PTA blocks Indian channels

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has blocked 16 Indian YouTube news channels, 31 YouTube video links, and 32 websites for disseminating false information and anti-Pakistan propaganda. This action has been taken in light of the prevailing regional situation to safeguard national security and protect Pakistan's digital ecosystem, said a news release.

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Erdogan calls Shehbaz F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif received a telephone call from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkiye, this evening. The Prime Minister conveyed his deep appreciation of Turkiye's solidarity and support to Pakistan, following India's unprovoked act of aggression.

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Crushing blow makes India realize Pakistan's preparedness, capabilities: PM



F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Ahmed Babar Sidhu, on Minister Muhammad behalf of the entire nation Sharif Wednesday while stressing vigilance and inspiring upon a display of unity in leadership.

He said last night, they the aftermath of India's previous night gutless had information about the attack, said that a crushing nefarious designs of India blow delivered by the who tried to carry out country's armed forces had attacks with 80 warplanes, made India realize the pre-paredness and capabilities inside Pakistan, including Addressing a session of Shakargarh, and Sialkot, the National Assembly, the but Pakistan's eagles shot prime minister said in the down five planes including darkness of night, India three Rafale planes; one of

tried to infiltrate into which fell down in Pakistan like it did in the Bhatanda, besides a numpast, but with the grace of ber of drones. Allah Almighty and with the prayers and support of enemy in disarray and invited all the parties minutes, registered FIR. the nation, the brave forces make them realized the including main opposition. The Indian media started had given them a befitting power,

The prime minister said Rafale combat planes and the entire house and 240 planes who had to return million people of the counback to Srinagar.

The prime minister said rorist organizations of BLA and TTP.

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The prime minister paid tribute to Air Chief Zaheer on and the parliament for his

in AJK, Bahawalpur,

professionalism and patri-

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"The response left the power, prowess and PTI legislators to fully false allegations against strength of Pakistan as a support their efforts in Pakistan and tried to mis-

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NSC calls Indian aggression "act of war"

ISLAMABAD: The National Security Committee on Wednesday unequivocally condemning the blatant violation of Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity by India, authorized the Pakistan armed forces to take corresponding actions to avenge the oss of innocent civilians in the Indian strikes.

"In consonance with Article-51 of the UN Charter, Pakistan reserves the right to respond, in self-defence, at a time, place, and manner of its choosing to avenge the loss of innocent Pakistani lives and blatant violation of its sovereignty. The Armed Forces of Pakistan have duly been authorized to undertake corresponding actions in this regard," according to a press release issued following the meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. The forum offered Fateha for the souls of the innocent civilians martyred in India's strikes, extended its heartfelt condolences to the near ones of he martyrs and wished a speedy recovery to the injured.

The NSC deliberated upon the grave developments arising out of India's unprooked, cowardly and unlawful "act of war."

The NSC unequivocally condemned these illegal acts as blatant violations of Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity, which manifestly constituted acts of war under international law. The committee observed that the deliberate targeting of civilians, including innocent women and children, by the Indian military constituted a heinous and shameful crime, that was in violation of all norms of human behaviour and he provisions of international law.'

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On April 22, in took them to safe places. otism, acted in unison, Pahalgam, he said, an inci-"India did not condemn this incident but made a after consultations and dent took place in Jammu planning. The number of and Kashmir which had mockery of it which would shot down Indian places could have been swelled. been under illegal occupation of India, but India, be remembered in the history with repugnant words," he added. The prime minister within a short period of ten

The prime minister further apprised that he held conversations with a number of the global leaders In that cowardly attack, a number of people had lost their lives; including women and children.

In that cowardly attack, a nuclear state, and it has making Pakistan a great guide the world. On the over the escalating situation of the hand, the prime minister said, Pakistan had openly stated that Pakistan women and children.

He said that he was irrefutable evidences about had no relation with the openly stated that Pakistan India's involvement in incident and offered for an that Pakistan had reports about an aerial attack by Rafale combat planes and system of the Indian war system of the India orist organizations of issue in a transparent and LA and TTP. credible way, he said, In the incident, a num-adding but India had not

> The prime minister suggested adoption of a reso- the services of the military



Pakistan shoots down five Indian jets

LAHORE: Pakistan armed forces gave befitting response to the Indian strikes and thot down five fighter jets of the enemy of peace. According to security sources, the Pakistani Air Force is responding forcefully to Indian aggression. Sources have further stated that all Pakistan Air Force aircraft are safe. Two civilians were martyred and 12 civilians injured in Indian missile attacks. The civilians were martyred in Kotli. DG ISPR says that attacks were carried out in the darkness of night in Ahmedpur Sharqia, Kotli, Muzaffarabad, Bagh, and Muridke. According to the DG ISPR, India attacked from its airspace, and a strong response is being given to India's cowardly attack. A bright light covered the sky before the explosion in Bahawalpur. Sources say that the sound of an explosion was heard in Muzaffarabad, while the ound of an explosion was also heard in Bahawalpur. According to sources, there is complete blackout in Muzaffarabad. The DG ISPR further said that India also targeted the Subhan Allah Mosque in Bahawalpur. In a cowardly attack, civilians were argeted in the mosque. Pakistan has started retaliating. Pakistan will give a befitting eply at the right time. After the cowardly strikes by India, Pakistan has closed its air space and cancelled all flights. According to aviation sources, a regular NOTAM was also issued, closing the airspace for 48 hours. Aviation sources further said that flight operations from Islamabad International Airport have been suspended until further notice, while flight operations at Lahore Airport have also been suspended. More than 25 flights were cancelled, including to Qatar, Dubai, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Riyadh, Indian missiles hit three places inside Pakistan, said Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) DG Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry.

Upon prime minister's of those shaheeds in with its professional skills lution by the national leadership in the defence saved innocent people and assembly to acknowledge of the country.

The second recommendation of the services of the infinitely professional skills lution by the national leadership in the defence prayed for the high ranks in the Indian attack.

Funeral of 7-year old martvred offered



ISLAMABAD: The funeral prayer for seven-year-old Information Îrtaza Abbas Turi, son of Lieutenant Colonel Zaheer NI (M), Chief of Army Abbas Turi, who was martyred in Dawarandi, Azad Naveed Ashraf, Chief of border aggression, was serving and retired military solemnly held today in officers, government & Islamabad. civilian officials, soldiers,

The ceremony was and relatives of the martyr. attended by the Honourable Prime Minister and Foreign of innocent civilians, Ameen.

aggressive and hubristic mindset of the Indian government, posing a grave threat to regional and global peace.
The President & the Prime Minister affirmed Minister, Senator Ishaq

that the valiant Armed Dar; Defence Minister Forces of Pakistan are res-Khawaja Muhammad Asif; olutely confronting Indian forces across all fronts, Minister; General Syed Asim Munir, delivering a strong and uncompromising response. Staff (COAS); Admiral They reiterated that these blatant violations of inter-Jammu & Kashmir, due to Naval Staff; along with a national law and humaniunprovoked Indian cross- large number of senior tarian norms will be met with decisive action. The President & the

Prime Minister prayed, "May Allah grant eternal Following the funeral peace to the departed souls President of Pakistan Asif prayers, the Prime Minister of this cruel act of aggres-Ali Zardari, Prime Minister condemned India's unprosion by India and bestow of Pakistan, Muhammad voked aggression, stating strength upon their families Shehbaz Sharif; Deputy that the deliberate targeting to bear this irreparable loss.

including children, women,

Naqvi briefs US envoy on Post-attack

situation **ISLAMABAD** and the elderly, is a reprehensible act of cowardice. Federal Interior Minister He emphasized that such Mohsin Nagvi held an reckless acts reflect the important meeting with the acting Ambassador of the United States, Natalie Baker, to discuss the evolving regional situation following India's recent attack

The meeting took place Islamabad Wednesday and was attend-U.S. Political Counselor Harkinrider and Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry.

During the meeting, Minister Naqvi gave a comprehensive briefing to the U.S. delegation on the aftermath of the Indian aggression, expressing Pakistan's serious concerns over the incident and its implications for regional peace. "India has put the peace and stability of South Asia at stake," said Mohsin

Ali Sheikh PESHAWAR: The New York Times has claimed that India has suffered heavy loss after initiating attack inside Pakistan. The NYT said India early Wednesday conducted several airstrikes on Pakistan, hailing a victory in the name of vengeance for the terrorist attack that killed 26 civilians

in Kashmir last month. The New York Times added that evidence was also growing that the Indian forces may have taken heavy losses during the operation. "At least two aircraft were said to have gone down in India and the Indian-controlled side of Kashmir, according to accounts of witnesses who had seen the debris of two," it added.

According to the US newspaper Pakistani military officials said that more than 20 people had been killed and dozens injured after six places repeated wars, with the disputed area

Indian official confirms crash of three jets: NYT Kashmir and in Punjab Province.

India strikes Pakistan but is said

to have lost jets

Wednesday, the Pakistani government called the Indian strikes "an unprovoked and blatant act of war" that had "violated Pakistan's sover-Pakistani military officials said

they had begun a "measured but forceful" response, and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif claimed that the country's forces had downed five Indian aircraft — a claim that could not be verified. One Indian official confirmed the

crash of three aircraft, but cautioned that the reasons were not clear. Two other Indian security officials conthree officials, local news reports, and firmed reports that some Indian aircraft had gone down, but would not elaborate on the details. They all spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of military action.

The two countries have fought were hit on the Pakistani side of of Kashmir as a prime flashpoint,

since Pakistan was cleaved off from In its own statement on India in 1947 at the end of the British colonial rule in the subcontinent.

French official says Pakistan downed Rafale jet

PARIS (CNN): A high-ranking French intelligence official told CNN today that one Rafale fighter jet operated by the Indian Air Force was downed by Pakistan, in what would mark the first time that one of the sophisticated French-made warplanes has been lost in combat. Pakistan claimed earlier today to have shot down five Indian Air Force jets in retaliation for Indian strikes, including three Rafales. Indian officials are yet to respond to the claim. The French official told CNN that French authorities were looking into whether more than one Rafale jets were shot down by Pakistan overnight.

India's coward midnight breach and Pakistan's right to retaliate

Kousar Khan

cloaks the sky and India chooses that very hour to strike-not with the weeks since that atrocity, honor, but with cowardice. India has produced no credi-On the night of May 6, the ble intelligence to link our so-called "world's largest homeland to those militants. democracy" brutal and unprovoked tial, transparent investigationassault on Pakistani soil, endorsed by international proving once again that observers-was met with behind its grandstanding silence. This isn't defense; it lies a rogue regime addicted to aggression and blood- Delhi's election war rooms, shed. This wasn't warfare-it was state-sponsored terror- tract its people from domestic ism dressed up in military challenges. fatigues, executed with the fear, and death among innocent civilians.

sold to the world as "precigard for every norm of actions of Lodi Regime.

