#### TTP key operative arrested F.P. Report

KARACHI: The Counter-Terrorism Department Intelligence Wing successfully traced down and arrested a key operative of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan Al-Khawarij, who flashed a threatening message at Mazar-e-Quaid. As per details, the arrest was made following an extensive surveillance operation, with exclusive footage of the suspect's movements across 34 different locations in Karachi.

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Ruet body to meet on 30th F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: The Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee, along with zonal committees, will convene on Sunday evening,, to sight the moon of Shawwal, marking the potential end of the holy month. Committee's meeting will take place at the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony where religious scholars, meteorological experts will participate in the deliberations to verify moon sighting reports.

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Saqib Mushtaq

called for immediate implementation of the National Action Plan and a strategy to eradicate terrorist networks and

The committee appreciated the bravery, courage, and professional expertise of the security forces and

law enforcement agencies in counter-

ing terrorism and reiterated Pakistan's unwavering commitment to eliminating terrorism in all its forms. The com-

mittee also expressed solidarity with

the families affected by the terrorism

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif read

out the declaration unanimously

adopted by the Parliamentary

Committee. The in-camera meeting of

the committee was convened here

today under the chairmanship of

National Assembly Speaker Sardar

The committee appreciated the bravery, courage, and professional expertise of the security forces and

law enforcement agencies in counter-

ing terrorism. The forum emphasized

the need for a strategic and united

political resolve to face this threat with the full strength of the state and called

for national consensus in the fight

The committee expressed serious

concern over the increasing misuse of

social media platforms by terrorist

groups to spread propaganda, recruit

followers, and coordinate attacks,

stressing the need for immediate

measures to curb this abuse. It also

emphasized the need to establish pro-

cedures to block digital networks of

Reaffirming its unwavering support

for the Pakistan Armed Forces and law

enforcement agencies, the committee

acknowledged their immense sacri-

fices and the resolve for national

defense, stating that the nation stands

shoulder to shoulder with the armed

forces, police, FC, and intelligence

agencies in the war against terrorism.

institution, individual, or group involved in collaboration with the

enemy to harm Pakistan's peace and

stability will be allowed to do so. The

committee also expressed regret over

the non-participation of certain oppo-

in the future. The session was attended

The committee reiterated that no

Ayaz Sadiq.

against terrorism.

counter logistical support.

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announcing the declaration of meeting of Parliamentary Committee on National Security.

# Major steps by KP CM to strengthen police

— directs Rs5.5b to fulfill needs of cops

**Syed Adnan** 

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister of Khyber operations. Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin Gandapur, chaired an important meeting focused on strengthening the provincial police force. increase for police officers to match those The meeting was attended by the Chief in Balochistan, while police personnel will Secretary, Inspector General of Police, receive salaries equivalent to their coun-Additional Chief Secretary for Home terparts in Punjab. During the briefing Affairs, and senior officials from the officials highlighted that police officers in Finance and Police departments.

are release of Rs. 5.5 billion. Additionally, Rs. 3 billion has been allocated for bullet-proofing police vehicles and procuring modern equipment to enhance the force's operational capacity.

one release of Rs. 5.5 billion. Additionally, sonnel. By implementing these salary adjustments, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government aims to improve police morale and retention

During the meeting, it was decided to establish Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams at the district level, equipping them with the latest technology and modern weaponry. In addition, Rs. 1.3 billion has been allocated to enhance the security of police stations and check posts, tion of police stations and check posts that basis to meet all necessary requirements. were previously included in the Annual ished due to financial constraints.

purchase of advanced equipment, includcapability to respond effectively to securi- Chief Minister asserted.

ty threats, especially during nighttime

In a major move for police welfare, the Chief Minister also approved a salary Balochistan currently receive the highest To meet the urgent needs of the police, salaries among all provinces, while Punjab

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur reaffirmed that maintaining law and order is the top priority of his government. He emphasized that strengthening the police force is essential given the current security challenges in the province. He further assured that the government has been investing ensuring that law enforcement facilities are substantial resources in police developwell-fortified. Furthermore, Rs. 500 million ment from the very beginning and will will be released to complete the construc-

He reiterated that no compromise will Development Program but remained unfinbe made in equipping the police force to counter security threats effectively. To further strengthen the police force, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police are bravely Rs. 720 million has been allocated for the fighting terrorism, and we take immense pride in their sacrifices and performance. ing night vision goggles, sniper rifles, and The provincial government will ensure other essential tactical gear. These modern that lack of resources does not become an tools will significantly enhance the force's obstacle in fulfilling their needs," the

#### PTI refuses to attend NSC meeting

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has refused to participate in the Parliamentary National Security Committee meeting. Addressing a press conference alongside Tahafuze-Aeen Movement leaders PTI Secretary General Salman Akram Raja stated that the decision was made at a political committee meeting on Monday. No PTI representative will attend the meeting, except Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amir Gandapur, who will participate in his official capacity.

Raja emphasised that the PTI was against any military operation and demanded that Imran Khan be released parole. Tahafuz-e-Aeen Pakistan Mahmood Khan head Achakzai questioned the legitimacy of the meeting, stating that an unconstitutional prime minister had no legitimacy to summon

Allam Raja Nasir Abbas and Sahibzada Hamid Raza echoed similar concerns, demanding that Imran Khan be included in key security discussions. Opposition leader in the National Assembly Omar Ayub criticised the short notice for the security meeting while highlighting that the PTI leaders were denied access to Imran Khan despite court orders.

Earlier, other parties of opposition alliance including Pashtunkhwa Party Awami Milli (PkMAP), Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC), Majlis Wahdat-e-Muslimeen (MWM) and Balochistan National Party-Mengal (BNP-M) had announced boycott of Parliamentary National Security Committee meeting.

#### immediate implementation of National Action Plan No agenda greater than Parliamentary Committee on National Security on Tuesday strongly condemning the recent wave of terrorist activities, national security: COAS

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir on Tuesday called upon all elements of national power to demonstrate greater harmony among their ranks for lasting stability in the country and said that nothing was supreme than the national security. "There is no agenda, no novement and no individual greater than the security of the country, "he said while addressing the Parliamentary Committee on National Security. For lasting stability, the COAS said all elements of national power must work in harmony "This [fight against terrorism] is a battle for our survival and the survival of our future generations.

He stressed the need for better governance and to transform Pakistan into a esilient and tough State, questioning that "how long will we continue to make ountless sacrifices and fill the governance gaps with the sacrifices of the akistan Armed Forces and the blood of our martyrs?" The Army Chief urged the religious scholars to expose the distorted interpretations of Islam presented by the Khawarij, adding "Our existence is subject to the existence of our country; therefore, nothing is more important to us than the security of the country." To ensure Pakistan's security, he called for adopting a unified narraive, rising above political and personal interests. "Those who believe they can weaken Pakistan through these terrorists, today's message to them is clear: we are united, and together we will not only defeat them but also their facilitators," the COAS reiterated. "We have complete faith in Allah Almighty. No matter what happens, God willing, we will succeed," he added.

#### Fazl disappointed with absence of PTI representatives from meeting

SLAMABAD: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) Chief Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman xpressed his disappointment at the absence of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf PTI) representatives from National Security Committee meeting. During he meeting, Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman stated that if PTI had consulted nim, he would have advised them to attend the meeting. Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman stressed the importance of continuity in state policies, saying that he country's interests should be prioritized above all else, warning against Pakistan involving in other wars. The JUI-F head stated that Pakistan's paricipation in the war against Afghanistan and its alliance with the US after 9/11 were detrimental decisions that had far-reaching consequences for the

#### Khawaja Asif slams PTI

F.P. Report

SLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has strongly criticized Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for refusing to attend the Parliamentary National Security Committee meeting. In a statement on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Khawaja Asif accused PTI of prioritising Imran Khan over national security. He further condemned PTI's stance, stating that while Pakistan face terrorism threats, PTI continues playing politics for personal interests. He labeled this behavior as a betrayal towards the nation. It is noteworthy that PTI boycotted the security meeting, demanding that they be allowed to meet Imran Khan first before attending.

process of consultation will continue parliamentary committee members, and senior officials from the military political leaders, Chief of Army Staff and intelligence agencies.

sition members and reiterated that the by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, General Syed Asim Munir, ministers,

# Govt striving to resolve journalists problems: Tarar

ISLAMABAD: government was fully com- office-bearers of National mitted to addressing the Press Club, Islamabad. The minister for info journalist community.

sible support to enhance Secretary,

and professional Abbasi as Finance Secretary Federal capacity and promote press of the NPC. Attaullah Tarar Minister for Information freedom," Attaullah Tarar also congratulated other and Broadcasting Attaullah said in a congratulatory newly-elected office bearers Tarar on Tuesday said the message to newly- elected and expressed his best wishes for them.

The minister reiterated The minister for informathat government fully tion congratulated Azhar believed in freedom of the freedom of

# Military operation not solution: JI KARACHI: Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami President

Pakhtunkhwa Balochistan have raised concerns, deteriorating, highlighting the need deplored. for a clear strategy to address the crisis, he added.

intensified after Pakistan aligned Kabul must ensure that its territory with the United States. Former is not used against Pakistan. General Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman said today Musharraf's decision to support the readiness to mediate dialogue that increasing security incidents in U.S. without consulting national between the two nations, he assured. and stakeholders has had long-term consequences. Both civilians and miliwith 57 attacks reported in Khyber tary personnel have lost their lives incidents within 24 hours, under-Pakhtunkhwa alone. The situation is in the ongoing conflict, he scores the urgency of restoring

Addressing the press conference suggested that a well-defined policy ing distrust among the Baloch popuat Idara Noor-e-Haq in Karachi, he is required. Normalizing relations lation is another critical issue, he opined that security challenges with Afghanistan is essential, and remarked.

Pervez Political representatives expressed

The frequency of attacks in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, including 27 peace. In Balochistan, the latest ter-A military operation is not a per-rorist incident has been described as manent solution, he maintained and a failure of governance. The grow-

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ISLAMABAD: Secy Defence & RSA Co-Chairperson South Africa Dr T. Gamede, called on Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf at Naval Headquarters.

# PHC suspends BISE Kohat Controller Exam transfer

**Humayun Khan** 

PESHAWAR: A two-mem-(BISE) Kohat, on Tuesday.

The court also issued notices to the Controlling Secretary Authority, Elementary Education, Secretary Education, and the newly appointed Controller.

During the hearing, the counsel for the petitioner, Malik Muqsood Anwar, Advocate Khalid Rahman, informed the court that his client is an Assistant Professor in Higher Higher Education, Grade 18, who was appointed as Controller of Examinations, Kohat Board, for a period of three years on June 8, 2022. He rendered his services dili-

gently and efficiently.

The counsel further informed the court that durand

**Rs. 271bn** 

approved

projects

the modernization

Punjab's mining sector.

The meeting also decid-

ed to conduct a pre-feasi-

bility study for these proj-

ects, laying the ground-work for future advance-

ments in mineral explo-

Speaking at the meeting, Secretary Pervez Iqbal

highlighted that, under the leadership of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam

Department is launching

large-scale projects under the PPP model for the first

time in its history. He emphasized that these ini-

tiatives are designed to

ensure the efficient and

responsible utilization of

Punjab's mineral resources

while fostering a stable and

investor-friendly business

environment. He added that

these projects would play a

crucial role in attracting foreign investment and

stakeholders that, in line

with the Punjab govern-

ment's vision, these initia-

tives would be executed

with full transparency and

strict adherence to interna-

tional standards, ensuring

investor confidence and

Pervez Iqbal also under-

scored that the PPP model

presents an exceptional

investment opportunity, which will not only boost the

mining sector but also gener-

ate significant employment

opportunities across the

province. He said that Mines

Department is committed to ensuring the successful exe-

cution of these projects through effective planning,

oversight, and collaboration

with private sector partners.

long-term sustainability.

ration and extraction.

Nawaz, the

He also informed the not be transferred before examinations. High Court, comprising annual examinations are Justice Naeem Anwar and starting from April 8, in Justice Khurshid Iqbal, sus- which over one lakh students pended the notification of are participating, and over 70 transfer of the papers have been prepared Education would not be appropriate as it is a sensitive matter and the papers were prepared under his supervision.

appointed as Controller in of the higher judiciary that tinue working despite comhis place, which is incorrect. a government servant can-pleting his tenure due to

ber bench of the Peshawar court that the matriculation completing his tenure. Moreover, there are also was removed from his post political factors behind his on political grounds, and he client's transfer.

Controller of Examinations, under his supervision. If he is in its judgments that no one pended the notification of Board of Intermediate and transferred at this stage, it can be repatriated from their post without any reason, as it affects their career. The provincial govern-

ment has directed the Secretary The counsel argued that Controller of Examinations, Education, and the newly there are several judgments Abbottabad Board, to con- appointed Controller.

However, the petitioner still has three months left in The Supreme Court of his tenure. After initial Pakistan has repeatedly held arguments, the court susthe petitioner's transfer and issued notices to the Controlling Authority, Education, Secretary

### PHC orders Agriculture varsity to redress veterinary diploma issue

**Humayun Khan** 

PESHAWAR: A two-member bench of Peshawar High Court, comprising Justice Ijaz Anwar and Justice Sabit Ullah Khan, directed the administration of the Agricultural University to resolve the issue of students who obtained diplomas from a private institution, the Khyber Institute of Veterinary Sciences, on Tuesday.

The court was hearing a petition filed institute and resolve the students' issue. by 27 students, including Irfanullah, who ing his tenure, on March 14, completed their diploma course in veteri- wasted several years, and the court directed he was transferred back to nary sciences from 2015 to 2019. Their the university administration to come up counsel, Taj Wali, informed the court that with a solution for the students' future and Principal Roohullah Jan was despite completing their course, the stu-provide them with necessary facilities.

dents were denied their diplomas by the Agricultural University.

Initially, the institute's administration claimed that they were registered with the Agricultural University, but later, when the students applied for their diplomas, they were told that the institute was not registered. The Peshawar High Court directed the Agricultural University to register the

The counsel argued that the students had

#### Grand Alliance commits for constitutional supremacy for mining

F.P. Report

LAHORE (APP): A highlevel meeting, chaired by Secretary of Mines and PESHAWAR: Grand Alliance Presidential can-Minerals Pervez Iqbal, approved four Public-Private didate for Peshawar High Court Bar Yasir Khattak Partnership (PPP) projects worth Rs. 271 billion, marksaid that lawyers have always played a key role ing a significant step towards in restoring the country's constitution.

Our mission is to give lawyers their due rights and ensure justice prevails in the country. No compromises will be made on the rights of the lawyers' community.

This he said during meeting with various Khattak emphasized the and will continue to do so.



Khyber

need for a strong bar association given the country's current critical situation.

He stated that his agenda includes creating harmony between the bar and the bench, as well as providing lawyers with housing and medical facilities.

Yasir Khattak urged lawyers to vote for his panel in the High Court Bar election to ensure that lawyers

receive their due rights. He assured them that he lawyers' delegations from has always stood by Pakhtunkhwa, lawyers' rights in the past

# 29 chlorination centers being set up at Rs 290mln: Mayor

KARACHI (APP): Mayor Karachi that 29 chlorination cen- the protect citizens from waterborne diseases.

He expressed these strengthening the national economy. He reassured Pumping Station. Deputy Mayor Karachi

Salman Abdullah Murad, Parliamentary Karamullah Deputy Parliamentary present on the occasion.

said that adding chlorine to the water will help control diseases like Naegleria. The remaining 29 chlorination centers in various areas of Karachi will become operational after Ramazan.

Mayor Karachi also highlighted that parking is a major issue on I.I. Chundrigar Road. Pakistan Railways owns most of the land.

Barrister Benazir Bhutto allocated Murtaza Wahab has said the railway's backyard to drug trafficking and Paǩistan ters are being set up at a Exchange for parking, but in the city and urged the cost of Rs 290 million to Pakistan Railways has not police to maintain law handed over the land to the and order. Stock Exchange to date.

views on Tuesday while long-standing relation-inaugurating the Kidney ship with Kamran with the Preedy Police Hill Chlorination Tessori, stating that he Station's failure to act. Tessori, stating that he Station's failure to act. had been his lawyer in The Mayor Karac the past.

Waqasi, and he hopes the amentary Governor will also help Leader Dil Muhammad, in securing funds from will be no parking con-Mumtaz Tanoli, and other the Center. The mayor tracts, and all institutions, PPP leaders were also reiterated that they want including KMC's charged to work together and The Mayor Karachi resolve the city's issues.

Responding to a question, he revealed that been prepared to treat 35 their anti-encroachment MGD (million gallons per team was fired upon last day) of water at Gutter night. Whenever they Baghicha Site. attempt to clear encroachments from roads, they underway, in collaboraattempt to clear encroachface gunfire. He question with the public-pritioned the absence of vate partnership, to purify Preedy Police Station seawater. Fourteen compersonnel during the incipanies have shown interdent, expressing his dis-appointment with the sta-work on it will commence

tion's administration for soon, he said.

In 1995, Shaheed not playing its role. He acknowledged that

Stock smuggling issues persist He clarified that he

He mentioned his does not oppose the

The Mayor Karachi also announced that all n Murad, Tessori responded parking contracts award-Leader positively to his letter, ed until June 30 will be the terminated. Going forward, there

> parking, will cease parking operations.
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> He said that a plan has

#### CM launches Aghosh program

LAHORE (APP):Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has launched the "Aghosh" Program, a groundbreaking initiative aimed at providing medical care and financial assistance to pregnant women and mothers of children under two years of age.

While inaugurating the program here on Tuesday, the CM said "A healthy mother ensures a healthy family." She emphasized that maternal and child health is a fundamental right, and the government is committed to fulfilling its responsibility. She also announced the establishment of a toll-free helpline for women to access guidance and information.

During the briefing, authorities informed the CM that the program will initially be implemented in 13 districts, including Dera Ghazi Khan, Taunsa, Rajanpur, Muzaffargarh, Kot Addu, Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalnagar, Bhakkar, Mianwali, Khushab, and Lodhran. Under this initiative, pregnant women will receive financial assistance of Rs 23,000 at different stages, beginning with Rs. 2,000 upon their first registration at a health center or Maryam Nawaz Health Clinic.

They will continue receiving support for medical check-ups, with a total of Rs. 6,000 allocated for regular visits. Upon childbirth at a designated health center, mothers will be given Rs. 4,000, while an additional Rs. 2,000 will be provided for the newborn's first medical examination within 15 days of birth.

To encourage birth registration, mothers will receive Rs. 5,000 for obtaining a birth certificate at the health center. The program also includes Rs. 4,000 for newborn immunization, with Rs. 2,000 granted at each immunization visit.

#### **KPPLLA** rejects Finance Minister statement F.P. Report

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Pakhtunkhawa Professors Lecturers and Liberians Association (KPPLLA ) Dera Ismail Khan Division on Tuesday rejected the statement made by the Federal Finance Minister Muhammad Orangzeb regarding not increasing salaries and other benefits of government employees.

The minister's statement is considered a violation of the agreement between the government and the All Government Employees Grand Alliance (AGEGA) on February 21.

KPPLLĂ President Sardar Ihsan Ullah Khan Gandapur warns the government AGEGA's demands are not met, a massive protest will be held in Islamabad under the banner of AGEGA.

#### LHC disposes of Azma's plea

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Tuesday disposed of a petition filed by Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari, seeking action against those involved in sharing fabricated pictures and videos of her on social media.

A three-member bench, led by Chief Justice Aalia Neelum, heard the case. During the proceedings, Deputy Attorney General Asad Bajwa presented the Investigation Federal Agency's (FIA) report, outlining the progress of the investigation. He informed the court that an FIR had been registered, leading to the arrest of two suspects. He further stated that a challan had already been submitted against the suspects, while legal proceedings were ongoing against the absconding suspects.

After reviewing the FIA's findings, the bench expressed satisfaction and formally disposed of the petition. Additionally, the bench directed the FIA to submit a progress report to the Deputy Registrar (Judicial) with in 15 days.

# LDA seals 181 commercial buildings

Authority (LDA) on Tuesday sealed another 181 illegal commercial properties during its ongoing operation in various areas of the city.

The LDA teams conduct- regulations.

(APP): The ed raids in different locali-Development ties, focusing on illegal commercial uses, particularly in the College Road and adjacent schemes. As a result, 120 properties were

areas, College Road, PCSIR Staff Cooperative Scheme, Government Cooperative sealed for violating zoning Housing Scheme Phase II,

