

**Govt bans PTM**  
ISLAMABAD (APP): The federal government on Sunday has imposed a ban on the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM), citing threats to national peace and security. According to a notification issued by the Interior Ministry, the PTM is declared "unlawful" under Section 11B of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997. The announcement from the Interior Ministry stated that the PTM poses a "significant danger" to public order and safety in the country.

 @thefrontierpost

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

**Zardari condoles**

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday arrived at the residence of martyred Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Ali in Faisalabad to express condolence with the bereaved family. The president offered Fateha for the departed soul; expressed sympathy with the martyr's family and also prayed for their patience, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

Vol. XXXIXI No. 253 Regd. No. 241 RABI-US-SANNI 03 1446 -- MONDAY, OCTOBER 07 2024 PESHAWAR EDITION 12 PAGES PRICE. 30



LAHORE: Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

## Objective of PTI protest to derail economy: Tarar



ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attallah Tarar said on Sunday that the objective of the so-called "Tehreek-e-Intishar" was to derail the country's economy and spread chaos and anarchy.

Talking to Media here, the minister said he wondered what were the objectives of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf protest movement?

He said he was deeply saddened by the martyrdom

of Islamabad Police Constable Abdul Hameed Shah.

"Abdul Hameed Shah had left home to perform security duties and was martyred by the anarchist group," he added.

The anarchist movement cannot feel the grief of the family members on the martyrdom of Abdul Hameed Shah, he said.

The people of the PTI attacked the federal capital armed with weapons.

The minister said the PTI was not digesting the country's economic devel-

opment, they wanted to derail the system.

Islamabad Police showed patience and performed the security duties in a friendly manner and did not allow any loss of life or property, he remarked.

He said that the PTI once again wanted dead bodies, but they were not given the opportunity.

Ali Amin Gandapur, he said invaded the federal government with government resources and weapons but he failed miserably in achieving his target.

He said that they wanted to defame the country. Ataullah Tarar said that the country has a professional army chief and a strong leadership who cared about the country's interests.

Ali Amin Gandapur should spend the tax-payers money on the welfare of the people instead of wasting on protests and sit-ins.

## Macron calls for arms sales ban on Israel

PARIS (Aljazeera): French President Emmanuel Macron has called for a halt on arms deliveries to Israel which has been bombing Gaza for a year now, and recently launched a military operation against Lebanon.

"I think that today, the priority is that we return to a political solution, that we stop delivering weapons to fight in Gaza," Macron told broadcaster France Inter on Saturday.

"France is not delivering any [weapon]," he added during the interview recorded early this week.

While France is not a leading weapons provider for Israel, its voice as a key player in the European Union and as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council carries significant influence amid international efforts to reach a political solution to the conflict in Gaza.

In September, the United Kingdom also announced that it was suspending some arms exports to Israel, citing a "clear risk" that they could be used in a serious breach of international humanitarian law.

Macron reiterated his concern over Israel's catastrophic attacks on Gaza which continue despite repeated calls for a ceasefire.

"I think we are not being heard. I think it is a mistake, including for the security of Israel," he said, adding that the conflict was leading to "hatred".

Macron also criticised Netanyahu's decision to send troops into ground operations in Lebanon, saying the priority should be to "avoid escalation".

"The Lebanese people must not in turn be sacrificed, Lebanon cannot become another Gaza," he said.

Macron's remarks provoked an angry response from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who called them a "disgrace".

"As Israel fights the forces of barbarism led by Iran, all civilised countries should be standing firmly by Israel's side," Netanyahu said in a statement issued by his office. "Yet, President Macron and other Western leaders are now calling for arms embargoes against Israel. Shame on them."

Macron's office responded with a statement later on Saturday, calling France a "steadfast friend of Israel" and describing Netanyahu's reaction as "excessive and detached from the friendship between France and Israel".

Macron's statement is being seen as a message as much for Israel as for their common ally, the United States, which is the largest arms provider to Israel. In May, the US Department of State said it did not have enough evidence to block shipments of weapons but that it was "reasonable to assess" that Israel has used arms in ways inconsistent with standards of humanitarian law.

Qatar, a key mediator in Gaza ceasefire talks, said Macron's statement was "an important and appreciated step towards stopping the war".

# The Frontier Post

## Govt won't allow anyone to destabilise economy: PM

Condemns cop's killing by PTI protesters

LAHORE (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has stated that Pakistan's economic policies are being recognised globally, but political opponents are unable to accept the country's economic progress and are attempting to hinder its development.

During a meeting with Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday, he said that the government would not allow anyone to destabilise economy. He praised the Islamabad administration, Islamabad and Punjab police, Pakistan Army, and Rangers for their role in maintaining peace in the capital. He lauded the Islamabad police for their exemplary role in thwarting an assault on the city, highlighting the collective efforts of the security

forces in ensuring law and order.

The prime minister paid tribute to Constable Hameed Shah, who sacrificed his life in the line of duty while protecting the public. "May Allah elevate the martyr's ranks. The nation will always remember this sacrifice," said the PM, expressing solidarity with the constable's family and directing that they be fully cared for.

Shehbaz Sharif assured the public that the situation in Islamabad was rapidly returning to normal, and reaffirmed that economic development and national prosperity remain the government's top priorities. He said the upcoming international events in Pakistan would proceed as planned, with the best security arrangements in place.

Earlier, Interior

Minister Naqvi briefed the prime minister on the reopening of main roads for traffic and the overall improvement in the situation, confirming that the situation was swiftly normalising.

The interior minister also informed the PM about the return of 56 Pakistani prisoners from Sri Lanka, who were expected to arrive home soon. Naqvi noted that Federal Minister for Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan had volunteered to bear all expenses for repatriation of the prisoners.

The PM commended both the interior minister and the minister for privatization for their efforts in facilitating the prisoners' return from Sri Lanka.

**PM condemns cop's killing by PTI protesters**  
Prime Minister

Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif here Sunday expressed profound sorrow and grief over the martyrdom of Islamabad police official, Abdul Hameed, due to stone pelting by the PTI protesters.

The Prime Minister strongly condemned the incident and directed the authorities concerned to bring all the people involved in the incident to justice.

He prayed for the elevation of martyred police official and paid condolence to the bereaved family.

He said that PTI always followed the path of violence under the guise of protest, citing that the same political party had attacked the PTV building and broken the gate of Parliament House in the past.

## Israeli strikes batter Beirut in heaviest bombardment so far, witnesses say

BEIRUT/JERUSALEM (Reuters): Israeli air attacks battered Beirut's southern suburbs overnight and early on Sunday in the most intense bombardment of the Lebanese capital since Israel sharply escalated its campaign against Iran-backed group Hezbollah last month.

During the night, the blasts sent booms across Beirut and sparked flashes of red and white for nearly 30 minutes visible from several kilometres away.

It was the single biggest attack of Israel's assault on Beirut so far, witnesses and military analysts on local TV channels said.

On Sunday a grey haze hung over the city and rubble was strewn across streets in the southern suburbs, while smoke columns rose over the area.

"Last night was the most violence of all the previous nights. Buildings were shaking around us and at first I thought it was an earthquake. There were dozens of strikes - we couldn't count them all - and the sounds were deafening," said Hanan Abdullah, a resident of the Burj al-Barajneh area in Beirut's southern suburbs.

Videos posted on social media, which Reuters could not immediately verify, showed fresh damage to the highway that runs from Beirut airport through its southern sub-

urbs into downtown.

Israel said its air force had "conducted a series of targeted strikes on a number of weapons storage facilities and terrorist infrastructure sites belonging to the Hezbollah terrorist organization in the area of Beirut".

Lebanese authorities did not immediately say what the missiles had hit or what damage they caused.

This weekend's intense bombardment came just ahead of the anniversary of the Oct. 7 attack by Palestinian militant group Hamas on southern Israel in which some 1,200 people were killed and more than 250 taken hostage, according to Israeli figures.

The target of Israel's airstrikes across Lebanon and its ground invasion in the south of the country is the Lebanese armed group Hezbollah, Iran's chief ally in the region.

More than 2,000 people have been killed in nearly a year of fighting, most of them in the past two weeks, according to the Lebanese health ministry. The ministry said on Sunday 23 people had been killed on Saturday.

For days Israel has bombed the Beirut suburb of Dahiyeh - considered a stronghold for Hezbollah but also home to thousands of ordinary Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian

refugees - killing its leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah on Sept. 27.

A Lebanese security source said on Saturday that Hashem Safieddine, Nasrallah's potential successor, had been out of contact since Friday, after an Israeli airstrike on Thursday near the city's international airport that was reported to have targeted him.

Israel continues to bomb the area of the strike, preventing rescue workers from reaching it, Lebanese security sources said.

Hezbollah has not commented on Safieddine.

His loss would be another blow to the group and its patron Iran. Israeli strikes across the region in the past year, sharply accelerated in recent weeks, have devastated Hezbollah's leadership.

**GAZA WAR**

Israel's war in Gaza, launched after the Oct. 7 attacks and aimed at eliminating Hamas, another Iran-backed group, has killed nearly 42,000 people, Palestinian authorities say. The coastal enclave lies in ruins.

At least 26 people were killed and 93 others wounded when Israeli airstrikes hit a mosque and a school sheltering displaced people in the Gaza Strip early on Sunday, the Hamas-run Gaza government media office said.

The Israeli military said it had conducted "precise strikes on Hamas terrorists".

Hezbollah began firing rockets at Israel a day after the Oct. 7 attacks and after Israel had begun bombing Gaza, saying it was acting in solidarity with the Palestinian group.

Cross-border fire continued between Israel and Hezbollah for months, but were mostly limited to the Israel-Lebanon border area before the recent upsurge.

Israel says it stepped up its assault on Hezbollah last month to enable the safe return of tens of thousands of citizens to homes in northern Israel, bombed by the group since last Oct. 8.

Israeli authorities said on Saturday that nine Israeli soldiers had been killed in southern Lebanon so far.

In northern Israel, air raid sirens sounded on Sunday and the Israeli military said it had intercepted rockets fired from Lebanese territory.

Iran has signalled it does not want a direct war with Israel but has launched responses on occasion to Israeli attacks. It fired a barrage of ballistic missiles at Israel on Tuesday that did little damage.

Israel has been weighing options for its response.



BEIRUT: Smoke rises over Dahiyeh in Beirut's southern suburbs, on Sunday.

## Harris reiterates support for Gaza ceasefire

WASHINGTON (Reuters): Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris said Washington will continue to pressure Israel and other players in the Middle East to reach a ceasefire deal in Gaza even as advocates say that the United States has not thus far used its leverage over its ally.

In an interview with CBS news show "60 Minutes," Harris said that diplomatic work with Israel is "an ongoing pursuit," according to a clip released on Sunday.

Harris sidestepped a question in the interview on whether Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was a "real close ally."

"I think with all due respect the better question is do we have an important alliance between the American people and the Israeli people and the answer to that question is yes," Harris said.

Harris reiterated Washington's position to support Israel's right to self

defense against Iran and Iran-backed militant groups like Palestinian Hamas and Lebanese Hezbollah.

"Now the work that we do diplomatically with the leadership of Israel is an ongoing pursuit around making clear our principles," Harris said.

"We're not going to stop in terms of putting that pressure on Israel and in the region including Arab leaders," Harris said.

Washington's occasional condemnation of Israel over the war's civilian death toll has mostly been verbal with no substantive change in policy.

Advocates say Washington has not put pressure on its ally by refusing to put an arms embargo that anti-war protesters around the United States and the world have demanded for months. Protests were also held over the weekend.

President Joe Biden laid out a three-phase ceasefire plan for Gaza on May 31 but a deal between Israel and Hamas has not been

reached due to gaps in exchanges of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners, and Israel's demand that it maintain presence in a corridor on the southern edge of the Gaza Strip bordering Egypt.

The latest bloodshed in the decades-old Israeli-Palestinian conflict was triggered on Oct. 7, 2023, when Hamas attacked Israel, killing 1,200 and taking about 250 hostages, according to Israeli tallies.

Israel's subsequent military assault on the Hamas-governed enclave has killed almost 42,000 Palestinians, according to the local health ministry, while displacing nearly the entire population of 2.3 million, causing a hunger crisis and leading to genocide allegations at the World Court that Israel denies.

Israel has also been separately carrying out a military campaign in Lebanon which in recent days has killed hundreds, wounded thousands and displaced over a million.





## Argentine Ambassador meets CM Punjab

LAHORE (APP): Argentine Ambassador to Pakistan Mr. Sebastian Sayus met Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif at Chief Minister house here on Sunday.

During the meeting, matters related to enhancing cooperation in various sectors including livestock, agriculture, information technology, and other industries were discussed in details.

They agreed to launch a pilot project for silos in Okara. CM Maryam Nawaz emphasized that bilateral relations between Pakistan and Argentina were improv-

ing, and steps would be taken to increase business-to-business interactions between the two nations.

She highlighted the desire to leverage Argentine meat processing technology and underscored the need to enhance trade in livestock, sports goods, and surgical instruments with Argentina.

The CM assured that the government was committed to providing security and all necessary facilities to foreign investors in Pakistan, noting the abundant investment opportunities in various sectors in Punjab.

The Argentine

Ambassador also expressed interest in collaborating with Punjab in the fields of livestock and biotechnology, and reiterated the importance of improving government-to-government and business-to-business coordination to promote trade. He mentioned that Argentina would provide technical support to Punjab in the area of food security.

The meeting was also attended by Argentina's Deputy Head of Mission Mrs. Erica Lucero, Senator Pervaiz Rashid, and Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman.

## Fowzia briefs Dr Zakir Naik on ordeal of Aafia

KARACHI (PPI): Global Aafia Movement Chairperson Dr Fowzia Siddiqui called on global Islamic preacher Dr Zakir Naik here at the Governor House and briefed him on the ordeal of Dr Aafia Siddiqui.

According to a statement on Sunday, the meeting continued for more than 45 minutes. Dr Fowzia welcomed Dr Naik on his visit to Pakistan and praised his global preaching services. She said Dr Naik is presenting the true face of Islam before the world.

Dr Fowzia briefed him about the details of the atrocities Dr Aafia has been enduring for last two decades. She said 21 years ago Dr Aafia was kidnapped along with her three minor children. Her two children were later freed but the third child, youngest of them who was just six months old at that time, is still missing and nobody knows if he is dead or alive.

Dr Naik listened to this ordeal with wet eyes. Dr Fowzia requested him for special prayers for early release of Aafia. She also presented him a religious Fatwa or decree of the teacher of Jamia Ummul Qura of Mecca, Abu Muhammad Abdullah Alhijazi, saying if any Muslim woman is in custody of non-Muslims it is the responsibility of all Muslim people and countries to work for her release. She told him that Dr Aafia Siddiqui was also a preacher. On the occasion, a video made in the US about the respect of women and human rights in Islam.

Dr Naik listened to this ordeal with wet eyes. Dr Fowzia requested him for special prayers for early release of Aafia. She also presented him a religious Fatwa or decree of the teacher of Jamia Ummul Qura of Mecca, Abu Muhammad Abdullah Alhijazi, saying if any Muslim woman is in custody of non-Muslims it is the responsibility of all Muslim people and countries to work for her release. She told him that Dr Aafia Siddiqui was also a preacher. On the occasion, a video made in the US about the respect of women and human rights in Islam.

## Police seize gutka factory in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): Karachi police raided a gutka making factory located in Ibrahim Hyderi area of Malir on Sunday.

According to details, Task Force formed at the orders of the IG Sindh, raided Ibrahim Hyderi and seized gutka and chalia and machinery.

The factory was being run under the patronage of the area's local police, the Task Force official said.

Earlier, in a separate raid conducted in Husrat Mohani Colony, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kamran Fazal stated that over 30 tons of gutka and other ingredients were seized from the factory.

SSP Kamran Fazal said that the operation was carried out on a secret tip-off, and the factory producing gutka was located on Mangu Pir Road.

According to SSP, a large amount of other harmful ingredients were also seized from the factory, including 97 packets of 2190 kg of Chalia in total, 400 kg of lime, 23 packets of cut leaves, 32 packing packing wrappers, four packets of powder, one pack of rubber band, and 52 large tubs were also recovered.

Police said that gutka worth millions of rupees was being prepared in the factory on a daily basis.

A case has been registered against the arrested suspects and an investigation has been launched.



KARACHI: Ameer Jamaat-e-islami Chief Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman addressing the Gaza March.

## ‘Those involved in May 9 responsible for cop's martyrdom’

LAHORE (APP): Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb announced that constable Abdul Hameed, injured by PTI activists, had succumbed to his injuries at PIMS hospital. She held the criminal responsible for the events of May 9, labeling him a shameless narcissist and fascist.

She condemned his mindset of "If I'm not there, destroy everything," "If I'm not there, drop an atom bomb on Pakistan," and "Set the country on fire, kill everyone, burn everything down," saying such thinking is not representative of the Pakistani people.

The senior minister stated that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur was armed with weapons, tear gas shells, and glass slingshots by Imran Khan, aimed at attacking Islamabad, shedding blood, and creating chaos. She said attacks were carried out on the police and Rangers, with heads and eyes being targeted, and that yesterday was essentially another May 9.

Marriyum Aurangzeb added that the target on May 9 was national security institutions, with the aim of seizing control of

their leadership. Yesterday, democratic institutions were the target, and the goal was to postpone the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit and gain control over the judiciary.

She emphasized that both conspiracies were orchestrated by the same individual, who is now aware that Pakistan's foreign relations have improved.

The economy, she said, is back on track, and his divisive politics have come to an end. Those participating in this anti-state conspiracy are traitors to Pakistan and the nation, she maintained.

## 109 new dengue cases in Punjab confirmed

LAHORE (APP): The tally of dengue cases reached 2,498 after the registration of 109 fresh cases in Punjab during the last 24 hours. Punjab Health Department sources confirmed 109 new dengue cases were registered on Sunday, with Rawalpindi bearing the brunt of the outbreak, reporting 98 cases. Lahore and Attock each registered 2 cases, while one case was recorded each in Gujranwala, Chakwal, Sialkot, Mianwali, Lodhran, Multan, and Chiniot.

During the past week alone, 964 new cases of Dengue have been reported. A spokesperson for the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department reassured the public that all necessary precautions measures were in place to manage the outbreak. Public sector hospitals across the province are well-stocked with medicines and treatments to handle the cases.

The Health Department issued an advisory urging citizens to maintain clean and dry surroundings to minimize mosquito breeding and reduce the spread of the virus. Public cooperation is critical as health teams continue their efforts across the province to control the situation. For further information, treatment, or complaints, citizens can contact the free helpline at 1033.

## Man held for threatening woman with acid attack

LAHORE (APP): Police have arrested a suspect for attempting to burn a woman with acid after she refused to befriend him. According to the details, the woman reported the incident to the Virtual Women Police Station via the 15 emergency number. The woman stated that the suspect would harass her on the street and repeatedly asked to befriend her. Upon her refusal, he began issuing threats and attempted blackmail.

## PDP calls for expediting lingering Red Line project

KARACHI (PPI): Expressing grave concern over inconvenience to drivers and commuters due to the dug up University Road, Pasban Democratic Party PDP Chairman Altaf Shakoor here Sunday demanded from the government to expedite the lingering project of the Red Line Bus Rapid Transit.

He said it is a nightmare to travel on the University Road, one of the busiest arteries of Karachi, as it is broken at several places due to haphazard and over delayed construction of the Red Line BRT. He said it has become a second nature of governmental projects to go delayed beyond their schedule. He said this delay not only raises their cost but also torments innocent people.

Altaf Shakoor asked the government to ensure that the contractor engages more workforce in three shifts on these projects to complete it early. He said with the completion of this project, the busy

University Road could be fully reopened again and the lingering traffic jams in this area of Karachi would finally end.

He said it is heartening to know that the federal government is handling the crucial Green Line BRT to the Sindh government in December. He said the second part of the Green Line from Mazar e Quaid to Tower needs to be started as soon as possible. He said it is need of the hour that all BRT projects of Karachi should be interlinked so that commuters could travel easily from one part of the megacity to other with ease and in time saving manner.

He said it is good to see that many BRT projects in the megacity are planned but the basic commuting system, Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) has been silently put to the ice. He said it was being said that the KCR would be initiated through the CPEC, but since long the government had kept mum over the

fate of KCR. He said without a rail-based commuting system, the public transport issues of Karachi could not be resolved fully. He said all megacities in the world do have surface and underground railway commuting systems but in Karachi this is not the case.

Altaf Shakoor hoped that the government would realise the sufferings of drivers and commuters who use the broken University Road and ensure that the delayed project of Red Line BRT would be completed by accelerating the pace of work on this long delayed project.

He also demanded that roadside encroachments on all roads including the University Road should be removed on urgent and sustainable basis, saying this busy road is encroached at Hassan Square, Old Sabzi Mandi, Mosimiyyat, Safoora and other places by push cart vendors, eateries and other encroachers.

## Punjab govt intensifies efforts to reduce severity of smog

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab government is striving for adoption of a holistic approach to address the issue of air pollution and smog across the province and to avoid the situation this year, it has intensified working on an anti-smog plan since April.

On the instructions of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, the Punjab government took several measures to combat smog from April to September, focusing on agriculture, transport, environment, industry, energy, education and health sectors. To reduce the intensity of smog, the government has accelerated its actions, as the severity of smog has made life haram for the citizens from October to February for many years.

According to official statistics, 12,540 industrial units were checked in 6 months from April to September, while issuing notices to 4,403 industrial setups, while 117 units were demolished. Likewise, 594 units were sealed and cases were registered against 361, fines of Rs.70 million were separately imposed. In addition, during the checking of 75,881 vehicles, challans of 18069 vehicles and routes of 24 vehicles were canceled, while 13678 vehicles, emitting smoke were closed and fined 32 million rupees.

Similarly, 8810 construction work inspections were made in 6 months. The sites were checked, 26 were sealed and 376 were given notices. According to the statistics, 38,528 kilns were visited, notices were issued to 9,617 and 240 were demolished, 1012 kilns were closed and cases were registered

against 217 and a fine of Rs89 million was also imposed.

Similarly, in the anti-plastic campaign, 59,389 inspections were conducted, 191 complaints were registered with the Environmental Magistrate, 19 lakh rupees were fined, in the plantation campaign 3 crore 60 lakh trees were planted in Punjab and 48 lakh saplings were planted in Lahore alone.

Special committees were formed in rural areas to control the burning of crop residues, green transport project was launched across Punjab in the context of transport, 5,000 electric buses will be introduced across Punjab. Meanwhile, 1,000 will run in the first phase, Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has recently approved 24 e-buses while the e-bike scheme for students is also going on successfully.

Furthermore, devices will be installed at various intersections of the city to check the rate of pollution, Safe City cameras has accelerated efforts in identifying vehicles emitting smoke. In this connection, 2,000 interns will be kept for 3 months to monitor the environment in Lahore, Faisalabad to ban plastic, additionally, anti-smog squad has been appointed in Gujranwala, that will monitor the emission of toxic gases from the industries. It is worth mentioning here that the checking of the industries will also continue with the help of drones.

Following the vision of the Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, Inspector General of Police Punjab Dr.

Usman Anwar has accelerated the supervision of the violating smoke-emitting vehicles while actively engaging in different crackdowns to prevent smog and protect the environment. Including Lahore, various operations against vehicles, factories, and kiln owners causing smog are ongoing throughout the province.

The spokesperson for Punjab police told APP in this connection that since the first January of this year, 729 accused have been arrested and 939 cases registered during an anti-smog crackdown. In the provincial capital, 71 accused have been arrested and 180 cases have been registered during anti-smog operations. He said that IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar has directed an acceleration of the anti-smog crackdown in industrial areas, on highways, and at other relevant locations.

To a query, the police spokesperson further informed that the importance of expediting actions against vehicles causing smog is being monitored through Safe City cameras. In this connection the Punjab Highway Patrol and Traffic Police have been directed to intensify measures against smog-causing vehicles on highways.

Punjab IG Dr. Usman Anwar has recently stated that the Punjab Police is providing full support to the Environment Department in combating smog, by ordering immediate action against vehicles, factories, and open burning in fields that was contributing a great share to smog throughout the province.



KARACHI: A female standing under the shade of an umbrella to sell Persian Cat in Saddar area in Provincial Capital. —APP Photo

## PPP says PTI's agenda of disruption exposed

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Central Punjab General Secretary Syed Hassan Murtaza has declared that the agenda of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has been exposed, stating that the decision regarding the disruptive elements within the party will no longer be made in parliament but on the ground. He stressed that the current focus should be on saving the state rather than engaging in political maneuvering, reaffirming that the PPP is committed to both its manifesto and the coalition government.

He made these remarks during a joint press conference alongside party leaders Usman Malik, Rana Jawad, Mian Ayub, and Chaudhry Akhtar, following a Punjab organizational meeting at the residence of CEC member Chaudhry Aslam Gill on Sunday.

He paid tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Ali Shaokat Shaheed and other soldiers martyred in North Waziristan, stating that they had sacrificed their today for the future of the nation. Murtaza also called for the immediate arrest of political workers involved in the attack on Senator Sherry Rehman and the killers of Constable Hameed.

He criticized the PTI for inviting the foreign minister of an enemy nation to speak at their rally, accus-

ing them of aligning with the Mukti Bahini movement. He warned that every child in Pakistan is ready to sacrifice for the country. He also targeted the "804" figure often mentioned by PTI leaders, labeling them as "800 thieves" and questioning how political workers could invite people from a neighboring country who do not respect Pakistan's national anthem.

Praising the efforts of the military, Rangers, and FC in managing the situation, Murtaza also lauded the leadership of the IGPs of Punjab and Islamabad. In response to media queries, he expressed astonishment over the disappearance of a provincial chief minister, despite him going to KP House with an entourage and official machinery, accusing him of betraying Pakistan.

Reiterating the PPP's commitment to the supremacy of the Constitution, democracy, and Parliament, he questioned why the late Bhutto's punishment was never overturned, despite it taking 45 years to achieve partial justice. He called for the creation of separate criminal and constitutional courts and emphasized the PPP's unwavering support for the causes of Palestine and Kashmir, standing in solidarity with the Palestinians as the party did under Bhutto's leadership.

He announced that PPP workers would express sol-

idarity outside their homes, offices, and educational institutions on October 7. Addressing media concerns, Murtaza confirmed that PTI leader Gandapur had attacked the federation for the third time, but the nation, along with law enforcement agencies, would face these challenges head-on. He dismissed reservations with the PML-N as insignificant, highlighting that PPP has consistently delivered despite limited authority.

He warned that if the nation does not unite against the current turmoil, a national tragedy could unfold. He distinguished between political struggle and armed invasion, making it clear that PPP will not support armed uprisings and will not allow anyone to disturb the country's peace.

Concluding the press conference, Murtaza acknowledged that no single party could address the current internal challenges alone, reaffirming that PPP stands firm on its principles. He also clarified that while he may have personal differences with the Interior Minister, he recognized him as a good person and a Pakistani, unlike some so-called "democratic" movements being waged with foreign influence.

PPP leaders Sadaqat Sherwani and Zeeshan Shami were also present during the press conference.



LAHORE: Women are busy in selecting and purchasing old books from roadside stall at Mall Road. —APP Photo





PAKISTAN AIR FORCE  
OPEN TENDER NOTICES

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED BY THE FOLLOWING BASES / UNITS FOR THE SUPPLY / PURCHASE / REPAIR / OVERHAULING OF MENTIONED ITEMS.

