well as innocent civilians. Sanitization operation is being carried out to eliminate any other Kharji in the area.

The ISPR, in its statement, has reaffirmed the commitment of security forces to wipe out the menace of terrorism from the country.

Meanwhile, in a joint intelligence-based operation (IBO) here in the jurisdiction of Naurang Police Station the district police and Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) killed a terrorist in the exchange of fire and recovered arms and ammunition.

According to the district police spokesman, the police received confirmed information that the most wanted terrorist Rehan alias Muntazir resident of Marmand Azam here was hiding in a house along with his accomplices including his brother Waseem and Imran. The district police and CTD Bannu arrived at the hideout of the terrorists for an intelligence based operation. Upon seeing the police the terrorists started firing at the police team.

In an exchange of fire the police killed a terrorist identified as Waseem while his brother Rehan alias Muntazir and his accomplice Imran alias Ali managed to escape from the spot. The police and CTD cordoned off the area and started a search operation to arrest the other two terrorists.

Meanwhile, President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday appreciated the security forces for carrying out a successful intelligence-based anti-terror operation in Bajaur. The president and prime minister, in separately issued statements, appreciated the gallantry of the personnel and officers of the security forces in eliminating nine terrorists including suicide bombers and a mastermind of terrorists.

Bushra Bibi arrives in Peshawar after release

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PESHAWAR: PTI founder Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi arrived in Peshawar after being released from Adiala Jail in the Toshakhana-II case on Thursday.

Immediately after her release from Adiala Jail, Bushra Bibi went to Bani Gala, where she stayed for a while before heading to Peshawar, where arrangements had already been made for her arrival at the Chief Minister's House in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

PTI Secretary General Salman Akram Raja announced on the social media platform X that Bushra Bibi will stay in Peshawar instead of Zaman Park in Lahore. According to party sources, Bushra Bibi is expected to undergo a medical examination at Shaukat Khanum Hospital in Peshawar and will likely meet KP CM Gandapur and other party leaders.

Earlier, Bushra Bibi was released from Adiala Jail after Islamabad High Court (IHC) granted her bail in Toshakhana case a day ago. The judicial staff reached the at Adiala Jail's Gate 5 along with her release order. They awaited completion of procedure for entering the jail premises.

An accountability court of Islamabad issued orders for her release after a delay of more than 24 hours as Senior Special Judge Central Shahrukh Arjumand and Special Judge Central-2 Hamayun Dilawar "went missing" on Wednesday after

IHC orders Adiala jail authorities to produce PTI founder by 3pm

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ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday ordered jail authorities to produce former prime minister and PTI founder Imran Khan by 3 pm. As per details, Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq of the IHC presided over a hearing on the contempt of court case regarding the failure to allow a meeting with the PTI founder Imran Khan. The IHC asked the Adiala jail authorities to produce the PTI founder to court by 3:00 PM today to meet with his lawyers. Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq expressed skepticism during the hearing, stating, "I know you will not comply with my orders." He further remarked, "Once you present the PTI chairman in court, this will indeed be a high court."

the IHC ordered her to be set free. PTI lawyers contended that they could not submit surety bonds as no official was available during working hours. Bushra Bibi's lawyers reached Administrative Judge Jawad Abbas but he also left the court. Bushra Bibi remained incarcerated for almost nine months. She was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment in the Toshakhana case on January 31 this year. After the court decision, she surrendered herself before the jail authorities and was arrested. She was transferred to Banigala residence after the Islamabad commissioner declared that a prison. However, she was sent to Adiala Jail on her insistence. The IHC later suspended her sentence and ordered her release. But she was re-arrested after a second case was registered against her.

The release of Bushra Bibi, wife of Imran Khan, in the new Toshakhana case has faced another delay as the

release order could not be issued on Wednesday. IHC judge Justice Mianul Hassan Aurangzeb pronounced the verdict. On the last hearing, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) had opposed the former first lady's bail plea. FIA Prosecutor Zulfikar Abbas Naqvi, FIA lawyer Umair Majeed Malik appeared before the court while Barrister Salman Safdar represented Bushra.

"It's been 12 days since the last hearing of Bushra's bail plea was held," Barrister Safdar said, adding the price of the gifts was lowered by a private buyer, who he said, had later become an approver against Bushra. Justice Aurangzeb asked, "Was it Imran Khan's decision to take the gift after paying 50 per cent of the total value?" The FIA prosecutor responded that was not the case. "What do you have to say on the former first lady's bail plea?" Justice Aurangzeb inquired.

US MP' letter 'contrary to diplomatic norms': FO

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday strongly reacted to the US lawmakers' letter to President Joe Biden seeking release of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, terming the move "contrary to inter-state conduct and diplomatic norms".

This statement came from Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch while responding to a query related to the Democratic lawmakers letter to US President Biden related to Pakistani politics during her weekly briefing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today. Baloch said: "Pakistan values its bilateral relations with the United States. We believe in constructive dialogue and engagement to address any concern."

"However, comments on Pakistan's domestic affairs are contrary to inter-state conduct and diplomatic norms. We believe such letters and statements are counter-productive and not in line with positive dynamics of Pakistan-US bilateral rela-

tions." The PTI founder has been behind bars since August last year after his conviction in the Toshakhana criminal case and subsequent sentencing in other cases ahead of the February 8 elections — allegations he denies.

In their letter, the Democratic lawmakers urged President Biden to prioritise human rights in US policy towards Pakistan. "We write today to urge you to use the United States' substantial leverage with Pakistan's government to secure the release of political prisoners including former Prime Minister Khan and curtail widespread human rights abuses," the lawmakers said.

The letter also made an appeal for US embassy officials to visit Imran, who is currently behind bars at Adiala Jail.

The letter marked the first such collective call from multiple members of the US Congress for the release of Imran, who otherwise has had testy relations with Washington as a long stand-

ing critic of US foreign policy, according to US Representative Greg Casar, who led the letter. Casar noted that following Imran's ouster from the prime minister's office through a no-confidence vote in 2022, multiple cases were filed against him and he has been in prison since August 2023.

The letter also stressed on the US administration to seek assurance from the government of Pakistan about Imran's safety and well-being in custody. Not only Khan's release, the Democratic lawmakers had also raised concerns about reported irregularities in Pakistan's elections held earlier this year. The FO spokesperson said: "These letters are also based on incorrect understanding of the political situation in Pakistan." "We hope that the US Congress will play a supportive role in strengthening Pakistan-US ties and focus on avenues of mutual collaboration that benefit both our peoples and countries," she added.

26th amend enacted due to outgoing CJP: Bilawal

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said the 26th amendment has become part of the constitution due to the role of the outgoing Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa. The 26th amendment brought about some significant changes in the appointment of the CJP of the top court.

He made these remarks while giving interview to a foreign media outlet. When asked about the timing he said, "In the judicial history of Pakistan, there's one man [...] that has shown us that he's willing to obey parliament even at the cost of his personal power."

Responding to a question about the unending political targeting of opponents, he said Imran Khan would have to take the first step to end this culture. The government and its allies were successful in their bid to pass the 26th amendment due to the role of incumbent CJP Isa. Such monumental work could not have been possible under any other chief justice.

He — the incumbent CJP — was the only person in Pakistan judicial history who was ready to believe and act according to the principle of parliamentary superiority. Answering about a question pertaining to Article 63-A, he said that verdict was ultra vires of the constitution. He said after the passing of the constitutional package, a special committee of the parliament with a majority nominated Justice Yahya Afridi as the next CJP.

He said he did not know that the committee would nominate (the most senior) Justice Shah. When asked that PTI founder Imran Khan had been in prison for more than one year due to political victimization, his said his father — President Asif Ali Zardari — remained in prison for 11 years. But, he added, when the PPP came into power, it did not start the vicious circle of targeting political opponents. The PPP chairman remarked, "The PTI founder is not in the mood of talking to his political opponents." — Agencies

Pakistan requests \$1b from IMF

WASHINGTON (Reuters): Pakistan is targeting around \$1bn in a formal request for funding from the IMF facility that helps lows and middle income countries manage external shocks, its finance minister told Reuters.

"We have formally requested to be considered for this facility," Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb said in an interview on the sidelines of the IMF/World Bank autumn meetings in Washington. The International Monetary Fund had already agreed a \$7bn bailout for Pakistan, but has further funding available via its Resilience and Sustainability Trust (RST).

The RST, created in 2022, provides long-term concessional cash for climate-related spending, such as adaptation and transitioning to cleaner energy. The South Asian nation is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change according to the Global Climate Risk Index.

Floods in 2022, which scientists said was aggravated by global warming, affected at least 33mn people and killed more than 1,700. The country's economic struggles and high debt burden impinged its ability to respond to the disaster. Pakistan is also in talks with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank for a credit enhancement for a planned Panda bond, with an initial issue of \$200-250mn, Aurangzeb said.

A Panda bond issuance would be Pakistan's first foray into China's capital markets. Aurangzeb said they were talking to "a few other institutions" in addition to the AIIB for a credit enhancement. Credit enhancements provide some level of guarantee for bonds, which can boost their rating, attract more investors and thus cut the government's borrowing costs.

PM hails sacrifices of polio workers

Shehbaz says 'will not sit idle until Pakistan purged of poliovirus'

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday paying tribute to the efforts and sacrifices of the polio workers, and support by the international partners, reiterated his government's resolve to make Pakistan a polio-free country to save the future of millions of children.

The prime minister, addressing an event held on World Polio Day dedicated to recognise the sacrifices of the polio workers, said that the resurfacing of the polio cases in the country required reuniting the efforts to fight the menace. He reaffirmed that the government would face the challenge with an unwavering commitment to purge the country of this crippling disease.

The prime minister, who earlier launched a nationwide polio vaccination drive by administering polio drops to the children, appreciated the support from international partners including the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, who had contributed to Pakistan's efforts to fight the polio. "With this commitment, we will meet success and polio will be pushed out of the country and will never be allowed to resurface," he resolved, and also appreciated the Saudi government's support.

Calling them the "real heroes" the prime minister paid tribute to the sacrifices of the polio workers in the polio eradication efforts and also distributed shields among the family members of the martyred polio workers and also to those who sustained injuries during the polio vaccination drives. "Around 40 cases have been reported across four provinces. Today, we make a pledge to handle these cases effectively. We will not sit idle until the virus is eliminated from the country. This is a challenge which we have accepted," he remarked.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said the existence of polio only in Pakistan and Afghanistan was a matter of concern and a challenge that needed to be handled through concerted efforts. In his address, Coordinator to PM on National Health Services Dr Mukhtar Bharath said the constant oversight of the polio eradication efforts at the prime ministerial level was unprecedented which also gave hope for Pakistan to get rid of the virus.

He assured the government's all-out support to the polio workers and said the event was also held to acknowledge their dedicated efforts and sacrifices. He said the surge in polio cases, caused by an immunity gap, was a matter of concern and resolved that the polio vaccination teams would reach every household to vaccinate every child to ensure no one was left behind.

Prime Minister's Focal Person on Polio Eradication Senator Ayesha Raza said considering the surge in polio cases, the government had launched a strategy to cope with the challenge with renewed vigour. She also thanked the prime minister for personally overseeing the anti-polio efforts and expressed the hope that such dedication, repeated vaccination and efforts by the polio workers would make Pakistan a polio-free country soon. She said under the polio vaccination drive, around 400,000 polio workers would be deployed to administer polio vaccines to around 45 million children.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif directed the newly appointed community and labor welfare attachés at Pakistani missions abroad to work diligently to find employment opportunities for skilled workers from Pakistan.

"I am confident that your appointment has taken place through a highly transparent process," the prime minister said while talking to the group of the attaches here at the PM House. He directed that the welfare of the overseas Pakistani community should be their top priority. "Overseas Pakistanis who are bringing valuable foreign exchange worth billions of dollars to Pakistan are our assets," he said.

The prime minister instructed to always keep Pakistan's interests in their mind besides making vigorous efforts to promote Pakistan's image abroad. The prime minister directed the newly appointed attaches to also seek opportunities to bring business and investment to Pakistan. The officials briefed the prime minister about their action plans related to their respective stations. The prime minister expressed his best wishes for the officials. The meeting was attended by the Prime Minister's Special Assistant Tariq Fatemi, the Prime Minister's Coordinator Rana Ehsan Afzal, and other senior government officials.

COAS witnesses exercise Indus Shield-2024

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RAWALPINDI: General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS) visited an operational air base of Pakistan Air Force on Thursday to witness the ongoing multinational exercise Indus Shield-2024. COAS was received by Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, NI (M), Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf, NI(M) was also in presence at the occasion.

Exercise Indus Shield-2024 is the biggest multinational exercise of the region that is witnessing participation from 24 esteemed Air Forces converging to foster interoperability and training through state-of-the-art facilities embodying the

exercise motto; "Stronger When Together."

COAS expressed his satisfaction over the combat readiness of Pakistan Air Force and the progress made through various modernization and up-gradation programs. Later, he witnessed exercise operations, static display of various niche and disruptive technologies where he was briefed on the modernization efforts of Pakistan Air Force to stay abreast with contemporary security challenges which was later followed by an enthralling aerial display by PAF fighter jets. COAS also interacted with the aircrew and appreciated the resolve of PAF personnel to safeguard the aerial frontiers of Pakistan. He emphasized on the critical role of inter-service collaboration,

which he believes is essential for achieving operational success.

Chief of Air Staff expressed his gratitude for COAS's visit, reinforcing the commitment to enhance cooperation between the army and air force in both training and operational contexts. Air Chief apprised COAS on modernization and indigenization drive being carried out by PAF through induction of state of the art weapon systems.

While speaking at the occasion, Air Chief highlighted that the ongoing exercise Indus Shield-2024 will go a long way in bolstering interoperability amongst the participating nations and will train their air & ground crews to face contemporary warfare challenges.

Polio to be exterminated from province: KP CM

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Khan Gandapur has reiterated his commitment to eradicating polio virus from the province and appealed to the public to ensure that their children receive anti-polio drops, protecting them from lifelong disability. "Complete eradication of polio virus from the province is a shared goal and responsibility, and all the stakeholders should have to play their part in this regard", he added and said that boycotting polio eradication campaigns will only harm our own children.

He expressed these views as the chief guest at an event held here on Thursday to mark World Polio Day. The

Chief Minister lauded the efforts of all stakeholders involved in running polio campaigns under difficult circumstances, saying that conducting these campaigns in such challenging conditions is nothing short of a form of jihad. He acknowledged the sacrifices made by polio workers and the personnel of law enforcement agencies in the struggle to eradicate polio, adding that they will not let their sacrifices go in vain. He reaffirmed his government's determination to eliminate polio once and for all.

The Chief Minister urged the public not to boycott polio campaigns due to a lack of facilities in certain areas and to instead vaccinate their children to protect them from permanent dis-

ability. He also emphasized that providing basic facilities to the public is the government's responsibility; and incumbent provincial government is going all out to fulfil this responsibility. He assured that efforts are underway to address the lack of facilities in underdeveloped areas. Furthermore, he made it clear that the upcoming polio eradication campaign will target areas that were previously left out due to certain reasons.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister also lauded the role of religious scholars, parents, civil society, and all other stakeholders in the fight against polio, stating that only through a joint effort, we can make our province free of polio virus.

Another polio case reported

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: A child in Darra Adamkhel area of Kohat was found affected with polio virus, taking the toll of total polio cases in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to six, Health Department informed on Thursday. The case was reported from Bosti area in Darra Adamkhel, where a two-and-a-half-year-old child, named Muhammad Rehan was tested positive for Wild Polio Type-1 virus.



LARKANA: Director General Public Relations, Department of Information, Govt of Sindh Muhammad Salim Khan giving annual grant cheque to Larkana Press Club President Ghulam Murtaza Kalhoro.

State-of-the-art computer lab, classrooms at school inaugurated

E.P. Report

MULTAN: Jahangir Khan Tareen, founder of the Tareen Education Foundation, and its president, Ali Khan Tareen, inaugurated a state-of-the-art computer lab and two new classrooms at Khanewal Public School & University College.

The construction of the IT Lab and classrooms cost 14 million rupees. Among the attendees were Deputy Commissioner Khanewal, Muhammad Ali Bukhari, Deputy Commissioner Multan, Waseem Hamid Sandhu, ADC Khanewal, Abdul Sattar Khan, Assistant Commissioner Khanewal, Sumbal Javed, Principal of Khanewal Public School & University College, Hafiz Muhammad Rashid Saeed Rana, CEO of Tareen Education Foundation, Akbar Khan, and other administrative officials.

On this occasion, Jahangir Khan Tareen emphasized that quality and modern education are the only paths to progress. By equipping our children with the latest education in information technology, we can ensure the country's development. He expressed gratitude to God for blessing him with enough to spend on others, stating that whatever he has spent on children's education has been returned to him tenfold with blessings in his work. He added that he and his son, Ali Khan Tareen, would always stand with the children of Khanewal.

Jahangir Khan Tareen spoke of the importance of the country, which was won by Quaid-e-Azam from India, and emphasized that it is the responsibility of the country's leaders and those with resources to take care of the people. He expressed hope that



soon, the quality of education in public schools would match that of private institutions.

In response to a request from the Deputy Commissioner of Multan, Tareen also announced the provision of modern educational facilities, including an IT lab, at Jalalpur Pirwala Public School.

President of the Tareen Education Foundation, Ali Khan Tareen, announced the construction of a modern computer lab and classrooms for the girls' block at Khanewal Public School. He highlighted that investing in girls' education has always yielded better results, noting that educating a boy impacts one individual, while educating a girl transforms an entire generation. He expressed hope that improved educational facilities would bring prosperity to South Punjab.

Deputy Commissioner Multan,

Waseem Hamid Sandhu, expressed gratitude to Jahangir Khan Tareen for providing a state-of-the-art computer lab. He also mentioned that Tareen had previously provided a dialysis machine for Mian Channu upon their request. He praised Tareen as a generous supporter of education.

Deputy Commissioner Khanewal, Muhammad Ali Bukhari, said that they would work closely with the Tareen Education Foundation to enroll Khanewal's children in computer courses offered by TICER. Assistant Commissioner Khanewal, Sumbal Javed, and Principal Hafiz Muhammad Rashid Saeed Rana, in their speeches, stated that the advanced computer lab would give the students of Khanewal Public School the opportunity to compete with global challenges. The provision of this lab is a testament to Jahangir Khan Tareen's dedication to education.

Pakistani PhD student wins First Poster Award in CW Chemistry event

E.P. Report

KARACHI: A Pakistani female Ph.D. student from the H.E.J. Research Institute of Chemistry, University of Karachi, has secured the first-ever inaugural people's choice poster award at the prestigious '5th Commonwealth Chemistry Posters – Building Networks to Address the Goals' virtual event.

According to a statement, competing among scholars from 28 countries, the student's work was recognized for its significant contribution to advancing

research aligned with global sustainability and development goals. Commonwealth Chemistry and Federation of Chemical Sciences Societies UK conducted the virtual poster event in September 2024.

A Spokesman for the International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS), University of Karachi, said on Tuesday that Sanya Khurshed is pursuing her Ph.D. under the supervision of Dr. M. Imran Malik at the H.E.J. Research Institute. He said that this year, over 180 abstracts

from 28 countries were accepted for the 5th Commonwealth Chemistry Posters event in September. Sanya's poster was titled "Electrochemical Detection of Creatinine at Picomolar Scale in Human Body Fluids for Diagnosis of Kidney Dysfunction."

The winner who receives the most votes receives a cash prize of £200 and a certificate. Over 600 people voted for the first-ever People's Choice Award winner. Prof. Dr. Farzana Shaheen, the Director of the ICCBS, University of Karachi, congratulated the Ph.D. scholar.

Intra-provincial bridge on N-25 at Hub inaugurated

E.P. Report

HUB: Federal Ministers Abdul Aleem Khan and Jam Kamal Khan inaugurated the newly constructed Bridge on Hub River N-25 at the confluence of Baluchistan and Sindh Provinces which has been completed in 2 years at a cost of 1180 million rupees, on Thursday.

Addressing inauguration ceremony, Federal Minister for Communications, Board of Investment & Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan said that for the development of any area there must be business activities and we have to ensure maximum development of Balochistan even by collecting revenue from other provinces. He said that the largest network of the National Highway Authority across the country exists in Balochistan which is 4500 km long but unfortunately lesser toll tax is collected from this Province.

Abdul Aleem Khan

declared the width of Hub Bridge insufficient and announced the construction of another bridge parallel to along with it. In the same way, approval was given by Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan to make the highway N-25 from Karachi to Quetta two way where accidents occur due to traffic pressure. Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan said that we will build new bridges and roads in Balochistan while a new bridge has already been completed at "Pinjara" which will be opened very soon. In his address, Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan said that he wants to build the 6-lane Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway in the mode of Public-Private Partnership, similarly, the Northern Bypass will also be constructed as a major Highway.

He praised the NLC and NHA authorities for their best performance in the construction of this bridge and expressed the hope that after the construction of this link the Hub area will play a key role in the development of the Province and country. Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan said that the present Government is solving the problems of Balochistan on a priority basis. He appreciated in time completion of Hub Bridge and offered special thanks to the Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan in this regard. Federal Secretary Communications



Ali Sher Mehsud and Chairman National Highway Authority Shahryar Sultan briefed the Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan about the details of the completed project while later the Federal Ministers and senior officials reviewed the construction work of the newly constructed Hub Bridge.

During his visit to Karachi, Federal Minister for Communications, Privatization and Board of Investment Abdul Aleem Khan called on Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and had a detailed discussion with him on the

issues related to Highways and Communication sector of Sindh province. Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan While presiding over the high-level meeting of National Highway Authority Karachi said that financial stability in Government Institutions should be our first priority, similarly, NHA should also increase its own resources. He said that NHA Sindh should achieve the target of 25 billion rupees in the current fiscal year.