# ىركارى گاڑيوں كانيلام عام (98واں مرحله )

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| A  | 4         | A-3867                    | Mazda Bus                | 202470                       | 2968                    | 1981                     |
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| 9 A1512 PR Typote Corolle 11 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 12 A1512 PR Suzuki Shefuer 13 A1512 PR Suzuki Shefuer 14 A1512 PR Suzuki Shefuer 15 A1512 PR Suzuki Shefuer 15 A1512 PR Suzuki Shefuer 16 A1512 PR Suzuki Shefuer 17 A1512 PR Suzuki Shefuer 18 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 18 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 19 A1513 PR Suzuki Chipter 19 A1513 PR Master Fordard 19 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 10 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 11 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 12 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 13 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 14 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 15 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 15 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 16 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 17 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 17 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 18 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 18 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 19 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 19 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 19 A1512 PR Suzuki Chipter 10 A1512 PR Suz   | 7         | A-4735 PR                 | Toyota Pickup            | LN145-7007766                | 5524754                 | 2004                     |
| 100  |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2003                     |
| 12   | 10        |                           | Suzuki Cultus            | SF410PK-453755               | PKF-546889              | 201                      |
| 13   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2008                     |
| 15   |           |                           | Toyota Vigo              |                              |                         | 2008                     |
| 17   |           |                           | Suzuki Cultus            |                              |                         | 2007                     |
| 18   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 1993<br>2008             |
| 200  | 18        | AA-1010 PR                | Toyota XIi Altis         | ZZE142-7401383               | 4824448                 | 2011                     |
| 21   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 1985                     |
| 23   |           |                           | Suzuki Cultus            |                              |                         | 2010                     |
| 259  |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2005                     |
| 286  |           |                           | Toyota Pickup            |                              |                         | 2003                     |
| 28   | 26        | A-1023 ABD                | Suzuki Jeep              | 312415                       | 917584                  | 1990                     |
| 23   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2003                     |
| A-9838PR   | 29        | A-3854PR                  | Toyota Pickup            | LN106-0160296                | 4692399                 | 2000                     |
| Master forland   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2002                     |
| Mansehra   Master forfand   MMC-02-03800   60311723A   202   |           | A-1228                    |                          |                              |                         | 2006                     |
| A   A   A   A   A   A   B   Robinston   Notice   |           |                           | Mactor forland           | MMC 02 02900                 | 603447034               | 2001                     |
| 195   36   3433 PR   Suzuki Calsus   S441PM S1866   PKF532007   195   36   3433 PR   Suzuki Calsus   S441PM S1866   PKF532007   195   36   3433 PR   Suzuki Leep   309700   869277   195   38   34   3202 PR   Toych Corolla   909700   869277   195   38   34   3202 PR   Toych Pickup   509700   869277   195   39   34   3422 PR   Toych Pickup   KUN1260960209   1KDU920100   201   3457   341     |           | A1046                     |                          |                              |                         | 2006                     |
| 36   | 35        |                           | Toyotta Caralla          | QE41001                      | 2822576                 | 1007                     |
| 38   | 36        | A-9331 PR                 | Suzuki Caltus            | SF410PK436665                | PKF532007               | 2009                     |
| AB-1329 PR   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 1989<br>1995             |
| A-1028 Chitral   Suzuki Jeep   321432   J-702304   198   | 39        | AB-1329 PR                | Toyota Pickup            | KUN126R0960209               | 1KDU920100              | 2016                     |
| ### SCRAPE MACHINERY    1  |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 1985<br>1995             |
| Hydralic Exeavator   |           |                           | To yota Corolla Altis    | ZZE122-9306025               |                         | 2007                     |
| Front End Loader 14-wb   | 1         |                           |                          | WACHINERY                    |                         |                          |
| Generator 50 HP  | 2         |                           | Front End Loader 14      |                              |                         |                          |
| Melding Plant (Hobart)   |           |                           |                          | W 24                         |                         |                          |
| Flood Light Unit NO-1  | 5         |                           | Welding Plant (Hoba      |                              |                         |                          |
| Base   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         |                          |
|  | 8         |                           | Dozer D-53 (Komats       | su)                          |                         |                          |
| 12   | 10        |                           | Road Roller China N      | lo 084 (12-15 tones)         |                         |                          |
| 13   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         |                          |
| ### MOTORCYCLES  ### MOTORCYCLES    AA-6087 PR   | 13        |                           | Road Roller China N      | lo.012 (12-15 Tones)         |                         |                          |
| MOTORCYCLES  |           |                           |                          | D 25 IONES                   |                         |                          |
| AA-5088 PR   |           | 11.000                    | МОТО                     |                              | 004111                  |                          |
| AA-8867 PR   | 2         |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2009                     |
| 6         AA-7543 PR         Honda 125         U-360425         3677320         201           6         AA-7545 PR         Honda 125         U-466890         3677211         201           7         AA-7457 PR         Honda 125         U-366890         3677211         201           8         AA-6732 PR         Honda 125         U-361689         32963480         200           10         AA-6842 PR         Honda 125         U-360565         3183214         200           11         AA-5546 PR         Honda 125         U-360565         3183214         200           12         AA-7521 PR         Honda 125         U-360581         3677355         201           13         AA-6081 PR         Honda 125         U-362881         3677355         201           14         AA-7452 PR         Honda 125         U-46477         3678449         201           15         AA-6219 PR         Honda 125         U-46477         3678649         201           16         AA-6319 PR         Honda 125         C-46188         379064934         200           17         A-6624 PR         Honda 125         C-46188         3147388         200           18         A.6744 PR   | 3         | AA-6867 PR                | Honda 125                | U-360532                     | 3311402                 | 2009                     |
| 7         AA-7457 PR         Honda 125         U-846690         3677211         201           8         AA-5123 PR         Honda 125         U-361669         3299334         200           9         AA-6978 PR         Honda 125         U-361669         3964469         201           10         AA-6842 PR         Honda 125         U-360565         3183214         201           11         AA-5546 PR         Honda 125         U-362881         3677355         201           12         AA-7521 PR         Honda 125         U-362881         3677355         201           13         AA-6081 PR         Honda 125         U-362881         3677355         201           14         AA-7452 PR         Yamaha 250CC         U-464777         3679649         200           15         AA-6220 PR         Yamaha 250CC         U-464777         3679649         201           16         AA-6191 PR         Honda 125         U-486179         379064934         200           17         A-6624 PR         Honda 125         U-46158         379064934         200           17         A-6624 PR         Honda 125         C-46158         379064934         200           20         AC-745   | 5         | AA-7543 PR                |                          | U-360425                     |                         | 2012                     |
| 8         AA-5123 PR         Honda 125         H-72659         3259334         200           10         AA-6842 PR         Honda 125         U-361669         3964469         201           11         AA-6542 PR         Honda 125         U-360565         3183214         200           12         AA-521 PR         Honda 125         U-36281         3677355         201           13         AA-6081 PR         Honda 125         S-98410         3259325         200           15         AA-6220 PR         Yamaha 250CC         U-646777         3679649         201           15         AA-6220 PR         Yamaha 250CC         JYA3Y900000065038         3964569         200           16         AA-6191 PR         Honda 125         C-46158         3Y9664931         200           17         A-6624 PR         Honda 125         C-46158         3Y9604931         200           18         A-6744 PR         Honda 125         C-46152         3Y9064931         200           20         A-6745 PR         Honda 125         C-46150         1347352         200           21         A-6621 PR         Honda 125         C-46150         1347352         200           22         C-11   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 201 <sup>2</sup><br>2012 |
| 10   | 8         | AA-5123 PR                | Honda 125                | H-72859                      | 3259334                 | 2008                     |
| 13   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2014<br>2007             |
| 13   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2012                     |
| 15   | 13        | AA-6081 PR                | Honda 125                | S-98410                      | 3259325                 | 2008                     |
| 16   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2012                     |
| 18   | 16        | AA-6191 PR                | Honda 125                | JYA3Y900000065038            | 3964569                 | 2008                     |
| 20   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2008                     |
| 21   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2002                     |
| AA-Be28  | 21        | A-6621 PR                 | Honda 125                | C-46189                      | 1347001                 | 2002                     |
| 24         AA-8628 PR         Honda 125         GJ55K-100137         Niii           25         CL-1065         Honda 125         5625         101297         199           26         A-6777 PR         Honda 125         C-45851         J514100156         201           27         AA-5743 PR         Honda 125         U-56645         not Trace         ni           28         A-6010 Karak         Honda 125         H-05564         1346982         200           29         AA-7432 PR         Honda125         U-360479         3370253         201           30         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72409         3677266         201           31         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72409         3677266         201           32         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72313         3079166         200           33         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72356         3078719         200           34         INVOICE         Honda125         U-56672         3079718         200           35         AA-6023PR         Honda125         U-56672         3079718         200           36         A-6739PR         Honda125         U-56696   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2002<br>2002             |
| 26         A-6777 PR         Honda 125         C-45851         J514100156         201           27         AA-5743 PR         Honda 125         U-56645         not Trace         ni           28         A-6010 Karak         Honda 125         H-05564         1346982         200           29         AA-7432 PR         Honda125         U-360479         3370253         201           30         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72392         3114378         200           31         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72313         3079166         201           32         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72313         3079166         201           33         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72313         3079166         201           34         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72421         3078719         200           34         INVOICE         Honda125         U-56672         3079718         200           35         AA-603PR         Honda125         C-46116         3078720         201           36         A-673PR         Honda125         C-46144         1347316         200           37         AA-602PR         Honda 125  | 24        | AA-8628 PR                | Honda 125                | GJ55K-100137                 | Nill                    |                          |
| 27         AA-5743 PR         Honda 125         U-56645         not Trace         ni           28         A-6010 Karak         Honda 125         H-05564         1346982         200           29         AA-7432 PR         Honda125         U-360479         3370253         201           30         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72392         3114378         200           31         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72393         3079166         201           32         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72313         3079166         201           33         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72356         3078719         200           34         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72421         3078454         200           35         AA-6023PR         Honda125         U-56672         3079718         200           36         A-6739PR         Honda125         C-46116         3078720         200           37         AA-6024PR         Honda125         C-46144         1347316         200           38         A-6702PR         Honda 125         C-46047         337039         201           40         AA-6027 PR         Honda 125   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 1991<br>2017             |
| 29         AA-7432 PR         Honda125         U-360479         3370253         201           30         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72392         3114378         200           31         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72409         3677266         201           32         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72313         3079166         201           33         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72356         3078719         200           34         INVOICE         Honda125         D-72421         3078454         200           35         AA-6023PR         Honda125         U-56672         3079718         200           36         A-6739PR         Honda125         U-56672         3079718         200           36         A-6702PR         Honda125         U-56696         3370339         201           38         A-6702PR         Honda125         C-46144         1347316         200           39         A-6665PR         Honda 125         C-46047         3370324         201           40         AA-6027 PR         Honda 125         U-56705         1347344         200           41         AA-6159 PR         Honda 125         C   | 27        | AA-5743 PR                | Honda 125                | U-56645                      | not Trace               | nil<br>2002              |
| 31   | 29        | AA-7432 PR                | Honda125                 | U-360479                     | 3370253                 | 2010                     |
| 32   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2006                     |
| 34   | 32        | INVOICE                   | Honda125                 | D-72313                      | 3079166                 | 2005                     |
| 35         AA-6023PR         Honda125         U-56672         3079718         200           36         A-6739PR         Honda125         C-46116         3078720         200           37         AA-6024PR         Honda125         U-56696         3370339         201           38         A-6702PR         Honda 125         C-46144         1347316         200           39         A-6665PR         Honda 125         C-46047         3370324         201           40         AA-602PR         Honda 125         U-56705         1347344         200           41         AA-6159 PR         Honda 125         S-11609         1347247         200           42         A-6657 PR         Honda 125         D-99686         3370363         201           43         A-6944PR         Honda 125         C-21628         3222329         200           44         A-7893 PR         Honda 125         H-19661         3107640         200           45         AA-6965         U-360604         1322203         200           SCRAP MOTORCYCLES           1         PRE-4086         Yamaha         Yamaha         Yamaha         PRP-3891         Kavasaki         PRP-3899  |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2005                     |
| 37         AA-6024PR         Honda125         U-56696         3370339         201           38         A-6702PR         Honda 125         C-46144         1347316         200           39         A-6665PR         Honda 125         C-46047         3370324         201           40         AA-6027 PR         Honda 125         U-56705         1347344         200           41         AA-6159 PR         Honda 125         S-11609         1347247         200           42         A-5657 PR         Honda 125         D-9686         3370363         201           43         A-6944PR         Honda 125         C-21628         3222329         200           44         A-7893 PR         Honda 125         H-19661         3107640         200           45         AA-6965         U-360604         1322203         200           SCRAP MOTORCYCLES           1         PRE-4086         Yamaha         Yamaha         PRE-4081         Yamaha           4         PRE-4081         Yamaha         Yamaha         PRE-4090         Yamaha         PRP-3891         Kavasaki         PRP-3899         Yamaha         PRP-7861         Yamaha         PRP-7861         Yamaha         PRP-7   |           | AA-6023PR                 | Honda125                 | U-56672                      | 3079718                 | 2005                     |
| 39   | 37        | AA-6024PR                 | Honda125                 | U-56696                      | 3370339                 | 2010                     |
| 40         AA-6027 PR         Honda 125         U-56705         1347344         200           41         AA-6159 PR         Honda 125         S-11609         1347247         200           42         A-5657 PR         Honda 125         D-99686         3370363         201           43         A-6944PR         Honda 125         C-21628         3222329         200           44         A-7893 PR         Honda 125         H-19661         3107640         200           45         AA-6965         U-360604         1322203         200           SCRAP MOTORCYCLES           1         PRE-4086         Yamaha         PRE-4083         Yamaha           2         PRE-4081         Yamaha         PRE-4081         Yamaha           4         PRE-4090         Kavasaki         FRO-3891         Kavasaki           5         PRD-3891         Kavasaki         FRO-3891         Yamaha           8         PRP-5678         Yamaha         PRO-4912         Kavasaki           9         PRQ-4912         Kavasaki         FRO-7649         Yamaha           11         PRP-7649         Yamaha         PRO-4037         Honda 125           14   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2002                     |
| 42         A-5657 PR         Honda 125         D-99686         3370363         201           43         A-6944PR         Honda 125         C-21628         3222329         200           44         A-7893 PR         Honda 125         H-19661         3107640         200           45         AA-6965         U-360604         1322203         200           SCRAP MOTORCYCLES           1         PRE-4086         Yamaha         PRE-4083         Yamaha         PRE-4081         Yamaha         PRE-4081         Yamaha         PRE-4090         Kavasaki         PRE-4090         Kavasaki         PRE-4090         Kavasaki         PRE-4090         Yamaha         PRE-4  | 40        | AA-6027 PR                | Honda 125                | U-56705                      | 1347344                 | 2002                     |
| 43         A-6944PR         Honda 125         C-21628         3222329         200           44         A-7893 PR         Honda 125         H-19661         3107640         200           45         AA-6965         U-360604         1322203         200           SCRAP MOTORCYCLES           1         PRE-4086         Yamaha         PRE-4081         Yamaha         PRE-4081         PRE-4081         Yamaha         PRE-4081         Yamaha         PRE-4090         Kavasaki         PRE-4090         Kavasaki         PRE-4090         Kavasaki         PRE-4090         Yamaha  |           |                           |                          |                              |                         | 2002                     |
| SCRAP MOTORCYCLES   U-360604   1322203   200   | 43        | A-6944PR                  | Honda 125                | C-21628                      | 3222329                 | 2007                     |
| 1         PRE-4086         Yamaha           2         PRE-4083         Yamaha           3         PRE-4081         Yamaha           4         PRE-4090         Kavasaki           5         PRD-3891         Kavasaki           6         PRC-2784         Yamaha           7         PRN-8390         Yamaha           8         PRP-5678         Yamaha           9         PRQ-4912         Kavasaki           10         DR-552         Yamaha           11         PRP-7361         Suzuki           12         PRN-7649         Yamaha           13         PRE-4082         Honda 125           14         PRC-4037         Honda 125           15         Nii         Honda 125  |           |                           | HUHUA 125                |                              |                         | 2005                     |
| 2     PRE-4083     Yamaha       3     PRE-4081     Yamaha       4     PRE-4090     Kavasaki       5     PRD-3891     Kavasaki       6     PRC-2784     Yamaha       7     PRN-8390     Yamaha       8     PRP-5678     Yamaha       9     PRQ-4912     Kavasaki       10     DR-552     Yamaha       11     PRP-7361     Suzuki       12     PRN-7649     Yamaha       13     PRE-4082     Honda 125       14     PRC-4037     Honda 125       15     Nii     Honda 125  | 1         | DDE 4000                  |                          | OTORCYCLES                   |                         |                          |
| 4     PRE-4090     Kavasaki       5     PRD-3891     Kavasaki       6     PRC-2784     Yamaha       7     PRN-8390     Yamaha       8     PRP-5678     Yamaha       9     PRQ-4912     Kavasaki       10     DR-552     Yamaha       11     PRP-7361     Suzuki       12     PRN-7649     Yamaha       13     PRE-4082     Honda 125       14     PRC-4037     Honda 125       15     Nil     Honda 125  | 2         |                           |                          |                              |                         |                          |
| 5         PRD-3891         Kavasaki           6         PRC-2784         Yamaha           7         PRN-8390         Yamaha           8         PRP-5678         Yamaha           9         PRQ-4912         Kavasaki           10         DR-552         Yamaha           11         PRP-7361         Suzuki           12         PRN-7649         Yamaha           13         PRE-4082         Honda 125           14         PRC-4037         Honda 125           15         Nil         Honda 125  | 3         | PRE-4081                  | Yamaha                   |                              |                         |                          |
| 6         PRC-2784         Yamaha           7         PRN-8390         Yamaha           8         PRP-5678         Yamaha           9         PRQ-4912         Kavasaki           10         DR-552         Yamaha           11         PRP-7361         Suzuki           12         PRN-7649         Yamaha           13         PRE-4082         Honda 125           14         PRC-4037         Honda 125           15         Nil         Honda 125  |           |                           |                          |                              |                         |                          |
| 8     PRP-5678     Yamaha       9     PRQ-4912     Kavasaki       10     DR-552     Yamaha       11     PRP-7361     Suzuki       12     PRN-7649     Yamaha       13     PRE-4082     Honda 125       14     PRC-4037     Honda 125       15     Nil     Honda 125  |           | PRC-2784                  | Yamaha                   |                              |                         |                          |
| 10     DR-552     Yamaha       11     PRP-7361     Suzuki       12     PRN-7649     Yamaha       13     PRE-4082     Honda 125       14     PRC-4037     Honda 125       15     Nil     Honda 125  | 8         | PRP-5678                  | Yamaha                   |                              |                         |                          |
| 11     PRP-7361     Suzuki       12     PRN-7649     Yamaha       13     PRE-4082     Honda 125       14     PRC-4037     Honda 125       15     Nil     Honda 125   |           |                           |                          |                              |                         |                          |
| 13         PRE-4082         Honda 125           14         PRC-4037         Honda 125           15         Nil         Honda 125   | 11        | PRP-7361                  | Suzuki                   |                              |                         |                          |
| 14         PRC-4037         Honda 125           15         Nil         Honda 125   |           | PRE-4082                  |                          |                              |                         |                          |
|  | 14        | PRC-4037                  | Honda 125                |                              |                         |                          |
|  |           |                           | HUHUR 125                |                              |                         |                          |

میں ایک چوٹھان جس کرانی ٹلی رقم مجتن سرکار صبط قراریائے گی۔4۔شیسز کی کوئی مروجہ قوائین کے مطابق ہوگی۔5۔کا میاب بولی دھندہ کمپیوٹرائیز ڈ شناختی کارڈ کی کا لیاموقع پر ٹراہم کرےگا۔6۔ نیلام سیٹی اس فتی موخوظ رکھتی ہے کہ بغیر وجہ بتائے ایک یاتمام بولیوں کومنظور یامستر دکردے۔7۔اگر نیلا می مقررہ تاریخ کوختم نہ ہوئی توا گلے روز بھی جاری ر ہے گی۔ 8۔ کامیاب بولی دھندہ جملہ کارروائی مکس ہونے کے بعداس امرکا پابند ہوگا کہ وہ 15 بیم میں کل رقم جمع کرواکرا پنی گاڑی ویئر ہاؤس مے منتقل کرے گا۔ بصورت دیگر جمع شدہ وقع مجن کر کارمنبط ہوکر بول منسوخ کردی جائے گی۔ 9۔ کامیاب بولی وہندہ کا ایف بی آرک کا گیشونیکس میٹر زکا جموت نہ ہونے ریکس کی کوتی ایف بی آر کے مروجہ قانون کے مطابق ہوگی۔ 10 کا میاب بولی دہندہ کو گاڑی کی قیمت فروخت اداکرتے وقت بولی کی رقم کے علاوہ گاڑی پر عائدتمام وفاتی / صُوباتی شیسزادا کرناہوں گے۔اگر بعد میں بھی کوئی واجبات نکلے تو کامیاب بولی دہندہ آ دائیگی کا پابند ہوگا۔ 11۔کامیاب بولی دہندہ گیٹ پاس کے ساتھ (این،او،ک ) بھی خود وفتر ہذہ ہے حاصل کرے گابعد میں وفتر ہذا (این-او-ی) جاری کرنے کا زمددار نہیں ہوگا۔ 12 سر کاری نمبر کی حال گاڑی کے لیے کامیاب یولی دہندہ کو نیا پرائیویٹ قبرا کیسائزا پذشمسشن فریبار شمنت سے لینا ہوگا سرکاری فبررگا کرگاڑی کاروڈ پراستعال جرم ہےجہکا ہولی دہندہ خود ذمددار ہوگا۔ اس ضمن میں گاڑی کے نظیمبر کے اخراجات ولی دہنرہ کوخود برداشت کرنا ہوں گے۔13 کامیاب بولی دہنرہ تمام واجبات کی ادائیگی کے بعد متعلقہ مقام سے گاڑی کواٹھانے کی لیے تمام تراخراجات خود برداشت کریگا۔

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# **HBK Ramadan** Sports Gala kicks off at **Peshawar Press Club**



gurated the event by play-

ing a badminton match. The ceremony was press club members. attended by Provincial Minister for Sports Syed

Information Saif, Adviser on Health commenced with a grand Muhib Afridi, Secretary ties. ceremony last night at the Information Arshad Khan,

Fakhar Jahan, Adviser on Ali Amin Gandapur administration for organ-continue for a week

Barrister praised the journalists of the province for their sac- the Peshawar Press Club

He acknowledged their Peshawar Press Club President of Peshawar crucial role in the fight being held in collaboralawn. The Chief Minister Press Club M. Riaz, against terrorism, stating tion with HBK. Sardar Ali Amin Press Club Tayyeb are widely recognized. He Sports Gala features five Gandapur formally inaugurated the event by play-Committee Irfan Musa restrictive environment badminton, snooker, table Zai and a large number of such recreational events tennis, ludo and carrom for journalists are essen- board. More than 200 Addressing the opening tial and he commended members are participating ceremony Chief Minister the Peshawar Press Club in the event, which will

The Chief Minister assured that the journalist community remains a priority for the provincial government and pledged continued support in the

**Peshawar City** 

Earlier President of Peshawar Press Club M. Riaz thanked the Chief Minister for his presence and stated that the primary objective of the sports gala is to provide journalists with recreational opportunities alongside their professional duties.

It is noteworthy that PESHAWAR: The HBK Ehtesham Khan, HBK rifices in fulfilling their has been organizing such Ramadan Sports Gala Chief Executive Dr. professional responsibili- events for several years and this marks the second consecutive year that it is

of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Secretary of Peshawar that their contributions This year's Ramadan Sardar Ali Amin Press Club Tayyeb are widely recognized. He Sports Gala features five

# KP PA to introduce new rules, regulations after 37 years: Suraiya

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber and Pakhtunkhwa Assembly is Laghmani participated via set to introduce new rules video call. and regulations after 37 years, marking a historic discussions from previous temporary suspension of Suraiya Bibi during the bly's rules and regulations. meeting of Standing Deputy Speaker Suraiya Committee on Rules, Bibi informed the commit-Procedures, Privileges, and tee that this was a momen-Government held in the tous occasion as the comconference room of the mittee would repeal the words from members' provincial assembly.

ed by MPAs Abdul Salam new ones that would serve several other significant Afridi, Taj Muhammad as a guiding framework for revisions. Tarand, Malik Adeel Iqbal, the assembly secretariat in Former Sher Ali Afridi, Dawood the future.

Shah, and Anwar Khan,

Speaker amendments to the assem-1988 rules of the KP The meeting was attend- Assembly and introduce rules in special cases, and

speeches, suspension of

amendments and Chairman of the while MPAs Sajjadullah approved in today's ses-and Munir Hussain sion included new proce-Amjad Ali Khan, also dures for voting inside the attended the meeting house, rules governing Deputy Speaker Suraiya The session continued debates during sessions, Bibi adjourned further proceedings until Wednesday milestone. This was stated meetings, focusing on disruptive members under March 19, 2025. extraordinary circum-

In her closing remarks stances, removal of unau- she expressed gratitude to thorized individuals or all assembly members and those causing disturbances committee officials for from galleries and lobbies, their dedicated efforts in deletion of inappropriate bringing about these amendments. She also extended special thanks to Speaker Babar Saleem Swati for his keen interest in modernizing the assem-Former Special bly's decades-old regula-Secretary of the Assembly tions.

#### Turkiye's 110th Çanakkale Victory

# Turkish Department of NUML commemorates Day

Irfan

Delegation of pharmaceutical

Rector



Ambassador

Neziro?lu and

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: The Turkish Department of the National University of Modern Languages (NUML) today NUML, Maj Gen Shahid hosted a commemorative Mahmood Kayani HI(M) event celebrating Turkiye's (retd), engaged in a bilater-110th Çanakkale Victory al discussion focused on and the official adoption of enhancing academic and Turkish National research collaborations. Anthem. The event was This high-level dialogue graced by the presence of reaffirmed the commitment H.E. Irfan Neziro?lu, to deepening people-to-Ambassador of the Turkish people connections and Embassy in Pakistan, who bolstering served as the Chief Guest. exchanges. The Rector form. Also in attendance were expressed sincere gratitude DG NUML, Brig Shahzad to the Government of Munir, the Education Turkiye

long-term academic coop-The event featured a

Jameel Asghar Jami, Dean Faculty of showcasing the heroic legacy of Canakkale's victory. Performances by both students and faculty of the his Turkish Department added a dynamic cultural element to the celebration.

world-class learning envi-

Ambassador Neziro?lu also paid tribute to the historic contributions of renowned poet Allama Iqbal and highlighted the enduring bond between Pakistan and regardless of any challenges, Turkiye will steadfastly support Pakistan on educational every international plat-

and Düzce plans to expand the student build bridges between cul-Attache and senior embassy University for facilitating exchange programs under tures and empower students officials, underscoring the these academic initiatives, the existing Memorandum with global perspectives.

which are set to provide of Understanding, stating students with access to "In the near future, we will welcome many ronments and promote NUMLians to our Turkish universities." He urged the students to recognize their pivotal role in shaping not welcoming address by Dr. only the future of Pakistan but also the destiny of Turkiye and the broader Languages, followed by a Ummah, concluding with captivating documentary the powerful affirmation, Together we stand strong.

Pro-Rector Academics Dr Safeer Awan, extended gratitude to the Ambassador and his team for honouring the occasion He emphasized the importance of remembering and cherishing national history In his speech, Dr Awan stressed enhancing academic collaboration and excelling in the research field. In a symbolic gesture Turkiye. He reiterated that, of enduring friendship and academic partnership, he presented a commemorative shield to Ambassador Neziro?lu.

Through initiatives such Looking ahead, the as this commemorative Ambassador confirmed event, NUML continues to

# PAF pays tribute to 1965 war hero MM Alam

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Commemorating his 12th Pakistan Air Force has feat of downing 5 Indian

Commodore Mohammad Mahmood Alam (Late). Air Cdre M M Alam date.

Anniversary, achieved the remarkable released a video tribute to Air Force jets in under



honor 1965 war hero Air one minute during the 1965 war - A record that remains unbeaten

> The legendary PAF pilot shot down five Indian fighter jets pilot-ing his F-86 Sabre jet plane, becoming an "Ace in a Day" on 7th September 1965. In total he achieved a feat of 09 confirmed kills and 02 probables during a period of 11 days.

The war hero was honored with the prestigious Sitara-e-Jurat' with BAR for his outstanding per-formance in the 1965

where people of all faiths

can coexist in peace and mutual respect. The event

stood as a testament to the

rich cultural fabric of

where traditions blend

Pakhtunkhwa,

#### manufacturers meets CEO DRAP KP FA crackdown against Faisal Kakakhel, Vice President Naeem Shehzad,

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: A delegation of the Khyber Industrialists Association P a k h t u n k h w a Bakhtiar Khan, Dr. Yusuf Pharmaceutical Sarwar, Manufacturing Association (KPPMA), led by its President Mr. Imtiaz Nadeem Ahmed, met with the other members. newly appointed CEO of

Muhammad Igbal, Vice the pharmaceutical indus-President Nutraceuticals try.

President Hayatabad Tahir Saleem, Rehman, Tariq Abdul Sohail, Bashir Khan, Shehzad, and

During the meeting, a the Drug Regulatory detailed discussion was Authority of Pakistan held on the challenges (DRAP) at his office in faced by the pharmaceuti-Islamabad to congratulate cal industry. The KPPMA him. Director Control delegation highlighted the Drug DRAP, Mr. Noor growth and issues of the Muhammad Shah, was pharma sector. The CEO also present on the occa- of DRAP assured the delegation that all concerns The delegation included raised would be addressed Secretary and promised that all pos-Muhammad Tahir, Vice sible measures would be President Medical Devices taken for the betterment of

# substandard food

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Food Safety & Halal Food Authority continues its province-wide crackdown against adulteration and substandard food. During recent operations, a significant quantity of adulterated and low-quality food items was seized across multiple districts.

According to the details issued by KP Food Authority spokesperson, raids were carried out in Peshawar Cantt, Haripur, and Mardan, targeting businesses involved in selling substandard and adulterated food products. In Peshawar Cantt's RA Bazaar, nspections were conducted by food safety team under the supervision of Director Operations Akhtar Nawaz in collaboration with the district administra-

The Mobile Food Testing Laboratory was used to est samples of milk, cooking oil used in fritters (pakoray), and samosa. Upon confirmation of milk adulteration and substandard oil quality, legal action was initiated against the violators

#### **HUM LOG celebrates Holi** Their words echoed the

PESHAWAR (APP): In a sweets were distributed, LOG on Tuesday organized a special event for the Hindu community here, radiating the true spirit of interfaith harmony Khyber Paktunkhwa.

with joy and camaraderie, diversity. saw children, women, and youth exchanging warm Holi greetings, embodying the essence of togetherness beyond religious bound-

The atmosphere was painted with the colors of friendship as participants wished each other Holi Mubarak and shared the joy of the festival. Boxes of

vibrant celebration of love, symbolizing the sweetness true essence of a society respect, and unity, HUM of mutual respect and coexistence.

Prominent voices of interfaith dialogue, Haroon Sardab, James Cyprian, and Augustin Jacob addressed the gathering, emphasizing The gathering, filled the importance of unity in

in

seamlessly, and humanity triumphs over division.

Khyber

the rationalization policy, the school should have at least five teachers. However, with only two teachers currently present, the education of the students is suffering immensely. They have urged the Deputy Commissioner of Lower Dir, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Education Minister, and the Education Director to take immediate action. The locals have issued a strong

# The issue worsened after the ration-protest. Practical training of pharmacy students KMU, LRH Sign MoU

F.P. Report

cant Memorandum of vision of experienced ship, students will gain Understanding (MoU) has pharmacists at various exposure to real hospital been signed between the Khyber University Pharmaceutical Sciences dispensing, and the cru- agement, and drug thera- (FMOA) Khyber (IPS) and the Pharmacy cial role of pharmacists in py. Additionally, they will Pakhtunkhwa has expressed Services Department of patient treatment.

ady Reading Hospital requirements.

LRH, representing their research respective institutions. between the two institu- making pharmacists more According to the agree- tions, fostering joint effective in their practical ment, pharmacy students research, workshops, and responsibilities.

will receive hands-on seminars.

PESHAWAR: A signifi- training under the superween the departments of Lady settings, understanding Medical Reading Hospital. The the practical role of phar-(KMU) training will focus on macists in clinical pharoff drug formulation, quality macy, medication man-

primary aim of this agree- use of the Computerized students with practical (CPOE) system intro-skills and align them with duced in the public sector, modern clinical pharmacy accurate drug dosage administration, reviewing The MoU was signed patients' medical history, by Professor Dr. Sami and evaluating potential Siraj, Director of KMU- drug interactions. This IPS, and Dr. Azizullah, agreement will further Pharmacy Manager of strengthen academic and cooperation

Through this partner

As part of this collabo- drug labeling, safe dis-(LRH) Medical Teaching ration, LRH pharmacists pensing practices, and Institution, Peshawar. The will train students in the patient awareness techniques, all of which will ment is to equip pharmacy Physician Order Entry contribute to improving

pharmaceutical practices. Meanwhile, Chancellor of KMU, Professor Dr. Zia Ul Haq, welcomed the agreement stating that it will not only enhance the quality of pharmacy education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa but also play a crucial role in

be trained in standard serious reservations over the Facilitation Council (SIFC) drafted Minerals Harmonization Act 2025 of the federal government and has asked the provincial government to address them KMU, before its adoption from the provincial assembly.