DP AIR C/O PAF BASE NUR KHAN RAWALPINDI										NO 107 AED PAF BASE FAISAL (LOG)		021-99547321
S. NO	IT No.	NSN / PT No / Noun	Line Item	U/I / Qty	CAT	Opening Date	Time Period for Performance of Contract	Closing + Opening Time		Following item is required to be repaired through Open Tender: 2310/PK-0010234 Micro Toyota HI-ACE Model LH22R-LEMDE (Year of Manufacturing 2006) Engine Overhauling of Micro Toyota Hi-Ace, Following items are required to be purchased through Open Tender: 16T/268 TYRE SIZE 7.50X16LT-14PR, 6110.5440.00 LD (200W SOLID STATE POWER TRANSISTOR) BLF647, 6110.5640.00 TFT 5.0 Inch Display TFT 5.0 QVGA RGB 5 INCH 320X234, 6110.5891.00 LD MOSF 120W 28V 600 MHZ DIODE MA 8334-115-7251641, 6096.1801. 00 LD Mosfet AL SD57045-01LDMOS FET 45W-28V- 945MHZLDMOSFET, 6105.7254.00 PIEZO CARD, MS27484E10A5P Round Connector For IKDD, 5820NL-6110.5927.00 Rubidium Oscillator (Manufacturer Model No HPPRS-02), 5905002835865 Variable Resistor 10K-220% ½, 5961NL-EL415-2044 Latching Relay, KW-ML-4-214S 7 Segment Display, 5962-9308501MXC EE PLD PROGRAMABLE LOGIC D, 4A12-P4 ULTRA VOLT POWER SUPPLY, 5962PK0019433 VAPCELL 6000 MAH, NHEW-225.19LCX224.5X42 Lower Cover, NHEW-200MCX65 Top Battery Cover, NHEW- 284MCX70 Middle Cover, 6625PK0217401 MODULE (RF/1F), 5825PK0015425 RF POWER 275W, 5820NL- 048C03-0001 Transistor RF PWR, 5820NL- 048C03-0002 Transistor RF PWR, 90537-57SWD-4700 Inductor Weductor 4.7MH, 6625NL-5322-535- 74401 Locking Pin, 6636PK0017531 Mini Motor 12V MADE 0510, 6636PK0017534 Diode Laser (Class 1M), 6636NL-TRANSDUCER-WS425 Transducer, 5805NL/ AUTOMAG-MGT-412 PCB Magento Board (Automag), 5962PK0019308 GPS Compass Module With Pedestal M8N, 6350/PK-HP-PLC01 MINI PLC INTERFACE BOARD, 6350/PK-BH-DIOT3 X-DAQ ENET Diode Interface Board, 000538626 Air Filter Ventilator/ 1000, 096269 VENTILATOR 02 CELL Ventilator, 11.15.00.1315 Motor Control Borad Dialysis Machine, 13.90.02.1289 FRONT PANEL Ventilator/ 1000, 18-01-23567 HAND PIECE PROBE Doppler Fetus Detector / Bt-500, 6515NL-0683-04-0002 NIBP HOSE NEONATAL, Multiparameter Monitor / Omni II, 6515NL-6003-068 PHOTO METER BOARD Semi Automatic Chemistry Analyzer / 300, 6515NL-6003-375 MOION CONTROL BOARD Autoclave, 6515NL-AX3- 404-003 SPO2 MODULE CARDIAC MONITOR / TM 780, 6515PK0017324 MAIN BOARD ECG MACHINE, 6515PK0017456 OXYGEN SENSOR ICU Ventilator, 6515PK0017457 MAIN BOARD (MOTORIZED BED OT TABLE, 6515PK0017471 ID 974 Controller (OT TABLE / Bickler, 6515PK0017718 FLOW SENSOR ICU Ventilator, 6515PK0289171 CPR BOARD AUTOCLAVE LARGE / Euronda, 6515PK0289451 REMOTE FOR OT TABLE (REFURBISH OT TABLE / Bickler, 6625010359829 PROBE ECG Machine 12 Channel, 6625NL-014-1-0026-E Current Power Amplifier Diathermy Surgical / 6625NL-0146-00-0043 BATTERY INFANT INCUBATOT / FANEM, 6625NL-026-138 High Pressure Hose Dental Autoclave, 6625NL-0600-00-0026-02 SPO2 FINGER SENSOR PULSE OXIMETER, 6625NL-080.151 Glass Tube Autoclave Large / Euronda, 6625NL-100-222-620 DISPLAY MEMORY Module Infant Incubator / Bt-500, 6625NL-11110-000067 5 LEAD ECG CABLE, ECG Machine, 6625NL-18.20. 435.X0691 Power Board Suction Unit, 6625NL-2.310005 ECG PATIENT CABLE ECG MACHINE, 6625NL-20210275 MOTOR infusion pump / centrifuge, 6625NL-20417-1 Battery Pack Ventilator / 1000, 6625NL-26-697 HEATER 110 VOLT AC AUTOCLAVE LARGE / Euronda, 6625NL-2N6551 BRIDGE RECTIFIER X-ray Machine 425 mA / Intermedial, 6625NL-3.24 20 MICROPROCESSOR AND P/SUPPLY BOR NEONATAL VENTILATOR, 6625NL-30.021 LCD DISPLAY Infusion Pump, 6625NL-312-0425-0, BATTERY PACK CARDIAC MONITOR / TM 780, 6625NL- 41614-72800 CONDENSER BINOCULAR MICROSCOPE, 6625NL-48314 BATTERY PACK CTG Machine / FM20, 6625NL-501050 TOUCHLESS Switch Automated Electrolyte, 6625NL-5951595 Rotor Assy Centrifuge, 6625NL-6813052 FILTER PAD INFANT INCUBATOR, 6625NL-6900-22-0000-00 BATTERY PACK ECG Machine 12 Channel, 6625NL-70406-6 Processor Borad Ultrasound Machine/sonoscape, 6625NL-75 MOTOR AUTOCLAVE / SCIENTIFIC, 6625NL-90-18 GLASS BOTTLE 0-2000ML SUCTION MACHINE, 6625NL-98.060.11 ECG CABLE 3 LEAD WITH CLIPS DEFIBRILLATOR, 6625NL-99.371.521 INTERNAL BATTERY PACK anesthesia work station/NODL S-5, 6625NL-A.S.L.0040F SPO2 Finger Sensor Cardiac Monitor/mindray MEC-2000, 6625NL-AE-100F ERMA Microflow Cell Photometer Auto Haematology ANALYZER/KX21, 6625NL-CU-09370 TUBING TYMPANOMETER, 6625NL-CUSA0601F Non Rechargeable Battery Pack Defibrillator / DEFIGUARD5000/SW, 6625NL-FL-03106 SPO2 FINGER SENSOR PULSE OXIMETER, 6625NL-IRW-2C-D12P Relay Auto Clave Large / Sterril Master, 6625NL-MC-MU Turbine Handpiece Ventilator / SERVO-I, 6625NL-NCH-SU03 CARTRIDGE FOR STANDARD HEAD SCALAR HAND PIECE, 6625NL-NU-00033 SOLENOID VALVE Auto Haematology Analyzer/SYSMAX-KX21, 6625NL-NU-03011 MICRO Pilot Valve Auto Haematology ANALYZER/SYSMAX-KX21, 6625NL-NU-51 Air Filter Ventilator/ 1000, 6625NL-NU-51001 Air Filter Assy Ventilator / Hamilton.C2, 6625NL-NU-51010 Filter Head Ventilator, 6625NL-NU-53001 Air Regulator Assy Ventilator / SERVO-I, 6625NL-NU-68 77 TTYPE 3-WAY SYRINGE Dental Chair , 6625NL-PA-SU B2 HIGH SPEED AIR TURBINE Ventilator/ 1000, 6625PK0017338 Invenster Control Board Autoclave / Scientific, 6625PK0217059 Processing Board ECG Machine / Welch Allyn, 6625PK0217060 MAIN BOARD Anesthesia work station / AX-500, 6625PK0217102 Sensor Autoclave, 6625PK0217103 Printer Assy ECG Machine, 6625PK0217104 Reflector Mirror Applanation Tonometer, 6625PK0217105 Power Supply Defibrillator, 6625PK0217106 Power Supply Board Autoclave, 6625PK0217109 MOTOR DRIVE PCB SYRINGE PUMP INFUSION/B.BRAUN MELSUNGEN, 6625PK0217111 HEATER Heating Pad, 6625PK0217112 MAIN BOARD X-RAY 425mA / Siemens, 6625PK0217114 LINEAR MC Display Vital Sign Monitor / OMNI ii, 6625PK0217118 Heater Element Autoclave Large WITH RO SYSTEM/ Scientific, 6625PK0217119 FILM ROLLER Roller Mixer / Scientific, 6706032 Door Seal Autoclave Large, 5961NL-DJI-A2GPSMT DJI A2 GPS BRACKET, CFSOA934-2M-3 CARBON Fiber Plate Lower, D3B-0208 USB TO USB Panel Mount USB TO USB Panel Mount, D6-SA1372SA1369 NAHL-II Balanced Battery Charger HOTA D6 Dual Smart Charger, E-270S-GIMBAL 270 DEGREE 2 AXIS, EVMRSA0882 Matek Regulator 24V TO 12&5 V, FMUV5 PIX HAWK 4 KIT, SSWSA0892-16, ESC Power Extension Wire (Red And Black Pair), SSWSA0893Y-22, ESC Signal Extension Wire (Yellow And Black), For further technical information, specification and company make, model, please contact Tel phone No 021-99547321, 99547379		
Contact Person / Ph No for Detail: For S. No 1 to 4 ADP-41 051-9281361, For S. No 5 to 15 ADP-42 051-9281362, For S. No 16 to 25 ADP-43 (Pre) 051-9281363, For S. No 26 ADP-44 051-9281364, For S. No 27 & 28 ADP-45 051-9281365, For S. No 29 & 39 ADP-46 051-9281366										1. Instructions / Guidelines for participating in Tenders and complete specifications can be downloaded from PAF website i.e. www.paf.gov.pk under the heading "Media" "PAF Ads" 'General Instructions DP (Air) Suppliers' (for guidelines to participate in tenders). 2. ITs documents can be obtained in soft copy via request letter through e-mail address to (pa05@paf.gov.pk). 3. Firms, un-registered/un-indexed with DGDP interested to participate in the competition on Earnest Money are required to provide financial capability (minimum 6 months Bank Statements) proof of go down and manufacturer / stockist, 02 photocopies of NIC of the owner in case of FOR tenders and agency agreement with OEM along with the request. Request for issuance of IT will be entertained 07 days before opening date of tender. 4. A treasury Challan of Rs 2,000/- debitable to Main Head XLVII Main Head XII Sub Head A is required to be submitted by the un-registered/un-indexed firms along with the request. 5. Tender Notice is also available on PPRA's website i.e. www.ppra.org.pk.		
1. Instructions / Guidelines for participating in Tenders and complete specifications can be downloaded from PAF website i.e. www.paf.gov.pk under the heading "Media" "PAF Ads" 'General Instructions DP (Air) Suppliers' (for guidelines to participate in tenders).										Stationary DO Paper A4 (80 Gm ), PPC Paper (75 Gm), Note Green Sheet, Envelopes Size SE-5, 6, 7, 8, 6A, 7A, 8A, DO Envelopes Size 4x9, 5 1/2x7 ½ Med, 11.5x15 (55gms), Register Ruled 3QRS, 4QRS, File Binder, Thread Ball, Tag Cotton Small, Correcting Fluid White, Stamp Pad Blue, Ink Stamp Pad Blue, Gum Liquid, File Clip Plastic, Envelopes White 11x9 260gm (Large), Red Paper Seal Cleaning Material Bleaching Powder (01 Kg), Car Polish (200 Gm Tin), Chamois Leather (43x32x0.2cm), Powder Cleaning (450gm Pkt), Cloth Muslin (36" Wide Cotton), Cloth Phylalane (45" Width), Cloth Polish (16"x20" Yellow), Cresol Liquid (01 Ltr), Floor Polish (450 Gm Tin), Glint (Original 500ml), Metal Polish (Original 100ml), Plastic Polish (250ml), Rag Colored (1'x1') With Out Button & Zip, Soap Flakes (1' Kg Pkt), Soap Toilet (70 Gm), Soap Yellow (115 Gm), Soda Ash (01 Kg Packing) and Stock Net (4'x4'), Oil K-2, Black Polish Medium, Dettol (50 ML) Packing Material Foam Sheet, Bubble Sheet, Thermopore Sheet, Carton Packing, Plastic Strip, Nail Steel, Glue Special, Polythene Sheet, Tape Adhesive, Tape Transparent, Tape Wrapping, Tape Masking, Ply Wood, Tyres and Batteries (All Sizes and Models), Lubricants Engine Oil 20W50 (Diesel), 10W40 (Petrol), 20W50 (Patron), 5W30, 5W30, Oil Filter, Air Filter (Original/guard), Note:- Quotations of above-mentioned items are Required for 01 Year Frame work agreement, sample of Items Must Be Provided With Quotations, Quotations Will Not Be Considered Without Sample, Current Prob , Signal Distribution Card, DC Power Supply CPX400DP, Power Supply Avionics DC, Attenuator (Model BW-40N100W), Hiring Of Civil Transport (As Req), For details / specifications / scope of work please contact Log Sqn on Ph No: 0323-9408714, 051-9505556		
2. ITs documents can be obtained in soft copy via request letter through e-mail address to (pa05@paf.gov.pk).										Water Bowser (Engine Overhaul), FE Loader (Engine Overhaul) (Ea As Req), Oil Eng (API SD SAE 10W-40), Oil Eng (API SD SAE 15W-40), Oil Eng (API SD SAE 20W-50), Oil Eng (API SD SAE 10W-30) (Ea As Req), Multimedia Projection System (Model PTVW-540) (As Req), Note: As per PPRA Rule-36(b) single stage two envelope quotation (Technical & Commercial) is required via TCS / Post Office only. Validity of Quotations should be 03 Months. Quotations in detail with minimum EDD be provided. Specification / details can be collected from Samungli Log Sqn Contact: 081-9503867, 0312-7163844 & 0334-9128670		
3. Firms, un-registered/un-indexed with DGDP interested to participate in the competition on Earnest Money are required to provide financial capability (minimum 6 months Bank Statements) proof of go down and manufacturer / stockist, 02 photocopies of NIC of the owner in case of FOR tenders and agency agreement with OEM along with the request. Request for issuance of IT will be entertained 07 days before opening date of tender.										Mattress (78x39x4), Blanket Single Bed Double Ply, Trunk Steel 24 and 26 Gauge (Ea As Req) For further information please contact on phone No 0323-9417715		
4. A treasury Challan of Rs 2,000/- debitable to Main Head XLVII Main Head XII Sub Head A is required to be submitted by the un-registered/un-indexed firms along with the request.										Khaldon Freon Gas (KG As Req), Angle Drill (Ea As Req) Note:- For further Information or any technical assistance, please contact on Phone No 021-99547242, Mobile No 0307- 3267493, (For specifications consultant) Ext 7242, 7286, 7235		
5. Tender Notice is also available on PPRA's website i.e. www.ppra.org.pk.										TERMS AND CONDITIONS:- 1. General terms and conditions are mentioned in tender form (F-528A). Forms and tender notices complete details can be downloaded from PAF website "www.paf.gov.pk" or can be obtained from respective Bases/ Log Sqns on working days. 2. The firm must be GST and professional Tax registered having NTN. 3. Last date of submission of tenders: <b>22 OCTOBER, 2024 (1000 hrs)</b> . 4. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 1100 hours. 5. No advance payment will be made and payment will be subject to acceptance of the items by user activity. 6. Officers Commanding of the mentioned Bases/ Units reserve the right to reject any part or the entire tender on technical grounds. 7. Quotations must be valid for 90 days. 8. Sales Tax as applicable must be mentioned separately. 9. Guarantee / Warranty term / period should also be mentioned. 10. The agreement will be governed by official secret act. 1923.		
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs). In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Telc 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										Batteries (Acid & Maintenance Free) - 12V 2.5 Amp to 1200 Amp, MT Spares & Filters (All Types), MT Lubes (All Types / Grade), Wood / Chip Board, Cleaning Material Items (All types), Stationary Items (All types), Equipment & Common Use Items). Paints (all type), Note:- Quotations are required for 01 Year (Validity up to 30 June, 2025) closed framework agreement as per PPRA rule 16A. Sample of items must be provided with quotations. Quotation will not be considered without technical quotation. EDD should be clearly mentioned on quotation as days / weeks of months. Each bid shall comprise one single envelope containing financial proposal, submission of quotation contrary to PPRA Rule 22 will be rejected. The firm must be GST registered and quoted price must be without GST. The Procuring agency reserves the right to increase or decrease the number and quantity of items. Date of opening must be marked on envelope in bold letters, For specification and additional information please contact Officer Incharge Logistics Sqn no 114 AED, PAF Base Mushaf Tel: 048-7771500 EXT 4205, Mobile: 0323-9421557		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG) 042-99502291										PAF PRESS MASROOR (LOG) 021-99527669		
PAF HOSPITAL ISLAMABAD (LOG) 051-9505818										NO 114 AED, PAF BASE MUSHAF 048-7771500		
PAF BASE MALIR (LOG) 021-99533889										NO 101 ALC, PAF BASE FAISAL (LP) 021-99547040		
NO 103 ALC PAF BASE NUR KHAN 051-952-7081										PAF BASE KOHAT (LOG) 0334-8973439		
NO 118 SED, PAF BASE MALIR (LOG) 021-99537239										Digital Multimeter, ECP 6 MP POE IP Camera (8 MP Model No DC-20CD2083G2-IU), Pouches Ammunition (7.62MM), Fixed Camera (1/3SUPER HAD CCD) DOME DESIGN IP Camera Colour, Uniform Accoutrements, For technical specification / scope of work please contact on 0922-9260092/93 Ext 3860/3887, Mobile No 03348973439		





# PAKISTAN AIR FORCE

## OPEN TENDER NOTICES

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED BY THE FOLLOWING BASES / UNITS FOR THE SUPPLY / PURCHASE / REPAIR / OVERHAULING OF MENTIONED ITEMS.

DP AIR C/O PAF BASE NUR KHAN RAWALPINDI										NO 107 AED PAF BASE FAISAL (LOG)		021-99547321
S. NO	IT No.	NSN / PT No / Noun	Line Item	U/I / Qty	CAT	Opening Date	Time Period for Performance of Contract	Closing + Opening Time		Following item is required to be repaired through Open Tender: 2310/PK-0010234 Micro Toyota HI-ACE Model LH22R-LEMDE (Year of Manufacturing 2006) Engine Overhauling of Micro Toyota Hi-Ace, Following items are required to be purchased through Open Tender: 16T/268 TYRE SIZE 7.50X16LT-14PR, 6110.5440.00 LD (200W SOLID STATE POWER TRANSISTOR) BLF647, 6110.5640.00 TFT 5.0 Inch Display TFT 5.0 QVGA RGB 5 INCH 320X234, 6110.5891.00 LD MOSF 120W 28V 600 MHZ DIODE MA 8334-115-7251641, 6096.1801. 00 LD Mosfet AL SD57045-01LDMOS FET 45W-28V- 945MHZLDMOSFET, 6105.7254.00 PIEZO CARD, MS27484E10A5P Round Connector For IKDD, 5820NL-6110.5927.00 Rubidium Oscillator (Manufacturer Model No HPPRS-02), 5905002835865 Variable Resistor 10K-220% ½, 5961NL-EL415-2044 Latching Relay, KW-ML-4-214S 7 Segment Display, 5962-9308501MXC EE PLD PROGRAMABLE LOGIC D, 4A12-P4 ULTRA VOLT POWER SUPPLY, 5962PK0019433 VAPCELL 6000 MAH, NHEW-225.19LCX224.5X42 Lower Cover, NHEW-200MCX65 Top Battery Cover, NHEW- 284MCX70 Middle Cover, 6625PK0217401 MODULE (RF/1F), 5825PK0015425 RF POWER 275W, 5820NL- 048C03-0001 Transistor RF PWR, 5820NL- 048C03-0002 Transistor RF PWR, 90537-57SWD-4700 Inductor Weductor 4.7MH, 6625NL-5322-535- 74401 Locking Pin, 6636PK0017531 Mini Motor 12V MADE 0510, 6636PK0017534 Diode Laser (Class 1M), 6636NL-TRANSDUCER-WS425 Transducer, 5805NL/ AUTOMAG-MGT-412 PCB Magento Board (Automag), 5962PK0019308 GPS Compass Module With Padestal M8N, 6350/PK-HP-PLC01 MINI PLC INTERFACE BOARD, 6350/PK-BH-DIOT3 X-DAQ ENET Diod Interface Board, 000538626 Air Filter Ventilator/ 1000, 096269 VENTILATOR 02 CELL Ventilator, 11.15.00.1315 Motor Control Borad Dialysis Machine, 13.90.02.1289 FRONT PANEL Ventilator/ 1000, 18-01-23567 HAND PIECE PROBE Doppler Fetus Detector / Bt-500, 6515NL-0683-04-0002 NIBP HOSE NEONATAL, Multiparameter Monitor / Omni II, 6515NL-6003-068 PHOTO METER BOARD Semi Automatic Chemistry Analyzer / 300, 6515NL-6003-375 MOION Control BOARD Autoclave, 6515NL-AX3- 404-003 SPO2 MODULE CARDIAC MONITOR / TM 780, 6515PK0017324 MAIN BOARD ECG MACHINE, 6515PK0017456 OXYGEN SENSOR ICU Ventilator, 6515PK0017457 MAIN BOARD (MOTORIZED BED OT TABLE, 6515PK0017471 ID 974 Controller (OT TABLE / Bickler, 6515PK0017718 FLOW SENSOR ICU Ventilator, 6515PK0289171 CPR BOARD AUTOCLAVE LARGE / Euronda, 6515PK0289451 REMOTE FOR OT TABLE (REFURBISH OT TABLE / Bickler, 6625010359829 PROBE ECG Machine 12 Channel, 6625NL-014-1-0026-E Current Power Amplifire Diathermy Surgical / 6625NL-0146-00-0043 BATTERY INFANT INCUBATOT / FANEM, 6625NL-026-138 High Pressure Hose Dental Autoclave, 6625NL-0600-00-0026-02 SPO2 FINGER SENSOR PULSE OXIMETER, 6625NL-080.151 Glass Tube Autoclave Large / Euronda, 6625NL-100-222-620 DISPLAY MEMORY Module Infant Incubator / Bt-500, 6625NL-11110-000067 5 LEAD ECG CABLE, ECG Machine, 6625NL-18.20. 435.X0691 Power Board Suction Unit, 6625NL-2.310005 ECG PATIENT CABLE ECG MACHINE, 6625NL-20210275 MOTOR infusion pump / centrifuge, 6625NL-20417-1 Battery Pack Ventilator / 1000, 6625NL-26-697 HEATER 110 VOLT AC AUTOCLAVE LARGE / Euronda, 6625NL-2N6551 BRIDGE RECTIFIER X-ray Machine 425 mA / Intermedial, 6625NL-3.24 20 MICROPROCESSOR AND P/SUPPLY BOR NEONATAL VENTILATOR, 6625NL-30.021 LCD DISPLAY Infusion Pump, 6625NL-312-0425-0, BATTERY PACK CARDIAC MONITOR / TM 780, 6625NL- 41614-72800 CONDENSER BINOCULAR MICROSCOPE, 6625NL-48314 BATTERY PACK CTG Machine / FM20, 6625NL-501050 TOUCHLESS Switch Automated Electrolyte, 6625NL-5951595 Rotor Assy Centrifuge, 6625NL-6813052 FILTER PAD INFANT INCUBATOR, 6625NL-6900-22-0000-00 BATTERY PACK ECG Machine 12 Channel, 6625NL-70406-6 Processor Borad Ultrasound Machine/sonoscape, 6625NL-75 MOTOR AUTOCLAVE / SCIENTIFIC, 6625NL-90-18 GLASS BOTTLE 0-2000ML SUCTION MACHINE, 6625NL-98.060.11 ECG CABLE 3 LEAD WITH CLIPS DEFIBRILLATOR, 6625NL-99.371.521 INTERNAL BATTERY PACK anesthesia work station/NODL S-5, 6625NL-A.S.L.0040F SPO2 Finger Sensor Cardiac Monitor/mindray MEC-2000, 6625NL-AE-100F ERMA Microflow Cell Photometer Auto Haematology ANALYZER/KX21, 6625NL-CU-09370 TUBING TYMPANOMETER, 6625NL-CUSA0601F Non Rechargeable Battery Pack Defibrillator / DEFIGUARD5000/SW, 6625NL-FL-03106 SPO2 FINGER SENSOR PULSE OXIMETER, 6625NL-IRW-2C-D12P Relay Auto Clave Large / Sterril Master, 6625NL-MC-MU Turbine Handpiece Ventilator / SERVO-I, 6625NL-NCH-SU03 CARTRIDGE FOR STANDARD HEAD SCALAR HAND PIECE, 6625NL-NU-00033 SOLENOID VALVE Auto Haematology Analyzer/SYSMAX-KX21, 6625NL-NU-03011 MICRO Pilot Valve Auto Haematology ANALYZER/SYSMAX-KX21, 6625NL-NU-51 Air Filter Ventilator/ 1000, 6625NL-NU-51001 Air Filter Assy Ventilator / Hamilton.C2, 6625NL-NU-51010 Filter Head Ventilator, 6625NL-NU-53001 Air Regulator Assy Ventilator / SERVO-I, 6625NL-NU-68 77 TTYPE 3-WAY SYRINGE Dental Chair , 6625NL-PA-SU B2 HIGH SPEED AIR TURBINE Ventilator/ 1000, 6625PK0017338 Invenster Control Board Autoclave / Scientific, 6625PK0217059 Processing Board ECG Machine / Welch Allyn, 6625PK0217060 MAIN BOARD Anesthesia work station / AX-500, 6625PK0217102 Sensor Autoclave, 6625PK0217103 Printer Assy ECG Machine, 6625PK0217104 Reflector Mirror Applanation Tonometer, 6625PK0217105 Power Supply Defibrillator, 6625PK0217106 Power Supply Board Autoclave, 6625PK0217109 MOTOR DRIVE PCB SYRINGE PUMP INFUSION/B.BRAUN MELSUNGEN, 6625PK0217111 HEATER Heating Pad, 6625PK0217112 MAIN BOARD X-RAY 425mA / Siemens, 6625PK0217114 LINEAR MC Display Vital Sign Monitor / OMNI ii, 6625PK0217118 Heater Element Autoclave Large WITH RO SYSTEM/ Scientific, 6625PK0217119 FILM ROLLER Roller Mixer / Scientific, 6706032 Door Seal Autoclave Large, 5961NL-DJI-A2GPSMT DJI A2 GPS BRACKET, CFSOA0934-2M-3 CARBON Fiber Plate Lower, D3B-0208 USB TO USB Panel Mount USB TO USB Panel Mount, D6-SA1372SA1369 NAHL-II Balanced Battery Charger HOTA D6 Dual Smart Charger, E-270S-GIMBAL 270 DEGREE 2 AXIS, EVMRSA0882 Matek Regulator 24V TO 12&5 V, FMUV5 PIX HAWK 4 KIT, SSWSA0892-16, ESC Power Extension Wire (Red And Black Pair), SSWSA0893Y-22, ESC Signal Extension Wire (Yellow And Black), For further technical information, specification and company make, model, please contact Tel phone No 021-99547321, 99547379		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										AHQS (U) ISLAMABAD (LOG)		051-9505556
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										Stationary DO Paper A4 (80 Gm ), PPC Paper (75 Gm), Note Green Sheet, Envelopes Size SE-5, 6, 7, 8, 6A, 7A, 8A, DO Envelopes Size 4x9, 5 1/2x7 ½ Med, 11.5x15 (55gms), Register Ruled 3QRS, 4QRS, File Binder, Thread Ball, Tag Cotton Small, Correcting Fluid White, Stamp Pad Blue, Ink Stamp Pad Blue, Gum Liquid, File Clip Plastic, Envelopes White 11x9 260gm (Large), Red Paper Seal Cleaning Material Bleaching Powder (01 Kg), Car Polish (200 Gm Tin), Chamois Leather (43x32x0.2cm), Powder Cleaning (450gm Pkt), Cloth Muslin (36" Wide Cotton), Cloth Phylalane (45" Width), Cloth Polish (16"x20" Yellow), Cresol Liquid (01 Ltr), Floor Polish (450 Gm Tin), Glint (Original 500ml), Metal Polish (Original 100ml), Plastic Polish (250ml), Rag Colored (1'x1') With Out Button & Zip, Soap Flakes (1' Kg Pkt), Soap Toilet (70 Gm), Soap Yellow (115 Gm), Soda Ash (01 Kg Packing) and Stock Net (4'x4'), Oil K-2, Black Polish Medium, Dettol (50 ML) Packing Material Foam Sheet, Bubble Sheet, Thermopore Sheet, Carton Packing, Plastic Strip, Nail Steel, Glue Special, Polythene Sheet, Tape Adhesive, Tape Transparent, Tape Wrapping, Tape Masking, Ply Wood, Tyres and Batteries (All Sizes and Models), Lubricants Engine Oil 20W50 (Diesel), 10W40 (Petrol), 20W50 (Patron), 5W30, 5W30, Oil Filter, Air Filter (Original/guard), Note:- Quotations of abovementioned items are Required for 01 Year Frame work agreement, sample of Items Must Be Provided With Quotations, Quotations Will Not Be Considered Without Sample, Current Prob , Signal Distribution Card, DC Power Supply CPX400DP, Power Supply Avionics DC, Attenuator (Model BW-40N100W), Hiring Of Civil Transport (As Req), For details / specifications / scope of work please contact Log Sqn on Ph No: 0323-9408714, 051-9505556		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										PAF BASE SAMUNGLI (LOG)		081-9503867
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										Water Bowser (Engine Overhaul), FE Loader (Engine Overhaul) (Ea As Req), Oil Eng (API SD SAE 10W-40), Oil Eng (API SD SAE 15W-40), Oil Eng (API SD SAE 20W-50), Oil Eng (API SD SAE 10W-30) (Ea As Req), Multimedia Projection System (Model PTVW-540) (As Req), Note: As per PPRA Rule-36(b) single stage two envelope quotation (Technical & Commercial) is required via TCS / Post Office only. Validity of Quotations should be 03 Months. Quotations in detail with minimum EDD be provided. Specification / details can be collected from Samungli Log Sqn Contact: 081-9503867, 0312-7163844 & 0334-9128670		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										PAF BASE LOWER TOPA (LOG)		0323-9417715
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										Mattress (78x39x4), Blanket Single Bed Double Ply, Trunk Steel 24 and 26 Gauge (Ea As Req) For further information please contact on phone No 0323-9417715		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										NO 102 AED PAF BASE FAISAL (LOG)		021-99547235/7242
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										Khaldon Freon Gas (KG As Req), Angle Drill (Ea As Req) Note:- For further Information or any technical assistance, please contact on Phone No 021-99547242, Mobile No 0307- 3267493, (For specifications consultant) Ext 7242, 7286, 7235		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										PAF BASE MASROOR (LOG)		021-99527669
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										Paper (W) Offset 23x36 (80GSM), Paper (W) Offset 25x35 ½" (80GSM), PPC Paper A-4 Size, Paper (W) Offset 23x36 (100GSM), Paper (W) Offset 25x35 ½" (100GSM), Paper (W) Offset 25x36 (100GSM) (RM As Req), Cloth Binding D/Blue Spl (MR As Req), Board Straw 25 ½"x30 ½" 32 OZ (SH As Req), Glue White (KG As Req), Tonner Black 5550 Original, Fuser Assembly 550/5550, Tonner Cyan 3070L, Tonner Magenta 3070L, Tonner Yellow 3070L, Tonner Black 3070L, Plate For SORMZ 745x605x0.30MM, Plate For SORD 915x715x0.30MM (EA As Req), Ink Cyan Colour, Ink Magenta Colour, Ink Yellow Colour, Ink Black Colour (KG As Req), Board Pulp Blue 19x25 (240GSM), Board Pulp Green 19x25 (240GSM), Board Pulp White 22x28 230GSM, Board Pulp White 22x28 240GSM (PK As Req), For further information please contact on Phone Nos. 021-99527669 and 021-99527653		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										NO 114 AED, PAF BASE MUSHAF		048-7771500
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										Batteries (Acid & Maintenance Free) - 12V 2.5 Amp to 1200 Amp, MT Spares & Filters (All Types), MT Lubes (All Types / Grade), Wood / Chip Board, Cleaning Material Items (All types), Stationary Items (All types), Equipment & Common Use Items). Paints (all type), Note:- Quotations are required for 01 Year (Validity up to 30 June, 2025) closed framework agreement as per PPRA rule 16A. Sample of items must be provided with quotations. Quotation will not be considered without technical quotation. EDD should be clearly mentioned on quotation as days / weeks of months. Each bid shall comprise one single envelope containing financial proposal, submission of quotation contrary to PPRA Rule 22 will be rejected. The firm must be GST registered and quoted price must be without GST. The Procuring agency reserves the right to increase or decrease the number and quantity of items. Date of opening must be marked on envelope in bold letters, For specification and additional information please contact Officer Incharge Logistics Sqn no 114 AED, PAF Base Mushaf Tel: 048-7771500 EXT 4205, Mobile: 0323-9421557		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										NO 101 ALC, PAF BASE FAISAL (LP)		021-99547040
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										(POL Items): - Engine Oil SAE 10W40, 15W40, 20W50, Gear Oil, Tellus 46, HD T-10, Hyd Oil HD-68, Grease, Brake Oil, (NOTE):- Two envelopes (01 Technical and 01 Commercial) for each line item is required with detail specification. (Picture / Diagram/ Make / Manufacturer / Model / sites installation information) of above-mentioned items can be collected from No 101 ALC, PAF (LP Section) 021-99547040		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										PAF BASE KOHAT (LOG)		0334-8973439
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										Digital Multimeter, ECP 6 MP POE IP Camera (8 MP Model No DC-20CD2083G2-IU), Pouches Ammunition (7.62MM), Fixed Camera (1/3SUPER HAD CCD) DOME DESIGN IP Camera Colour, Uniform Accontrements, For technical specification / scope of work please contact on 0922-9260092/93 Ext 3860/3887, Mobile No 03348973439		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-		
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										1. General terms and conditions are mentioned in tender form (F-528A). Forms and tender notices complete details can be downloaded from PAF website "www.paf.gov.pk" or can be obtained from respective Bases/ Log Sqns on working days. 2. The firm must be GST and professional Tax registered having NTN. 3. Last date of submission of tenders: <b>22 OCTOBER, 2024 (1000 hrs)</b> . 4. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 1100 hours. 5. No advance payment will be made and payment will be subject to acceptance of the items by user activity. 6. Officers Commanding of the mentioned Bases/ Units reserve the right to reject any part or the entire tender on technical grounds. 7. Quotations must be valid for 90 days. 8. Sales Tax as applicable must be mentioned separately. 9. Guarantee / Warranty term / period should also be mentioned. 10. The agreement will be governed by official secret act. 1923.		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										NO 103 ALC PAF BASE NUR KHAN		051-952-7081
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										BLE100/0155 Dewpoint Sensor (Repair), BLE1100/155 Dewpoint Sensor (Repair), BLE1100/53 Dewpoint Function Checker (Repair), EA-48-N Single Molded Cylinder Cap-48 CuFt (Repair) (Ea As Req), 101-250 Adhesive Tape (RL As Req), 535-893NOIRMAT Special Black Acrylic Ink (EA As Req), 6113-5001-1L Primer Coating (LR As Req), CODEXP23 Thick Petrolatum, LANOLIN(1KG) Lanolin (KG As Req), DCEA/614 Special "F" Petrol (CN As Req), C200 Anti-Seizing Lubricating Varnish (BX As Req), MEK Methylene Ketone (LR As Req), Q211B Wax Partin Agent, Lift Crown Wave Machine (Repair), Electrical Stackler (Repair), Manual Stackler (Repair) (Ea As Req), For any query or additional information, please contact on Tele No. (051-952-7081-82)		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										NO 118 SED, PAF BASE MALIR (LOG)		021-99537239
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)										Part No: 5999PK0139710 Noun: CONTROLLER LECP6 ACTUATOR (As Req), For detail specifications, please contact No 118 SED, PAF Base Malir on Tel No 021-99537239 & 0323-9436563		
PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG)										http://www.paf.gov.pk		