Federal Minister for Communications directed the NHA officials to speed

up the work on the ongoing 43 projects in Sindh and ensure high quality. Meanwhile, Federal Ministers Abdul Aleem Khan and Jam Kamal Khan also arrived at the residence of Ms. Rana Ansar, Member of the National Assembly of MQM where they expressed their deep sorrow and grief over the sudden death of her young son Shahzeb Naqvi. They offered their sympathies with the bereaved family and prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage and strength to bear this loss with fortitude.

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- بٹری ماہوارہ (10 سال) کے لئے ہوگا۔ یکم جنوری 2025 سے باقاعدہ اقرار نامہ تحریر کیا جائیگا۔ اور مزید دو دس فریقین کی رضامندی سے اقرار نامہ قابل تجدید ہوگا تاہم ہر تین سال بعد کر کے (25%) بمعد اضافہ ہوگا۔
- کامیاب بولی دہندہ اور پہلے سے تمام شدہ دکانات کے کرایہ دار کا پارٹنگ ایریا، پارٹنگ کے علاوہ کسی قسم کے کاروبار کیلئے استعمال کرنے کا جائز نہ ہوگا۔
- نیلامی سے متعلق مزید معلومات دفتری اوقات کار میں ریگولیشن برائے نیلامی میں ملاحظہ کی جاسکتی ہے۔

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PUBLIC NOTICE AUCTION OF GOLD

Branch: DI Khan Auction Date: 28 October-2024 Branch code: 3033 Time: 10:00 AM

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

| Customer Name | CNIC # | Address | Gold Weight (GM) | Detail of Gold Ornaments |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|---|
| Rukhsana Bibi | 12201-3303725-0 | Girah Baloch, Tehsil Taank, District Dera Ismail Khan | 160 | 1 adad mala bamyee 2 nali, 1 add katmala bamyee, 2 kanty, 4 add karay |
| Rozina Bibi | 12201-8601643-0 | Post Office Taank, Girah Baloch, Tehsil Dera Ismail Khan | 36 | 1 adad mala, 1 adad jhumar bama tikka |
| Muhammad Asghar Ali | 12101-1505299-9 | Chashma Road, Badhani, Tehsil District Dera Ismail Khan | 8 | 1 adad gulband |
| Zahida Bibi | 12101-4784522-6 | House # 352 Mohallah Kumharan, D I Khan | 51 | 1 adad katmala, 2 necklace, 2 jori kantay |
| Gul Amir | 12101-1498788-9 | Post Office T T Mills, Koraiye, Tehsil Dera Ismail Khan | 29 | 2 adad mala, 2 joray kangar |

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PUBLIC NOTICE AUCTION OF GOLD

Branch: Mansehra Auction Date: 30-10-2024 Branch code: 0029 Time: 10:00 AM

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| Customer Name | CNIC # | Address | Gold Weight (GM) | Detail of Gold Ornaments |
|----------------|-----------------|---|------------------|--------------------------|
| Muhammad Bilal | 13503-5502822-7 | House Number D, Ghazi Town Ship, Mansehra | 18.87 | Ear Rings 2, 1 Neckless |

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PUBLIC NOTICE AUCTION OF GOLD

Branch: Mardan Auction Date: 29-10-2024 Branch code: 0019 Time: 12:30 PM

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| Customer Name | CNIC # | Address | Gold Weight (GM) | Detail of Gold Ornaments |
|---------------|-----------------|---|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Noor Ali | 16101-5521494-9 | Nowshera Road, Mohala Iram Colony, Mardan | 11.2 | 1 Adad Necklace, 1 Jora Kantay |

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PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sardar Ali Amin Khan Gandapur addressing a function in connection with World Polio Day.

IPS, PEDO join hands to empower disabled students



Sajjad Muhammad Khan

PESHAWAR: The Institute of Professional Studies (IPS) has achieved another milestone. IPS has become a leading institution in the educational field by providing scholarships and other benefits to students from all walks of life. This was expressed by Bilal Afridi, the Director of IPS, during the signing of a memorandum of understanding with a delegation from the Pak Ever Bright Development Organization (PEDO).

He stated that IPS is making revolutionary efforts in the educational field to maintain this momentum, and the signing of the memorandum with PEDO is a part of this initiative.

PEDO's CEO, Shahabuddin, praised the services of the IPS Director and mentioned that both

PA body discuss tourism promotion, preservation of archaeological sites

PESHAWAR (APP): The meeting of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Standing Committee on Tourism, Culture and Archives here Thursday discussed promotion of tourism and preservation of historic archaeological sites of KP.

The meeting was also attended by Provincial Tourism Advisor, Zahid Chanzaib and members of the committee including Rajab Ali, Zar Alam, Taj Muhammad, Fateh-ul-Mulk, Aurangzaib Khan, Ajab Gul, Samiullah, Neelofar Babar besides officials of tourism department.

On the occasion, meeting was briefed about administrative structure and performance of tourism department.

The meeting also discussed measures to promote tourism, preservation

Adl Deputy Commissioner visits Hamza Foundation

PESHAWAR (APP): Additional Deputy Commissioner Peshawar, Uzma Mukarram on Thursday visited Hamza Welfare Foundation and inspected its various sections. During visit, she was briefed about the services being provided to patients suffering from various blood related disorders. She was informed that Hamza Foundation is providing blood screening facilities to patients through state-of-the-art machines besides giving free medicines to deserving patients of blood disorders. Uzam Mukarram appreciated Hamza Foundation for its efforts to help ailing community and assured her cooperation to the foundation. He also urged affluent to support Hamza Foundation in its activities aimed to address miseries of patients.

RMI provides kits to MCL players

PESHAWAR (APP): Rehman Medical Institute (RMI) Peshawar on Thursday provided kits to over 290 journalists from the Peshawar Press Club, participating in the annual cricket event.

A total of 18 teams of journalists are taking part in the tournament, which was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner of Peshawar, Capt. (R) Sarmad Saleem Akram.

The chief guest and President of the Peshawar Press Club, Arshad Aziz Malik, praised RMI's role in promoting health and wellness through sports. The Media Cricket League (MCL), a much-anticipated event, brings together journalists from various media organizations for friendly competition, fostering camaraderie. RMI's sponsorship has played a crucial role in the continued success of this year's tournament.

Breaking education barriers: Innovative strategies vital to combat illiteracy, unemployment

PESHAWAR (APP): In a city bustling with business activities and opportunities for skillful hands, Adil Shah (20) transformed his life through technical education after stepping into an auto repair market and becoming a skilled mechanic.

After leaving school post-matriculation due to financial hardships in 2020, the motivated Adil found his calling in the mechanics trade, supported by his uncle Inamullah Khan, who guided him in mastering the art of car engine overhauling at Pabbi auto repair market.

"I entered the auto repair market as an ordinary worker in 2020, and today I am proud to be known as 'Ustad' in my workshop," Adil shared, surrounded by vehicles' engines in various stages of repair.

His journey highlights a growing trend in Pakistan, where technical education is increasingly seen as a viable path to combating high rates of illiteracy and unemployment.

"Nothing is more crucial for Pakistan today than promotion of technical education vital for addressing unemployment and poverty," said Professor Dr. Naeem Khattak, former Chairman of the Economics Department at the University of Peshawar while talking to APP.

With a literacy rate of just 62.3 percent in Pakistan where an estimated 60 million people are remain illiterate, including around 22.8 million children aged 5-16 who are out of school due to various factors including socioeconomic imbalances and poverty, he said the country needs innovative approach to break anti education barriers.

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa alone, he said that nearly 4.7 million children are out of schools including one million children in erstwhile Fata which should be matter of great concerns for Govt.

About 74.4 percent of girls and 38.5 percent boys are out of schools mainly due to poverty and socio-economic imbalances in KP, says a report of BISP. As many as 77 percent OSC reported in Palas Kolai, 70 percent in Upper Kohistan and 69 percent in Upper Kohistan, about 61 percent of such children in Torgar, 55pc in Shangla, 53 percent in Lakki Marwat and 51 percent each in Tank and Batagram districts.

Similarly, about 66 percent of children are out-of-schools in North Waziristan, 63 percent in Bajaur, 61 percent in South Waziristan, 51 percent each in Mohmand and Khyber, and 47 percent each in Kurram and Orakzai.

"The root causes of the educational problems stem from poverty and unemployment," Dr. Malik explained, adding these factors not only limit access to education but also affect the social fabric of society.

Emphasizing the need

Progress on Chashma Lift Canal Project continues: Governor

Calls for collective efforts to eliminate polio

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Thursday said that the Chashma Lift Canal project is moving closer to completion, with the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) issuing tenders for its first two phases.

In a statement issued here, Governor Faisal Karim Kundi announced that the project will be inaugurated this year, fulfilling a long-standing demand of the residents of Dera Ismail Khan.

WAPDA's North Project Manager has requested pre-qualification tenders for the initial two phases of the canal.

The tenders for the first phase will be opened on November 22, followed by the second phase on November 25.

WAPDA plans to complete the canal in six sections.

Similarly, Ahmad Karim Kundi, the parliamentary leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, emphasized that the party believes in taking practical steps rather than making empty promises.

He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, and the Federal Minister and Chairman of WAPDA for their support.

He acknowledged the significant role played by Governor Faisal Karim Kundi in turning this vision into reality.

Meanwhile, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Thursday emphasized the need for collective action to eradicate the debilitating disease of polio.

In a message at the eve of World Polio Day, he said that while the government's efforts in the fight against polio are ongoing, the complete elimination of the disease can only be achieved with the cooperation of the public.

Governor Kundi urged parents to ensure their children administer the polio vaccine during every vaccination campaign.

The Governor highlighting the importance of safeguarding the future of the younger generation and striving to make Pakistan a polio-free country.

He reiterated that the eradication of polio is among the government's top priorities and pledged to take all necessary measures to achieve this goal.

VETS conclude 4-day campaign against smoky buses

PESHAWAR (APP): On the directives of the Secretary Transport and Director Transport, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa the Vehicle Emission Testing Station (VETS) carried out a four-day emission checking campaign against the smoking and old buses of the private schools.

For this purpose, three teams comprising the experts of VETS Peshawar and Motor Vehicles Examiner along with a mobile testing laboratory were deployed on various roads of the district to check the emission system of the buses of private schools.

During the campaign more than 300 buses of the private schools were checked out of which more than 200 were issued with warnings while the documents of over 52 vehicles were confiscated.

It was the second phase of the campaign against the vehicles of the private schools.

In the first phase, the joint teams of VETS and Motor Vehicle Examiner had checked the buses of the private schools at the premises of schools and those found in violation of the international standard were issued directives for obtaining fitness certificates.

Meeting discusses operationalization of KMU General Hospital

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber Medical University (KMU) Peshawar organized the 20th meeting of its department/institutional heads under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zia ul Haq. The meeting, attended by Registrar KMU Inamullah Khan Wazir and department heads, focused on reviewing key developments and outlining strategic plans to enhance the university's operational capacity and academic excellence.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held regarding the operationalization of the KMU General Hospital. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zia ul Haq expressed satisfaction with the ongoing civil works, recruitment processes, and equipment procurement efforts, instructing that all necessary preparations should be completed by December 2024. The KMU General Hospital is set to become a state-of-the-art facility that will integrate clinical, research, and training services under one roof, offering advanced healthcare services to patients while serving as a hub for modern medical education and research.

Prof. Dr. Zia ul Haq emphasized that the opening of the hospital will fulfill a long-held vision of university leadership and will represent a model for university-hospital integration. "This hospital will not only provide top-tier medical services but will also pave the way for cutting-edge diagnosis and treatment of complex diseases," he stated.

The meeting also addressed the need for financial and administrative autonomy for KMU's remote campuses. Deputy Treasurer Usman Iqbal was tasked with developing a comprehensive plan to empower these campuses, which will lead to improved management and service delivery across the university's various departments.

The Vice Chancellor underscored the significance of decentralizing authority, particularly for KMU's affiliated institutions, which include 27 medical and dental colleges, 210 nursing and allied health sciences institutes, and over 70,000 students.

A task force was established to resolve affiliation-related issues and improve the performance of KMU's remote campuses in Kurram, Swabi, Islamabad, and others. This task force will be led by Professor Dr. Zilli Huma, Director of Academics, and will include key personnel such as Waseem Hasan Khan (Deputy Director Procurement), Muhammad Tayyab (Deputy Director Affiliation), and the directors of the respective campuses.

Furthermore, the meeting highlighted the need to establish health clinics, with a particular focus on diabetes care, in KMU's affiliated institutions. Dr. Jalil Khan, Director of Family Medicine, was urged to take swift action in this regard.

The session concluded with Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zia ul Haq reaffirming his commitment to promoting decentralization within KMU. He stressed the importance of granting autonomy and resources to all campuses and institutes, ensuring their continued growth and development.

Notably, a delegation of British trainers, led by Dr. Ejaz Hussain, participated in the meeting as part of an ongoing collaboration to enhance nursing training across the province. The trainers commended KMU's efforts and expressed optimism that the training program would significantly elevate the quality of nursing services in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.





In brief

Police recovers arms in Buner F.P. Report

BUNER: Police recovered one gun, 6 pistols, 128 cartridges at different places and accused were arrested during night snap checking. District Police Officer Buner issued instructions for snap-checking on roads to improve the law and order situation to ensure public safety, spokesman added. DPO has given clear instructions that the determination of police is to establish a peaceful and crime-free society, which will be ensured at all costs.

Newborn lioness dies

BAHAWALPUR (PPI): The newborn lioness, Rita, born at the Bahawalpur Safari Zoo, has died due to illness. Rita was born to an African lioness a month ago. According to the zoo administration, the newborn lioness Rita was healthy at birth, but two weeks ago, she fell victim to diarrhea, which worsened her condition. Doctors from the Wildlife Department treated Rita, but her health continued to decline until she passed away. The zoo administration stated that a post-mortem was being conducted on the young lioness to determine the cause of her death.

Court grants status quo F.P. Report

TAKHTBHAI: Civil Judge Takhtbhai Ubaid-ur-Rahim granted status quo against election for president and general secretary of Meena bazaar traders scheduled on 27th October. The election process was challenged by Pat Baba Meena bazaar trader's former president Haji Aftab Mohmand seeking status quo against trader's polls. The counsel Usman Ghani advocate appeared on behalf of former trader's president and argued for suspension of Pat Baba Mena bazaar's election scheduled for 27th October. The court has issued notices to respondents and granted status quo against scheduled elections.

Alarming dog bite cases reported

HYDERABAD (INP): Sindh province is facing a growing public health crisis, with more than 226,000 dog bite cases reported this year alone, according to official data. The increasing number of stray dogs has contributed to a surge in dog bite incidents, with 12 citizens losing their lives due to rabies and other diseases caused by dog bites. The most cases were recorded between January and September, with 27,333 incidents in January, 27,473 in February, and 29,426 in March. The numbers slightly decreased in the summer months, with 22,558 cases in July, 22,575 in August, and over 24,000 in September. On average, 120 cases of dog bites are reported daily across the province. Health experts advise immediate medical intervention following a dog bite. The wound should be washed thoroughly with soap and clean water for at least 15 minutes to remove dirt and germs. After drying, antiseptic cream should be applied, and the wound bandaged. Prompt consultation with a doctor is crucial, especially in cases involving stray dogs, as rabies vaccinations may be necessary. Sindh government is being urged to take measures to control the stray dog population and improve access to medical treatment and vaccinations to prevent further fatalities.



QUETTA: A view of broken Stewart Road, creating problems for people.

Unknown robbers loot Rs3.8m from traders

F.P. Report

HAFIZABAD: Robbery worth more than 38 lakh rupees near village Rasulpur Talar in the suburbs of Hafizabad. 3 unknown armed robbers fled after looting more than 38 lakh rupees from the traders. The police left snoring.

According to the details, Mohammad Farooq Munwar Hussain, a resident of Mandi Bahauddin, a cattle trader, was coming from Khanpur Link Road along with Ghulam Farid driver Yasir Arafat in a Mazda vehicle, when they reached Rasulpur Talar, three unknown armed robbers who were riding a motorcycle.

They tried to stop the vehicle of the traders, but the driver did not stop the vehicle, so the accused fired at the vehicle and burst the tire. Later, the bandits fled after looting Rs. 21,00,000/- from Muhammad Farooq and Rs. 17,72,000/- from Munwar Hussain.

Anti-polio vaccination drive preparation finalized: District administration, health and all other concerned departments have finalised all arrange-

ments to launch five-day Anti-polio campaign from October 23, 2024 while health department constituted 998 polio teams to administer vaccine of polio to more than two lacs, thirty-eight thousand children below five year.

This was informed the meeting of District Anti-Polio Committee held here under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Abdul Razzaq. Deputy District Officer Health Dr. Zaheer Ahmad, representative of WHO Dr. Touqeer Ahmad, Secretary Regional Transport Authority Aqsa Riaz and officers of police, population welfare, District Manager PHFM Muhammad Iqbal, Ulama attended the meeting.

Addressing the Meeting DC warned that any negligence to give polio drops at all and strict departmental action would be taken against those polio teams and other official who show poor performance during the drive. He also directed the directed the health officers to monitor all transit polio teams to ensure vaccination of hundred percent target children in the district.

He appealed the parents to get administer drops of

polio vaccine to their children to save them from crimping disease of polio. He also urged ulema, traders, media and civil society to play their vital role to make the campaign successful and result-oriented.

Education officer assumes charge: Newly-appointed Chief Executive Officer Education Hafizabad Nazia Shahzadi assumed the charge of her post and started perfuming her responsibilities. On the arrival of Iram Shahzadi, DEO Secondary Education Muhammad Anwar Javed, Incharge DTSC Amjid Ali Bhatti, Senior Headmistress Nargis Arif and staff of education department warmly welcomed and presented Bouquets to her.

Madam Nazia Shahzadi has said that to improve education standard in the district, annual results of students and resolution of teachers' problems is may top priorities. She said that ideal steps would be taken to improve curriculum and co-curriculum activities in the schools. Earlier, she was serving as Principal government girls high school Bhagowall district Gujrat.

Murtaza Javed flays PTI F.P. Report

HAVELIAN: Former Federal Minister Murtaza Javed Abbasi on Thursday condemned the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), claiming that the party is synonymous with hypocrisy. He expressed these views while talking to media here.

Murtaza Javed Abbasi stated that after Punjab, the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have also rejected the PTI, as evidenced by the recent local body by-elections in the region, which he described as a wake-up call for the party. He remarked that any protest called by the PTI is likely to end in embarrassment for the party.

Abbasi highlighted that food prices in Punjab are currently the lowest among all provinces, attributing this to a significant decrease in both inflation and crime rates. He accused the PTI of surpassing all limits of hypocrisy during the 18th Amendment discussions and questioned their motives for withdrawing Names under alleged pressure from the party.

Operation against illegal filling stations F.P. Report

KOHAT: The District Administration Kohat following directives of Deputy Commissioner Abdul Akram, launched an operation against illegal filling stations across the entire district under the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa program Awami Agenda.

The Administration Officers along with the authorities concerned of Industries and Consumer Protection Kohat dismantled 2 illegal filling stations located in Billi-Tang and Kot Road Billi-Tang, having no legal documents.

Earlier, an important meeting was held with Deputy Commissioner Kohat Abdul Akram in the chair at his office regarding sale of illegal petroleum products. The meeting beside the authorities concerned of Kohat Police, Customs, Industries and other relevant departments was also attended by the representatives of the Petroleum Association.

On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Kohat issued orders for taking immediate legal action against the illegal sellers of diesel and petrol across the district. He also directed the owners of petrol pumps to ensure supply of petrol and diesel to the consumers on the rates fixed by the OGRA with full gauge.

One killed

NANKANA SAHIB (INP): One person was killed and two other sustained injuries in a road accident, caused by over-speeding, in Nankana Sahib. According to details the accident occurred at the Shah Kot Road near Chak No-5 where a motorcycle collided with a rickshaw, killing a man on the spot and critically injuring two others. Police and rescue teams reached the spot after being informed and shifted the dead and injured to hospital.

Rs60m distributes among heirs of martyred in Khyber

F.P. Report

LANDI KOTAL: Sixty million rupees were distributed as Shaheed packages among legal heirs of the late police officials in Khyber who sacrificed their lives for the sake of the country.

In this connection, a simple gathering was organized in the office of District Police Officer (DPO) Khyber that was attended by the police head Mazhar Iqbal as chief besides relatives of the martyrs and ghazis and police officers.

Speaking on the occasion DPO Mazhar Iqbal paid rich tribute to the martyred police personnel and said they secured the future of their countrymen by giving unprecedented sacrifices. We are like members of one family and all necessary initiatives will be adopted to provide relief to the families of the martyred heroes, he opined.

He maintained that recently a memorandum has been signed with well-



known education institutions for the purpose to provide free education to the children of the martyred police officials. He went on that the door of the DPO office was always opened for the heirs of martyrs and no stone would be left unturned to address their miseries.

Later on, the district police officer commingled with members of the late police heroes and issued directions on the spot to resolve problems, conveyed by the members of the visiting families. Earlier, compensation cheques worth sixty million

rupees were given away to the legal heirs of the martyred police officials.

It is to be mentioned here that as per police department about 80 police officials have been killed in various terror activities in the current year in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Since 1979 to 2023 a total of 1982 police personnel have been killed in terrorism in KP and Peshawar is top among the districts that has witnessed 358 policemen being killed followed by Dera Ismael Khan 221 and Bannu district 211 police casualties.

Walk to raise awareness on breast cancer held

F.P. Report

FAISALABAD: Over 40,000 women in Pakistan lose their lives to breast cancer every year. To raise awareness about this deadly disease, Panem Hospital Faisalabad, in collaboration with Hemal Pharmaceuticals, organized a breast cancer awareness walk and seminar.

The event was attended by doctors, cancer patients, healthcare professionals, and people from various walks of life. Participants wore pink ribbons and held placards promoting awareness about cancer during the walk.

At the conclusion of the walk, a seminar was held where attendees were educated on the symptoms,



treatment, and prevention of breast cancer. Experts emphasized that early detection is crucial for fighting this disease.

Dr. Babar Imran, Director of Panem Hospital, addressed the seminar, stating: "Breast cancer is a silent killer, and its rising trend in Pakistan is alarming. Awareness and timely diagnosis are key to prevention and effective treatment of this disease."