Owners

Addressing a news conference here at Peshawar Press Club (PPC) on Tuesday, President FOMA Sherbani Khan Marwat said that the draft of the Act sent to Chief Secretaries of all provinces for approval from the provincial legislatures is an attempt to abolish provincial autonomy.

The FOMA chief was also flanked by the Senior Vice President Asghar Khan Afridi, Vice President Najab Khan, Secretary General Taimur Khan, Deputy General Secretary Aziz Tanoli, Secretary Finance Abdul Qayyum and district level presidents and other office bearers of the association.

Sherbandi Khan Marwat said that the purpose of the Harmonization Minerals Act was aimed at it inclusion of the recommendations and redressal of the reservations of all public and public sectors stakeholders in consultations with provinces.

#### KTH denies news report on Cath Lab

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: An English newspaper has published a misleading and baseless report following the inauguration of the state-of-the-art Cath Lab at the Cardiology Ward of KTH. The report did not include the official stance of the hospital administration.

The inauguration ceremony of the Cath Lab was held on March 13, 2025, at KTH. The event was graced by the Advisor to the Chief Minister on Health, Mr. Ihtesham Ali, as the chief guest. Following the ceremony, the Press Secretary to the Special Advisor issued an official press release. However, a private English newspaper distorted the facts by making unauthorized additions to the press release and publishing unfounded allegations without seeking the hospital administration's stance.



PESHAWAR: SSP Operations Masood Ahmed is presenting cash prizes and commendation certificates

### Negligence in education

### Nagri Bala Norakhel residents demand justice for vacant teaching positions alization process, as instead of rein-

Sajjad Muhammad Khan

LOWER DIR: The Education Department (Female) Lower Dir is facing severe criticism for failing to advertise two vacant teaching positions at Government Girls Primary School Nagri Bala Norakhel, which has been termed a blatant injustice. The residents of Nagri Bala expressed these concerns while speaking to Frontier Post about their grievances.

According to local sources, the school currently has 172 enrolled students, but only two teachers are on duty, which has severely impacted the quality of education. Recently, the education department announced several teaching vacancies, but only one position was advertised for Nagri Bala school, despite there being three vacant positions.

Residents claim that in 2021, two teachers were appointed to this school, According to the locals, this tactic but they were later transferred to aims to maintain the number of vacanschools in other union councils. cies in specific areas while neglecting However, their vacant positions were other schools in need. never refilled. Despite multiple

requests, the relevant authorities have ignored the issue. Furthermore, it has been observed that the transferred teachers are being

kept as surplus staff in other schools, even though vacant positions exist in their respective union councils.

Bala school, they were completely erased. Although it was initially promised that these positions would be filled through the Educational Testing and Evaluation Agency (ETEA), the matter has now been unnecessarily complicated with various justifica-Residents argue that according to

stating the missing vacancies at Nagri

warning that if the remaining two positions are not advertised and filled, they will be forced to block the main GT Road and may even proceed with shutting down the school as a form of

> KP govt requested not

> > to support proposed SIFC

F.P. Report PESHAWAR: Frontier Mine

Association



#### In brief

Police sign pact with schools Syed Waliullah Shah

NOWSHERA: Police have signed agreements with various educational institutions to provide educational facilities to the children of martyred, serving, and retired police personnel, on Tuesday DPO emphasized that martyred police personnel are a source of pride for them, and their serv ices are worthy of appreciation. He added that the welfare and well-being of their families are a top priority. To achieve this goal, a meeting was held at the New DPO Kamalpura Conference Hall, where agreements were signed with private schools and educational institutions across the district. Under these agreements, the children of martyred police personnel will receive free education, while the children of serving and retired police personnel will be offered a 50% discount on educational fees. The Nowshera Police have made it clear that the welfare and well-being of police personnel and their families are their top priority. This initiative is a significant step towards providing quality education to the children of police personnel, who have sacrificed their lives for the country. The agreements signed with educational institutions will ensure that these children receive the best possible enabling education, them to become valuable members of socie-

#### Establishment of *'Jawan* Center' F.P. Report

KARAK: Chairman District Development Advisory Committee (DDAC) Khurshid Khattak. MPA has said that approval of the establishment of a "Jawan Center" in Karak district has been included in the upcoming agenda of the provincial cabinet. fter the approval, prac tical work will be started on it. In a statement, Khurshid Khattak MPA said that he along-with Shahid MNA Khattak moving forward as per the wishes of his electorate and taking the people into confidence at every stage so as to ensure the fair and better use of every penny of the government exchequre. Chairman DDAC Karak said that he will try to complete the "Youth Center" as soon as possible after its formal approval so that the local youth here can benefit

#### **Court grants** bail to accused F.P. Report

BARA: Additional Session Judge (ASJ) Bara Fazal Gul, granted bail in Norcotic case to alleged smuggler, on Tuesday. According to prosecution, the accused charged for having narcotics of quantity 200Kg hashish and 150Kg Opium. The counsel Farooq ur Rasheed and Arshad Iqbal Advocates argued the case on behalf of accused. They argued that prosecution claims and evidences are contradictory in the case. ASJ Bara ordered release of accused on bail after conclusion of arguments.

#### Crackdown continues F.P. Report

D I KHAN: District administration Tank has launched a crackdown against profiteering and hoarding to ensure availability of daily use commodities at affordable prices during the holy month of Ramazan. Additional Assistant Commissioner Tank Hassan Shah along with Additional Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Saifullah Jan paid a surprise visit to the bazaar and inspected grocery and retail shops, as well as meat, fruit, and vegetable vendors.

SHANGLA: Members of Bar Association holding a rally for acceptance of their demands. — F.P. photo

# PPP expresses concern over law, order in KP

F.P. Report

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Lower Dir has voiced grave concerns over the worsening law and order situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, holding the provincial government responsible and demanding its immediate resignation.

In a statement issued, the PPP Lower Dir leader and former NA-7 candidate Zeb Advocate lamented the daily occurrences of bomb blasts and targeted killings in the province. He expressed alarm over the increasing number of attacks on religious scholars and civilians, stating that life and property are no longer safe.

Criticizing the govern-ment's inaction, he asserted that the provincial administration appears to be nonexistent, while the so- ists at called "government of Board's has become a stronghold all candidates.

for terrorists, who operate with impunity.

remains silent. The Chief monitoring committees and Minister is inactive, and a the mandatory installation government that fails to of CCTV cameras in examprotect its citizens has no ination halls, he adds. right to rule," he said. He further noted that in the that examinations for ninth past 12 years, neither and tenth grades would be development nor peace has conducted under strict been achieved in Khyber supervision. "A total of 537 Pakhtunkhwa. He called for the immediate resignation of Chief Minister Ali designated exclusively for

Board of Intermediate and commitment to conducting Secondary Education fair examinations, noting (BISE) Malakand has that a special task force has released the date sheet for been deployed to oversee the annual matriculation the process and prevent examinations, which are malpractice. Furthermore, set to commence on April examination staff have 8. Talking to local journal- been instructed not to colists at Timergara, the lect question papers from called "government of Board's chairman designated banks before change" has failed to main- Muhammad Naseem Khan the scheduled time, in tain security. He empha- said that over 111,000 stu- adherence to the prescribed sized that ensuring public dents were expected to code of conduct. He urged safety is the foremost appear in the exams, for parents to support the responsibility of any gov- which roll number slips board's efforts in ensuring

law and order.

the board has implemented "The province is burn- stringent measures, including, yet the government ing the formation of special

The official confirmed examination centers have been established, with 130 Amin Gandapur and the female students and 407 provincial government, cit- for male students," he ing their failure to restore informed.

The Chairman Khan SSC examinations: The highlighted the board's ernment, yet the province had already been issued to a transparent and fair

# PML-N playing active role to eliminate terrorism

MULTAN: Advisor Prime Minister (PM) on Political and Public Affairs Rana Sanaullah Khan on Tuesday said that Pakistan active role to eliminate terrorism from the country.

Speaking to media, Rana Sanaullah said that after the Army Public school (APS) attack in 2014, the PML-N government convened an He stated that terrorism was significantly reduced through military opera-

tions, including Operation was significantly redu Zarb-e-Azb and Operation through military opera-Radd-ul-Fasaad, which tar- tions, including Operation geted militant hideouts and dismantled terrorist net- Radd-ul-Fasaad, which tar-He highlighted that the Muslim League Nawaz upcoming meeting will works across the country. (PML-N) in leadership of focus on the security situa- He highlighted that the Nawaz Sharif played an tion and the strategy to combat terrorism.

military leadership will present their plan to Stamp out terrorism, while political leaders will share their views and offer guidance. All Parties Conference Responding to PTI's claims share their views and offer (APC) and developed the of state bias, he accused National Action Plan PTI of using its resources (NAP) to combat terrorism. against the state through he accused PTI of using its propaganda and social resources against the state media campaigns.

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# Maintenance of law top priority in Kohat

F.P. Report

meeting of the District tions. Monitoring Implementation Committee was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Kohat Abdul Akram at his Police and other related departments.

order situation and the steps Commissioner Kohat, on office on Tuesday. Beside the law and order situation should

taken by the relevant was also a detailed dis-KOHAT: An important departments and institu- cussion on the illegal Deputy spectrum and necessary instructions were given to this occasion said that all the authorities concerned resources will be used to in this regard. Deputy Commissioner maintain the revised Commissioner stressed National Action Plan and that all the departments perform their others, the meeting was in the entire Kohat district. duties diligently so that also attended by the offi- He added, the elements no miscreants can sucin the entire Kohat district. duties diligently so that cers of the District adminis- affecting the public peace ceed in their nefarious tration, Pak Army, Kohat will not be tolerated any designs. He also directed way because peace is fun- to taking adequate steps damental in the develop- to remedy the smuggling The meeting was briefed ment and prosperity of any and show zero tolerance in detail on the law and region.

# Microplastic a threat for biodiversity: Experts

KARAK: Microplastics have become a significant environmental concern due to their widespread pres-ence in ecosystems. PVC (polyvinyl chloride) microplastics are one of the most common types of microplastics found in the growing concern about microplastic in the environment and their potential impact on health.

divided into control and groups treatment groups. The treatof doses (0.1 mg/kg, 0.2 mg/kg, 0.4 mg/kg and 0.8 mg/kg respectively) and tics mixed in their basal were

placebo. significant toxicity in exposure to these MPs.

increased levels of oxidament group was divided tive stress and inflammainto four group on the basis tion with an increase in quantity Histopathological examination revealed damage to exposed to PVC microplas- the liver and DNA damage also observed diets for a duration of thirty through comet assay proenvironment. A team of five days after a one week cedure. Gene expression researchers from UVAS acclimatization period. The analysis for two house-Lahore has studied the control group received a keeping genes, OGG1 and HPRT1, indicted a signifi-The results showed that cant change in gene PVC microplastics caused expression as a result of

#### Jirga plays crucial role in Pakhtun society, says Sardar Khan F.P. Report

PABBI: Former provincial president Pakistan People's Party Sardar Ali said that forgiveness is a preferred act of Allah and that fighting and quarreling are not solutions to problems.

PPP leader highlighted significance Ramadan in promoting patience, tolerance, and sacrifice. He also emphasized the need for a harmonious society, where people respect each other and resolve issues through peaceful means, such as the traditional jirga system in Pashtun culture.

The ceremony was attended by various dignitaries, including PPP leaders and local officials. The event marked a significant step towards resolving conflicts and promoting peace Khan in the region. announced that he would be hosting two iftar dinners, one for each party involved in the conflict, as a symbol of unity and reconciliation.

The local community praised Khan's efforts in promoting peace and resolving issues through dialogue and mutual respect. His initiative was seen as a positive step towards creating a more harmonious society.

#### Police arrests 20 POs F.P. Report

LARKANA: Police arrested 20 accused involved in crimes and wanted in various cases were arrested and arrested in different areas of Larkana police in various areas of Larkana police who are involved in serious crimes like bloodshed, robberies, thefts and drug deal-According to the details,

the Darri police have arrested the accused Saddam, Kamran Abro along with 1050 grams of hashish and the accused Jonny Abro along with 1110 grams of hashish by carrying out successful operations at three different places and registered a case, Zahid alias Shahid Oad was arrested and locked up in the police station while Ratodero police took action and arrested two suspects Ghulamon Jalbani and drug dealer Mukhtiar Arbani along with hashish while Waris Dino Machhi police arrested two accused in the murder case Fida Bhosan and Zubair Bhosan while Nodero Police arrested criminal and drug dealer Gulbahar Khokhar from their possession.

Almost 2500 grams of hashish has been recovered while in Rahmatpur area of Larkana, Rahmatpur police Mashuri, who is absconding in the murder case, Irfan Korai, involved in drug ped-dling, along with 2000 grams of hashish and 06 gamblers along with cash, mobile phones and card addresses, have been done, while more legal and regulatory actions are going on, including the investigation of the arrested accused by the police.

**Journalists** protest: A few days ago. ournalists of Shaheed Rani Press Club protested against the misbehavior of SHO Mazar Mehr of Civil Police Station Lines Mazar Mahar against senjournalist Abdul Khaliq Jagirani and threatening to file a false case against him.

# **Bugti announces** overseas youth job opportunities

Balochistan Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz lenges faced by the Bugti announced that the provincial government has opened doors to dignified employment abroad for the elements, making it imperunemployed youth of

Speaking at the ceremo-Chief Minister's Youth sized the government's decision to bring the youth by June of this year. closer to the state and provide them with equal the expression of happiness opportunities for develop- from the Chairman of the He expressed happiness,

is now set to leave for employment abroad. This initiative will not only help them build a better future but also allow them to serve ambassadors for Pakistan and Balochistan, supporting their families economically and sending remittances to the country. He urged the youth to work diligently, honestly, and with commitment abroad, avoiding any actions that and ensuring job opportuniculd bring disrepute to ties abroad.

government's top priority. him. "Given the unique chalprovince, unemployed youth are vulnerable to being recruited by anti-state ative to restore their trust in the state through merit- and

governance," based ny for handing over visas added. The CM instructed and other travel documents the Department of Labor to selected youth under the and Manpower and BTEV-TA officials to complete the Skills Development process of sending the Program, the CM empha- remaining trained youth abroad under this program He also acknowledged

Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, stating that the first group of youth from Balochistan regarding the success of the program, stating that it will be a milestone in providing Bugti advised the youth traveling abroad to make a for themselves through hard work and dedication, bringing honor to Balochistan and Pakistan. He emphasized that the government has invested public resources in providing training to the youth

opment opportunities to the od will be required to repay officials.

youth of Balochistan is the the expenses incurred on

The CM appreciated the efforts of the Advisor for Labor and Manpower, Sardar Ghulam Rasool Umarani, Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan, Secretary of Labor, Director General BTEVTA Tariq Javed Mengal for the successful implementation of the Youth Skills Development Program.

He assured that the government will continue such initiatives to ensure the youth of the province have access to the best opportunities for development and economic stability.

Earlier, the Provincial Advisor for Labor and Manpower, Sardar Ghulam Rasool Umarani, Chairman the a bright future for the youth Foundation Zafar Qadir, of Balochistan. Mir Sarfraz and DG BTEVTA Tariq Javed Mengal also spoke at the ceremony, highlighting importance and

progress of the program. At the end of the ceremony, the CM handed over visas and necessary documents to the selected youth under the Chief Minister's Youth Skills Development Program. The event was attended by provincial min-Pakistan. Therefore, any youth isters, advisors, parliamen-He highlighted that pro-viding education and devel-viding education and devel-

# Lawyers mobilized mass protests against police

F.P. Report

SHANGLA: A heated confrontation between lawyers and police in Shangla has action, saying it was an sparked protests and condemnation intimidate them. from the legal community. The dispute began last week when a verbal altercation between traffic police and lawyers in Alpurai, the district headquarters, esca- action against the police lated into a physical con-

resolve the issue amicably, take up the matter at the remain uncovered. the situation took a turn for highest level. the worse when a video of social media. The police of a case against the police subsequently registered a officials and their immediprompting a fierce backlash

frontation.

from the legal community. Chowk and held a demon- to take action against them.

against the police and from the legal community, administration. The protest- with the Peshawar High ers condemned the police widespread attempt to humiliate and The Shangla

Association has announced a boycott of court proceedings until further notice and demanded immediate officials involved in the clash. The association has

the clash went viral on demanded the registration warned that some individuals are trying to impose The Lawyers staged their own brand of justice, protest rally in Alpurai above the law, and vowed

Court Mengora Bench Bar, Swat Bar Council, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council, among others, expressing solidarity with the lawyers in Shangla. Two children drowned:

devastating incident occurred in Shangla, where two children drowned in the River Indus. Despite a three-day rescue operation, Despite initial efforts to also formed a committee to the bodies of the children

Meanwhile, a severe cold nan has gripped Shangla with temperatures plummeting to record lows after a second day of rain and snowfall case against the lawyers, ate transfer. They have also in the region. The inclement weather has caused disruptions to daily life, with internet services and mobile signals severely affected, leaving the communication sysstration outside the DPO The incident has sparked tem in disarray.

# **Empowering women:** Joint efforts urged

MINGORA: In a significant step towards promoting women's rights, representatives from six districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa gathered in Fizagat to share experiences and strategies issues faced by women in their areas.

The event was attended by notable figures, including Saima Munir, head of Aurat Foundation, Swat, and representatives from Peshawar, Swat, Bajaur, Khyber District, Mardan, and Kohat.

Saima Munir emphasized the importance of legslation in empowering women, stating that the struggle to reduce violence against women and ensure equal inheritance rights will continue. To achieve this further amplify

for addressing the pressing Alliance, a platform comprising various social organizations from six districts, has been established. This alliance has referred over 300 cases to Peshawar in the past two years, addressing issues such as domestic violence, inhericybercrime, and tance,

The Evaji Alliance, part of the Joint Advocacy Alliance, has made a signif-4,000 women, men, transfrom diverse sectors. To their goal, the Joint Advocacy efforts, members of social within reach.

organizations from the participating districts were invited to share suggestions for solving women's problems, which will be forwarded to legislative bodies for consideration.

This collective effort aims to create a more equitable society, where women's rights are protected and promoted. As Saima Munir noted, the struggle for women's icant impact, assisting over empowerment is ongoing, but with joint advocacy genders, and minorities and legislation, a brighter future for women in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is

# Land procurement approved playground

F.P. Report

MARDAN: The Project Steering Committee (PSC) chaired meeting Mardan Commissioner Division approved the purchase of 20 Canals of land for the establishment of a playground in Union Council Par

The meeting was attended Additional Deputy Commissioner, Assistant to Commissioner, District Sports Officer (DSO), representatives of Planning and Development Department The meeting considered

establishment of a sports ground for the youth of the area. The Sports Department declared 20 Canals of private land located in the center of the Union Council as suitable for the project, which is accessible through a 20-foot road. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Finance and Planning) and DSO Mardan briefed the meeting in detail about the land. It was also clarified in the meeting that funding for this project will and the Planning Officer of be provided from the devel-

22. Under this project, facilivarious proposals for the ties such as a cricket academy, football, volleyball, basketball ground and badminton court will be provided which will help engage the youth in positive activities and promote sports.

The committee gave formal approval for the purchase of land after detailed deliberations.Commissioner Mardan Division Nisar Ahmed directed the District Sports Officer Mardan to meet the owners of the land and settle the legal matters so that any legal complications the Deputy Commissioner opment funds of National can be avoided in the future.

Iran to respond to

Trump letter

after scrutiny

DUBAI (Reuters): Iran will respond to US President

Donald Trump's invitation

But Foreign ministry

"So far, we have no reason

The Iranian spokesperson

noted contradictory signals

from Washington which was voicing readiness for talks while also applying

new sanctions on Tehran's

negotiations have etiquette

in that each side must

recognise the other's inter-

ests and, more importantly,

believe in fulfilling their

commitments," Baghaei added during a televised

press conference. "The US

does not respect that and

uses the possibility of

negotiations as a propagan-

In his first term, Trump

withdrew the US from a

2015 deal between Iran and

major powers that had

placed strict limits on its

exchange for sanctions

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# UK energy minister in Beijing seeks to press China on emissions



well as touchy topics such moving forward" as Hong Kong and forced British Prime Vice

emitter of the greenhouse use the trip to "urge contingases that drive climate ued action from China... to change, China, the world's tackle the climate emersecond-largest economy, is gency". "I consider it to be also a renewable energy negligence towards today's powerhouse and aims to and future generations not reach net zero by 2060.

The UK has pledged to topic," he wrote. decarbonise completely by 2050 and has ramped up the month that China missed a mal climate dialogue transition to clean energy key climate target in 2024 sources, which it claims and that emissions rose will help boost its flagging slightly as coal remained ing role in global coopera-economy. Miliband met dominant, despite record tion on the climate. "This is with Wang Hongzhi, head renewable additions. The about protecting the British of Beijing's National figures mean that China is people now and for genera-

BEIJING (AFP): UK ener- the China-UK Energy gy minister Ed Miliband Dialogue that London has met officials in Beijing said will be the first of regafter vowing to press them ular "climate change talks on China's emissions as between both countries

Premier Minister Keir Starmer has Xuexiang at Beijing's sought to boost engagement ornate Great Hall of the with China since coming to People. Miliband is the power in July, despite con-third minister in Starmer's cerns over security and cabinet to visit China, writhuman rights crackdowns. ing in The Guardian news-Although it is the largest paper last week that he will to engage China on this

ment under the Paris climate agreement, analysts said. London has said the UK will share with China "expertise on phasing out coal, having closed its last He also held talks with coal-fired power station last

Miliband said he would also raise concerns over rights abuses in Hong Kong and the treatment of the Uyghur minority -- as well as "forced labour in supply chains" and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which Beijing has never con-demned. "Disagreement cannot be an excuse for disengagement," said. The energy minister also plans to invite Chinese counterparts to London Official data showed last later this year to renew forbetween the countries, as the UK looks to play a leading role in global coopera-

#### relief. After Trump pulled out in 2018 and re-imposed sanctions, Iran breached and far surpassed those Energy Administration, for off-track on a key committions to come," he wrote. limits in the development of its nuclear programme. Western powers accuse Iran of seeking nuclear

weapons by enriching uranium up to 60% purity, above what they deem is justifiable for a civilian programme. Tehran says the development of its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes and that it respects its commitments under international law.

#### Colombia to decide which NATO fighter jets to buy

(Reuters): Colombia will decide within months from which NATO country it will purchase fighter jets, new Defense Minister Pedro Sanchez said. acknowledging that illegal armed groups have taken advantage of peace efforts to strengthen themselves mili-

Colombia has been looking to replace its fleet of more than 30-year-old Israeli Kfir planes for more than a decade and is considering US-made F-16s, Sweden's Gripen and France's Rafale,

Sanchez said in an interview. 'This is an issue of sovereignty. We cannot leave Colombia unprotected in this capacity," said Sanchez, a former air force general who left the military to take up his ministerial post. He would not say how much Colombia will spend on the planes or how many it will buy, but the government said in 2023 it had a \$3.65 billion budget to

purchase some 16 planes. Armed groups like the National Liberation Army (ELN) rebels, re-armed members of the demobilized Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the Clan del Golfo crime gang have strengthened militarily and expanded territorially amid peace efforts, including negotiations with the government of President Gustavo Petro, Sanchez said Petro, the country's first leftist president, promised to end a six-decade-long conflict that has killed 450,000 people, but with less than 17 months left in office has yet to ink any accords.

Participation in peace talks does not oblige armed groups to stop illegal activities, but Sanchez said continued drug trafficking and illegal mining allowed the groups to increase their fighting power. "They betrayed the Colombian people, they increased their narco-criminal power and it's necessary to fight it," Sanchez said. A potential decision by the United States to cut or suspend military aid would negatively impact operations against cancer of drug trafficking," Sanchez said, including efforts to combat cocaine production.

# Ukraine and Russia have conditions that could affect a ceasefire

a longer-term peace plan.

Ukraine, which faced pressure to accept the ceasefire after US expects that he will threaten more to monitor a prospective truce. sanctions on Moscow to push Putin into accepting the terms.

As he disclosed that he will talk to and power plants are part of the conversation around bringing the war to a close, a process he described as "dividthe other, and both have red lines that they insist cannot be crossed.

When Putin launched its full-scale joining NATO, sharply cut its army, and protect Russian language and culture to keep the country in Moscow's orbit. Now, he also demands that Kyiv withdraw its strong military response if Russia forces from the four regions Moscow illegally annexed in September 2022 but never fully occupied - Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson. Russian officials also have said that any peace deal should involve releasing Russian assets that were frozen in the West and lifting other US and European Union sanctions. The Trump administration has proposed putting potential sanctions relief on

Along with that, Putin has repeat- set Ukrainian forces back throughout ceasefire in Russia's 3-year-old war edly emphasized the need to "remove the war. in Ukraine hinges on Moscow accept- the root causes of the crisis" - a refering the US proposal of a 30-day pause ence to the Kremlin's demand to roll in fighting as a confidence-building back a NATO military buildup near measure for both sides to hammer out Russian borders that it describes as a major threat to its security. He also Ukrainian President Volodymyr argues that Zelenskyy, whose term Zelenskyy has warned that Russian expired last year, lacks legitimacy to President Vladimir Putin will look to sign a peace deal. Kyiv maintains that delay such a temporary truce with elections are impossible to hold amid conditions meant to divert the peace a war. Trump has echoed Putin's process and lengthen the war. view, speaking of the need for Ukraine to hold an election. Russian officials also have declared that President Donald Trump blocked mil- Moscow won't accept troops from itary aid and intelligence sharing, any NATO members as peacekeepers

Facing setbacks along the 1,000kilometer (620-mile) front, Ukraine has backed away from demanding Putin on Tuesday, Trump said that land that its state borders be returned to pre-2014 lines, because it does not have the military force capable of reaching that end. Ukraine is asking ing up certain assets." But beyond the for a peace deal cemented with secutemporary ceasefire, both sides seem rity guarantees from international unwilling to make large concessions to allies that will ensure that Russia is never able to invade again. In lieu of NATO membership - a long-sought desire by Kyiv that appears to be invasion on Feb. 24, 2022, he nearly impossible without US backdemanded that Ukraine renounce ing - what those guarantees might look like is taking shape in parallel talks led by France and Britain. A "coalition of the willing" envisions European boots on the ground and a

> were to launch a new offensive. Zelenskyy has insisted the withstand future Russian offensives, a costly endeavor that will require quick and consistent support from international allies. A stockpile of weapons, capable of doing serious damage to Russian assets, is another

Ukraine has key demands from Russia as well. Kyiv refuses to cede more territory to Moscow, including those in partially occupied regions. Also, Ukraine is seeking the return of children illegally deported to Russia and thousands of civilians detained in Russian prisons. Both sides have red lines that are mutually exclusive making negotiations extremely challenging. The US has said both sides must make concessions. The fate of onefifth of Ukrainian land now under Russian control is likely to take center focus. For Moscow, the presence of NATO member states, as either peacekeepers or a reassurance force outside of the alliance framework, is a red line. But Moscow hasn't mentioned any specific concessions.