# PAKISTAN AIR FORCE

## OPEN TENDER NOTICES

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED BY THE FOLLOWING BASES / UNITS FOR THE SUPPLY / PURCHASE / REPAIR / OVERHAULING OF MENTIONED ITEMS.

DP AIR C/O PAF BASE NUR KHAN RAWALPINDI										NO 107 AED PAF BASE FAISAL (LOG)										021-99547321	
S. NO	IT No.	NSN / PT No / Noun	Line Item	U/I Qty	CAT	Opening Date	Time Period for Performance of Contract	Closing + Opening Time		Following item is required to be repaired through Open Tender: 2310/PK-0010234 Micro Toyota HI-ACE Model LH22R-LEMDE (Year of Manufacturing 2006) Engine Overhauling of Micro Toyota Hi-Ace, Following items are required to be purchased through Open Tender: 16T/268 TYRE SIZE 7.50X16LT-14PR 6110.5440.00 LD (200W SOLID STATE POWER TRANSISTOR) BLF647, 6110.5640.00 TFT 5.0 Inch Display TFT 5.0 QVGA RGB 5 INCH 320X234, 6110.5891.00 LD MOSF 120W 28V 600 MHZ DIODE MA 8334-115-7251641, 6096.1801. 00 LD Mosfet AL SD57045-01LDMOS FET 45W-28V- 945MHZLDMOSFET, 6105.7254.00 PIEZO CARD, MS27484E10A5P Round Connector For IKDD, 5820NL-6110.5927.00 Rubidium Oscillator (Manufacturer Model No HPFRS-02), 5905002835865 Variable Resistor 10K-220% ½, 5961NL-EL415-2044 Latching Relay, KW-ML-4-214S 7 Segment Display, 5962-9308501MXC EE PLD PROGRAMABLE LOGIC D, 4A12-P4 ULTRA VOLT POWER SUPPLY, 5962PK0019433 VAPCELL 6000 MAH, NHEW-225.19LCX224.5X42 Lower Cover, NHEW-200MCX65 Top Battery Cover, NHEW- 284MCX70 Middle Cover, 6625PK0217401 MODULE (RF/1F), 5825PK0015425 RF Power 275W, 5820NL- 048C03-0001 Transistor RF PWR, 5820NL- 048C03-0002 Transistor RF PWR, 90537-57SWD-4700 Inductor Weductor 4.7MH, 6625NL-5322-535- 74401 Locking Pin, 6636PK0017531 Mini Motor 12V MADE 0510, 6636PK0017534 Diode Laser (Class 1M), 6636NL-TRANSDUCER-WS425 Transducer, 5805NL/ AUTOMAG-MGT-412 PCB Magento Board (Automag), 5962PK0019308 GPS Compass Module With Pedestal M8N, 6350/PK-HP-PLC01 MINI PLC INTERFACE BOARD, 6350/PK-BH-DIOT3 X-DAQ ENET Diod Interface Board, 000538626 Air Filter Ventilator/ 1000, 096269 VENTILATOR 02 CELL Ventilator, 11.15.00.1315 Motor Control Borad Dialysis Machine, 13.90.02.1289 FRONT PANEL Ventilator/ 1000, 18-01-23567 HAND PIECE PROBE Doppler Fetus Detector / Bt-500, 6515NL-0683-04-0002 NIBP HOSE NEONATAL, Multiparameter Monitor / Omni II, 6515NL-6003-068 PHOTO METER BOARD Semi Automatic Chemistry Analyzer / 300, 6515NL-6003-375 MOION CONTROL BOARD Autoclave, 6515NL-AX3- 404-003 SPO2 MODULE CARDIAC MONITOR / TM 780, 6515PK0017324 MAIN BOARD ECG MACHINE, 6515PK0017456 OXYGEN SENSOR ICU Ventilator, 6515PK0017457 MAIN BOARD (MOTORIZED BED OT TABLE, 6515PK0017471 ID 974 Controller (OT TABLE / Bickler, 6515PK0017718 FLOW SENSOR ICU Ventilator, 6515PK0289171 CPR BOARD AUTOCLAVE LARGE / Euronda, 6515PK0289451 REMOTE FOR OT TABLE (REFURBISH OT TABLE / Bickler, 6625010359829 PROBE ECG Machine 12 Channel, 6625NL-014-1-0026-E Current Power Amplifier Diathermy Surgical / 6625NL-0146-00-0043 BATTERY INFANT INCUBATOT / FANEM, 6625NL-026-138 High Pressure Hose Dental Autoclave, 6625NL-0600-00-0026-02 SPO2 FINGER SENSOR PULSE OXIMETER, 6625NL-080.151 Glass Tube Autoclave Large / Euronda, 6625NL-100-222-620 DISPLAY MEMORY Module Infant Incubator / Bt-500, 6625NL-11110-000067 5 LEAD ECG CABLE, ECG Machine, 6625NL-18.20. 435.X0691 Power Board Suction Unit, 6625NL-2.310005 ECG PATIENT CABLE ECG MACHINE, 6625NL-20210275 MOTOR infusion pump / centrifuge, 6625NL-20417-1 Battery Pack Ventilator / 1000, 6625NL-26-697 HEATER 110 VOLT AC AUTOCLAVE LARGE / Euronda, 6625NL-2N6551 BRIDGE RECTIFIER X-ray Machine 425 mA / Intermedical, 6625NL-3.24 20 MICROPROCESSOR AND P/SUPPLY BOR NEONATAL VENTILATOR, 6625NL-30.021 LCD DISPLAY Infusion Pump, 6625NL-312-0425-0, BATTERY PACK CARDIAC MONITOR / TM 780, 6625NL- 41614-72800 CONDENSER BINOCULAR MICROSCOPE, 6625NL-48314 BATTERY PACK CTG Machine / FM20, 6625NL-501050 TOUCHLESS Switch Automated Electrolyte, 6625NL-5951595 Rotor Assy Centrifuge, 6625NL-6813052 FILTER PAD INFANT INCUBATOR, 6625NL-6900-22-0000-00 BATTERY PACK ECG Machine 12 Channel, 6625NL-70406-6 Processor Borad Ultrasound Machine/sonoscape, 6625NL-75 MOTOR AUTOCLAVE / SCIENTIFIC, 6625NL-90-18 GLASS BOTTLE 0-2000ML SUCTION MACHINE, 6625NL-98.060.11 ECG CABLE 3 LEAD WITH CLIPS DEFIBRILLATOR, 6625NL-99.371.521 INTERNAL BATTERY PACK anesthesia work station/NODL S-5, 6625NL-A.S.L.0040F SPO2 Finger Sensor Cardiac Monitor/mindray MEC-2000, 6625NL-AE-100F ERMA Microflow Cell Photometer Auto Haematology ANALYZER/KX21, 6625NL-CU-09370 TUBING TYMPANOMETER, 6625NL-CUSA0601F Non Rechargeable Battery Pack Defibrillator / DEFIGUARD5000/SW, 6625NL-FL-03106 SPO2 FINGER SENSOR PULSE OXIMETER, 6625NL-IRW-2C-D12P Relay Auto Clave Large / Sterril Master, 6625NL-MC-MU Turbine Handpiece Ventilator / SERVO-I, 6625NL-NCH-SU03 CARTRIDGE FOR STANDARD HEAD SCALAR HAND PIECE, 6625NL-NU-00033 SOLENOID VALVE Auto Haematology Analyzer/SYSMAX-KX21, 6625NL-NU-03011 MICRO Pilot Valve Auto Haematology ANALYZER/SYSMAX-KX21, 6625NL-NU-51 Air Filter Ventilator/ 1000, 6625NL-NU-51001 Air Filter Assy Ventilator / Hamilton.C2, 6625NL-NU-51010 Filter Head Ventilator, 6625NL-NU-53001 Air Regulator Assy Ventilator / SERVO-I, 6625NL-NU-68 77 TTYPE 3-WAY SYRINGE Dental Chair , 6625NL-PA-SU B2 HIGH SPEED AIR TURBINE Ventilator/ 1000, 6625PK0017338 Invenster Control Board Autoclave / Scientific, 6625PK0217059 Processing Board ECG Machine / Welch Allyn, 6625PK0217060 MAIN BOARD Anesthesia work station / AX-500, 6625PK0217102 Sensor Autoclave, 6625PK0217103 Printer Assy ECG Machine, 6625PK0217104 Reflector Mirror Applanation Tonometer, 6625PK0217105 Power Supply Defibrillator, 6625PK0217106 Power Supply Board Autoclave, 6625PK0217109 MOTOR DRIVE PCB SYRINGE PUMP INFUSION/B.BRAUN MELSUNGEN, 6625PK0217111 HEATER Heating Pad, 6625PK0217112 MAIN BOARD X-RAY 425mA / Siemens, 6625PK0217114 LINEAR MC Display Vital Sign Monitor / OMNI ii, 6625PK0217118 Heater Element Autoclave Large WITH RO SYSTEM/ Scientific, 6625PK0217119 FILM ROLLER Roller Mixer / Scientific, 6706032 Door Seal Autoclave Large, 5961NL-DJI-A2GPSMT DJI A2 GPS BRACKET, CFSOA0934-2M-3 CARBON Fiber Plate Lower, D3B-0208 USB TO USB Panel Mount USB TO USB Panel Mount, D6-SA1372SA1369 NAHL-II Balanced Battery Charger HOTA D6 Dual Smart Charger, E-270S-GIMBAL 270 DEGREE 2 AXIS, EVMRSA0882 Matek Regulator 24V TO 12&5 V, FMUV5 PIX HAWK 4 KIT, SSWSA0892-16, ESC Power Extension Wire (Red And Black Pair), SSWSA0893Y-22, ESC Signal Extension Wire (Yellow And Black), For further technical information, specification and company make, model, please contact Tel phone No 021-99547321, 99547379											
01	415217/P-41	Repair/ Overhaul of Engine of MI-171 Helo	01	EA 01	FE	05-11-24	Within 06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
02	415218/P-41	Proc of A DLP-LT for BLK-II	01	EA 07	Pak Rs	21-10-24	Within 06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
03	415219/P-41	Proc of DSP Board (CS-1)	01	EA 02	Pak Rs	21-10-24	Within 06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
04	415215/P-41 (Re-Tender)	Proc of Image Intensifier Tube	01	EA 01	Pak Rs	21-10-24	Within 06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
05	424533/P-42	HTS Spares	09	EA - Var	FE	06-11-24	06 months after Opening of LC	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
06	424534/P-42	Barrier Spares	63	EA - Var	FE	06-11-24	06 months after Opening of LC	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
07	424535/P-42	Magnetic Bar for FOD Sweeper Assy	01	EA 16	Pak Rs	22-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
08	424536/P-42	Soap Machine Spectrometer with Allied Accessories	01	EA 02	Pak Rs	22-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
09	424537/P-42	DC Batteries for PAF COMM Exchanges and Operator Console	02	EA - Var	Pak Rs	22-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
10	424538/P-42	UPS, Battery Banks and SNMP Cards	06	EA - Var	Pak Rs	22-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
11	424540/P-42	AC Trolley Truck	01	EA 01	Pak Rs	23-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
12	424541/P-42	Rectifiers, AVRS & Multiple Batteries for NW Equipment	09	EA- Var	Pak Rs	23-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
13	424542/P-42	Solar Aviation Taxiway Light	01	EA 245	Pak Rs	23-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
14	424543/P-42	GPU Spares	07	EA - Var	FE	06-11-24	06 months after Opening of LC	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
15	424544/P-42	Vacuum Circuit Breaker	01	EA 30	Pak Rs	23-10-24	03 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
16	436959/P-43	Proc of Walkie Talkie Accessories	04	EA - Var	Pak Rs	22-10-24	Within 03 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
17	436960/P-43	Proc of Data Logger GPS Receiver	01	EA 96	Pak Rs	22-10-24	Within 06-08 weeks after signing of contract	1100 Hrs 1130 Hrs													
18	436961/P-43	Proc of Developer Work Station (AI)	01	EA 08	Pak Rs	22-10-24	Within 03 months after signing of contract	1200 Hrs 1230 Hrs													
19	436962/P-43	Proc of 02X M3SR Radios & Accessories for Project Hotel	02	EA - Var	FE	06-11-24	Within 04-06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
20	436963/P-43	Proc of ILS/ TACAN-453 Spares	05	EA - Var	FE	06-11-24	Within 04-06 months after signing of contract	1100 Hrs 1130 Hrs													
21	436964/P-43	Proc of Kit Items for Serial Upgrade of MPDR-60/90	38	EA - Var	Pak Rs	23-10-24	Within 06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
22	436965/P-43	Proc of Timing Module-1 (Mini JLT)	01	EA 30	Pak Rs	23-10-24	Within 06 months after signing of contract	1100 Hrs 1130 Hrs													
23	436966/P-43	Proc of Crypto Module (LPM)	01	EA 35	Pak Rs	23-10-24	Within 06 months after signing of contract	1200 Hrs 1230 Hrs													
24	436967/P-43	License (E Point Sec)	01	EA 3000	Pak Rs	24-10-24	Within 03 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
25	436824/P-43 (Re-Tender)	Proc of High Capacity MW DRS Links (Back Haul)	01	EA 28	Pak Rs	24-10-24	Within 03 months after signing of contract	1100 Hrs 1130 Hrs													
26	448400/P-44	Tyres for Spada Truck and ML Trailers	02	Various	Pak Rs	24-10-24	As per IT documents	1200 Hrs 1230 Hrs													
27	459761/P-45	X-Ray Scanning Machine	01	EA 04	Pak Rs	22-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1030 Hrs 1100 Hrs													
28	459762/P-45	Walk Through Gate	01	EA 44	Pak Rs	22-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1030 Hrs 1100 Hrs													
29	467253/P-46	Valve Cylinder High Pressure	01	EA 125	Pak Rs	23-10-24	30 Sep, 25	1030 Hrs 1100 Hrs													
30	467254/P-46	Cap Beret CD Airmen	16	EA 450,00	Pak Rs	23-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1100 Hrs 1130 Hrs													
31	467255/P-46	Vest Summer H/S White	03	EA 50,000	Pak Rs	24-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	0930 Hrs 1000 Hrs													
32	467256/P-46	Vest Summer CD	04	EA 100,000	Pak Rs	24-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
33	467257/P-46	Towel Hand	01	EA 25,000	Pak Rs	22-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	0930 Hrs 1000 Hrs													
34	467258/P-46	Drawer Cotton Long	03	PR 20,000	Pak Rs	24-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1030 Hrs 1100 Hrs													
35	467259/P-46	Bed Sheet Blue	01	EA 70,000	Pak Rs	24-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1100 Hrs 1130 Hrs													
36	467260/P-46	Socks Cotton Black	01	PR 50,000	Pak Rs	22-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1000 Hrs 1030 Hrs													
37	467261/P-46	Socks Black (Combat)	01	PR 60,000	Pak Rs	22-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1030 Hrs 1100 Hrs													
38	467262/P-46	Socks Sports (White)	04	PR 50,000	Pak Rs	22-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	1100 Hrs 1130 Hrs													
39	467263/P-46	Coverall Eng	14	PR 25,000	Pak Rs	22-10-24	06 months after signing of contract	0930 Hrs 1000 Hrs													
<b>Contact Person / Ph No for Detail: For S. No 1 to 4 ADP-41 051-9281361, For S. No 5 to 15 ADP-42 051-9281362, For S. No 16 to 25 ADP-43 (Pre) 051-9281363, For S. No 26 ADP-44 051-9281364, For S. No 27 &amp; 28 ADP-45 051-9281365, For S. No 29 &amp; 39 ADP-46 051-9281366</b>																					
1. Instructions / Guidelines for participating in Tenders and complete specifications can be downloaded from PAF website i.e. www.paf.gov.pk under the heading "Media" "PAF Ads" "General Instructions DP (Air) Suppliers" (for guidelines to participate in tenders).																					
2. ITs documents can be obtained in soft copy via request letter through e-mail address to (pa05@paf.gov.pk).																					
3. Firms, un-registered/un-indexed with DGDP interested to participate in the competition on Earnest Money are required to provide financial capability (minimum 6 months Bank Statements) proof of go down and manufacturer / stockist, 02 photocopies of NIC of the owner in case of FOR tenders and agency agreement with OEM along with the request. Request for issuance of IT will be entertained 07 days before opening date of tender.																					
4. A treasury Challan of Rs 2,000/- debitable to Main Head XLVII Main Head XII Sub Head A is required to be submitted by the un-registered/un-indexed firms along with the request.																					
5. Tender Notice is also available on PPRA's website i.e. www.ppra.org.pk.																					
<b>PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG) 042-99502291</b>											<b>PAF HOSPITAL ISLAMABAD (LOG) 051-9505818</b>										
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99502291, 0323-9428717, As per PPRA Rule-36(b), 02 stage 02 envelope sealed tenders are invited from reputed GST registered firms for Cloth Trouser PW 55:45 (2022), Controller Module (Generator 105 KVA). Firms interested to participate are requested to collect IT documents and supported documents encompassing complete technical specification / guidelines from obtained from Logistics Squadron, for further details contact Tel 042-99502287, 0323-9428715 during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs)											PAF Hospital Islamabad intends to sign closed frame work agreement of commonly used items with manufacturers, supplies, distributors and wholesalers as per PPRA Rules, Rule 16 (a). Therefore, maximum participation is requested. The details are as the following:- Local purchase of: 1.Cleaning Material items, 2. Laundry Services System Items, 3. CSSD items (Bowie-Dick Test Pack, Crape Paper) Strip Sterilization indicator, Flat Roll 5cm, Flat Roll 10cm, Flat Roll 15cm, Flat Roll 20cm, Flat Roll 25cm, Flat Roll 30cm, Flat Roll 35cm, Flat Roll 40cm, Salt), Details of items / Specification and annual estimated quantities, subject to authorization and trend analysis (which may vary 05 to 10%) owing to requirements for LP of common use items can be obtained from logistics Flt PAF Hospital Islamabad during working hours, For queries Tel No 051-9505818 may be contacted										
<b>PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG) 021-99533889</b>											<b>NO 103 ALC PAF BASE NUR KHAN 051-952-7081</b>										
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99533889 & 0321-8213869											BLE100/0155 Dewpoint Sensor (Repair), BLE1100/155 Dewpoint Sensor (Repair), BLE1100/53 Dewpoint Function Checker (Repair), EA-48-N Single Molded Cylinder Cap-48 CuFt (Repair) (Ea As Req), 101-250 Adhesive Tape (RL As Req), 535-893NOIRMAT Special Black Acrylic Ink (EA As Req), 6113-5001-1L Primer Coating (LR As Req), CODEXP23 Thick Petrolatum, LANOLIN(1KG) Lanolin (KG As Req), DCEA/614 Special "F" Petrol (CN As Req), C200 Anti-Seizing Lubricating Varnish (BX As Req), MEK Methylene Ketone (LR As Req), QZ11B Wax Partin Agent, Lift Crown Wave Machine (Repair), Electrical Stacker (Repair), Manual Stacker (Repair) (EA As Req), For any query or additional information, please contact on Tele No. (051-952-7081-82)										
<b>PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG) 021-99537239</b>											<b>NO 101 ALC, PAF BASE FAISAL (LP) 021-99547040</b>										
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99537239 & 0323-9436563											(POL Items): - Engine Oil SAE 10W40, 15W40, 20W50, Gear Oil, Tellus 46, HD T-10, Hyd Oil HD-68, Grease, Brake Oil, (NOTE):- Two envelopes (01 Technical and 01 Commercial) for each line item is required with detail specification. (Picture / Diagram/ Make / Manufacturer / Model / sites installation information) of above-mentioned items can be collected from No 101 ALC, PAF (LP Section) 021-99547040										
<b>PAF BASE LAHORE (LOG) 021-99537239</b>											<b>PAF BASE KOHAT (LOG) 0334-8973439</b>										
Bids are invited from reputed firms to meet hiring requirement of Mechanical Transports for transportation of equipment to / from PAF (Base Lahore to various cities. Hiring requirement broadly include Low Flat Bed (40 and 20 ft - various quantities). Firms interested to participate may collect Tender Forms encompassing elaborated details and supported documents / guidelines from under mentioned office address during working hours (0800 hrs to 1500 hrs), In case of any query, concerned office may be approached at contact No 042-99537239 & 0323-9436563											Digital Multimeter, ECP 6 MP POE IP Camera (8 MP Model No DC-20CD2083G2-IU), Pouches Ammunition (7.62MM), Fixed Camera (1/3SUPER HAD CCD) DOME DESIGN IP Camera Colour, Uniform Accontrements, For technical specification / scope of work please contact on 092										



# PIC holds free medical camp for journalists



F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar Institute of Cardiology (PIC), in collaboration with the Peshawar Press Club, organized a one-day free medical camp for journalists.

Over 150 press club members and their families received free medical check-ups, including

Echo, ECG, and other examinations. Free medication was also provided.

During the camp, several journalists were found to have early signs of heart disease and were advised to seek further treatment at PIC.

Speaking at the event, The PIC's Medical Director and Chief Executive, Professor Dr.

Shahkar Ahmad Shah, highlighted the growing prevalence of heart diseases in Pakistan, with 1.5 million new cases reported annually.

He emphasized that journalists, due to the high-pressure nature of their work and frequent exposure to trauma, often face health issues like mental stress and high blood pressure, which

increase their risk of developing heart diseases.

He further noted that smoking and the consumption of fatty foods are major contributors to heart problems, and that regular exercise can help in preventing heart diseases.

Dr. Shahkar said that PIC's doors are always open for journalists, and expressed hope that the media will continue to highlight the institute's positive contributions.

At the conclusion of the medical camp, the President of the Peshawar Press Club, Arshad Aziz Malik, expressed his gratitude to the PIC administration and presented shields to the medical team and hospital management.

Special thanks were extended to PIC's spokesperson, Riffat Anjum, and her team, whose efforts made the medical camp possible.

## ‘Small industries wood sector faces financial crisis’

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Small Industries Development Board's (SIDB) 60-year-old wood sector is facing a financial crisis due to a lack of furniture supply orders from government institutions.

This crisis could result in the closure of key centers such as the Mansehra

Woodworking Center, Haripur Woodworking Center, Karak, Bannu, Rahimabad Swat, Timergara, Chitral, and the well-known Pak-German Woodworking Center in Peshawar. Approximately 350 skilled workers are at risk of losing their jobs.

In response, Employees Union President Sahibzada Naseem Khan penned a letter to Chief Minister Ali

Amin Gandapur, urging that government institutions be mandated to procure furniture from SIDB's wood sector instead of private vendors.

He highlighted that suspending private sector purchases would curb corruption and support the sustainability of the SIDB.

He emphasized that the Pak-German Woodworking Center, established with

German assistance in 1970, continues to train students in woodworking and furniture design in areas such as Tehkal and Mardan. Khan appealed to the government to halt corrupt practices in furniture procurement and protect skilled workers from unemployment, noting that these workers are also strong supporters of PTI and Imran Khan.

## Preserve the Legacy Save Sarhad Psychiatric Hospital from relocation and demolition

Sajjad Muhammad Khan

PESHAWAR: Sarhad Psychiatric Hospital in Peshawar, established in 1854 during the British colonial era, stands as a testament to the city's rich history. Nestled within the Central Jail premises, this iconic institution has provided vital mental health services to generations of citizens. People have strongly demanded from the concerned authorities to reconsider plans to relocate and demolish this cherished hospital.

Sarhad Psychiatric Hospital is one of the oldest psychiatric institutions in South Asia, boasting a legacy that predates Pakistan's independence.

Its colonial-era architecture and historic significance make it an essential part of Peshawar's cultural heritage.

Erasing this landmark would deprive future generations of a tangible connection to their past.

Located centrally, the hospital is easily accessible for patients from across the city. Relocating to Hayatabad would inconvenience thousands, particularly those without means to travel longer distances.

The existing infrastructure, though vintage, remains functional and adaptable to modern upgrades.

Sarhad Psychiatric Hospital's dedicated staff has built trust with the community over decades.

Patients and families rely on the hospital's expertise and familiarity. Disrupting this continuum of care would jeopardize treatment outcomes and undermine public confidence.

Rather than demolishing the existing structure, authorities should prioritize renovation and modernization.

Citizens, healthcare professionals, and historians have voiced concerns against relocation and demolition. It is crucial to respect public sentiment and prioritize the greater good. They urge the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and relevant authorities to reconsider plans to relocate and demolish Sarhad Psychiatric Hospital.

## An unchecked social crime costing in billions

PESHAWAR (APP): Amidst enormous economic challenges and untiring efforts of the government to steer country out of dilemmas, menaces like power pilferage continue to persist undermining economic, industrial and agricultural development.

Over the decades the country have been a prey to such menaces costing billions of rupees losses to national kitty as situation remains unchanged due to poor implementation of policies and rampant corruption in power supply companies.