Dr. Usman Amin Butt,

Director of Hemal Pharmaceuticals, added: "We stand with Panem Hospital in this fight. Our goal is to raise awareness about breast cancer in society and equip women with the knowledge and resources they need to combat this disease." Participants in the walk and seminar expressed their commitment to expanding the campaign against breast cancer, ensuring that more women are protected from this disease.

Family park inaugurated in Dir

F.P. Report

LOWER DIR: The district and session judge Lower Dir Ajmal Khan Wazir on Thursday inaugurated an indoor family park in front of the district judicial complex. Senior civil judge Muhammad Ilyas Khan, senior civil judge Madam Alia, president district bar Timergara Abid Hayat advocate, president judicial employees' association Muhammad Hayatullah and other judicial officers were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion Mr Ajmal Khan Wazir said the family park would provide local children and

families the entertainment and sports' facilities at their doorstep. He said the park had been provided with modern swings, bicycles, slides for children while women would have a separate indoor prayer place and waiting room. A collective prayer was offered for the integrity of the judiciary in Pakistan.

MS media talk: The medical superintendent of the district headquarters hospital Timergara Dr Ali Asghar has said the female ward has been provided with an ultrasound machine for ease of patients. Talking to local journalists at his office, the MS said that the vacant post of principal at

the Timergara Medical College would soon be filled as the government had finalized the appointment.

He said the DHQ hospital Timergara provided medical care to patients from Lower Dir, Upper Dir, Bajaur and local Afghan refugees. He said that over 2000 patients were checked up daily in the hospital OPDs. He said that an X-Ray machine at the dental unit had been made functional while treatment on sehat Insaf card was continued. The MS said the hospital would be further upgraded once the Timergara Medical College was made functional.

AD&SJ rejects alleged kidnapper bail plea

F.P. Report

LARKANA: Additional and Sessions Judge Larkana rejected bail plea of alleged kidnapper named Hadi bux Jamali involved in kidnapping of a woman in the premises of Walid Police Station, on Thursday.

However, the alleged kidnapper trying to escape, a fight broke out between the relatives of the woman and the accused party where 3 accused and his 2 brothers were injured due to the use of sticks, maces and punches.

Speaking to the media, Mukhtar Ahmad Magsi, the relatives of the victim, told that 2 months ago, the

influential Hadi Bakhsh Jamali of village Sher Mohammad Jamali along with his two friends kidnapped our daughter Farhana, daughter of Nisar Magsi, after which we reported such a case at Walid Police Station. He had filed a case against the accused, which was heard today and argued over the rejection of the accused's bail.

Police arrests four alleged culprits: Police has arrested four alleged culprits involved in drug trafficking and robbery and registered cases.

According to the details of the task force member DSP Hydari. Madam Pars

Bakhrani and SHO Ratodero Police Station Inspector Abdul Ghafoor Chhatro conducted a joint successful operation on Shahdaddot Road, Gutka supplier was arrested red-handed and 15 sacks of 600 packets of etiquette Gutka were recovered while the arrested accused was identified as Ali Murad, son of Muhammad Amin Bozdar, resident of Sango Bozdar. A case 187/2024 has been registered against the accused in Ratodero police station under the 8 Main Padi Gutka Act 2019, while the Lashari police under the supervision of DSP Ratodero.

International Day for elimination of polio observed

F.P. Report

HANGU: International Day for elimination of polio virus observed in Hangu to ensure healthy society for socio-economic uplift of Pakistan, on Thursday. In this regard an aware-

ness seminar held at Deputy Commissioner Office in which DC along with district police officer, assistant commissioners, district health officer and tehsil mayor with people from every walk of life were present. The partici-

pants committed for joint efforts to combat polio virus which lift only in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The speakers claimed that polio victims become disable for whole life which can be curtain through proper vaccinations.



Liberal MPs ask Trudeau not to run for a 4th term

TORONTO (AP): Some lawmakers in Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's own Liberal Party asked the leader not to run for a fourth term, handing him one of the biggest tests of his political career.

A smiling Trudeau said Liberals are "strong and united" after meeting with Liberal members of Parliament for three hours. Three Liberals said they were among a total of 20 plus lawmakers from the party to have signed a letter asking Trudeau to step down before the next election. There are 153 Liberals in Canada's House of Commons. "He has to start listening, listening to the people," said Ken McDonald, a Liberal Member of Parliament from Newfoundland who said he signed the letter, which has not been made public.

McDonald, who is not running again, said some of his colleagues who plan on running are nervous because of poor polling numbers. Also stating publicly that they had signed the letter were Wayne Long of New Brunswick and Sean Casey of Prince Edward Island. Trudeau, who previously has said he plans to run again, didn't take questions from reporters after the meeting. No Canadian prime minister has won four straight terms in over 100 years.

His Cabinet ministers have supported him publicly. "There is what would you call some palace drama going on right now. And that takes us away from the number one job, which is focusing on Canadians," said Employment Minister Randy Boissonnault, a Liberal Party member. Not all Liberal members of Parliament came out in support of Trudeau.

"It's the decision of the leader of the party as to whether he stays on as leader," said Ontario Liberal lawmaker Yvan Baker said. Charles Sousa, a Liberal member of Parliament for a suburban Toronto area, said Trudeau is reflecting. He said he didn't sign



the letter.

"Trudeau made it very clear that he feels he's the right choice but he appreciates all of what is being said," Sousa said. "I respect his decision, whatever that may be." Trudeau's Liberals recently suffered upsets in special elections in two districts in Toronto and Montreal that the party has held for years, raising doubts about Trudeau's leadership. The federal election could come any time between this fall and October 2025. The Liberals must rely on the support of at least one major party in Parliament as they don't have the majority of seats.

The opposition leader of the Bloc Québécois has said his party will work with the Conservatives and the New Democratic Party, of NDP, to bring the Liberals down and force an election if the government doesn't boost pensions for seniors. Trudeau channeled the star power of his father in 2015 when he reasserted the country's liberal identity in 2015 after

almost 10 years of Conservative rule. But the son of late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau is now in trouble. Canadians have been frustrated by the cost of living coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Liberals trail the opposition Conservatives 38% to 25% in the latest Nanos poll. The poll of 1,037 respondents has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. "The situation of the Liberals in the opinion polls is likely to remain catastrophic. Unless something dramatic and unforeseen occurs, the electoral prospects of the Liberals with Justin Trudeau at the helm look bleak," said Daniel Béland, a politics professor at McGill University in Montreal. Trudeau's legacy includes opening the doors wide to immigration. He also legalized cannabis and brought in a carbon tax intended to fight climate change. "He saved the Liberals back in 2015 but, over time, he's become a huge liability for them," Béland said.

Nigeria's president reshuffles his cabinet

ABUJA (AP): Nigerian President Bola Tinubu has fired five ministers and appointed seven new ones in a major cabinet reshuffle aimed at making his administration more efficient, his office said. The shake-up comes during worsening economic hardship and frustration with the administration in Africa's most populous country.

Tinubu appointed new ministers for humanitarian and poverty reduction, trade and investment, labor and livestock development along with junior ministers for foreign affairs, education and housing, the statement said. The ministers for education, tourism, women's affairs and youth development and the junior minister for housing were fired.

Tinubu took office last year and introduced reforms meant to cut government spending and shore up dwindling foreign investments. But more than a year later, Nigeria's inflation rate is at a 28-year high and the naira currency is at record lows against the dollar. Frustration over the cost-of-living crisis has led to several mass protests in recent months. In August, at least 20 people were shot dead and hundreds of others were arrested at protest demanding better opportunities and jobs for young people.

Despite being one of the top crude oil producers in Africa, Nigeria remains one of the world's poorest countries. Chronic corruption means the lifestyle of its public officials rarely mirrors that of the general population, while medical professionals often strike to protest meager wages. Last year, Tinubu approved millions of dollars in spending for his presidential yacht and sport utility vehicles for his wife and top government officials.

EU stays on sidelines over migrant deal

TIRANA (AP): A top European Union official refused to be drawn on an opinion of an agreement between Italy and Albania to process some migrants in centers set up in the tiny Western Balkan country, saying only that it was being closely monitored.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said that "from the very beginning on we have been very clear that we are monitoring the development related to this agreement very closely." Under a five-year deal signed last November by Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni and her Albanian counterpart, Edi Rama, up to 3,000 migrants picked up by the Italian coast guard in international waters each month will be sheltered in Albania. Their asylum requests will be processed there.

Italy has agreed to welcome those migrants who are granted asylum, while those whose applications are rejected face deportation directly from Albania. The first 12 migrants sheltered last week in Albanian centers were brought back to Italy three days later, following a ruling by Rome judges, who rejected their detention, arguing that their countries of origin — Bangladesh and Egypt — were not safe enough for them to be sent back.

Italy's far-right government on Monday approved a new decree aimed at overcoming judicial hurdles that risked derailing a controversial migration deal with Albania. Under the new decree — which is effective immediately — the government shortened the list of countries considered "safe" by law, meaning that Rome can repatriate to those countries migrants who didn't win asylum using a fast-track procedure. The court ruling was an early stumbling block to the five-year deal between Italy and Albania.

Italian Premier Minister Giorgia Meloni has strongly pushed the deal, defending it as a new "model" to handle illegal migration. In a letter to EU leaders last December, a month after the deal was signed in Rome, von der Leyen praised "important initiatives" on restricting migration by some of the bloc's 27 member countries, including "the operational arrangement between Italy and Albania."

Hungary's Orbán claims EU seeks to topple his govt

BUDAPEST (AP): Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán claimed in a speech that the European Union seeks to topple his government and install a puppet regime in the Central European country, an escalation of open hostility toward the bloc by the member considered to have the warmest ties with Russia.

Speaking before thousands of supporters in Budapest, Orbán was marking Hungary's national holiday commemorating a 1956 armed uprising against Soviet repression that began in the capital and spread across the country before being crushed by the Red Army. Orbán has often used the holiday, which looms large in Hungarians' memory as a freedom fight against foreign domination, to draw parallels between past occupying forces like the Soviet Union and Ottoman Empire and the EU of today.

"Independent Hungarian politics are unacceptable to Brussels," Orbán told the crowd, referring to the EU headquarters in Belgium. "That is why they announced in Brussels that they will get rid of Hungary's national government. They also announced that they wanted to hang a Brussels puppet government around the country's neck." Orbán gave no evidence to support his claims. There was no immediate public reaction from the EU.

"Do we bow to foreign will, this time to the will of Brussels, or do we resist it?" Orbán continued. "I propose that our answer be as clear and unambiguous as it was in 1956." The EU has withheld billions in

financial support from Hungary over its alleged breaches of rule of law, while some of the bloc's lawmakers have repeatedly proposed stripping Hungary of its voting rights over democratic backsliding. The EU parliament declared in 2022 that Hungary can no longer be considered a democracy.

Hungary's leader has clashed with the bloc especially over the war in Ukraine. Hungary has routinely blocked, delayed or watered down EU efforts to extend assistance to Ukraine and sanction Russia, and taken an adversarial posture toward Kyiv while growing closer to Moscow. Orbán has broken with other EU leaders by arguing for an immediate cease-fire and peace talks in Ukraine, leading critics to suggest that he is advocating for Russian interests and turning his back on his EU and NATO partners.

"The Brussels bureaucrats have led the West into a hopeless war," said Orbán, who is widely seen as having the closest relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin of any EU leader. "In their minds, dizzy with the hope of victory, this war is the war of the West against Russia ... Now they want to openly push the entire European Union into the war in Ukraine." He claimed, without providing evidence, that the EU plans to allow Ukrainian soldiers to station in Hungary after a future victory "to guarantee the security of the whole of Europe."

He added: "We Hungarians would wake up one morning to find

that Slavic soldiers from the east were again stationed on the territory of Hungary. We do not want that, but the pressure from Brussels is getting stronger every day." Orbán's speech came at a particularly difficult time for his right-wing populist government, which has gone through a dip in support amid a sputtering economy, a series of scandals and the emergence of a popular new opposition challenger, Péter Magyar and his Tisza party. Recent polls show that Orbán's Fidesz party is neck and neck with Tisza with national elections on the horizon in 2026.

Later, Magyar led thousands of his supporters on a march between symbolic sites from the 1956 revolution in central Budapest. Judit Fábán, a demonstrator who traveled around 120 kilometers (75 miles) from the city of Győr, said she came to honor those heroes who fought for Hungary's freedom 68 years ago, a fight she said has parallels in Hungary today.

"We want freedom, we want to get our country back, to get our symbols back, to express opinions freely, to live freely, to live in democracy. That is the most important thing," she said. Another marcher, Tamás Csipes from Budapest, said that after nearly 15 years with Orbán and his party in power, it was time for Hungary to take a different path. "There should be some change in this country," he said. "I was a Fidesz voter for a very long time, but eight or 10 years ago I realized that this is not the Fidesz that it was before."

Trash carried by a NK balloon again falls in Seoul

SEOUL (AP): Trash carried by a North Korean balloon fell on the presidential compound in central Seoul on Thursday for the second time, raising concerns about the vulnerability of key South Korean sites.

The incident comes after the rival Koreas ramped up threats and rhetoric against each other over North Korea's claims that South Korea flew drones over its capital Pyongyang to scatter propaganda leaflets this month. No dangerous items were found in the rubbish that was dropped on the ground when one of the North Korean balloons burst over the South Korean presidential compound on Thursday morning. South Korea's presidential security service said in a statement.

North Korea has sent thousands of balloons carrying bags of rubbish like plastic and paper waste into South Korea since late May in a resumption of a Cold War-style psychological campaign. The trash that fell on the South Korean presidential compound in July contained no hazardous materials as well. It wasn't immediately known

whether South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol was at the compound during the latest incident. Later Thursday, he met visiting Polish President Andrzej Duda at his office.

South Korean media reported that North Korean leaflets criticizing Yoon and his wife Kim Keon Hee were found on Thursday in Seoul's Yongsan district, where Yoon's presidential office is located. Media published photos of some leaflets that described Kim as a latter-day Marie Antoinette, the queen who was beheaded in 1793 during the French Revolution. The reports said it was the first time that North Korean propaganda leaflets have been found in South Korea since the North began its balloon campaign five months ago.

The South Korean presidential security service didn't confirm the reports. But South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff later urged North Korea to stop flying "crude leaflets" slandering the South's president, warning that Pyongyang will be entirely responsible for any consequences. Experts say North Korea likely lacks

the sophisticated technology needed to drop balloons on specific targets.

"Whether the balloons have GPS or not, it's all about launching them in large numbers and hitting the right altitude based on wind direction and speed, so that they can ride those winds to travel," Lee Choon Geun, an honorary research fellow at South Korea's Science and Technology Policy Institute, said. "While some media are saying the accuracy of the balloons has improved, that improved accuracy isn't because they equipped them with some sort of guidance system, but rather because it's the season when winds blow southward," Lee said.

North Korea has earlier accused South Korea of infiltrating drones to drop propaganda leaflets over Pyongyang three times this month and threatened military responses if it happened again. South Korea has refused to confirm whether it sent drones but warned that North Korea would face the end of its regime if the safety of South Korean citizens is threatened.

Venezuelan opposition leaders win the EU's top human rights prize

BRUSSELS (AP): Venezuelan opposition leaders Maria Corina Machado and Edmundo González Urrutia have won the European Union's top human rights honor, the Sakharov Prize, European Parliament President Roberta Metsola announced Thursday.

Machado was set to run as the democratic opposition candidate against the incumbent president, Nicolás Maduro, in Venezuela's contested 2024 election, but she was disqualified by the government, so González took her place. He had never run for office before the presidential election.

The lead-up to the poll saw widespread repression, including disqualifications, arrests, and human rights violations. Machado went into hiding, fearing for her life. A Venezuelan court

issued an arrest warrant for González, who moved to Spain and was granted asylum. "In their quest for a fair, free and peaceful transition of power, they have fearlessly upheld values that millions of Venezuelans and the European Parliament hold so dear: justice, democracy and the rule of law," Metsola told EU lawmakers.

"This parliament stands with the people of Venezuela and with Maria and Edmundo in their struggle for the democratic future of their country," she said, adding: "We are confident that Venezuela and democracy will ultimately prevail." Machado's group maintains that it has evidence that González won the July 28 presidential election by a wide margin, despite Maduro's claim to have won.

Maduro's victory was

contested by independent observers, including the United Nations. In a resolution last month, the EU parliament recognized González as Venezuela's legitimate president. In a post on X, González said that he was "honored and grateful" for the award. He thanked Machado, describing her as "an exceptional person who, with all her political talent, her absolute dedication and her indomitable spirit, paved the way that we are currently following, keeping the flame of freedom alive in our country."

González also expressed his "gratitude, pride and admiration for my Venezuelan compatriots, who with the utmost civility, courage and determination have for years confronted, and continue to confront, a regime that systematically violates human rights."

North Korea troops in Ukraine would escalate conflict: Lukashenko

BELARUS (BBC): There aren't many world leaders who've been in power for 30 years. Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus has been accused of stealing elections, crushing dissent and dismantling democracy. The UK, the EU and the US do not recognise him as the legitimate president of Belarus.

There's something else you should know about him: if there's any leader who knows Vladimir Putin inside out, it is Lukashenko. The two men have known each other for years and meet regularly. Alexander Lukashenko met me on the sidelines of the Brics summit of emerging economies. He wants Belarus to become a member.

I asked him to comment on claims that North Korea had sent troops to fight alongside Russia in Ukraine. "Rubbish," Lukashenko replied. "Knowing his character Putin would never try to persuade another country to involve its army in Russia's special operation in Ukraine." "And if the reports are confirmed?" I

asked. "It would be a step towards the escalation of the conflict if the armed forces of any country, even Belarus, were on the contact line," replied Alexander Lukashenko. "Even if we got involved in the war this would be a path to escalation. Why? Because you, the Anglo-Saxons, would immediately say that another country had got involved on one side... so Nato troops would be deployed to Ukraine." I ask him whether Vladimir Putin has ever asked Lukashenko to provide Belarusian troops for the Kremlin's war in Ukraine.

"Never. Neither he, nor [former Defence Minister] Sergei Shoigu, nor the current Defence Minister Andrei Belousov has ever raised that question." But Belarus has played a part in Russia's war. In February 2022 Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine was launched, partly, from Belarusian territory. Why did the country's leader allow the Kremlin to do that? "How do you know I gave permission for Belarusian territory to be

used?" Lukashenko asks me.

"Because Belarusian territory was used [for the invasion]." "There were exercises going on involving several thousand Russian soldiers. Putin started withdrawing these troops from where they were in southern Belarus, down a road, along the border with Ukraine."

"At one point he redirected some of these troops to Kyiv. I'm sure they'd been provoked. It's up to Putin how he withdraws his troops. Via Kyiv. Or he could have gone through Minsk." "Didn't you call Putin to ask what was going on?" I ask. "No. He didn't call me. And I didn't call him. These are his troops and he has the right to move them out whichever way he likes."

That comment reflects the degree of influence the Kremlin has in neighbouring Belarus. Another example: Russia has stationed tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus. "Is Putin ready to use those weapons in the war in Ukraine?" I ask. "Putin will never use the weapons stationed in

Belarus without the Belarusian president's consent," Lukashenko tells me. "Are you ready to allow the use of nuclear weapons?"

"I'm completely ready, otherwise why have these weapons? But only if the boot of one [foreign] soldier steps into Belarus. We have no plans to attack anyone." Human rights groups estimate there are currently 1,300 political prisoners in Belarus. Alexander Lukashenko had previously told me there were none. But speaking to me today (perhaps inadvertently) he used the phrase "political prisoner", when speaking about the small number freed in recent months.

Some commentators have interpreted the releases as a message from Lukashenko to the West that he seeks better relations. He denies that. "We freed political prisoners on humanitarian grounds," he says. "They were mostly elderly people and the sick. That's all. This is no step towards improving relations with you. If you don't want relations with us, that's fine. We'll get by without you."

Commonwealth leaders to defy UK on slavery reparations

LONDON (BBC): Commonwealth heads of government are preparing to defy the United Kingdom and agree plans to examine reparatory justice for the transatlantic slave trade, the BBC has learned.

Downing Street insists the issue is not on the agenda for the summit of 56 Commonwealth countries, which begins in the Pacific island nation of Samoa on Friday. But diplomatic sources said officials were negotiating an agreement to conduct further research and begin a "meaningful conversation" about an issue which could potentially leave the UK owing billions of pounds in reparations.

Frederick Mitchell, foreign minister of the Bahamas, told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "Once you broach the subject it may take a while for people to come around but come around they will." Reparatory justice for slavery can come in many forms, including financial reparations, debt relief, an official apology, educational programmes, building museums, economic support, and public health assistance.

The current text of the draft summit communique — made known to the BBC — says: "Heads, noting calls for discussions on reparatory justice with regard to the

transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans and chattel enslavement... agreed that the time has come for a meaningful, truthful and respectful conversation towards forging a common future based on equity." It says the heads of government would play "an active role in bringing about such inclusive conversations addressing these harms" and that they agreed "to prioritise and facilitate further and additional research on the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans and chattel slavery that encourages and supports the conversations and informs a way forward".

The text — which could still change once Commonwealth leaders arrive — has been hammered out by diplomats ahead of the summit. British officials succeeded in blocking a plan for an entirely separate declaration on the subject. The UK did not want any language in the communique about reparatory justice, but at the moment it is having to accept it will include three full paragraphs setting out the Commonwealth's detailed position.

Officials from Caricom, the body that represents Caribbean countries, have sought to broaden the issue so that it encompasses not

just the slave trade across the Atlantic but also the Pacific. The draft communique says a majority of member states "share common historical experiences in relation to this abhorrent trade, chattel enslavement, the debilitation and dispossession of indigenous people".

It also refers directly to practices known as "black-birding", where Pacific islanders were tricked or kidnapped into slave or cheap labour in colonies throughout the region. Diplomats said the expectation now was that reparatory justice would be a central focus of the agenda for the next Commonwealth summit in two years' time in the Caribbean, possibly Antigua and Barbuda.