For Ukraine, which is in a weaker position, the question of territory held by Russia that it does not have the military means to retake is central. For Kyiv, it is both a red line and a potential concession. Zelenskyy has said his country will never recognize the territory as Russian. But Ukrainian officials concede that, while officially this always will be Kyiv's position, the occupied territories are likely to remain under Russian control for some time. "Partners know our red lines - that we do not recognize the occupied territories as the territories of the Russian Federation, and we do not recognize them," Zelenskyy told journalists Ukrainian army be strengthened to recently. "This is my political will as president. And this is the political will of our people. This is a violation of international law and the Constitution of Ukraine.'

Ukraine also rejects restrictions on the size and capabilities of its armed demand. Kyiv also wants to bolster forces as well as limits on its ability its domestic arms industry to lessen to join international alliances such as its reliance on allies, a reality that has NATO and the European Union.

# South African ambassador has to leave US by Friday

WASHINGTON (AP): The conference, talked about President Trump as well was declared "persona non where white people soon

his decision Friday on status. social media, South African embassy staff were sum- latest Trump administration moned to the State move formal diplomatic note executive order last month explaining the decision, halting funding to the coun-Tammy Bruce said.

matic privileges and immu- saying it is pursuing antinities expired and that he white policies at home and would be required to leave supporting "bad actors" in the United States by Friday. the South African Foreign Palestinian militant group Chrispin Phiri said in a tel- African President Cyril evision interview that Ramaphosa told reporters but would be leaving as

soon as possible. decision in a post on X as displeasure that has been he was flying back to the expressed by the United of 7 foreign ministers meet- about Rasool's remarks, but ing in Canada. In it, he stressed that he believed accused Rasool of being a South Africa was in the "race-baiting politician" who hates President Donald relationship with the US. Trump. His post linked to a "This is a hiccup, a hiccup story by the conservative we are working on straight-Breitbart news site about a ening out," he said. "We talk Rasool gave earlier will engage with the United Friday in Johannesburg as States of America in a for-

grata" last week, has until would no longer be in the Friday to leave the country. majority. It is highly unusu-

Rubio's decision was the targeting South Department and given a Africa. Trump signed an department spokesperson try. It criticized the Blackled South African govern-She said Rasool's diplo- ment on multiple fronts, world like spokesperson Hamas and Iran. South Rasool was still in the US that Rasool would give him a report when he returned home. Ramaphosa said his Rubio announced his government has "noted the process of rebuilding its

State Department says actions taken by the Trump Our relationship with the South Africa's ambassador administration in the con- United States is going to be to the United States, who text of a United States put on an even keel, so I would like the people of South Africa not to have sleepless nights." Bruce After Secretary of State al for the US to expel a for- said the United States Marco Rubio determined eign ambassador, although expects a certain level of that Ambassador Ebrahim lower-ranking diplomats respect."We've had a decent Rasool was no longer wel- are more frequently target- level of diplomacy with come in the US and posted ed with persona non grata South Africa. There are some challenges, but you want people in each embassy who can actually facilitate a relationship, she told reporters. "And these remarks were unacceptable to the United States, not just to the president, but to every American."

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said South Africa intended to raise questions with the US over Rubio seemingly announcing on social media that Rasool was no longer wel-come in the US before informing him of the deci sion. Phiri said South Africa believed such matters should first be dis cussed through diplomatic channels. "But this is the United States from a Group States," and particularly reality that we also have to contend with with this administration. That it does seem as though Twitter (X) is the preferred mode of communication,' spokesman said in an inter-

view on the South Africa Broadcasting Corporation Bruce said the meeting with South African embassy part of a South African mal way," Ramaphosa said. staff was on Friday. Rubio's think tank's webinar. "We will do so with deep post went out at 4:42 p.m Rasool, speaking by video- respect for them and for on Friday.

# Starmer, Macron work 'hand in glove' amid revived UK-French ties

PARIS (AFP): Prime when Trump Minister Keir Starmer and Russian leader Vladimir Macron teaming up to lead ic cold by unilaterally Europe's backing of Ukraine during Donald Trump's tumultuous second Trump's tumultuous second Ukraine. presidency highlights a Starmer, 62, and with Germany's, met a top warming British-Franco Macron, 47, quickly joined aide to Ukrainian President relationship, insiders and forces seeking to ensure

nious negotiations over Britain's departure from the European Union following result.

would "reset" European allies, down on since Donald Trump's White House return and subsequent upending of US foreign policy. "From before coming into government, Keir

condition of anonymity. lenge was thrown into are working hand in glove,"

Emmanuel Putin in from the diplomat-

that any agreement to end Polish capital this week. Relations between the the three-year conflict Those talks came after the nosedived during acrimo- and European security -- an objective they continue to pursue together. The pair have gathered European a shock 2016 referendum leaders and other allies to respective summits in Paris Starmer came into office and London as they attempt in July vowing his Labour to assemble a "coalition of the willing" -- countries Britain's relationship with prepared to protect any ceasefire. Starmer and approach he has doubled Macron say they are prepared to deploy troops to Ukraine, backed by US support, to deter Putin from violating any truce.

They are trying to convince other nations to do the Starmer has prioritised same or help through differbuilding a strong relation-ship with President logistics and surveillance. Macron," said a Downing Starmer convened the latest Street source, speaking on meeting of interested countries in a virtual gathering of "It's clear that they have around 25 leaders. The warm personal relation- meeting came after Macron ship and complementary on Tuesday told military skills. There is huge respect chiefs from across Europe on both sides, which was and beyond to move "from break" (give me a break) built before the current concept to plan" and "define and "prenez un grip" (get a epochal challenge and is credible security guaran-now invaluable." That chaltees" for Kyiv. "The teams

sharp relief last month the Downing Street source

Britain and France are acting as key intermediaries between Ukraine and Trump's administration.

Both countries' national

security advisers, along Volodymyr Zelensky in the returned from Saudi Arabia where it had endorsed an American proposal for a 30-day ceasefire. The E3 national security advisers were also in Washington to meet their US counterpart Mike Waltz. Relations across the English channel have long been up and down. Centuries of conflicts

ceded the signing of the "Entente Cordiale" in 1904, a series of agreements that served as a basis for forging closer relationship. Elysee sources say Starmer and Macron struck up a positive relationship immediately, which has intensified since Trump resumed the presidency. Today's bonhomie is a far cry from of the day could choose to 2021 when then Tory preput their "special relationmier Boris Johnson told Macron to "donnez-moi un grip) over French anger about the Aukus military pact between Britain,

prime minister Liz Truss said "the jury's out" when asked if she saw Macron as a friend or foe.

'The British-Franco relationship is the strongest it has been for years,' Mujtaba Rahman, managing director for Europe at political risk consultancy Eurasia Group, told AFP. ross-Channel neighbours would respect Ukrainian Ukrainian delegation "Both the political principals and their principals are in constant contact. As Europe's two pre-eminent nuclear and strategic powers, this is a very good thing." Despite bilateral ties being warm, tensions linger over Brexit, including over fishing rights in UK waters. And there remains competition between the two nations. "(The relationship) becomes a lot more complibetween the countries precated in the context of the EU," Anand Menon, UK director of the Changing Europe think-tank told AFP. "There are still lingering issues.'

> Paris remains wary of Britain's long ties to the United States, suspecting it too dependant on Washington, and at the end Chevallereau, a former defence attache at the French embassy in London, agrees. "There has indeed been significant progress (but) there is still room for America and Australia. In improvement," he told AFP.

### Russia plans to launch large-scale lithium production

Russia plans to produce at world's 14th largest. Lithium least 60,000 metric tons of oxide has about one third of lithium carbonate in 2030, pure lithium and lithium carthe natural resources ministry said, as Moscow seeks of pure lithium. "Industrial to reduce its dependency on lithium production in the imports and boost produc- country will begin in 2030," tion of high-capacity electric the ministry stated. President batteries.

Lithium and other critical month that Russia should minerals, including rare speed up its plans to mine earth metals, have gained global attention in recent for lithium has surged in months, as US President recent years as Russian com-Donald Trump aimed to panies work on the mass counter China's dominance in the sector by offering production deals to Ukraine and Russia. Lithium, a metal tionally imported lithium, essential for electric vehicle and it is now crucial to production, is included on launch facilities swiftly and the list of 50 minerals increase the extraction and deemed critical by the US processing of this strategi-Geological Survey. Russia cally important resource for reported having 3.5 million the economy," the ministry tons of lithium oxide added. The ministry said it

Survey estimated Russia's um lithium reserves at about 1 Kolmozerskoye

(Reuters): million tons in 2024, the Polmostundrovskoye in the bonate contains about 20% Vladimir Putin said last lithium deposits. Demand production of lithium batteries and electric vehicles.

"The country has tradihad issued exploration The US Geological licenses for three major lithi-

deposits:

Murmansk region in north-Russia, western Tastygskoye in the Tuva region, which borders Mongolia. All three deposits and their adjacent produc tion plants are expected to become operational by 2030, the ministry said. In 2023, Russia mined only 27 tons of lithium as a byproduct at an emerald deposit in Ural Mountains Kolmozerskoye, which contains one-quarter of Russia's known lithium reserves, is operated by Polar Lithium, a joint venture between Russian metals giant Nornickel and the stateowned nuclear energy firm Rosatom. The private firm Arctic Lithium holds a

license Polmostundrovskoye, while Elbrusmetall-Lithium, subsidiary of the state defence and industrial conglomerate Rostech, holds a license for Tastygskoye.

Italy and Spain made clear ters from the EU's 27 counto pledge up to 40 billion euros (\$43.67 billion) in and discussions were now military aid for Ukraine going into details. this year, with each country contributing according to the size of its economy.

Kallas could mean a doubling of EU military sup-Ukraine on the battlefield of future of US support under Donald Trump's administion and is pressing both January sides to negotiate.

said he would speak to Worl Russian President Vladimir tank. Putin on Tuesday about ending the war. After a Portugal,

(Reuters): meeting of foreign ministhey were not ready to back tries in Brussels, Kallas a European Union proposal said her proposal had "broad political support" The proposal has strong

Italy, Spain not ready to back EU

plan to boost Ukraine military aid

backing from northern and eastern European coun-The proposal by EU for- tries, according to diploeign policy chief Kaja mats. But some southern European capitals have been more reticent, reflectport for Ukraine in its war ing a division between against Russia's invasion as those geographically closer the bloc and its members to Russia that have given gave some 20 billion euros more aid to Ukraine and in 2024. EU officials say it those further away that is vital to keep backing have given less, as a share their economies. amid uncertainty over the Estonia, Denmark and Lithuania lead the field in Europe, having given more tration, which has ended than 2% of their GDP in Russia's diplomatic isola- aid to Kyiv between 2022 December 2024, according US President Trump to the Kiel Institute for the World Economy think

> Italy, Slovenia, Spain, Greece

Cyprus are among those to Minister Jose have given the least, havbefore the meeting, ministers from Italy and Spain the EU's third and fourth biggest economies - said it was too early to take a definitive position on the proposal. France has also raised questions about the plan, diplomats say. Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said the proposal would have to be discussed in depth and in the light of

'We are waiting for the Trump-Putin telephone call to see if there will be any steps forward in order to reach a ceasefire," he said, adding that Italy also had to find money to boost its There is a lot of expenditure to be tackled," he said. finance arms supplies to

Foreign Ukraine,".

Spanish

Albares said: "We'll see ing provided less than how the debate goes, but at 0.5% of their GDP. this point there's no deci-Hungary, which has the sion on it." Albares said EU's most Russia-friendly Spain had already commitgovernment, is bottom of ted to providing 1 billion the EU table. Speaking euros in military aid to Ukraine this year. He said Madrid had not had to "wait for the High Representative (Kallas) to make any proposal" to show Kyiv could rely on its support. During the ministers' discussion on Ukraine, Slovakia signalled it would not obstruct the plan but also would decline to contribute, according to three diplomats. forthcoming developments. Hungary and Slovakia do not provide military aid to Ukraine but EU officials say they should not be able to block the proposal as contributions would be voluntary. "We will not be dragged into this, nor will own defence spending. we let Hungarian taxpayers' money be used to

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# China's unorthodox plan to boost economy

HINA has unveiled a plan to boost economic growth by stimulating consumerism in the country. The plan has made provisions for increasing wages and income, of creating tourism hot spots in snow-bound regions.

The plan was announced by the General Office of Communist Party of China Central Committee and the Central Office of the State Council, the Cabinet. The details have not yet been revealed as to how much the wage increases would be, and how much would be spent on creating the tourism centres.

There is a mention of asking the companies to provide for annual leave and vacationing of the workers and their families. So, far China had been focused on export growth. Its economic growth over the decades had been predicated on exports and also savings. But the emphasis has completely shifted to consumption-based economic growth.

The government has been encouraged to harp on consumption after the rebound in the housing sector and in the stock markets due to policy stimulus ushered in September last. Guo Chunli, vice president of the Chinese Academy of Macroeconomic Research, said, "The upward trends have helped to stabilise asset prices, which is a crucial prerequisite for consumers to feel more secure about their financial situation and be more willing to spend.'

It is interesting that the Chinese government and the Communist Party of China are nudging people to marry and have more children on the one hand, and also asking them to spend more money on travel and other things like investing in real estate once again. Both these initiatives are addressed to the domestic domain. This is to ensure that China local population. spends enough in the country to boost economic growth, and that Chinese people marry to have children to keep the demographic balance needed to keep the economy in top gear.

External observers and critics of China are likely to argue that the new policy of consumerism-led economic growth would not be of much benefit to the struggling global economy if the Chinese do not travel abroad or they do not buy foreign goods and services. Spending in China and on Chinese goods and services will benefit China but it will not help the

struggling world economy.

But this is not likely to happen. It is not certain that the Chinese will become globe-trotters as had the Japanese and South Koreans in the earlier decades. There is indeed a thriving Chinese middle class which buoys up the Chinese economy, but the middle class is not large enough or rich enough to become conspicuous consumers the way Americans, Europeans and Japanese have been.

China is the second biggest economy but it is not too rich for middle class Chinese spend on luxury living at home and abroad. Chinese companies cannot increase salaries and wages of its employees beyond a limit because otherwise the companies would not be able to keep their margin profits high enough.

The other option for China is to attract foreign tourists, and to do so it would have to open up many parts of the country including Tibet. Chinese authorities might hesitate to throw open the country because of security concerns. China hopes to meet its growth target of 5 per cent in 2025 through its consumption programme. As any advanced economy, China's growth rate will not be as rapid or as high as it had been in the last 40 years. when it clocked 10 per cent growth annually. Its growth rate could stabilise at the new normal of 5 per cent, though when Xi Jinping took over in 2013, it was assumed that 6 per cent growth would be the new normal for China.

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# Palestinians' lives blocked by checkpoints

Yossi Mekelberg

NE of the most visible and disturbing turned back, hinders peo- between the occupiers and ple from getting to work, the occupied. from getting to a medical appointment on time, century ago, three Jewish from seeing family and Jerusalemite women of friends or from reaching conscience, after encoun-

humiliation. you are at the mercy of teenagers, who, after hours activists who expose and of making you wait, can document the ills of the continue to your destina- the mushrooming number tion. You can stand there of checkpoints and how for hours on end exposed to they operate. the elements — in the the cold and muddy condi- the tions of the winter enduring this routine that is braved the wet weather at least as much about from across the West Bank tion into submission as it is Qalandiya Checkpoint, in about security.

see their time on check- all turned back. Worse, they

told me that the thought of humanitarian sented their IDs and begged no longer had the right to him to let them pass kept observe their faith and pray him awake at night. It made at their holy shrine. it even more difficult, he said, if they were frail or semblance of pretense anysick or on their way to more that checkpoints are a receive medical treatment, necessary evil of Israel's sometimes even for a life- security within the Green saving procedure, or if they Line; instead, they are simwere pregnant and on the ply about control and treatway to give birth.

However, there are also population as the enemy. those soldiers who abuse

Israeli occupation of the impunity. Above all, check-The long wait to cross demonstrating the asymthem, or often to be metric power relations

> first time, founded a non-Watch (Checkpoint Watch). soldiers, often There are now 500 women

For instance, scorching summer heat or recently reported that on first Friday Ramadan, people who To be fair, many soldiers Jerusalem for prayers, were I recall a conversation ings from the ruler, no with a young soldier who (relaxing of the rules) like passage the power asymmetry and/or lighter restrictions between himself, armed to for women, children and the teeth, and the civilians the elderly. All people, whose fear he could see in rejected regardless of gentheir eyes while they pre- der, age and state of health,

In other words, not a

The network of checkthis position of power — points, dozens of them perand they are usually able to manent, others temporary,

symbols of the do so with complete was spread out all over the West Bank well before Oct. West Bank, one that points represent the banal 7, 2023, and since then makes the hardships of routine of an oppressive many more have been occupied by Israel, and the Palestinians living occupation that is a blight appearing suddenly and restricts and disrupts the the Palestinians living occupation that is a blight appearing suddenly and there even more unbear- on the daily lives of ordiable, are the checkpoints. nary people, as well as ately disrupting lives.

In early 2023, the UN nently or irregularly. The Office for the Coordination original idea might have of Humanitarian Affairs documented 645 physical Nearly a quarter of a obstacles in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, rang- political allies, it has ing from 49 checkpoints constantly staffed by Israeli to further a future annexa school. But above all it tering a military checkpoint forces or private security tion. creates a strong sense of in the West Bank for the companies to other occasionally staffed roadblocks, If you are a Palestinian, governmental organization earth mounds, road gates, regardless of age or gender, and named it Machsom road barriers and trenches.

include the Israeli-controlled area of Hebron, where there are dozens obstacles, many equipped gy, and with facilities for detention and interrogation. To ensure the security of tilted toward the latter. about 1,000 ultra-extremist grinding the local popula- to reach the infamous at least 30,000 Palestinians any other vehicle, as some who live in the Israeli-con- evidence suggests, this is the faint hope of reaching trolled part of the city have deliberately reckless and is hell. And all these restric- ing who rules the roost ir point duty as the worst part described the experience as tions and obstacles are for this land. For most of their service because follows: "Unlike previous the benefit of those who Palestinians, this is their

epitomizes the broader phenomenon of limiting the freedom of movement of Palestinians in the West Bank and the situation has worsened since the Oct. 7 attacks. Almost 100 more obstacles have been erected since then. This is in addition to the 712 km-long separation barrier, which Israel began building in 2002 and is the single largest obstacle to the free movement of Palestinians, but not Israelis

Admittedly, Israel began ing the entire Palestinian erecting this barrier during the Second Intifada, with transfer, leaving peace and the aim of containing ter- reconciliation between the rorist attacks inside Israel, two peoples so much hardbut this does not explain er to achieve.

why it was not built along the Green Line. Instead about 85 percent of the bar rier's route winds through the West Bank, which is freedom of movement of Palestinians either permabeen security, but with the influence of the leaders of the settlements and their become more an instrument

By now, the enormous number of restrictions by checkpoints that prevent for instance, farmers from This figure did not cultivating their land and people from getting to work or to worship, let alone the danger of being arrested decide whether you can occupation, but above all more checkpoints and and even shot should they be suspected of not followwith metal detectors, sur- ing the instructions of those veillance cameras and guarding the checkpoints, facial recognition technolo- suggests that the balance between security oppression has long since

When ambulances are settlers, the movements of treated at checkpoints like been turned into a living simply about demonstrat-This extreme situation morality, or more accurate ly the immorality, of this situation does not need much elaboration, it leaves open the question: How do those who design and impose these policies think that they could possibly be

serving Israel's interests? After all, they only increase resentment, damage the economy and leave many Palestinians feeling humiliated.

But the messianic ultranationalists, in addition to satisfying their power trip believe that all this expe dites annexation and even

# Pakistan's evolving national security: Challenges and imperatives Muhammad Mohsin Iqbal

passage of time in allies, and response to both internal engagement upon the insights and resolutions of previous meetings to formulate policies survival in the current institutional

global scenario. Over the years, Pakistan has sought to institutionalize its approach to national security. Several national security meetings have been convened at critical junctures in the country's history, shaping policies that have impacted its stability and growth. The establishment of the national interest dictates National Security Council under various governments ual or institutional ambiwas an effort to ensure a structured and comprehensive security policy.

The previous policies

emphasized the importance economic security alongside military preparedness, recognizing that economic stability forms the backbone of national resilience.

These were the product of extensive consultations with all stakeholders and marked a shift in Pakistan's approach, moving from a purely defense-oriented security framework to a broader, more inclusive strategy that encompassed human security and economic development.

Despite these measures, security threats have continued to evolve, requiring continuous adaptation. The recent resurgence of terrorparticularly Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, poses a grave challenge. The Diplomatic engagement hijacking of the Jaffar remains an essential tool in Express and the tragic loss of innocent lives under- interests. score the urgency of addressing insurgency with a renewed and strategic counterterrorism approach.

persistence of groups such as the Baloch Liberation Army and the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan demonstrates the necessity of strengthening intelli-gence networks, deploying modern surveillance technologies, and enhancing inter-agency coordination to neutralize such threats before they materialize into devastating attacks.

Hybrid warfare, too, has emerged as a formidable Pakistan is challenge. increasingly being targeted by misinformation campaigns, cyber threats, and psychological operations aimed at weakening national institutions and sowing discord within the popula-

The rise of social media as a battleground for perception management necessitates the development of a robust cybersecurity infrastructure. This meeting address must address ways to misinformation, counter protect digital assets, and educate the public about hybrid threats that seek to destabilize the country from within. Economic

remains a fundamental pillar of national security. The depreciation of the rupee, inflation, and the ongoing energy crisis are not merely financial concerns but also national security imperatives. A weakened economy exposes the nation to external pressures and undermines its ability to maintain independence. strategic Aligning Pakistan's economic policies with longterm security objectives is essential.

Trade partnerships with key allies such as China, Saudi Arabia, and Gulf nations must be strengthened, while economic diplomacy should play a central role in reducing external dependencies. The expansion of industrial and technological sectors can further bolster economic security, reducing reliance stakeholders to their effecon foreign aid and ensuring sustainable development.

Regional stability is lead to decisive actions, another key concern. The Pakistan can emerge situation in Afghanistan remains uncertain, with continued instability along lenges that lie ahead.

**PAKISTAN'S nation-** Pakistan's western border. **Language Pakistan's western border.** Pakistan's western border. remained a dynamic ment, increased intelliconcept, evolving with the gence sharing with regional and external challenges. Afghanistan's leadership In the modern world, a are essential to prevent the nation's security is no spillover of violence and longer determined solely extremism into Pakistan. by its military strength Tensions with India, partic-but by the resilience of its ularly over Kashmir, coninstitutions, economy, and tinue to shape Pakistan's society. The convening of security policies. While another National Security military preparedness meeting under the chair-remains crucial, diplomatic manship of the Sardar avenues must also be Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker of explored to prevent escala-the National Assembly tion and ensure that reflects the gravity of the Pakistan's security interests challenges Pakistan faces are safeguarded through today. It is imperative regional and international that this session builds engagement. Internal political stabili-

ty plays a critical role in shaping national security. that secure Pakistan's Political polarization and weaken the state's ability to respond effectively to security threats. National security should be a non-partisan issue, where collective decision-making precedence over political rivalries.

strategy rather than individtions. Parliament, security forces, and civil institutions must work in harmony to develop policies that ensure stability and progress.

The success of this national security meeting will depend on the adoption of clear, actionable strategies. A stronger and more empowered Security Council should be institutionalized, ensuring that security decisions are made within a structured and permanent framework rather than on an ad hoc

Counterterrorism measures must be intensified through better coordination among intelligence agencies and the deployment of modern surveillance technologies.

The revival of the National Counter Terrorism Authority can play a crucial role in consolidating efforts against insurgent threats.

securing Pakistan's national

Active participation in regional peace dialogues improving relations with neighboring countries, and utilizing forums such as the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to advocate for Pakistan's security concerns can help build alliances that strengthen national resilience. Strengthening partnerships with China, Turkey, and Gulf nations while maintaining balanced relations with Western powers will that ensure remains strategically positioned in an increasingly polarized global environment.

Public engagement and national unity are fundamental to long-term security. A strong and cohesive society acts as the first line of defense against internal external threats. Promoting interfaith harmony, fostering national integration, and ensuring equitable development across provinces can socio-economic disparities that often lead to unrest and extremism. Strengthening local goverstructures will nance improve law enforcement, service delivery, and overall governance, reducing the space for elements that seek to exploit governance

The decisions made in today's national security meeting will have longlasting implications Pakistan stands at a critical crossroads where its survival depends on a wellcoordinated approach that integrates military strength, economic resilience, political stability, and diplomatic foresight. National security can no longer be viewed in isolation from economic and social factors.

strength of these elements will that determine Pakistan's ability to navigate the complexities of the modern world. The success of this meeting will be measured not just by the policies it proposes but by the commitment of all tive implementation. If the resolutions of this session stronger, more secure, and better prepared for the chal-

It is the combined

# Adapting higher education to tech revolution

HINESE universiglobal changes and cop- engineering, ing with slowing econom- robotics and help Chinese modernization.

If universities view reforms as a way to extend disciplines. their academic reach or quality and performance, their and foster sustainable innovation.

structure of academic disciplines, with interdisciplinary majors accounting for 20 percent of its undergradinnovation.

university enrolling more students in focused on the people. fields critical to national

ties have developed neering future industries by because thinking big is not advancing at a rapid pace by consolidating its resources the exclusive domain of leveraging the benefits of and establishing six inno- geniuses and authorities. instruction in all its pro reform and opening-up. vation-oriented schools in But today, when they face fields such as integrated the dual challenge of circuits, computing and should set goals: to prokeeping ahead of the intelligence, biomedical mote human progress, advanced ic growth, they need to manufacturing, intelligent deepen reforms to main- materials and future enertain their global status gies, electronics and inforadvance mation and future space. This initiative is aimed at reshaping its engineering

To boost its faculties' Therefore, they development, especially should focus on structural nurturing young talents, reforms to improve their ensuring teachers fulfill responsibilities, reforming the evaluation and incentive systems, For example, Fudan facilitating the orderly University has adjusted the mobility of teachers, and enhancing support for basic research.