The country is grappling with the monster challenge of electricity theft with expert believing that multiple factors like soaring electricity cost, an inadequate electricity infrastructure, rampant influence of corrupt practices and notorious 'kunda mafia' behind this phenomenon.

Professor Dr. Zilakat Malik, former Chairman of the Economics Department at University of Peshawar believes direct connections as major source of power theft that cause massive losses to national exchequer.

According to him, our kitty suffer loss of billions of rupees due to direct hooks occurring commonly in connivance with the officers and employees of power distribution companies.

"Besides direct hooks, in many cases the companies employees get bribes and install fake meters even before submission of regular files or applications for electricity connections," he stated. "Recent past calculations reveal an approximately Rs137 billion annual losses

alone in KP and tribal areas."

He said electricity theft through direct hooks or tampering the meters has not only widened the demand-supply gap of electricity but also had negative effects on our economy.

This tendency not only hamper economic activities, industrial production and agricultural produce but also effect domestic consumers and other sectors like health, education, small businesses, construction and small industry etc.

Dr Zilakat also sees occasional increase in power tariff and failure in constructing more dams and power houses as the key reasons behind this dilemma as he regrets extra burden on honest consumers to compensate the losses occurring due to power theft by influential and habitual thieves.

"This speaks of poor implementation of policies and lack of strict action against violators," he pleaded. "We should not burden the honest consumers for the crime committed by influential who often go scot free after power pilferage."

Despite Pakistan's massive hydropower potential, the country has to depend on Independent Power Producers who keep sucking billions from poor consumers in the name of capacity payment that results in power prices hike.

At a time when we see power sector masters in KPK often excusing of a gap between demand and supply that usually result in load shedding, they seldom have valid reasons to justify power pilferage.

Kunda mafia operates boldly sometimes even threatening the companies' employees when they ask for removing these hooks. This commonly happens when kunda mafia has backing of influential tribal leaders, politicians and the top government functionaries.

Tribal Electricity Supply Company (TESCO) spokesman has informed that the system shows about 180 MW electricity was drawn by consumers from express transmission line in merged tribal areas. Power used in these areas over and above this figure means stealing the power from the system.

"Non-metering and direct hooks in merged areas has overloaded power distribution system also causing fluctuation and tripping," he said. "We need a Whistleblower Act and launching of broad based campaign and public awareness campaign to prevent power theft."

Meanwhile, Peshawar Electricity Supply Company (PESCO) spokesman Usman Saleem claimed of a grand operation against electricity stealers started from September last year and recovery of Rs 594.6 million from defaulters and stealers against the total charged amount of Rs 2.76 billion till date.

He informed that more than 87,223 illegal connections were removed registering cases against 36,583 people and arresting 10,490 culprits caught red handed.

"Action was also taken against 57 PESCO employees including 24 arrested for facilitating thieves."

He mentioned to starting

ABC cables pilot project in Peshawar, Mardan and Swat districts to curb power pilferage besides proceeding actively on installation of AMR digital meters.

Usman said, out of 1,315 feeders in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 650 feeders were declared load shedding free due high recovery of bills while scheduled load shedding was being carried out in 150 high loss feeders.

"Crackdown against factories, hotels, commercial plazas, wedding halls, shopping malls, shops and illegal housing societies involved in power theft was carried out with the help of police and district administration," he narrated.

He said that under the law, there is three to seven years rigorous imprisonment and Rs10 million fine or both for electricity thieves and the provincial government has already notified to form a task force and enforcement committees at district and tehsil to effectively combat electricity theft.

"Overpowering grid stations by protesters could not be a solution. Rather politicians, religious leaders, media and consumers' should cooperate to curb power pilferage in their respective areas," he stressed.

Although, the Deputy Commissioners and District Police Officers provide security to PESCO staff during crackdown, still in some areas people manage to steal power hand in glove with companies employees and with the patronage of influential politicians and government high-ups.

## KMU conducts 2nd centralized admission test

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Medical University (KMU) Peshawar, on Sunday organized the second Centralized Admission Test for admissions in various disciplines including Pharm-D, DPT, BS Nursing, and BS Allied Health Sciences.

The test was conducted in 16 examination centers in 13 cities of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with a total of 26,993 candidates appearing.

The results of the test will be announced within 36 hours and will be available on the official KMU website (<http://cat.kmu.edu.pk>).

In Peshawar, 10,589 candidates appeared across four centers, namely Government Higher Secondary School No.1 Peshawar City, University College for Boys, University Public School, and Islamia Collegiate Ground. Other centers included Kabal Ground Swat with 3,617 candidates, Elizabeth Rani College of Nursing Mardan with 3,108, Medics College of Nursing Malakand with 2,384.

The remaining participants were distributed across several centers in Kohat, Hazara, Swabi, DI Khan, Buner, Chitral, Islamabad, and Haripur.

Vice Chancellor of KMU, Prof. Dr. Zia ul Haq, expressed his satisfaction with the smooth conduct of the test.

He emphasized that the strong participation is a testament to the growing trust in KMU's fair and transparent admission process. "The health sector relies on a comprehensive system where all fields, including pharmacy, physiotherapy, nursing, and allied health sciences, play a crucial role. This test is a step forward in ensuring merit-based admissions and enhancing the quality of education in these vital sectors," he remarked.

Prof. Dr. Zia ul Haq also expressed hope that this centralized admission process would not only bring talented students to the forefront but also contribute to improving the overall healthcare system in the province by raising the standards in Allied Health Sciences education.



PESHAWAR: Zakria Khalid, Labour Inspector, Cantonment Board Peshawar, is conducting a labour inspection at the Peshawar High Court canteen.

## ETEA's another step towards transparency Live coverage of police recruitment test on facebook

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: In a significant move towards ensuring transparency in recruitment processes, the Educational Testing and Evaluation Agency (ETEA) has broadcasted police recruitment written test live on its official Facebook page, from the start to the conclusion of the test.

This live coverage is open to not only the candidates' parents but also the general public, aiming to enhance trust in the transparency and fairness of the examination process.

Mr. Safi further stated that over 11,000 candidates have participated in the test across various centers in the province, including Batgram, Mardan, D.I. Khan, Kohat, Mansehra, Peshawar, and

Saeed Safi, all phases of the written examination have streamed live on ETEA's official Facebook page, from the start to the conclusion of the test.

This live coverage is open to not only the candidates' parents but also the general public, aiming to enhance trust in the transparency and fairness of the examination process.

Mr. Safi further stated that over 11,000 candidates have participated in the test across various centers in the province, including Batgram, Mardan, D.I. Khan, Kohat, Mansehra, Peshawar, and

Bannu. Among the candidates, 355 are women, and 29 belong to minority communities.

Additionally, all test centers have been equipped with excellent arrangements for security, parking, and proper checking procedures to ensure a smooth and secure process.

This initiative marks a significant milestone in ETEA's ongoing efforts to maintain transparency and integrity in recruitment processes, with the broader aim of restoring public confidence in governmental institutions.

## The reality of street crime in Karachi

Haya Tanveer Ahmed

KARACHI, the largest and most populous city in Pakistan, plays a crucial role in the nation's economy, contributing significantly to national revenue. Despite its economic importance, Karachi faces an alarming security situation, with street crime on the rise. This surge in criminal activity has fostered a climate of fear, making everyday life increasingly challenging for its residents. People are resorting to isolation, refraining from leaving their homes, and avoiding carrying mobile phones or other valuables. Activities that should be simple and routine have become fraught with anxiety.

In recent times, the incidence of street crimes has escalated considerably, encompassing not only

petty thefts such as snatching but also a surge in more severe forms of violence. The level of brutality has reached alarming new heights, exemplified by a recent incident on Karsaz Road, in which a woman, who was high on drugs, attacked multiple individuals, resulting in several injuries and the tragic deaths of two people. Furthermore, the prevalence of grievous offenses such as kidnappings and sexual assaults has also shown a disturbing upward trend, highlighting an increasing deterioration of law and order in our city.

Addressing this pressing issue requires urgent action. The citizens of Karachi call upon the government and law enforcement agencies to take decisive steps to restore security. Ensuring public safety is not only crucial for residents' well-being

but also for maintaining Karachi's economic productivity and growth. Measures such as improving policing, enhancing accountability, and expanding surveillance in high-crime areas could significantly help curb criminal activities.

However, the security issue cannot be viewed in isolation. High unemployment and economic instability also contribute to the rising crime rate. When people are deprived of opportunities, many are driven to illegal activities for survival. Therefore, addressing unemployment and fostering economic development must be central to any strategy to improve security. By creating job opportunities, investing in skills training, and supporting local businesses, we can provide viable alternatives for those who might otherwise turn to crime.



PESHAWAR: A shopkeeper displaying dry fruit to attracts customers in his shop at Ashraf Road. — INP photo





## In brief

### WUS to hold conference

SWABI (APP): Women University Swabi is all set to host its first-ever two-day National Conference on Emerging Trends in Sciences and Social Sciences, starting tomorrow. This landmark event will bring together over 100 esteemed scholars and researchers from across the country. Participants will present their research papers on a wide range of topics, shedding light on the latest trends and innovations in their respective fields. The conference aims to foster a vibrant academic exchange, encouraging dialogue and collaboration among experts from diverse backgrounds. With meticulous planning and dedication, Women University Swabi has prepared extensively to ensure the success of this historic event. As the university's inaugural national conference, this event marks a significant achievement, paving the way for future research endeavors and establishing Women University Swabi as a leading academic institution in the region.

### Two children die

JHELMUM (INP): Two children died while condition of six other deteriorated due to consuming toxic food during a family in Domeli police station jurisdiction in Jhelum. According to details, during a family event in Dhok Sherian of Jhelum, the participant consumed food which turned toxic due to condition of eight cousins deteriorated. The victims of food poisoning were rushed to hospital where two children stated to be real brothers and identified as Furqan and Ahsan expired during treatment. Meanwhile, condition of six other cousins including Faizan, Anam, Hariba, Saad, Asher, and Rehan was also stated to be in slightly serious.

### Lineman dies

GUJRANWALA (INP): A wapda lineman died after he fell down ladder after removing a fault on HT pole in Nowshera Virkan, Gapco sub-division on Sunday. According to SDO Fahad Hussain, the 51-year-old lineman Muhammad Arshad while climbing down of ladder after repairing the power line on HT pole slipped and came down on ground. He was rushed to District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital in critical condition but succumbed to wounds during treatment. XEX Gapco Division Nowshera Virkan Mohsin Ali along with SDO Fahad Hussain visited the residence of deceased and condoled with family. Funeral prayers of the deceased was attended by large number of people including wapda officials.

**GCU Hyderabad tops**  
HYDERABAD (INP): A Sindh Inter-University Trilingual Debate was organized by the Government College University in collaboration with Sindh Higher Education Commission the other day. The competition held in all three languages was participated by all universities of Sindh. GCU Hyderabad bagged the first two positions in Sindhi and English debates. Tahira Zulfikar, a student of BBA department and Shah Noor Rajput, a student of English department of the University clinched their positions in Sindhi language and English, respectively. Vice Chancellor Government College University Hyderabad Professor Dr. Tayyaba Zarif congratulated the winning candidates and announced the scholarship for them.



CHINIOT: Farmers burns the remains after harvesting rice crop in their field. — APP photo

## 7-day fahm e Quran class concludes in Dir

F. P. Report

LOWER DIR: A seven-day Quran class arranged by the Lower Dir chapter of Jamaat-i-Islami concluded at the Timergara rest house ground here on Sunday. Prominent religious scholar and former khateeb, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Maulana Muhammad Ismail gave lectures on various Quranic topics during the class.

A large number of the JI male and female workers and local residents attended the concluding session. Addressing the participants, Maulana Ismail stressed the learning of Quran and its teachings and said that it was a complete code of life that guided human beings on the right path.

He said that Pakistan was confronted with many challenges including political instability, economic crisis, corruption and lawlessness. He said the imposition of Islamic laws was the only solution to all problems faced by the nation. He criticized Israel and its forces for killing innocent Palestinians and said that Muslim Ummah should stand by Palestinians across the globe.

He said that the so-called superpower, America, the United

Kingdom and India were supporting Israel despite its barbarism and brutality. He said the JI central chief Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman had announced to stage solidarity rallies in favour of Palestinians on Oct. 7.

Maulana Ismail asked the participants to attend the JI proposed solidarity rallies for encouraging the Palestinian struggle for freedom. Collective prayers were offered for national integrity, peace, development and prosperity of Pakistan on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the JI central Punjab chief Maulana Javed Qasoori while addressing the monthly congregation arranged by the JI Lower Dir chapter at Timergara, said that Palestinians and Hamas were fighting a battle between the Muslims and infidels.

He said that it was not a war between Palestine and Israel but it was an attempt of the non-Muslims led by America and India against the believers. The JI district chief Izazul Mulk Afkari and other religious scholars also addressed the gathering.

Maulana Javed Qasoori said that Israel had used 20 thousand tons of explosives against the Palestinians during the last one year. He said that

mosques, hospitals, markets and residential buildings were not spared, killing about 500,00 children, women and aged people in Gaza and other cities. He said the UNO was also helpless to end the war.

The JI leader expressed pleasure on the Iranian attacks against Israel and said that it had represented the Muslim ummah. He said the Palestinians would soon get freedom as they were daring the Israeli bombardment and shelling bravely.

CONVENTION: A religious seminary, the Jamia Tafheem ul Quran Timer camp on Sunday arranged a students' convention during which the position holder students were awarded with appreciation shields and cash prizes.

Former MNA Maulana Asadullah was chief guest on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, he said that about 30000 religious seminaries in Pakistan were providing free education to more than 3 million students without any government assistance. The JI provincial deputy general secretary Maulana Hanifullah, chief executive of the Muslim School System Peshawar Haji Muslim Khan and head of the seminary also spoke on the occasion.

### Yousafzai slams crackdown on party workers

Shafi ullah

SWAT: Mukhtiar Yousafzai, Co-Chairman of the Pakhtunkhwa National Awami Party, has strongly condemned the crackdown on party workers and student leaders in Malakand Division, demanding their immediate release.

Addressing a press conference at Swat Press Club, Yousafzai criticized the government's actions as unconstitutional and unlawful.

Yousafzai emphasized that the Pakhtun nation has traditionally resolved issues through Jirgas, a time-honored practice. However, the recent incidents of camp burning, firing, and arrests in Khyber district's PTM Jirga have severe consequences, holding the government and administration responsible.

Yousafzai lamented that Pakistan has strayed from its founding principles of federation, welfare, and democracy.

He cited the 800 Pakhtun martyrs in "Babra" and the ignored sacrifices of Bengalis, leading to the loss of East Pakistan. Despite this, old policies persist, dividing the country's forces, judiciary, and politicians.

## October 8, 2005 earthquake All set in AJK to solemnize the 19th anniversary

MIRPUR (APP): In Azad Jammu Kashmir, all is almost set to commemorate the 19th anniversary of history's worst killer earthquake of October 8, 2005, across Azad Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday, Oct. 8, with due serious feelings, respect, and determination as the National Disaster Awareness Day, with the glorious tributes to be paid to the martyrs and other victims of history's most-worst deadly catastrophe of high magnitude in the region.

A grand ceremony to be hosted by the Kashmir Orphan Relief Trust (KORT) and Educational Complex at Akhterabad in Mirpur, dwelling at least 452 orphan and shelterless children, mostly those who had fallen orphan and homeless in the deadly

earthquake of October 8, 2005 in Azad Jammu Kashmir, will be the hallmark of the 19th anniversary of history's worst catastrophe to be commemorated in this lake district simultaneously with the rest of AJK.

When contacted, Sardar Sajid Dilawar, Country Director of the KORT, told APP here on Sunday that a major grand ceremony will be held at 6.00 in the evening on Tuesday at the mega KORT complex at Akhterabad, in the outskirts of this lake city.

AJK Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Chaudhry will be the Chief Guest on this occasion, also to be attended by the dweller children of the KORT besides the dignitaries and the representatives of all classes of the civil society.

Ch. Akhter Kashmir Waala, the founder of the KORT, the largest shelter home in South Asia, housing over 452 orphan and shelterless children—mostly those who were rendered homeless and orphan following the killer earthquake of October 2005 in Muzaffarabad and various adjoining parts of AJK and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa—told APP here Sunday that the ceremony to pay rich tributes to the victims of history's worst catastrophe will be attended among others by the AJK PM, the dignitaries—besides social workers, volunteers, and heads of various nation-building institutions—to observe the anniversary with due respect and prayers for the victims of the devastating calamity.

## Provision of healthcare govt priority: DC

Hafiz Muhammad Aziz-ur-Rehman

HAFIZABAD: Deputy Commissioner Abdul Razzaq has said that provision of healthcare and other amenities of life to people at their doorsteps is top priority of the Punjab government under people friendly vision of the Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

He expressing these views while paying surprise visit of Rural Health Centre Sukheki Mandi and Tehsil Headquarter Hospital Pindi Bhattian the other late night. He inspected different areas of the Rural Health Centre Sukheki Mandi and THQ hospital Pindi Bhattian and checked attendance of staff and record of medicines.

DC said that district administration was committed to ensure provision of the best treatment facilities to the people under relief-oriented policy of the government.

He warned the staff that delay and negligence in giving treatment facilities to patients and absenteeism would not be tolerated at all, whereas strict action would be taken against those doctors and other staff of the hospitals found absent from duty as well as committing negligence.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Abdul Razzaq inspected Trauma Centre Hafizabad and Rural Health Centre Kolo Tarar the other midnight and checked availability of medicines and treatment facilities being provided to patients, attendance of staff, emergency, C.T scan, and other parts of Trauma Centre and RHC.

DC warned the doctors and management that negligence in provision of treatment facilities to patients would not be tolerated at all.

He said that provision of the best treat-

ment facilities to people was top priority of the Chief Minister of the Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sahrif and district administration was focusing on implementation on people welfare agenda of the government.

Meanwhile, DC also visited different bus and wagon stands surprisingly in Hafizabad, on Saturday.

He reviewed fare-table and receiving of fare from passengers.

He get returned extra fare extorted from passengers by drivers at bus and wagon stands and warned the drivers and conductors that punitive action would be taken against drivers involved in overcharging. He also directed the bus and wagon stands managers to ensure issuance of fare-ticket.

Meanwhile, former Federal Minister Saira Afzal Tarar has said that teachers who are performing their duties for progress and prosperity of the country and improving future of the nation are heroes of the whole nation.

She expressed these views while addressing a function held in connection with celebrating Slam Teachers Day here, ADCG Hammadullah, Chief Executive Officer Education Hafizabad Muhammad Anwar Javed, local leader of PMLN Sheikh Gulzar Ahmad, Chaudhary Muhammad Bukhash Tarar, District Education officer Madam Samina Yasmeen, Deputy District Education Officer Sadaf Khanam, AEO Ishtiaq Nazir, teachers and prominent personalities attended the function.

Saira Afzal Tarar said that the whole nation was paying tribute to dutiful and hardworking teachers while their everlasting hard work and experience would be remembered forever.

## Bakht Kakar orders establishment of command center

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Minister for Health, Bakht Muhammad Kakar on Sunday has ordered to establish a central command and control center in the office of director general health in order to monitor the provision of health facilities and deal with emergency situation created in the province.

Balochistan Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar during a surprise visit to the office of the Director General of Health Services, expressed his displeasure over the shortage of medicines in the public hospitals, health unites across the province.

He directed the authorities concern

to extend the framework agreement immediately to meet the shortage of medicines in the public hospitals.

The minister while expressing annoyance over the poor coverage of routine immunization and vaccination, said that effective measures should be taken to expand the coverage of routine immunizations and vaccinations on a war footing basis and also ensure strict monitoring of the program.

Bakht Kakar said that transparency and merit should be ensured in the procurement of equipments, medicines, machinery and recruitment process in the health department.

He said the MSD should formulate

the supply chain of medicines on modern lines to ensure constantly availability of medicines in the hospitals.

Balochistan Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar emphasizes for the need of digitalization of health department, DG office and district hospitals while stressing for equitable deployment of clinical and supporting staff in primary, secondary and tertiary health care facilities in the province.

He said the verticals programs and PPHI should increase their efficiency and utilized the available resources for the welfare of the people and best health care facilities.



MULTAN: Laborers are busy fixing the cement blocks at the center path of the newly constructed Head Muhammad Wala Road.

## Controlling Maternal mortality – A daunting task for provincial authorities

QUETTA (APP): Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in Balochistan is deemed to be much more than reported since many maternal deaths remain unrecorded due to occurrence in far flung areas and absence of vital statistics system.

Due to fragmented healthcare systems, especially in remote regions, data collection often remains incomplete and inconsistent. Surveys are time-consuming and expensive, with many maternal and child deaths going unrecorded, particularly in rural areas where infrastructure and reporting systems are weak.

According to health department data, the estimates of current maternal mortality ratio in Balochistan indicate around 298 deaths per 100,000 live births, although specific provincial data might vary. Similarly, infant mortality rate is approximately 60-70 deaths per 1,000 live births.

As the officials of popu-

lation welfare and health departments acknowledge unreported deaths of women and infants, they also mention to absence of vital statistics system at district and union council level and validity of such data.

"Implementing a vital statistics systems at district and even union council levels is indispensable to ensure accurate data recording for effective implementation of policies about family planning and reproductive health services," stated Abdullah Khan, Secretary Balochistan Population Welfare Department.

"Limited healthcare services, shortage of medical practitioners including gynecologists, medical officers, lady health workers, cultural and social barriers, inadequate family planning services, low literacy, mal-nutrition and poor infrastructure are the major causes of the high MMR in Balochistan," he said.

There are common com-

plaints by residents about insufficient facilities at health centers especially in remote areas resulting in frequent deaths.

Aminullah, 34, a resident of union council Malikyar in Pishin district is one of instances whose wife died on way to District Headquarters Hospital as no doctor was available at BHU and DHQ was on an hour travelling distance from his area.

"I could not save her life and lost my wife and child," he said and mentioned that one lady health worker used to work in BHU Malikyar sometime back and after her retirement, no LHV was appointed.

Umar Khan Nasar, 33, resident of Kili Nasarabad in Loralai district depicted same story of healthcare for women in his district as Loralai Teaching Hospital is the sole facility for a population of 272,432 people also with skeletal staff.

"On account of insufficient Emergency Obstetrics and Newborn Care Facility, the serious patients are referred to Quetta on emergency basis," Umar said, mentioning that 265 kilometer travelling between Loralai and provincial capital result in many deaths.

This is the picture of a district comparatively somehow equipped with EONC facilities from where one can easily gauge the situation in far-flung and remote districts when it comes to better healthcare facilities for pregnant women. Situation is also not encouraging in other districts like Kohlu, Awaran, Dera Bugti, Musakhail, Kharan and Barkhan etc.

According to Health Department out of 35 districts in Balochistan, 15 have comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EMONC) services at Teaching and DHQ hospitals. As a whole, there are 1500 health facili-

ties with nine teaching hospitals, two divisional, 28 district and five tahsil headquarter hospitals, 108 rural health centers, 784 BHUs and 91 mother and infant centers across the province.

Latest census data for Balochistan reveals provincial population reaching 19.26 million in 2023 from 12.34 million in 2017 at a growth rate of 3.2%, significantly higher than the national average that needs an urgent focus to improve healthcare.

Dr Ali Mir of Population Council, Islamabad states that unmet need of married couples in Balochistan is high as compared to other provinces as 33% of married women want to space or limit the number of children but they rarely manage to use contraceptive methods.

"By reducing the number of unplanned pregnancies and voluntary family planning, the government could decrease the burden of ante-natal, peri-natal and

post-natal health services for each pregnancy and lower the risks of MMR, saving the lives of thousands," he pleaded.

On this issue, Secretary Population Welfare Department, Abdullah Khan reiterated to minimize the number of MMR. "We have to focus other options as we prefer the term 'balance' rather than 'control' when addressing population growth and MMR."

He said the government has limited resources to expand family planning services to rural areas, "but we are closely working with Balochistan Human Capital Investment Program (BHCIP), WHO and UNFPA to provide services."

The Secretary mentioned to recruiting family welfare workers and engaging religious leaders to create awareness and deliver FP services at union councils in every district.

"Our department has

committed in FP 2030 to increasing Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) to 36% by 2025 and 46% by 2030," he said.

"Service integration with the health department is another strategy to manage population growth by engaging health professionals and healthcare providers."

Meanwhile, Amin Mandokhail, DG Health has informed that health department was striving hard to ensure best health facilities in every district. "But we need a holistic approach to achieve this goal with improved inter-district road connectivity and basic amenities at each district to save our mothers and infants."

Therefore, the government departments and allied organizations need to evolve a multifaceted strategy for improving infrastructure, healthcare, family planning and education system to address this problem.





# Tunisians vote in election, with main rival to President Saied in prison

TUNIS (Reuters): Tunisians voted on Sunday in an election in which President Kais Saied is seeking a second term, with his main rival suddenly jailed last month and most opponents imprisoned or barred from running.

Sunday's election pits Saied against two rivals: his former ally turned critic, Chaab Party leader Zouhair Maghzaoui, and Ayachi Zammel, who had been seen as posing a big threat to Saied until he was jailed last month.

Tunisia had for years been hailed as the only relative success story of the 2011 "Arab spring" uprisings for introducing a competitive, though flawed, democracy following decades of autocratic rule.

However, rights groups now say Saied, in power since 2019, has undone many of those democratic gains while removing institutional and legal checks

on his power. Saied, 66, has rejected criticism of his actions, saying he is fighting a corrupt elite and traitors, and that he will not be a dictator.

Senior figures from the biggest parties, which largely oppose Saied, have been imprisoned on various charges over the past year and those parties have not publicly backed any of the three candidates on Sunday's ballot. Other opponents have been barred from running.

"The scene is shameful. Journalists and opponents in prison, including one presidential candidate. But I will vote for change," said Wael, a bank employee in Tunis, who gave only his first name.

The Election Commission said turnout by 1 pm was 14%. Just under 10 million Tunisians are eligible to vote.

Polls close at 6 p.m. (1700 GMT) and results are expected in the next

two days.

Political tensions have risen since an electoral commission named by Saied disqualified three prominent candidates last month, amid protests by opposition and civil society groups.

Lawmakers loyal to Saied then approved a law last week stripping the administrative court of authority over election disputes. This Court is widely seen as the country's last independent judicial body, after Saied dissolved the Supreme Judicial Council and dismissed dozens of judges in 2022.

While elections in the years soon after the 2011 revolution were fiercely contested and drew very high participation rates, public anger at Tunisia's poor economic performance and corruption among the elite led to disillusionment.

Saied, elected in 2019, seized most powers in 2021

when he dissolved the elected parliament and rewrote the constitution, a move the opposition described as a coup.

A referendum on the constitution passed with turnout of only 30%, while a January 2023 runoff for the new, nearly powerless, parliament he created with that constitution had turnout of only 11%.

Nonetheless, he still commands support.

"Saied is the first president who fought corrupt politicians and influential businessmen, so we will elect him and renew our support for him," said Salem Lahmar, a fruit seller.

Although tourism revenues are on the rise and there has been financial help from European countries worried about migration, state finances remain strained. Shortages of subsidised goods are common, as are outages of power and water.



TUNIS: A woman votes at a polling station during the presidential election in Tunis, Tunisia on Sunday. — Reuters photo

## Japan expands LNG flexibility via cooperation with South Korea, Italy

HIROSHIMA (Reuters): Japan has agreed on Sunday to study cooperating with South Korea and Italy on procurement of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as the world's second-biggest LNG importer after China seeks greater flexibility while strengthening its energy security.

JERA, Japan's biggest utility company, and South Korea's Korea Gas Corp (KOGAS) (036460.KS), opens new tab, also a major LNG buyer, are collaborating on opportunities for joint procurement, cargo swaps and other forms of cooperation, Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) said in a statement on Sunday.

"The governments of both countries expect that this endeavour will serve as the starting point for a new LNG cooperation between Korean and Japanese companies," said the statement co-signed by the South Korean Ministry of Trade, Industry

and Energy.

Separately, the state-backed Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC) signed a preliminary agreement with Italian energy company Eni (ENI.MI), opens new tab to cooperate on LNG procurement, as Eni also seeks investors for its LNG projects.

"We already deal with Japanese buyers on a short-term basis and we would like to expand that collaboration also to a long-term basis," Cristian Signoretto, Eni's director for global gas and LNG portfolio, told reporters on the sidelines of an LNG conference in Hiroshima on Sunday.

Japanese buyers are increasingly looking for more flexible contracts with shorter durations that also allow for resales so the companies can divert cargoes to other buyers when domestic demand declines. Japan is also boosting its own LNG

trading in the region.

Tokyo Gas (9531.T), opens new tab, Japan's biggest city gas provider, is already collaborating with partners for joint LNG procurement which strengthens its emergency response capabilities. Yumiko Yao, senior general manager for LNG, told the conference on Sunday.

Part of ensuring adequate supply, JERA is designated by the Japanese government to secure one cargo of LNG, about 70,000 metric tons, each month from December to February in preparation for the heating season for the country's strategic LNG buffer (SBL).

Japan is going to prepare cargoes for the SBL for this heating season as well, Yuya Hasegawa, a division director at Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, told Reuters on the sidelines of the conference.

## Hurricane Tracker: Milton to strengthen into a hurricane

FLORIDA (Yahoo News): Tropical Storm Milton formed in the Gulf of Mexico on Saturday afternoon and is expected to strengthen into a hurricane later today.

In an advisory on Sunday morning, National Hurricane Center (NHC) meteorologists said Milton may turn into a "major hurricane" as it travels across the central and eastern Gulf of Mexico toward the west coast of Florida, where it's expected to make landfall by midweek.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has warned that the state is preparing for the possible evacuation of over 6 million residents, while still cleaning up the devastation left by Hurricane Helene last week.