In the run-up to this year's summit, there have been growing calls from Commonwealth leaders for the UK to apologise and make reparations worth trillions of pounds for the country's historic role in the slave trade. A report published last year by the University of West Indies — backed by Patrick Robinson, a judge who sits on the International Court of Justice — concluded the UK owed more than £18tn in reparations for its role in slavery in 14 Caribbean countries.

Last weekend the prime minister of the Bahamas, Philip Davis, used a visit by Foreign Office minister Baroness Chapman to tell her the fight for reparations was far from over. Bahamas foreign minister Frederick Mitchell told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "The word is apologise, that's the word."

He said for the Commonwealth gathering, "it's a simple matter — it can be done, one sentence, one line." Asked how much reparations should amount to, Mr Mitchell said it was not just a matter of money but of "respect, acknowledging the past was a wrong that needs to be corrected". He said member countries "want the conversation to start" but "there appears to be even a reluctance to have the conversation".

Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy said the UK had heard calls for slavery reparations "loud and clear" but that prime minister was "right" to "focus on the future". A UK government spokesperson said they would not comment on the leak to the BBC, but added: "Reparations are not on the agenda for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting. The government's position has not changed — we do not pay reparations."

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Making World Polio Day a thing of the past

FEW diseases are as insidious as poliomyelitis. Spread through contact with an infected person's bodily fluids, or contaminated food and water, the polio virus overwhelms the nervous system and can cause paralysis in mere hours. There is no cure. And while any unvaccinated individual can contract the disease, most victims are children under the age of five.

The decades of hard work put into all but banishing the poliovirus, therefore, ought to be a source of pride today on World Polio Day. According to the World Health Organisation, wild poliovirus cases have decreased by more than 99 per cent since 1988. Total eradication, however, continues to slip through our fingers.

The stakes remain high. One in 200 infections leads to irreversible paralysis. Among those paralysed, between 5 and 10 per cent die when their breathing muscles become immobilised.

Today, polio is endemic in just two countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan. On October 21, the Pakistan Polio Eradication Programme said 39 polio cases had been reported this year. Two days later, Unicef said the number of polio cases in Afghanistan had risen sharply nationwide, with 22 confirmed cases recorded as of mid-October. As health campaigners point out, so long as a single child remains infected, children in all countries – particularly those where public health services are weak – remain at risk of contracting polio.

That fact has been painfully borne out in war-torn Gaza. Two months ago, a 10-month-old child there became paralysed in one leg after developing the first case of polio to be reported in Palestine for 25 years.

A two-round emergency inoculation drive to protect more than 640,000 Gazan children was organised by the WHO, Unicef and Unrwa with \$5 million in support from the UAE. As the war rages, a final round of emergency vaccinations for children trapped in the enclave's war-torn north is suspended.

This was far from the first time that the Emirates has placed itself at the forefront of international efforts to end the scourge of polio.

In 1992 – the last year a case was recorded in the UAE – the Founding Father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan joined former US president Jimmy Carter in the fight to eradicate diseases such as polio in Africa.

The UAE Pakistan Vaccination Assistance Programme has administered about 750 million doses of polio vaccine in Pakistan since 2014, protecting 102 million children.

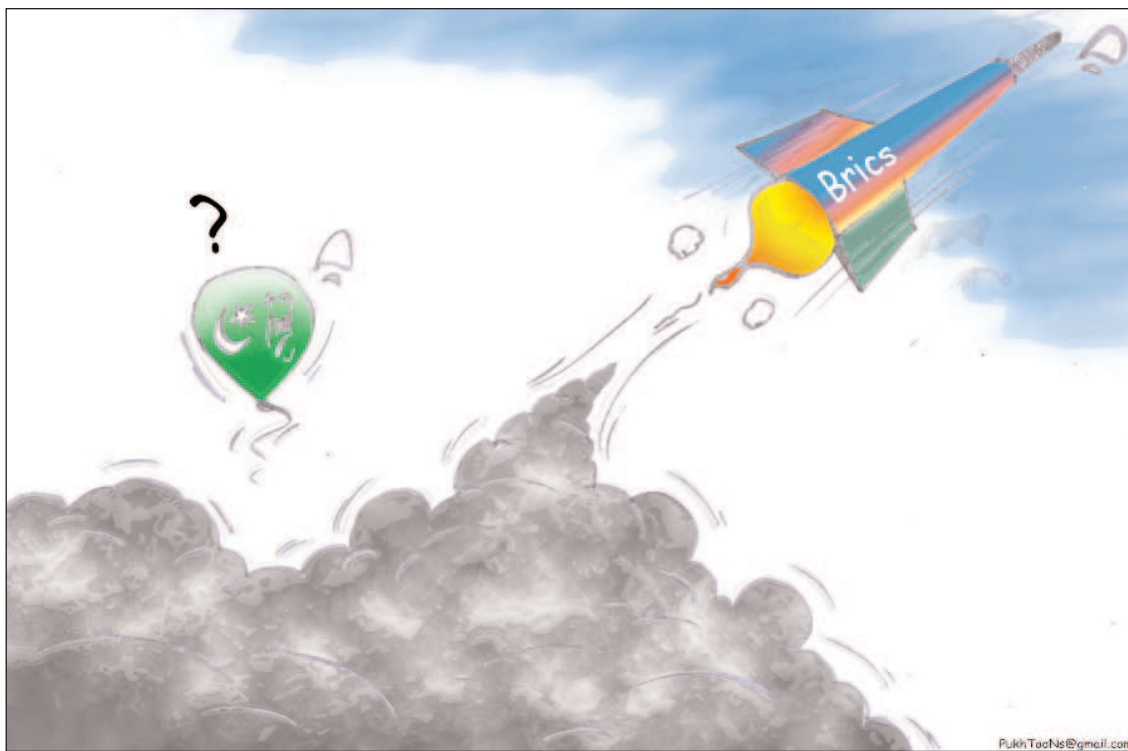
President Sheikh Mohamed has personally committed more than \$381 million to global efforts to eliminate the disease and support humanitarian organisations that organise polio eradication campaigns and vaccinate children.

It is perhaps no coincidence that a leading philanthropic foundation on preventable disease established by Sheikh Mohamed is called Reaching the Last Mile. It is recognition that eradicating an illness such as polio is not an aspirational goal – it is entirely within reach.

But to reach that last mile will require sustained commitment from donors, health campaigners and governments. With the right approach, having a World Polio Day could, eventually, be a thing of the past.

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Jabalia carnage continues amid Blinken's defective diplomacy

Osama Al-Sharif

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has become a symbol of America's defective diplomacy where Israel's horrific year-long war on Gaza is concerned. This week, he was in the region on his 11th mission since the October 2023 Hamas attacks on Israel, ostensibly in a bid to stop the ongoing carnage in Gaza.

However, as on his previous missions, Blinken left Israel empty-handed after meeting top officials. This time, his failure is resonating around the world: Not only did he fail to convince Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to agree to a ceasefire in Gaza following last week's killing of Hamas military leader Yahya Sinwar in Rafah, but he also failed to force Israel to halt its siege and random bombardment of Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza, where tens of thousands of Palestinians are stranded with nowhere to go, and to allow humanitarian aid to enter the devastated region.

Jabalia has become the epicenter of Israel's genocidal war on the Palestinians. Following what has been dubbed the "Generals' Plan," the Israeli military has unleashed an unprecedented, even by the beleaguered Gaza's standards, barrage of indiscriminate bombing from land and air. The plan aims at ethnically cleansing northern Gaza by any means possible: bombardment, terror, starvation and the deliberate targeting of "safe" areas such as hospitals and schools. Next to no food, water or fuel has been allowed to pass for more than two weeks,

despite desperate appeals from the UN and other humanitarian agencies working there.

Tents, where civilians had sought temporary refuge, were struck last week, creating an inferno that produced harrowing images of people being burned alive. Hospitals have been forcibly evacuated and later demolished or set ablaze. The apocalyptic scenes from Jabalia have surpassed anything that was inflicted on Gaza in the past year — and that says a lot.

Israel has ignored all humanitarian appeals from world leaders, UN agencies and other organizations. Netanyahu has shown no interest in a let-off. Instead, he is doubling down on displacing anybody who somehow survives the ongoing pogrom.

Blinken is good at paying lip service to the suffering of the Palestinians. The State Department's spokespersons continue to dodge questions about Israeli war crimes by repeating the same stale statement that Israel has the right to defend itself. When pressed for answers on a specific massacre, the diplomatic response is that the US will engage the Israelis for details.

The Biden administration has failed the Palestinian people despite acknowledging that the US president is frustrated with Netanyahu. Still, America continues to supply Israel with the weapons that are being deployed against unarmed and hapless civilians. The 42,000-plus fatalities in Gaza so far will almost certainly be seen as a conservative figure if and

when the war ends. There are thousands of Palestinians unaccounted for and who remain buried under the rubble.

In Jabalia, the streets are littered with bodies that the medics are not even allowed to recover. The only working hospital has run out of medicines and even shrouds to cover the dead. Dogs have been reported to be eating the corpses. It is mystifying that the US is unable to convince Netanyahu to deliver urgent supplies to Jabalia and the rest of northern Gaza. In a feeble attempt to show resolve, the State Department and the Pentagon sent a letter to Israel giving it 30 days to ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid in northern Gaza. So far, Netanyahu has met that letter with disdain.

The fact that Israel is committing war crimes in Jabalia is indisputable. Yet Blinken, who warned Israel about breaking US laws, appears hesitant to turn such warnings into actual deeds. The fact is that the US and other Western countries continue to supply Israel with arms despite accumulating evidence that war crimes are being committed in Gaza, which has rendered international law, the Geneva Conventions and international humanitarian law obsolete. The double standards being applied are shameful.

But while the debate ensues on the complicity of these countries in Israel's genocidal war, the world is now realizing that the war in Gaza has little to do with destroying Hamas. Netanyahu has repeatedly rejected ceasefire deals that

were approved by his negotiating team. He is now pushing on with a plan to partition Gaza and occupy the north permanently after chasing the survivors to the south, thus creating a new reality on the ground.

According to reports, those who will be pushed to the south will be herded into detention centers that Israel will administer.

Blinken has repeated that the US opposes Israel's occupation of Gaza, yet he is allowing Netanyahu to execute his plan, which can only lead to a permanent occupation of the Strip. Far-right ministers in his government are openly talking about building Jewish settlements there.

Jabalia today is a classic example of Israel's use of mass killing, starvation and terror to force Palestinians to flee their homes for good. The US knows this is Israel's intent and is doing nothing to stop it.

So, what message does Blinken have for the region's leaders and why should they believe him? On his watch, Israel is carrying out back-to-back massacres with impunity, using US weaponry and enjoying full American diplomatic and political cover. The reality for the people of the region is that the US is no less guilty of genocide than Israel.

The Jabalia bloodbath will go down in history as one of the most horrific and bold crimes against humanity in living memory. For Palestinians, it will be added to the hundreds of massacres committed by Israel since 1948. But this will be seen as one incredible atrocity where the US stood by and did absolutely nothing to stop it.

The clock's ticking and we might meet only half the target of tripling renewables

Nawal Al-Hosany

THE geopolitical and economic instability in the world this past year has exposed the fault lines in the global energy system. Months of uncertainty have threatened to throw the transition to a renewable-based future further off track.

Amid these unfolding challenges, the twin goals of tripling global renewable energy capacity and doubling energy efficiency by 2030, set out in the UAE Consensus, have become more important than ever.

But right now, we are not even close to our targets – as the International Renewable Energy Agency's (Irena) first report since it was commissioned by the Cop28 UAE Presidency to track the progress of the tripling renewables target makes plain. By tracking the progress we've made and, crucially, identifying the gaps we still need to bridge, Irena's report on "Delivering on the UAE Consensus" is a wake-up call and a blueprint for the international community. The numbers reveal a stark reality. Current national plans are only halfway to meeting the renewable energy targets, with a projected global shortfall of 3.8 terawatts (TW) by 2030 looming large, unless we act to close the energy gap now.

Irena's report lays out the scale of the task ahead. To hit the 11.2-TW goal, we must add 1,044 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy capacity by 2030. The current rate of expansion is far from sufficient. To meet this goal, we need to triple onshore wind, increase offshore wind six-fold, and scale geothermal capacity 35 times to meet the goal.

And this challenge is not evenly spread. The gap between developed and developing regions is widening. Asia, Europe, and North America account for 85 per cent of global installed capacity, while Africa lags with just 1.6 per cent. If this trend continues, the energy transition will leave vast regions behind.

The clear roadblocks standing in the way of faster progress. Outdated infrastructure, inadequate financing, and a shortage of skilled workers are slowing the progress of the energy transition. Grid capacity is falling behind, with 3,000 GW of renewable power waiting to be connected.

Policy-making, too, is not evolving fast enough to remove delays, streamline permitting, and incentivise renewable energy capacity building.

The current state and pace of scaling up renewable solutions calls for strong leadership from governments to reform the

transition will create millions of jobs, but only if we invest in education and training. Countries must prioritise upskilling and reskilling workers, developing technical expertise, and empowering the next generation of energy leaders. If we fail to do so, the lack of a skilled workforce will become a bottleneck to progress.

The next six years are critical. The decisions we make today will determine whether we meet the UAE Consensus goals or fall further behind in our mission to deliver a climate resilient, energy secure future.

We have a clear roadmap, but it's time to accelerate. As the world heads towards Cop29 in Azerbaijan, there is no room for hesitation. We need bold leadership, swift action and unyielding commitment from every corner of the world. Governments must lead by example. They must raise their ambitions, align their energy plans with the tripling target and put renewable energy at the heart of policy-making.

The global community must come together, support those most vulnerable, and ensure that no country is left behind.

We know what needs to be done. The path is clear. But the window of opportunity is closing. The future of our planet depends on whether we act now. We cannot afford to wait any longer.

The real treasures of Egypt are a long way from Cairo

Ross Anderson

On the one hand, it is hardly a ringing endorsement of Egypt's ability to deliver large-scale infrastructure projects that the \$1 billion Grand Egyptian Museum near the pyramids of Giza, which should have been completed in 2012, has finally opened its majestic doors, and only partially.

On the other hand, when you are a cradle of civilization, with a culture and heritage that can be traced back at least eight millennia, a delay of 12 years may be charitably viewed as no more than a blip.

Either way, if we are to believe the few lucky Egyptians who have so far forked out \$2 for a ticket, the wait has been worth it. The first sight that greeted them was a colossal 3,200-year-old statue of Pharaoh Ramesses II, one of the new museum's first acquisitions in 2018. The six-story grand staircase has a view of the pyramids and showcases monuments and artifacts from pharaonic statues to sarcophagi and mummified bodies. When the museum is complete, it will house more than 100,000 objects, including treasures from the tomb of King Tutankhamun — so let's hope we don't have to wait another 12 years for that.

What is equally interesting, however, is the lengthy list of Egyptian treasures that the museum will not display. For example, you will search high and low, and in vain, for any sign of the Rosetta Stone, the dark rock on which is carved in ancient Egyptian and ancient Greek a decree issued by King Ptolemy V Epiphanes of Egypt in 196 B.C. Famously, the same words being in different languages gave scholars their first key to translating Egyptian hieroglyphics. To see the stone, however, you will have to visit the British Museum in London.

Nor will you find anywhere near Cairo the granite statue of Ankhwah the shipbuilder from Saqqara, carved during Egypt's Third Dynasty around 2650 B.C.: that, too, is in the British Museum in London. You may also wish to see the famous statue of Amun in the form of a ram protecting King Taharqa, from 683 B.C., but that is in the British Museum in London.

And if you would like to cast an eye over the three black granite statues of the goddess Sekhmet from 1400 B.C., the gilded outer coffins from the tomb of Hentutemehyt in Thebes from 1250 B.C. or the black siltstone obelisk of King Nectanebo II from 350 B.C., then I'm afraid they are all ... wait: are you beginning to see a pattern here?

The British Museum was established in 1753 to house the collections of the scientist and naturalist Sir Hans Sloane, but its contents have literally come a long way since then — principally by way of 250 remorseless years of British colonial looting and pillaging.

The museum's Egyptian collection alone consists of more than 50,000 objects, from tiny amulets to clothing and textiles to monumental sculptures.

Explanations from museum authorities and their supporters for how they came by these objects would do credit to the Circumlocution Office, the wonderful satirical creation of Charles Dickens.

There is "a very complex array of ways that things came into the British Museum," they say; or they were "gifts," they say; many pieces came from the Egypt Exploration Fund, of which the museum is a sponsor, they say; others came from the peripatetic 19th-century clergyman the Rev. Greville John Chester, who "collected many antiquities in his almost annual travels,

including some major pieces," the museum's website says.

My personal favorite comes from a former museum curator, who explained: "The collection is not owned by the government, nor is it owned by the British Museum. It's owned by the public, it's held in trust by the trustees of the British Museum."

Yeah, right: as when someone sneakily dips into my trouser pocket at the supermarket queue and removes my wallet, they are "holding it in trust."

It is true that, until 1983, Egypt permitted the sale and export of antiquities, some of which left the country legally. But morally? I think not.

The indisputable fact is that at least 60 per cent of the British Museum's Egyptian collection has been nicked, purloined, half-inched, feloniously obtained or larcenously acquired: to continue the Dickens analogy, the museum contains more stolen property than Fagin's den in "Oliver Twist."

Not all of it is from Egypt. In its rapaciousness, the British Empire was an equal opportunities pillager. The museum's highest-profile acquisition is probably the collection of fifth century B.C. ancient Greek sculptures from the Parthenon and the Acropolis, stolen from Athens by the 7th Earl of Elgin between 1801 and 1812 and commonly known as the Elgin Marbles.

The museum's excuse for hanging on to these is a cracker: it is that they were obtained legally, with the permission of the authorities in Greece "at that time."

What they do not say is that Greece "at that time" was under the control of the Ottoman Empire, which was itself an occupying power with little interest in heritage conservation.

The crown jewel of British imperial acquisitiveness is, well, the actual Crown Jewels. Their centerpiece is the Koh-i-Noor, which weighs in at a whopping 105.6 carats and is one of the largest cut diamonds in the world. It is currently on public display in the Tower of London. For something that shines so brightly, it has a distinctly murky past.

The gem's first recorded appearance was on the Mughal Peacock Throne looted from Delhi by Nader Shah of Iran in the 1740s. Eventually, it came into the possession of Duleep Singh, the maharaja of the Sikh Empire.

Aged 11, he did whatever he was told by the British East India Company, which had annexed the Punjab in 1849, and so the boy cheerfully handed it over as a "gift" to Queen Victoria.

India, Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan have all staked a claim to ownership of the diamond and demanded its return, but King Charles shows no sign of being prepared to hand it over any time soon.

The British Museum, too, has faced mounting pressure over the years for its treasures to be repatriated to the countries from which they were stolen, but the British government saw that coming in 1963.

The British Museum Act, which obtained parliamentary approval in that year, expressly prohibits the removal of any object in the museum's collections, except for the purpose of a loan.

Thus, to see all its priceless treasures and more, you would have to fly to London and make your way to Russell Square in the genteel Bloomsbury neighborhood of Britain's capital. The nearest Tube station is Tottenham Court Road, about a five-minute walk away.

The good news is that admission to the British Museum is free: just as it should be for a display of stolen goods.

— Arab News

Fascism and food prices: the issues driving the last 12 days of the election

NO presidential candidate in history has had to field questions on grocery prices and her opponent's alleged fascism at the same event.

But the almost absurd linkage between these two issues that Kamala Harris must confront perfectly tells the story of the 2024 election and America's fierce estrangement nine years into the Donald Trump era.

Just after 1 p.m. on Wednesday, the Democratic nominee emerged from the front door of her official residence in Washington to pose this question: "What do the American people want?"

She got her answer eight hours later, at a CNN town hall in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, one of the Philadelphia suburbs where she needs a massive turnout to beat the former president in an election only 12 days away.

Thirty-two voters who were still undecided or persuadable sought answers from Harris on the country's polarized political tumult, on punishing prices at the grocery store and on an immigration crisis the Biden administration struggled to address. She was asked about the deaths of tens of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza. Someone else worried about the surge in antisemitism in the United States. Harris was asked to explain her policy reversals on fracking and her plans to hike taxes on the rich. One voter asked about her weaknesses. Another wanted to know whether she'd increase the number of justices on the Supreme Court to 12 – a step that would water down the conservative majority.

Each question that Harris received represented not just a chance to interact with one single voter but to reach millions more country-wide with the same concerns.

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The CNN town hall was one of the last chances for Harris to force significant changes in the race, but she didn't appear to do much to alter the dynamic. (Trump was invited but declined to participate in a CNN town hall.)

At the end of Wednesday's event, undecided voters were left to wrestle with this equation.

Do they pick the vice president despite lingering concerns about her capacity to quickly improve their economic situation — the issue that polls consistently show voters are most worried about?

Or, does nostalgia for the pre-Trump economy and the Republican strongman's vow to fix

Stephen Collinson

the immigration crisis with headline policies draw the final wavering voters, despite any concerns they may have about four more exhausting years of his assaults on the rule of law and democracy?

Pam Thistle, one of the voters who asked Harris a question, said that the personal clashes between Harris and Trump were doing voters a disservice.

"We don't care, stop trashing Trump. Trump stop trashing the vice president. We don't care, the voters don't care. ... We don't even know the people they are talking about," Thistle told CNN's John King after the town hall. "How does that impact the voters, that is who you are talking to, that's who you are

like abortion rights.

Perhaps her most effective moment was when she put herself in the position of a voter who supported the overturning of a federal right to abortion but was anxious about the long-term consequences for women's reproductive health care. "'I didn't intend that women who are suffering a miscarriage would develop sepsis, as has happened many times. I didn't intend that women would die,'" Harris said, paraphrasing concerns that such a voter might have.