Furthermore, higher education reforms should uate admissions. In the be people-centric, creating next phase, it plans to focus a virtuous cycle of educanew undergraduate enroll- tion, technology and talments on interdisciplinary ents. As universities cultifields, in order to promote vate talents to advance the cause of the nation, university reforms should be

To begin with, it is

Young students acquiring knowledge and skills intelligent explore the unknown, and contribute to the nation and its people. Studies carried out by

Fudan University's Institute Higher Education and other universities in the country show that some students, even highly talented ones, compete for resources, they development, the universi- are losing their interest in could become less effi- ty is focusing on talent research and innovation, which integrates various partly because the pressure of exams stifles their curiosity and creativity. That's why University advises both teachers and students to learn from their mistakes, fostering a robust system of innovation — and aims to cultivate more young talents who dream of finding solutions to the problems facing the country and the world.

There is also a need to cultivate individuals who are multitalented or have a broad perspective, because for deepening comprehen such individuals can indestrategies and societal essential to cultivate indi- become innovators in inter- advancing Chinese modneeds. It is focusing on pio-viduals who think big, disciplinary fields. In fact, ernization.

University Fudan reforms by including Al grams to cultivate versatile talents and innovators. Recognizing that exces

sive dependence on AI may impede a student's creativi ty, the university provides guidance on mastering and transforming AI tools, with a focus on curbing the potential misuse of Al technologies. Moreover.

University offers students a course called the "path to national rejuvenation' courses, and combines values with acquisition of knowledge and skills. This Fudan approach aims to strength en students' resilience and boost their confidence.

With 2025 marking the 120th anniversary of its establishment, University pledges to continue deepening reforms fostering innovation, and contributing more to the advancement of Chinese modernization. This year's Government Work Report has set clear requirements sive reforms in higher edu pendently build their cation, making reforms in knowledge framework and universities essential for

# Trump's sudden **U-turns** create regional unease **Mohamad Alasmar**

flip-flops confused Palestinians Iranians and regional tensions during Trump this month. On the one regard direct talks as the US branded a ter- they are essential when rorist organisation in trying to defuse conflicts. **1997.** He proclaimed a Hamas "last warning" Hamas to release Israeli ever, regard direct talks sent to Iran's supreme tion. "I am sending Israel everything it needs to finish the job, not a single Hamas member will be safe if you don't do as I say,' Trump posted on his social media platform.

To back up his bluster, Trump has restored delivery of 900-kilogramme bombs suspended during the Biden administration and pledged another \$12 billion in arms for delivery to Israel which had already received \$20.5 billion worth of arms under ex-President Joe

On the other hand, his outburst was preceded by and, perhaps, predicated on the revelation by Israeli columnist Barak European officials as gramme in exchange for produce some items; your Ravid in Axios that the recognition of Hamas as a lifting sanctions which missile range should not US has been holding legitimate representative have crippled Iran's be more than a certain direct talks with Hamas of the Palestinian people, economy. in Qatar where negotia- the status accorded the tions have been mediated Palestine involved in lengthy meet- Council ings with Hamas which have focused on releasing Independence captives and strengthen- November 15th. ing and extending the

said that these talks could and 1980s. advance to Gaza's postwar governance and

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and to Palestinian factions, how- Iran. In a letter he said he bilities of the country.

hand, Trump chose to unprecedented. Instead, happy. imposing its agenda on Iran. He argued, Trump's there is recognition that however, his carrot-Tehran has not produced defence

have administration of authority — compliance both the strip and for its militia if the rest are not responded by saying a took office.

"bullying govern-ment" - not mentioning the US administration publicity. While he com- by name – was not aimed mands the news, he is at "solving problems" but Massoud Pezeshkian who imposing its agenda on and-stick approach to conditions "will be about capabilities, other the results he seeks with about international capa-

captives held in Gaza and/or suffer eliminaHamas officials have said that these talks could advance to Gaza's post-war governance and reconstruction. Hamas supports the Egyptian plan, endorsed by the Arab and Islamic summits, for rebuilding devastated Gaza over five years under a non-partisan committee of Palestinian technocrats. This would require Hamas to end its administration of the strip and for its militia to abide by the ceasefire. Neither Hamas nor the Trump administra-tion regard direct talks as unprecedented. Instead, there is recognition that

they are essential when trying to defuse conflicts. Hamas and other Palestinian factions, however, regard direct talks with Israel as a red line which they cannot cross. Hamas leaders consider talks with US and European officials as recognition of Hamas as a legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, the status accorded the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) by the US in late 1988 after the Palestine National Council issued its Declaration of Independence on November 15th. This followed direct Fatah/PLO contacts with the US during the 1970s and 1980s. Trump is driven by the desire to see all 24 living Hamas' captives, including one dual US-Israeli citizen, Edan Alexaner, 21, freed and the return of the bodies of 35 captives. Trump stole the limelight when he met eight released hostages last week while threatening Hamas with "Hell to pay" if the rest are not released. Nothing Trump likes better than personal publicity.

Liberation issued Declaration

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However, coupled with talks on these?" Khamenei asked. by Doha and Cairo. The Organisation (PLO) by Iran's ballistic missiles US envoy for hostages the US in late 1988 after arsenal and regional Adam Boehler has been the Palestine National activities and coincided with ratcheting up the US "maximalist sanctions" regime which is intended chief source of revenue.

tomers.

In a not-so-veiled causing talks to falter and I n t e r n a t i o n a l threat of military action, fail. US diplomats who Development USAID, situation with Iran that, negotiations on the USAID directly helps and

with Israel as a red line leader Ayatollah Ali Iran) not to do (certain) and consternation. He has which they cannot cross. Khamenei, Trump offered things, not to meet some Hamas leaders consid- to reopen talks on limit- certain people, not to go er talks with US and ing Iran's nuclear pro- to a certain place, not to distance. Is it possible for anybody to accept

> Trump is not trusted in Tehran as he pulled out of the 2015 nuclear deal which had imposed major It is reported that US pledged to return to the peace with Russia.

ultimate sides to unconditional — compliance as soon as he

Trump's sanctions and threats have undermined Iran's moderate President campaigned in the June 2024 election to press for resuming negotiations. The conservative-dominated parliament has sacked Economy The US "will urge Minister Hemmati and forced the

Abolnaser resignation of Vice President Mohammed Javad Zarif, both prominent reformists. This could not have happened without the approval of Khamenei. Pezeshkian responded

to the rebuff by saying, "My position has been challenges and will remain that I Constitution. believe in negotiations [on the nuclear programme] but now we have to follow the parameters set by the supreme leader." Just as US policy 'parameters" are set by the erratic Trump. On the global scene,

Trump has created chaos government Washington. proposed and postponed tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico but has not dropped his call for Canada to become the 51st US state despite House adviser Stephen DOJ's Canadian rejection. He has vowed to annex the Panama Canal and Denmark's Greenland

territory. He has distanced the US from NATO, promptlimitations on Iran's ing Britain and Europe to nuclear development. At scramble to boost defence to bring to zero Iran's oil the time of the US exit, spending and he has sales, the government's Iran was in full complicalled on Ukraine to ance. Although, Biden make a disadvantageous

naval vessels could also deal when campaigning To save the US taxpayhijack in international for the presidency, he ers money, Trump has waters ships loaded with also tried and failed to also suspended 83 per Iranian oil bound for cus- impose conditions on Iran cent of the funding for when negotiations began, the US Agency for Trump stated, "We have a had been involved in depriving communities -parti- when he met eight something's going to nuclear deal were critical international agencies of of released hostages last happen very soon. Very, of Biden as they expected funds for food and medivery soon." him to sign an executive cine for the worl Khamenei — who is order, returning both est communities. him to sign an executive cine for the world's poor-

# A fateful moment looms as Trump's team seeks to bypass the judiciary

**Stephen Collinson** 

HE most chilling aspect of a new White House Trump's border czar Tom claim of boundless execu- Homan, who expressed tive power is not whether contempt for the notion officials ignored a judge's that Trump's border crackorder to halt deportadown could be contions of Venezuelan strained. "We're not stopping. I don't care what the alleged gang members.

It's that some senior administration Trump aides seem not to care if they did. There are even claims that some judges are simply too junior to question the actions of a president.

administration's peacetime use of wartime powers under the 18th-century Alien Enemies Act is the latest, and perhaps most overt, sign of President Donald Trump's sense of omnipotence. He's also betting voters will reward him for, in his view, keeping them safe with ruthless immigration enforcement rather than recoil from his

The growing showdown is so critical because the courts are one of the final checks on Trump's power after he crushed opposition in the Republican Party and helped shut the Democratic Party out of any power in any branch of Trump's

The administration's transformational willingness to test bedrock constitutional principles was laid bare in a stunning interview of senior White

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of constitutional government that every American kid learns in civics class.

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The administration is things, that it didn't violate Boasberg's order from the weekend since his oral order from the bench said the government must turn individuals subject to order did not.

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revulsion of rule by an absolute monarch. "I have an Article II, where I have to the right to do whatever I want as president," he said in July 2019, during his first term. Article II of the Constitution lays out the duties of the presidenjudges think. I don't care cy - but it does not confer unfettered

People don't normally reach the heights of the West Wing without under-House would ignore what standing the basics of hisresident. judges say threatens the tory and American
The furor caused by the most basic building blocks jurisprudence. So the comments by Miller and Homan seem to hint at a second-term corps of officials keen to fulfill

> this is what was so frightening about the interview is when he starts saying 'I don't care what the courts say - we have the right to do it anyway' and he wouldn't even commit to following even a Supreme arguing, among other Court order' - that's why we are so obviously in a constitutional Brettschneider said.

The battle over the deportations to a notorious around planes carrying prison in El Salvador is only the latest sign that the proclamation administration plans to in around, but his written claim almost limitless presidential power on issue after issue two months into Trump's jarring second

Trump is betting that his Republican allies will do Boasberg gave the nothing to rein him in, that lawyers until his Democratic foes are

Miller argued that since Trump was flexing his powers as commander in chief, the courts had no right to hold him to account, defying one of the tenets of American democracy upheld through the three branches of government. He said the Alien Enemies Act, which has a dubious historical legacy, was "written explicitly to give the president the authority to repel an alien invasion of the United States." Miller added: "That is not something that a district court judge has any authority whatsoever to interfere with, to enjoin, to restrict, or to restrain in any way." Putting aside the White House claim that the United States is subject to an invasion by Venezuelan gang members which rests on questionable legal ground – a senior aide to the president is essentially arguing his boss has absolute power. "You can read the law yourself," Miller said. "There's not one clause in that law that makes it subject to judicial review, let alone district court review." The President escalated his assault on the independent judiciary Tuesday, calling for the impeachment of Judge James Boasberg over his temporary halt to the deportations of alleged gang members. He called the judge "a troublemaker and agitator" on Truth Social and implied that his victory in the popular vote and all seven swing states in last year's election granted him greater power to judge the legality of his own actions than a federal judge – in a misreading of Supreme Court precedent. 'I don't care' Miller's certitude was mirrored Monday by Trump's border czar Tom Homan, who expressed contempt for the notion that

Trump's border crackdown could be constrained. "We're not stopping. I don't care what the judges think. I don't care what the left thinks. We're coming," Homan told Lawrence Jones of Fox News. The idea that the White House would ignore what judges say threatens the most basic building blocks of constitutional government that every American kid learns in civics class. The administration's mindset infuriated the judge in the deportations case, who is investigating whether the White House ignored his orders Saturday to halt the deportations of expelled alleged gang members and return flights carrying them to the US. The administration is arguing, among other things, that it didn't violate Boasberg's order from the weekend since his oral order from the bench said the government must turn around planes carrying individuals subject to Trump's proclamation around, but his written order did not. An exasperated Boasberg summarized the DOJ's reasoning as: "We don't care, we'll do what we want." Boasberg gave the DOJ's lawyers until

Tuesday to come up with data about the timing of the deportation flights that they refused to provide on Monday.

# UK's strategic balancing act as it seeks new partners Zaid M. Belbagi

N response to the approach Arab reconstruction Palestine. plan for Gaza that allies in backing the ini- has firmly opposed the tion. tiative, which aims to Arab reconstruction plan, rebuild the Strip in favoring an alternative phases without displac- vision that seeks to ing its Palestinian pop- reshape Gaza's political ulation.

the foreign ministers of Arab approach, the UK France, Germany, Italy risks straining its rela-and the UK welcomed tionship with a key ally. the plan, emphasizing the ent experts, with internapeacekeepers "must neither • govern Gaza nor be a threat to Israel anymore' and the Palestinian Authority should take on a central role in governance, backed by a reform agenda.

The UK's support for this initiative aligns with its long-standing humanitarian commitments. London has provided more than £819 million (\$1 billion) in bilateral aid to the West Bank and Gaza since 2009 and its contributions to UNRWA bring the total to £1.7 bil-

As London deepens its commitment to the Arab reconstruction plan, another urgent call is echoing from within: the need for the country to take a decisive lead on Palestinian rights. The lic opinion polls reveal- siles ing widespread support Washington. for a foreign policy driv-

and demographic land-In a joint statement, scape. By backing the

need for Gaza to be gov- critical areas of coopera- the UK Foreign Affairs term. In fact, an ambierned temporarily by a tion with Washington lies Committee, over the two-tious trade deal could partnership forward. committee of independ- in intelligence sharing, state

However, the political trade or policy measures avenue is the Gulf was agreed at the implications of this posi- could hit British exports Cooperation extraordinary summit tion are far-reaching. at a time when London is The ongoing negotiations ment to establishing a in Cairo this month, the Washington, under trying to reinforce its for a free trade agree-trade agree-trade partnership.

UK joined its European President Donald Trump, post-Brexit trading posiment with the Gulf states In line with this

> UK and Israel also flared the potential to boost last week after a diplo- bilateral trade by 16 permatic incident. Israeli cent. Deputy Foreign Minister on Instagram, showing substantial her confronting Emily benefits for the UK, both One of the UK's most Thornberry, the chair of in the short and long

particularly through the Thornberry condemned £1.6 billion to £3.1 bil-Five Eyes alliance. Any the unauthorized release lion to the UK's gross ensuring security. Their deterioration in relations of the footage and called domestic product by was clear: could jeopardize the col- on the British govern- 2035. Moreover, it could

such are seen as a major eco-Tensions between the nomic opportunity, with

According to the UK Sharren Haskel posted a government, a deal with economic solution. contribute an additional

As London deepens its commitment to the Arab reconstruction plan, another urgent call is echoing from within: the need for the country to take a decisive lead on Palestinian rights. The Britain Palestine Project — a UK-based charity - has urged the government to step up, advocating for a more prominent role in addressing the conflict. With recent public opinion polls revealing widespread support for a foreign policy driven by humanitarian principles and international

law, the group is pushing for the government to reflect these values in its approach to Palestine. However, the political implications of this position are farreaching. Washington, under President Donald Trump, has firmly opposed the Arab reconstruction plan, favoring an alternative vision that seeks to reshape Gaza's political and demographic landscape. By backing the Arab approach, the UK risks straining its relationship with a key ally. One of the UK's most critical areas of cooperation with Washington lies in intelligence sharing, particularly through the Five Eyes alliance. Any deterioration in relations could jeopardize

the collaboration between the two countries' intelligence agencies, as well as the UK's reliance on US technology for its nuclear deterrent, which depends on Trident missiles supplied by Washington. Furthermore, the UK is also wary of Trump's economic policies, given his recent, controversial tendency to impose tariffs on allies. Any new trade or policy measures could hit British exports at a

time when London is trying to reinforce its post-Brexit trading position. Tensions between the UK and Israel also flared last week after a diplomatic incident. Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Sharren Haskel posted a secretly recorded video on Instagram, showing her confronting Emily Thornberry, the chair of the UK Foreign Affairs Committee, over the two-state solution. Thornberry condemned the unauthorized release of the footage and called on the British government to intervene, stating the video was shared without her consent.

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by protocol.

Furthermore, the UK matic controversy and in negotiations program, en by humanitarian prin- is also wary of Trump's light of the UK's support with a target to deliver London hopes to secure ciples and international economic policies, given law, the group is pushing for the government to tendency to impose tarlicet these values in its iffs on allies. Any new strategic alliances with stretch to the government to tendency to impose tarlicet these values in its iffs on allies. Any new strategic alliances with stretch to the formulation of the Arab reconstructors results by July. Its economic and security Negotiations with the interests in a world that is GCC resumed in becoming increasingly strategic alliances with September and, since multipolar. ciples and international economic policies, given of the Arab reconstruc- results

Britain Palestine Project laboration between the ment to intervene, stating enhance trade between — a UK-based charity — two countries' intelli- the video was shared the UK and GCC counhas urged the govern- gence agencies, as well without her consent. The tries by £8.6 billion to ment to step up, advocat- as the UK's reliance on incident has cast a shad- £15.8 billion by the same ing for a more prominent US technology for its ow over UK-Israel rela- year. In December, the role in addressing the nuclear deterrent, which tions, raising concerns Department for Business conflict. With recent pub- depends on Trident mis- over diplomatic trust and and Trade confirmed the UK's commitment to its global partnerships. By Following this diplo- free trade agreement

new partners. One then, both virtual and inimportant person discussions have taken place, demonstrat-Council. ing the shared commit-

progress, the visits of UK Business and Trade Minister Jonathan Reynolds to Saudi Arabia and Qatar following the GCC trade ministers meeting addressed crusecretly recorded video the GCC would lead to cial issues regarding investment, digital trade and goods market access, indicating the mutual ambition to push the

As negotiations continue to gain momentum, significant progress has been made, paving the way for a stronger, more robust relationship between the UK and the GCC. Beyond trade, the ties between the two are also deeply rooted in security and defense, with the UK maintaining long-standing partner-ships in the region. These include supplying arms and sustaining military bases.

By endorsing the Arab reconstruction plan, London is looking to strengthen its credibility in the Middle East and reinforce its strategic alignment with key Gulf partners. However, this move must be carefully managed to avoid alienating the US, particularly under a Trump administration that has shown little patience for those diverging from its preferred policies.

Looking ahead, the approach require a delicate balancing act. While it cannot afford to break ties with Washington, it also sees value in diversifying its navigating these chalstrategically, lenges July. its economic and security

Miller with CNN's Kasie Hunt on Monday. Miller argued that since

Trump was flexing his powers as commander in Monday. chief, the courts had no right to hold him to account, defying one of the tenets of American democracy upheld through the three branches of government. He said the Alien Enemies Act, which has a dubious historical legacy, was "written explicitly to give the president the authority to repel an alien invasion of the United States." Miller added: 'That is not something that a district court judge has any authority whatsoever

to restrict, or to restrain in any way.' Putting aside the White House claim that the United States is subject to an invasion by Venezuelan gang members - which rests on questionable legal ground – a senior aide to the president is essentially arguing his boss has absolute power.

"You can read the law yourself," Miller said. 'There's not one clause in that law that makes it subject to judicial review, let district alone review." The President escalated

his assault on the independent judiciary Tuesday, calling for the impeachment of Judge James Boasberg over his temporary halt to the deportations of alleged gang members. He called the judge 'a troublemaker and agitator" on Truth Social and implied that his victory in the popular vote and all seven swing states in last year's election granted him greater power to judge the ror was litigated in the legality of his own actions than a federal judge – in a misreading of Supreme Court precedent.

'I don't care' Miller's certitude was mirrored Monday

Tuesday to come up with too weak to slow him and

"This is a showdown. Federal Judge John E. Jones III told CNN's Kaitlan Collins.

clashed with the landmark Supreme Court case Marbury Madison, which established the high court's authority by finding among other key principles that the actions of the executive branch are subject to judicial review.

to interfere with, to enjoin, that you go first to the district court for federal questions and questions of constitutional law, so he's not understanding that," said Corey Brettschneider, a Brown University professor and host of the podcast 'The Oath and the Office." "If you think that the Supreme Court can ultithink the district court can

> CNN legal analyst Elliot Williams also narrowed in in 1803 that (it) has the dent's actions can be years afterwards. reviewed by a court - that is basic American history."

opine on these matters."

Williams went on: "The sense. Everybody who lived through the 2000s knows that the war on tercourts over and over.

Trump has

data about the timing of that procedural traditions the deportation flights that in the courts can only rule they refused to provide on on his disruption in retrospect.

"We are unafraid to This is akin to inter-branch double down, and to take March Madness," former responsibility and ownership of the serious decisions that are being made,' White House press secre-Constitutional experts tary Karoline Leavitt said said Miller's argument Monday. "The president was elected with an overwhelming mandate to launch the largest mass deportation campaign in American history, and that's exactly what he is doing."

Constitutional and legal fights can often feel The whole point of remote to the more press-Marbury v. Madison ... is ing daily concerns of citizens outside Washington as Democrats found to their cost last year when they based at least part of their election campaign on the need to defend institutions that many Americans feel are not responding to their needs.

But the outcome of the migrant flights drama mately opine, then you and challenges to other farreaching administration initiatives, such as the attempt birthright citizenship and on Marbury v. Madison. Elon Musk's evisceration 'The Supreme Court rules of the federal government - will be critical to decidauthority to review the ing how America will be actions of the executive led and what kind of counand legislative branches of try it will be for the next government. ... The presi- four years and possibly for

In a White House dominated by an all-powerful commander in chief, offiidea that somehow there's cials harbor a conception a class of actions that can- of the Constitution that not be reviewed is non- most Americans would not recognize.

When Hunt raised the separation of powers in relation to the use of the Alien Enemies Act to long deport migrants - apparadvanced the belief that ently without due process the presidency confers ulti- - Miller replied: "Yes, sepmate power, even though aration of powers. This is this conflicts with the prin- the judiciary interfering in ciples of a nation built on the executive function.





# Hiroshi, Haroon discuss expanding industrial and trade cooperation

Chief Executive Officer with Special Assistant to the market for Pak Suzuki and Prime Minister (SAPM) on underscored the importance Haroon Akhtar Khan to dis- in the automotive sector. cuss expanding industrial He highlighted Paki- The meeting also covand clean energy solutions. and trade cooperation stan's interest in joint ered ethanol fuel integra- "Pakistan and Japan can

Hiroshi Kawamura congrat- growth and innovation. ulated Haroon Akhtar Khan on his appointment as sions was Pakistan's com-SAPM and expressed confi- mitment to sustainable and dence in further strengthen- environment-friendly transing economic and industrial portation, aligning with ties between the two coun- Prime Minister's "Uraan"

Haroon Akhtar Khan friendly vehicles. (CEO) Pak Suzuki Hiroshi emphasized that Pakistan is Kawamura on Tuesday met a significant and promising

Industries and Production of continued collaboration

A key focus of the discus-

gy solutions.

between Pakistan and Japan. industrial ventures that tion in vehicles, engine explore new industrial During the meeting, could open new avenues for compatibility, and local boost Pakistan's automo- discussions mark another industry. Haroon Akhtar Khan reaffirmed Pakistan-Japan industrial Pakistan's dedication to relations, ensuring mutual localizing auto manufactur- growth and technological

vision, which promotes eco- content.

The SAPM appreciated importance of bio-gas and Pak Suzuki's plan to estab- electric vehicle (EV) projlish Biogas Plant in Manga ects in collaboration with Mandi, acknowledging its Japan, reinforcing the two contribution to green ener- countries' commitment to technological innovation

"Pakistan and Japan can opportunities production of auto parts to said Haroon Akhtar. The step towards deepening ing and increasing local advancement in the region.



ISLAMABAD: CEO of Suzuki Hiroshi Kawamura meeting Special Assistant to Prime Minister Haroon Akhtar Khan.

#### **SBP** issued Rs.27b fresh banknotes F.P. Report

KARACHI: SBP refutes the assertion that SBP is not issuing fresh banknotes. The SBP continues its longstanding practice of issuing fresh banknotes to Commercial Banks on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, leveraging their extensive nationwide branch networks to facilitate public access to fresh banknotes. SBP has so far issued Rs.27 billion fresh banknotes of all denominations to 17,000 branches of commercial banks for onward distribution to gen-

Likewise, arrangements have also been made to ensure that ATM network of banks issue uninterrupted good quality banknotes to the general public during the festive season.

eral public.

To ensure the efficient distribution of fresh banknotes and their availability at all commercial bank branches, SBP has also deployed their Cash Monitoring teams to conduct onsite inspections, ensuring disbursement of fresh banknotes to the general public.

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estate experiences and fos- further enhancing the acces-

tering industry-wide growth. sibility of premium real est-

nership, Farhan Javed, Dire- ors and homebuyers alike."

his enthusiasm, stating, Agency21, also shared his

Speaking about this part- ate opportunities for invest-

opportunities,

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holders under one roof.

### **Dongguan Expo:** Pak furniture captivates crowd with craftsmanship

International Famous Furniture Fair (Dongguan, China), a premier global event for the home furnish- because we have had some exports reaching \$67.884 ing industry, is showcasing good discussions about billion in 2024. over 1,200 top-tier brands from around the world.

Among the exhibitors, Nuer Pakistan, a Pakistani furniture enterprise, is making its debut with a display of traditional craftsmanship that has drawn the attention of bustling crowds. Their collection features intricately designed rosewood tables and chairs with copper inlays, fruit baskets and decorative copper artifacts in the shapes of deer, horses and swans, as well as copper vases and onyx vessels, CEN reported on

Tuesday. "The exhibition has served as a cultural bridge, introducing Chinese buyers and designers to Pakistan's ization and scalability. rich heritage of furniturerepresentative from Nuer Pakistan.

Expressing his delight at the overwhelming resp- fraction of this value. In tor," he concluded.

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orders.

fair is a melting pot of glob- China, there are numerous thetics. For Pakistani busifrom the best but also an opportunity to explore try," he said. potential collaborations and partnerships.

Pakistan's industry, while rich in tradi-

making," said Shahbaz, a reports, Pakistan's furniture tion processes. This colindustry is worth around \$1 laboration could be a billion, with exports accounting for only a small

BEIJING (APP): The 53rd onse, Shahbaz remarked, contrast, China dominates "The foot traffic at the as the world's largest furniexpo has been incredible. ture producer and exporter, We are very hopeful with furniture and parts

Shahbaz highlighted the Spanning more than 1 potential for million square meters, the through collaboration. "In al design, home furnish- opportunities for every kind ings, materials and art. It of business, including furbrings together resources niture. Pakistan lacks from across the furniture advanced technology and supply chain, including machinery, but we have design, customization, out- cheap labor and abundant door decor and artistic aes- wood resources. Here, we can learn new ways to nessmen, the event is not improve our modernization only a platform to learn and meet international standards in the furniture indus-

He also noted the potential for Chinese investment furniture in Pakistan. "We welcome Chinese machinery manution and craftsmanship, facturers to invest in faces challenges in modern- Pakistan, teach us how to use advanced equipment, According to industry and improve our producgame-changer

Pakistan's furniture sec-

#### Shipping Dr. Shahbaz Malik activity at Port Qasim

Shipping activity was report at the port where five ships, Valence, Seaspan Santos, Chinook-1, Al-Jasra and Oriole carrying Container, Palm oil, LNG and Coal, berthed at Qasim International Container Terminal, Liquid Cargo

Terminal, Engro Elengy Terminal and Pakistan International Terminal respectively durlast hours Meanwhile four more ships, DS Rosa, Nave Rigel, Khairpur and Kaisal with Palm oil, Mogas, Gas oil and LPG also arrived at outer anchorage on during last 24 hours.