India's justifications ring darkness hollow. New Delhi claims "retaliation" for the Pahalgam **humanity** rests, attack of April 22, where 26 tourists lost their lives. Yet, in launched a Pakistan's call for an impardesigned once more to dis-

The world has spoken-and sole aim of sowing chaos, its voices echo Pakistan's resolute assertion of sovereignty. United Nations Secretary-This unprovoked assault- General António Guterres condemned the assault, urgsion strikes on terrorist hide- ing "maximum restraint" and outs"-struck at least nine reminding both sides of their locations, claiming 26 civil- responsibility to avert a cataian lives and injuring more strophic escalation. The than 40 non-combatants. Secretary-General's call car-Neither schools nor hospitals ries the weight of a global were spared: their shattered conscience: no electoral windows testify India's disre- advantage justifies the fascist

Shehbaz Sharif, our National vened at the earliest hour. Standing shoulder to shoulder, civilian leadership and military command reaffirmed waver in defending its territorial integrity. Under the prinself-defense Charter, Pakistan Armed

counter-actions. According to DG ISPR, Pakistan's air defense systems were immediately acticessfully denying Indian air- now sees India's true face, craft further access to our air- and Pakistan, as always, will of Control, Pakistan Air unwavering resolve. In this neutralized six intruding stands stronger than before precision. On the ground, has given a clear message: artillery units responded deci- when soveriegnty is threatsively, targeting only con- ened, Pakistan's defenders firmed Indian military posi- rise with unshakeable Civilian safety courage turning the tables on

remained paramount, a prin- the agressors.

Back home, under the ciple India shamelessly disleadership of Prime Minister carded. The responsibility for this escalation lies fully with Security Committee con- India. Pakistan's measured retaliation was necessary, lawful, and restrained given the scale of Indian aggression. Any future fallout will that Pakistan will never be the direct consequence of New Delhi's reckless adventurism and criminal disregard for peace. As dawn breaks on enshrined in Article-51 of UN May 7, Pakistan stands united, resolute, and unbowed. Forces were authorized to Schools along the border is a narrative manufactured in undertake measured but deci- remain on alert, hospitals mobilized, and our armed forces vigilant. But our spirit remains unshaken. This is not just a military standoff-it is a vated and on high alert, suc- moral reckoning. The world space. In the skies above rise above the chaos with Muridke and along the Line courage, discipline, and Force swiftly intercepted and testing times, the nation Indian jets with unmatched and Pakistan Armed Forces

endangers regional peace F.P. Report ernment officials were also

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday said that the extremist Indian regime had endangered the peace South Asian region and its hostile actions would have dangerous consequences for the region.

along with his delegation, night. called on the president at Aiwan-e-Sadr and discussed ways to increase bilateral cooperation in various areas of mutual inter- community to end the curest, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

The president discussed with the Italian interior minister India's unprovoked military aggression against Pakistan that had targeted innocent civilians, including women, children and the elderly.

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi, Minister for Overseas Pakistanis Ch Salik Hussain, Minister of State Interior Senator Muhammad

Chaudhary, and senior gov- trafficking and terrorism. present during the meeting.

Pakistan greatly valued its ties with Italy and remained determined to improve and stability of the entire mutually beneficial cooperation in diverse sectors. The minister expressed

Extremist Indian regime

of the martyrs who lost Minister of Interior of their lives in the Indian Italy Matteo Piantedosi, attack on Pakistan last He remarked that he would convey Pakistan's concerns to his government two

> rent situation. minister further stated that labour mobility for skilled Pakistan and Italy were and educated Pakistani

as well as the international

cooperating against human workers to Italy.

He said that there was great scope for economic The president said that cooperation between the two countries, adding that

160,000-strong

Pakistani diaspora in Italy was well integrated and contributing positively towards Italian society and their development.

condolences to the families The president thanked the Italian minister for visiting Pakistan during such a critical period.

Later, the president also witnessed the signing of Memoranda Understanding to increase cooperation on curbing illegal migration and facilitat-The visiting interior ing legal migration and

China ready to play role in easing tension

BEIJING (APP): China stands ready to work with international community to continue to play a constructive role in easing the current tension between and Pakistan, India Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said on Wednesday.

Responding to questions regarding current situation between India and Pakistan, the spokesperson said that China made it clear its position on the ongoing situation between two countries.

'China finds India's military operation early this morning regrettable, he said.

Lin Jian said that Chinese side is concerned about the ongoing situation. India and the Pakistan are and will always be each other's neighbors. They are both China's neighbors as well.

He remarked that China opposes all forms of terrorism and urged both sides to act in the larger interest of peace and stability, remain calm, exercise restraint, and refrain from taking actions that may further complicate the situation.

Home



Pakistan Zindabad rally held

LAHORE (APP): "Pakistan Zindabad" rally was organized on Wednesday at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in the city to express unwavering solidarity with the Pakistan Armed Forces and to honor their courageous response in defending the nation.

The rally was led by Deputy Additional Commissioner (Finance & Mudassir Planning) Nawaz and Additional Commissioner (Headquarters) Muhammad Jafar Chaudhry. A large number of employees participated with great enthusiasm, chanting patriotic slogans and waving national flags.

ADC Mudassir Nawaz

said, "We salute the bravery and commitment of our armed forces who are standing guard for the protection of our beloved homeland." ADC Muhammad Chaudhry reiterated the district administration's full preparedness. "We, along with our departments and citizens, are fully ready to defend every inch of our land," he declared. The rally con-cluded with renewed pledges of national unity and steadfast support for Pakistan's armed forces in

Punjab IG orders police to stay alert

the face of any aggression.

LAHORE (APP): Inspector General (IG) of Punjab Police Dr. Usman Anwar has issued orders to all police personnel to remain on high alert, amid the current national situation.

He emphasized the need to maintain strict surveillance over terrorists and disruptive elements to ensure the safety of the country's internal borders."The security of all important and sensitive locations, including inter-provincial border check posts, must be enhanced immediately," IG Punjab directed.

Highlighting the commitment of the Punjab Police, Dr. Usman Anwar stated, "Punjab Police stands shoulder to shoulable wall in the face of the enemy.'

He also praised the efforts of police personnel in affected areas, saying, "Punjab Police officers are actively participating in relief operations, showing great dedication and courage."

PDMA, rescue on high alert

Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has been placed on high alert following India's cowardly attack on Pakistani soil.

On the special directives of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Director General PDMA Irfan Ali Kathia has issued clear instructions to all commissioners and deputy commissioners across the province to remain fully vigilant. He directed the Provincial Control Room and District Emergency Operation Centers (DEOCs) to operate in a

state of full preparedness. 'All DEOCs across Punjab have been put on alert, and PDMA Punjab is maintaining momentto-moment coordination with all districts," said the DG PDMA. "We are closely monitoring the situation, including water levels in major rivers, to respond promptly to any emergency.

Instructions have also been issued to the PDMA warehouses to keep all essential relief supplies on standby. The DG further directed all rescue and relief organizations to remain on high alert in light of the current security environment.

Rescue 1122, the Health Department, and Civil Defence agencies have also been instructed to be ready for immediate response as part of a province-wide emergency

preparedness strategy.
The PDMA Punjab remains in constant communication with all relevant institutions to ensure coordinated and efficient disaster response across the province.



Finnish envoy meets Governor, discusses **Indian attack**

Ambassador Hannu Ripatti called on Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan and discussed mutual cooperation between the two countries besides Indian aggression during a meeting at the Governor's House here on Wednesday.

Honorary Consul General of Finland in Pakistan Durre Ahmed was also present. The governor said India was the biggest terrorist state which had not only targeted Pakistan but also Sikhs in Australia and Canada. He said the Indian army had shown its cowardly actions by targeting innocent people in the urban areas of Pakistan.

but instead retaliated vigorously in self-defence and targeted their military installations." He said the entire nation stands by its army against India's war

The governor further said that Pakistan wanted peace, but India should not the real face of India. consider this as our weakness, adding that India was involved in destabilising against Índia's aggression the situation on the Afghan and condoled the martyr-Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and especially in Balochistan.

instability in Pakistan by grammes in various fields, funding terrorist organisa- including education

Pakistan army did not tar- itself had created the drama get the urban areas and of the Pahalgam attack. He unarmed people of India, said Pakistan was already a victim of terrorism.

He said Pakistan was committed to further promoting cooperation with Finland in various fields including education. He thanked the ambassador and expressed the hope that he would show the world

Hannu Ripatti expressed solidarity with Pakistan dom of innocent citizens The ambassador said that Pakistan and Finland were The governor said India currently engaged in coopis involved in creating eration and exchange pro-

Karachi Metropolitan University rallies behind Pakistan Army

(KMU) expressed solidarity with the Pakistan Army following the Pehelgam incident and escalating tensions between Pakistan and India.

The assembly of students and faculty filled the university auditorium, voicing condemnation of the attacks carried out by India. Patriotic fervor permeated the atmosphere as students displayed banners and chanted slogans in support of the military.

Student Ubaid Rehman delivered a notable speech, conveying the sentiments of the youth about pride national and resilience. Dr. Sarosh Lodhi, Chairman of the Charter Inspection Committee audience, underscoring the

for the opportunity to speak, emphasizing that wars are fought with conviction and belief, not just weapons, and the attack by India.

India's aggression, asserting that India's actions demonstrate their own incident Pakistan shot down an Pakistan's restraint and company manufacturing of the nation. Rafale jets has suffered due to recent events.

need for national unity and a the philosophy of Allama armed forces.

Pakistan's strength lies in its ideology and spirit, rather than just military capabilities. Quoting Iqbal praised the Pakistan Army he emphasized the imporfor their swift response to tance of self-awareness and truth in facing internal and Dr. Lodhi remarked on external challenges.

Prof. Qazi concluded by reminding the audience that Pakistan is a divine trust, weaknesses. He recalled a and its defense is the where responsibility of every citiparticularly Indian aircraft and captured Pakistan Army. He urged the pilot, highlighting students to rise above fear and division, and to superiority. He pointed out embrace their role as intelthat the reputation of the lectual and moral soldiers The event concluded

with a rally walk involving Vice Chancellor Prof. KMU faculty, students, and Sindh HEC, addressed the Dr. Wasim Qazi delivered staff, further reinforcing an address, resonating with their solidarity with the

der with our armed forces and serves as an unbreak- Metropolitan University sion. He expressed gratitude Islam. He stated that

Arts Centre, on The Mall.

the country.

Musarrat: India's regional Police dream unlikely to materialize

LAHORE (PPI): Senior leader of Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf, Musarrat Jamshed Cheema, condemned India's targeting of Pakistani citizens under the cover of darkness, stating that India's dream of becoming the regional policeman will never be fulfilled. The Pakistani nation respond to India with unity.