But an undecided voter waiting for specific, actionable, day-one policies to cut the cost of groceries, which have not returned to levels before the now-extinguished spike in inflation early in Biden's term, may have

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crossing three years earlier. It reflects favorably on Harris that she loyally didn't choose this moment to separate herself from President Joe Biden and say she would have done things differently herself. But successful politicians sometimes need to show a ruthless streak, and she might have helped her cause by doing so. In fact, while she insisted that "my administration will not be a continuation of the Biden administration," she did not spell out a clear blueprint for what she'd do differently.

Throughout her political career, Harris has struggled in unscripted situations when she's been asked to address policy in great depth or to give spontaneous answers. Her performance at the town hall again showed that she's not a natural politician. When she avoided tough questions, she didn't do so with the smooth finesse of more fluent political performers. She appeared less comfortable in this setting — in front of voters and Cooper, who forensically but respectfully probed her non-answers — than she was during her adversarial showdown with Fox News anchor Bret Baier last week.

A last chance to seal the election

But no one expects Harris to become a political natural overnight. The issue for a voter still agonizing over their choice is whether, for all her liabilities, she is a better bet than Trump and everything he brings. After all, the spectacle of a former White House chief of staff warning that the Republican nominee is effectively a dictator in waiting constitutes a unique moment in the history of the republic.

Trump's outlandish conduct and contempt for laws, decorum and decency might appear to make him unpalatable to millions of voters. But the last nine years demonstrate that that behavior is also a selling point to his vast numbers of supporters who think the elite establishment isn't working for them. Trump might never have cracked 50% in a national election, but he's arguably never been as strong politically as he is right now, on the cusp of an election that could restore him to power.

Still, the thousands of moderate Republicans and women voters who backed former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley — many of whom live in the so-called collar counties around Philadelphia — are exactly the kind of voters most likely to be offended by the latest apparent evidence of Trump's extremism. They might just decide the fate of a Harris campaign that started in an explosion of joy but has now narrowed into dark warnings of looming autocracy.

As Harris said, Americans will show what they want in 13 days. Actually, make that 12 days.

— CNN

Donald Trump, Elon Musk and the rise of a new breed of American oligarchs

Hussein Ibish

DONALD Trump has never had a shortage of wealthy friends and supporters. That's hardly surprising, given his lifelong passion for the trappings of wealth and power available to the scion of one of the richest families in the US.

But in recent months, a coterie of younger Silicon Valley ultra-wealthy entrepreneurs — of the type known as "tech bros" — has gravitated strongly towards Mr Trump in his presidential campaign in a manner with ominous implications for US economic policy, the relationship between business and government, and even the future of US democracy.

We may be witnessing the rise of a new breed of American oligarchs, in the worst sense of that term.

One of the most striking features of this coterie of would-be "Maga" oligarchs is the extent to which many have entirely changed their views regarding Mr Trump. One podcasting wealthy tech bro, Chamath

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One of the under-appreciated characteristics that unites some of these figures is that they are white men who spent their childhoods living under — and benefitting, by virtue of their race —

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from apartheid. Mr Musk, Mr Thiel and David Sacks (another prominent pro-Trump venture capitalist) all share this background. Their upbringing under the systematised inequalities of apartheid may well help to explain why all of them seem committed to the idea that human societies are inevitably divided between winners and losers, and that governance should be restricted to a natural aristocracy. That heritage may well resonate with Mr Trump's own upbringing. His father was famously arrested, although under murky circumstances, at a violent Ku Klux Klan rally in 1927.

And one of the most formative experiences of Mr Trump's early business career was the 1973 battle that he and his father waged against the administration of Richard Nixon — hardly a civil rights champion — over their systematic housing discrimination.

Mr Trump's father had built an empire of working and middle-class housing in the outer boroughs of New York, particularly in the booming decades following the Second World War. When Mr Trump was brought on board to help run the company, it was accused of systematically instructing agents to mark all applications from African Americans with the letter C (standing for

"coloured"), an indication not to rent to those prospective tenants, as has been widely reported in US media.

In the end, Mr Trump and his father settled with the government, promising to end the practice.

Mr Trump and the new crop of Silicon Valley would-be oligarchs seemingly recognise each other as kindred spirits. The tech bros are throwing their support behind him in the apparent hope that the personalised rule that he is promising can be used in their favour. At a minimum, they might hope to avoid government regulation themselves.

The wealthy in US have never lacked for influence. The details of its framing Convention show that the constitutional system was consciously designed to facilitate the political expression of financial power, while balancing that with the power of voting majorities. Since the Supreme Court held that political donations are a form of protected "free speech" and that corporations are legal persons

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with political rights, that has greatly intensified in recent decades. But the new wannabe oligarchs now flocking around Mr Trump are either seeking to pioneer new ways of politically empowering themselves via their fortunes, or at least returning to the excesses of individual political clout among the super-wealthy characteristic of the Gilded Age at the turn of the 19th century. At the time, political reformers recognised this undue influence as a form of corruption and attack against the democratic system.

Led by Republican president Theodore Roosevelt, the progressives of the time broke up monopolies and restrained the worst excesses of individual and corporate financial power on the political scene. But, if he wins, another Republican president, Mr Trump, seems set to try to give his allies among the super-wealthy the kind of political clout their predecessors could only dream of.

A personalised and autocratic presidential administration backed up by, and in turn favouring, personalised and politicised individual wealth has a familiar ring in today's world. Its next epicentre could be in Washington.

— The National

Europe's migration crisis fueled by leftist policies of the past

Khaled Abou Zahr

The debate around immigration, particularly illegal immigration, has become a major dividing issue within the EU, with clear splits between left- and right-wing political parties. On one side, left-leaning parties tend to adopt a more permissive approach, favoring pro-immigration laws and being less strict on illegal immigration. On the other hand, right-leaning parties argue for more stringent immigration laws and greater border control to manage both legal and illegal entries.

In this matter, and being at the forefront of the flow of illegal immigrants across the Mediterranean, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni this week passed a decree bypassing legal challenges to its deal with Albania for the offshore processing of migrants. This decree allows the designation of entire countries as "safe" for migrant returns, despite a

court ruling blocking the deportation of migrants from Bangladesh and Egypt, which were deemed unsafe. This step, which the UK's previous government had also hoped to achieve with Rwanda, has been branded inhumane by leftist politicians. The right argues that the perilous and inhumane situation lies in the many lives lost at sea and the human trafficking that is linked to illegal immigration, with these steps dissuading large flows.

Some argue that the tougher stance by rightist parties in Europe has already acted as a deterrent. Data from the EU's border and coast guard agency Frontex showed that unauthorized crossings of the region's external borders fell 39 percent in the first eight months of 2024 compared to the same period last year. In 2023, illegal immigration to Europe had reached signifi-

cant levels, with approximately 1.2 million non-EU citizens found to be illegally present in the bloc, a 121 percent increase since 2018. Another fact is that different countries are affected differently. Germany reported the highest number with 263,670, followed by Italy with 194,750 illegal residents and Hungary with 159,700.

People smuggling routes are primarily established from Africa and the Middle East, where traffickers can charge substantial fees, often reaching \$10,000 per individual for an unsafe and dangerous passage to Europe. Moreover, according to the European Council, there were 3,711 fatalities on the Mediterranean and Western African routes in 2023.

Adding complexity to the problem of immigration is Europe's aging population, with many countries suffering from an inverted popula-

tion pyramid. This demographic shift presents economic and social challenges, such as a shrinking workforce and increased pressure on pensions and healthcare systems. The younger generations are left to support a growing elderly population, creating financial and social strains.

In this context, immigration, particularly of young workers, could help address the demographic imbalance, but without effective integration policies it also risks further social fragmentation. This is also why many accuse former German Chancellor Angela Merkel of allowing for more than 1 million arrivals in 2015 to look for a quick fix to the problem, which in reality has caused a lot of tensions within European countries.

The EU is making efforts to reform its migration and

asylum policies. The Pact on Migration and Asylum, which was approved this year and is set to come into force in 2026, aims to streamline asylum procedures, enhance external border management and promote greater solidarity among member states. These reforms seek to address both security concerns and humanitarian obligations, balancing the need for stronger border control with fair treatment of asylum seekers.

Despite these reforms, however, Europe's unity remains fragile due to diverging national approaches to immigration. Countries like Hungary reject EU-wide quotas for redistributing migrants, prioritizing their national sovereignty, while others advocate for burden-sharing. These different views threaten broader EU

cooperation on important issues, especially security. There has been poor management of this issue, with no correct guidance or the necessary authority to maintain, on occasions, proper order for the well-being of new arrivals and citizens.

This is very clear in countries like Sweden, which has witnessed a significant reversal of its traditionally open immigration policies. The government has introduced stricter asylum laws, reduced the number of asylum applications to the minimum required by EU law and incentivized voluntary repatriation. Similar policy shifts

have occurred in countries like Denmark and Austria, where governments have tightened immigration controls in response to rising social tensions and security concerns. Germany, too, recently decided to implement temporary border checks in an attempt to curb

irregular migration.

The fact is that what pushes for change and forces leftist parties in the EU to soften their stance are the ballots and nothing else. Europeans, one country after another, are taking a stronger position on this important electoral topic. And so, suddenly, many observers now argue that previous immigration policies were inadequately planned. And left-wing parties, which have historically advocated for immigration as a remedy to demographic challenges, now bear significant responsibility for the rising tensions surrounding this issue.

Their policies have contributed not only to the deteriorating conditions experienced by legal immigrants but also to the tragic loss of life among immigrants attempting illegal entry via sea crossings and the horrors of human trafficking. There are even suspicions that

political motivations, including the potential creation of new voting blocs, may have influenced these permissive and weak policies.

This political divide is not new and recalls scenes from the 1992 French film "La Crise" (The Crisis), in which a wealthy socialist MP criticizes a simple man for his racism. Ironically, the man who professes his dislike for Arabs reveals later that most of his friends and family are immigrants themselves, highlighting how out of touch certain politicians, particularly those on the left, can be when they claim the moral high ground on issues like immigration. This disconnect reflects the larger split between idealized policies made in comfortable offices and the on-the-ground realities of migration and assimilation. Despite the new EU pact, it has nevertheless become a big threat to the future unity of the bloc.



PESHAWAR: President Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Fazal Moqeem Khan presenting chamber's shield to Managing Director of Small Industrial Development Board Habibullah Arif.

PSX crosses another milestone, reaches 88,945.99 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): Continuing with positive sentiments, the 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) remained on bullish trend on fourth consecutive day and crossed another milestone by reaching a historic level of 88,945.99 points on Thursday.

Overall the index gained 1,751.45 points, showing a positive change of 2.01 percent when compared to last day's trading of compared to 87,194.54 points.

A total of 757,648,007 shares were traded during the day as compared to 699,294,030 shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs36.047 billion against Rs26.824 billion on the last trading day.

As many as 454 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 238 of them recorded gains and 167 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 49 companies remained

unchanged.

The three top trading companies were K-Electric Limited with 113,202,208 shares at Rs4.82 per share, PTCL with 41,105,281 shares at Rs16.76 per share and Fauji Cement XD with 23,272,920 shares at Rs31.46 per share.

Unilever Pakistan Foods Limited witnessed a maximum increase of Rs191.89 per share price, closing at Rs18,455.56, whereas the runner-up was Pakistan Tobacco Company Limited with Rs109.40 rise in its per share price to Rs1,203.37.

Raffhan Maize Products Company Limited witnessed a maximum decrease of Rs271.44 per share closing at Rs7,028.56 followed by Nestle Pakistan Limited with Rs156.94 decline to close at Rs6,624.96.

Rupee sheds 12 paisa against dollar: Pakistani rupee on Thursday depreciated by 12 paisa against the US dollar in the interbank

trading and closed at Rs277.84 against the previous day's closing of Rs277.72.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs277.30 and Rs278.80 respectively.

The price of Euro increased by 62 paisa to close at Rs300.08 against the last day's closing of Rs299.46, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

The Japanese yen remained unchanged and closed at Rs1.82, whereas an increase of 33 paisa was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs360.40 as compared to the last day's closing of Rs360.07.

The exchange rate of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal increased by 03 paisa and 02 paisa to close at Rs75.64 and Rs73.98 respectively.

Nestlé posts third quarter results

F.P. Report

LAHORE: Nestlé Pakistan's sales for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, stand at PKR 149.2 billion, reflecting a decline in growth by 1.3% compared to the same period last year.

This was primarily influenced by the implementation of taxes in the Finance Act, which were passed on to consumers leading to price hikes and subsequently reduced demand. Additionally, challenges such as rising commodity and energy prices, as well as increased investment behind the brands, contributed to a decrease in operating profit.

The results were announced at the end of the Company's Board of Directors' meeting at its Head Office. The Company maintains a cautious outlook for the rest of the year while focusing on optimization across the value chain.

Shipping activity at Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP): Shipping activity was reported at the port where four ships, Maersk Cape Town, MSC Positano, Mahadah Silver and Bam Bam carrying Container, Palm oil and Gas oilberthed at Qasim International Container Terminal, Liquid Cargo Terminal and FOTCO oil Terminal respectively.

Meanwhile three more ships, Torrente, Saga and Umm Bab carrying Container, Palm oil and LNG are arrived at outer anchorage during last 24 hours.

A total of ten ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them a containership 'Maersk Cape Town' left the port on today morning while five more ships, MSC Positano, Valentina, Alea, Bam Bam and Dravin are expected to sail on today afternoon.

Cargo volume of 183,468 tonnes, comprising 130,126 tonnes imports and 53,342 tonnes export cargo carried in 4,026 Containers (2,059 TEUs Imports& 1,967 TEUs Export) was handled at the port during last 24 hours.

SCCI demands pragmatic steps for resolution of small industries' issues

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: The Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Fazal Moqeem Khan said small industries are the backbone of economic growth and needed to facilitate them at an optimal level.

The SCCI chief called for abolishment of property tax on small manufacturing units in Peshawar and resolution of their issues on priority basis. Besides establishment of new industrial estate, he stressed the existing small industrial estates should be upgraded on modern lines as well.

Fazal Moqeem was addressing a delegation and members of Small Industrial Estate (SIE) Association Kohat Road Peshawar during a visit to Managing Director of the Small Industrial Development Board (SIDB) Habibullah Arif

here at the chamber house.

Deputy Managing Director SIDB Engr Zulfiqar Ali Sahibzada, DMD Nauman Fayyaz and Incharge Industrial Park Peshawar Ateequr Rehman were accompanied by the Managing Director of the SIDB.

The meeting attended by senior vice president Abdul Jalil Jan, former president SCCI Engr Maqsood Anwar Pervaiz, former SVP Imran Khan Mohmand, member of the chamber executive committee Aftab Iqbal, Saifullah, Ashfaq Ahmad and Ziaul Haq Sarhadi, former EC member Affaf Ali Khan,

On the occasion, SIDB MD and other officials through a multimedia presentation briefed participants about Industrial Park Peshawar and invited investors to take benefit from this project.

Officials said the new

industrial park Peshawar would be equipped with modern facilities and it is a great opportunity for investors to make investments.

SIE Association president Waheed Arif Awan, former president Engr Maqsood Anwar Pervaiz and others apprised officials about issues in Small Industrial Estate Kohat Peshawar and stressed the need of proactive steps to resolve industrialists' problems.

A documentary was also run on the occasion, through which SCCI role, main objectives, welfare initiatives for business community and future plans and projects highlighted.

Fazal Moqeem welcomed the establishment of new Industrial Park Peshawar and called for provision of all facilities to attract investment.

The SCCI chief also

asked for ensuring all facilities in the existing small industrial estate Kohat Peshawar.

Moqeem said traders have been facing great trouble owing to government policies and actions, adding that business, trade and export were next to nil, while 2 percent Infrastructure Development Cess was imposed on export from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa that also adversely affected export proceeds from the province.

The chamber president asked the provincial government to withdraw 2 percent cess on export immediately and take pragmatic steps for promotion of business, trade and export and facilities to small industrialists.

Earlier, the SIDB Managing Director Habibullah Arif and other officials' congratulated the newly elected cabinet of the SCCI.

BCSRA 2023 shone at Lahore's Iconic Shahi Qila

F.P. Report

KARACHI: The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMA) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) proudly hosted the Best Corporate & Sustainability Report Awards (BCSRA) 2023. The grand awards ceremony took place at the iconic Shahi Qila, Lahore, on Friday, October 18, 2024.

The event was honored by the presence of Mr. Akif Saeed, Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), as the Chief Guest. His involvement highlighted the crucial role corporate reporting plays in boosting investor confidence and fostering transparency within Pakistan's corporate sector.

Mr. Akif Saeed acknowledged the importance of the

Best Corporate & Sustainability Report Awards in cultivating transparency and enhancing corporate disclosures. He emphasized how these awards have strengthened corporate governance and provided valuable insights into companies' ethical standards and financial health.

Farrukh Rahman, President of ICAP, added that the Best Corporate & Sustainability Report Awards exemplify a commitment to excellence in corporate reporting and financial transparency. He explained that annual reports act as a company's reflection, showcasing past achievements, future prospects, and a sustainable approach to creating value for stakeholders.

Mr. Shehzad Ahmed Malik, President ICMA, reiterated that sustainability is no longer optional but a



necessity. He commended the awarded companies for embedding sustainability into their core strategies, showcasing leadership through innovation, resilience, and responsible governance.

During his address, Mr. Asad Feroze, Co-Chairman of the Joint ICAP-ICMA Committee, shed light on the rigorous evaluation process behind the Best Corporate & Sustainability

Report Awards. He praised the tireless work of the BCR Evaluation Committee, emphasizing the adherence to high standards of transparency, which ensured the credibility and fairness of the awards. He noted that these awards not only recognized outstanding financial reporting but also encouraged companies to continually enhance their corporate governance and sustainability efforts.

PSO's 48th AGM: Accelerating growth through innovation & alternative energy

F.P. Report

KARACHI: Pakistan State Oil (PSO), the nation's leading energy company, successfully convened its 48th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Karachi, chaired by Chairman, Board of Management, PSO - Asif Baigomahmed. Managing Director & CEO, PSO - Syed Taha, other board members, and senior management were also present.

PSO reinforced its market leadership, achieving impressive financial results for FY24. The company posted a gross revenue of PKR 3.8 trillion, with a profit after tax



of PKR 15.9 billion, translating to earnings per share of PKR 33.79. A dividend of PKR 10 per share, equivalent to 100% for FY23-24, was declared.

The management briefed shareholders on vertical expansion initiatives through CERISMA (Private) Limited and PSO Renewable Energy. CERISMA, PSO's fintech

arm, drives nationwide financial inclusion through accessible digital services, expanding its reach to e-commerce and international payments. Meanwhile, PSO Renewable Energy focuses on solar capacity expansion, bolstering profitability, creating new revenue streams, and contributing to Pakistan's renewable energy growth.

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I Jibrān S/o Zulfiqar Hussain R/o Qureshi House H#323, Sector 4, Street 4, KDA Kohat do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-
1. That I was registered with FBISE at SSC Level under Reg. NO. 1742201027 and passed the SSC Annual/ Supplementary Examination 2017 under Roll No. 136491.
2. That I have decided to change my name from Jibrān to Jibrān Qureshi which is written as Jibrān in Board's documents/ record. Hence the same may be changed.
3. The statement given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, belief and nothing material has been concealed or withheld.

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In the Court of Javeria Sartaj Khan Additional District Judge II /Azafi Zila Qazi Buner at Daggar Buner. Appeal. No.17/13 Institution.13/2/2024. Date of hearing. 28/10/2024. Gul Nazar etc VS Bakht Wazer Khan etc. Notice to no. 9. Mst Nasem Bibi widow. 10. Moham Yunas. 11. Kishwar Khan sons. 12. Mst. Rasheda. 19. Aurang Zeb. 20. Ahmed Nabi sons of Biladar. 21. Mst. Gul Fam widow. 22. Faizan Zeb. 23. Zeshan Zeb. 24. Farkhan Zeb sons. 25. Mst Reza d/o Umer Zeb s/o Biladar. 26. Bakhti Raj. 27. Amanul Mulk sons of Mashen. 28. Mian Bashir s/o Gulab. 45. Mst. Afza d/o Mst Raida widow. 58. Amer Dost Khan. 59. Basher Khan sons of Sher Zada. 65. Ahmed Zeb. 67. Atif Khan sons of Mst Zahida widow of Afaren. 74. Zakirullah Khan. 75. Zerullah Khan sons of Hamedullah Khan. 92. Sherdullah Khan son. 96. Mst Muffia. 97. Mst. Zubida daughters of Merdullah Khan resident of Bhai Kalay thehsel Gadezai district Buner. Whereas in the above mentioned case the mentioned defendants can not be served in the ordinary way, it is, therefore, proclaimed that if the said defendants will/shall not appear personally or through dually authorized agent or pleader in the court at 8:00 am dated 28/11/2024 the proceeding will be taken ex-parte. Given under my hand and seal of this Court.

PAAPAM hosts pre-show press conference



F.P. Report

LAHORE: The Pakistan Association of Automotive Parts & Accessories Manufacturers (PAAPAM) recently held a pre-show press conference to announce the highly anticipated Pakistan Auto Parts Show (PAPS) 2024. The event, which is expected to be the largest in the history of the auto parts industry in Pakistan, was led by Syed Nabeel Hashmi, Chief Organizer of PAPS 2024, and Mr. Usman Aslam Malik, Chairman of PAAPAM.

They were joined by key

PAAPAM executives, including Mr. Rehan Riaz, Convener of PAPS 2024, and Executive Members Mr. Taufiq A. Sherwani, Mr. Muhammad Nasim, Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad, Mr. Mumshad Ali, and Mr. Sheikh Mehboob Ashraf. During the briefing, Syed Nabeel Hashmi and Mr. Usman Aslam Malik welcomed all exhibitors and announced that this year's show will feature participation from major players in the local auto parts industry, as well as several international exhibitors showcasing their products.