A total of ten ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them two ships, Maritime Guardian and Harmony left the port on Tuesday morning, while three more ships, Seaspan Santos, Maritime Amity and Peace Angel were expected to sail.

volume 101,481 tonnes, comprising 59,310 tonnes imports cargo and 42,171 tonnes export cargo carried in 3,612 Containers (1,917 TEUs Imports 1,695 TEUs Export) was handled at the port during last 24 hours.

There are 13 ships at Outer Anchorage of Port Qasim, out of them five ships, Saga, Agri Ocean, Zenith, Kaisa-1 and Valence another containers 'MSC Greenwich' scheduled to load/offload Palm oil, Soya Bean Seed, Mogas, LPG and Container were expected to take berths at MW-1, FAP, FOTCO, EVTL and QICT are respectively, while another containers ship Winking' is due to arrive at outer anchorage today (Wednesday).

#### European stocks advanced

LONDON European stocks rose on Tuesday as investors prepared for Germany's lawmakers to vote on a massive spending boost for defence and infrastructure, while escalating geopolitical fears supported commodities.

Gold and oil prices climbed on fears of escalating tensions in the Middle East after Israel launched its most intense strikes on Gaza since a ceasefire with Hamas took effect.

A weaker US dollar and uncertainty ahead of a telephone call about Ukraine between US President Donald Trump and Russian leader Vladimir Putin also helped boost the safe-haven metal. The Frankfurt stocks index advanced more than one percent as concerns grow over the United States' wavering committment to European defence.

"International investors, who have increasingly invested in German stocks over the past few months, are hopeful for a significant boost in fiscal policy," said Jochen Stanzl, chief market analyst at trading group CMC Markets. Paris and London stock markets also advanced, as did the euro.

Investors are also eyeing this week's policy decisions from the Federal Reserve, Bank of Japan and Bank of England, with all three forecast to stand pat on interest rates. "A 'wait and see' approach is expected as the Fed grapples with the tough task of evaluating the impact of Trump's tariff chaos," said Matt Britzman, senior equity analyst at Hargreaves Lansdown.

# elected Chairman al \$30 billion, significantly

Pak-Africa

HYDERABAD (APP): Dr. caps and ajraks. Shahbaz Ali Malik has been elected as the Chairman of the Pak-Africa Economic Council, further strengthening trade relations between Pakistan and Africa.

A ceremony of the council took place at the Popular Farm House in Tando Adam. The special guest of the event, Director General (Africa) Pakistan Foreign Affairs Dr. Ahmed Ali Sirohey along with other guests, were welcomed by the managing director popular group industries Dr. Shahbaz Ali Malik and Malik Zulfiqar Ali Roshan and presented them with lion trade economy, it nent political and social figgifts of Sindhi traditional would generate an additionures from Tando Adam.

imports and lower exports.

emphasized the emerging

trade opportunities between

Pakistan and Africa, noting

export prospects for Pakistan. He highlighted

Economic Council was

actively working to capital-

ize on these opportunities.

Pakistan's current account

the

Dr. Ahmed Ali Sirohey improving the country's economic situation.

Dr. Shahbaz Ali Malik, while addressing the gaththat the African market ering, stated that Africa holds numerous trade and could become an important trade partner for Pakistan. With rapid growth in African markets, Pakistan has a great potential to boost exports. He also mentioned the importance of He also pointed out that attracting investment from African countries and initideficit arises due to higher ating joint trade projects, which would be highly ben-He suggested that if eficial for Pakistan. The Pakistan could secure a 2% event was attended by local share of Africa's \$1500 bil- traders, doctors and promi-

# PCJCCI for improved SOPs to facilitate Chinese

stan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry nessman in Pakistan, dis-commitment to the safety (PCJCCI) Tuesday called for cussed the matter, and improved SOPs to ensure emphasized the need for nationals, stating that China safety of Chinese professional working in Pakistan. PCJCCI Vice President

Zafar Iqbal stated this in a allowing Chinese residents meeting with Noorul Amin to access basic necessities Mengal, Punjab Home without security concerns. Secretary, regarding the security and well-being of Chinese nationals residing and working in Pakistan. He added that Punjab government should make some amendments to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure safer movement and improved facilities for Chinese pro-

fessionals in the country's industrial zones. According to joint Chamber's spokesperson here, the PCJCCI formally approached Noor ul Amin Mengal, Home Secretary, Saleem, Uzma Additional Secretary Home Department, with concerns

regarding the daily move-

Elton, a Chinese busidedicated markets, salons, and other essential facilities within industrial zones,

Recognizing the imporance of a secure and conducive environment for Chinese professionals and investors, the Punjab government has taken proactive steps to address these concerns. The amended SOPs aim

to enhance security measures in areas frequented by Chinese nationals. They are keen to establish dedicated commercial zones within industrial hubs to minimize security risks and to ensure seamless coordination between law enforcement agencies and relevant authorities for improved vigilance.

On this occasion, Noorul

Pakistan earns \$2.177b

LAHORE (APP): The Paki- ment of Chinese nationals. Amin Mengal reaffirmed that Punjab government is and comfort of Chinese is Pakistan's longstanding strategic partner, and 'it is our utmost priority to provide a secure and hospitable environment for our

> These amendments will not only strengthen security but also foster a more business-friendly ecosystem in our industrial zones.

Chinese friends.

PCJCCI General Salahuddin Hanif welcomed this initiative, and hoped that these measures will encourage further Chinese investment and reinforce the trust between the two nations.

The Government of Punjab remains dedicated to ensuring a robust security framework for foreign investors and professionals, underscoring its commitment to Pakistan's economic growth and international partnerships.

Among the telecommu-

export of call centres serv-

ices increased by 25.22 per-

cent during the months as

its exports increased from

US \$144.326 million to US

\$180.728 million whereas

the export of other telecom-

decreased by 29.80 percent,

from US \$176.565 million

to US \$123.946 million

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# LCCI demands immediate steps to cope with water scarcity

expressed grave concerns shortages, reduced agriculover the worsening water tural output and a worsening crisis and called for immedi- power crisis. ate measures to prevent al and environmental issues. Kalabagh Dam is based on

acre-feet of water being project is vital for the entire ed areas, allowing agriculwasted annually to sea due nation, including Punjab, to the absence of sufficient Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkreservoirs because of which hwa and Balochistan. They Pakistan is facing an imp- said that the dam would ending disaster that requires store over 6.1 MAF of swift and decisive action.

President Shahid Nazir on costly thermal energy. Chaudhry expressed these least 120 days. They warned that if the construction of

movement to drive innova-

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The LCCI office-bearers water, generate 3,600 MW LCCI President Mian of hydroelectric power and

The LCCI office-bearers views in a media statement further underscored the issued here. They said, severe water crisis in Chol-Pakistan's water storage istan, where prolonged capacity is alarmingly low, droughts and the lack of a covering only 30 days of sustainable water supply demand, whereas interna- have placed thousands of tional standards require at people and livestock in

Chamber of Commerce and be delayed, the country will Cholistan Canal Project, Industry (LCCI) Tuesday suffer from intensified water which is essential to providply, preventing desertification and sustaining livelihoods in the region. They Pakistan's progress. severe economic, agricultur- said that opposition to added that the government must act swiftly to ensure transboundary water chal-With nearly 35 million misunderstandings, as this that water reaches the affect-

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Sharjeel Ehmer, Director expertise and connect with real estate event that sets new

thrive once again. also stressed the broader matic efforts under the need for water conservation Indus Waters Treaty to secand infrastructure development. They urged the gov-Abuzar Shad and Vice significantly reduce reliance ernment to accelerate work Shahid Nazir Chaudhry on Diamer-Bhasha, Moh-

ture and livestock farming to

mand and other pending all stakeholders to act immewater storage projects while simultaneously introwater storage ducing modern water man- in water infrastructure projagement techniques such as ects. They emphasized that drip irrigation, wastewater without Kalabagh Dam and treatment and canal lining the Cholistan Canal, the couto reduce water wastage. ntry's economic and agricul-They also called for public tural stability will be severe-They called for the imme- awareness campaigns to ly compromised.

LAHORE (APP): Lahore Kalabagh Dam continues to diate completion of the build a national consensus on the necessity Kalabagh Dam, saying that ing a consistent water sup- misinformation and political disagreements should not stand in the way of

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a broader audience seeking benchmarks for the industry.

Addressing the issue of lenges, they stressed the importance of ensuring fair water-sharing agreements with neighboring countries The LCCI office-bearers and strengthening diploure Pakistan's water rights.

Mian Abuzar Shad and urged the government and diately, stating that Pakistan cannot afford further delays

### from IT services' export ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan earned US \$2.177 billion by exporting differ-

ent Information Technology (IT) services in various countries during the first seven months of the current fiscal year 2024-25.

This shows a growth of 26.53 percent as compared with the US \$ 1.720 billion earned through the provision of services during the corresponding months of the last fiscal year 2023-24, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

During the months under review, the computer services grew by 32.72 percent as it surged from US \$1.397 billion last year to US \$1.855 billion during July-January 2024-25.

Among the computer services, the exports of software consultancy services witnessed an increase of 35.51 percent, from US \$476.017 million to US \$645.036 million this year while the export of hardware consultancy services also witnessed an increase of 4.39 percent, from US \$3.338 million to US

\$3.485 million. The export and imports of computer software services decreased by 4.27 percent, from \$359.618 million to \$344.260 million whereas the exports of other computer services witnessed a growth of

54.52 percent from US \$304.675 million. \$557.415 million to US Among the tel \$861.326 million.

Meanwhile, the export of information services during the months under review also increased by 736.66 percent growing from US \$2.097 million to US \$17.551 million.

Among the information services, the exports of news agency services up by 1197.51 percent, from US \$1.269 million to US \$16.475 million whereas the exports of other information services also rose by 29.96 percent, from US \$0.828 million to US \$1.076 million.

The data revealed that the export of telecommunication services decreased by 5.05 percent as these came down from US \$320.891 million to US

#### عوام الناس کومطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ پلاٹ نمبر 194 بیکٹر نمبر VII، رقبہ . 11.1 مرله واقع فيز1-KDA كوباك كى ما لك صادق شاه بخارى ولد تیمورشاہ بخاری کی وفات کے بعد نادرہ سے جاری شدہ سکیشن

سرٹیفیکیٹ کی روح سے سید ظفر اللہ شاہ بخاری ۔ سیف اللہ شاہ ۔عصمت الله شاه بخاری(پران) سعیده بی بی-روبینه کاشف-ثانیه سمیع الله( دختران ) ان کی حیثیت سے ظاہرِ ہو چکے ہیں نے مذکورہ پلاٹ کی لیگل هیئر کی درخواست گزاری ہے۔ اِگر کسی ادارے، فرم چخصِ یابینک وغیرہ کوکوئی اعتراض ہویا مذکورہ بلاٹ کسی سے حق مہر میں ہویا کسی کے پاس کوئی ڈگری وغیرہ ہویا کوئی دیگر شخص اپنے آپ کوصادق شاہ جناری کا وارث ظاہر کرنا چاہتا ہوتو 15 یوم کے اندر اندر ہاؤسنگ آفیسر UADA کوہاٹ سے تح ری طور پر بمعد ثبوت رابطہ کریں۔بصورت دیگر مذکورہ پلاٹ کووار ثان کے نام لیگل ھیئر ٹرانسفر کر دیا جائے گا۔اور بعد میں کوئی عذر قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ منجانب: ڈائر بکٹرار بن امریا کو ہاٹ ڈیویلپمنٹ اتھارٹی کو ہاٹ

قع نیز**ا-KDA** کوہائ کی مالک پیرسید شِراہ ولد محبوب شاہ کی وفات کے ر کورٹ سول جج کوہاٹ سے جاری شدہ سکیشن سرٹیٹیکیٹ کی روح سے ساة افنان(بیوه)سیدخسنین شاه بسیدمسعود شاه بسید مقصود شاه (پسران) نبه روزینه (دخر) ان ک<sup>ی</sup>شیت سے ظاہر ہو بچکے ہیں نے مذکورہ پلاٹ کی کیگل یئر کی درخواست گزاری ہے اورمسعود شاہ نے مندرجہ بالا پلاٹ کی وفتر ری فاروائيول كيلئة اسية حصح كامخنتيار نامه خاص سيرحسنين شاه كودياسي جوكهسب شرار کوباك كے يال وثيقه نمبر 83، بهى نمبر 4 جلد نمبر ورخه**ً25-02-1** گودرج ہے۔اگر کسی ادارے بغرم چھن یابینک وغیرہ ک وئی اعتراض ہویا پذکورہ پلاٹ کسی کے قق مہر میں ہویاکسی کے پاس کوئی ڈگر کا غیرہ ہو یا کوئی دیگر مختص ایسے آپ و پیرسید شاہ کا دارے طاہر کرتا جاہتا ہو یا رکورہ مختیار خاص پر اعترافیل ہو تو 15 یع کے اندر اندر ہاؤسٹک انیسر

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# In brief

#### Bangladesh to tour Pakistan in May

A H O R E (Monitoring Desk): Bangladesh's cricket Pakistan in May for a white-ball series, featuring three T20Is and three ODIs. The series will take place after the conclusion of PSL Season 10. Last year, Bangladesh also toured Pakistan for a two-match Test series. Both Pakistan and Bangladesh cricket boards have mutually agreed to hold the series in May 2025.

#### Two more matches decided in

KHA hockey c'ship KARACHI (APP): Two more matches were decided in the KHA Ramadan Inter Hockey Championship at Olympian Hanif Khan & Dr Junaid Ali Shah Sports Complex Gulshan Iqbal organized by the Karachi Hockey Association. In the second match of the tournament won by Dolphin Hockey club against Tiger Hockey Club by 5-0. Winning team scorers were Talha Furqan minute), Muzammil minute), Rashid Ali 1 (12th minute), Junaid Rasool 1 (22nd minute) and Muneeb Qamar 1 (28th minute). In the third match of the tournament Hanif Khan Hockey Club beat TNT Hockey Club by - 0. Goal Scorers for winners were Imran 3 (3rd, 5th and 34th mints), Abdul Wahab 2 (14th and minutes), Iftikhar (24th minute), Asim 1 minute),

#### **England opposed** to Saudi-backed T20 league

Arsalan Khalid

(39th minute).

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Corner) and Adyan

MELBOŬRNE and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) chief executive Richard Gould said they would not support a proposed Twenty20 league bankrolled by Saudi Arabia as there was not enough room in the calendar for it. A Morning Sydney Herald report on Saturday said the event would be backed by the sports arm of Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund and feature eight teams playing in four different locations. "With the busy international calendar, a host of estabfranchise lished leagues around the world, and existing concerns about player workloads, there is no scope or demand for such an idea," Gould told the same newspaper. "It's not something that we would support." The ECB is keen to protect its own 100-ball format league, The Hundred, having raised \$1.27 billion last month after selling franchise stakes to private investors. The Indian Premier League remains the benchmark in franchise cricket, while Australia, Pakistan, West Indies, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates also have their own T20 The leagues. Australian Cricketers Association backed the proposed league saying it was mandated to "pursue initiatives that benefit our members" "The ACA's early

interest in exploring

this concept is motivated by a desire to

develop and nor-malise best-practice

collective bargaining

and an international

gender-equity pay model for male and

female cricketers,"

the player's union

was quoted as saying

in the report.

# **Big-hitting New Zealand** crush Pakistan by five wickets for 2-0 lead

Zealand's openers went on over, a six-hitting blitz on Tuesday to thrash Pakistan by five wickets and go 2-0 up in their Twenty20 series.

The home side reached 137-5 with 11 balls to spare in Dunedin to take control of the five-match series after Pakistan posted 135-9 off 15 overs in a rain-reduced second match.

New Zealand's highlight was a ferocious opening stand between Tim Seifert and Finn Allen in which seven of the first eight scoring shots were sixes.

Remarkably, Seifert made the outcome safe, played out a maiden off Earlier, captain Salm opening over before Allen off 28 balls, launching a up the series if victorious University Oval boundary were sent in and lost open- Auckland on Friday.

bowled Mohammad Ali.

Seifert then smashed 26 including four sixes.

win in Christchurch on Shadab Khan with the openers hammer- out 22 off 14. ing five sixes each.

wickets fell in the space of including seamer Ben four overs midway Sears and all-rounder through the chase before Jimmy Neesham, who Mitch Hay's unbeaten 21 were both recalled, in

Earlier, captain Salman Shaheen Shah Afridi's Agha top-scored with 46 small recovery after Pakistan in

by scoring for the second time in the series.

**Sports** 

They were 19-2 in the off Afridi's second over, fourth over before the skipper embarked on a Seifert, who top-scored knock that featured four with 44 in the nine-wicket fours and three sixes. Sunday, departed on 45 off aggressive in the middle 22 balls. Allen fell soon order with 26 off 14 afterwards for 38 off 16, balls and Afridi was not-

Four New Four New Zealand bowlers took two wickets, place of Tim Robinson and Kyle Jamieson.

New Zealand can wrap game



DUNEDIN: Tim Seifert bashed a 22-ball 45 before falling.

Tennis

# PSL's trophy 'Luminara' to be unveiled in Lodhran

F.P. Report

LODHRAN: The historic 10th edition trophy of HBL Pakistan (PSL), League "Luminara," will be unveiled in Lodhran tomorrow.

The trophy will be displayed at Amina Girls School and Tareen Cricket Academy for the unveiling ceremony.

Today, at the trophy reveal event in Multan, Multan Sultans' owner Ali Tareen was also present.

Crafted from solid silver sheets, the PSL trophy features an intricate arrangement of stones, meticulously placed using advanced machining techniques. Weighing 10 kilograms, it is adorned with 22,850 sparkling zircon stones, symbolizing the talent, passion, energy, and fierce competition of PSL.

The name "Luminara" symbolizes light, derived from the Latin word "Luminara," meaning "torch," while "Luminis" translates to "light."



and Rawalpindi.

HBL PSL is set to take Lodhran for its unveiling. taking pictures and selfies place from April 11 to Earlier today, the tro- with both the trophy.

May 18 across four cities: phy was also taken to SOS Karachi, Lahore, Multan, Children's Village in Multan, where Ali Tareen Tomorrow, the PSL 10 was present. The children trophy will be taken to at SOS Children's Village Tareen Cricket Academy had the opportunity to see The 10th edition of and Amina Girls School in the PSL trophy up close,

#### Pakistan team, avers Haris Rauf KARACHI (Monitoring Desk): Pakistan fast bowler Haris Rauf said on Tuesday that the people were kept

People wait for

defeat to criticise

on waiting for defeat to criticise the Pakistan national cricket team.

Addressing a press conference following the Pakistan's defeat against New Zealand, Rauf stated, The criticism becomes a matter of routine."

He rallied behind the fringe players, saying, "There is a dire need to provide complete opportunities to young cricketers."

Rauf vowed to learn two T20Is under the leadership of newly appointed Kingdom captain Salman Ali Agha, European U who had just started off his T20I career.

The fast bowler claimed, 'One day our team will become the best again."

Earlier, nine Pakistan players will practice at the Lahore City Cricket Association (LCCA) for the upcoming New Zealand ODI series.

According Pakistan ÖDI captain Mohammad Rizwan, Babar Azam, Abdullah Shafique, Faheem Ashraf, Imamul Haq, Mohammad Wasim Jr, Naseem Shah, Akif Javed, and Tayyab Tahir will leave for New Zealand early in the morning on March 23. The Green Shirts will take on New Zealand in the white-ball series against the three-match ODI series, starting from

March 29 to April 5. Earlier, a dominant New | Badminton Zealand side cruised to a five-wicket victory over Pakistan in a rain-shortened second T20I at the University Oval on Tuesday, extending their lead to 2-0 in the fivematch series. The match was reduced to 15 overs per side due to persistent rain, but that did little to deter the hosts as they comfortably chased down Pakistan's 136-run target with 11 balls to spare.

# Djokovic player union launches legal blitz against governing bodies

union co-founded by Novak the PTPA statement. "The tennis balls". The PTPA Djokovic on Tuesday ATP, WTA, ITF, and ITIA also cited image right ownannounced a series of legal actions aimed at the sport's governing bodies, alleging 'anticompetitive restraints and abusive practices". Professional

Players'

Association (PTPA) said it was suing the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), Women's Tennis Association (WTA), International Tennis Rauf vowed to learn international from the mistakes after Federation (ITF), and the Green Shirts got International Tennis the Green Shirts got International Tennis and jeopard drubbed at the hands of Integrity Agency (ITIA) in and safety." New Zealand in the first a series of actions in the

> European Union. The PTPA was set up by Djokovic and Canadian Vasek Pospisil in 2020. Some 20 players were named as part of at least

and

one of the actions. "The lawsuits expose regard for players" by mak-systemic abuse, anti-coming them "compete in 100- Frenchman Corentin

implementing a number of draconian, interlocking anticompetitive restraints tions and the "draconian system of ranking points".

The statement also comand abusive practices."
"Tennis is broken," said

Ahmad Nassar, Executive Director of the PTPA. "Behind the glamorous veneer that the defendants that exploits their talent, suppresses their earnings, and jeopardises their health The statement listed

United States, United alleged abuses they are targeting. It said the defendants "colluded", "fixing prize money and suppressing player earnings" forc-"an unsustainable schedule" and exploiting players financially.

er welfare that have per- at 3 AM, and play with dif- in the United Kingdom.

PARIS (AFP): A tennis sisted for decades," said ferent and injury-inducing operate as a cartel by ership, sponsorship restric-

plained that tennis violates player "privacy rights".

'Players are subjected to invasive searches of personal devices, random middle-of-the-night drug promote, players are tests, and interrogations trapped in an unfair system without legal representatests, and interrogations tion," it said. In addition to Djokovic and Pospisil, the seven-member PTPA executive council also includes players, Hubert Hurkacz, Ons Jabeur, Bethanie Mattek-Sands, Taylor Townsend and SaiSai Zheng.

Australian Kyrgios, France's Varvara Gracheva and American ayers financially. Reilly Opelka have joined the bodies show a "distribution of the PTPA's case in the petitive practices, and a degree (Fahrenheit) heat, Moutet and Japan's Taro blatant disregard for play- endure matches that ended Daniel have joined the case

# Haider Ali eyes return in PSL 10

**ISLAMABAD** Super League (PSL).

The tournament is slated including Karachi, Lahore, Multan, and Rawalpindi.

Ali, who represents Islamabad United during first-class debut in September 2019, said his team has all the capability Pakistan's squad for the on a T20I debut.

Pakistani batter Haider Ali have talented players who Teams tournament," he told APP. Ali, said he has recov-

Bangladesh Premier League fans for their support dur- for 2025. Ali, who made his formances in the upcoming his debut T20I match, in PSL season.

Ali, who was named in for Pakistan to score a fifty

(APP): to excel in the PSL. "We 2019 ACC Emerging Asia has expressed optimism can take the team to victory. Bangladesh in November about his potential return to Our players have the talent 2019, emphasized the the 10th edition of Pakistan and ability to excel in the importance of adapting to different game situations. "Playing in leagues is difto take place from April 11 ered and will be going to ferent from playing interna-to May 18, with matches the National Cricket tional cricket. A player's being held in four cities Academy for rehabilitation performance depends on and training. "I'm working the game situation, and hard and hope to return to sometimes even the best the Pakistan Super League players can have off days." got this year," he said. He also It may be mentioned that the expressed his gratitude to Ali, made his T20I debut Pakistan, against (BPL) and was ruled out of ing his injury and vowed to England, in September the BPL Qualifier-2 in repay them with strong per- 2020 and scored 54 runs in becoming the first cricketer

# BWF Level 1 coaching course launched in KP F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: World Federation launched Level Coaching Course for the first time in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Tuesday.

The inauguration ceremony was held at the Directorate General of Sports, Peshawar, where the Provincial Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Syed Fakhar Jehan, officially commenced the course.

The event was attended by Director General of Sports, Abdul Nasir Khan, and President of the Pakistan Badminton Federation, Wajid Ali Chaudhry, among other dignitaries. This coaching program

has been organized under the patronage Provincial Minister Syed Fakhar with the Directorate General of Sports Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the Provincial Badminton

Association. International expert Sembenthan Sivaperumal Malaysia, will be conducting the course, equip-

ping Pakistani coaches with modern badminton The coaching techniques.

A total of 15 partici pants from across the country have been selected for this prestigious training, including top Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Pakistan Army, Pakistan Railways Islamabad, and Pakistan WAPDA.

During his speech at the inaugural ceremony, Provincial Minister Syed Fakhar Jihan expressed his gratito the visiting tude Badminton Asia official from Malaysia and the President of the Pakistan Badminton Federation for facilitating this course in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

He emphasized that this initiative will help local coaches enhance Sports their skills with advanced training methodologies, Jihan, in collaboration ultimately benefiting badminton players in the province.

The minister further stated that the provincial government is committed to the promotion of all sports and is taking sigfrom Badminton Asia, nificant steps to support their development across the region.

#### World No. 1 Sinner to play in Hamburg after doping ban ends

MUNICH (AFP): World number one Jannik Sinner will play the ATP tournament in Hamburg from May 18-24 after his doping ban ends in the build-up to the French Open, organisers confirmed Tuesday.

"For the first time in his career, Jannik Sinner will compete at the 2025 Hamburg Open," tournament organisers confirmed on social media.

The 23-year-old agreed to a three-month ban in February after admitting "partial responsibility" for team mistakes which led to him twice testing positive for traces of the banned anabolic steroid clostebol in March 2024.

The reigning US Open and Australian Open champion's suspension ends on May 4, allowing him to return in time for the French Open, the second Grand

Slam event of the year. The clay-court tournament in Hamburg will be Sinner's second event after his return as he will also compete on home soil at the Italian Open in Rome

Sinner reached the French Open semi-finals last year. This year's tournament is scheduled to run from May 25 until

from May 7-18.