A tropical storm watch is in effect for the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, from Celestún to Cancun, as well as the Florida Keys and northwestern Bahamas. Hurricane and storm surge watches will likely be required for portions of Florida later today, said the NHC.

Risk of "life-threatening impacts" are increasing for portions of Florida's west coast," the NHC said on Sunday morning. There is also an increasing risk of dangerous storm surge and wind impacts for portions of the west coast of the Florida Peninsula beginning late Tuesday or Wednesday.

Residents in these areas should ensure they have a hurricane plan in place, the center warned in Saturday's advisory.

4PM CDT Oct 5: Tropical Storm

Milton is forecast to strengthen quickly and bring the risk of life-threatening impacts to portions of the west coast of Florida Tuesday or Wednesday. Make sure to check back for updates through the weekend and into next week at... pic.twitter.com/ODXkMcUz

— National Hurricane Center (@NHC\_Atlantic) October 5, 2024

Portions of the Florida Peninsula and the Keys can expect rainfall of 5 to 8 inches, with localized totals up to 12 inches, through Wednesday night. Such rainfall brings "the risk of flash, urban, and areal flooding, along with minor to moderate river flooding," meteorologists said.

Meanwhile, the northern Yucatan Peninsula and western Cuba can expect 2 to 4 inches of rainfall.

Outside of Tropical Storm Milton, Hurricane Kirk, currently a Category 3 hurricane, is generating swells that are expected to bring "an increased risk of dangerous surf and rip currents" to the U.S. East Coast over the next few days.

Milton comes days after Helene. Tropical Storm Milton comes just over a week after Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida's Big Bend region as a monstrous Category 4 storm, causing at least 20 deaths in Florida alone.

After making landfall with 140 mph winds, the storm moved inland across the Southeast, leaving more than 200 people dead and leaving widespread destruction in its wake. Following the storm, the state's

infrastructure and emergency services have been stretched thin. As of Saturday afternoon, thousands of utility customers were still without power in Florida.

Read more from Yahoo News: Helene shows that hurricanes in the age of climate change don't wreck just coastlines

**Active hurricane season**

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30, but the peak of heightened activity is usually from August through October. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a "typical" hurricane season in the Atlantic will usually see around 14 named storms, "of which seven become hurricanes and three become major hurricanes."

As of early October, eight hurricanes formed in the Atlantic — with Milton becoming the 13th named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season. As CNN notes, hurricane season is running ahead of the expected schedule. Typically, the 13th storm of the season wouldn't hit until at least Oct. 25.

Earlier this week, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas warned that the Federal Emergency Management Agency did not have the funds to make it through the season.

President Biden said this week that Congress may need to pass a supplemental spending bill in the next couple of months to help fund states' recovery efforts.

## Carrying pro-Hezbollah signs a 'criminal act,' says British minister

LONDON (Arab News): A British government minister warned on Sunday that displaying support for Hezbollah constituted a "criminal act."

Science Secretary Peter Kyle said any show of support for the group, a proscribed terrorist group in the UK, should be punished after signs with pro-Hezbollah slogans were seen during a pro-Palestine demonstration in central London over the weekend.

The Metropolitan Police made at least 17 arrests during the protests, including two individuals suspected of supporting banned organizations, Sky News reported.

The force said it was "aware" of social media posts showing people "holding placards with messages of support for Hezbollah," adding that the footage had been passed to specialized officers. Kyle appeared on the Sky News program "Sunday Morning with Trevor Phillips" and stated law enforcement agencies had "the full support" of the home secretary, Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer and the government "in doing what they need to do to make sure that criminal acts like that are tackled."

The protests came amid rising tensions in the Middle East, with Israel conducting targeted raids

against Hezbollah in Lebanon and Iran launching missiles into Israel.

The Israeli offensive in the Gaza Strip in the aftermath of the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks has led to more than 2,600 protests in the UK over the past year, resulting in 550 arrests.

UK political and faith leaders, including Starmer, have called for calm and rejected any incitement of hate, urging communities to unite ahead of the first anniversary of the Hamas attack that has seen around 42,000 people killed, according to Gaza health authorities.

The prime minister, writing in The Sunday Times, said the "flames

from this deadly conflict now threaten to consume the region," adding "the sparks light touchpapers in our own communities here at home."

He continued: "During difficult times, our differences and diversity should bind us together more strongly, not drive us apart. But there are always some who would use conflict abroad to stoke conflict here."

"Since Oct. 7, we have watched vile hatred against Jews and Muslims rise in our communities. Any attack on a minority is an attack on our proud values of tolerance and respect. We will not stand for it."

## Three arrested in South Africa over massacre of 18 relatives

CAPE TOWN (BBC): South African police have arrested three people in connection with the massacre of 18 relatives that took place in a remote town last week following a manhunt, the police say.

Police Minister Senzo Mchunu confirmed the arrests during the memorial service for the 18 victims on Sunday, in the town of Lusikisiki, in the Eastern Cape, where the killings happened.

He added that the arrest of a fourth suspect would be announced soon.

Shockwaves erupted across South Africa when gunmen opened fire on two homes, killing fifteen women and three men.

Several were shot in the head. The victims were aged from 14 to 64 years old, according to local newspaper Dispatch Live.

Mchunu said the police are still trying to "piece together" a motive for the killings.

The attack happened

when the family had gathered for a traditional ceremony. The three suspects will appear in court on Monday to hear their charges. This massacre has shocked South Africa, adding to calls for more police protection.

South Africa has one of

the highest murder rates in the world, according to the latest figures from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

There were more than 27,000 murders in 2022 - amounting to 45 people per 100,000, out of a population of almost 60 million. By comparison, the US rate is six per 100,000.

It has also led for people to calls to end gender-based violence. South Africa also has a high femicide rate.

Deputy minister in the presidency Mmapaseka Letsike attended the memorial and said civil society, traditional leaders, government need to "raise the bar" to help end gender-based violence.



## Fact check: Are Haitian immigrants in Springfield in the US illegally?

NEW YORK (Aljazeera): CBS News moderators muted vice presidential candidates' microphones only once during the October 1 vice presidential debate: during a discussion about immigration. Specifically, when they were on the topic of immigration in Springfield, Ohio — the small Midwestern city thrown into the national spotlight after former President Donald Trump and his running mate, Ohio Senator JD Vance, spread baseless claims about immigrants there eating pets.

The point in question: Are Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, in the United States illegally?

During the debate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz criticised Vance for spreading misinformation about Springfield's Haitian immigrants. Moderators gave Vance a minute to respond.

"In Springfield, Ohio, and in communities all across this country, you've got schools that are overwhelmed, you've got hospitals that are overwhelmed, you have got housing that is totally unaffordable because we brought in millions of illegal immigrants to compete with Americans for scarce homes," Vance said.

Walz spoke again before moderator and CBS News's Face the Nation host Margaret Brennan stepped in.

"And just to clarify for our viewers, Springfield, Ohio, does have a large number of Haitian migrants who have legal status: temporary protected status," Brennan said.

"Margaret, the rules

were that you guys weren't going to fact-check, and since you're fact-checking me, I think it's important to say what's actually going on," Vance said. "So there's an application called the CBP One app, where you can go on as an illegal migrant, apply for asylum or apply for parole and be granted legal status at the wave of a Kamala Harris open border wand. That is not a person coming in, applying for a green card and waiting for 10 years."

We rated Vance's statement about the phone app — which is a scheduling tool, not an application for asylum or parole — mostly false.

For this claim, we'll focus on Haitian immigrants in Springfield, whom city officials say account for most of the immigrants who have settled there in the past four years. Are they in the US legally?

We can't confirm the status of every immigrant who has recently moved to the city. But local and state officials said most are there legally because they're in the US under temporary legal protections, humanitarian parole and temporary protected status.

Immigration law experts told PolitiFact that Haitians in these temporary programmes are in the US legally.

Vance's spokesperson did not respond to our request for comment. But Vance has previously said about Haitian migrants: "If [Democratic presidential candidate] Kamala Harris waves a wand, illegally, and says these people are now here legally, I'm still going to call them illegal

aliens."

President Joe Biden has created and expanded ways for Haitians and other immigrants to temporarily live and work in the US legally. They are: Humanitarian parole for applicants outside the US: In January 2023, Biden expanded a humanitarian parole programme for Venezuelans to include Haitians, Cubans and Nicaraguans. Under the programme, every month, up to 30,000 eligible people can receive humanitarian parole, allowing them to legally enter the US and live and work there for up to two years. To qualify for the programme, people need to apply from outside the US and have a US sponsor, such as a family member.

As of August, nearly 214,000 Haitians had entered the US under this humanitarian parole.

Temporary protected status: In June, the Biden administration expanded and redesignated temporary protected status for Haitian immigrants. People who have temporary protected status are protected from deportation. This protection is granted by the homeland security secretary to people from certain countries undergoing war, environmental disasters and epidemics. The programme also allows eligible immigrants to legally live and work in the US for six- to 18-month periods. To apply, temporary protected status beneficiaries must be in the US at the time of their home country's designation.

Before the June redesignation, about 200,000 Haitians benefitted from the temporary protection.

The June action allowed any Haitian who met eligibility requirements and had been living in the US by June 3, 2024, to apply. The Department of Homeland Security estimated 309,000 additional Haitians would be eligible.

People can apply for temporary protected status whether they entered the US legally or illegally.

Humanitarian parole at US ports of entry: In January 2023, Biden expanded the use of CBP One, the scheduling phone application launched by the Trump administration to allow people in Mexico to schedule appointments at official US ports of entry. There, immigration officials can give people humanitarian parole for up to two years, allowing them to live and work in the US as they apply for asylum. From January 2023 to May 2024, 119,000 Haitians scheduled appointments using the app. We don't know how many were granted this parole.

The Immigration and Nationality Act describes people on temporary protected status as "being in, and maintaining, lawful status as a nonimmigrant". The term "nonimmigrant" refers to people who are in the US temporarily.

US Citizenship and Immigration Services says on its website that people with humanitarian parole or temporary protected status have "lawful immigration status". Immigration law gives the executive branch the authority to grant people these protections, Jean Reisz, co-director of the University of Southern California Immigration Clinic, said.



The Frontier Post

Rehmat Shah Afridi (Late)

Founder

Bilal Shah Afridi

Chief Executive

Jalil Afridi

Managing Editor

Printed and published by Mahmood Afridi at Moraka's Printers, 27 Abdara Road, University Town, Peshawar.

Peshawar Office: 091-5700095, 0300- 9009001

Peshawar Fax: 091-5703687, Post Box No. 573

E-mail: fppeshawar@thefrontierpost.com

Lahore Office: 0335-4026284

Email: fplahore@thefrontierpost.com

Islamabad Office: 0321-5066253

Email: mahmoodafridi@thefrontierpost.com

Karachi Office: 021-32213411, 0300-8340907

Email: fpkarachi@thefrontierpost.com

USA and Canada Toll Free Number 1-800-5905747

# Immigrant kids crowd American public schools

**A** PART from being a hot button political issue in this year's presidential election due on November 5, the impact of immigration on the American public school – state-run schools – system is both significant and challenging. There has been a rise in legal immigration touching a high of half-a-million since 2002.

Most of them are from Haiti – it has to be noted in passing that the Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump apart from his opposition to migrants as such, dislikes the Haitians immigrants in particular – and their children who enter the first grade cannot speak English.

A teacher in a primary school in Charleroi in Pennsylvania tried to cope with the situation of teaching children who do not know a word of English with the phone app of translation. She found that it was too cumbersome and it has only added to her frustration. A questionnaire sent out to 10,000 school districts by the London-headquartered Reuters news agency could evoke response from only 75 school districts serving about 2.3 million people, which translated to five per cent of the public school student population in the country.

One of the major issues revealed by the survey was that the school authorities find that there is an increased need of English as Second Language (ESL) teachers, and that they need to be recruited and trained. A way out was the surprising route of French. Haitians speak French and the children found it easy when a French teacher, Bridget DeFazio, at Charleroi suddenly found herself in a new role when Haitian children went to her to communicate their problems to a teacher. Meanwhile, DeFazio got herself a certificate in ELS, and she is teaching English to the Haitian students apart from French.

American law provides that immigrant children, whether they are legal or not, have a right to free education in the public school system. Most of the Haitian children now entering the public school system are from the families of legal migrants.

It should not have come as a surprise that with the rise in immigration, there is bound to be an inflow of students who do not know English. And it is also natural that the public school system needs extra funds to deal with the situation of acclimatising the immigrants' children who come from linguistic backgrounds that are not English.

It is also the case that the immigrants would need steady employment and wages so that the children can go to school and learn. It is this obligation to provide employment to the immigrant parents and a place for the education of the children is what raises the hackles of the hardened conservatives.

And they believe with Trump that the best solution is to stop immigration, especially from poorer countries with low skills. But the economic reality is that the American economy needs migrants to keep growing and expanding. And the private sector should be allowed to employ the immigrants but on the basis of a fair wage. The present system of the private sector players seeking to employ the illegal immigrants and pay them less than the statutory wages is what is creating a vicious cycle.

Frustrated by the emergence of the grey economy, conservative lawmakers feel forced to take strong steps to curb immigration per se. It is a fact that there is scope for expansion in the American population, and the American economy needs those new workers too. The mechanisms and procedures need to be worked out meticulously. But it is no easy task. Most of the time immigration rules become complicated and create knots and hurdles. America needs immigrants and it has to learn to deal with them.

## Important Notice

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



# Al-Shabab in Somalia: Bullets and bombs can't bury ideologies

Mohamed Gabobe

**I**n August, Somalia's prime minister, Hamza Abdi Barre, held a town-hall meeting in the Somali capital Mogadishu to mark the two-year anniversary of the formation of his cabinet.

Naturally, one of the hot-button issues raised at the event was the offensive against al-Shabab, which was launched in the fall of 2022.

"Today, we are not just defending our cities; we are pushing back against al-Shabab in their own territories," Abdi Barre declared, adding that some 215 villages and towns have been recaptured by government forces.

Indeed, the Somali government has made significant gains in its war on al-Shabab – but the divisive tactics it has used have not only undermined its war effort but also worsened instability in the country, perpetuating bloodshed rather than stemming it.

**Arming clan militias was a mistake**

The government offensive against al-Shabab was announced shortly after the group's attack on a hotel in Mogadishu in August 2022 that left 21 people dead.

One of the strategies the government adopted was to arm tribal militias who would fight alongside the Somali army. In the beginning, these militias played a key role in the military campaign that drove al-Shabab out of large swaths of territory in the Hirshabelle and Galmudug states.

While the use and empowerment of tribal militiamen – also known as "macawisley" – was initially applauded by Somalia's international partners due to the territorial gains made, it divided Somali society even more.

This is because the government armed and provided financial support specifically to militias from President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud's clan and others close to him. This was not only short-sighted but detrimental to efforts to establish social cohesion in the country.

Somalis are a deeply divided society, with old grievances predating the civil war. Trust is non-existent between different segments of the population. By prioritising certain clans over others under the pretext of combatting al-Shabab, the president alienated many communities and turned neighbours, friends and countrymen against one another.

With al-Shabab pushed out of many areas in Somalia's Galmudug and Hirshabelle states, clan-based violence saw an uptick. The newly armed tribal militias started terrorising the same civilian population that they were entrusted with liberating.

Settling old scores linked to territorial disputes and control over grazing land and water resources have become a common occurrence. Banditry is also wide-spread and illegal roadblocks where people are extorted in order to pass have become a common sight.

The government, having no monopoly on the use of force, is completely incapable of taming the militias it has empowered. As a

result, instead of dealing with the threat of one armed group in the country – al-Shabab – Mogadishu is now facing threats from multiple armed groups, some of them hailing from clans at odds with the Somali president. In essence, the government is responsible for the worsening security situation in the country and the unraveling of the war effort.

**Foreign militarisation helps al-Shabab**  
Arming tribal militias

**To make matters worse, in 2023, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud began pushing for amendments of the Somali constitution to expand his control over the executive branch. This infuriated various political stakeholders and the Somali population alike, diminishing even more the public support for the war. Earlier this year, the Somali parliament voted in favour of the controversial constitutional amendments and the president signed them. Such divisive actions have only helped al-Shabab's strategy of winning hearts and minds among Somalis, facilitating its recruitment of fighters and strengthening its support base. The group is reportedly able to collect between \$100m and \$150m in taxes, operate an independent judiciary, and provide security for civilians living under its rule. In essence, al-Shabab has been able to create and maintain a parallel government in a de facto state within Somalia's official borders. It is able to do so with the image of respectability, in contrast to the authorities in Mogadishu that are widely perceived as corrupt and dishonest. Over the past year, al-Shabab has been able to regain large swaths of territory. On August 26, 2023, al-Shabab raided a military base in the town of Owsweyne, reportedly killing more than 100 soldiers. This was the deadliest attack on Somali troops since the current government's war effort began. In its aftermath, demoralised troops abandoned several strategic towns.**

was not the only mistake the government made. As the joint Somali army and tribal militia war against al-Shabab raged, the Somali leadership made an unexpected announcement in February 2023: neighbouring countries would deploy more troops to help in the final push to defeat the armed group. Four months later, at a UNSC meeting, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud reiterated the plan, calling it Operation Black Lion and declaring that troops from Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti would

participate.

Although the operation has not come to fruition, the announcement itself did not go down well with the Somali public.

The problem is that all of these nations have had troops deployed in Somalia for more than a decade, causing much resentment among Somalis. In fact, one of the main reasons that al-Shabab has been waging an insurgency in Somalia is because it believes the country is "occupied" by

already significant number of Somalis who view al-Shabab as a legitimate force fighting against the foreign subjugation of the country.

**Winning hearts and minds**

As the government pursued divisive policies of arming tribal militias and inviting more foreign troops into Somalia, it failed to get various stakeholders onboard with the war effort. Instead of a nationwide effort to counter al-Shabab, the vast majority of states and clans were sidelined. As a result, there is now a clear lack of national consensus on the direction that the war should be taken and how it should be handled.

To make matters worse, in 2023, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud began pushing for amendments of the Somali constitution to expand his control over the executive branch. This infuriated various political stakeholders and the Somali population alike, diminishing even more the public support for the war. Earlier this year, the Somali parliament voted in favour of the controversial constitutional amendments and the president signed them.

Such divisive actions have only helped al-Shabab's strategy of winning hearts and minds among Somalis, facilitating its recruitment of fighters and strengthening its support base. The group is reportedly able to collect between \$100m and \$150m in taxes, operate an independent judiciary, and provide security for civilians living under its rule.

In essence, al-Shabab has been able to create and maintain a parallel government in a de facto state within Somalia's official borders. It is able to do so with the image of respectability, in contrast to the authorities in Mogadishu that are widely perceived as corrupt and dishonest.

Over the past year, al-Shabab has been able to regain large swaths of territory. On August 26, 2023, al-Shabab raided a military base in the town of Owsweyne, reportedly killing more than 100 soldiers. This was the deadliest attack on Somali troops since the current government's war effort began. In its aftermath, demoralised troops abandoned several strategic towns.

Al-Shabab has also been able to continue with its attacks on Mogadishu. In March, it stormed an upscale hotel within walking distance of the presidential palace, and in August, it launched a huge attack on the city beach.

The current strategy of the government is clearly not working. President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud must acknowledge his mistakes, reconcile society and open up genuine dialogue with all his opponents, including al-Shabab. This would not only strengthen his credibility as an elder statesman with Somalia's best interest at heart, but, more importantly, save lives.

Somali society has been in a state of war for more than three decades. More bloodshed is the last thing it needs.

# Another October, another mandate: Libya remains adrift

Hafed Al-Ghwell

**A**s the UN Security Council once again approached the quagmire that is Libya, the pervasive sense of deja vu is hard to ignore. The impending renewal of the mandate of the UN Support Mission in Libya seems more obligatory than innovative, raising doubts about the council's readiness to tackle the entrenched political and security issues with any new vigor. This October, as Security Council members gathered to deliver another bimonthly briefing, the stalemate in Libya persists, mired in a profound chasm of divisiveness and dysfunction. The Security Council's routine, yet essential, proceedings often feel like a haunting refrain, replaying the discord between Libya's competing mafia-like factions without offering decisive intervention to break the deadlock.

At the heart of Libya's political standstill is the persistent struggle between the UN-recognized Government of National Unity in Tripoli and the eastern-based Government of National Stability under the control of Khalifa Haftar. This schism has recently been further inflamed by a scramble for control over the Central Bank of Libya, which extends beyond mere governance to a tug-of-war for financial supremacy.

August witnessed the provocative move by the House of Representatives to declare the Government of National Stability as Libya's legitimate administration, coupled with an audacious decree by Presidential Council head Mohammed Yunus Al-Menfi dismissing long-serving Central Bank of Libya Governor Sadiq Al-Kabir. These unilateral acts have not only deepened the political rift but have also prompted a near collapse of oil exports — Libya's vital and only economic artery.

Yet, as the Security Council braces to deliberate once more, there is a palpable impatience, questioning — albeit rhetorically — whether these meetings will conjure some "grand strategy" to finally close the "Libya File," or merely perpetuate an all too familiar cycle of superficial fixes aimed at maintaining the status quo. Amid this, the wider international community's bumbling involvement adds another layer of complexity. Behind the facade of concern, major regional powers are less invested in genuine stabilization and more in their own strategic interests. These external actors have successfully carved out spheres of influence within Libya, safeguarding their geopolitical, regional, economic, and military footholds.

For these powers, an unstable yet manageable Libya serves as a buffer against larger regional disruptions, making the longevity of the crisis more palatable. The playbook offers public support for some kind of "peace" and musings of stability, even as Libya's meddlers remain fairly content with an "invisible occupation and division" that benefits individual geopolitical stakes.

This paradox of intervention — wherein the guise of concern and, occasionally, mild outrage conceals a dogged pursuit of short-term and short-sighted strategic interests dependent on an enduring gridlock in Libya — kills all urgency for real reconciliation and spotlights the international community's failure to provide coherent, effective solutions. Even a serious commitment to forensically studying just why the goal of a stable, unified, secure, and sovereign Libya remains ever elusive for the UN.

In October, as the Security Council gathered for the ritual renewal of yet another mandate for the UN Support Mission in Libya, the veneer of international diplomacy seemed increasingly hollow. The UN's once robust role as a convener, arbiter, and legitimiser has been reduced to a mere rubber-stamper, caught in a morass of inefficiency, inertia, and dysfunction. For instance, despite many rounds of UN mission-

facilitated talks culminating in the appointment of Naji Mohammed Issa Belqasem as governor of the Central Bank of Libya, the reality is that such agreements often disintegrate under the weight of Libya's deeply entrenched power struggles.

Meanwhile, Libyans themselves seem detached and unenthusiastic by the nation's gridlocked and highly dangerous political arena, an echo of the deep scars left in the wake of the 2011 civil war. The promises of a pluralistic democracy and personal liberties have become distant memories as ongoing humanitarian crises demonstrate systemic failures.

One such crisis, the catastrophic flooding in Derna last September, which displaced over 44,000 people and left around 250,000 in dire need of aid, is the biggest example yet that illustrates these shortcomings. Political corruption and competition over reconstruction funds have only deepened the discord, intensifying the public's already palpable apathy.

However, even as political elites bicker and an ineffectual UN fails repeatedly to broker a lasting peace, the specter of another round of the continued civil war from 2011 looms large. Compounding these woes is the prospect of Libya becoming a permanent playground for middle powers and criminal organizations seeking to exert their own influence, further destabilizing a nation still grappling with its own unmet aspirations post-2011 as minimal as they have become.

The international community's unsettling model-setting acquiescence to the status quo in Libya is already feeding a narrative of a heightened tolerance for failings — provided they do not lead to all-out war. However, while avoiding an outright relapse into conflict might elicit a collective sigh of relief, this "faux stability" hides far deeper issues. After all, the current peace is illusory, masking a consolidation of power by various actors who use this period to enrich themselves via corruption and unchecked state capture.

Libya's divided governments and mafia-like factions, meanwhile, have made an art out of manipulating public institutions like the Central Bank and the National Oil Co. as well as key assets such as oilfields to line their pockets, sowing bitter seeds among a public that can only look on as prospects diminish with each new headline or crisis. This dynamic illustrates a peculiar form of helplessness that not only blesses the cannibalization of Libya but also amplifies the disenfranchisement of its citizens, setting an example the world over of the failures of the international community and its endless verbal diarrhea of statements, press releases, declarations, and resolutions.

After all, as political actors deepen their grip, ordinary Libyans find themselves with ever less to lose, heightening the risk of popular backlash despite the prevalence of arms across Libya's sprawling black markets. Recent clashes between rival militias in Tripoli and UNSMIL's concerns over threats of force tease how quickly the veneer of stability can easily and so swiftly shatter. The longer this state of inertia persists, the more likely Libyans are to take matters into their own hands. This is not a sustainable model, nor should it be the legacy of international intervention in Libya.

The UN Security Council must confront a sobering truth if genuine progress is to be made: The cyclical renewal of mandates and surface-level agreements do little to address the root causes of Libya's woes and only chip away at what is left of UN credibility elsewhere. Without a decisive, coordinated, and genuine effort to implement lasting solutions, the cycle of dysfunction will continue — much to the detriment of Libyans and, ultimately, driving another nail in the already precarious state of global stability.



# Is this Lebanon’s last war?

A friend of mine from Canada asked: “Please give me one piece of good news, even if it is fake.” There is no good news in what is happening in Lebanon right now so any optimism needs to be about what we might find when the dust settles: Whether the destruction that is happening now could be the final conflict that unites the country, rather than leading to another civil war and even more chaos. If that sounds like an unrealistically hopeful fantasy, blame my Canadian friend’s challenge.

It is all the more surreal to be writing an optimistic analysis accompanied by the sound of huge explosions in Beirut. But what I hope to illustrate is the fact that after every crisis, no matter how divisive, the Lebanese identity emerges stronger and its society more cohesive. When Greater Lebanon was established in 1920, it was generally viewed as a Maronite project and opposed by the majority of its population. Just over a century later, we could finally be on the verge of reaching consensus.

A hundred years ago, the prospect of consensus among the nation’s communities was not promising. The majority of Sunni, Shiite, Orthodox, and Druze were, to say the least, unconvinced at the prospect. In fact, about half of the Maronites were dead set against it and preferred to remain a majority population in Mount Lebanon rather than joining with others in a larger state, especially given that the various groups had nationalist aspirations that generally did not match the intentions of this new entity carved out of former Ottoman districts and provinces.

The newly created borders isolated many people in annexed areas from their historic hinterland. The people of southern Lebanon, for example, had family in — and trade relations with — northern Palestine, Galilee and the cities of Acre, Haifa and Safad. Tripoli had served as the port for Homs and

Hama, now in Syria, and Beirut was the port for Damascus. Sidon linked naturally to the fertile plains of the Houran in southern Syria.

The political system that was established did not help. While other newly created states in the region imposed a solid and coherent national identity on a supposedly homogeneous population, Lebanon recognized its multitude of identities in a power-sharing formula, the aspiration being that a cohesive structure would emerge naturally from the mix; Lebanon was a fruit salad, hoping to become a smoothie.

It is true that unity and cohesion in the country has

***The civil war was a complex affair but broadly speaking the two opposing sides were a Sunni-Druze alliance and a Maronite-led grouping, with external players involved in various roles. It was not exactly sectarian in nature but let us just say that if you drove through an area you would find posters and graffiti that left no doubt about its dominant sectarian and political affiliations. Dissent was rarely tolerated within communities; Prime Minister Sami El-Solh’s house was burned in 1958 and he had to move to the other side of the city. Let us just say that it would have been hard to convince anyone in the mid-1970s that Rafik Hariri would emerge as a leading Lebanese nationalist in the 1990s, or that the son of Kamal Jumblatt would be one of the main leaders of the Cedar Revolution against the Syrian presence in Lebanon, alongside Samir Geagea and his followers.***

emerged stronger from the many crises it has faced. During periods of war and other times of hardship, the Lebanese tend to forget their differences and go out of their way to show solidarity.

This is happening now on an impressive scale; people displaced by the conflict are being accepted in the most unexpected areas, and volunteers and nongovernmental organizations are doing some amazing work with very few resources. In times of crisis even the use of language changes, as people become less confrontational and show more empathy and understanding for their fel-

Nadim Shehadi

low citizens.

This view might sound unrealistic, all the more so since my writing was just interrupted by what felt like the mother of all air raids. But look at the results of previous turmoil. Between the 1950s and 1980s, and during two civil wars, Lebanese politics was dominated by the question of the country’s Arab identity and its participation in the Arab-Israeli conflict alongside the Palestine Liberation Organization, which became a key participant in the civil war with the support of about half the population. There were some Lebanese nationalists

roles. It was not exactly sectarian in nature but let us just say that if you drove through an area you would find posters and graffiti that left no doubt about its dominant sectarian and political affiliations. Dissent was rarely tolerated within communities; Prime Minister Sami El-Solh’s house was burned in 1958 and he had to move to the other side of the city.

Let us just say that it would have been hard to convince anyone in the mid-1970s that Rafik Hariri would emerge as a leading Lebanese nationalist in the 1990s, or that the son of Kamal Jumblatt would be one of the main leaders of the Cedar Revolution

loser,” “One Lebanon, not two.” There are also family and regional ties that will always transcend sectarian and political divisions.

The path to consensus is marked by heroes and martyrs from each community: Kamal Jumblatt for the Druze, Bachir Gemayel for the Maronites, Riad El-Solh and Rafik Hariri for the Sunnis, and Moussa Al-Sadr for the Shiites.