They emphasized that

PAPS 2024 will serve as a vital platform for fostering business growth, promoting innovation, and strengthening the automotive sector in Pakistan. The three-day expo will run from October 25th to 27th, showcasing innovations from 150 exhibitors, including 44 international exhibitors, 51 PAAPAM members, 12 Sponsors, and 43 local exhibitors.

The theme of this year's event is "Industrial Pakistan."

The Pakistan Association of Automotive Parts & Accessories Manufacturers (PAAPAM) is the representative body for Pakistan's auto parts manufacturing industry. Since its establishment, PAAPAM has been instrumental in advancing the interests of the sector by promoting policies, enhancing competitiveness, and fostering innovation within the automotive supply chain.

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The Need for Education for Sustainable Development in Pakistan Education is often seen as the foundation of development, and this is particularly relevant for sustainable development. In a country like Pakistan, which grapples with various socio-economic, environmental, and educational challenges, the integration of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is not just important—it is essential. As Pakistan works towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 13 (Climate Action), ESD is crucial in preparing a generation to tackle the complex issues of the 21st century.

What is Education for Sustainable Development

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) provides individuals with the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes needed to contribute to a more sustainable future. It encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and action-oriented learning, empowering people to address global challenges such as climate change,

poverty, inequality, and the unsustainable use of resources. UNESCO describes ESD as education that enables learners to make informed decisions and take responsible actions for environmental integrity, economic viability, and a just society, benefiting both present and future generations while honoring cultural diversity. ESD goes beyond traditional education models by promoting lifelong learning and the development of comprehensive competencies.

The current educational landscape in Pakistan

Pakistan is among the most vulnerable countries to climate change, facing frequent floods, droughts, and rising temperatures. However, the educational system in the country largely emphasizes rote learning and outdated curricula that do not incorporate essential knowledge about environmental stewardship, global citizenship, and sustainable development.

Although Pakistan has made strides in certain educational areas, such as improving the overall literacy rate, significant gaps remain. According to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics around 32% of children remain out

of school, with the majority of them being girls. Moreover, the education system's emphasis on traditional subjects does not foster the critical thinking skills necessary for understanding and tackling global challenges.

ESD can transform the way education is approached by emphasizing both cognitive and practical skills that foster sustainability.

Why Pakistan needs Education for Sustainable Development?

Climate Vulnerability: Due to its geographical and climatic characteristics, Pakistan is particularly susceptible to environmental disasters. Issues like rising sea levels, glacial melting, deforestation, and increased carbon emissions necessitate a strong emphasis on climate education. ESD equips students with the knowledge and tools to engage in climate resilience initiatives, whether through renewable energy projects, sustainable farming, or eco-friendly urban development.

Sustainable Economic Growth: A significant segment of Pakistan's population relies on agriculture, a sector increasingly impacted by unpredictable weather and resource depletion.

Education that advocates for sustainable farming practices, efficient water management, and renewable energy can not only alleviate these challenges but also create new opportunities for economic advancement. Research indicates that ESD can assist communities in adopting innovative, environmentally sustainable practices that enhance livelihoods (Khalid & Bhatti, 2018).

Social Equity and Inclusion: Pakistan grapples with social inequalities tied to gender, income, and resource access. ESD prioritizes inclusivity, ensuring that marginalized groups acquire the skills necessary for social advancement. Additionally, by incorporating global citizenship concepts, ESD motivates learners to address social justice, human rights, and peacebuilding issues, which are vital for fostering cohesive and equitable societies (UNESCO, 2019).

Addressing the Plastic and Waste Crisis: Pakistan's waste management infrastructure is lacking, resulting in millions of tons of plastic waste generated each year. Education for Sustainable Development can advocate for responsible consumption and promote the use of eco-

friendly alternatives. Initiatives in schools, such as "Eco Bottle Innovators" and "Eco Tote Innovators," have shown how students can play a role in reducing waste.

Meeting the SDGs: Pakistan is dedicated to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4, which emphasizes inclusive and equitable quality education for everyone, and SDG 13, which calls for urgent action to address climate change. By incorporating Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) into national curricula, Pakistan can work towards these goals by promoting environmental awareness and fostering a shared sense of responsibility for global issues.

Steps Towards Integrating ESD in Pakistan Curriculum Reform: A significant challenge is the outdated curriculum that requires restructuring to include ESD elements. Core subjects at all educational levels should encompass environmental studies, climate change awareness, renewable energy education, and sustainable economic practices.

Teacher Training: Educators are crucial in

instilling sustainable development principles in their classrooms. There is an immediate need in Pakistan to train teachers to effectively deliver ESD content. Programs that emphasize critical thinking, problem-solving, and experiential learning can empower teachers to motivate students to adopt sustainable practices (Akhtar & Abbas, 2021).

Community Engagement: Schools and educational institutions should serve as centers for sustainable development within their communities. Initiatives like "Green Warriors" and "Home Harvesters" have demonstrated success by encouraging students and their families to participate in tree-planting and home gardening projects that enhance food security and promote environmental conservation.

Public-Private Partnerships: To expand ESD initiatives, collaboration among public, private, and non-governmental organizations is vital. Governments should work alongside NGOs and the private sector to fund and implement ESD programs, especially in underserved areas of Pakistan (Khan & Hussain, 2017).

Technology Integration: Technology is essential in contemporary education. Digital tools can enhance ESD by offering access to online resources, interactive simulations, and global learning opportunities. Incorporating technology into ESD efforts can enhance learning outcomes and extend the reach of sustainable development education to remote areas.

Conclusion

Incorporating Education for Sustainable Development in Pakistan is not just a choice—it is a necessity for the future of the country. With the looming threats of climate change, environmental degradation, and social inequality, ESD provides the educational framework needed to empower young Pakistanis to become leaders in sustainability. By integrating ESD into national policies, curricula, and community programs, Pakistan can take significant strides toward a more equitable, sustainable, and resilient future.

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Smith 89 repels Sajid six-for, as England edge 13-wicket day

RAWALPINDI (ESPNCricinfo): The patio heaters, industrial-sized fans and rakes have worked their magic. But as Rawalpindi's famed batting track produced 13 wickets on the opening day of this third and decisive Test, it was England who benefited, first scrapping to 267 and then making that a workable total by reducing Pakistan to 73 for 3 by the close.

On a pitch that had everyone guessing, Ben Stokes winning England's first toss in eight attempts felt heaven-sent, especially as his opposite number Shan Masood admitted to trepidation as to how matters would play out underfoot. But it would have been a wasted miracle were it not been for a remarkable 89 from Jamie Smith, bagging a first half-century way from home, and driving a vital 107-run stand with Gus Atkinson (39) for

the seventh wicket.

Sajid Khan flourished once more, finishing with 6 for 128 from 29.2 overs for the third five-wicket haul of his career, and second in as many first-innings in this series. His early incursions and quick dismantling of the tail kept England in check as they dreamed of 300 following Smith and Atkinson's rebuilding effort from 118 for 6.

The initial foundations set by Ben Duckett's accomplished 52 had collapsed on an uncertain surface displaying irregular bounce rather than excessive turn. A score of 56 for 0 became 98 for 5 in the space of 12.5 overs as the pitch started to play tricks, exacerbated once more by Sajid and left-arm spinner Noman Ali, who finished with 3 for 88.

As expected after sharing all 20 English wickets in the second Test in

Multan to square the series, the spin duo did the lion's share of the bowling, sending down all but 11 of the 68.2 overs, including the first 42 unchanged. For only the second time in Test history - and first since 1882 - no pace bowler was used in the first innings of the match.

England began reasonably enough, with a relatively untroubled 50 up in 12 overs. After a watchful start before Zak Crawley - playing in his 50th Test - he fell to Noman with a scuffed drive to backward point. Ollie Pope unfurled another skittish effort of 3 off 14 - trapped in front playing a desperate sweep - before Duckett (wearing one on his toes), Joe Root (trapped in front) and Harry Brook (bowled leg stump attempting to sweep) succumbed to deliveries that did not get up as expected.

That England had some-

thing to work with, lunching on 110 for 5, was thanks largely to Duckett. While somewhat precarious, it was hard to label it outright as a problematic position, and in propelling that total to 242 for 8 by tea, Smith and Atkinson ensured England had a firm footing.

By the time Sajid was eventually relieved of his mammoth first spell of 21 overs, he had removed Stokes, caught at slip, 11 balls into the second session, for his fourth wicket. He eventually returned to bring Noman's opening salvo to an end after 23 overs.

Atkinson joined Smith and set about an all-Surrey stand, acting as the straight man to the latter's devastation, even if those roles only truly came to the fore at the end of their century stand. After a watchful start from both - Smith's fifty took all of 94 deliveries -

the final 39 runs to take their partnership to three figures took just 21 deliveries.

It was a charge instigated by Atkinson, striking three fours in the last four balls off the 56th over, against the legspinner Zahid Mahmood who was now in England's sights as the bowler to target. That being said, Smith followed with successive boundaries off Sajid, albeit the second - his third six - pierced the hands of Saud Shakeel at long on.

Had Shakeel been set back on the fence rather than a few feet in front, he might have ended the keeper-batter's innings on 54. Alas, Sajid felt the brunt of that miss, taken for another two more boundaries by Smith in his next over - the first smeared over mid-wicket for six, the second lofted gloriously down the ground for a one-bounce four.

The second took the value of the seventh wicket to 103 from just 159 deliveries. And though it would only reach 107 as Noman returned to take a catch off his own bowling as Atkinson bunted back a delivery that stuck in the pitch, Smith kept going, blasting two sixes down the ground off Zahid as he rounded on his second Test century. A third six at the end of the over was avoided thanks to exemplary work from Sajid, who took a boundary catch twice, but had to hurl the ball back in play for a second time to prevent the boundary.

Alas, Smith would fall nine short, Zahid the beneficiary of a top-edged heave that was taken to end a remarkable knock and polish the legspinner's figures, which would read 1 for 44 from 10 overs. It was Pakistan's first wicket in 28 for a bowler other than Sajid and Noman,

who combined for all 20 in second Test in Multan.

Leach and Rehan Ahmed, recalled to the side for his first international appearance since February, resumed after the break but lasted just 32 deliveries, with Sajid dragging both out of the crease to claim his fifth and sixth wickets of the match, and his 15th in three innings since his recall in Multan.

Naturally, Stokes opened with Leach, though he handed Atkinson the new ball at the other end for the first sight of pace, albeit for just a two-over spell. A leg bye in the second of that burst took Abdullah Shafique and Saim Ayub past their previous highest opening stand of 15. But having made it to 35, Bashir spun one into Shafique's front pad for the first of three Pakistan wickets to fall for just 11 runs.

An attempt to batten down the hatches through

to stumps allowed England to squeeze. Leach pocketed Ayub, prodding to Root at midwicket - the middle of three catchers on the leg side - before Atkinson returned for a solitary over and profited from the low bounce to knock back the off stump of Kamran Ghulam, gone for three having marked his debut in Multan last week with a century.

Masood will resume on day two with Shakeel, who was incorrectly given out on one when adjudged to have been caught by Stokes after Smith deflected the ball to his skipper at first slip when attempting a take down the leg side. It was the second of two clear errors from umpire Sharfuddoula overturned by DRS, having earlier raised the finger to Ayub at the start of the seventh over for a similarly mistaken call for a catch in the cordon.

Joshua will fight Fury or Dubois next: Hearn

LONDON (BBC): Anthony Joshua will definitely face either Daniel Dubois or Tyson Fury next, says the heavy-weight's promoter Eddie Hearn.

Briton Joshua, 35, suffered a fourth career defeat when he was stopped by IBF world champion Dubois at Wembley Stadium in September.

Fury, who has long been linked with a super-fight with Joshua, will face unified champion Oleksandr Usyk on 21 December after losing to the

Ukrainian in May.

"It's weird saying it after a knockout defeat but AJ is actually in a really good position," Matchroom boss Hearn told BBC Sport.

"We're going to fight Dubois or Fury next. That's it. No other interest or warm-up."

Dubois, 27, dropped Joshua multiple times in front of a reported British record crowd of 96,000 before the fight was halted in the fifth round.

A rematch had been mooted for 22 February in Saudi and the champion's

promoter, Frank Warren, has confirmed Dubois will most likely fight on that date.

It may be against a different challenger, with Hearn saying Joshua may need more time to prepare.

"AJ desperately wants revenge but the only issue is timing," he said. "For the rematch to happen in February, training camp will have to start in a couple of weeks."

"There are always niggles and he had a few so physically it's just a case of whether AJ is ready to do

that."

Joshua may instead await the outcome of 36-year-old Fury's rematch with Usyk.

"It would be frustrating if we made the Dubois rematch and Fury won," Hearn said.

"Then we're sitting there going 'hang on a minute, we're fighting Dubois but we could have fought Fury in May for the biggest fight in boxing.'"

"Win or lose, we can fight Fury next summer. But if he wins, AJ fights him for the world title."



RAWALPINDI: England's Zak Crawley playing a defensive shot during the third test at Rawalpindi against Pakistan.

Barca win built off 'exceptional' young midfield

MADRID (BBC): Barcelona humiliated Bayern Munich in their 4-1 Champions League win on Wednesday night, in large part thanks to three "exceptional" young midfielders.

While Raphinha will rightly get plaudits for his superb hat-trick, Barcelona's win was built off Marc Casado, Pedri and Fermin Lopez's tireless work in the middle.

All three are just 21 years old, while two of them are fortunate to even be in the side.

"If Barcelona had the money, they'd have Bernardo Silva, they would have kept Ilkay Gundogan and those two would have played," Spanish football expert Guillem Balague told the BBC MOTD Champions League Highlights show.

"Those who are injured like Gavi, Andreas Christensen and Frenkie de Jong would have played

ahead of two of these three. Only Pedri would be in the line-up."

Instead, it is Casado and Lopez who are partnering Pedri and slowly becoming household names.

Having kept Bayern's experienced trio of Thomas Muller, Joshua Kimmich and Joao Palhinha - who have 21 league titles between them - at bay, Barcelona may have stumbled on the perfect mid-field three.

Liverpool defender Stephen Warnock called the trio "exceptional" and said they "constantly allowed Barcelona to play".

Casado, who Warnock said had a natural "understanding of how to read danger" was the deepest of the three midfielders, shielding the defence and winning the ball back for his side.

The former Barcelona B captain only made his first

Barcelona start this season, but has become a regular for Haasi Flick's side, getting the nod in all of their Champions League matches this term, and came up with an assist on Wednesday.

"Casado played twice for Xavi last season and Xavi was told if you put Casado in the team enough, he wouldn't come out of it," added Balague.

"Xavi thought he was too short for a holding midfielder, but he's in now."

Just ahead of Casado was Pedri, already a superstar and a true champion of the transition, constantly receiving the ball off his defenders and playing it forward.

Pedri joined Barca from Las Palmas in 2020 at the age of 16, won the Golden Boy award in 2021 and, that same year, ended up signing a contract extension which included a 1bn euro (£846m) release

clause.

And finally, completing the midfield trio and playing as a number 10 was Lopez.

The youngster was given a licence to roam forward against Bayern and often ended up as the furthest player forward as he assisted both Barca's first and second goals.

"Lopez's understanding of when to be dropping short and when to become that second striker is brilliant," added Warnock.

There was more youthful brilliance off the bench for Barcelona with 20-year-old Gavi, who won the Golden Boy award in 2022 and is recovering from an injury, coming on for the final five minutes.

Plus, 17-year-old winger Lamine Yamal starred out wide and also grabbed an assist, setting up Raphinha for his hat-trick.

The future looks bright for Barcelona.

Rabada sets up South Africa's first Test win in Asia since 2014

MIRPUR (ESPNCricinfo): South Africa have moved up to fourth place on the World Test Championship table after a seven-wicket win over Bangladesh in Mirpur. They chased a target of 106 in 22 overs to seal victory before lunch on the fourth day after Kagiso Rabada finished the match with nine wickets.

This was their first Test win in the subcontinent in 15 matches, dating back a decade to when they beat Sri Lanka in Galle in 2014.

Aggression and intent was the tone of final exchanges South Africa hit 15 fours and two sixes, and ticked along at a shave under five runs an over. They lost three of their top four in pursuit but the batters were largely comfortable on unfamiliar surfaces and new No. 3, Tristan Stubbs, who was unbeaten on 30, impressed with his ability to adapt.

With a small total to defend, Bangladesh opened the bowling with their sole seamer Hasan Mahmud and their most successful bowler of the first innings, left-arm spinner Taijul Islam. His first ball was a full toss, which Aiden Markram slashed through extra cover and the take down of Taijul had begun.

Three balls later, Markram drove Taijul through the covers and in his next over, Tony de Zorzi took two boundaries off him.

Hasan was more threatening upfront and drew an edge from de Zorzi, which fell short of second slip and Taijul thought he had a breakthrough when he had Markram given out lbw in the eighth over, on 13. Markram missed a sweep and was hit on the pad but reviewed straight away and replays showed he had under edged the ball.

South Africa were under-terred by the incident and de Zorzi finished the over by sweeping Taijul past square leg for four more. The opening pair put on 42 inside 10 overs before Taijul finally had some success. He bowled Markram through the gate, with South Africa still 65 runs away.

De Zorzi and Stubbs shared a stand of 29 in 32 balls and had settled well but de Zorzi became a little too ambitious. He advanced on Taijul to try and hit him out of the ground but dragged the ball to Hasan at long-on. Again, there was no slow-down. Stubbs took 10 runs off the rest of the over.

David Bedingham was

done by a good delivery from Taijul that turned away and took the edge and was dismissed with victory nine runs away. Taijul finished with match figures of 8 for 165, after a first-innings five-for.

Earlier, South Africa needed just 4.5 overs to bowl Bangladesh out and keep their target to just over 100 after the hosts' lower-middle order forced the match into a fourth day. Bangladesh's lead grew to 81 on the third evening when they faced the second new ball for five overs as South Africa were forced to use spinners in fading light. That changed on the fourth morning. The second new ball was available and taken and it had an almost immediate impact.

Rabada opened proceedings and his third ball seamed in to Nayeem Hasan and struck him on the front pad. Nayeem's wicket gave Rabada a 15th Test five-for to cap off a memorable game in which he also took his 300th wicket.

Mehidy moved into the 90s with a boundary off Wiaan Mulder but was tested by Rabada, who teased the outside edge and induced an aerial flick that was dropped by Tony de

Zorzi. Bangladesh's 300 came up when Taijul Islam hit Mulder through gully but his fun didn't last long. Two balls later, he feathered one to second slip to leave Mehidy with the last batter.

He was in a rush to get to his hundred and was on 97 when tried to ramp Rabada, but the length was not quite right and he steered the ball to slip instead. Rabada finished with 6 for 46. Bangladesh had added 24 runs to their overnight score and even if they felt they had something to bowl at, South Africa soon showed that was not enough.

South Africa have played Tests in Bangladesh just twice in the last 16 years and both matches of their 2015 series were washed out. The last time they won a Test in the country was in 2008, when they won both matches by an innings.

The second match in this series starts next Tuesday in Chattogram. Thereafter, South Africa have four home Tests, two each against Sri Lanka and Pakistan. If they win at least four of their remaining five matches, they will be in with a good chance of getting to the WTC final.

'Kids will be trying that in the playground': Haaland goal hailed

MANCHESTER (BBC): Throughout the history of football, there are goals scored that children across the world will attempt to replicate in the school playground the following day.

Erling Haaland's acrobatic strike against Sparta Prague on Wednesday is likely to be the latest.

Just as it seemed frustration was building for Manchester City after they were unable to add to Phil Foden's early strike, Haaland took centre stage.

With Savinho's cross coming towards him at a slightly awkward height and angle, Haaland - without looking - turned his back to the goal and produced a superb backheel volley to make it 2-0.

From there the floodgates opened as John Stones headed in for his second goal in as many games, Haaland scored again and Matheus Nunes converted a late penalty.

But all the talk as the goals went in still looped back to Haaland's initial goal.

"He wasn't even looking at the ball," former England and Tottenham manager Glenn Hoddle said on TNT Sports.

"I don't know what to call it even. It was an amazing goal. There will be kids

in the playground all around the country trying that."

Words hardly do justice to the athleticism and quality required to produce the finish Haaland achieved, and even his team-mates were in awe.

In his pitch-side interview after the game, Foden told TNT Sports: "I just spoke to him and said: 'If I tried to do that I'd pull my groin!'"

"I don't know how he does it. It shows he has this talent that no-one else can do."

The strike was reminiscent of one Haaland scored against Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League two years ago.

But that, as brilliant as it was, was a volley scored when he was facing towards the net. His goal against Sparta Prague on Wednesday was as he was facing the wrong direction, but somehow managed to twist and produce enough power with his backheel volley to score.

"It was an amazing goal," Nunes said. "I was speechless after that shot."

"When he scored against Dortmund I was watching on TV. To see this live was amazing."

Former Manchester City defender Joleon Lescott

said on TNT Sports: "It was a unique finish."

"It is not a finish many strikers would attempt or even execute. It is unique to him and his athleticism."

Ex-Manchester City defender and England captain Steph Houghton said on Match of the Day: "That finish was something else."

"He is the only striker in the world who can score from those positions."

Haaland's double brought an end to his mini-drought after failing to score in his previous two games.

It means he has now scored 44 goals in 42 Champions League appearances, and moves him one ahead of Neymar and level

with Didier Drogba on the all-time top scorers list.

Given he is just 24 you'd expect many, many more Champions League goals to come.

"He's a statue, so tall and so flexible," Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola said when reacting to Haaland's acrobatic strike.

"I like it, he has this sense of humour. Very similar to the Dortmund one a few years ago. Unbelievable."

With Haaland back among the goals Guardiola, perhaps wisely, decided to substitute him with 10 minutes remaining, even if it did deny him the chance of a hat-trick.





In brief

Law Minister holds meeting

ISLAMABAD (APP): The representatives of different bar councils on Thursday met Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar. The representatives of bar associations from Jhelum, Khushab, Sohawa, Chunian and Nurpur Thal held meeting with the law minister. They discussed the discussion on various issues related to bar councils. The law minister said that Bank of Punjab branches and counters will be opened in court premises after discussing with the Punjab government and the Punjab Bar Council on the issues of court fees and stamps. The contact has been established between the Vice Chairman Punjab Bar Council Chaudhry Babar Waheed and the management of Bank of Punjab. He assured that full cooperation while discussing the problems of lawyers and said that government prioritizes welfare schemes for lawyers.