In her statement on Wednesday, Musarrat Cheema said that India fabricated a false story about the Pahalgam incident, which the world did not accept. To hide its failure, India took extreme measures, for which it will have to account, she added. She stated that the Pakistani nation is united and stands with its armed forces. India has been responded to before and will receive an even stronger response now. She further added that the rulers should withdraw the false cases against Imran Khan at a time when the country needs strong unity.

Alhamra pays | tribute to Pakistan Army

LAHORE (APP): In an expression of solidarity with the Pakistan Army, a powerful display of devotion to the motherland, Pakistan's green and white flag was proudly hoisted at the forefront of Alhamra

The sight of the fluttering crescent and star ignited an unmatched wave of patriotic spirit, particularly among the citizens of Lahore, whose passion for Pakistan and its armed forces remains unshakable. symbolic gesture turned Alhamra's premises into a beacon of national unity, inspiring every passerby with a sense of renewed commitment to

Chairman Alhamra Razi Ahmed remarked, "All individuals associated with the arts stand shoulder to shoulder with our armed forces. Pakistan is a peaceful nation, and no cowardly act by the enemy can weaken the resolve of our

cowardly Indian missile attack Minister (CM), Maryam Nawaz Sharif unwavering courage,"she concluded. CM pays tribute to PAF for shooting

CM condemns

has strongly condemned the cowardly Indian missile attack on the Pakistani soil in the darkness of the night, describing it as an act of aggression that threatens regional peace and stability. In her message, she hailed the Pakistan armed forces

exposed India's detestable face before the world, adding that the forceful response of the armed forces of Pakistan forced the enemy to retreat.

Maryam Nawaz also declared a state of emergency across Punjab. She directed all law enforcement and security agencies, including Punjab police to remain on high alert.

placed on emergency footing to ensure readiness for any situation.

District administrations in all parts of Punjab have been instructed to remain fully alert, while officers and personnel from civil defence and other related departments have also been called into

Maryam Nawaz said that Pakistan on its sovereignty."We are a nation united

down five Indian jets: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif paid a tribute to the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) for shooting down five Indian fighter jets, calling it a moment of historic pride for for a tit for tat reply. the nation. In her message, the CM laud-The CM said that the dastardly act ed the PAF's heroic action with powerful words of appreciation, declaring it a historic response to Indian aggression.

The arrogance, pride and false propaganda of India have been reduced to ashes in the skies today," she said. CM Maryam Nawaz praised the operation as more than a defensive action, calling it a defining moment in history.

This is not just about protecting our The CM also cancelled all leaves of airspace; this is about writing a new chapdoctors and medical staff across the ter of courage and honour. Our armed province, ordering them to report for forces have once again proved that any immediate duty. All hospitals have been one who tests Pakistan will live to regret it," the CM said.

She said the entire nation stands united behind its armed forces and takes great pride in the courage of its soldiers and pilots. "We salute our brave pilots, the pride of the nation, who have defended our skies with unwavering commitment and unmatched professionalism.'

Maryam Nawaz reaffirming the govseeks peace but will never compromise ernment's full support for the armed on its sovereignty. "We are a nation united forces and expressed the collective pride by resolve and faith, we will face every of the nation in its defenders.

Indian aggression poses threat to regional peace: Arora

Punjab Minister for a DPR news release said. Minority Affairs Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora on Pahalgam incident was Wednesday said that Indian aggression against Pakistan had posed a threat to both regional and the pace of the region at the peace of the region at the peace of the region at trick global peace.

India, he said, has targeted civilian population in the darkness of the night. Pakistan on the other hand is the champion of peace, but its desire for peace should not be construed as weakness.

Arora was addressing a dialogue on the promotion of The minister said the

of the region at risk. He said the followers of

all religions enjoyed complete religious freedom in Pakistan. Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif in her very first speech as the provincial rued as weakness. chief executive promised Sardar Ramesh Singh to protect the rights of

(APP): interfaith harmony at a hotel, added, issued a minority card for financial assismunity. She participated in every religious festival of

the minority community.

Ramesh Arora said

Pakistan had not imposed any ban on Sikh pilgrims, which was a proof of interfaith harmony in the country. The people of all religions respected each other in Pakistan, he added.

The Kartarpur Corridor, he said, was a shining example of interfaith harmony, where thousands of inorities. Sikh pilgrims from all The chief minister, he over the world came.

Departments ordered to maintain readiness as per 'War Book

LAHORE (APP): In the ness measures for the of wake of a cowardly nighttime attack by India, Punjab Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman has directed all provincial departments to maintain full readiness in accor-

dance with the protocols outlined in the 'War Book' The directive was issued during a high-level video conference with administrative secretaries from all provincial departments.

Development. The chief secretary stressed the need to formal ly document all prepared-

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including the Chairman of

development of compre- Implementation hensive guidelines. He fur- Coordination ther instructed that control remain operational around rooms in the departments the clock.

ہر خاص و عام کومطلع کیا جاتا ہے۔کہ ہاؤس نمبر **16 تعدادی رقبہ 6584 مربع نٹ سروے نمبر 479/A/15 واقع** لوباٹ کینٹ جو کہ سید ماجد حسین شاہ وغیرہ کے نام لیز شیڈ ول (IX-A) درریکارڈ ملٹری اسٹیٹس آفس کوباٹ کینٹ درج ہے۔ سید ماجد حسین شاہ مور ند 23/6/2024 کوفوت ہو گئے۔اب ایکے مندرجہ ذیل ورثاء نے مندرجہ بالا جا کدادییں کے حقوق لیزاینے نام نتقل کرنے کی درخواست کی ہے۔ا۔عذرانسرین۔ ہیوہ۔۲۔سید نمیرحسین شاہ۔ بیٹا۔۳۔کشمالہ جد ـ بيثي ٢- كا نئات ماجد ـ بيثي ـ ۵ ـ يميره ماجد ـ بيثي ـ ٢ ـ عزيزه ماجد ـ بيثي ـ الركسى شخص يا اداره كومندرجه بالا جا كداد کے حقوق لیز کی منتقل پر کسی قتم کا اعتراض ہو۔ تو اندر معیاد 15 یوم ابعدازا شاعت نوٹس ہذا دفتر زیر پیختلی کوتح بری طور طور پر طلع کرے۔وگر ندمندرجہ بالا جائداد کے حقوق لیز مندرجہ بالا ورثاء کے نام منتقل کر دیے جائمینگے۔اور بعد میں کوئی عذر (زابد)ملٹری اسٹیٹس افیسر کو ہائے سرکل کو ہائے کینٹ نےون نمبر 9260201-0922

Minister places Punjab hospitals on high alert

LAHORE (APP): Punjab remains determined and deceitful tactics will

Minister for Health and resilient, and the enemy's defeated at every level. Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Law and Order Khawaja Salman Rafique has placed all public hospitals across Punjab on high alert in response to escalating regional ten-

He directed all doctors, nurses, and paramedical staff to remain present at their respective healthcare facilities to ensure immediate medical response, if required.

În a statement, Khawaja Salman condemned India's cowardly attack on Pakistani territory, calling it a blatant act of aggression. "Pakistan strongly condemns this hostile act, and our forces are giving a fitting response to every cowardly move by India," he

Khawaja Salman added that India would not be allowed to succeed in its malicious designs. treacherous enemy has launched cowardly attacks on civilian areas in Pakistan. Under the false pretext of the fabricated Pahalgam incident, India has carried out this act of aggression," he

asserted. He said that Pakistan

نصیل میونسل ایم خشریش منذه صلع دیر او تر صب بدایت صوبائی حکومت بذریعه مراسله نمبر AO-II/LCB/6-11/2022 بمور نده 28/03/2025 کے مطابق ورجه ذیل شیکه جات برائے میعادایک ہال از کم جولائی 2025¢ 30 جون 2026 بمور خد 19,20,21 مئی 2025 بروز پیر مثلًل بدھ رات 12 بجے تک بذرامید E-Auction:شیلام کرانا چاہتی ہے، خواشمند حضرات/شیکہ واران جنبوں نے سال 26-2025 کیلئے لوکل کو نسل بورڈ نیمہ پختو نخواہ کے ساتھ لائسنس/رجٹریشن تجدید کی ہو بذریعہ الیکٹرانکس بولی میں حصہ لے مکتے ہیں۔ ٹھیکہ جات کی تفصیل درجہ ذیل ہیں۔

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1 شيكه كى نيلامى مالى سال 26-2025 كيليم ہو گی۔ 2 تمام پیکش و ہندہ گان نیادی کے افتقام پر انگے ووول لینی مور نند 22,22 بروز جمرات اور جمع کواپنے %5زر خانت کااور پیشل کاال ڈیپازٹ ٹی ایم اے منڈو کے ساتھ جمع کر ویگا۔ اس طرح سب سے زیاد نرخ اپینکش دینے والا منیکہ دار پینکش قبول ہونے کے صورت میں (03) تین دن کے اندر اندر ﴿15 جَبِد شیکہ سائن بورڈ میں ﴿50 بینگی رقم جَحْ کرنے کا یابند ہوگا۔ اور سات دن کے اندر اندر د فتر ٹیا تم اے منڈو کے ساتھ انگرینٹ دستخط کر دیگا۔ ناکای کی صورت میں شمیکہ منسوخ کیا جائےگا۔ اور بچع شدہ ذریعانہ بکن دفتر MM منڈہ صبط کر کے شمیکہ دار افرم کالائنسن بلیک لسننگ اور فہ یہ کارروا کی

4 نیامی کی منظوری مجازاتھارٹی کی صوابدیدیر ہوگی، مجازاتھارٹی کوافتیار حاصل ہوگا۔ کہ وہ معقول وجوہات بتاکرایک یا تمام نیامی منظور امستر د کر دے۔ 5 ملاكٹر ڈویژن سے تعلق ندر کھنے والا بولی وہندہ حکومت كی وضع كروہ پاليس كے تحت ماہوار قسط كے ساتھ ائكم فيكس مجى اداكرنے كا پايند ہوگا۔ جبكہ ديگر شيكسز جوكہ وفاقی وصو بائی حکومت سے وقاً فوقالا گو

7 بولی دہندہ کو کس قتم کی معافی نہیں دی جائیگی۔ 8 ويكر تفصيلي شرائط و ضوالبط اور شيرُ ول وغيره شحيكه جات دفترى او قات كار مين دفتر تخصيل آخيسر ريكوليشن TMA منذه ملاحظه كي جاسكتي جين-9 تمام کامیاب بولی دہندہ گان صوبائی حکومت کی طرف سے جاری کروہ احکامات پالیسی گائیڈ لاکٹیز برائے سال E-Auctionسال 2025-2025 کے پاپابند ہو گئے۔