The assassination of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah leaves a huge power vacuum; he was a divisive figure who at one stage became an icon for the broader Arab and Muslim world and will remain such to his followers. They are bereaved and confused, feeling betrayed and defeated.

The consensus that will emerge from the current tragedy unfolding in Lebanon is unpredictable. There are a multitude of mixed signals and it is too early to interpret them. There is perhaps some hope that the Hezbollah constituency might assimilate with the wider population if it draws the right conclusions and finds a way to reconcile a tragic history and join the post-Taif consensus.

The divisions that remain mainly involve relations with Israel, with an armed guerrilla force linked to the “Axis of Resistance” on one side versus the prospect of a negotiated border settlement and a broader regional peace on the other. Authorities in Israel are indirectly helping to bring the two sides closer together, with the prospects for peace looking more distant as a result of the brutality of the Israeli attacks on Gaza and Lebanon.

Michel Chiha, the father of the Lebanese constitution who is credited with — and sometimes blamed for — creating the nation’s political system, once wrote that Lebanon would need 10 years of peace and stability before all of its population would see the benefits of the Maronite project and endorse it. It turns out he was wrong; it did not take years of peace, it took several crises — and they did join in.

# Investing in children’s health paves the way to a brighter future for us all

Sara Al-Mulla

Policies designed to improve children’s health lay the foundations for lifelong health. Scientists and experts increasingly recognize the importance of positive experiences and effective health interventions at an early stage to help enhance overall quality of life, reduce long-term healthcare costs, and shape more prosperous and productive societies.

However, children in the Middle East and North Africa region continue to face daunting health challenges. This was highlighted by a UNICEF report that revealed a range of alarming statistics and challenges that directly impact the overall well-being of children, and highlighted the urgent need for targeted health interventions. With better interventions, many of the 90,000 preventable deaths among young people in the MENA region could be prevented.

Noncommunicable diseases are responsible for 41 percent of the disease burdens affecting children, and claimed more than 27,000 lives in 2019. Mental disorders and self-harm accounted for nearly a quarter, with more than 4,000 suicides recorded that year. While communicable diseases are generally under control in the region, some countries such as Djibouti, Sudan, and Yemen continue to face tough challenges.

Poor diets have many negative consequences for children; 18 percent of children in the region suffer from stunting and just over half of those under the age of 5 have micronutrient deficiencies. Meanwhile, the proportion of youngsters who are overweight or obese are worryingly high: 27.5 percent among boys and 28.1 percent among girls. There is also a high prevalence of childhood disabilities, affecting 21 million youngsters, which is 13 percent of all children.

Given the pressing health challenges children face in the region, the need for more effective health policies has never been more urgent. Policymakers must recognize that effective improvements to child health hinge on several key areas that affect youngsters directly. Policies and legislation must, therefore, focus on enhancing early childhood care and education, improving child welfare programs, strengthening early intervention programs, fostering positive social connections, ensuring economic stability among families, providing adequate housing, creating safe environments, and facilitating affordable access to pediatric services.

Efforts to tackle the diverse health challenges in the region require data-driven, targeted approaches. Therefore, data centers should be established and used to support policymakers and healthcare professionals in the development of targeted interventions. It is vitally important that families have access to affordable pediatric care so that unexpected health issues can be detected as early as possible and chronic conditions can be better managed. Major cities should consider establishing dedicated children’s hospitals staffed by competent medical workforces that can treat the wide range of illnesses common among young people.

Improvement of existing pediatric services is essential to ensure that children

receive the high-quality medical care they require. This will entail upgrading of medical equipment to leverage the many benefits of advanced technologies that are now available for enhanced diagnosis and treatment.

At the same time, hospitals can work to establish world-class research centers dedicated to advancing pediatric medical science, exploring new treatments, and developing innovative solutions that can improve child healthcare outcomes. Such centers could collaborate with universities and international health institutions to conduct cutting-edge research in fields such as genetics, pediatric oncology, and developmental disorders.

***A critical factor in the success of all this is engagement with children’s primary caregivers. As such, governments should increase and improve health literacy programs that target parents, guardians, and educators to make sure they are fully informed about the importance of child health and empowered to make informed choices. The development of health-awareness platforms can also help empower caregivers to make informed decisions about many aspects pertaining to children’s health, including nutrition, developmental milestones, and management of chronic illnesses. For example, the RaisingChildren website operated by the Australian government is a comprehensive resource that provides a wealth of evidence-based information and advice for parents and other caregivers. It covers many important topics including child development, health and well-being, with a focus on practical advice, articles, and informative videos.***

Through the integration of clinical care and research, hospitals can ensure that children benefit as quickly as possible from medical discoveries and breakthroughs, ultimately improving quality of care and survival rates. Some best-in-class examples that illustrate this include the Zayed Center for Research into Rare Disease in Children at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, and the Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation at the Children’s National Hospital in Washington, DC.

A critical factor in the success of all this is engagement with children’s primary caregivers. As such, governments should increase and improve health literacy programs that target parents, guardians, and educators to make sure they are fully informed about the importance of child health and empowered to make informed choices.

The development of health-awareness platforms can also help empower caregivers to make informed decisions about many aspects pertaining to

children’s health, including nutrition, developmental milestones, and management of chronic illnesses.

For example, the RaisingChildren website operated by the Australian government is a comprehensive resource that provides a wealth of evidence-based information and advice for parents and other caregivers. It covers many important topics including child development, health and well-being, with a focus on practical advice, articles, and informative videos.

Policymakers can also find opportunities to improve health programs in schools and communities by integrating comprehensive and holistic preventative-care plans in those settings, including regular vaccination initiatives,

# The overlooked environmental cost of renewables

Renewables are widely recognized as an essential, non-polluting alternative energy source. But are they really as clean as they seem? When we examine solar, wind and other renewables, we tend to focus on the last mile while neglecting the full supply chain.

This is a dangerous oversimplification that ignores the hidden environmental and ethical costs associated with their production, transportation and disposal. To truly assess their efficiency and impact, this scrutiny must also be applied when comparing them with other energy sources.

Suppose we take solar energy, which has the lion’s share of global renewable energy capacity. Indeed according to the latest data, solar photovoltaic systems alone contributed to nearly 75 percent of the renewable capacity additions worldwide in 2023. In terms of electricity generation, solar PV accounted for about 4.5 percent of the global total.

This is clean energy but what about its full supply chain?

The production of solar

panels involves the use of hazardous materials like sodium hydroxide and hydrofluoric acid. Moreover, research indicates there is significant energy consumption leading to greenhouse gas emis-

***Most solar PV panels are produced in China, which dominates the global market. China and Taiwan together account for about 70 percent of the world’s solar cell and module production. Long distance freight adds to the carbon footprint. This adds approximately 0.02 to 0.05 pounds of CO2 per kilowatt-hour of electricity generated over the panel’s lifetime. Then, once solar panels reach the end of their lifespan, they ought to be recycled. However, the recycling process is close to nonexistent due to high costs and technical challenges. As such, many panels end up in landfill, contributing to soil and water pollution. It is estimated that by 2050, there could be around 6.5 million tonnes of solar panel waste.***

sions and potential water and land pollution from toxic waste such as cadmium and lead.

The next step is transporting these panels. Most solar PV panels are produced in China, which

Khaled Abou Zahr

dominates the global market. China and Taiwan together account for about 70 percent of the world’s solar cell and module production. Long distance

freight adds to the carbon footprint. This adds approximately 0.02 to 0.05 pounds of CO2 per kilowatt-hour of electricity generated over the panel’s lifetime. Then, once solar panels reach the end of their lifespan, they ought to be recycled. However, the recycling process is close to nonexistent due to high costs and technical challenges. As such, many panels end up in landfill, contributing to soil and water pollution. It is estimated that by 2050, there could be around 6.5 million tonnes of solar panel waste.

This is why, when analyzing the benefits of a renewable source of energy,

reach the end of their lifespan, they ought to be recycled. However, the recycling process is close to nonexistent due to high costs and technical challenges. As such, many panels end up in landfill, contributing to soil and water pollution. It is estimated that by 2050, there could be around 6.5 million tonnes of solar panel waste.

contributing to soil and water pollution. It is estimated that by 2050, there could be around 6.5 million tonnes of solar panel waste.

This is why, when analyzing the benefits of a renewable source of energy,

Then, once solar panels

# Starmer sets his sights on new Brexit deal with EU

Keir Starmer traveled to Brussels this week for the first time since becoming the UK’s prime minister in July, to meet European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. In the coming months there might be a once-in-a-decade window of opportunity for a significant renegotiation of the 2020 UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement — but there are many potential pitfalls to avoid, too.

The stakes are high. A new, more constructive UK-EU partnership might bring benefits for both sides, especially given the possibility of a second Trump presidency in the US during a time of global geopolitical flux.

In the three months since taking power Starmer has met several key European leaders, including French President Emmanuel

Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

As he seeks to reshape British relations with the 27-member EU, more than four years after the UK formally left the bloc, he said: “I want to ensure that we’ve got a closer trading relationship if we can ... I’m not going to pretend it’s easy but I think it’s possible. This is the beginning of quite a long process.”

While the specifics of upcoming renegotiations are not yet fully clear, there are some key building blocks on the government’s agenda. They do not, however, include any possibility of rejoining either the European single market or the Customs Union, both of which Starmer has ruled out.

Key elements of a potential new deal might include the UK signing up to the

so-called Brussels “rule book” in certain sectors, including chemicals. This would result in closer alignment with EU regulations.

Companies involved in the trade in chemicals in and between the UK and the EU would benefit from closer regulatory alignment because it would mean fewer differences in safety standards, for example. Since Brexit, the EU has added more than 30 chemicals to its list of “Substances of Very High Concern.” The UK has not added any, leading to differing regulatory requirements. This divergence means separate product registrations and compliance processes are required in each market.

Greater alignment would eliminate the need for duplicate registrations and streamline regulatory compliance, yielding a more harmonized approach to

Andrew Hammond

Therefore the new UK government might be agreeable to being more of a rule-taker than rule-maker in certain well-established industries. However, it will prefer to retain more post-Brexit regulatory flexibility in relation to emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence.

Another building block that might be part of a revised deal is a so-called “veterinary agreement” to reduce the trade barriers on agri-foods. There is also the possibility of greater mutual recognition of professional qualifications, given the benefits this could bring in various sectors, including financial services.

Beyond these issues, one of the huge omissions from the 2020 Brexit deal was the lack of any agreement on issues that extend

arising from the free movement of people within the EU.

All this underlines the huge political sensitivity in the UK related to the Brexit renegotiation that lies ahead. Indeed, one of the major paradoxes during campaigning for the general election was the absence of any discussion about Brexit.

Part of the reason for this was that Brexit has divided the political right since the referendum, given the widespread perception that the UK has not prospered since leaving the EU. Nigel Farage, for example, who was one of the driving forces of the “Leave” campaign and is now leader of the Reform UK party, declared that “Brexit has failed.” His argument, echoed by a growing number of “Leavers,” is that Conservative prime ministers failed to take full

advantage of the perceived significant freedoms offered by Brexit.

While a significant number of opinion polls indicate a majority of the UK public would now support rejoining the EU, a key challenge for those who advocate for this is the fact that the terms of entry would probably be different to those the UK enjoyed as a member at the time it exited the club in 2020. Over the years, British authorities negotiated a number of opt-outs as part of their EU membership, including a rejection of the Eurozone’s single currency, and these would no longer be collectively available.

It is therefore unclear whether a majority of voters would support revised terms of membership in any future referendum that might be required to ratify a UK return to the EU; the growing support for such a

return since 2016 is wide but might prove to be shallow.

Starmer is therefore trying to shift the heart of the debate away from “Leave vs. Remain” toward how best to make Brexit work for Britain. What is increasingly clear is that the 2020 deal created significant trade problems. The EU got much of what it wanted in the agreement, including a zero-tariff, zero-quota deal for goods, in which it runs a surplus with the UK. But Brussels gave away little on services, which is a key UK strength.

The longer the agreement remains unchanged, therefore, the more economic activity might potentially migrate from the UK given that the 2020 deal puts Britain at a disadvantage compared with competitors that remain inside the European single market.





PARIS: AFD Director for Europe, Middle East & Asia Cyrille Bellier and Head Investment Banking BOP Umer Khan signing an agreement.

## BOP, AFD signed On-lending Facility

### F.P. Report

PARIS: The Bank of Punjab (BOP) has successfully arranged a long term Foreign Currency (FCY) On-lending Facility of USD 54.2 Million (Credit Facility) from Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the French state development finance agency. This Credit Facility is intended for onward lending to climate adaptation and mitigation projects and activities in Pakistan.

Facility of EUR 675 thousand to support a technical assistance program.

This concessional Credit Facility marks the first-ever FCY facility arranged by any commercial bank specifically tied to climate financing in Pakistan. Additionally, this collaboration represents the collaboration between AFD and BOP - the only Pakistani commercial bank - making it a significant milestone for both the institutions.

BOP was chosen as a partner bank by AFD following a rigorous selection process spanning almost two

years and the facility represents the first step of a long term strategic partnership between the two institutions.

The successful close of the facilities was commemorated at a signing ceremony at AFD's head office in Paris, where the formal agreements were executed by Cyrille Bellier, AFD Director for Europe, Middle East & Asia and Umer Khan, Head Investment Banking, BOP. The ceremony was also attended by Naeem Javid, Head Project Finance, BOP, along with senior representatives from AFD.

## 179 illgal connections disconnected

### F.P. Report

LAHORE: In its ongoing crackdown against gas theft, SNGPL has disconnected an additional 179 illegal connections across Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Islamabad, imposing fines totaling Rs4.8 million.

In Lahore, the team disconnected 27 connections for illegal gas use and 10 for compressor misuse, imposing fines amounting to Rs1.95 million. In Gujranwala, 7 connections were severed for unauthorized gas use, and 1 for compressor misuse, with fines totaling Rs0.31 million. Similarly, in Faisalabad, 7 connections were cut off, with fines amounting to Rs0.06 million.

The Sheikhpura team disconnected 6 illegal connections and imposed Rs1.22 million in fines. In Multan, 32 connections were cut off for illegal use, with 4 more for compressor misuse. In Sahiwal, 2 illegal connections were disconnected, and fines totaling Rs0.21 million were imposed. The Bahawalpur team severed 10 connections for compressor misuse and 2 for illegal gas use.

In Rawalpindi, the team disconnected 5 illegal connections and 4 for compressor misuse. Mardan saw the disconnection of 14 illegal connections, with Rs0.79 million in fines imposed. In Peshawar and Karak, 45 connections were cut off for illegal use, resulting in Rs0.276 million in fines, along with the filing of 11 FIRs. Lastly, in Gujrat, 3 connections were disconnected for illegal gas use, with Rs0.02 million in fines imposed.

## PFC team heads to US

LAHORE (APP): A delegation from the Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC), led by CEO Mian Kashif Ashfaq, has embarked on a week-long visit to the United States to explore new export opportunities and expand the market for Pakistan's high-quality furniture products.

Prior to his departure here on Sunday, he said delegation will engage with American businesses, industry stakeholders, and potential buyers to showcase the craftsmanship and design excellence of Pakistani furniture, which has gained global recognition for its quality and aesthetic appeal.

No significant improvement has been witnessed on part of some DISCOs in this regard. During FY2023-24, the overall actual losses of DISCOs were 17.21% against the actual loss of 15.68% in FY 2022-23. The actual T&D losses are much higher than the allowed T&D losses, which is 11.31%. Unfortunately, the majority of DISCOs have not adhered

performance of distribution companies (DISCOs) throughout 2023-24 remained very poor, and the expected power sector reforms were not achieved. Given the ongoing poor performance, it is apparent that, under the existing circumstances, the current DISCO setup is unlikely to be able to deliver the desired results.

No significant improvement has been witnessed on part of some DISCOs in this regard. During FY2023-24, the overall actual losses of DISCOs were 17.21% against the actual loss of 15.68% in FY 2022-23. The actual T&D losses are much higher than the allowed T&D losses, which is 11.31%. Unfortunately, the majority of DISCOs have not adhered

performance of distribution companies (DISCOs) throughout 2023-24 remained very poor, and the expected power sector reforms were not achieved. Given the ongoing poor performance, it is apparent that, under the existing circumstances, the current DISCO setup is unlikely to be able to deliver the desired results.

No significant improvement has been witnessed on part of some DISCOs in this regard. During FY2023-24, the overall actual losses of DISCOs were 17.21% against the actual loss of 15.68% in FY 2022-23. The actual T&D losses are much higher than the allowed T&D losses, which is 11.31%. Unfortunately, the majority of DISCOs have not adhered

## SCCI demands prompt steps to open Pak-Afghan highway for trade

### F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Fazal Moqeem Khan urged federal government and relevant authorities to take emergent steps to open Pak-Afghan highway for trade and transportation to save traders on both sides of the border from further monetary losses.

A statement issued here on Sunday, Fazal Moqeem said bilateral trade, transit trade and export has come to end owing to closure of Pak-Afghan highway trade routes for the last several months.

He added Pak-Afghan mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

Moqeem feared if the government couldn't take timely actions, the bilateral trade will completely end, which would not only be detrimental for the national economy but also trigger unemployment owing to closure of business and trade.

Zahidullah Shinwari, former president while expressing views about the closure of Pak-Afghan highway stated that Pak-

mutual trade volume and transit trade had dropped to alarming situation owing to closure of the trade route, consequently, the trade has been shifted from Pakistan to Iran and Central Asian states.

issue with mutual consensus and negotiation to resume the bilateral trade and transit trade and save the traders from further monetary loss.

It is reported that president of Afghanistan/Kabul Chamber of Commerce and Industry also expressed concern over closure of Pak-Afghan highway, according to him, Pak-Afghan bilateral trade had dropped by 80 percent.

The Kabul chamber chief also said bilateral trade volume between Afghanistan and Iran had touched at \$2billion. He stressed for early addressing the closure of Pak-Afghan highway.

## Memon joins historic lineup as first Pakistani to compete in Mr. Int'l

### F.P. Report

KARACHI: In an exciting development for Pakistan, Ahmed Memon, a 25-year-old model, influencer, and actor, will represent the country as Mr. Pakistan at the prestigious Mr. International competition in Bangkok, Thailand, this December. This historic moment marks the first time Pakistan will participate in the globally renowned platform for men in 75 years, placing Ahmed among a growing roster of Pakistani talent making their mark on the international stage.

Ahmed's debut at Mr. International follows the inspiring journey of Erica Robin, who made history last year as the first Pakistani to compete at Miss Universe pageant. Erica's participation paved the way for Pakistani representation in global beauty

pageants. Continuing this legacy, Noor Xarmina will become the second Pakistani to compete in Miss Universe later this year. Now, with Ahmed Memon stepping onto the Mr. International platform, Pakistan's presence in the world of international pageantry is stronger than ever.

Together, Ahmed Memon, Erica Robin and Noor Xarmina symbolize Pakistan's growing influence in international beauty and talent competitions. Their participation highlights Pakistan's rich culture, diversity, and emerging talent, bringing global attention to the nation.

Mr. International is a highly esteemed pageant, drawing contestants from over 50 countries, where leadership, personality, and style are celebrated. As the first-ever Mr. Pakistan to participate, Ahmed Memon is set to make a lasting

impact. Known for his exceptional physical attractiveness, eloquence, and dedication to notable causes, Ahmed is the perfect ambassador to represent Pakistan on this global stage.

Speaking about his upcoming participation, Ahmed said, "I aim to highlight the incredible talent of men in Pakistan, providing a platform for those who aspire to break away from traditional expectations and pursue unique, innovative paths. By showcasing their creativity and ambition, I hope to inspire others to follow their passions, unburdened by societal pressures to conform to mainstream norms. This initiative will open doors for men across the country to explore their potential, embrace their individuality, and achieve greatness in their own way. Being the first to represent Pakistan in

Mr. International, I'm determined to bring this one home."

Ahmed's established presence in Pakistan's fashion and entertainment industries, along with his influence on social media and charitable work, positions him as a leading figure of modern Pakistan. His participation in Mr. International is a major milestone for the country's representation on the global stage.

Ahmed Memon is a 25-year-old Pakistani model, influencer, and actor. Known for his work in fashion, his social media presence, and his commitment to notable causes, Ahmed has become an upcoming prominent figure in Pakistan's entertainment scene. As Mr. Pakistan 2024, he will represent Pakistan at Mr. International, set to take place in Bangkok, Thailand, in December 2024.

## AKU-IED celebrates teachers' impact and contribution

### F.P. Report

KARACHI: The Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development (AKU-IED) marked World Teachers' Day 2024 with a vibrant event at its Karachi campus. This year's theme, 'Valuing Teachers' Voices: Towards a New Social Contract for Education,' emphasised the crucial role teachers play in shaping the future of education and society.

Pakistan faces significant challenges in its education sector, with nearly 1.5 million teachers serving over 22 million students across primary and secondary levels.

Despite this, the profession is often undervalued, with many teachers lacking access to ongoing professional development. World Teachers' Day serves as a critical reminder of the need to invest in educators to ensure quality teaching and learning across the country.

The event was attended by a diverse audience, including teachers, headteachers, and educators from public and private schools, as well as institutions of higher education. The gathering provided a

platform to reflect on the significance of teachers' contributions and the need to recognize their voices in the evolving educational landscape.

Dr Farid Panjwani, Dean, AKU-IED, highlighted the profound impact teachers have on shaping the minds and imaginations of children. In his remarks, he stated, "Teachers are the architects of a child's intellectual and emotional development. Their ability to nurture curiosity, foster critical thinking, and inspire a love for learning is central to the development of an imaginative and thoughtful society. The voices of teachers must be at the forefront of any educational reform."

The event began with a sharing of student perspectives on 'Who is an Ideal Teacher?' Students from local schools shared their heartfelt views on what makes an ideal teacher, highlighting the qualities of empathy, engagement, and effective communication.

This was followed by a Research Presentation on 'How Do Students Define a Good Teacher?' Approximately 500 students from across Pakistan



were surveyed to understand their views on effective teaching. The analysis revealed that 53% of students valued pedagogical practices that offered engaging experiences and conceptual clarity through real-life examples. Additionally, nearly half (44%) the students emphasised positive teacher behaviours as key attributes, while a smaller percentage (3%) associated effectiveness with creating a positive classroom environment.

The event also featured an inspiring Panel Discussion on 'Valuing Teacher Voices: Towards a New Social Contract for Education,' featuring distinguished panellists Mr Ahmed Saya, recipient of the Cambridge University

Dedicated Teacher Award 2019; Dr Sadia Bhutta, Associate Professor at AKU-IED and winner of the HEC Best University Teacher Award 2015; and Ms Anika Bano, AKU-IED alumna and recipient of the Presidential Pride of Performance award for education in 2024. The discussion highlighted the importance of amplifying teachers' voices to shape future educational policies and the need for a collaborative approach to educational reforms.

The event concluded with a call to action, encouraging all stakeholders to recognize and elevate the role of teachers in creating a more inclusive and effective educational system.

## Court Notice

In the Court of Sidra Jalal Civil Judge-II Matta Swat, Case # 120/1, Institution 26/06/2023. Next Hearing date 24/10/2024. Mst. Fatma VS Ibrahim. Notice to defendant. 2/1) Mst. Minhaj 2/2) Mst. Jehan Qavi widdos 2/3) Darwesh 2/4) Ilyas 2/5) Luqman sons 2/6) Mst. Marhaba 2/7) Mst. Jameela 2/8) Mst. Mandinah 2/9) Mst. Asma daughters Amir Hatam 3/1) Mst. Azeema widow 3) Imran son 3/3) Mst. Shabana 3/4) Mst. Hussna daughters Ismail 4/1) Mst. Bibi Raham Saba 4/2) Ihsan ullah khan 4/3) Ghulam Nawab khan 4/4) Ghulam sar khan sons 4/5) Mst. Munshaha 4/6) Mst. Mulekat 4/7) mst. Naseem akhtar 4/8) Mst. Fareed 4/9) Mst. Sarhad Begum daughters 5/2) Mst Fateha 5/3) Mst.shafaat 5/4) Mst. Nargis daughters r/o fateh pur. 5/5) lal Bahadar 5/6) Gul Bahadar 5/7) Laiq Bahadar 5/8) khan Bahadar 5/9) Shahib Bahadar sons Bakht Ranra 6) Mst. Shah Parestan daughters Abdur Rahim r/o sakhra. In above mentioned case the respondent can't be served in the ordinary way, it is therefore proclaimed that if said respondents will not appear personally or through dually authorized agent or pleader in the court at 8:30 am dated 24/10/2024. Ex-parte proceeding will be held against the mentioned respondents under my hand and seal of this court.

fiscal year FY24 was \$4.123bn - an increase of \$1.813bn, or 44 per cent.

The PIAF Chief said that the inflows must be a relief for the government at a time when it is struggling to strike a deal with the donor agencies. This inflow would not only improve Pakistan's image in the eyes of international rating agencies but will also open doors for other sources.

The country managed to bring down the current account deficit in FY24 to a negligible \$665 million while it was just \$162m in July FY25. Although the economy suffered due to restricted imports and growth fell to just 2.4 per cent in FY24, the government succeeded in tackling the current account deficit.

Faheem Saigol said that if remittances keep improving at the same pace, the country would be able to increase its imports to spur growth.

Data showed that inflows from almost all destinations rose during the first two months while the highest increase among important destinations was from the UAE. Remittances from UAE jumped by 84.3 per cent to \$1149m from \$624 in the first two months of the previous fiscal year.

However, the highest inflows were from Saudi Arabia, which rose 50.7 per cent. Remittances from Saudi Arabia shot up to \$1.473bn during July-Aug FY25, compared to the same period of last year fiscal year.

The other important inflows were \$ 918.3m from UK (up by 44.4 per cent); USA \$622.4bn (up 23.5 per cent); GCC countries \$569.7m (up20.4 per

cent) and EU countries \$726.6 per cent (up 26.5 per cent). The inflow from EU has exceeded the inflows from the GCC countries.

Currency experts said one of the reasons for higher remittances is the tough stance of the government against illegal currency business. They said the currency smuggling and Hundi and Hawala system are working at the lowest level.

The PIAF leader said that gulf should further be motivated to maintain an upward momentum in remittances, as they contributed more than 60 per cent of the total inflows during last couple of months.

Quoting the State Bank of Pakistan, he reported that remittances in May totaled \$3.2 billion, an increase of 54.2 percent over the same month last year.

Remittances are a major source of non-debt-creating inflows that Pakistan relies on to maintain its foreign exchange reserves. Even though the SBP's reserves, which were \$9.1 billion, are sufficient to cover imports for nearly two months, they are still low and won't be sufficient to fund expected external financing needs for the next few years at the very least.

Pakistan has a looming deadline to repay a substantial amount of debt, much of which relies on debt rollovers.

He said that remittances can help not only in financing the deficit in import payments but also in foreign debt repayments, suggesting the government to focus on structural reforms.

## Court Notice

In the Court of Sidra Jalal Civil Judge-II Matta Swat, Case # 9/1 institution Year 13/01/022. Next Hearing date 12/10/2024. Mst. Bakht Sardar VS Amir Bacha. Notice to:- defendant 2/4) Sardar Ali son Amir 2/5) Bakht bibi daughter Amir 8) Sardar Ali son Amir r/o Roadengar Gawalari tehsil matta district Swat. In above mentioned case the respondent can't be served in the ordinary way, it is therefore proclaimed that if said respondents will not appear personally or through dually authorized agent or pleader in the court at 8:30 am dated 12/10/2024. Ex-parte proceeding will be held against the mentioned respondents under my hand and seal of this court.

### F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry's Businessmen Panel (BMP) has stressed the need for large scale structural changes in power sector, controlling line losses of DISCOs by using modern technology, and customer-oriented business approach, as the public exchequer has been facing loss of billions of rupees by the power distribution companies.

FPCCI former president and BMP Chairman Mian Anjum Nisar stated that due to high electricity rates, power theft will become rampant as the tariff was unaffordable to consumers. Quoting the media report, he observed that that the





## In brief

## Pakistan Army wins

KARACHI (PPD): Pakistan Army secured top position at the National Women's Gymnastics Championship, held in Karachi. Sindh Greens claimed the runner-up position, while Punjab finished third. The championship featured teams from all four provinces, Pakistan Army, and Pakistan Railways. The Army gymnasts dominated beam, floor performances, and vault events. Pakistan Army secured 4 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze medals while Sindh Greens bagged 1 silver and 2 bronze medals. Amina Barkat from Pakistan Army was declared the best gymnast of the championship. The awards were distributed by Carl Lander, Principal of Karachi Grammar School. Special medals were also awarded to young gymnasts to encourage their talent.

## Bagnaia cuts Martin lead

MOTEGI (Agencies): Defending champion Francesco Bagnaia heaped the pressure on Jorge Martin - the leader in the overall MotoGP standings - by completing a sprint-race double at the Japanese Grand Prix. Italian Ducati rider Bagnaia, 27, overhauled Pramac Racing's Martin last season to claim his second consecutive title. And he cut the 26-year-old Spaniard's lead to 10 points with four races of the season remaining, after following up Saturday's win in the sprint race with victory in Sunday's grand prix. Bagnaia overtook pole-sitter Pedro Acosta on the opening lap and maintained the lead throughout, finishing 1.189 seconds ahead of Martin in second place, as Gresini Racing's Marc Marquez was third. "We have to move on to the next one with the same ambition, the same strategy and try to continue like this," said Bagnaia, as he looked ahead to the Australian MotoGP at Phillip Island in two weeks' time. Bagnaia's win on Motegi's Twin Ring circuit was his eighth of the season - his best ever tally - while Martin will have been relieved not to lose more points in his title challenge, moving up from 11th on the grid after crashing in qualifying. Italy's Enea Bastianini finished fourth and stayed third in the overall standings, two points ahead of Spain's six-time champion Marquez. Spanish rookie Acosta failed to pick up any points, sliding off after 21 laps after also crashing out of the sprint race.