#### the bowlers, claiming 4 wickets for 23 runs. Saud Shakeel was named Player of the Match for his exceptional performance. Meanwhile, at LCCA Ground, Lahore, Multan defeated Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Region by 5 wickets. Batting first after winning the toss, AJK posted 164/8 in 20 overs, with Usman Maroof scoring 40 runs, including 4 sixes and 2 fours. Sharun Siraj and Muhammad Ismail starred with the ball, taking 3 wick-

ets each, conceding 10 and 23 runs, respectively. In reply, Multan chased down the target in 19 overs, losing 5 wickets. Imam-ul-Haq anchored the innings

National T20 Cup: Karachi Whites

and Multan secure wins

KARACHI (Monitoring Desk): Karachi Whites and Multan emerged victorious in their respective matches in

the National T20 Cup on Tuesday, with standout performances from Saud Shakeel and Imam-ul-Haq.

At Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore, Karachi Whites defeated Lahore Blues by 37 runs. Batting first after losing the

toss, Karachi Whites posted 171/5 in their 20 overs. Saud Shakeel led the charge with a brilliant 73-run knock,

effort. Star batter Babar Azam managed just 22 runs, hitting three boundaries. Arif Yaqoob was the pick of

In response, Lahore Blues struggled and were bowled out for 134 runs, despite Qasim Akram's 36-run

with a match-winning 79 off 10 fours and 2 sixes\*, guiding his team to victory.

# Messi out injured as Argentina seek to seal WC place

Lionel Messi weekend, his club confirmed response to treatment will Uruguay in Montevideo.

smashing 8 fours and 3 sixes.

champions'

"His clinical progress and

MONTEVIDEO (AFP/APP): scan had revealed Messi suf- pions, can ensure qualification will miss fered a "low-grade injury in the for next year's tournament in Argentina's World Cup quali- adductor muscle" in the 2-1 win their next two games. They lead fiers this month after suffering on Sunday. The statement gave the 10-team South American a groin strain in Inter Miami's no timetable for Messi's return. qualifying group by five points victory over Atlanta at the "His clinical progress and ahead of the game with

on Monday. determine his availability for The top six teams qualify Messi was left out of competition," Inter said. After directly for the World Cup in Argentina's squad for the world missing three games for Inter the United States, Mexico and clash against earlier this month, the 37-year- Canada. The seventh-placed Uruguay on Friday, which is old returned with a goal off the team is currently Bolivia with followed by a showdown with bench in a CONCACAF 13 points. After 12 rounds, ENG), Brazil on March 25. Inter Champions Cup win. Argentina, Messi is the top scorer in the (Marsei Miami said in a statement that a the defending World Cup cham- competition with six goals.

Argentina are also without injured Roma striker Paulo Dybala and River Plate fullback Paulo Montiel.

Brazil will be without 33year-old Neymar, who has suffered a thigh injury and has had Nicolas Tagliafico (Lyon, FRA), The top six teams qualify to postpone his return to the Facundo Medina (Lens, FRA), national team, who are fifth, seven points behind Argentina.

**Squad:** Goalkeepers: Emiliano Martinez (Aston Villa, Geronimo (Marseille, FRA), Benitez (PSV Eindhoven, NED). Exequiel

Defenders: Nahuel Molina Leverkusen, GER), Maximo Madrid, (Atletico Leonardo Balerdi (Marseille, FRA), Romero Cristian (Tottenham, ENG), Nicolas Madrid, Otamendi (Benfica, POR), Domingu Juan Foyth (Villarreal, ESP),

German Pezzella (River Plate) Midfielders: Leandro Paredes (Roma, ITA), Alexis Mac Allister Rulli (Liverpool, ENG), Rodrigo De Walter Paul (Atletico Madrid, ESP), Palacios

ESP), Perrone (Como, ITA), Enzo Fernandez (Chelsea, ENG), Giuliano Simeone (Atletico ESP), Dominguez (Bologne, ITA), Thiago Almada (Lyon, FRA)

Forwards: Lautaro Martinez (Inter Milan, ITA), Julian Alvarez (Atletico Madrid, ESP), Angel Correa (Atletico Madrid, ESP), Nicolas Paz (Como, ITA), Santiago Castro (Bologna, ITA), Nicolas (Bayer Gonzalez (Juventus, ITA).



#### In brief

#### **IRSA** releases **72,139** cusecs water

(SLAMABAD (APP) Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on released 72,139 cusecs of water from various rim stations with inflow of cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, the water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1402.9 feet and was 0.9 feet higher than its dead level of 1402 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam were recorded as 18,400 cusecs and 20,000 cusecs, respectively The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1050 feet, which was at its dead level of 1050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water were recorded as 26,056 cusecs and 26,198 cusecs, respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa, Guddu, and Sukkur was recorded as 14,454, 26,430,17,984, and 6280 cusecs, respectively. Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 10,800 cusecs of water were released at Nowshera.

#### Police nab 9 criminals

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Rawalpindi Police continued operations against criminal elements and caught nine accused including drug dealers, illegal arms owners, liquor sellers and others. According to the police spokesman, Wah Saddar Police arrested accused Sharif with 1.6 kilograms charas, while the Ratta Amral and Waris Police held accused Tauqir and Suleman respectively recovering 700 grams and 580 grams of the contraband item. Similarly, the Civil Lines Police recovered 520 grams charas. Likewise, the Cantt and Gujar Khan Police netted two accused Shahzad and Saeed recovering a 30-bore pistol each from them, while accused Ikram was nabbed by the Bani Police arrested with litres of liquor. Meanwhile, the Saddar Baroni Police arrested two accused Noor-ur-Rehman and Zeeshan for decanting of liquefied petroleum gas.

#### 2 killed in rival groups clash

RAWALPINDI (APP) Two persons were killed in a clash between two rival groups in the limits of Gujar Khan Police Station on Tuesday. According to Rawalpindi Police spokesman, the two groups, who had an old enmity, started firing on one another. Resultantly, Rafiq and Qadeer, belonging to the rival sides, perished. bodies were shifted to the hospital, while the police cordoned off the crime scene for collecting evidence. According to the initial investigation, the incident was a result of previous enmity. Meanwhile, City Police Officer Syed Khalid Hamdani took notice of the incident and sought a report from Superintendent of Police Muhammad Nabeel Khokhar directing immediate arrest of the accused.

#### 2 bike-lifters gangs busted

RAWALPINDI (APP) The Rawalpindi Police on Tuesday busted two gangs of bike lifters and recovered five stolen motorcycles from their possession. According to the police spokesman, the City Police held three suspects Shahzad Ahmed Asghar involved in bike lifting in their jurisdiction. Four motorcycles were recovered from them. Likewise, Pirwadhai Police also nabbed a two-member gang involved in robbery and motorcycle The arrested theft. accused included Rizwanullah Shahab. Besides Rs 20,000 snatched from citizens, a stolen motorcycle was also recov-

ered from them.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry meets Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam to discuss maritime and climate initiatives. —APP Photo

# Abbasi urges adoption of modern safety technologies in Railways

authorities to adopt modern and timely services. safety technologies and He also directed r enhance emergency preparedness to ensure passenger safety at all times.

He chaired a high-level Railways, attended by key stakeholders, to review Pakistan Railways' opera-tions and discuss future strategies.

During the meeting, the Minister stressed that the safety and security of pasdetailed briefing on train schedules, passenger services, technical operations, and safety protocols.

officials to strengthen security at railway stations Pakistan Railways' ecoand on board trains to pre- nomic potential, encouragvent any untoward inci- ing officials to explore new meeting at the Ministry of dents. Upgrading infra- revenue streams through structure, including tracks, private-sector partnerships, stations, and rolling stock, was also highlighted as a key focus area.

introducing modern, comfortable trains would encourage more people to opment due to its extensive sengers must remain the use Pakistan Railways as top priority in railway their preferred mode of operations. He took a travel.

the importance of customer transform

Minister for arrivals and departures with travelers, ensuring Railways Hanif Abbasi on and called for collective they were informed in Tuesday directed railway efforts to ensure efficient advance about train timings, delays, and service He also directed railway interruptions. He also highlighted

improved freight services, and tourism development. The Minister said that

The Minister said that Pakistan Railways could play a vital role in economic growth and social develnetwork and rich history.

Hanif Abbasi called for a renewed commitment Hanif Abbasi stressed from all stakeholders to service, urging staff to be Railways into a modern, professional, courteous, efficient, and reliable trans-Hanif Abbasi emphasized the need to maintain with passengers. He called needs of the people.

# **BISER** introduces 'live verification system' of students

RAWALPINDI Chairman Muhammad Adnan Khan able to appear in their find guilty of violating the on Tuesday said that in exams, eliminating unfair examination SOPs, and was order to maintain the practices and maintaining immediately transparency during the transparency in the examiexaminations and prevent cheating (false marks), the Board has introduced a implemented in all the Examinations, examination centers of Rawalpindi Division.

his visits to various examcenters Matriculation First Annual During the visit, he to the Disciplinary Branch, 2025 Examination. He checked the CCTV footage Board Office.

(APP): said that the real-time ver- and camera recordings. In Education ification system only gen- the camera recordings, a Rawalpindi, uine candidates would be staffer at the center was nation process.

"This is an important step towards conducting fair and 'Student Live Verification transparent examinations", ing Angelina Azeem, while from 2023, which is fully he added. Controller of two private candidates Tanveer Syed Asghar Awan also visited Government Boys High Shahzeb", he said. The con-He remarked this after School Ghor Ghishti, Attock and Government Girls High of School Ghor Ghishti.

dismissed from examination duty.

"Three candidates were caught red-handed while copying (cheating), includ-Suleman Hussain Shah and Muhammad troller said that the case has been immediately registered against them and sent

# Rifaat Hussain's legacy to inspire generations of scholars



**ISLAMABAD** (APP): Eminent speakers at a condolence reference hosted by the Institute of Regional Studies, (IRS) to honour Professor Syed Rifaat Hussain stated that the indelible legacy of the distinguished scholar, academic, diplomat and journalist, who passed away recently will live on to inspire the youth of Pakistan.

Speaking on the occasion, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, lauded the diplomatic skills and jour-nalistic prowess of Riffat Hussain in projecting Pakistan's narrative during challenging times, said a press release.

Amb Jalil Abbas Jilani, former Foreign Minister of ed his contribution towards

capacity as the Dean and Highlighting the illustri-

ous academic career and nation needed more intellectual icons like Prof. Riffat Hussain to keep inspiring future genera- mer Dean of Social tions of students. He also Sciences at QAU, read a called for celebrating the lives of such self-effacing heroes who serve the cause of nation-building selflessly and honestly.

Amb Ashraf Jehangir bution Qazi, former Amb to the Director RCSS. United States, China and India, lauded Dr. Hussain as attended by a large number Pakistan, highlighted Dr. an exceptional professor of diplomats, intelligentsia, Hussain's pivotal role in and researcher", who left an academics, shaping generations of indelible intellectual legacy young minds and commend- in multiple disciplines.

building NUST and IRS as mer permanent representacentres of excellence in his tive of Pakistan to the UN, emphasized that Dr. Riffat Member BOG respectively. Hussain's services to the nation during difficult times would always be rememexemplary devotion of the bered, Amb Sohail deceased academic, Amb Mehmood, DG ISSI, noted Jauhar Saleem, President that he lived a full life, build-IRS, underscored that the ing exceptional academic expertise upon unwavering dedication and integrity.

Prof. Nazir Hussain, forcondolence letter from the Regional Centre Strategic Studies (RCSS) Sri Lanka, highlighting Prof. Rifaat's pivotal contri-Executive

memorial was The journalists. researchers, and students keen to pay tribute to an Amb Zamir Akram, for- exceptional academic

#### ANF arrests 7 smugglers with 125 kg drugs worth Rs 28m

**Capital** 

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Anti-Narcotics Force during five operations in various cities on Tuesday arrested seven drug smugglers, including an Afghan national, recovering over 125 kilograms of drugs worth about Rs 28 million.

According to an ANF spokesman, in the first operation, four accused were held after 3.5 kg of heroin was recovered from their vehicle near Turkish Toll Plaza Sohawa.

In the second operation, the ANF personnel held an Afghan national when 30 kg opium and 6 kg charas were recovered from a Suzuki pickup near Sahianwala Motorway Interchange. Similarly in the third operation, about 1.8 kg of opium was recovered from a vehicle on Pasrur Road near Sialkot, with one suspect taken into custody.

Likewise in another

operation near Yaro Chowk, Pishin, an accused was nabbed on the recovery of 12 kg charas from a rickshaw. The ANF recovered 72 kg charas from a vehicle near Jamil Chowk on Ring | Foundation's headquarters commitment to literary Road, Peshawar. The on Tuesday to discuss spokesman said cases were potential collaborations. registered against the Narcotics Control Act.

#### **MNA Malik** Abrar meets **RPO Alpa**

RAWALPINDI RAWALPINDI (APP): Member of the National Assembly Malik Abrar Ahmed on Tuesday met Regional Police Officer Rawalpindi Babar Sarfraz Alpa, a police spokesman said. During the meeting, MNA Malik Abrar discussed matters related to his constituency and mutual interest, including the steps taken to further improve public service delivery according to the vision of the Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz.

RPO Alpa informed the MNA that the Rawalpindi Police as per the Punjab CM's vision were fighting against criminal elements. The fight against corruption was also underway under an effective strategy, while steps were being taken for the best public service delivery in the Rawalpindi

region, he added. On a daily basis, he said, the regional office was organizing Khuli Kachehris at various places in all districts of the Rawalpindi region to ensure the provision of justice to the public at their doorsteps. The quality of police investigation was being further improved with the use of modern technology, while actions were being taken against criminal elements under an effective strategy, the RPO added.

#### Woman murder case PO nabbed

RAWALPINDI (APP): The New Town Police on Tuesday arrested a proclaimed offender wanted in the murder case of a woman. According to the Rawalpindi spokesman, Police accused Shamoon Liaquat had killed a married woman over a personal grudge in October 2024 and had been absconding since then. The New Town Police registered the case of the incident and used all means.

# Junaid Chaudhry, Romina Khurshid discuss maritime affairs

Federal Minister

Muhammad Junaid Anwar meeting with Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change Romina Khurshid his commitment for inte-Alam at Kohsar Block, grating Ministry of Maritime Affairs.

Romina Khurshid Alam affairs. He highlighted congratulated Muhammad ongoing initiatives such as assuming his new portfolio able blue economy pracand expressed confidence in tices, mangrove conservahis leadership to advance the tion projects, and efforts to able and climate-resilient policies, said a press release.

During the meeting, both dignitaries discussed key minimize carbon emissions. areas of collaboration between the Ministry of focusing on environmental sustainability in Pakistan's mitigate the impact of cli-

for emphasized the importance coastal regions. She reiterat-Affairs, of green initiatives, coastal ecosystem preservation, and Chaudhry on Tuesday held a climate adaptation strategies for ports and fisheries. The minister reaffirmed

> climate-friendly policies into maritime also stressed the need for

Romina Khurshid Alam acknowledged the ministry's

ed the government's resolve to enhance climate resilience in all sectors, including maritime affairs, to ensure sustainable economic growth.

Both officials agreed to strengthen inter-ministerial coordination for the development of policies that align with Pakistan's inter-Junaid Anwar Chaudhry on the promotion of sustain- national climate commitments. They also discussed joint initiatives in marine biodiversity conservation, maritime sector with sustain- reduce marine pollution. He plastic waste reduction in coastal areas, and the protechnological advance- motion of clean energy ments in port operations to solutions in port operations.

The meeting concluded with a mutual commitment for advancing climate-Maritime Affairs and the efforts and assured full resilient maritime policies Climate Change Division, cooperation in implement- and fostering sustainable

# Pakistan, Turkmenistan discuss strengthening energy cooperation

ISLAMABAD Federal Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik and Turkmenistan's Ambassador to Pakistan, Atadjan Movlamov, on Tuesday discussed ways to strengthen bilateral ties and expand energy cooperation.

During a meeting, the Ambassador congratulated Ali Pervaiz Malik on his recent appointment and expressed confidence in his leadership to steer Pakistan's energy sector towards sustainable development.

Minister for release, the ambassador highlighted the strong and longstanding relations between the two countries, particularly in the energy sector.

Minister Ali Pervaiz

Malik said Pakistan and

Turkmenistan share a history of cultural and economic cooperation based on mutual respect and a shared vision for regional prosperity.

According to a press investment in the sector. The minister expressed Pakistan's keen interest in exploring new opportunities for collaboration with Turkmenistan, especially in

the energy domain.

He also extended his best wishes for the International Conference on International Year of Peace and Trust: Role of Inter-regional Economic He also outlined Cooperation in Ensuring Pakistan's efforts to upgrade its energy infrastructure and attract foreign Ashgabat tomorrow.

# Iranian envoy visits NBF

ISLAMABAD (APP): As facilitate book access and part of efforts to strengthen cultural ties, Dr Mehdi Taheri, Cultural Attaché at the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, visited National

the foundation's mandate and literature and culture.

encourage reading habits. Secretary of NBF Murad Ali Mohmand provided insights into NBF's diverse

publications and the Book Museum, emphasizing its preservation and knowledge dissemination. A key discus-Director of NBF Dr Kamran at NBF Headquarters, dedi-

its pivotal role in promoting The mutual translation of book culture across Pakistan. Persian and Urdu literary

between the two nations. Dr Mehdi Taheri expressed his gratitude to Dr Kamran Jahangir for an insightful tour of NBF facilities, including the Indonesian Corner, Bookshop, and Wall of Honour.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to collabregistered against the He was warmly wel- sion point was the proposal orating in book publishing, arrested suspects under the comed by Managing to establish an 'Iran Corner' translation, and the dissemination of rich literature in Jahangir who briefed him on cated to showcasing Iranian Pakistan and Iran. The visit concluded on a note of The mutual translation of mutual appreciation, with both parties looking for-During the visit, Dr works was also deliberated, ward to strengthening liter-Kamran Jahangir highlight- recognizing the significance ary and cultural relations ed that NBF operated 21 of cultural exchange and between Pakistan and Iran book outlets nationwide to strengthening literary ties through joint initiatives.

# Pakistan's tourism industry set to generate \$4bln revenue

Pakistan's travel and tourism sector is expected to generate over \$4 billion in revenue by 2025, as per the latest research report of Statista on Pakistan's Travel and Tourism industry. The industry is set to grow at an annual rate of 6.75% from 2025 to 2029, potentially reaching a mar-ket volume of \$5.53 billion by the end of 2029.

Managing Director of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) Aftab ur Rehman Rana informed that this growth is being driven by both domestic and international travelers exploring the country's vibrant cultural heritage and natural won-

Tuesday.

growth of Pakistan's travel Pakistanis are opting to explore their own country, urged by improved infrastructure, higher disposable incomes, and a growing sense of national pride. booking platforms has enhanced security meas-made planning trips more ures and improved direct convenient and accessible.

He also highlighted the macroeconomic factors, such as government initiatives, infrastructure improvements, increase in private sector investment in hotel international visitors.

ders, said a press release on industry, better visa facilitation, improved marketing He informed that the and promotion in internadomestic tourism is a major tional markets and the driving force behind the expansion of international flight routes, which are also sector. More and more contributing to the rise of Pakistan's tourism industry.

He said, Interest in visiting Pakistan is soaring, with the BBC, CNN and Financial Times all recently naming the region as one of Additionally, the role of the must visit destinations social media and online for 2025. He added that flight connectivity can further help in boosting the confidence of international visitor and making Pakistan a more appealing destination for both domestic and



ISLAMABAD: Denmark's Ambassador met with Federal Health Minister Mustafa Kamal to discuss bilateral cooperation in the health sector and matters of mutual interest. —APP Photo

#### Salaries to be paid this week

KABUL (Pajhwok): MoF has scotched rumours that government employees' salaries have been reduced pay norms changed, assuring all public servants of payments as usual. Some news outlets released reports claiming the salaries of government servants had been slashed. The MoF wrote on its X handle on Tuesday: "The lists and rumors circulating in media and on social platforms regarding changes in salary norms for the IE's institutions are entirely baseless.

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Afghan team wins medals

SCHLESWIG, Germany (Amu TV): Afghan refugee athletes secured three gold medals and one bronze at a national weightlifting competition held in the northern German city of Schleswig. The tournament featured competitors from various countries, with Afghan refugee lifters making a strong showing. Hoshang Seddiqian won gold in the under-120 kg category, while Omid Khan Habib and Ahmad A'zami each claimed gold in the under-74 kg category.

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

# 270 km of roads built in Kabul in 3 years

Kabul Municipality said that over the past three years, more than 270 kilo- Barakzai said. meters of roads have been constructed in various parts dents of the capital have of the capital.

representative of the Kabul considering it an effective Municipality, also stated step toward progress. that work is currently underway on 82 other road Kabul, told TOLOnews: construction projects in

Kabul Municipality has for the country's progress." built approximately 270 "In any country where kilometers of new roads in infrastructure is developed, area of Deh Afghanan

Meanwhile, some resipraised the renovation and Nematullah Barakzai, a reconstruction of roads, recently

"We are very happy. It is good that roads are being "In about three years, built, and we are hopeful "In any country where

KABUL (TOLOnews): The Kabul, and our goal is to it is natural that people's provide better quality services to our dear citizens," problems will be somewhat resolved," stated Mohammad Ali, another resident of Kabul.

This comes as Municipality announced the expropriation and demolition of more than 100 Hamid, a resident of properties in the Joi Shir area of the capital.

The municipality stated that the purpose of expanding the Joy-e-Shir to Pul-e-Artal road is to reduce congestion in the underground

# Hedayatullah meets Chinese ambassador



KABUL (BNA): Mullah Afghanistan. He expressed included plans to accelerate Hedayatullah Badri, the a strong commitment from the extraction processes at Acting Minister of Mines and Petroleum, held a relations and create a more meeting with Zhao Xing favorable environment for the Chinese ambassador to foreign investors Afghanistan, focusing on Afghanistan's burgeoning enhancing opportunities in the country's mineral resources.

by the ministry, Badri between the two countries, underscored the enduring emphasizing the imporpolitical and economic ties tance of their partnership. recovery and growth in the between China and The discussions also mineral resources sector.

investment mineral sector.

The Chinese ambassador acknowledged the deep and In a statement released friendly relations shared

the Qashqari oil wells and the exploration of the Mes Aynak copper mine, both crucial projects for Afghanistan's economic crucial development.

This meeting marks a pivotal step towards attracting more foreign investment, which is essential for the country's economic

# Taliban ban women's voices on Kandahar media

The Taliban's Directorate cial health directorate. of Information and Culture in Kandahar has issued a tive, journalists must obtain new directive banning the official permission from the broadcast of women's voic- Information and Culture es on radio stations and Directorate before traveling mandating the use of hon- within Kandahar province orific titles when referring for reporting purposes. to the Taliban's supreme Center (AFJC).

According to the direc- written form. tive, all broadcasts must Protect Him" and use Kandahar. "Islamic Emirate" when administration.

The broadcast prohibited, including in be permitted. entertainment programs and commercial advertise- ond ments, the directive says.

products, and health clinics from the airwaves. is banned without prior

Afghanistan The leader, according to the Journalists Center said that have pressured media out- tions, The directive, which was lets across the country to reportedly sent in writing to use honorific titles for media outlets, outlines four Akhundzada, this is the Hewad new restrictions for local first time such a demand radio stations in Kandahar. has been formally issued in

The group also noted refer to Taliban leader that while restrictions on blatant escalation in the Hibatullah Akhundzada as women's voices had previ-"His Excellency, Amir al- ously existed informally, Mu'minin, May God the absolute ban is new for

Until now, local stations mentioning the Taliban could air pre-recorded proof included female voices—a cially. women's voices is strictly practice that will no longer

province, ing medications, cosmetic and completely banned

According to the AFJC, Afghanistan's society.

KANDAHAR (Amu TV): approval from the provin- there are no local television networks currently operat-According to the direc- ing in Kandahar. The provincial branch National Television, which was shut down last year following a ban on broadcasting images of living beings has since been converted

into a radio station. The province currently Afghanistan Journalists while Taliban authorities has 11 private radio stations, including Sanga, Zama, Waranga, Tabassum, Millat Zhagh. Zewar, Zhagh, Sama Taleem al-Quran, Tahseen al-Ouran, and Ehsas Zhagh

> The AFJC condemned the latest restrictions as a Taliban's suppression of independent media, warning that such censorship is severely threatening the survival of local media outlets, many of which are grams from Kabul that already struggling finan-

The organization also urged the Taliban to consid-Kandahar is now the sec- er the psychological impact after of silencing free expres-Helmand, where women's sion, warning that their It also says that advertis- voices have been officially unprecedented crackdown on press freedoms will have serious consequences for

### IEA flays Israeli attacks on Gaza: MoFA

KABUL (Ariana News): The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Emirate has strongly condemned Israel's attacks on the Gaza Strip, stating that the resumption of attacks by the "occupying regime' is against international human rights laws and also in conflict with fundamental human values.

In a statement, the Ministry once again called on the world, especially influential countries, to declare their strong support the "oppressed" Palestinian people and take practical and serious measures to end the occupation.

The Islamic Emirate continues to regard the issue of Palestine as a fundamental and common issue within the Islamic Ummah and considers their just struggle and legitimate resistance as a fixed right, offering its support," the statement read.

As a result of Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip on Tuesday at least 200 people, including women and children, were killed.

#### Japan donates \$2.5m million to support Afghanistan

KABUL (Khaama Press): JNICEF has announced that Japan's government has donated \$2.5 million in aid to support vulnerable Afghan children in response to natural disasters.

This funding will assist in providing essential services to vulnerable children affected by ongong crises.

This funding, as stated in UNICEF press release on Monday, March 17, will focus on helping those affected by emergencies, especially children, who are among the most vulnerable populations in Afghanistan.

UNICEF emphasized that millions of Afghans. particularly children, lack access to clean drinking water, which has contributed to widespread outbreaks of waterborne diseases such as diarrhea.

The aid will also enhance public awareness programs aimed at preventng diseases, improving access to healthcare, and supporting educational efforts around health and hygiene in Afghanistan.

Furthermore, the project will focus on providing services to at-risk children and women, especially vulnerable those exploitation and abuse, addressing critical needs

within the community. Japan has previously contributed to similar initiatives, providing healthcare services and other forms of aid aimed at improving the lives of Afghan children and their families.

This collaboration between Japan and UNICEF demonstrates a continued international commitment to humanirelief tarian Afghanistan, reinforcing the importance of global partnerships in addressing the crisis.

# IEA to UN: Help lift curbs, unfreeze Afghan assets KABUL (Pajhwok): The

caretaker government has called on the UN mission to work strengthen Afghanistan's ties with the world body and other countries.

The call comes hard on the heels of the UN Security Council unanimously extending the mandate of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) for another year. Islamic Émirate of Afg-

hanistan (IEA) spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid wrote on his X handle UNAMA should accurately reflect Afghanistan's progress in security, economic and social domains.

He said: "We urge UNAMA to focus on

strengthening relations between Afghanistan, the UN and other countries and correctly portray Afghanistan's security, economic and social advancements."