تخصیل چیئر مین مخصیل لو کل گور نمنٹ ٹی ایم اے منڈہ مخصیل میونسپل ایڈ منسٹریشن منڈہ ضلع دیر یا ئین 20/05/2025 بوقت 11:00 بج ون وفتر وسرك الجويش آفيسر مردانه ضلع بظرام كو بيني جانے چاہيے۔ شيندر / كوئيش اى دن بوقت دن 2 بج چیئر مین وممبران پر چیز کمیٹل اور ٹینڈر / گوٹیش دہندگان یا ان کےمجاز نمائندوں کے روبرو کھولے جائیں گے۔متعلقہ خریداری کیلئے بجٹ متوقع ہے۔ Specification Size 13-1/2" x 11-1/2" Width 5" best quality waterproof parachute cloth, 12 ounce سکول بیگ side 4-1/2" front pocket for Geometry Box, one side Patti 2" with Department logo with pocket, 5 No. zip (Pak), double Khana for text and note Books. 05 No. of note books x 40 pages (English, Urdu, Mathematics) نوث بس (كايي) 01 No. Geometry Box with 04 No. HB Pencils, Sharpener, Eraser, Foota, جيوميٹري بکس 4682 Rectangular, Dee and Set of 06 No. Color Pencil etc ان کی بیسل (پیک) 4682 رنگین پنسل (پیک) 4682 4682 17.1 شاينرز 4682 سكيل (پيانه)

بین (را کوئیسن در کاربیل کسرا نے آگش، اردو، میتروجیومیٹری بکس، پنیل شاپنر، ریزر، سکیل Rectangular, Dee

set of 6 No Color Pencil etc کی سیانی کیلئے سیزنیکس واکم ٹیکس رجسٹرڈ فرموں سے سربمبر ٹینڈر ا کوٹیشن مطلوب ہیں جو کہ مورخہ

تفصیل سامان منیڈرا کوٹیشن فارم میں درج ہیں جو کہ دفتری اوقات کار میں تھی وقت ٹینڈرا کوٹیشن کھلنے سے پہلے ڈی اومردانہ شلع مگر ام کے دفتر شراکا: 1 منیندر ا کیشن فارم دفتری اوقات کار میر کسی بھی وقت ٹینڈر رکوٹیشن کھلنے سے پہلے ڈی اومر دانشلا بھرام کے دفتر سے بلامعاوضه حاصل کیے جاسکتے ہیں. 2۔ ٹینڈر کوٹیشن کے ہمراہ زرضانت 2 فیصد قابل واپسی بشکل کال ڈیپازے بنام ڈیاو(مردانہ)ضلع بقگرام منسلک کرنالازی ہے۔

3 - نمونہ جات معائنے کی طرف تاریخ ٹینڈر / کوٹیشن کھولنے کے بعد دی جائیگ ۔ 4۔اَکُم ٹیکس اور بلزنیکس کی ادا نیکی برائے سال25-2024 کی مصد قد نقول ٹینڈر / کوٹیشن فارم کےساتھ منسلک کرنالاز می ہے۔

5- كامياب فرم كوسيلا ئي آر ڈر كا 10 فيصد بشكل كال ڈييازٹ سيكيور ٹي الگ ڈي اومردانه شلع بلگرام جمع كرواني ہوگي جو كه سيلائي مكم بخش ریورٹ جاری کرنے کے بعدوالیں کی جائیگی۔

6- کا میاب فرم سے آئم ٹیکس بیلز ٹیکس اور سٹیمپ ڈیوٹی مروجہ توانین کےمطابق وضع کرکے باتی رقم ادا کی جا ٹیگی۔ 7۔ فرم مکمل سیلائی آرڈ رے 10 دن کے اندراندرلازی طور پر ذیلی ہیڈ کو ارٹر کو پیش کرنی ہوگی۔ 8۔مقررہ میعاد کے اندرورجہ ذیل اشیاء کی فراہمی مکمل نہ ہونے کی صورت میں خانت بحق سرکاروضع کی جانگی اور متعلقہ فارم کوقواعد وضوابط کہتے ہیں بلیک لٹ بھ

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10 ـ ورك آر دُر محكمه فائنانس سے ريليز مونے ير بحث كے مطابق ويا جائيگا۔ تمام پاارنیم پختونخااادر پبک پروکیورمن اتحار ٹی دار 2014 کے تئے بیڈنگ ڈاکومنٹس جمع کریں اورتمام فریداری فیمر پختونخا پبک پروکیورمنٹ ا



CM witnesses launch of modern IT system at UET Peshawar

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PESHAWAR: Chief this system. Under this are being made to make All outstanding pension lia-Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin sity's financial affairs, and autonomous. Khan Gandapur, visited the human resource manage-University of Engineering ment and payroll, procure-and Technology (UET) ment, supply chain man-Peshawar on Wednesday, agement, and assets manwhere he participated as the agement have been fully chief guest in a ceremony digitized. Additionally, all marking the launch of a student academic affairs modern IT system at the from admissions to gradua-Education, Meena Khan fee management, have also Afridi, Chairman of the been automated. Education Commission, senior offi- event, the Chief Minister cials from the Higher congratulated the university

The Chief Minister for- digital

Khyber modern system, the univer- institutions self-sufficient bilities of universities will Provincial tion - including course regfor Higher istration, examinations, and

In his address at the Education Department, uni- administration and all partversity administration, and ner institutions on the students attended the event. launch of this advanced system. mally launched the SAP- expressed his pleasure that ERP-SLCM (Student Life Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is

in the country to implement Imran Khan's vision, efforts have significantly cleared.

Ali Amin Gandapur stat-I that his focus in the edu-He further stated that ed that his focus in the edupete at the international

working to digitize all sec-

The Chief Minister said that through digitization youth, the Chief Minister and transparency, his gov-He ernment has achieved a surtive mindset and behavior plus of 200 billion rupees. in life, warning that nega-'When Cycle Management) sys- leading other provinces in power, public universities nation, he said, we must tem. UET Peshawar has the digitization process. He were burdened with billions promote positive attitudes.

be settled in the upcoming

cation sector is on quality universities are being rather than quantity, aiming empowered for financial to improve standards and self-sufficiency and should prepare the youth to com- focus particularly on this goal by effectively utilizing their assets. The Chief He emphasized that digi- Minister said that his govtal transformation is no ernment is making substanlonger an option but a fun-tial investments in the damental necessity, which youth and will continue to is why his government is provide opportunities - it is up to the youth to make the most of them.

In his message to the urged them to adopt a posithey assumed tivity is destructive. As a





PESHAWAR: Officials, staff and students of Khyber Medical University Peshawar staging protest

Social media is a powerful tool that can drive transparency: Asim

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PESHAWAR: The Commissioner of the Right to Public Services Facebook, Twitter, risks.

Cylinaces and institutions on digital literacy campaigns and ethical social media usage. Right to Public Services Facebook, Twitter, risks. Twister of the Commissioner Rhyber Instagram, and TikTok He further emphasized The Commissioner Pakhtunkhwa, Judge influence youth engagether the role of the Right to assured the participants Muhammad Asim Imam ment, civic awareness, Public Services that their findings would addressed to the students and from the Institute of trends. Management Sciences recent research study on their rigorous analysis accessibility. the impacts and uses of and innovative approach,

tion, mental health, and valuable insights for poli-sion, where students cymakers and institutions shared recommendations

misinformation Commission in leverag- be considered in future Commissioner com- enhance governance, citi- improving public service Peshawar to discuss their mended the students for zen feedback, and service delivery through technol-The discussion also

social media in society. stating "Social media is a explored potential collab- Services Commission KP The students presented powerful tool that can orations between academ- remains committed to

ing digital platforms to initiatives aimed at

The Right to Public

key findings from their study, highlighting both the positive and negative effects of social media on communication, educa-

Meeting on exemption of stage carriage

from Motor Vehicle Rules held

chaired by Minister for Secretary Advocate, was held in the Turk, committee room of the Transport Department ing the exemption of pas- with officials from other senger vehicles from Sub- relevant departments. Rule 57(b) of the Motor Vehicle Rules 1969.

attended by Khyber vious session and several Pakhtunkh Pakhtunkhwa Minister for key proposals were dis- resources Revenue Nazir Abbasi, cussed. Special Assistant to the Minister Communication

of Law Alam Department Akhtar Saeed Secretary of

The meeting reviewed

These included grantion ng a two-year exemption Nazir Abbasi emphasized lic awareness campaign on

Transport Haji Rangaiz their fitness after one and is the need of the hour. PESHAWAR: An impor- Khan, Special Assistant on a half years, and establevel.

Law Department regard- Masood Younas, along at the provincial level are system is essential for operating on permits ensuring passenger safety The meeting reviewed without any provincial the implementation of permits, resulting in the Under provincial autonomy, we will introduce only made in the pre-transfer of Khyber omy, we will introduce only practical autonomy. without any provincial el facilities. The meeting was decisions made in the pre-tended by Khyber vious session and several Pakhtunkhwa's financial effective and practical provinces.

Minister for Revenue and to ten-year-old passenger that the need for vehicle fitness on motor Sohail Afridi, vehicles to operate on autonomous policy-mak- ways and highways.

Assistant on motorways, reassessing ing at the provincial level

tant meeting of the Industries and Commerce lishing vehicle testing Minister for Law Aftab Cabinet Committee, Abdul Karim Tordher, and fitness verification Alam Advocate stated, centers at the divisional that our top priority is level. It was also highlighted parent policy-making that 50 percent of vehicles Strengthening the fitness issued by other provinces and providing quality trav-

> other policies in the transport sector. The meeting also discussed launching a pub-

KPPRA organises E-procurement training workshop

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Chief Secretary, the shop in Swat.

Chief Secretary, the shop in Swat.

Director of KPPRA, led ador the sessions, offering tem. the E-Pak Acquisition Works and Disposal System (E- Irrigation, PADS) to enhance transprocurement processes Education, across the province.

As part of its commit- Swat University. World Bank-funded KP- procurement rules, and

the directives of the Development) program, launched E-PADS soft-Government of Khyber recently organized a ware. Pakhtunkhwa and the three-day training work-

Procurement together officials from Regulatory Authority key departments, includ-(KPPRA) has introduced ing Communications and and the broader benefits the new system will sig-Local

Government, Higher parency, efficiency, and Education, Public Health accountability in public Engineering, Elementary Health, Fisheries, Sports, and

ment to effective digital The workshop aimed in partnership with the with the KPPRA Act, public procurement.

Amanullah Khan,

insights into the soft-(C&W), of adopting a digital pro- nificantly streamline procurement framework.