## Sinner happy for day off

SHANGHAI (AFP): World number one Jannik Sinner said he needed a day off after pushing through tiredness to come from a set down and beat Argentina's Tomas Martin Etcheverry 6-7 (3/7), 6-4, 6-2 at the Shanghai Masters on Sunday. He will be joined in the last 16 by Daniil Medvedev, who overcame tenacious Italian Matteo Arnaldi 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, and Carlos Alcaraz after his chief rival beat China's Wu Yibing in straight sets. A weary-looking Sinner dropped the first set on a tiebreak to the 37th-ranked Etcheverry, just three days after losing a 3hr 21min China Open final in Beijing to Alcaraz. But the 23-year-old recovered in the second set, breaking Etcheverry twice to level the match before easing to victory. "Tomorrow is one day off which I really need. I felt it physically today," Sinner said. "I had some chances in first set but couldn't use them... I'm very happy with how I bounced back," he said.



LAHORE: Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Ovais Ahmed Bilgrami graced along with prize winners of 10th CNS Amateur Net Shield Golf Tournament.

## Masood warns England still a force without Stokes

MULTAN (AFP): Pakistan captain Shan Masood warned on the eve of Monday's first Test in Multan that his side would still be facing a formidable England, despite the absence of their captain Ben Stokes. Ollie Pope will again lead England after deputising successfully in the recent 2-1 series win over Sri Lanka as Stokes, 33, was ruled out as he recovered from a hamstring injury. "We all know the quality of Ben Stokes," said Masood on Sunday ahead of the start of the three-Test series. "He is one of the top all-rounders of the world." "England's strength will not lessen with one individual (missing)," he warned. "They are still very competitive. If you look at their playing eleven then it's very balanced with all-rounders, and they have two spinners and three fast bowlers with deep batting, so their loss is that of an individual."

Stokes led England to an emphatic 3-0 Test series

victory on England's last tour in 2022, the first time Pakistan had been swept at home. England return with Pakistan on a painful losing streak — winless in their last 10 home Tests and suffering a humiliating 2-0 home defeat to Bangladesh last month.

"They've obviously not had their strongest run recently, but we still see them as a highly skilled side," said Pope. "They are a team we don't take lightly."

Pakistan named their team with a bowling attack of two fast bowlers in Shaheen Shah Afridi and Naseem Shah, medium-pacer Aamer Jamal and frontline spinner Abrar Ahmed.

An impressive Jamal took 18 wickets against Australia in three Tests in his debut series earlier this year, but missed the Bangladesh series with a back problem. He also contributed 143 runs.

"With Jamal we get an edge in the seam depart-

ment," said Masood. With James Anderson and Stuart Broad retired, Mark Wood injured and Ollie Robinson not selected, none of England's pace bowlers from the 2022 series remain. But Masood cited Gus Atkinson and Brydon Carse as threats.

"You cannot underestimate anyone and need to be more cautious against any unknown player," said Masood. The second match is also in Multan, from October 15, with the final Test in Rawalpindi beginning October 24.

Squads Pakistan: Shan Masood (captain), Saud Shakeel, Saim Ayub, Abdullah Shafique, Babar Azam, Mohammad Rizwan, Salman Ali Agha, Aamir Jamal, Shaheen Afridi, Naseem Shah, Abrar Ahmad

England: Ollie Pope (captain), Gus Atkinson, Shoaib Bashir, Harry Brook, Brydon Carse, Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Jack Leach, Joe Root, Jamie Smith, Chris Woakes.



MULTAN: England cricket team captain Ollie Pope and his Pakistani counterpart Shan Masood pose with the Test series trophy on as first Test cricket match.

## Gauff beats Muchova in China for eighth title

BEIJING (Agencies): World number six Coco Gauff dominated unseeded Czech player Karolina Muchova to win the China Open - the eighth WTA title of her career and first since January.

The American fourth seed had struggled with her serve earlier in the week and was forced to battle back from a set down in her three previous matches en route to her first final since winning in Auckland at the start of the year.

But the 2023 US Open champion showed little sign of that fragility as she claimed a 6-1 6-3 win in one hour and 17 minutes.

Gauff jokingly put her improved form down to a visit to Beijing's Forbidden City with men's winner Carlos Alcaraz.

"I guess the Imperial Palace brought us luck, so maybe I will pay a visit next year to get the same luck," she told an appreciative Chinese audience.

There was nothing lucky about the way the 20-year-old star rattled through the opening set in just 30 minutes, harrying

her opponent into a series of unforced errors to claim two breaks of serve.

World number 49 Muchova, who was ranked as high as eighth before a lengthy lay-off with a wrist injury picked up at the 2023 US Open, had beaten top seed Aryna Sabalenka and Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen in previous rounds but was unable to match Gauff's power and athleticism.

The 28-year-old had lost her two previous matches against the young American, including the final of last year's Cincinnati Open, and suffered defeats in four of her previous five WTA finals.

However, Muchova started the second set more positively, opening a 2-0 lead after Gauff's problems with her serve briefly resurfaced as she sent down two double faults to hand her opponent the early break.

But Gauff broke back immediately to start a run of four consecutive games.

Muchova eventually gifted her opponent victory by firing a backhand

long with her 24th unforced error which, when compared to Gauff's 24 winners, told the story of the match.

"I want to say congratulations to you, Karolina, it's great to see you back on tour," said Gauff in her post-match interview.

"I think you're such an amazing player - you deserve everything and hopefully you play many more finals."

Gauff also thanked her new coach Matt Daly, adding that "obviously things are going well", after winning her first tournament under his guidance.

She ended her partnership with Brad Gilbert last month following her fourth-round exit at the US Open, where she failed to defend her crown.

Victory in the WTA 1,000 event in Beijing moved Gauff up to fourth place in the Race to the Finals, with the top seven qualifying for the season-ending tournament in Riyadh in November.

She now moves on to the Wuhan Open, which starts on Monday.

## Innam wins CNS Amateur Net Shield

F.P. Report

LAHORE : Mr. Innam ul Haq Malik of Rawalpindi Golf club won the coveted title of 10th CNS Amateur Net Shield 2024. Closing and Prize Distribution Ceremony of 10th CNS Amateur Net Shield 2024 was held at the scenic Defence Raya Golf & Country Club, Lahore. Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Ovais Ahmed Bilgrami graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Earlier, the Chief Guest was received by Commander Central Punjab Rear Admiral Azhar Mahmood. The Chief Guest while congratulating the prize winners for their well-earned success also appreciated the high standard of golf displayed by them.

He also lauded the management and appreciated the consistent support from sponsors, management of club and media fraternity.

Later, the Chief Guest distributed prizes among winners of all categories. The three days event was held from 4-6 Oct 24. More than 200 enthusiastic golfers from all over the country participated in Men, Ladies & Senior Amateur categories. The Closing Ceremony was attended by sponsors and golfers of the country.

## Carvajal injures cruciate ligament in Real win

MADRID (Agencies): Dani Carvajal has confirmed he will need surgery after suffering a "serious" cruciate ligament injury in Real Madrid's 2-0 win over Villarreal at Estadio Santiago Bernabeu. The Spain right-back was left screaming in agony after seemingly over-extending his knee in a collision with Yeremy Pino in added time, and was carried off the pitch on a stretcher in tears.

"Serious cruciate ligament injury confirmed. I'm going to have to go through surgery and be off the field for a few months," Carvajal, 32, later wrote on Instagram. "Already looking forward to starting recovery and coming back like a beast." Speaking immediately after the win which continued Real's unbeaten start to the La Liga season, manager Carlo Ancelotti said his players were "sad" and "worried" for Carvajal.

He added: "Something happened that happens a lot, because of the calendar, and it happened to a very, very important player for us." A Real Madrid statement, external on Sunday said that Carvajal had "a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament, a ruptured external collateral ligament and a ruptured popliteus tendon in his right leg" and would have an operation in "the coming days".

The Spanish club later announced that Carvajal, who has won the Champions League six times and La Liga four times with the club, has extended his contract with them until 30 June, 2026. "Real Madrid would like to show him all its support and affection and wishes him a speedy recovery so that we can enjoy his football on the pitch again as soon as possible," said the Bernabeu outfit. Meanwhile, the La Liga side said that Brazil forward Vinicius Junior had suffered a neck injury and his "progress will be monitored". Real's victory came after a shock defeat by Lille in the Champions League on Wednesday.

## Kaur leads India to victory over Pakistan in Women's T20 WC

DUBAI (AFP): India captain Harmanpreet Kaur produced a steely 29 to steer her side to a scrappy six-wicket victory over Pakistan in Dubai on Sunday.

Set 106 to win after restricting Pakistan to 105-8 in their 20 overs, India were looking comfortable at 61-1. But two wickets in two balls by Pakistan captain Fatima Sana opened the door before Kaur took her side to the brink of victory.

With India two runs short, however, she slipped and appeared to rick her neck, leaving the field unbeaten on 29 from 24 balls. Sajeevan Sajana hit the winning runs from the next delivery as India closed on 108-4, winning with seven balls to spare.

"We have been very disciplined, followed the plans," said India's Smriti Mandhana. "In the field we were very good. Better

start with the bat would have been good, but we will take that win."

Nida Dar top-scored for Pakistan with 28 from 34 balls but there was little else to cheer after Fatima had won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket that produced some awkward bounce. "We were not up to the mark in the batting. We were 10-15 runs short," said Fatima.

All of the Indian bowlers contributed with Arundhati Reddy the most successful as she removed Oumaima Sohail (3) and Aliya Riaz (4) in the middle order before clean bowling Dar in the final over to finish with 3-19 from her four overs.

"I've worked a lot on my T20 bowling in all stages of the innings. I'm still working hard now. I kept it simple and attacked the stumps," said Reddy who was named Player of the Match.

India lost Mandhana for seven but Shafali Verma and Jemimah Rodrigues took them to 61 before the second wicket fell in the 12th over.

Verma, their impressive 20-year-old opener, struck three fours in a 35-ball 32 before holing out to mid-on. That gave Pakistan a sniff of a chance but Kaur made sure India made it 13 wins from 16 against Pakistan in T20Is.

After losing their opening match to New Zealand, this was a much-needed win for India in Group A. They remain fourth in the group, with Pakistan just ahead of them on net run rate.

India face Sri Lanka in the next game in Dubai on Wednesday while Pakistan meet favourites Australia on Friday. West Indies face Scotland in Sunday's late game in Dubai with both sides having lost their Group B openers.



DUBAI: Muneeba Ali was stumped for 17.

## England 'realistic' about Pakistan: McCullum

MULTAN (Agencies): Coach Brendon McCullum said England are "realistic" about the challenge in Pakistan, despite their recent success here and the hosts' awful run of form.

England won 3-0 in Pakistan in 2022, the first time any visiting side had achieved such a clean sweep in this country. That series forms part of Pakistan's 10-match winless run on home soil.

The tourists are without injured captain Ben Stokes for the first Test in Multan, beginning on Monday (06:00 BST), and only one of their trio of pace bowlers - Chris Woakes - has played a Test in Asia before.

As has become the norm for England, they have not played a warm-up game, with the home summer only finishing last weekend at the conclusion of the white-ball series against Australia.

"We go in with high hopes," McCullum told BBC Sport. "There will be no excuses whatsoever if we don't get where we need to get. "We're also realistic this is going to be a tough series, because Pakistan in their own conditions, as history would suggest, it's a tough ask."

Either side of a 10-year hiatus from playing on home soil following an attack by gunmen on the Sri Lanka team in 2009,

Pakistan lost only two out of 13 home series.

But a 1-0 defeat by Australia in early 2022 began their winless run, the second-longest they have ever gone without a win in a home Test.

England can expect different conditions to their last trip, when the weather was cooler and the pitches flat. Now, temperatures in Multan for the first two matches in the three-Test series are around 36 degrees and the pitch is expected to be slightly green.

A key part of England's win here two years ago was the performance of their seamers, but of the three that took part, James Anderson has since retired, Ollie Robinson has been dropped and Mark Wood is injured. Now they have Woakes, who has not played an overseas Test in more than two years, Gus Atkinson, who not played an overseas Test at all, and Brydon Carse on debut.

Anderson has been acting as England's fast-bowling consultant since he ended his playing career in July, but is not arriving in Pakistan until day two of the first Test after playing in the Dunhill Links pro-am golf tournament.

And McCullum is "not worried" to initially be without the experience of England's all-time leading

wicket-taker. "Jimmy has been a great resource for us," said the New Zealander. "But prior to that we didn't have a pace-bowling coach as such."

"In the world we live in, communication is easy. Jimmy is in constant communication with the guys. I don't think it's a big issue."

England also continue to be without Stokes, who will miss a fourth consecutive Test since injuring his hamstring in early August. Asked on Saturday if he will be fit for the second Test, starting in nine days, the all-rounder said he was "not sure". Ollie Pope will again deputise for Stokes and said he is "mentally ready" should he need to lead on the rest of the tour.

And Pope suggested that once Stokes is fit to play, it will be as an all-rounder, available to bowl. "With those hamstring injuries it's a bit more about setting off - the biggest risk comes with batting, when you set off for a quick single, or turn and go for two," said Pope. "His bowling will be fine when he does come back. Whenever he is fit to play, I'm sure he'll be fit to bowl as well." Pakistan, coached by former Australia bowler Jason Gillespie, have included Aamer Jamal in their XI after the all-rounder recovered from a back injury.

## OGDCL defeat Ghani Glass

F.P. Report

KARACHI: OGDCL team outperformed the Ghani Glass team in the President's Trophy One Day Tournament, successfully chasing down a target of 253 runs.

After winning the toss, OGDCL opted to field first, restricting Ghani Glass to 252 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in their allotted 50 overs.

Shadab Khan led the charge for Ghani Glass with a commendable 81 runs off 73 balls. OGDCL's bowlers displayed a disciplined performance, with Sarwar Afridi shining with figures of 2 wickets for 36 runs in 10 overs.



Asif Afridi also contributed with a crucial wicket, finishing with 1 for 37 in his 10 overs, while Aamir Khan, Aamer Yamin, and Muhammad Umar each claimed 1 wicket.

In response, OGDCL's batting lineup showcased resilience and skill. Hamza Waheed top-scored with 73

runs off 93 balls, while captain Adil Amin contributed significantly with a brisk 57 runs off 58 balls.

Asif Afridi added valuable runs with a quick-fire 26 off 12 deliveries, guiding the team to a successful chase.

Asif Afridi was declared Man of the Match.





## In brief

### 6 kg drugs recovered

RAWALPINDI (APP): Police have arrested three drug dealers and recovered more than 6 kg of drugs from their possession in separate operations here Sunday. The raids were conducted on the special directives of City Police Officer (CPO) Syed Khalid Mehmood Hamdani. According to police spokesman, the Westridge Police seized 2.46 kg of drugs from drug dealer named Khurram, while R.A Bazaar Police recovered 2.2 kg of drugs from Babu Khan. Meanwhile, Race Course Police recovered 1.6 kg of drugs from illyas. All three accused have been detained and will be presented in court with solid evidence for legal action. Rawalpindi Police have vowed to continue their efforts to eliminate drug trafficking from the area, the spokesman added. In another operation, Taxila police have arrested a kite seller and confiscated 60 kites, 100 strings from his possession. The detained kite seller has been identified as Arslan. Police have registered a case against him and started further investigation.

### Special drive continues

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Rawalpindi Beenish Fatima said that a special drive to issue learner's permits and driving licenses to rickshaw drivers was continued at Shehbaz Sharif Park here on Sunday. Separate counters have been set up at all licensing centers to facilitate rickshaw drivers, according to City Traffic Police (CTP) spokesman. CTO Beenish Fatima stated that tests for learner and regular licenses are being conducted at Shehbaz Sharif Park on Rawal Road to ensure more rickshaw drivers get license. Last Sunday, a similar facility was provided at the same location, and CTO Beenish Fatima emphasized that all circle in-charges have been directed to encourage rickshaw drivers to visit the nearest licensing center. The aim of this initiative is to bring more rickshaw drivers under the legal framework and ensure safer journey, she added.

### 151,400 cusecs water released

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Sunday released 151,400 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 121,600 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, the water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1536.90 feet and was 138.90 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. The water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 71,400 cusecs and 68,000 cusecs respectively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1209-90 feet, which was 159.90 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded 8,800 cusecs and 42,000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa, Guddu and Sukkur was recorded as 68,800, 74,700, 63,700 and 11,600 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 18,100 cusecs of water released at Nowshera and 3,600 cusecs released from River Chenab at Marala.

### Two criminals arrested

RAWALPINDI (APP): Police have arrested a two-member gang involved in street crimes in Saddar Wah area, informed police spokesman on Sunday. The gang was identified as Zubair and Faraz Khan operating in the area. Police have recovered two stolen mobile phones from their possession.

# Maqbool for action against PTI protesters

KARACHI (APP): The Federal Minister for Education and Vocational Training Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui on Sunday said that action must be taken against those, who were becoming cause of the situation on the roads of Islamabad.

While talking to media persons after a special reception in honour of a delegation from the United Kingdom hosted by NAVTTC at a local hotel here, he said that the world was approaching towards Pakistan but some elements wanted to make her solitude at diplomatic level. He said that the attitude being

posed on the roads of Islamabad should be stopped by action.

Replying to a question, the federal minister said that the National Education Policy would be announced by the end of current year or in the start of new year. He said that 25 million children were out-of-school and they had to make efforts for them. Siddiqui said that the world needed Information Technology (IT) experts and Pakistan had youth for availing this opportunity.

The minister said that Karachi was the biggest city of Pakistan and centre of commerce and trade. There were approximately

180 million youth in the country and they should be trained in line with modern skills based on demand.

Siddiqui said and added, our first priority is International Certification in Vocational Training.

He, on the occasion, also welcomed the foreign delegation and hoped that the cooperation among them would help equip Pakistani youth and students with modern market-oriented skills and education.

NAVTTC Executive Director Mohammed Aamir Jan and NAVTTC Director General Sindh Aziz Chandio were also present on the occasion.

## E-challan system to reduce road mishaps

ISLAMABAD (INP): Operation Commander Punjab Safe City Muhammad Shafique Ahmad has said that the Punjab's road safety landscape has undergone a significant transformation with the introduction of Artificial Intelligence (AI) based E-Challans, a technological innovation aimed at automating traffic violation detection and enforcement.

Talking to the state run news channel on Sunday, he was of the view that under the leader of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, the provincial government has taken a significant step towards enhanc-

ing road safety by introducing AI-driven e-challans to curb traffic violations.

Shafique Ahmad said that this innovative approach uses artificial intelligence to automate the detection of 19 traffic violations, including driving on the wrong side of the road, triple riding and speeding.

He explained that in the first phase, an e-challan service will be introduced using Safe City cameras for not wearing helmets on motorbikes and seat belts in vehicles, adding, in the second phase, e-challans will be started for monitoring violations of

24 traffic rules.

In charge Artificial Intelligence challan, Sajjad added that those who endanger people's lives will not be spared and in a bid to promote road safety and discipline, the government has vowed to take strict action against reckless drivers and motorists flouting traffic rules.

With the implementation of AI-powered e-challans, traffic enforcement has become more efficient and violators will face consequences. This zero-tolerance policy aims to curb traffic accidents and foster a culture of responsible driving, he added.

## Tanoli says PTI threatening national security

ISLAMABAD (APP): A prominent leader of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) MNA Asyia Naz Tanoli Sunday criticized the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership, accusing them of harbouring an anti-state agenda that can threaten the upcoming Shanghai summit.

Talking to the PTV news she expressed that PTI's nefarious plans could undermine Pakistan's diplomatic efforts and damage its reputation on the international stage.

She said the SCO is a crucial summit which is bringing together leaders from regional powerhouse nations and resistance or any disruption to

it could have far-reaching consequences.

She strongly criticized the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for his alleged role in the current unrest in Islamabad.

Tanoli held Gandapur responsible for the worsening of the situation, stating that the government had tried to reason with him, but he remained unwilling to listen and was overstepping all bounds.

"Instead of maintaining law and order and working for public welfare, the Chief Minister was himself involved in protest activities, using weapons, threatening and damaging the state," Tanoli alleged.

She mentioned that the government was reportedly busy preparing for an upcoming significant event, which is crucial for Pakistan's international relations and diplomacy. However, Gandapur's actions were allegedly causing unrest and disrupting the country's stability, she added.

As the Chief Minister, Gandapur should play an important role in maintaining law and order in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Instead of focusing on the province's development and citizen's well-being, he has been busy creating chaos, which may harm Pakistan's image internationally, she concluded.

## Rural women to shun quacks

ISLAMABAD (APP): Leading cancer specialists/oncologists Sunday sounded a dire warning, urging rural women to avoid unqualified practitioners (quacks) and instead opt for yearly screenings to combat the alarming rise in breast cancer cases as early detection through yearly screenings is crucial to save lives.

They marked October as 'breast cancer awareness' month and stressed the crucial role of early diagnosis and yearly screening in saving lives as reliance on quacks in rural areas worsens the problem, underscoring the need for urgent breast health awareness efforts to educate the public.

A senior cancer specialist/oncologist Dr Feroz

Khan Achakzai warned that quackery is a significant obstacle in our fight against breast cancer, adding that unqualified practitioners not only misdiagnose but also provide ineffective, often harmful treatments, reducing chances of survival.

According to oncologists, breast cancer accounts for 40% of female cancer cases in the country. The lack of awareness and access to quality healthcare in rural areas exacerbates the problem. Dr. Achakzai stressed that mammography and self-examination can help identify breast cancer at stages 1 and 2 when treatment is most effective.

Another oncologist DR Jameela added rural women must understand

that breast cancer is treatable if diagnosed promptly. "We need to break the stigma surrounding the disease and encourage women to seek proper medical care", she added.

According to WHO, one in 9 Pakistani women develops breast cancer every year, she said, adding that early detection increases survival rates by 90%.

She urged society to support and promote breast cancer awareness not only in urban but also in rural areas where women are still relying on quackery practices and delaying their timely treatments.

"By working together, we can save thousands of lives," experts concluded. "It is time for rural women to prioritize their health and seek quality care."

## IESCO issues power shutdown program

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Sunday issued a power suspension programme for Monday 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 07:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Islamabad Circle, Lohi Bhir, Athal, Shahpur, Treat, T&T, Bhara Kahu-I&II, NIH, Golf City, Sharifabad, Khanna East, Rahman Enclave, Kadarpur, Wahidabad, Tramiree, Ghorri Garden, Suhadran Road, Khanna-II, Al Noor, Sohan, Faizabad Housing Society, I-8/4 Feeders, Rawalpindi Cantt Circle, Hanif Shaheed, Humayun, Makkah Chowk, Rahmatabad-II Feeders, Rawalpindi City Circle, Bhadana, Dhok Hasu, Pirwadhai, Quidabad, Muslimabad, Gulzar Shaheed, Ahsanabad, Industrial, Social Security, Bagsardaran, Azharabad, Muzmal Town, Service Road, Muslim Town, Kurry Road, Khurram Colony, Jinnah Camp, KRL, AFOHS, Service Road, Nust Road, Amin Town Feeders, Attock Circle, Pind Pran, Valley, Gulshan Sehat, Sangjani, Shah Allah Ditta, Paswal, Mansar, Haji Shah, Gondal, Kamra Rural, Hameed, Bhandar, Jund City Feeders and surrounding areas.



ISLAMABAD: An elderly person on the way carrying bundle of dry branches of tree for domestic use in Federal Capital. —APP Photo

## Pakistan' economy shows signs of recovery: Afzal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Coordinator to the Prime Minister Rana Ihsan Afzal Khan Sunday expressed optimism about Pakistan's economic recovery, highlighting the government's initiatives that have boosted investor confidence, exporter confidence, and attracted foreign investment, paving the way for sustainable economic growth.

Pakistan's economic recovery is gaining momentum, driven by strategic reforms and investments, he said in an exclusive talk with PTV news channel. Pakistan's economy is showing promising signs of recovery, thanks to the government's strategic efforts, he said.

He painted a positive picture of Pakistan's economic outlook and expressed confidence in the government's reform agenda, citing notable progress in tax sta-

bilization, privatization and exporter support.

Pakistan is poised for significant economic growth, with a focus on resolving long-standing issues faced by manufacturers and exporters, he said, adding, the government is actively addressing refund issues and implementing strategies to boost exports.

In fact, Pakistan has planned to raise its exports to \$50 billion in five years, with an ambitious long-term target of \$100 billion, he added. Rana Ihsan Afzal Khan emphasized that eliminating the non-filer category will have a positive impact on exporters, boosting Pakistan's economic growth.

Coordinator to the Prime Minister also highlighted a significant shift in Pakistan's economy, adding, previously, investments were largely concen-

trated in the property sector, which did not contribute significantly to the country's economic growth.

He mentioned that maintaining an exchange rate aligned with market rates is our priority to benefit exporters. Responding to a query, he said the government has committed to maintaining current tax rates in the budget, prioritizing sustainability over increases. This move aims to promote economic stability and growth, while also ensuring that the tax system remains fair and efficient, he added.

To another query, he said Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) is undergoing a significant transformation through privatization, with the government seeking investors for a majority stake. This move aims to revitalize the airline, addressing its financial

struggles and operational inefficiencies, he added.

The privatization process is expected to attract both local and international investors, particularly from the Middle East, Asia, and Europe, he mentioned. Rana Ihsan have also shed light on Pakistan's economic prospects that by implementing non-filer restrictions, the government aims to encourage more citizens to file taxes, ultimately boosting the economy.

Khan expressed confidence that Pakistan's economic reforms are yielding positive outcomes, demonstrating the government's commitment to sustainable growth. Rana Ihsan Afzal Khan also expressed gratitude to the Pakistan Army for their coordination efforts in supporting the government's economic revival initiatives.

## People enjoy Eco-friendly rides in electric buses

ISLAMABAD (APP): The residents of federal capital were enjoying and feeling comfortable by commuting in electric buses, providing cheap and environmental friendly travel and access to various sectors of the metropolis.

Talking to APP, Waqar Ali, a resident of G-11, lauded the standards of the e-buses and said that with the commencement of mass transit public transport system in Islamabad the swarms of automobiles would reduce and enable a modern commute facility in a modernized fashion for the citizens.

He said that he was travelling regularly to these electric buses and feeling relaxed till the destination, as the buses were established on international standards

with spacious seats, inbuilt air conditioning system as compared to poor public transport vehicles with untidy seats, tightly packed occupancy and pathetic services of the transporters.

He further appreciated the landmark initiative of the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, who directed the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to launch the electric buses in various sectors of the city that were not covered under the erstwhile Metro Bus service.

Huma Rafique, a student reside of G-8 Markaz, said that being a student, she was commuting on the public e-transport which she considered as cheaper and eco-friendly as compared to oth-

ers. She was not only enjoying rides on the electric vehicles, but appreciated the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) government for launching this mega project as it had already launched Metro Bus Service for the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

Earlier, the electric bus service in federal capital was inaugurated by Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi. The masses have showered special praise to this service for making all sectors of the capital accessible. Moreover, the CDA was charging a flat Rs 50 fare from each passenger. The charging points have already been set up for the electric buses on an emergency basis at the Convention Center and H-9 to ensure seamless operations.

## PDMA issues fresh rain alert

ISLAMABAD (APP): Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Director-General Irfan Ali Kathia Sunday assured that all concerned departments of Punjab are on high alert, following Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's instructions as the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) had issued a fresh rain alert.

In his message on a private news channel, he said we are fully prepared to tackle any emergency-like situation, citing the rain prediction till October 8.

"Our control rooms are monitoring the situation 24/7 and rescue personnel with machinery are on standby," he added. Kathia confirmed that water flow in all rivers and canals is normal. Measures have

been taken for water drainage in low-lying areas.

Replying to a question, Kathia advised all citizens to avoid hanging electricity wires and mud houses, adding, in any rain-related emergencies, dial Help Line 1129. He said that measures are adopted for water drainage in low-lying areas of the province.

According to a spokesman of PDMA,

Rawalpindi received rain 49 mm in Murree 25, Jhelum 35, Mandi Bahauddin 29, Gujranwala, and Sialkot 23, while Lahore, Sheikhupura, Hafizabad, Toba Tek Singh, Layyah, Sargodha, and Narowal also received moderate to light rain during the last twenty-four hours.

## Education, tolerance in society crucial in preventing radicalization

ISLAMABAD (APP): A prominent research analyst Syed Imran Sardar at the Institute of Regional Studies on Sunday advocated for robust laws to counter extremist narratives that threaten the well-being of Pakistan's youth due to unchecked social media.

Talking to the PTV news channel he made a pressing appeal to policymakers for controlling the social media's harmful influence and proposed societal tolerance as an antidote to extremism. Syed Imran Sardar further emphasized that promoting tolerance within society is crucial to countering extremism.

"We need to foster an environment where diverse perspectives are

respected and encouraged," he said. "This can be achieved through education, community engagement and inclusive dialogue," he added. By promoting tolerance, "we can create a society where our youth are resilient to radical ideologies," he noted.

The analyst underscored the need for collective responsibility in promoting tolerance, adding that it is not just the government's duty; every citizen, community leader and institution must play a role in fostering inclusivity and respect".

Sardar cautioned that societal polarization and intolerance provide fertile ground for extremist ideologies to flourish. "We must

bridge the gaps between communities and promote mutual understanding to prevent the spread of hatred," he urged.