IESCO issue notifications

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Thursday issued a power suspension programme for Friday for various areas of its region due to necessary maintenance and routine development work. According to IESCO Spokesperson, the power supply of different feeders and grid stations would remain suspended for the period from 08:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Rawalpindi City Circle, G-15/1, Gulzar Shaheed Feeders, Rawalpindi Cantt Circle, Chaklala Feeder temporarily suspended due to installation of AMI meters, while system maintenance / Due to development works and up gradation, from 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM, Islamabad Circle, COMSAT, Chhata Bakhawar, Park Enclave, Lahtrar, Tramiree, ISI, Kund Rajgaon, Rahara, PHA, PHA-II, Kuri Road, CM Pak Zong, Scheme-II, Islamabad Club-I, Shahzad Town/Mahfooz Shaheed, Filtration Plant, Isolation Hospital feeders and surrounding areas.

Singer Faqir remembered

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 15th death anniversary of iconic Sufi singer Suhrah Faqir was observed, with tributes pouring in from across the country. Suhrah Faqir was renowned globally for his unique style of singing, which earned him admiration far beyond Pakistan's borders. He was known as the "King of Sindhi Sufi Music," and his soulful performances of Sufi poetry touched the hearts of many. During his life, Suhrah Faqir received many prestigious awards, including the Pride of Performance, Sachal Sarmast Award, Shah Abdul Latif Award, and Qalandar Lal Shahbaz Award.

102,900 cusecs water released

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Thursday released 102,900 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 66,400 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1534.15 feet and was 136.15 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 34,200 cusecs and 45,000 cusecs respectively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1194.80 feet, which was 144.80 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded 6,300 cusecs and 32,000 cusecs respectively.

Agricultural land to be converting into housing societies

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, chaired a progress review meeting on Wednesday with the Prime Minister's committee focused on regulating the conversion of agricultural land to housing societies.

The meeting aimed to build consensus and outline strategies for efficient land use while promoting vertical development.

Officials from the provincial departments of all provinces participated, discussing measures for regulating land use and the ongoing digitization of land records to ensure sustainable use of agricultural land

for residential purposes, said a press release issued here on Thursday.

Representatives from Punjab shared that the digitization of land records is underway, with master plans of 11 cities already approved by the District Planning and Design Committee and the remaining plans expected to be completed by the end of November.

Sindh's representative mentioned that the Karachi master plan is in the final stages of preparation. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's representatives reported that master plans for six cities have been completed and are awaiting further directives for implementation.

The meeting concluded with a directive for the federal government to draft a comprehensive framework for the regulated conversion of agricultural land to residential use, with input from the provinces.

The committee comprises Provincial Ministers for Agriculture, Revenue, and Cooperatives; Chief Secretaries; Secretary Ministry of National Food Security and Research; Secretary Ministry of Climate Change; Secretary Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination; Chairman Naya Pakistan Housing and Development Authority; Chairman CDA; and DG Federal Government Employees Housing Authority.

Music festival held to mark Pak-Korea Cultural Week

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Prime Minister's Youth Program (PMYP) in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Pakistan organised a Korea-Pakistan Cultural Gala at Liaquat Gymnasium.

The Pakistani and Korean artists showcased mesmerizing music, dance, and art performances on the occasion.

Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar,

Chairman of Prime Minister Youth Program Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Prime Minister's Coordinator Badr Shehbaz and the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Park Ki Jun attended the event.

During the cultural gala, Pakistani Artists Bilal Saeed, Natasha Baig, Uzair Jaswal and Khumariyaan Music Band performed their art, while the Kiki Wang Taekwondo team from Korea enthralled the spectators and received a clapping ovation from the participants.

The Korea-Pakistan Cultural Week 2024 was observed to strengthen the spirit of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

The Korea-Pakistan Movie Day will screen four critically acclaimed films from October 24 to 27 at PNCA, Islamabad. Korean movies "Ode to My Father" and "The Himalayas" would be showcased alongside Pakistani hits "Nayab" and "Superstar." These films would highlight the diversity and creativity of both countries' cinema.

Pak, Korea take step towards cultural ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Korean Ambassador to Pakistan, Park Kijun, celebrating 'Korea Week' - a move to bring Korea and Pakistan closer - is spearheading a cultural initiative aimed at building mutual understanding and opening doors for deeper cooperation between the two nations.

In an exclusive talk with APP, the envoy said that this year marks a significant moment for fostering closer ties between Korea and Pakistan. Since arriving in Islamabad, the Korean ambassador has emphasized the need for

enhanced cultural understanding and respect between the two countries.

In an effort to achieve this, Park Kijun said the embassy has organized a unique cultural exchange program, the first of its kind, celebrating both Korean and Pakistani traditions.

The ambassador believes that this event provides a rare opportunity for both nations to come together, enjoy, and appreciate the diverse cultures that define their societies. The program offers audiences in Pakistan and Korea the

chance to engage with the rich cultural heritage of both countries, paving the way for stronger connections.

Pakistan is well-known for its abundant natural resources and a large, skilled population. On the other hand, Korea faces challenges such as a shortage of natural resources and workforce limitations.

He said these contrasting strengths provide a solid foundation for mutual cooperation, offering both nations the chance to complement each other's needs and interests.



ISLAMABAD: Joint Secretary MoITT Ms. Saima Ahad, CEO of Universal Service Fund, Ch. Mudassar Naveed and Oncologist Dr. Muhammad Farrukh lead Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

CEO calls for increased breast cancer awareness

ISLAMABAD (APP): CEO of the Universal Service Fund (USF), Chaudhry Mudassar Naveed, on Thursday highlighted the importance of raising awareness and promoting early detection of breast cancer in Pakistan.

Speaking at the "Breast Cancer Awareness Walk" organized by USF at Fatima Jinnah Park (F-9), he urged mothers to initiate conversations with their daughters about the disease, noting its hereditary nature and the critical need for regular check-ups.

"Mothers must instill the habit of regular check-ups in their daughters. Early detection is key, and proactive measures can save lives," said Mudassar Naveed.

The event drew significant participation, including notable figures such as Joint Secretary of the Ministry of IT & Telecom (MoITT), Ms. Saima Ahad, renowned oncologist Dr. Muhammad Farrukh, USF employees, and women

from various backgrounds. Chaudhry Mudassar Naveed pledged USF's support for government initiatives and organizations working to combat breast cancer in the country.

He encouraged more people to join the movement to raise awareness, reiterating that early detection and prevention are essential in the fight against breast cancer. "Protecting women is preserving generations," he added.

USF, under the Ministry of IT & Telecom, is committed not only to bridging the digital divide but also to supporting vital social causes, including health awareness, he added.

Joint Secretary MoITT, Saima Ahad, addressed the gathering, stressing that the government is utilizing multiple channels to spread awareness about breast cancer, particularly in small towns and rural areas.

She called on the media to use their platforms to educate the public about self-examinations and the

importance of seeking medical help at the earliest signs of abnormalities. "Together, we can break the silence and save lives," she stated.

The awareness walk, held in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, aimed to raise awareness about breast cancer symptoms, support early detection efforts, and promote a healthier, more informed community.

Renowned oncologist Dr. Muhammad Farrukh highlighted that breast cancer is curable if detected early. He recommended monthly self-examinations, annual check-ups with healthcare professionals, and early screening for women at risk.

He also pointed to socio-cultural barriers, such as stigmatization and discomfort with male doctors, which prevent women from seeking timely treatment. "Breaking these barriers is crucial for effective breast cancer management," Dr. Farrukh stressed.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal, chairing a meeting of PM's Committee for Planning and Execution of Foreign-Funded Development Projects.

Rubina emphasizes importance of skill uplift

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid Thursday emphasized the importance of skill development in transforming liabilities into valuable assets.

During her visit to the Riphah Institute of Hospitality and Culinary Arts (RIHCA), she highlighted that empowering beneficiaries with skills could help them break the cycle of poverty while also creating opportunities for others in need of social protection.

Senator Rubina Khalid stressed the significance of international standard certifications in addressing Pakistan's challenges.

She called for high-quality training programs to unlock potential, particularly in the nursing sector, and urged organizations to provide world-class training and certifications.

Chancellor Hassan Muhammad Khan briefed Senator Khalid on the initiatives of RIHCA, focusing on vocational training and the medical-technical fields.

"RIHCA operates in various cities and serves nearly 30,000 students," he noted.

Both leaders agreed on the importance of integrating work ethics and hygiene into skill development programs to cultivate professionally competent and ethical leaders for the future.

Chairperson BISP also interacted with female trainees at RIHCA and cut a cake baked by them in celebration of 'World Chef Day'.

Bike lifter gang held; 7 bikes recovered

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police on Thursday apprehended two wanted members of a notorious bike lifter gang involved in numerous bike thefts and recovered seven stolen motorbikes from their possessions.

According to a police spokesperson, under the special directions of Inspector General (IG) Police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the ICT Police have intensified their crackdown on criminal elements to eliminate crime from the city.

In this regard, the Shahzad Town police team used technical and human resources, successfully apprehending two wanted members of the bike lifter gang.

He said the police team recovered seven stolen motorbikes from the suspects, identified as Yasir Mir and Muhammad Adil.

Cases were registered against the accused, and further investigation is underway, he added.

During the preliminary investigation, the suspects confessed to involvement in numerous bike theft incidents.

DIG Syed Ali Raza directed all officers to intensify the crackdown on those involved in car and bike theft. He added that the performance of police officers in this regard would be reviewed continuously.

DIG Raza further directed all zonal officers to intensify efforts against criminal elements. "Safety and security of citizens is our foremost priority, and no laxity will be tolerated in this regard," Raza added.

Residents fuming over district administration's inaction against Nanbais

ISLAMABAD (APP): The residents of the Federal Capital on Thursday decried the inaction of the district administration against the Naanbai (bakers) who have been selling Roti and Naan beyond the official rates with impunity.

The citizens sought stringent action against the Naanbai, ignoring the directives of the district administration which has fixed prices of the Roti and Naan at Rs 15 and Rs 20 respectively, following the footsteps of the Government of Punjab.

Muhammad Abbas, a resident of the F-7 area, told APP about selling of Roti and Naan in his locality at higher rates by different Naanbai who hushed the customers away if they pointed out the official rates of the commodity.

He said it seemed that the district administration either not visiting the area or keeping their eyes closed over the issue deliberately.

Similarly, Muhammad Azam from the G-8 sector, said the district administration was supposed to ensure

that all the commodities were sold at official rates. Let alone Roti or Naan, other commodities were also being sold at higher rates.

"Roti is not a luxury, it is a basic commodity which is a daily need of us," said Azam who believed that many hotels and tandoors were allegedly selling roti/naan at higher rates in connivance with some black sheep in the district administration.

He demanded action against the officials who were rather indulged in malpractices or failing to perform their duties.

When contacted to the office of the spokesman of ICT administration, it was told that currently, the position is vacant.

The scribe also tried to reach out to the designated Assistant Commissioners including AC Farhan Ahmed, but to no avail.

Meanwhile, the district administration issued a news release the other day that said the district administration has begun cracking down on violators. In

which 10 tandoor owners were arrested in the G-13 area for overcharging customers.

Additionally, several tandoors were shut down as part of the ongoing efforts to control prices. The ICT administration has instructed its officers to inspect all tandoors in the city and ensure that they are following the government's rate list.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Islamabad, Irfan Memon, urged citizens to report any instances of overcharging. He reiterated that tandoor owners must adhere to the prices set by the administration, warning that violators will face strict penalties. Memon also advised residents to immediately lodge complaints if they encounter vendors who are overcharging.

While some action has been taken, many residents believe that a more comprehensive approach is needed to resolve the issue. Without consistent enforcement and stronger penalties, the gap between government directives and on-ground reality will persist.

AIOU establishes museum to preserve 50 Years of historical legacy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has officially inaugurated the "AIOU History Museum" to preserve its 50-year legacy.

The museum was inaugurated on Thursday by Hassan Nasir Jami, Secretary of the National Heritage and Culture Division.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Atadjan Movlammov, Ambassador of Turkmenistan to Pakistan, along with diplomats from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran, Russia, Turkey, and Malaysia, as well as AIOU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Dr. Farhat Asif, President of the Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies, and Dr. Saleem Mazhar, Director General of the National Language Promotion Department and senior teachers and officers of the

University.

Two separate corners of Turkmenistan and Iranian cultures have also been set up in the AIOU History Museum.

Following the inauguration, an international conference was held to commemorate the "300th Birth Anniversary of Turkmen Poet Magtymguly Pyragy and the Legacy of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal."

The Federal Secretary Hassan Nasir Jami expressed enthusiasm for the museum's establishment and emphasized its potential to strengthen research and cultural ties between Pakistan and Turkmenistan.

Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood noted that Iqbal, who emerged 150 years after Pyragy, shared similar values of patriotism, dignity, and humanity.

The Turkmen Amba-

sador highlighted ongoing celebrations for Pyragy's anniversary in both countries and the translation of his works into various languages.

Professor Dr. Abdul Aziz Sahir emphasized that Iqbal's poetry is rich in love for the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and serves as a profound source of inspiration for the entire community.

Dr. Serdar Atayev, a faculty member from Turkmenistan State University, delivered an insightful lecture on the contributions of Magtymguly Pyragy, while Dr. Saleem Mazhar and Dr. Farhat Asif discussed the significant impact of both poets' works.

This event was organized by AIOU in collaboration with the Turkmenistan Embassy and the Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies.

Lok Virsa calls vendors, artisans to book stalls

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa) has called all vendors and artisans from across the country to book stalls for becoming part of the much-awaited annual cultural event of "Lok Mela", scheduled to be held from November 08-17 in Islamabad.

The event is being arranged by Lok Virsa which is an autonomous cultural organization working under the National Heritage and Culture Division to present a diverse cultural extravaganza for the art lovers.

"The preparations for the Lok Mela are under way to make it a success by adding all the attractions. The festival is set to attract artisans, performers and visitors from across the country", an official of Lok Virsa said.

"As this year's Lok Mela will mark the Golden

Jubilee Celebrations of Lok Virsa (1974-2024), several new and innovative attractions are being added to the Mela", the official added.

The objective of the Mela is to promote Pakistan's indigenous folk heritage, strengthen national harmony and integration among all federating units through a cultural perspective and provide a much-needed platform to the master artisans, folk artists, folk musicians and folk dancers to demonstrate their skills at the national level.

The festival is being organized in close collaboration with all provincial culture departments. All provinces, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir have confirmed to set their cultural pavilions at the festival grounds, the official informed.

The main features of the Mela are provincial cultural pavilions, artisans at work,

an exotic craft bazaar, international cultural pavilion, youth cultural pavilion, folk musical and folk-dance performances, puppet shows, stalls by civil society organizations, folk cuisine, and many other attractions.

The Lok Mela is not merely a celebration but also an effort to promote Pakistan's rich cultural tapestry and encourage intercultural harmony.

The festival is an essential platform for preserving and promoting the country's traditional heritage and promises to be a colourful and enriching experience for people of all ages, giving the glimpse of all provinces' heritage.

The vendors and artisans have been called to showcase their unique crafts, traditional good and culinary delights and Lok Mela which is Pakistan's largest celebration of culture and heritage.

IEA flays attack

KABUL (Pajhwok): The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) has condemned the attack on an aerospace factory of Turkey's aviation industry near Ankara. At least five people were killed and 22 others injured in the attack on the headquarters of an aviation company near the Turkish capital Ankara. BBC reported the factory targeted was related to the Turkish aerospace industry. In the videos taken by security cameras, at least two gunmen are seen shooting around the entrance gate.

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Project inaugurated

HELMAND (BNA): The Diamond Best Global Pharma has officially inaugurated its pharmaceutical manufacturing facility for human medicines in the Sardar Gul Mohammad Khan Industrial Park, located in Lashkar Gah, Helmand province. According to Sayed Wali Jahani, the facility's manager, this project represents an investment of 30 million Afghani and has generated employment for 220 individuals, both directly and indirectly.

Ministry of Transport provides free transport for migrants

KABUL (TOLONews): The Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation has announced that since the beginning of the year, it has transported around 40,000 Afghan migrants, who have returned from Iran and Pakistan, to their respective provinces free of charge.

Imamuddin Ahmadi, spokesperson for the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, added: "Since the start of this year, around 40,000 Afghan migrants have been transported."

At the same time, a number of migrant families who have returned to the country have called on the Islamic Emirate to provide them with housing and basic facilities in their provinces.

Dad Mohammad, who

returned to the country from Iran with his seven family members, is now being transported to his province by the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation. He told TOLONews: "We came from the border to Herat, from there we were taken to Kabul, and from here we will be taken to Mazar-e-Sharif. They have also assisted us."

Sheema, another returnee, said: "They are taking us to Mazar-e-Sharif. They should provide us with shelter and help us."

Many migrants who return to the country are kept in the central migrant camp in Kabul. Officials at the camp have stated that all necessary health, food, and shelter facilities have

been provided for the migrants here.

According to officials, 10 to 50 families are transported daily from this camp to their respective provinces.

Abolis, an official at the central migrant camp in Kabul, said: "We have health teams here that provide 24-hour services to the migrants. We also have both male and female doctors here. For migrants who want to travel to their provinces, we cover their transportation costs."

According to the spokesperson for the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, since the beginning of the migrant transport process, the ministry has transported 140,000 returnees to their provinces free of charge.

BRICS member call on IEA to lift ban on girls' education

KABUL (Ariana News): BRICS member countries called on the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan to lift the ban on education for women and girls and to preserve the fundamental rights of all Afghan citizens, including women, girls and ethnic minorities.

According to a joint statement issued by the BRICS nations, more "visible and tangible actions" should be taken by the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan to ensure that the country's soil is not used by terrorists.

The member nations stated that they support an Afghanistan free from "terrorist, independent and united" groups, and the Islamic Emirate is asked to take immediate and concrete measures in this regard.

These countries also pointed to the effective role of regional meetings with the participation of Afghanistan's neighboring countries and welcomed the efforts of these countries to facilitate the process of resolving the crisis in the country.

BRICS member countries said they believe that the participation of neighboring countries in the process of solving the Afghan crisis can help stabilize security and stability in the region.

The three-day meeting of the BRICS organization took place this week in Kazan, Russia.

A number of country leaders, including presidents of China, India, Russia, Turkey, South Africa, Iran, Egypt and Ethiopia attended.

The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres was also present.

The summit wraps up today (Thursday).

Kabir leads political commission meeting on national, regional affairs



KABUL (BNA): The Political Commission of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan convened under the leadership of Mawlawi Abdul Kabir, Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs, to discuss pressing national and regional issues.

According to a statement released by the ARG, the commission members deliberated on significant developments both within Afghanistan and the broad-

er region. They also assessed the progress of key policies of the Islamic Emirate and emphasized the need for enhanced implementation of the core principles of the Islamic governance system.

The meeting concluded with the commission making necessary decisions on several critical matters, aiming to further strengthen the Islamic Emirate's governance and political strategy.

Range of healthcare initiatives discussed



KABUL (BNA): Mawlawi Noor Jalal Jalali, the Acting Minister of Public Health, met with the World Health Organization's (WHO) representative for Afghanistan at his office to discuss a range of healthcare initiatives.

According to a statement from the Public Health Ministry, the two sides engaged in discussions about establishing cancer treatment centers in

ten provinces, including Kabul. The meeting also covered the procurement of necessary medications and essential medical equipment for cancer patients, improving healthcare accessibility in remote areas, strengthening Afghanistan's healthcare system, and securing international assistance.

The Acting Minister expressed his gratitude to

WHO for its ongoing support in the healthcare sector and called for continued cooperation in this critical field.

On his part, the WHO representative reaffirmed the organization's commitment to ongoing collaboration and emphasized the importance of enhanced coordination to provide better healthcare services across Afghanistan.

IEA praises Qatar's role

KABUL (TOLONews): Qatar and Italy, in a joint statement, announced the continuation of their cooperation in the Doha process and emphasized the importance of bilateral strategic talks regarding Afghanistan.

Part of the joint statement reads: "Italy is grateful to Qatar for hosting the Embassy of Italy to Afghanistan and will continue to contribute to the Doha Process on Afghanistan. In this framework, we reaffirm the importance of our bilateral Strategic Dialogue and look forward to holding its next session in Doha."

Meanwhile, Qatar's special representative met with members of the German parliament to discuss strengthening peace and stability in Afghanistan.

The Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated: "The meeting dealt with a number of topics of common concern, especially enhancing peace and stability in Afghanistan."

The Islamic Emirate has also praised Qatar's role in various Afghan issues and called on world countries to seriously work on establishing relations with Afghanistan.

Zabihullah Mujahid, spokesperson for the Islamic Emirate, said: "We appreciate Qatar's efforts and urge countries to take their relations with Afghanistan seriously, as it will benefit all parties."

"The third step concerns Afghanistan, where once again the understanding and cooperation between Qatar, Germany, and Italy can have positive effects on Afghanistan's conditions," Fazl Rahman Orya, a political analyst.

"The closer they get to Afghan issues, the more it benefits the Afghan people, and the Doha meetings, in which genuine Afghans and representatives of Islamic Emirate are invited, will benefit both the people and the IEA," said Salim Paigir, another political analyst.

Last week, Qatar's special representative for Afghanistan and Germany's chargé d'affaires in Doha also discussed the latest developments in Afghanistan, including security, political, and humanitarian issues.

Ministry denies interference in aid following OCHA claims

KABUL (TOLONews): Abdul Rahman Habib, spokesperson for the Ministry of Economy, told TOLONews that the ministries and institutions of the Islamic Emirate have always tried to facilitate aid organizations.

The spokesperson for the Ministry of Economy once again denied any government interference in humanitarian aid efforts.