Speaking at the work- reduce paperwork, and shop's inaugural session, improve accountability Amanullah Khan empha-sized that E-PADS has KPPRA to organize addibeen rolled out across the tional training sessions at province, meeting all reg- the district level to ulatory requirements for enhance awareness and transformation, KPPRA, to familiarize participants efficient and transparent support a seamless transi-

He further highlighted ment.

(Khyber procedures, while provid- KPPRA's ongoing efforts Pakhtunkhwa Spending ing practical, hands-on to strengthen institutional PESHAWAR: In line with Effectively for Enhanced training on the newly capacity through similar training sessions in various districts, ensuring the smooth, province-wide Director of KPPRA, led adoption of the new sys-

> Participants welcomed ware's advanced features the initiative, noting that curement processes tion to digital procure-

Strong protests held across all KMU campuses against Indian Aggression

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recent Indian aggression. A the international communilarge number of students, ty. faculty members, and administrative staff participated in the demonstra-said that India has crossed

Haq and Registrar Inam alongside the armed forces India's provocations and PESHAWAR: Massive Ullah Khan Wazir. and is fully prepared to hold it accountable for its demonstrations Participants carried banners were held across Khyber and placards inscribed with Medical University (KMU) slogans against Indian bru-Peshawar's main and tality, violations of human regional campuses against rights, and the silence of

tions, raising powerful slo- all moral and humanitarian gans in favor of the boundaries by targeting Pakistan Armed Forces and innocent civilians, children, strongly condemning and mosques under the India's state-sponsored ter-cover of night. He empha-The protests were led by Pakistani nation-especially upon the international com-

respond to any act of aggression. He further stated that

country but defending the attacks and hostile ambitions is a national obligation. "The nation today wall and is determined to thwart the enemy's malicious intentions," he added. the Indian attacks as acts of sized that the entire state terrorism and called aggression with unity and

gross violations of human rights.

The protests concluded Pakistan is a peace-loving with students, faculty, and staff singing the national homeland against cowardly anthem and chanting slogans in support of the armed forces. The demonstrations, held in a spirit of stands united like a solid discipline and patriotism across all KMU campuses, aimed to send a clear message to India and the world: Other speakers also labeled the Pakistani nation is fully prepared to counter any

Barkwal flays Indian aggression, expresses solidarity with Armed Forces We have proven this in grace India has faced at

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Minister for Agriculture designs will be buried for-Major Retired Sajjad ever. Barkwal has strongly con- In a statement issued people and armed forces ty at all costs.

of Pakistan will jointly hand India a historic the past and reiterate the the hands of Pakistan, and PESHAWAR: Provincial defeat. India's nefarious same resolve for the

demned India's aggressive from his office, Major actions and expressed Retired Sajjad Barkwal unwavering solidarity with emphasized, India must the Pakistan Armed understand that Pakistan Forces. He lauded the knows how to defend itself bravery of the Pakistan Air and will protect its sover-

boundaries, acknowledg- demoralizing actions. ing Pakistan's strength and the unity of its people.

that the enemy must rec-

Force (PAF), stating, the eignty, security, and digni- History stands witness to valor the humiliation and dis- capabilities.

the same will recur in the future. He further stated The spirit of our solognize its limits. India diers and people remains must stay within its ever-ready to counter

He commended the performance of the Pakistan Provincial minister Air Force, calling it a teswarned India, stating, tament to the nation's

KP govt activates Provincial Contingency Framework

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PESHAWAR: In response Coordination Committees to Indian aggression, the (DECCs), Government of Khyber Police, Health, Rescue Pakhtunkhwa has activated 1122, Civil Defense, and Contingency Framework sentatives. Public shelters emergency preparedness. community halls are being Following an emergency meeting of the provincial cabinet on Wednesday, all bedding are being stocked. field formations, emer- All leaves have been placed on high alert with to

Provincial Local Government repreto ensure province-wide in schools, mosques, and prepared, while emergency

gency services, and line cancelled, and no official departments have been or field officer is permitted leave instructions to implement Ambulance, fire, and respre-emptive readiness pro- cue services have been put

kits with food, water, and

All leaves have been station.

cols. on standby, and mock paigns that may attempt to alerted to prepa The government has drills are being initiated. destabilize public morale. sible blackouts.

ordered the activation of Village and Neighborhood revived to assist local authorized to issue stateinvolving coordination.

> Khyber Pakhtunkhwa govtion is circulated in case of internet disruptions. Strict monitoring of misinformain placed to counter propa-

Emergency Committees are also being spokespersons will be ments, and Public In a strong move against A w a r e n e s s

information warfare, the Announcements will be broadcast to urge the pubernment has instructed the lic not to trust unverified departments concerned to claims. The government ensure verified informa- emphasized that unity in public messaging is essential in times of crisis.

Essential departments tion, rumors, and sensa- have declared emergentionalist content is under- cies, control rooms are way, and special measures being activated, and fuel, power, and food supplies ganda, fake news, and for- are being secured. PESCO eign disinformation cam- and TESCO have been paigns that may attempt to alerted to prepare for pos-

India's unprovoked aggression: a blatant disregard for international laws

India's recent missile attacks and international bodies. on Pakistani territories are not only a grave violation of to and stability in South Asia.

taristic mindset, irresponsi-

The missiles that struck civilian areas such as Kotli, not only a provocation but a Muzaffarabad, Sialkot, Bagh, Muridke, and Bahawalpur were not aimed at military targets but at worship, and basic infrastructure. As a result of these attacks, 26 innocent Pakistanis were martyred and 46 injured.

The severity of this cowardice act of aggression is highlighted by the fact that the Indian strikes occurred at a time when 57 international flights were passing through Pakistani airspace. Firing missiles in such conditions endangered not only sources, five Indian fighter Pakistani citizens but also jets—including Rafale, SUinternational travelers, con- 30s, and MiG-29s—were stituting a clear violation of shot down while intruding

PESHAWAR (APP): The tion from the United Nations Furthermore, according

Pakistan Pakistan's sovereignty but spokesperson Lt. General also a serious threat to peace Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, India also targeted the cru-These attacks, carried out cial Noshehri Dam section under the cover of night, of the Neelum-Jhelum have exposed India's mili- Hydropower Project. This constitutes an act of blatant ble strategy, and blatant dis-regard for international law. Indian military aggression against vital water infrastructure of Pakistan, and is

blatant breach of human rights and the laws of war. "Attacking such essential water infrastructure is classiinnocent civilians, places of fied internationally as a war crime. In response to these cowardly attacks, Pakistan 26 innocent has demonstrated complete professionalism and took defensive measures that were right by all means,' said Professor Dr. AH Hilali, former Chairman, Political Science Department at University of Peshawar while talking to APP on

Wednesday. According to defense global aviation regulations into Pakistani airspace. and warranting urgent atten- Additionally, several Indian

Line of Control and one infantry brigade headquarters of the enemy were effectively targeted and neutral-

Pakistani territory with the aim of not just responding to the unprovoked aggression but sending a clear message to the world that Pakistan will not compromise on its sovereignty.

Following these developments, an emergency meeting of the National Security Council was convened under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and took key decisions.

The country's political and military leadership unanimously decided that under Article 51 of the UN Charter, Pakistan reserves the right to respond in selfdefense—at a time, place, and manner of its choosing-to protect its sovereignty and to counter the massacre of innocent civilians. To this end, the armed forces of Pakistan have been granted full authority to take

further action if necessary.

has gained considerable international support. US President Donald Trump condemned India's actions as "shameful," stating that These retaliatory actions escalating regional tensions were carried out from within to this extent was highly irresponsible.

military posts across the Pakistan's principles stance

The world now clearly sees that while Pakistan desires peace, it is by no means weak. A strong message has been sent to the enemy that "any future act of aggression will be met with an even more forceful and decisive response," Dr Hilali said. Pakistan's armed forces are fully prepared, the people are united, and the leadership has made it unequivocally clear that there will be no compromise on national sovereignty.

Pakistan possesses the full capacity to respond to any aggression with strength, resolve, and strategy. If the enemy has not yet learned its lesson, the next strike will shake its very foundations.

He said India will pay a high price for mistaking Pakistan's patience for weakness. Our silence is strategic; our strength lies in Dr Hilali said that our action, he concluded.

In brief

Rally held against India F.P. Report

Muslim League Lower Dir organized a rally in Timergara to express solidarity with the Pakistan Army. Traders, leaders of political parties, and the general public also participated in the solidarity demonstration. On this occasion, Central Muslim League President Haji Muhammad Haroon,

General Secretary Abu Assistant Commissioner Zaid Safi, President of traders union Timergara Anwaruddin, General Secretary Haji Laiq Zada, former PPP National Assembly can-Alamzeb Advocate, General Secretary of Jamaat-e-Islami Šhoaib Ahmad, and others addressed the gathering. They strongly condemned India's cowardly nighttime attack on Pakistan, targeting religious seminaries and mosques, and the martyrdom of innocent civilians. The speakers said the Pakistan Army gave a strong and crushing response to the enemy by shooting down five aircraft, forcing them to retreat. They paid trib-ute to the Pakistan Army and Air Force for their brave defense.The speakers demanded the immediate release of Muhammad Saeed and urged the government to allow the tribes to participate in jihad. They assured that the public stands shoulder to shoulder with the Pakistan Army and will not hesitate to sacrifice their lives for the country's security. They declared that every child of the nation is ready to die for the defense of the home-

Code Red imposed

CHINIOT (APP): Code Red has also been imposed in Punjab Emergency Service District Chiniot. Rescue personnel have been put n high alert to dea with any emergency situation, and instructions have been issued to be ready for immediate rescue operations. All rescuers have been ordered to report to their respective stations immediately, while cancelling their leave. The Command-and-Control Room is monitoring the emergency situation under the supervision of Emergency District Officer Tahira Khan.

PAF crushed Modi's pride

(APP) Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader and Member of National Assembly Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani praised the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) for downing five Indian warplanes, stating that the bold action shattered the arrogance of the Modi government. In a statement issued here on Wednesday, Raisani said, brave personnel of the Pakistan Air Force have given the enemy a powerful message that Pakistan will down. bow Modi's aggression has been met with a deciand timely response." He emphasized national unity in the face of aggression. 'The entire nation stands united behind the Pakistan Armed Forces. We salute our martyrs and assure the enemy that every citizen is a soldier when it comes to defending motherland. Raisani denounced India's overnight missile attacks on civilian areas, calling them a cowardly attempt to Pakistan's weaken resolve. He declared that every person in Balochistan, regardless of language, sect, or ethnicity, is ready to defend the country against India's conspiracies. "India is behind the terrorism in Balochistan, Modi's plots will fail.