Sardar advocated for curriculum reforms that emphasize critical thinking, cultural diversity and peaceful coexistence. "By instilling tolerance and empathy in our youth, we can ensure a brighter, more harmonious future," he said. "We must recognize the humanity in everyone, regardless of their background or beliefs," he added.

Responding to a query, he said by promoting tolerance, understanding, and open dialogue, we can create a society resilient to radicalization and extremism.



**1 killed, 5 hurt in accident**  
KABUL (Amu TV): A traffic accident on the Kabul-Jalalabad highway has left one person dead and five others injured. Younus Yusufzai, a spokesperson for the Taliban's police command in Laghman province, stated that the accident occurred due to a collision between three vehicles. Doctors at Laghman Provincial Hospital reported that the condition of the injured is improving. More than 100 people have died and dozens more have been injured in various traffic accidents.

**Ministry rejects claims**  
KABUL (TOLONews): Saif-ul-Islam Khyber, spokesperson for Ministry of Vice and Virtue, has rejected the report from the US Institute of Peace, which claimed there were disagreements over the ministry's new law. He stated that the claims made in the report have no basis. The spokesperson also emphasized that there are no disputes regarding the new law of the Ministry of Vice and Virtue. Khyber described ministry's new law as "an excellent law for reforming society."

Asia is comparable to a living body composed of soil and water. The heart that beats inside the body is Afghanistan. The destruction of Afghanistan would be the destruction of Asia. And in its progress and prosperity lies the well-being of Asia. - Allama Iqbal

# Baradar officially opens 7-day expo in Kabul



KABUL (Ariana News): The 3rd Imam Abu Hanifa Expo and Trade Fair was officially opened in Kabul on Sunday by Afghanistan's Deputy Prime Minister for Economy Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar who said the aim is to bring local and foreign investors together.

The expo will last for seven days and is showcasing a variety of locally manufactured products and services at 700 booths. The opening was meanwhile attended by high-ranking officials, representatives of neighboring countries and business owners.

Baradar said: "The good thing about this exhibition is that domestic and foreign traders and investors exchange views and these exhibitions play an important role in improving the market situation for producers and solving the problems of traders."

While appreciating the activities of businessmen and investors in Afghanistan, he reminded them that there are good investment opportunities for foreign countries and businesses in Afghanistan.

Nooruddin Azizi, the acting minister of commerce and industry, said at the opening that such events are a good opportunity to introduce industrial and production capacities of countries to foreign investors.

Azizi said the main objective of the current expo is to strengthen domestic markets, market products and expand the interaction of the countries of the region with the Islamic Emirate.

Yunus Momand, the deputy chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Investment, said the expo was an opportunity to exchange experiences and introduce Afghan products to foreign traders.

# Applicants for E-IDs in provinces face serious challenges

KABUL (TOLONews): A number of citizens who have come to Kabul to obtain electronic national IDs, are calling for the establishment of distribution centers in their respective provinces.

These citizens have stated that the lack of electronic national ID distribution centers has caused them numerous difficulties.

Basheer Ahmad, one of the applicants, told TOLONews: "I urge the Islamic Emirate to establish a center for easy services like this one in Pakia province as well, to provide convenience for the people."

Another applicant, Agha Jan, said: "In Mazar-e-Sharif, there are very few offices, and people are facing many problems. We request that the Islamic Emirate expand an 'easy service' process to other provinces, especially Mazar-e-Sharif, so that people can obtain their IDs without difficulty."

Meanwhile, the spokesperson for the National Statistics and Information Authority (NSIA) stated that easy service centers have been activated in Khost and Kandahar to address citizens' challenges, and similar centers will soon be established in Herat, Balkh, Nangarhar, and Helmand provinces.

Mohammad Haleem Rafe, the spokesperson for NSIA, told TOLONews: "Easy Services has taken on a major responsibility. Currently, we have six active centers, four of which are in Kabul and two in the provinces—one in Khost and the other in Kandahar. We are also planning to open two more centers in Kabul. Additionally, we are working on activating these centers in provinces like Nangarhar, Helmand, Herat, and Balkh."

According to NSIA officials, they also plan to activate Easy Service centers in the provinces of Ghazni, Faryab, Kunduz, and Farah.

# NPC approves 12 ey development projects worth AFN 10 billion

KABUL (BNA): The National Procurement Commission (NPC), under the leadership of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, has approved contracts for 12 key development projects worth approximately 10 billion Afghan during its latest session.

According to the press office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, 30 projects were submitted for review in the commission's regular meeting. Of these, contracts for 12 projects received approval, while amendments were made to 15 others.

Additionally, one project was canceled, and two projects were referred to designated committees for further negotiations on pricing with the respective winning companies. These committees are tasked with submitting their final reports to the leadership of the National Procurement Commission.

The approved and amended projects include the completion of dormitory buildings for the universities in Kandahar, Zabol, and Nimroz; the rehabilitation of Kandahar's Ahmad Shah Baba International Airport, essential work on the remaining 25 kilometers of the Qaisar-Laman road in Badghis, the reconstruction of rail and non-rail infrastructure along the Hairatan-Mazar-e-Sharif railway, as well as the construction of several key roads in Kabul city. These projects are being financed by the Islamic Emirate.

# United Nations to host meeting in Kabul as part of Doha process

KABUL (Amu TV): A senior Western diplomat told Amu that following the agenda of the third Doha meeting, the United Nations is working to establish working groups focused on the private sector and counter-narcotics, with plans to hold these meetings in Kabul, hosted by the UN.

While the groups have yet to be formed and no official date has been set for the meetings, the diplomat confirmed that the Taliban have agreed to hold discussions in Kabul on both private sector development and counter-narcotics, key topics from the June Doha meeting.

UN is currently working to shape these working groups and prepare for the upcoming talks, the diplomat said. Representatives from some countries are expected to attend the Kabul meetings in person, while others will participate online. The third Doha meeting, held in June, focused on Afghanistan's private sector, banking issues, and the fight against narcotics. These discussions are part of a broader UN-led effort aimed at reintegrating Afghanistan into the international community, subject to certain preconditions.

On Thursday, US Chargé d'Affaires for Afghanistan Karen Decker told reporters that the timing of the next Doha meeting hinges on the progress made by the working groups.

"We look forward to the UN soon announcing that the working groups have been organized. And then it will be up to the UN working with the participants in the working groups on a range of activities. I think the next big tent Doha meeting will take place at a time when it can get reports on the work of the working groups," Decker said.

Despite the UN's efforts to move forward, critics argue that the focus on secondary issues, such as counter-narcotics and private sector support, detracts from more pressing concerns.

Ghulam Farooq Aleem, a university professor, noted, "Key goals that were initially discussed, like political inclusivity and women's rights, have been sidelined. Now, attention is shifting to less critical issues." Women's rights activists have also voiced concerns about the Doha Process, particularly regarding the absence of female representation in previous meetings. Many argue that human rights and women's rights should be at the forefront of discussions.

"The UN and the world must prioritize lifting restrictions on women," some Afghan women's groups have stated. Last week, the Global Coordination Group for Afghanistan held a meeting in the United Arab Emirates, which wrapped up on Friday. The UN hosted the event, with participation from UNAMA, the World Bank, and representatives from the US, Canada, Australia, several European countries, and Afghanistan.

# Uruzgan residents call for building of schools

URUZGAN (TOLONews): Residents of Uruzgan province are urging the interim government officials to build schools in the area.

They say that due to the wars over the past two decades, an entire generation has been deprived of literacy and education.

According to the residents, Abbas Ali village, located 35 kilometers from Tarinkot city, is one of the areas where schools were destroyed over the past two decades, leaving the children of more than 1,000 families without access to education.

Amir Mohammad, a resident of Uruzgan, stated: "There isn't a single school or madrasa in the entire Abbas Ali area. Our children, now teenagers, have missed out on education, and the new generation is also being deprived of this right."

Another resident, Anar Gul, added: "If schools are built, the children will be occupied with learning and will acquire a lot of knowledge."

Abdul Wasi, also a resident of Uruzgan, said: "There isn't even one school in the entire district, and our children are wandering around without education."

Local officials stress that in addition to constructing schools in the center and districts of Uruzgan, they are also working to improve the education system.

Agha Wali Inam, the spokesperson for Uruzgan's governor, said: "We are striving to establish healthcare and educational centers in this area and to provide the necessary facilities for the people."

Uruzgan is one of the southern provinces of the country where, according to officials, very few development projects have been implemented over the past two decades. Residents of remote areas in this province have limited access to basic life services.

KABUL (TOLONews): The Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), in its latest report, has described the transfer of cash to Afghanistan as a lifeline for the country's economy.

In the report, SIGAR highlights the problems caused by disruptions in international banking transfers and the liquidity crisis that followed the return of the Islamic Emirate. It said that the United Nations has been forced to physically transfer cash to Afghanistan.

The report also said that this aid has benefited the Islamic Emirate. However, officials of the Islamic Emirate have consistently denied any involvement in these funds.

The Ministry of

# Children's ward renovated

HERAT (Ariana News): Afghanistan's Bayat Foundation has renovated and repainted the children's ward at the Herat Regional Hospital, which had been in need of repair. Local officials and hospital staff welcomed Bayat Foundation's assistance and urged other organizations to help the hospital with much needed medical equipment.

The Bayat Foundation is dedicated to the health, education and well-being of the people of Afghanistan, regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, marital status or religion.

The foundation provides programs and partnerships offering quality healthcare for women and newborns, increased access to education through new or refurbished schools, economic empowerment through entrepreneurship, social justice, strengthened families, competitive sporting events and cultural preservation.

Sayed Noor Ahmad Shah, a representative of Bayat Foundation in the western zone, addressed a ceremony to reopen the ward, and spoke on the foundation's charitable work throughout Afghanistan.

He told how the foundation had provided life-saving help to Herat earthquake victims, and how it assisted with activating a telecommunications site installed by Afghanistan Wireless Communication Company. "Similarly, in other provinces, people have been assisted during natural disasters," he said.

Local officials meanwhile said at the ceremony that the number of patients visiting the hospital had increased considerably and that the renovated children's ward would help ease some problems.

"A world of thanks to the Bayat Foundation for cooperating in this area and partially solving the problems of our compatriots' children," said Hayatullah Muhajir Farahi, acting deputy governor of Herat province.

# Muttaqi holds talks with regional envoys on bilateral ties

KABUL (BNA): The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has reported that the Acting Foreign Minister of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi, held high-level discussions with the special envoys from China, Iran, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, and India, focusing on enhancing bilateral political relations and fostering economic cooperation between Afghanistan and regional countries.

Hafiz Zia Ahmad Takal, Deputy Spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, stated on his X account that Foreign Minister Mawlawi Muttaqi met with the special envoys on the sidelines of the Sixth Moscow Format Meeting.

During these comprehensive discussions, the emphasis was placed on strengthening political ties and expanding economic



cooperation between Afghanistan and its regional partners.

Foreign Minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi reassured the envoys about Afghanistan's secure environment, highlighting its positive impact on regional stability. He further underlined the significance of advancing mutual economic interests through trade and investment opportunities between Afghanistan and the countries represented.

The special envoys affirmed their countries' commitment to deepening engagement with Afghanistan, recognizing the stability of the current situation and expressing confidence in Afghanistan's potential as a reliable partner in political and economic cooperation.

# 'Cash transfers stabilize Afghanistan's economy'

Economy of the Islamic Emirate has responded to the report, calling SIGAR's assessment unrealistic.

Abdul Rahman Habib, spokesperson for the Ministry of Economy, said: "The Ministry of Economy considers SIGAR's report, which negatively assesses Afghanistan's economic situation, far from the actual reality."

"The best option is to credit the funds into the United Nations' or any relevant organization's bank accounts, and through those accounts, allocate the aid to the people of Afghanistan," said Siar Quraishi, an economic expert. Other economic experts have also provided diverse opinions on SIGAR's latest report.

"The cash packages transferred to Afghanistan by the United Nations have had a significant impact on price stability, exchange rates, and resolving the liquidity problem in the country," said Mir Shakeb Mir, an economic expert.

"You see, SIGAR always publishes reports in a way that contains a small amount of truth, but also hides part of the truth when releasing its report," said Abdul Ghaffar Nizami, another economic expert.

According to SIGAR statistics, in 2022 and 2023, the United Nations transferred a total of \$3.6 billion in cash to Afghanistan, which amounts to about \$1.8 billion per year. These funds have been kept in designated UN accounts in private banks.

# Afghanistan sees spike in int'l flights overhead

KABUL (Ariana News): Afghanistan has seen a record high number of international flights passing through its airspace in the past week, amid escalating tension in West Asia.

The spike came after Iran launched a massive missile attack on Israel last week, which led to flights diverting and flying over Afghanistan.

According to The Independent, a record 191 flights passed over Afghanistan, each one paying the Islamic Emirate \$700 for the privilege.

The Independent reported that these flights included British Airways, Lufthansa, and Swiss Air planes.

FlightRadar24 recorded an average of 147 flights per day through Afghan airspace between 19 and 30 September, not including journeys that started or finished in Afghanistan itself.

The number went up to 171 on Tuesday when Iran launched 180 missiles against Israel. And on Thursday and Friday, this number went up to 191, The Independent reported.

Speaking to the publication, FlightRadar24's spokesperson Ian Petchenik said, "We're seeing aircraft that would normally transit through Iran make use of Afghanistan airspace now."

"As we start to see more and more airspace restrictions (in West Asia), airlines are making a trade-off or a calculated decision on risk – is this a safe method of operation? And is it safer than the alternative that still allows us to operate these flights?" Petchenik added.

The Afghan airspace has been largely avoided by international flights since the Islamic Emirate regained power in August 2021.

But the number of flights has steadily gone up since the Israel-Hamas war began on October 7 last year and the escalating conflict in parts of Middle East and West Asia.

Speaking to Reuters, a spokesperson from FlightRadar24 said that international flights diverted "anywhere they could," and a snapshot of traffic in the region showed flights spreading in wide arcs to the north and south, with many converging on Cairo and Istanbul.

On Tuesday, about 80 flights, operated by the likes of Emirates, British Airways, Lufthansa, and Qatar Airways and bound for major Middle East hubs such as Dubai, Doha and Abu Dhabi, were diverted to places such as Cairo and European cities, its data showed.

# 240,000 Afghan migrants return from Iran

KABUL (TOLONews): The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reported that nearly 240,000 Afghan migrants returned to their country from Iran in the past month.

According to the report, around 43% of these returnees were forcibly expelled by Iranian authorities, while the remaining migrants returned voluntarily to Afghanistan.

The report notes that this is the highest number of returnees from Iran to Afghanistan in a single month this year.

Meanwhile, some Afghan migrants in neighboring countries report facing serious challenges, including forced deportations and mistreatment. They are calling for these issues to be addressed.

Mohammad Reza, an Afghan migrant in Pakistan, told TOLONews: "We are facing numerous challenges in Islamabad, including the lack of employment and educational opportunities."

Akbar Soltani, an Afghan migrant in Iran, told TOLONews: "For those who are undocumented, they say you came here illegally, so we will report you. But those who have documents, such as cards and passports, their rights should be respected."

Afghan migrants in neighboring countries, particularly in Iran and Pakistan, have long faced mistreatment and economic and social challenges—issues that have worsened in recent months, or perhaps even years, in these two countries.

Meanwhile, Reuters reported that 17 European countries, including Germany and France, have sent a letter to the European Commission, urging the acceleration of the process of deporting illegal migrants back to their countries.

Mohammad Baqir Ahmadi, a migrant rights activist, told TOLONews: "The process of reviewing asylum applications should be faster and more efficient so that migrants are not left in an uncertain situation for long periods. Unfortunately, we haven't seen such initiatives from UNHCR, at least not in Pakistan."

Ali Reza Karimi, another migrant rights activist, said: "The situation for Afghan migrants in neighboring countries is becoming increasingly difficult."





ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi and others offering funeral prayer of martyred police constable Abdul Hameed Shah.

## Thousands march to express solidarity with Palestinians

KARACHI (APP): Hundreds of thousands of Karachiites marched on Shahr-e-Faisal to express solidarity with Palestinians and other victims of Israeli brutalities, here on Sunday.

The Alaqa Million March was organized by Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), in which PPP and other political parties also participated.

JI Pakistan Emir Engineer Hafiz Naeemur Rehman addressing the participants of the march condemned Israel over her inhumane behaviour, brutalities, genocide and extension

plans.

He said that unfortunately, the Muslim ummah was not playing its due role. How come it possible that Muslim block could not handle Israel despite the fact that it had huge strong armies, airpower and all types of missiles and even nukes in its arsenal.

He warned the Muslim countries that Israel would not spare anyone and sooner or later they will be on the target if the Zionist regime in Israel was not pushed back.

The JI leader highlighted that the

Israeli leader has recently once again unmasked its extension plan and come up with a new map, challenging sovereignty of various countries but the United Nations could do nothing.

On the occasion, he paid a rich tribute to Gaza people for their steadfastness in the face of Israeli brutalities and crimes against humanity.

He said that the Pakistani nation is united for the cause of Palestine.

PPP leader Nisar Khuro, and other speakers also condemned Israeli brutalities.

## BJP set to lose two state elections, exit polls show

MUMBAI (Reuters): India's ruling party is projected to have lost two key provincial elections to the main opposition Congress party and its allies, exit polls showed, suggesting another setback after the party fared poorly in national elections.

Local media reported that Congress had a clear advantage in exit polls in the northern state of Haryana, indicating an end to a decade of rule by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the state.

The opposition also held an edge in the Indian-held Jammu and Kashmir.

The two elections were held in phases that ended on Saturday. Votes will be counted on Tuesday and results will be announced the same day. The exit poll results were released late on Saturday.

Exit polls, conducted by private polling firms including TV broadcasters, have a patchy record in India, which analysts say poses a particular challenge due to its large and diverse voting population. The exit polls had projected Modi's BJP would win a large majority in the general election in June, but it fell short and had to depend on regional parties to secure a majority and form a

coalition government.

The two Indian territories are the first to go to the polls since the national elections.

India's industrial hub of Maharashtra and the mineral-rich eastern state of Jharkhand, next up in provincial elections, are awaiting the announcement of poll dates that are expected to be in November.

The Indian-Occupied Kashmir election was the first in a decade in the Himalayan region, which has endured years of militant violence.

Its status as a special semi-autonomous entity was revoked in 2019 by Modi's government.

## Bosnian villager ruined by flash floods

TRUSINA, Bosnia (Reuters): Women sat on the ground in tears in the Bosnian village of Trusina on Sunday as an excavator dug through the remains of their homes that were destroyed in the country's deadliest floods in years.

A flash flood swept through the Jablanica area, southwest of Sarajevo on Friday, killing at least 15 people, the cantonal government said, and the search for those missing continued on Sunday.

In Trusina, no people were reported to have died, but houses, orchards and gardens were devastated.

"It is difficult to believe that an orchard, garage, car and another smaller house was here," Duda Sutlic said "Everything disappeared in 10 minutes."

"I was happy here. I had a life and I worked hard. Today I have no strength. All we have left now are our pensions - 500 marka (\$282.21)."

A meteorologist Nedim Sladic told N1 TV that in under six hours, the region around Jablanica received as much rain as usually falls in three or four months.

Ecologists say the floods in Bosnia have been particularly damaging because years of neglect of river beds, deforestation and uncontrolled construction and exploitation of wood and stone have aggravated the impact of climate change.

Other parts of Europe have also been hard hit by flooding as well as extreme heat and wildfires.

## Khamenei decorates commander for Israel attack

TEHRAN (AFP): Iran's supreme leader has decorated the Revolutionary Guards aerospace commander for the Islamic republic's missile attacks on arch-foe Israel, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's website said on Sunday.

"Ayatollah Khamenei presented the Order of Fath ('Conquest' in Farsi) to General Amirali Hajizadeh, commander of the Guards Aerospace Force," it said.

The decoration was bestowed because of "the brilliant 'Honest Promise' operation," the website said. Hajizadeh, 62, has headed the Guards aerospace unit since its creation in 2009.

On Tuesday, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) fired some 200 missiles at Israel in retaliation for an Israeli air strike that killed Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah and IRGC top general Abbas Nilforoushan in Beirut.

# Naqvi rules out talks with protestors

Funeral prayer of martyred cop offered

ISLAMABAD, Oct 6 (APP): Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi on Sunday ruled out any possibility of talks with the protestors of a political party and announced the Shaheed package for the assistance of the bereaved family of Shaheed Islamabad Capital Territory Police Constable Abdul Hameed Shah to be delivered within upcoming days.

In a media talk after the funeral of the constable who was martyred during the PTI protest here, the Interior Minister said that those involved in the killing of the martyr would face law and vowed to bring the culprits to justice. He expressed his condolences to the police and the victim's family.

Naqvi informed that he had received the information of Constable Abdul Hameed's martyrdom late at night. He added that the martyr has one son employed at CDA, who would be regularized, while

the other son would also be provided employment in the public department, along with a martyr's package and a plot given to the martyrs' families would be given.

The minister expressed that they aimed to complete this process within next two to three days.

Interior Minister Naqvi added Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtukhwa (KP) Ali Amin Gandapur was not present at the Khyber Pakhtukhwa House and the Islamabad police is searching for him. He said the Rangers and police had raided the Khyber Pakhtukhwa House yesterday to arrest Gandapur, but he escaped through the main entrance and there are photos of his fleeing.

"The chief minister is neither in their custody nor in the custody of any Pakistani institution. We had suspicions about his presence at two to three locations, which led to the raids, but they are still

maintaining roadblocks. Wherever he is found, the police will take necessary action," Naqvi said.

Mohsin Naqvi added that if there was no way to resolve the situation peacefully or through negotiations, he would not negotiate with someone who attacked his home. He stated that whoever was involved in this incident would face police action, and they would be named in the case.

In response to another question, the interior minister mentioned that Islamabad would be cleared in the next few hours. He noted that the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtukhwa was wanted in connection with the events in Islamabad and further details would be provided later.

Meanwhile, the funeral prayer of the valiant martyr, Constable Abdul Hameed Shah of Islamabad Police, was held on Sunday at Express Chowk, with

utmost respect and honor.

According to police statement the ceremony was attended by Federal Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Naqvi, Governor of Khyber Pakhtukhwa (KPK) Faisal Karim Kundi, Interior Secretary Captain (r) Muhammad Khurram Agha, Chief Commissioner Islamabad Muhammad Ali Randhawa, IGP Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, IGP Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar, senior officers from Islamabad, Punjab police and Frontier Constabulary, and a multitude of police officers and other law enforcement agencies officials.

IG Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, while paying tribute, reaffirmed the indomitable spirit of the police force to defend and protect the citizens, he added . IG emphasized that every member of the force is committed to upholding the values of martyrdom, and they stand united against any threat to the community.

## Thousands stage pro-Palestinian protests worldwide, on eve of Oct.

PARIS (Reuters): Thousands of pro-Palestinian demonstrators protested in cities around the world on Sunday on the eve of the first anniversary of the deadly Oct. 7 Hamas attack on Israel that triggered the war in Gaza.

Demonstrations were held in major cities from Jakarta to Istanbul to Rabat, and followed protests on Saturday in major European capitals as well as Washington and New York.

"We are here to support the Palestinian resistance," said protester Ahmet Unal in Istanbul, where thousands assembled.

In Paris, the Jewish community gathered on Sunday to mark one year since the attack by Palestinian militant group Hamas, when militants attacked southern Israeli communities, killing 1,200 people and taking

about 250 hostages, according to Israeli figures.

Israel's subsequent military campaign against Hamas in Gaza has killed nearly 42,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's health ministry, and laid waste to the enclave.

Israel launched air attacks on Beirut's southern suburbs overnight and early on Sunday, the most intense bombardment of the Lebanese capital since Israel sharply escalated its campaign against Iranian-backed group Hezbollah last month.

In Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority country, at least 1,000 pro-Palestinian protesters gathered on Sunday morning near the U.S. embassy demanding that Washington stop supplying weapons to Israel.

In Sydney, thousands of

pro-Palestinian protesters gathered ahead of the Oct. 7 anniversary, chanting and waving Lebanese and Palestinian flags amid a heavy police presence.

One person was arrested for waving an Israeli flag with a swastika in the middle of it instead of the Star of David.

In Rabat, thousands of Moroccans marched, calling for a halt to the violence in Gaza and Lebanon, in one of the largest protests in the country since the beginning of the war in Gaza.

Protesters demanded an end to Morocco's diplomatic ties with Israel, chanting "no to normalisation, Palestine is not for sale," referring to Morocco's establishing of diplomatic relations with Israel.

Over the past year, the scale of the killing and destruction in Gaza has

prompted some of the biggest global demonstrations in years, including in the U.S., which saw weeks of pro-Palestinian college campus encampments.

Advocates have raised concerns over antisemitic and Islamophobic rhetoric in some protests and counter-protests related to the conflict.

Rights advocates have warned about rising threats against Jews and Muslims around the world.

The United States and other allies have supported Israel's right to self-defence, but Israel has faced wide international condemnation over its actions in Gaza, and now over its bombardment of Lebanon.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says his government is acting to prevent a repeat of the Oct. 7 assault by Hamas.

## Nearly 1,000 migrants cross Channel into UK on same day as 4 killed

LONDON (AFP): A record 973 migrants crossed the Channel on small boats on the same day in which four died while attempting the journey from France to England, UK Home Office figures showed Sunday.

The figure for Saturday is the highest single-day number of migrants making the cross-Channel journey this year, surpassing the previous high of 882 set on June 18.

On the same day, a two-

year-old boy and three adults died after overloaded boats got into trouble during the dangerous crossing attempted by several thousand every year.

The tragedies bring the number of migrants killed attempting Channel crossings this year to 51, according to Jacques Billant, France's prefect for the Pas-de-Calais region.

Over 26,600 migrants have crossed the Channel on small boats in 2024

according to UK Home Office figures.

The deaths on Saturday were likely caused due to the victims being crushed in overloaded dinghies, according to authorities and prosecutors.

UK Home Secretary Yvette Cooper said on Saturday that it was "appalling that more lives have been lost in the Channel."

"Criminal smuggler gangs continue to organize these dangerous boat

crossings," she wrote on X.

"The gangs do not care if people live or die — this is a terrible trade in lives."

Keir Starmer's new Labour government has been at pains to reduce cross-Channel arrivals in small boats, a key issue in this year's general election in July.

The government has repeatedly pledged to "smash the gangs" of people smugglers who organize the perilous journeys.

## Russian prosecutors seek 7-year sentence for US man

MOSCOW (AP): Russian prosecutors asked for a seven-year sentence in the trial of a US citizen accused of fighting as a mercenary in Ukraine against Russia, Russian news agencies reported Saturday.

Prosecutors asked the court to take into account 72-year-old Stephen Hubbard's age and said he has admitted guilt, according to Interfax. They asked that Hubbard serve the sen-

tence in a maximum-security penal colony.

In Russia, participating in mercenary activities is a criminal offense punishable by imprisonment for a term of 7-15 years.

Prosecutors accuse Hubbard of signing a contract with the Ukrainian military after Russia sent troops into Ukraine in February 2022, for which he allegedly was to receive at least \$1,000.

He reportedly under-

went training, received a personal firearm and fought in the Ukrainian military as a mercenary until April 2022, when he was detained by the Russian military.

The US Embassy in Moscow told The Associated Press it was "aware of the reports of the arrest of an American citizen," but said it could not comment any further "due to privacy restrictions". Russian courts convict

more than 99 percent of defendants, and prosecutors can appeal sentences that they regard as too lenient.

Arrests of Americans have become increasingly common in Russia in recent years. Concern has risen that Russia could be targeting US nationals for arrest to later use as bargaining chips in talks to bring back Russians convicted of crimes in the US and Europe.



ISLAMABAD: Army personnel standing alert at Faisal Avenue, as roads in twin cities started to open after PTI protestors disperse on Sunday. — INP photo

## N Korea, China mark 75th anniversary of ties

SEOUL, South Korea (AP): The leaders of North Korea and China marked the 75th anniversary of their diplomatic relations on Sunday by exchanging messages that expressed hopes for stronger ties, as outsiders raised questions about their relationship.

The message exchange came as North Korea and Russia have been sharply expanding their cooperation while China apparently keeps its distance. Experts say that the level of exchanges and commemorative programs between North Korea and China in the coming months will provide a clue to the exact status of their ties.

In a message sent to Chinese President Xi Jinping, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said his government will "steadily strive to consolidate and develop the friendly and cooperative

relations" between the two countries, according to North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency.

Xi, in his message to Kim, said that China is ready to jointly promote "the stable and further advance of the socialist cause in the two countries," KCNA said.

Since North Korea and China established diplomatic ties on Oct. 6, 1949, their relationship has often been described as being "as close as lips and teeth." China, North Korea's biggest trading partner and main aid provider, has been suspected of avoiding fully implementing U.N. sanctions on North Korea and sending clandestine aid shipments to help its impoverished neighbor stay afloat and continue to serve as a bulwark against U.S. influence on the Korean Peninsula.

But many observers say

China is reluctant to form a three-way, anti-West alliance with North Korea and Russia as it prefers a stable regional security environment to tackle numerous economic challenges and maintain relationships with Europe and its Asian neighbors.

North Korea and Russia have moved significantly closer to each other amid widespread outside suspicions that North Korea has supplied conventional weapons to Russia for its war in Ukraine in return for military and economic assistance.

During a meeting in Pyongyang in June, Kim and Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a pact stipulating mutual military assistance if either country is attacked, in what was considered the two countries' biggest defense deal since the end of the Cold War.