Abdul Rahman Habib told TOLONews: "From the beginning, the process of humanitarian aid provided by international relief organizations has been carried out directly by the relevant offices of the United Nations without interference from the ministries or agencies of the Islamic

Emirate."

Recently, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Afghanistan reported an increase in the Islamic Emirate's interference in the activities of aid organizations, adding that 83 projects in Afghanistan have been halted as a result.

OCHA added that in the month of September this year alone, 173 instances of interference in the operations of aid organizations were recorded, leading to the temporary suspension of 83 projects, the temporary closure of two projects, and the relocation of one project.

However, the Ministry

of Economy has not commented on the temporary suspension of 83 projects in the country.

On the other hand, some residents of Kabul have complained about economic challenges and unemployment.

Amrullah, a Kabul resident, told TOLONews: "There is no work. We are completely satisfied with the Islamic Emirate for bringing peace, but we want them to create job opportunities for people so they can escape poverty and unemployment."

Experts believe that the efforts of international aid organizations have not significantly impacted poverty reduction in Afghanistan.

Abdul Ghafar Nizami, an economic expert, said: "Even though large sums of money are announced for Afghanistan, by the time they reach the country, the amounts are much smaller, which indicates poor policies that yield no positive results."

Rosa Otunbayeva, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative to Afghanistan, said on Tuesday (October 22) in a meeting with the political deputy of the Prime Minister's office that she has been in talks with countries and donor organizations to attract aid for Afghanistan and that UNAMA has already received part of the needed winter aid for Afghanistan.

400 children return from Iran to Afghanistan over past 2 months

KABUL (TOLONews): Local officials in Nimroz say that over the past two months, more than 400 children have been returned to Afghanistan from Iran.

Many of these children have been reunited with their families with the help of officials and aid organizations.

Mohammad Qasim Mobasher, head of Labor and Social Affairs in Nimroz, said: "In the past two months, 400 orphaned children have returned from Iran through the Rah-e-Abrishon route, and with the assistance of some partner organizations, we have transported each of them to their respective provinces."

These children say they went to Iran due to unemployment and poverty.

Nematullah, a 14-year-old resident of Nangarhar province, was recently deported from Iran to Nimroz province.

He is the sole breadwinner of his family and said



he went to Iran illegally because of poverty and hardship.

Nematullah is currently in Nimroz and has no money to return home. He is asking the authorities to assist him with his return.

Nematullah, a deported child from Iran, said: "I

went to Iran for work because there are many problems at home, and I am the only one who can provide for my family. Now I ask the government to help me get back home and assist me."

Khalil, another child deported from Iran, said: "I

went to Iran for work, but we were beaten a lot."

In recent days, the forced deportation of Afghan migrants from Iran has increased.

According to officials, thousands of Afghan migrants are deported from Iran daily.

Khalilah to visit Kabul to build victory stadium

KABUL (Khaama Press): Khalilah Ali, the wife of Muhammad Ali, the legendary world boxer, will arrive in Afghanistan today to build a stadium.

The General Directorate of Physical Education and Sports confirmed in a statement that Khalilah Ali, the wife of Muhammad Ali, the world boxing champion, will arrive in Afghanistan to construct a sports stadium.

Khalilah Ali is scheduled to arrive at Kabul airport on Thursday, October 24, to build a sports stadium named "Victory" and establish a sports association named "Muhammad Ali and Khalilah Ali."

Mrs. Ali is also expected to meet with officials from the country's Physical Education Directorate during this trip.

Previously, Mrs. Khalilah Ali visited Afghanistan to build a football stadium on eight acres of land in the Qargha area of Kabul.

In July 2022, Khalilah Ali openly criticized the Taliban at the inauguration of an Islamic center in the state of Maryland, USA, stating that the Taliban's restrictions on Afghan women are contrary to Islam.

She emphasized that Muslim women should be able to enjoy the basic right to work and live in an Islamic environment rather than being oppressed.

Since then, nothing has changed for women in Afghanistan. However, Khalilah Ali, who was a critic of the group, is set to arrive in Kabul to build or

inaugurate a stadium for men in a country where women are not allowed to participate in sports.

Despite the promising efforts to develop sports infrastructure in Afghanistan, the plight of Afghan women and girls remains dire. The ongoing restrictions on their education and employment undermine their fundamental rights and aspirations.

The international community must urgently address the challenges faced by Afghan women and girls. Denied access to education and the opportunity to work, they are left without the means to contribute to society or build a secure future for themselves, deepening the cycle of oppression and inequality.

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Construction of 540m afn commercial complex underway

BAGHLAN (BNA): The construction of a major commercial market is progressing in Pul-e-Khumri, the provincial capital of Baghlan, with a total investment of 540 million Afghani.

During a formal ceremony marking the commencement of the project, Baghlan Governor Mawlawi Abdul Rahman Haqqani commended the initiative of local investors for their commitment to Afghanistan's economic growth.

He encouraged further

investment from the business community, emphasizing the need to generate employment opportunities for Afghan youth within the country, thereby reducing their reliance on seeking work abroad.

Governor Haqqani stressed that the completion of such significant projects would pave the way for Afghanistan's economic independence, lessening the country's reliance on foreign aid and boosting its path to self-sufficiency.

In parallel, Mawlawi

Abdul Latif Mazloom, Mayor of Pul-e-Khumri, outlined other urban development projects underway, including the construction of roads in six municipal districts.

He announced that work on another commercial market, located to the south of the city's central square, would soon begin, promising additional infrastructure enhancements for the community.

Supporting these efforts, Haji Saleh Mohammad, head of Pul-e-Khumri market, urged

the contracted company to expedite the construction process to provide merchants and business owners with improved facilities as soon as possible.

According to the Pul-e-Khumri municipality, the new commercial market will cover an area of 10,000 square meters and will be built across six floors.

The project, funded with an investment of 540 million Afghani, is set to accommodate 1,200 shops upon completion.



RAWALPINDI: General Syed Asim Munir, Chief of Army Staff interacting with jawans during his visit to operational air base of Pakistan Air Force.

Justice Mansoor refuses to become part of bench

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: In a letter to Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah said he would not participate in the special bench constituted by the committee formed under the SC (Practice and Procedure Act), 2023, for assigning cases.

Raising objection, he said he could not become a part of the bench for the same reasons that he mentioned in his September 23 letter to the secretary of the committee. In the earlier letter, the senior puisne judge had expressed concerns over the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure Act), 2023, that deals with the affairs of the top court including the formation of benches.

The ordinance, promulgated in September this year, empowers the chief justice to nominate a judge of his choice in the committee that constitutes the benches. As per the ordinance, the body will comprise the chief justice, the most senior judge after the CJP and the judge nominated by Justice Isa. Justice Mansoor had expressed reservations over the "cherry-picking" and removal of Justice Munib Akhtar from the said committee. He had said within hours of the promulgation of the ordinance, the judges committee was reconstituted and

Justice Munib was removed from the composition of the committee.

This, he had said few days after CJP Isa had appointed Justice Amin-Ud-Din Khan to the three-member judges' committee, excluding Justice Munib hours after the promulgation of the new practice law. Justice Mansoor, in his letter, had noted that no reasons were given as to why the second senior most judge, Justice Akhtar, was removed from the composition of the committee. "Furthermore, no reasons were given why the next senior most judge was ignored and instead, the fourth senior most judge was nominated as a member of the Committee."

"Such unfortunate cherry picking and undemocratic display of one-man show are precisely what the Act tried to discourage and replace—a stance that was upheld by the Full Court Bench of this Court in Raja Amer," he had written. In response to Justice Mansoor's letter, CJ Isa on September 26 gave 11 reasons to justify his action.

In his letter, the CJP had said legally he could not be asked about why he nominated a judge as the committee's third member. Still, the chief justice had provided the reasons for his action, saying he did it because he "always advo-

cated accountability and transparency". In his October 23 letter, Justice Mansoor made his participation in the special bench conditional, saying that "until the full court bench determined the constitutional validity of the promulgation of the ordinance as well as of the amendments made thereby or the judges of the SC resolve to act upon these amendments in a full court meeting pending adjudication upon the constitutionality thereof, or the earlier committee comprising the HCJP and two senior most judges is restored, I will not participate in special benches formed by the new committee and will only attend sittings of the regular benches to hear the cases of ordinary litigants in the larger public interest."

For those reasons, he said, he disassociated himself from the bench constituted in this matter. On this occasion, he said, he was reminded of a quote from 'A Man for all Seasons', where Sir Thomas More said: "I think that when statesmen forsake their own private conscience for the sake of their public duties, they lead their country by a short route to chaos." He added: "When in power, we often forget that people of this country are watching our actions, and that history never forgives."

PHC grants protective bail to PTI Amir Ayub

Humayun Khan

PESHAWAR: A divisional bench comprising of Chief Justice Peshawar High Court (PHC) Justice Ishfaq Ibrahim and Justice Waqar Ahmad granted protective bail to Member National Assembly and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader Arbab Amir Ayub while ordered him to appear before relevant courts, on Thursday.

The counsel Ali Zaman advocate argued that the petitioner is a Member National Assembly while multiple cases have been registered against him in Punjab and Islamabad following recent protests. The government has not provided details of these cases, the lawyer added. The lawyer further argued that MNA wants to appear in relevant courts but fears arrest. PHC granted protective bail to Amir Ayub a MNA and PTI leader while directed him to appear before relevant courts within 14 days.

PHC orders to reinstate NADRA employee: A two-member bench of Peshawar High Court (PHC) comprising Justice Ijaz Anwar and Justice Syed Arshad Ali ordered the reinstatement of an Assistant Superintendent dismissed from National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), on Thursday.

The counsel Akhuzada Ahmad Saeed advocate argued that the petitioner was performing his duties as Assistant Superintendent at NADRA's Peshawar headquarters. He was accused of violating proposed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). An inquiry was conducted, and the inquiry officer recommended a warning or demotion for three years. Contrary to the inquiry officer's suggestions, the relevant authorities dismissed the applicant, which was unjustified, the lawyer stated. The lawyer cited Supreme Court of Pakistan and other court decisions supporting his argument. The Supreme Court's recent ruling that notifications must include the name of the authorized person, which was not done in this case, he argued.

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India okays \$119m for space startups

NEW DELHI (Reuters): The Indian government on Thursday approved a 10 billion Indian rupee (\$119 million) fund for its burgeoning space sector, with 40 startups expected to benefit as the country strives to win a significant share of the commercial space market by 2033.

With funding ranging from 100-600m Indian rupees depending on how mature each startup is, the fund will help generate employment, boost space technology development, fortify supply chains and support research and development, the Indian government said in a statement. "Capital infusion [will] create a multiplier effect by attracting additional funding for later-stage developments," it added.

Centre must listen demands of peace jirga: KP cabinet

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: The Cabinet of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Thursday demanded that a committee headed by Federal Minister for Interior be constituted for looking into those demands of the Pakhtuns Peace Jirga which are related to the Federal Government.

Such Committee must include representatives from all the government and opposition political parties and the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It stressed that the Federal Government must listen to the demands of the said Jirga and work for its fulfilment.

As far as the KP Government is concerned, the Provincial Cabinet pointed out that it was the efforts of this Government that the Jirga concluded peacefully and reiterated to create consensus in the Assembly for resolution of the issues related to the Provincial Government. The 16th meeting of the Provincial Cabinet was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sardar Ali Amin Gandapur and participated by Provincial Ministers, Advisors, Special Assistants, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Senior Member Board of Revenue and administrative secretaries.

The Provincial Cabinet approved the transfer of 40 kanal land from Board of Revenue to Pakistan Customs for construction of Custom House & Warehouses in Dera Ismail Khan, exempting the process from KPPRA. Pakistan Customs will pay Rs.128.8 million market prices for the land as per the FBR valuation table.

The provincial cabinet authorized the Relief Department to take up a case of establishing a desk at Bacha Khan Airport, Peshawar for providing the facility of transporting the dead bodies of those brought from abroad. The cabinet also approved Rs.36 million grant for the purchase of three ambulances also allowing Rs.0.7 million per month budget to Rescue 1122

for this purpose in the head of POL and M&R. It was also decided that such transportation facility will be provided on demand from the Islamabad International Airport.

The Cabinet allowed the Federal Government to legislation on the subject of "Explosive" for and subsequent, implementation of National Explosive Policy. Though the subject has been transferred to provinces through 18th Constitutional Amendment and it can be withdrawn only through such an amendment but in view of its equal implication in every nook and corner of the Country, it is required that single legislation should be enacted for the whole Province. The Province of Sindh has already granted such powers to the Federal Government while Punjab is on way to do so.

The Provincial Cabinet approved amendments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants (Appointments, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 1989 for reservation of quota @0.5% in BS-15 and below for transgender. Appointments against this quota will be subject to suitability for the post (s) in view of socio-cultural environment of the Province. The candidates should produce medical fitness certificate and appointments shall be subject to the registration of candidates with Social Welfare Department. As per the details of the Social Welfare Department there are only 457 registered transgender in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Accepting the joint appeal of the deserted/non-FATA domicile holder employees the cabinet approved revising the fourth condition of its decision taken in the 12th meeting of the Provincial Cabinet allowing partial relaxation of the ban for creation of positions of project employees with domicile from other than Ex-FATA.

The cabinet approved guidelines for nomination of the chairman for production Bonus Utilization Committee and revised production

Bonus Guidelines 2024. Under Petroleum Exploration and Production Policy 2012, the Production Bonus is payable once commercial production of Oil and Gas Commences from a producing field. The Policy authorizes the Provincial Government to issue guidelines.

The Cabinet approved amendment in the Schedule -1 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Rules of Business - 1985, allowing a Directorate of Digital Media in the Directorate General of Information and PRs. The Cabinet approved Enhancement of costs for improvement/widening and rehabilitation of 12-kilometer road in Bar Qambar Khel, Khyber District from 380.0 million to 561.822 million- and 7-kilometer Bara bypass in Khyber District from 517.729 million to 929.811 million. It also approved the construction of RCC Bridges 1. Sheikh Uttar 2. Gara Budha in District Tank. The Cabinet also approved ex-post facto approval to the declaration of emergency in Upper Chitral under the National Disaster Management (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Act, 2019. Emergency in the district was declared from 2nd August 2024 till 30th August 2024 to carry out relief and rehabilitation activities smoothly during the monsoon flooding. As recommended by the Search & Nomination Council the Provincial Cabinet has approved the inclusion of Dr. Nausherwan Burki in the Medical Teaching Institution Policy Board.

It approved the draft Parks and Horticulture Authority Bill, 2024 and returning of all un-outourced Inspection Huts and rest Houses to the Irrigation and Forest Departments by Tourism Departments. It was also decided that on the expiry of the leases of all such Inspection Huts, the same be handed over back to their respective owner departments. The Cabinet also approved the establishment of three Community Game reserves in District Orakzai.

17 killed in fresh Israeli strike in Gaza

GAZA STRIP (AP): An Israeli strike on a school where displaced people were sheltering in the central Gaza Strip killed at least 17 people on Thursday, mostly women and children, Palestinian medical officials said. Another 42 people were wounded in the strike in the built-up Nuseirat refugee camp, according to the Awda Hospital, which received the casualties. Among the dead were seven children as young as 11 months, as well as three women.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military. Israel has carried out several strikes on schools-turned-shelters in recent months, saying it precisely targets Hamas militants hiding out among civilians. The strikes often kill women and children. Secretary of State Antony Blinken meanwhile announced another \$135 million in aid to the Palestinians, saying it is critical that aid enters Gaza.

Blinken spoke in Qatar on Thursday on his 11th visit

to the region since the outbreak of the war in Gaza.

The United States has pressed Israel to allow more aid into the war-ravaged Palestinian territory. The war began when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting another 250. Around 100 hostages are still inside Gaza, a third of whom are believed to be dead.

Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed over 42,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not say how many were combatants but says women and children make up more than half the fatalities. The Israeli military says it has killed over 17,000 fighters, without providing evidence. The war has displaced around 90 percent of Gaza's population of 2.3 million, often multiple times. Hundreds of thousands of people are crammed into tent camps along the coast after entire neighborhoods in many areas were pounded to rubble.

Months of ceasefire negotiations brokered by the United States, Egypt and Qatar sputtered to a halt over the summer. The war has meanwhile expanded to Lebanon, where Israel launched a ground invasion more than three weeks ago after trading fire with the Hezbollah militant group for much of the past year. The United States hopes to renew the negotiations after Israeli forces killed top Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar in Gaza last week, but neither side has shown any sign of moderating its demands.

Palestinian Territories: The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said on Thursday that at least 42,847 people have been killed in the year-long war between Israel and Palestinian militants. The toll includes 55 deaths in the previous 24 hours, according to the ministry, which said 100,544 people have been wounded in the Gaza Strip since the war began when Hamas militants attacked Israel on October 7, 2023.

KP Assembly passes two resolutions

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly with Speaker Babar Salim Swati in chair here Thursday approved two resolutions against illegal construction at Shima mountains in Abbottabad district and starting of paid intership for nurses graduates of the province.

These resolutions were moved by members Provincial Assembly Mushtaq Ahmed Ghani and Sobia Shahid. The house unanimously passed both the resolution, requesting the Provincial Government for prompt measures in this regard.

Meanwhile, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly with Speaker Babar Salim Swati in chair here Thursday approved KP Service Tribunal Amendment Bill 2024. The Assembly also approved KP Prisons Amendment Bill 2024.

These bills were presented by the law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Aftab Alam. The bill has empowered the service tribunal to make a review of its earlier judgment under section 7A. The house also passed the Prison Amendment Bill 2024 with majority.

Anniversary of UN celebrated

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: The establishment of the United Nations took place on October 24, 1945, with the ratification of the UN Charter. This day is celebrated every year, highlighting the guiding principles and objectives of the UN Charter under which international cooperation has been implemented.

On this occasion, a ceremony will be held at the Pakistan National Council of Arts in Islamabad on Saturday, aiming to highlight the deep historical ties between Pakistan and the United Nations. President Asif Ali Zardari stated that Pakistan is ready to cooperate with all UN member countries to achieve a peaceful and prosperous world for all. In his message on the UN's founding day, he emphasized that Pakistan has consistently supported the principles of the UN Charter.

Asif Ali Zardari noted that Pakistan has played a significant role in global peace and security, which includes contributing troops and police to UN peace-keeping missions. He also expressed concern that serious violations of UN principles in occupied Palestine and India's illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir jeopardize the UN's efforts to achieve global peace.



RAWALPINDI: Bushra Bibi vehicle came out from Adiala jail after release.

Blinken in Qatar for Gaza mediation push

DOHA (AFP): US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Qatar for talks on Thursday with the key mediator on the war in Gaza, as he seeks momentum for a ceasefire after Israel's killing the leader of Hamas.

After meeting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, Blinken flew to Saudi Arabia and then Qatar, where he will meet the Gulf state's Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani for assessments on where Hamas stands on a truce. Blinken is paying his 11th trip to the region since the October 7, 2023 Hamas

attack on Israel, after repeated disappointment as he seeks to end the Israeli retaliatory campaign in the Gaza Strip.

But days ahead of US elections, President Joe Biden has found new hope after Israel killed Hamas's leader, Yahya Sinwar, in Gaza. US officials had described Sinwar as intransigent in negotiations brokered by the United States, Qatar and Egypt on a ceasefire that would also see the release of hostages from Gaza.

Blinken said he spoke to Israel's leaders "about the importance of determining whether Hamas is prepared to engage in moving forward, and the Egyptians, the Qataris are doing just

that." "But I believe that with Sinwar gone, because he was the primary obstacle for realizing the hostage agreement, there is a real opportunity to bring them home and to accomplish the objective," Blinken told reporters Wednesday as he left Israel.

Critics say the issue was not just Hamas but the Biden administration failing to press Israel, which has received a near continuous flow of billions of dollars in US weapons. Hamas has yet to choose a successor to Sinwar. Two Hamas sources said this week that the group was moving toward appointing a Doha-based ruling committee rather than a single heir.

Poll watchers worry US election experts

SANFORD, North Carolina (Reuters): "Be aggressive," Jim Womack, a local Republican Party chair in North Carolina, told the grid of faces who joined the Zoom training session for volunteers to monitor voting on Nov. 5. "The more assertive and aggressive you are in watching and reporting, the better the quality of the election."

During the two-hour session, conducted from a Republican Party office featuring a placard of an AR-15 rifle and photos of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, Womack, 69, an army veteran and a retired information systems engineer, instructed 40 volunteers on how to spot "nefarious activity." He mentioned a local clergyman who accompanied dozens of Latino parishioners to a voting site "like a shepherd leading a sheep."

Voter fraud is exceedingly rare in the United States - despite Trump's false claim, supported by a majority of

Republicans in Congress, that the 2020 election was stolen. US election security officials have said the 2020 election was "the most secure in American history." A months-long analysis by the Associated Press found fewer than 475 cases of potential voter fraud in the six battleground states challenged by Trump.

With less than two weeks to go until the Nov. 5 election, officials in Lee County in the battleground state of North Carolina told Reuters they are concerned that training sessions like Womack's, with its call for aggressive scrutiny of the voting process, could lead to disruptions at the polls. The Lee County officials say they are adopting new safeguards to prevent poll workers from feeling intimidated. Womack said that election officials should welcome his North Carolina Election Integrity Team as additional eyes and ears to ensure a fair election. NCEIT has close links to the

Republican Party.

Reuters observed an Oct. 16 NCEIT training session and obtained previously unreported transcripts of NCEIT planning calls, which raised the prospect of noncitizen voting. Reuters also spoke to 10 election officials, former election officials and voter rights advocates who expressed concerns that some poll watchers could disrupt, delay and undermine confidence in the election, and potentially lay the groundwork to overturn the result if Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris wins.

"The playbook seems to be to cast doubt, sow chaos at every possible opportunity, so that if you lose you then have laid the foundation in the minds of your followers and supporters to justify additional action," said Tammy Patrick, a former election official who now works at the National Association of Election Administrators, a nonpartisan group of state election directors.