In wake of Indian aggression

Commissioner Kohat holds DCC meeting

KOHAT: Commissioner Kohat Division Syed Motasim Billah Shah has in light of the directions of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government, held an important meeting of the Divisional Co-ordination immediately. Committee (DCC) Kohat aggression on Wednesday.

The meeting beside others was also attended by the respective Deputy Commissioners, Police, Intelligence Agencies and relevant Departments Institutions.

In the meeting, each department and institution which will ensure continu- the

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BANNU: Following the

instructions of the provin-

cial government Khyber

pakhtunkhwa, a consulta-

tion session and an impor-

Resolution Committee was

Muhammad Fahim khan

Alternate

Commissioner

today at his office.

tant meeting of the through

BAHAWALPUR (APP): Deputy

izens, participated in the their respects.

Prominent officials, includ- tional laws.

Commissioner

along with thousands of cit-

funeral prayers for those

LOWER DIR: Multiple

protest rallies and solidarity

walks were held across

Lower Dir on Tuesday and

Wednesday as political parties, civil society, academic institutions, and residents

came together to denounce

unprovoked Indian aggres-

sion and express unwaver-

ing support for Pakistan's

Malakand, a similar event

was led by Vice Chancellor

Prof. Dr. Rashid Ahmad.

Addressing faculty, staff, and students, Dr. Ahmad

condemned India's bel-

ligerent actions and urged

the international communi-

ty to hold Indian Prime

Minister Narendra Modi

accountable for escalating

tensions in the region. He

praised the Pakistan Army

and Air Force for their

response and affirmed the

academic community's full

support for the armed

with prayers for national

unity, security, and the free-

dom of the Kashmiri peo-

The walk concluded

prompt

and decisive

At the University of

armed forces.

attack

Indian

Bahawalpur.

He offered

divisional administrations of line departments. and departments. The

Similarly, all departto discuss the situation ments were assigned its detailed briefing on the arises after the Indian responsibilities and were progress of proposed, new

gency response as per the

the

Committee meets

held under the chairman- cheap, easy and effective of the meeting also put

In the session all the Muhammad Fahim Khan development and prosperi-

Salman attends martyrs'

funeral prayers

Provincial Health Minister District Police Officer, and Pakistani people, who stand

Khawaja Salman Rafique, other key personalities, united with their govern-

In his remarks, Khawaja

martyred in the recent Salman Rafique con- false narrative around the

the safety and security of ing of Pakistani civilians is region. The minister reaf-

Pakistan and its people. a clear violation of interna- firmed Pakistan's commit-

Division, cowardly acts could not ereignty.

Multiple protest rallies held

against Indian aggression

Haleem Asad

In Samar Bagh and united in Jeffer

drawing significant partici-

local business community.

Live Pakistan Army" and

ful and united response.

including district chief

Indian government, result-

Ulema-e-Islam

Sirajuddin,

"Down

society groups, and the aggression.

with India."

present.

Deputy procedures.

sion,

members of Alternate said that the main purpose ty soon.

Commissioner

Bannu

district administration, Alternate

Resolution Committee, of the establishment of the

concerned Officials were Resolution Committee is

The members of the putes, including civilian meeting discussed the res- and criminal by local jirga,

olution of public disputes and local customs, to

immediate justice by months. The participants

Speaking on the occa- ADR committee more

Dispute Committee for getting justice in a period of a few

nation with all district and cerned districts and heads

The meeting besides meeting also directed all reviewing in detail the divisional and district Sectoral Abstract of ADP heads to remain present in and AIP 2024-25, also distheir offices and cancel the cussed the performance leaves of all employees and development strategy of all the departments step-by-step and gave a directed to ensure emer- and ongoing schemes.

Commissioner Kohat strictly instructed all the Meanwhile, a meeting departments to ensure Divisional timely completion of proj-Development Committee ects without compromis-Kohat was also held under ing on the quality of work the chairmanship of the and wherever any problem Commissioner Kohat or obstacle is come, it Division, which beside the should be immediately Chairman DDAC Karak brought to the notice of the explained in detail about Khurshid Khattak MPA elected members of the the preparations and meas- and Chairman DDAC assembly or the divisional ures taken in this regard. It Orakzai Aurangzeb and district administration was decided to establish Orakzai MPA and represon that timely steps can be Control Rooms in all the sentatives of other mem- taken in this regard and districts of the division, bers was also attended by unnecessary delay in the Deputy projects can be avoided.

to resolve the public dis-

suggestions to make the

ADR achieve fast and immediate

Deputy effective, so that society

Commissioner, break the resolve of the

the face of aggression.

He criticised India's

ment to peace and its deter-

pledged full public support

Meanwhile, residents of

'war hysteria" and destabi-

lizing actions. Speakers

praised their effective

ness to defend the nation.

All events concluded

Maulana Public participation in these

Across the district, a

were also present to pay ment and armed forces in

actions, stating that the ing it as a shameful attempt

He emphasized that such mination to defend its sov-

In Samar Bagh and united in defense of the

Munda, the district admin- country's sovereignty. The

scale solidarity walks, tary's robust response and

pation from citizens, civil in the face of any future

Participants carried nation- the Adenzai subdivision

al flags and placards bear- held a protest rally against

ing slogans such as "Long what they called India's

Speakers at the event accused India of attempting

described the walk as a to block Pakistan's water

public referendum against rights in violation of inter-

the enemy, vowing that the national law and called on

nation stood ready to the United Nations to take

defend the motherland at all immediate notice. They

costs. They stressed that reiterated their commit-

India's hostile intentions ment to standing alongside

would be met with a power- the armed forces and

staged a protest outside the common theme emerged:

local press club. Speakers, unity, resilience, and readi-

Huzaifa, Muzaffar Syed events reflected deep-root-

Advocate, and other local ed national solidarity, as

leaders, condemned what well as growing concern

they termed a cowardly and over India's increasingly

midnight attack by the provocative actions.

their differences to stand liberation of Kashmir.

In Timergara, the Jamiat defense strategies.

istration organized large- leaders lauded the mili-

Modi government's target- to destabilise peace in the

in demned India's aggressive Pahalgam incident, describ-

Bannu could be put on the path of

aggression will not be tolerated: **AJK PM**

MUZAFFARABAD (INP): Alternate Dispute Resolution Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), Chaudhry Anwarul Haq, has said that Indian aggression will not be tolerated under any circum-stances and reaffirmed his government's firm commitment to stand by the people living along the Line of Control (LoC) during these

critical times. The Prime Minister made these remarks while chairing a high-level emergency meeting convened to assess the situation emerging from recent Indian hostilities along the LoC. The meeting was attended by Senior Minister Colonel (R) Waqar Ahmed Noor, Minister for Information Pir Mazhar Saeed Shah, Minister for Health Dr. Nisar Ansar Abdali, Chief Secretary, Inspector General of Police, and other senior officials.

During the session, PM Anwarul Haq ordered the establishment of a Central Response Emergency Center, which will operate round-the-clock to coordinate emergency operations. The center will include divisional commissioners, DIGs, DCs, and SSPs, and will provide regular updates directly to the Prime

Minister. Instructions were also issued for the creation of an Emergency Health Response Center and an Emergency Information Response Center under the Health Department and Information Department (PID), respectively. These centers will maintain 24/7 communication with the central response unit and keep authorities and the public fully informed on all developments. Meanwhile, former President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Ambassador, Sardar Masood Khan, strongly condemned India's unprovoked and unjustified attacks on civilian populations in AJK, calling it a blatant violation of the UN Charter and international

law.
"This is a criminal, unprovoked act of war. Pakistan has retaliated justly and robustly," said Khan. The Indian assault tragically claimed the lives of three civilians, including an 80year-old muezzin, and critically injured an eight-yearold girl in Muzaffarabad.

Terming the incident as 'naked aggression," Sardar Masood Khan stressed that Pakistan's response is legitimate under Article 51 of the UN Charter, which upholds a nation's right to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity. Khan urged the international community to take urgent ing in civilian casualties. peacefully with special notice and hold India They emphasized that polit- prayers for the martyrs, the accountable for endangerical parties had set aside country's safety, and the ing regional peace and sta-

Chairman **DDAC** visits rain-hit areas of Karak

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KARAK: In pursuance of the special directions of Palosa Sir and Sabirabad the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sardar Ali destructions and losses of Amin Khan Gandapur, life and properties caused Chairman DDAC. Chairman of the District due to the recent torrential Khurshid Development Advisory rains. Committee (DDAC) Karak and Khattak has along-with the Faisal Jan and Ashiq Deputy Commissioner Karak Shakeel Ahmed Jan and authorities concerned

to the Union Councils Chairman Ghundi Mir Khan Khel, where they reviewed the

MPA Khurshid Focal Person to MNA Munir, GS Latif Khattak, Senior Vice President Alam Zeb Khattak, Joint of the relevant depart- Secretary Rashid Khattak, basis at the earliest.

ments, paid a detailed visit Chairman Javed Khattak, Chairman Zareen Khattak, Village Councilor Hafeez Khattak and PTI workers also accompanied the

Khurshid Khattak directed the authorities Mayor Azmat Khattak, concerned to immediately prepare a detailed report in this regard so that the provincial government can provide relief to the victims on an emergency

Rallies against India agression held

Hafiz M. Aziz-ur-Rehman

HAFIZABAD: In a powerful display of national unity and patriotism, large-scale protest rallies were held across Hafizabad by various religious, social, business, and civil society organizations to condemn India's recent unprovoked aggression against Pakistan.

The central rally, which commenced Commissioner Salman Akbar and Chief courageous hands. Officer Municipal Committee Ikramullah Sandhu

A diverse and passionate crowd, including government officials, religious scholars, traders, journalists, educators, students, members of the Christian community, and representatives from various walks

of life, participated in the event. Carrying national flags and placards inscribed with slogans in support of the Pakistan Armed Forces, the participants vociferously condemned the Indian attack and expressed unwavering solidarity with the defenders of the homeland. Chants of 'Pakistan Zindabad" and "Pak Army

the demonstrators pledged their readiness to sacrifice everything for the nation's defense.

Speakers at the rally, including members of the Peace Committee, local Ulema, and representatives of business and civic bodies, criticized India for its cowardly assault targeting innocent civilians, mosques, and civilian infrastructure under the cover of darkness. They lauded the from the Press Club Jinnah Hall, was led Pakistan Armed Forces for their swift, proby Additional Deputy Commissioner fessional, and resolute response, affirming Hamid Nasir Goraya, Assistant that the nation's defense is in capable and

"The entire Pakistani nation, from chil dren to elders, from men to women, stands united with our brave armed forces. Today, we have demonstrated not only our unity but also our collective resolve to defend our sovereignty at any cost," declared one speaker.