He added that the essary United Nations Assistance unfreezing of Afghan cerns as in the past, avoid Mission in Afghanistan assets, and the handover of using isolated issues to (UNAMA) should advothe Afghan people, includ-

sanctions, Afghanistan's seat at the spread propaganda against cate for the global rights of UN to the Islamic Emirate. ing the removal of unnec- they should refrain from of hostile groups.'

the creating unnecessary con-N to the Islamic Emirate. Afghanistan and not He wrote: "Additionally, become a tool in the hands

# WHO-supported facilities in Afghanistan risk shutdown by June

KABUL (Ariana News): another 220 facilities could The World Health Organic close by June 2025, leaving be measured in lives lost." Afghanistan is deeply con- Afghans without access to cerned that funding short-ages could force the closure

In the worst a of 80 percent of WHO-supported essential health care services across the country.

Millions of people, including vulnerable populations such as women, children, the elderly, the displaced and returnees, will be left without access to critical medical care, the organization said in a statement.

health facilities had shut

people across 25 provinces. out urgent intervention, Edwin Ceniza Salvador.

in an additional 1.8 million

In the worst affected Northern, regions Western and Northeastern Afghanistan - more than a third of health care centres have shut down, raising alarms about an imminent humanitarian crisis.

"These closures are not just numbers on a report, they represent mothers unable to give birth safely, As of 4 March 2025, 167 children missing lifesaving vaccinations, entire comdown due to funding short- munities left without proages, cutting off lifesaving tection from deadly disease medical care to 1.6 million outbreaks," said WHO Representative and Head of WHO warned that with- Mission in Afghanistan Dr

Afghanistan is already cantly reduced as develop-battling multiple health ment aid priorities have emergencies, including out-

Without functioning health facilities, efforts to control these diseases are

severely hindered. Over 16 were reported in the first two months of 2025. With immunization rates at critically low levels (only 51% for the first dose of the measles vaccine and 37% for the second), children are at heightened risk of preventable illness and death.

"The consequences will Afghanistan's health sector, funding has been signifishifted. The needs, howevbreaks of measles, malaria, er, remain immense, and dengue, polio and Crimean-current support is not Congo haemorrhagic fever. enough to sustain critical health care services for millions of Afghans, WHO

"This is not just about 000 suspected measles funding. It is a humanitaricases, including 111 deaths, an emergency that threatens to undo years of progress in strengthening nistan's health system,' said Salvador.

'Every day that passes without our collective support brings more suffering, more preventable deaths and lasting damage to the While some donors con- country's health care infra-

# 16 water supply networks under construction in Baghlan

A local organization, with financial support from the World Bank, has launched the construction of 16 water supply networks in Baghlan province, with a total value of nearly \$2 million.

This project will be implemented in six districts of the province and is expected to provide clean drinking water to more than 35,000 families.

Baghlan was one of the provinces severely affected by devastating floods this solar year. In addition to causing casualties and extensive financial losses, these floods have made access to clean drinking water difficult for residents.

"This project will be implemented in six districts, including Doshi, residents' struggles: Khenjan, Banu, Pul-e-Hesar, Dahana-e-Ghori, and Andarab, with a total becomes Baghlan. Abdul Jabar Sabet, the

district governor of Baghlan say that due to the polluted, and we have to floods.



"During rainfall and flooding, the river water contaminated, value of \$1.9 million," stat- causing serious problems ed Anzergul Amiri, the for the locals. Many resiprovincial director of the dents have fallen ill due to water and be protected supporting organization in consuming this unsafe from diseases," said Taza supporting organization in consuming this unsafe water.'

Some residents of

lack of access to clean drinking water, their family members have suffered from various illnesses.

"We hope this project will be fully implemented so that we can access clean Mir, a resident of Baghlan.

"The Andarab River is

wait for hours for the water to settle before we can use it," said Abdul Nabi, another resident of Baghlan.

According to a survey conducted by UNICEF at the end of 2023 in Baghlan, 64% of the province's residents lack access to clean drinking water due to the negative impacts of recent

# A poor mom nursing 3 paralysed sons



Mahjabin, hailing from children's treatment. western Ghor province, has children. Despite her unwavering dedication, she finds her life.

FEROZKOH (Pajhwok): herself unable to afford her

Living in the Jarfaizabad devoted 25 years of her life village of Ferozkoh, the to nursing three paralysed provincial capital, the 42year-old mother reflects on

At the age of 15, she showed early signs of married a man significantly paralysis, she began treatolder than her. They have ment promptly, preventing two daughters and five the condition from prosons. Their first daughter, gressing further. Zainab, was born healthy and is now married

gradually became quadri- grade student.

his hands and legs became paralysed. Her third son, Juma Gul,

22, though not paralysed, has a short stature that makes him appear much younger than his years. Both her fourth son Sardar, 20, and fifth son Sattar, 16, are suffer from full paralysis of limbs

Her sixth child, a daughter named Khair-ul-Nisa, is 14 years old. Although she

Khair-ul-Nisa can walk,

dren born after Zainab attends school as a sixth But Mahjabin draws

is 24 years old. Mahjabin old. Unlike his siblings, hold responsibilities, withrecalls that he was healthy Milad is healthy. In out losing sight of her chil-until the age of seven, when Mahjabin's words, he is dren's needs. strong because he was not breastfed.

> school and securing top onions and water. One by marks in his class.

paralysed sons

lying in various corners of depth of a mother's love the house, waiting for their and sacrifice. mother's care.

Despite their physical suffering, their eyes radiate love and gratitude towards their mother, who is their the years. "Every day, I primary source of hope and

Nursing her three paraleat, help her mother with ysed sons and doing house- it was easier for me. But able, but the cost of treat- day lead a better life.

strength from her motherly plegic. Milad, her youngest and affection, which motivates Her second son, Jabbar, seventh child, is nine years her to manage all house-Milad, her youngest and affection, which motivates

> At noon, she prepares a simple meal for her family, He is described as clever consisting of "qoruti" (a and lively, excelling in type of yogurt), two raw one, she feeds her paral-The painful reality of ysed sons, ensuring they are attended to before she Mahjabin's three paral- eats herself. This tender act ysed sons spend their days of devotion reflects the

> > Mahjabin admits the physical challenge of caring for her children has become more difficult over wake up with worry and

fear," she says.
"When they were small,

height have increased, it has become very hard. Sometimes, when I take them to the toilet, I don't have the strength, and I have to drag them all the

Hope for a better future

Despite the overwhelming challenges she faces, Mahjabin's greatest hope is to see her paralysed sons and her daughter, who is currently undergoing treatment, recover.

She dreams of a day when they will be able to lead a normal life.

Sitting beside her sons, Mahjabin dotes on them with a sense of optimism. She speaks of her children's diagnosis – a nerve block

leading to their paralysis.

However, all her chil- household chores and even hold chores is no easy task. now that they have grown ment is substantial. Each ten born after Zainab attends school as a sixth But Mahjabin draws up and their weight and child's treatment requires more than 100,000 afghanis — a sum far beyond her means.

> Her husband works as a janitor at the provincial hospital in Ghor, with a meagre monthly salary of 5,000 afghanis. This is barely enough to cover the family's basic needs, let alone pay for the children's treatment.

'I often think," she says, if my children were healthy, they would have homes and cars and would take me on trips. I am not hopeless. God willing, my dreams will come true one

Mahjabin wants wealthy individuals and the government to fund the treatment of her children and thereby help improve their living This condition is cur- conditions so they may one



GAZA CITY: Men walking carrying the shrouded bodies of young victims who were killed in Israeli bombardment, at the Ahli Arab hospital.

# PM calls for efforts to eliminate Hepatitis C

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday called for coordinated efforts by federal and provincial governments and all stakeholders to eradicate Hepatitis C from Pakistan, vowing to promote and expand the PM's Hepatitis C Elimination Programme countrywide.

Speaking at a recognition ceremony here, marking the successful completion of the pilot project of the PM's National Hepatitis C Elimination Programme in Gilgit Baltistan, the prime minister emphasized the importance of the initiative in addressing the widespread impact of the disease in the country.

Acknowledging the significant support from the Aga Khan Development Network and the World Health Organization (WHO) in this initiative, he said that the hepatitis unit was initially established at the Pakistan Kidney and Liver Institute (PKLI) and was later expanded to provide 100% free treatment facilities.

The prime minister expressed regret that when the new government took office in 2018, the program was discontinued. However, he said that shortly after assuming the office of Prime Minister, he resumed the program, which was now operational in Punjab under the leadership of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. "We see a bright future of Gilgit Baltistan and subsequently other parts of Pakistan," he said expressing the confidence that with the efforts of the incumbent government, Hepatitis C will be completely erased from the country very soon. "This aggressive disease is spreading. This is high time to effectively control this disease," he said. The prime minister told the gathering the federal government was in the process of establishing Jinnah Medical Centre in Islamabad Hospital of Pakistan in public healthcare.

Health Services Syed Mustafa Kamal, occasion.

Minister of State Dr. Malik Mukhtar Ahmad Bharath, Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal, NADRA Chairman, WHO Representative in Pakistan and others.

Minister for Planning and Developmen Ahsan Iqbal, speaking on the occasion highlighted that Pakistan had the highes spread of Hepatitis C, calling it a matter of great concern. He said the success of hepatitis programme manifested the model of public-private partnership and also the coordination between federal and provincial governments.

He said the government was hopeful of eliminating the disease 2029 as the Prime Minister's Hepatitis C elimination program will not only save millions of lives but also contribute to boosting the country's economic productivity. Minister for National Health Syed Mustafa Kamal, lauding the prime minister's vision of eliminating Hepatitis C from the country, assured him of his full support to successfully eliminate the disease from the coun-

Highlighting the significance of preven tive healthcare, he said the treatment of 10 million cases was difficult. World Health Organization (WHO) Representative in Pakistan Dr Lou Dapeng said the Organization will continue to stand side by side with Pakistan in supporting its programme to completely eliminate the dis-

He thanked the GB and AJK governments and their health departments for their swift action and excellent leadership in the pilot program. He said that screening of 14000 people across two union councils was a commendable achievement and assured of WHO's technical and operational support. Member Task Force of PM's Hepatitis C Elimination Programme Dr Saeed Akhtar informed that Rs 68 bilwhich would prove to John Hopkins lion were committed for the programme which will be completed in two phases. Earlier, he distributed shields among Information Minister Attaullah Tarar and the contributors to the pilot project of Minister of State Dr. Malik Mukhtar Gilgit Baltistan including Minister for Ahmad Bharath were also present on the

# Balochistan universities shut indefinitely

QUETTA (AFP): The Quoting an anonymous University of Balochistan provincial government offihas been closed for an cial, the AFP reported that indefinite period, with all two universities were academic activities shifted ordered to close for an to virtual learning, the administration announced on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Bahadur Khan Women's University had already after reviewing the overall moved to online classes for security situation," the offifemale students. Sources cial said adding, "It was said the universities were decided to switch to virtual Balochistan cerns. The Balochistan due to security concerns." University of Information The decision to reopen the

third was instructed to Sardar switch to virtual learning. "The decision was made

Security across provincial capital has been heightened, increased number of securi-"indefinite period" last ty forces on the streets and week, while on Tuesday, a additional checkpoints set up throughout the city following the recent surge in separatist violence. The development comes after last week's harrowing attack outlawed Liberation closed due to security con- learning until further notice Army (BLA) militants who blew up train tracks and held over 440 passengers Technology (BUIT) has campuses, which will hostage in a day-long standalso called a meeting to impact thousands of stuassess the situation, accord- dents, will be made after the a remote mountain pass in Eid ul Fitr, just two weeks the Bolan district.

# Ukraine presses for truce as Trump, Putin hold talks

has pressed Russia to ering recognising Crimea, accept a US proposal for a which Russia annexed from ceasefire as United States Ukraine in 2014, as President Donald Trump Russian territory. and Russian President Vladimir Putin hold talks edly said that Crimea,

on the war. allies demanded that the the pre-annexation popula-Russian president fully tion was mostly Russian accept the US-proposed 30-speakers, is already formalday ceasefire during the ly part of Russia. Kyiv has call, which began at 10:00 said it wants the Black Sea (14:00GMT) on Tuesday, peninsula – internationally according to a White House recognised as Ukrainian official. "We expect the territory by most countries Russian side to uncondi- - back. tionally agree to this proing. "It is time for Russia to him of continuing "to drag show whether it really out this war" in a bid to betwants peace.'

Washington and in Moscow had already dis- spokesperson of the ceasefire deal. In the there are also a "large numrun-up to talks, the Semafor ber of questions" regarding news website published a the normalisation of USreport that cited two Russia relations. sources saying the Trump

The Kremlin has repeatwhere Russia's Black Sea Kyiv and its European Fleet is based and where

Ukraine's President said Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Foreign Minister Andrii on Monday that Putin does Sybiha ahead of the meet- not want peace, accusing ter the country's military Trump said on Monday position ahead of any halt fighting. Putin's Dmitry cussed "dividing up certain Peskov told reporters on assets" - including territory Tuesday that Trump and and power plants - between Putin will discuss the war Ukraine and Russia as part in Ukraine but added that

US Secretary of State troops. — Aljazeera

WASHINGTON: Ukraine administration was consid- Marco Rubio persuaded senior Ukrainian officials during talks in Saudi Arabia to agree to the ceasefire framework. In preparation for the Trump-Putin call White House special envoy Steve Witkoff met last week with Putin in Moscow to discuss the proposal.

He suggested that US and Russian officials had discussed the fate of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in southern Ukraine. The plant, caught in the crossfire since Moscow seized it after invading Ukraine in 2022, is a significant asset, producing nearly a quarter of Ukraine's electricity in the

year before the war. claimed Trump Monday that Russian forces had "surrounded" Ukrainian troops who took control of 1,300 square kilometres (500 square miles) of Russia's Kursk region last year. Zelenskyy has acknowledged that the Ukrainian forces are facing difficulties there, but refutes Russian claims that ple of efficiency and they have encircled his

#### undertake an official visit to KSA on 19th F.P. Report

PM to

ISLAMABAD: Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif will undertake an official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 19-22 March which is aimed to strengthen the bilateral ties, enhance economic cooperation, and investment promote between the two countries.

The delegation, accompanying the prime minister, will include Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, along with key federal ministers and senior officials, Foreign Spokesperson said in a

press release on Tuesday.

During the visit, the prime minister is scheduled meet Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman. The leaders will discuss and deliberate upon ways to boost trade, enhance partnership in key sectors and facilitate greater economic collaboration.

"Matters of mutual interest and concern, including global and regional developments, particularly the Gaza situation, evolving Middle East dynamics, as well as issues related to the Muslim Ummah, will figure high on the agenda," it was added. The prime minister's visit underscores the deep-rooted historical relaions between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia and will pave the way for increased understanding, mutual enhanced cooperation in trade, investment and greater diplomatic coordination on bilateral, regional and global matters.

#### Two wanted terrorists killed in IBOs F.P. Report

BANNU: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police continued its streak of successes against terrorists as Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Bannu killed two terrorists in intelligence-based opera-

Both the terrorists were involved in the attack on Constable Arman Khan and among them was Ibrahim Zarar Group's Deputy Ameer Hakimullah alias Shoaib.

CTD Bannu police tracked down the terrorists involved in the attack within a few hours and killed them.

In the timely response of Charsadda police, the most wanted terrorist Khan, son of Javed Muhammad Ikhtiar, resident of Akhundan Noor, Bannu, was also killed. Hand grenade and pistol along with prima card and safety fuse were recovered from the slain terror-

The slain terrorist was wanted by the police in several cases of murder, attempted murder and target killing and was present in the area for the purpose of terrorist operations. IGP Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Zulfigar Hameed praised the excellent performance of the brave cops of CTD Bannu Region, Bannu Police and Charsadda Police. Cash rewards has been announced for the cops who participated in the operations. KP IG said that police cops have made the nation proud. The KP police's continuous successes against terrorists are a living examproactive policing, said ÎGP KP.

# Death toll from widespread strikes on Gaza rises to 413

GAZA (Reutes, AFP): The health ministry in Gaza has said the death toll from a massive Israeli campaign launched early on Tuesday throughout the Palestinian territory had risen to "at least 413", including children, unilaterally ending a weeks-long standoff over extending the January ceasefire.

'So far, 413 martyrs have arrived in hospitals in the Gaza Strip," a health ministry statement said, adding: "A number of victims are still under the rubble and work is underway to recover them." Mohammed Zaqut, the ministry's head told AFP earlier today that Palestinian women and children were among those killed while "hundreds [were] wounded, dozens of them in critical condition".

Gaza's civil defence agency spokesman Mahmud Basal told AFP that Israel's military operation was ongoing, affecting schools and camps sheltering displaced people. Strikes were reported in multiple locations, including northern Gaza, Gaza City and the Deir al-Balah, Khan Younis and Rafah in central and southern Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military, which claimed it hit dozens of targets, said the strikes would continue for as long as necessary and would extend beyond air strikes, raising the prospect that Israeli ground troops could resume fighting. The attacks were far wider in scale than the regular series of drone strikes the Israeli military has said it has conducted against individuals or small groups of suspected fighters and follow weeks of failed efforts to agree an extension to the truce agreed on

of bombardment, piles of bodies in army urged Gazans to evacuate areas white plastic sheets smeared with near the border. In a post on X, Israeli blood could be seen stacked up as military spokesman Avichay Adraee casualties were brought in. The issued a warning to residents "specifi-Palestinian Red Crescent said its teams dealt with 86 killed and 134 Hanoun, Khirbet Khuza'a, Abasan Alwounded, but others were brought to overwhelmed hospitals by private nated areas are considered dangerous

Officials from Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, Al-Aqsa Hospital in the central Gaza Strip and Al-Ahly and Hospital in Gaza City — which have said. all been extensively damaged in the A onslaught — said that altogether they had received around 85 dead. Authorities also reported separately to the ceasefire agreement and implethat 16 members of one family in mented it precisely, but the Israeli southern Gaza's Rafah had been occupation reneged on its commitkilled. In Washington, a White House ment and reversed it by resuming spokesperson said Israel had consulted the US administration before it carried out the strikes, which the military claimed targeted mid-level Hamas commanders and leadership officials ing with mediators to curb the aggresas well as infrastructure belonging to sion". So far, Hamas has not respond-

hostages to extend the ceasefire but the ceasefire agreement, leaving the ters or damaged buildings.

# Pakistan strongly condemns Israel's deadly airstrikes

SLAMABAD: Pakistan strongly condemned Israel's deadly airstrikes on Gaza on Tuesday, killing over 400 innocent Palestinians, mostly women and hildren. This horrific act of aggression, in the holy month of Ramadan, is flagrant violation of the ceasefire agreement and marks a dangerous escaation that threatens to destabilize the entire region once again. "We urge the nternational community to play it's role to immediately end the violence and resume diplomatic efforts towards an immediate and lasting peace in Gaza and the Middle East," the foreign office spokesperson said in a press

instead chose refusal and war," White fate of 59 hostages still held in Gaza House spokesperson Brian Hughes said. In Gaza, witnesses contacted by Reuters said Israeli tanks shelled areas in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, forcing many families who had returned to their areas after the ceasefire to leave their homes and head northward to Khan Younis.

Much of Gaza now lies in ruins after 15 months of fighting, which erupted on October 7, 2023 when thousands of Hamas-led gunmen attacked Israeli communities around the Gaza Strip, killing some 1,200 people, according to Israeli tallies, and abducting 251 hostages into Gaza. The Israeli campaign in response has killed more than 48,000 people, according to Palestinian health authorities, and destroyed much of the housing and infrastructure in the enclave, including the hospital system. The death toll is feared to be much higher due to thousands still missing under the rubble.

After it unleashed the wave of In hospitals strained by 15 months deadly overnight strikes, the Israeli cally in the neighbourhoods of Beit combat zones... For your own safety, you must evacuate immediately to the known shelters in western Gaza City and those in Khan Younis," the post

A Hamas official told AFP that the group was "working with mediators to curb the aggression". "Hamas adhered aggression and war," the official told AFP. He added that "Hamas and the resistance factions are in constant session to assess the situation and work-

uncertain. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office accused Hamas of "repeated refusal to release our hostages" and rejecting proposals from US President Donald Trump's Mideast envoy Steve Witkoff. "Israel will, from now on, act against Hamas with increasing military strength," it said in a statement.

Negotiating teams from Israel and Hamas had been in Doha as mediators from Egypt and Qatar sought to bridge the gap between the two sides following the end of an initial phase in the ceasefire, which saw 33 Israeli hostages and five Thais returned by fighter groups in Gaza in exchange for some 2,000 Palestinian prisoners. With the backing of the United States, Israel had been pressing for the return of the remaining 59 hostages still held in Gaza in exchange for a longer-term truce that would have halted fighting until after Ramazan and the Jewish Passover holiday in April.

However, Hamas had been insisting on moving to negotiations for a permanent end to the conflict and a full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza, in accordance with the terms of the original ceasefire agreement. "We demand that the mediators hold Netanyahu and the Zionist occupation fully responsible for violating and overturning the agreement," the group said. Each side has accused the other of failing to respect the terms of the January ceasefire agreement, and there were multiple hiccups during the course of the first phase. But until now, a full return to the fighting had been avoided.

Israel had blocked deliveries of aid from entering Gaza and had threatened on numerous occasions to resume fighting if Hamas did not agree to return the hostages it still holds. The army did not provide details about the strikes carried out in the early hours of Tuesday but Palestinian health authorities and witnesses contacted by Reuters reported damage in numerous the group.

"Hamas could have released Hamas said Israel had overturned thousands are living in makeshift shelareas of Gaza, where hundreds of

Bangladesh

rebukes US

spy chief

has rebuked Washington's

intelligence chief Tulsi

Gabbard, saying her com-

ments on religious violence

in the South Asian country

were unfounded and risked

Gabbard arrived this

week for a diplomatic trip to

India, whose relations with

Bangladesh have soured

since a student-led uprising

overthrew the latter nation's

government last year. New

Delhi has repeatedly accused

Bangladesh of failing to ade-

quately protect its minority

fanning sectarian tensions.

# Pakistan Navy ship Aslat visits Maldives

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Navy Ship (PNS) ASLAT visited Maldives during Regional Maritime Security Patrol (RMSP) deployment. Upon arrival at Port Malé, the ship was warmly welcomed by officials of Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) and Coast Guard.

Chief of Defence Force tives Major General Ibrahim Hilmy and Commandant Coast Guard Brigadier Mohammad General Saleem. During these interinterest were discussed. the ship. The Commanding Officer also conveyed warm wishes from Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Maldives.

During its stay in tion on the high seas, and nations.



Force, government offi-During the port visit, cials, High Commissioner Commanding Officer of of Pakistan, diplomats, and PNS ASLAT called on ambassadors/representafrom Australia, Bangladesh, China, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Russia, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, and United States, along with members actions, matters of mutual of local community, visited

Pakistan Navy ships are regularly deployed on RMSP missions to fulfill international obligations ensure freedom of naviga-

(PASSEX) with ASLAT to Maldives will further contribute to foster-Ashraf to the people of for maritime security, ing naval collaboration between the two brotherly

protect global commons. At the conclusion of the port visit, PNS ASLAT conducted a Passage Exercise Maldives Coast Guard Ship SHAHEED ALI. The exercise aimed to strengthen maritime cooperation and enhance interoperability between the two navies. Pakistan and Maldives share friendly relations, which have strengthened over time. The visit of PNS

Hindu citizens — charges denied by the caretaker administration now charge But Gabbard appeared to give credence to the claims when she was asked about violence in Bangladesh during a Monday interview with Indian broadcaster NDTV. "The long-time unfortunate persecution, killing, and abuse of religious minorities... have been a major area of concern for the US government," she said in

response. She added that the issue, along with Islamist extremism, remained "central focus areas of concern" and said the Trump administration has already raised them with the Bangladeshi government. Bangladesh responded in a statement earlier today that Gabbard's comments were both "misleading" and "damaging" to the country's image and reputation.

"Political leaders and public figures should base their statements, especially on sensitive issues, on actual knowledge and take care not to reinforce harmful stereotypes, fan fears, or potentially stoke sectarian tensions, the statement said. Hindus make up about eight per cent of Bangladesh's 170 million people. In the chaotic days following the August ouster of autocratic ex-premier Sheikh Hasina who was backed by India, there was a string of attacks on Hindus - seen by some as having backed her rule.

Bangladesh has told India that it wants Hasina,

## India asks US to list Sikh group as terrorist organisation

NEW DELHI (Reuters): Singh and visiting US on Tuesday, referring to India has asked the US to national intelligence chief the home state of Sikhs in group as a terrorist organ- Indian links to kill a leader of the request. group in the US.

Washington went pub- holds referendums to defence lic about the plot in advocate for a separate November 2023 and later state for Sikhs called charged a former Indian Khalistan in Hindu-majorspy service officer with ity India. SFJ was labelled directing the plot against an "unlawful association" Gurpatwant Pannun, a dual US- support for extremist and Canada citizen and the general counsel of Sikhs Pannun was listed as an for Justice (SFJ), in an episode that tested growing India-US. friendship. India denied any official connection to the plot, set up a panel to probe Washington's accusations has rejected New Delhi's and said in January that accusations. the panel had recommended legal action Is it SFJ, which is peace-

India's request to the US to list SFJ as a terror- liberate Punjab from ist group came during Indian talks between Indian Pannun said in a state-Defence Minister Rajnath ment shared with Reuters

list a Sikh separatist Tulsi Gabbard, said the India. "Or is it (Prime government isation, an Indian govern- source, who declined to ment source said on be identified as the disfoiled a plot with Indian have also reported the

Formed in 2007, SFJ he Singh by India in 2019, citing its secessionist activities, and "individual terrorist" in 2020. India has had a diplomatic dispute with Canada over the June 2023 killing of another Sikh separatist there. SFJ

"Who is the terrorist? against an unnamed per- fully and democratically organizing the Global Khalistan Referendum to occupation?"

Minister Narendra) Modi's India, which violent engages Tuesday, more than a year cussions were confiden- transnational repression after the US said it had tial. Indian media outlets and hires hitmen to assas-Khalistan sinate Referendum organizers?' said. An Indian ministry spokesperson declined to comment. A US Embassy spokesperson said they did not have anything to add beyond a statement about the talks between Singh and Gabbard issued by India's defence ministry on Monday, which mentioned deepening security ties but made no mention of SFJ. Gabbard's team and the

Office of the Director of National Intelligence did not immediately respond to emails seeking comment. At a geopolitics conference in New Delhi on Tuesday, Gabbard said that during her trip she'd heard from her Indian counterparts "about the very serious concerns that you have here for your own security interests", without elaborating.

who fled to New Delhi after being ousted in August, returned to the country for the "judicial process", the acting head of the country's foreign ministry said in December of last year.