The rally participants affirmed their full support for the armed forces and emphasized that, if needed, they were prepared to stand alongside them in the face of enemy aggression.

The event concluded with renewed vows of loyalty to the country and prayers for peace, security, and the protection of Zindabad" echoed through the streets as Pakistan's territorial integrity.

Balochistan declares May as 'Drug-Free Month'

Balochistan government has decided to observe May as drug-free month and in this regard, Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti ordered launch crackdown against the drugs mafia on daily basis across the province.

A high-level meeting chaired by Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti was held at the Chief Minister's Secretariat to review matters related to the Department of Social Welfare, Anti-Narcotics efforts, and the rehabilitation of drug addicts.

The meeting was attend-Parliamentary Secretary for Social Welfare Wali Muhammad Noorzai, Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir

Secretary for Planning and Development Hafiz Abdul Basit, Secretary Social Welfare Ismatullah Qureshi, Secretary Finance Imran Zarkoon, Principal Commissioner Khan, Quetta Division Hamza

the Anti-Narcotics Force. It was decided that the month of May will be observed as "Drug-Free Month" across Balochistan. The Chief Minister directed law enforcement agencies to conduct daily operations against drug handlers and suppliers. He also empha-

drains must be completely cleared of drug addicts. Bugti instructed that the Anti-Narcotics Force-run minister said.

Khan, Additional Chief rehabilitation center should treat as many addicts as possible. The meeting further resolved that several inactive government buildings will be handed over to Social Secretary to the CM Babar Department to be used as rehabilitation centers.

The chief minister Shafqat and officials from directed the Social Welfare Department to enhance its capacity and broaden its rehabilitation efforts, with a performance report to be submitted within 15 days.

"Our goal is not merely to construct buildings but to use them effectively for the public good. We aim to free our youth from the menace sized that Quetta's city of drugs and are committed to building a healthy and constructive society free from this curse", the chief

PFA discards 30kg unhygienic meat, 15 litres substandard cooking oil, other items

MULTAN (APP): The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) conducted inspections in Multan and Khanewal, targeting restaurants, grocery stores, meat shops, dairy vehicles, and beverage manufacturing units. Under the directives of the Director General of PFA, food safety teams inspected numerous food points and penalized businesses violating hygiene and safety standards.

The teams seized and discarded 30 kilogramme of unhygienic meat, 15 liters substandard cooking oil, 30 liters of low-quality beverages, 15 liters of adulterated milk and 20 kg of expired food items. In Multan, a meat shop near Aziz hotel, Chowk Sher Shah, was fined Rs. 40,000 for storing unhygienic meat in freezers and maintaining poor cleanliness. Near Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University, a bakery was penalized Rs. 50,000 for using rotten eggs in food preparation and for lacking valid medical certificates for its workers.

At M-5 rest area, two superstores were fined a total of Rs. 80,000 for selling expired food products. Additionally, two restaurants in the same area were fined Rs. 90,000 for using substandard spices and failing to provide water quality test reports. In Kabirwala, a dairy transport vehicle was inspected and found to be carrying milk with low fat content. The adulterated milk was immediately discarded on-site. In Fazal Colony, Mian Channu, a beverage unit was fined Rs. 15,000 for using expired coloring agents and bottling drinks in reused branded bottles. Meanwhile, in Quli Bazaar, Khanewal, a restaurant was fined Rs. 50,000 after PFA teams discovered unhygienic conditions in freezers and prepared food being stored directly on the floor.

Ghous condemns Indian aggression

SARGODHA (APP):Chairman Provincial Zakat and Ushr Council, Rana Munawar Ghous, has strongly condemned the recent unprovoked and brutal attacks by Indian forces which resulted in severe loss of innocent Pakistani civilians.

Talking to APP on Wednesday, he expressed profound grief over the casualties and abeled India's actions as blatant violations of international laws and human rights.

"These cowardly strikes by India are not only an attack on our people but also on

regional peace and stability," said Rana Munawar Ghous. "Targeting non-combatants is a grave crime that reveals the true face of Indian

The Chairman Provincial Zakat and Usher Council Rana Munawar Ghous said in

response to these assaults, the Pakistan Armed Forces delivered a powerful and calculated reply. He said the Pakistan Air Force successfully shot down five Indian fighter ets, showcasing the nation's capability and resolve to defend its borders, adding that the swift retaliation by Pakistan's defense forces has been hailed as a message of deterrence to any future hostilities. He lauded the bravery and professionalism of the armed forces and extended his full

support to the government and military leadership. He praised the unity and determination shown by the Pakistani people in these try-

ing times. "Our nation stands united. Our armed forces are the pride of our land, and

our people are resolute in their love and loyalty to Pakistan. No enemy can shake our spirit," Rana Munawar Ghous stated.







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WASHINGTON, DC: Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Kash Patel (L) and U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi speak during a press conference to announce the results of Operation Restore Justice on Wednesday in Washington, DC. During the operation, 205 arrests were made nationwide in five days in a joint effort with federal, state, and local partners to arrest accused child sex abuse offenders and combat child exploitation.

UAE mediating secret talks between Israel and Syria

(Reuters): The United Arab backchannel for talks sensitivity of the situation. between Israel and Syria, ingly hostile relationship declined to comment. with their southern neigh-

which have not been previous one just 500 metres (yards) ously reported, are focused from the presidential palace on security and intelligence in Damascus, and Reuters matters and confidence- could not establish if the building between two states mechanism has been used with no official relations, a since the strikes occurred. person with direct knowledge of the matter, a Syrian strikes as a message to security source and a Syria's new rulers in

began days after Syrian Syria, Lebanon and Israel. President Ahmed Sharaa discussed.

ty source told Reuters the elaborate. backchannel was limited focusing on several counterterrorism files.

The source said that new purely military matters, Damascus is working to in 2016. particularly those concern- unify the country after 14 ing Israeli army activities in years of bloodletting. Syria, fell outside the scope

of the current channel.

They spoke on condition Emirates has set up a of anonymity due to the Syria's presidency and

three people familiar with the UAE foreign ministry the matter said, as Syria's did not respond to a request new rulers seek regional for comment. The Israeli help to manage an increas- prime minister's office

The mediation effort preceded Israeli strikes in The indirect contacts, Syria last week, including

Israel has framed the regional intelligence offi- response to threats against Syria's Druze, a minority source sect that is an offshoot of described the effort, which Islam with adherents in

Informal mediation visited the UAE on April between Israel and Syria 13, as currently focused on aimed at calming the situa-"technical matters," and tion has taken place in the said there was no limit to last week via other chanwhat may eventually be nels, according to one of scussed. the sources and a regional February that Israel has reduced tensions.

The senior Syrian securidiplomat. They declined to lobbied the U.S. to keep The fighting

strictly to security-related condemned Israel's strikes around suspicion of Sharaa to unite all of Syria's armed as escalatory and as foreign - who once headed a branch forces under one structure interference, and says the of government

The new rulers have also The intelligence source show they pose no threat to ing with President Sheikh said UAE security officials, Israel, meeting representa-Syrian intelligence officials tives of the Jewish commuand former Israeli intelli- nity in Damascus and gence officials were abroad and detaining two involved in the mechanism, senior members of Abu Dhabi's concerns.

Palestinian Islamic Jihad, attack on Israel.

A letter sent by Syria's ment. foreign ministry to the U.S. State Department last month, seen by Reuters, later, the sources said. said "we will not allow threat to any party, including Israel.

for years in a shadow cam- issues with Israel, given the paign aimed at weakening absence of direct relations fran and its allies, including between the two states. Lebanese Hezbollah, who entering the country's civil President Bashar al-Assad.

Israeli military operations have escalated since rebels ousted Assad in not tolerate an Islamist mil- people dead. itant presence in southern Syria. Israel has bombed what it says are military targets across the country and

al-Qaeda

The UAE government throw. also has concerns about the made repeated efforts to leaders, but Sharaa's meet-Mohammed bin Zayed Al helping to assuage some of

which participated in the meeting lasted several October 7 2023 Hamas-led hours, making Sharaa late for a subsequent engage-

The backchannel with Israel was established days

Damascus sees Syria to become a source of UAE's ties with Israel threat to any party, includestablished in a historic U.S.-brokered deal in 2020. Israel has struck in Syria as a key avenue to address

Israel's latest strikes in grew their influence after Syria followed days of clashes between Sunni war on the side of former Muslim and Druze gunmen triggered by a voice recording of unclear origin purportedly insulting the Prophet Mohammed, leav-December, saying it will ing more than two dozen

Syria's government has since reached an agreement with Druze factions in the Druze heartland region of Israeli ground forces have Suweida to hire local secuentered southwestern Syria. rity forces from their ranks, Reuters reported in in a move that has so far

The fighting posed the Syria decentralised and iso- latest challenge for Sharaa, Syria's government has lated, framing its approach who has repeatedly vowed before and govern the country. in renouncing ties to the group fractured by 14 years of civil war until Assad's over-

> But incidents of sectari-Islamist bent of Syria's new an violence, notably the killing of hundreds of pro-Assad Alawites in March have hardened fears among Nahyan last month went minority groups about the very well, the sources said, now-dominant Islamists and sparked condemnation from global powers.

Cardinals enter Sistine Chapel for secret conclave to elect new pope

into the Sistine Chapel on themselves away from the divided global Church.

nal electors will take an oath of perpetual secrecy leave. under the gaze of the stern Christ depicted in Michelangelo's Last Judgement fresco, which adorns the chapel.

They will then hold their first ballot looking for a the form of smoke from a successor to Pope Francis, chimney atop the chapel, as who died last month.

No pope has been elect- lots. ed on the first day of a coning could continue for several days before one man receives the necessary twothirds majority to become has a new leader. the 267th pontiff.

Thereafter, there can be as clave, the cardinals prayed many as four votes a day.

ing part in a solemn Latin over the world. chant called the litany of

believed to reside in heaven consideration" in choosing to pray for them as they the new pontiff and keep in prepare to make what mind "only ... the good of Hungary's Peter Erdo,

world to elect the man they the Vatican's master of cerhope can unite a diverse but emonies, will pronounce the Latin command "Extra In a ritual dating back to omnes!" (Everyone out!), medieval times, 133 carditelling all those not involved in the gathering to

> chapel's heavy The wooden doors will then slam shut.

> The only expected signal from the cardinals during the conclave will come in the form of smoke from a the clerics burn their bal-

Black smoke will mark clave for centuries and vot- an inconclusive vote; white smoke and the pealing of bells will signal that the 1.4-billion-member Church

At a Mass in St. Peter's There will be only one Basilica on Wednesday ballot on Wednesday before entering the conthat God would help them The cardinals walked find a pope who would slowly into the chapel, tak- exercise "watchful care"

In a sermon, Italian Cardinal Giovanni Battista They beseeched nearly Re told his peers they must 100 men and women set aside "every personal

After the cardinals have have offered different Wednesday, before locking pronounced their oath, assessments of what they Archbishop Diego Ravelli, are looking for in the next While some have called

for continuity with Francis' vision of greater openness and reform, others have said they want to turn the clock back and embrace traditions. Many have indicated they want a more predictable, measured pontifi-

expected to enter the Sistine Chapel, up from 115 from 48 nations in the last conclave in 2013 - growth that reflects Francis' efforts to extend the reach of the

No clear favourite has Cardinal Pietro Parolin and Filipino Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle are considered the front-runners.

However, if it quickly becomes obvious that neither can win, votes are likely to shift to other contenders, with the electors possibly coalescing around geography, doctrinal affini-

ty or common languages. Among other potential candidates are France's Jean-Marc Aveline,

VATICAN CITY (Reuters): arguably will be the most the Church and of humani-Catholic cardinals who will momentous decision of ty". and Italy's Pierbattista Choose the next pope filed their lives. Cardinals in recent days

Re, who is 91 and cannot take part in the conclave, suggested the cardinals should look for a pope who respected the Church's diversity. "Unity does not mean uniformity, but a firm and profound communion in diversity," he said in his sermon.

The average length of the last 10 conclaves was just over three days and none went on for more than A record 133 cardinals five days. The last confrom 70 countries were clave, in 2013, lasted just two days.

The cardinals will be looking to wrap things up quickly again this time to avoid giving the impression they are divided or that the Church is adrift.

Some 80% of the cardiemerged, although Italian nal electors were appointed by Francis, increasing the possibility that his successor will in some way continue his progressive policies despite strong pushback from traditionalists.

Among their considerations will be whether they should seek a pope from the global south where congregations are growing, as they did in 2013 with Francis, from Argentina, hand back the reins to Europe or even pick a first

Grisly Peru mining murders spotlight 'gold curse' in the Andes

(Reuters): Peruvian mining drug trafficking in terms of Monzón was aware of the billion each year, according risks, but the lure of gold to Peru's government. deep in the Andean rock of northern Pataz province there were many deaths and outweighed the danger. I always kept telling my Now he and 12 others are son 'leave this job, son, dead in one of the country's come back, don't work worst mining massacres.

in Peru's gold-rich north himself as the father of one and sent in the military of the victims. after police recovered the killed.

Lidmar was working in (PODÉRC1.LM), opens new tab, Peru's secondlargest producer.

ed gangs involved in illegal country. mining, have shaken the mineral-rich country, the world's no. 3 copper producer and no. 8 for gold, where soaring global prices between big mines and ders. wildcat operators.

World War II.

underline

Ukraine.

efforts to project its power

and cement the alliances it

has forged while seeking a

counterbalance to the West

amid the 3-year-old war in

important as a demonstra-

tion how broad a coalition

backing Russia is," said

political analyst Nikolai

"For Putin, this day is

worker Frank value, hitting some \$3-4

"He used to tell me that orst mining massacres. there, work somewhere Authorities this week else'," said Abraham halted some mining activity Dominguez, who identified

"For us as parents, it is workers from inside the feel. It's our children, our happening, don't go" Lidmar mine after they blood. I thought maybe one were kidnapped by illegal day he would bury me, but largest miners last month and instead. I am going to bury region, in my son."

agreement with major local Tuesday, relatives of the gold producer Poderosa murdered mine workers, mits. who had been security guards, said farewell to their loved ones, with buri-The killings, by suspect- als in cities around the

In Trujillo, capital of the region where Pataz is located, relatives were scared to speak to the media as funerals were held, saying they of the precious metal have feared reprisals from crimiled to a boom in illegal nal gangs who authorities activity and sparked clashes have blamed for the mur-

Illegal mining, primarily Monzón was carried by

paraded through the streets of Trujillo before his burial. In northern Piura, Darwin Cobeñas was laid to rest in his humble hometown, while his family sobbed and prayed that his death

not go unpunished. 'I'm only alive because my friend told me not to one local man in his 30s, who said he had worked before with some of the victims, told Reuters at Monzon's funeral. "He

no small part due temporary REINFO per-

However, with prices near record highs, illegal groups often muscle into the operations of small-scale miners or steal their production in collusion with criminal gangs, according to police and industry sources.

"Gold is a curse for Pataz," the mayor of Pataz, Aldo Mariño, told Reuters. He had traveled to Lima to speak with President Dina The white coffin of Boluarte and demand this likely came from illegreater investment in his gal sources.

Peru of gold, has surpassed even friends and family and remote region, an 18-hour drive even from Trujillo.

He said that despite the area's great mineral wealth, his community lives in poverty, without basic services and on deteriorating or unpaved roads. This has been going on

for several years, with the difference that now everything has collapsed. It's due to the absence of the State,' he said. "People continue to

Trujillo bodies of the 13 mine such a great pain that we told me: 'A lot of things are investigating the deaths said on Tuesday that the Pataz has become Peru's workers had been dead for gold-producing seven to eight days, citing forensic studies. Lidmar to artisan or informal said in a statement its work-Into the night on mines, which operate under ers "were ambushed, cruelly tortured, and murdered by hitmen.

Poderosa has reported the deaths of 39 workers in recent years in attacks on its facilities or small mines that supply it with gold. And in the last four years, 15 of the company's highvoltage towers have been destroyed with explosives.

Peru exported \$15.5 billion in gold in 2024, a sharp increase from \$11 billion the previous year. It is estimated that around 40% of

Federal Reserve faces tough balancing act between fighting inflation and spurring economic growth

WASHINGTON (AP): The be able to appoint a new For now, the U.S. econo-Federal Reserve could chair then. Yet if the econmy is mostly in solid unchanged for several ing months, Trump could cooled considerably from more months as it evalu- renew his threats to remove ates the impact of President Powell. A big issue facing Consumers are spending at Donald Trump's wide- the Fed is how tariffs will spread tariffs on hiring and impact inflation. Nearly all inflation, some economists economists and Fed offi- buying things like cars say, even as the White cials expect the import ahead of tariffs. Businesses

to keep its rate unchanged or for how long. Tariffs ployment is low. when it concludes its latest typically cause a one-time policy meeting Wednesday. increase in prices, but not inflation will worsen in the toward interest rate cuts. A Chair Jerome Powell and necessarily ongoing infla-other Fed officials have tion. Yet if Trump other Fed officials have tion. Yet signaled that they want to announces further tariffs see how the duties — as he has threatened to do including 145% on all on pharmaceuticals, semiimports from China — conductors, and copper impact consumer prices or if Americans worry that and the economy.

The central bank's cau- that could send prices highconflict between the Fed rates in a television interthink he's a total stiff." the Fed's 2% target for now, Trump and Treasury what persistent and add to Secretary Scott Bessent inflation expectations?" argue that the Fed could and 2023 to fight inflation.

could lower other borrow- concerned that inflation ing costs, such as for mort- will worsen. Higher inflagages, auto loans, and tion expectations can be credit cards, though that is self-fulfilling, because it not guaranteed.

because the chair's term such as asking for higher ends next May and he will wages.

tion could lead to more er in a more persistent way. Kathy Bostjancic, chief and the Trump administra- economist at Nationwide, tion. On Sunday, Trump said this could keep the Fed again urged the Fed to cut on the sidelines until September. "It's hard for view and said Powell "just them to cut sooner because doesn't like me because I they've got to weigh, inflation what's the With inflation not far from impact?" Bostjancic said. "Is this going to be some-

inflation will get worse,

Economists and the Fed reduce its rate. The Fed are closely watching infla-pushed it higher in 2022 tion expectations, which are essentially a measure of If the Fed were to cut, it how much consumers are Americans think prices Trump also said Sunday will rise, they can take he wouldn't fire Powell steps that push up costs,

For now, the U.S. econo- rors." rate omy stumbles in the com-everal ing months, Trump could cooled considerably from suffocating," Sweet said. peak in a healthy pace, though some of that may reflect House pushes for a rate cut. taxes will lift prices, but are still adding workers at a delays hiring, slows the The Fed is nearly certain it's not clear by how much steady pace, and unem- economy and pushes up the

> coming months. Surveys of both manufacturing and they are seeing higher say.
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> "If you felt like the services firms show that tion by itself, economists And a survey by the economy was really slow-Federal Reserve's Dallas ing down, then I think that branch found that nearly 55% of manufacturing firms expect to pass on the impact of tariff increases to their customers. "The bottom line is that inflation will be rising significantly over the next six months, Torsten Slok, chief economist at the Apollo Group, said in an email.

> Yet the tariffs could also weigh heavily on the economy, particularly because naled that it could cut rates of the uncertainty they have created. Huge tariffs on about 60 other nations, announced April 2, were then postponed until July 9, but could be reimposed. Business surveys show that firms are postponing acknowledged, could both investment decisions until slow growth and lift prices,

> they have greater clarity. Ryan Sweet, chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics, said the uncer- and hiring, while it would tainty surrounding trade policy gives him "night terand and inflation.

"The economics of 'Businesses that don't know the rules of the road their knee-jerk reaction is to sit on their hands. And that's what they're doing.' But if the uncertainty

economy and pushes up the oyment is low. unemployment rate, the Still, there are signs Fed could quickly shift sharp economic slowdown could eventually cool infla-

economy was really slowwould probably take precedence (over inflation). because usually the way the committee thinks is that will also drag inflation somewhat with it," said Jim Bullard, former president of the Federal Reserve's St. Louis branch and currently dean of Purdue University's busi-

ness school. In March, the Fed sigtwice this year. But since then, the Trump administration imposed duties that Powell said last month were larger and broader than the Fed expected.

The duties, Powell which puts the Fed in a tough spot. It would usually cut rates to boost growth

Nazi Germany in World War II MOSCOW (AP): Russia's flights delayed or can-tries. President Vladimir Putin is celed, stranding hundreds set to host the leaders of of passengers.

China, Brazil and other Tightened heads of states for festivi- around the celebrations ties on Friday marking the also led to restrictions on 80th anniversary of the cellphone internet service defeat of Nazi Germany in and reports of outages. Banks and taxi firms have Victory Day, which is preemptively warned cuscelebrated in Russia on tomers about disruption to May 9, has become the services over the holidays country's most important due to unstable internet secular holiday. A massive access, and some shops parade through Red Square and supermarkets have and other ceremonies restricted deliveries due to

Moscow's potential network prob-

Putin described Chinese President Xi Jinping as "our main guest" at the Victory Day festivities when he discussed preparations for his visit with China's foreign minister. The Russian leader noted that he and Xi are to discuss both bilateral and global issues at their summit in Moscow.

The lineup of leaders coming to Moscow this Xi is coming for a fouryear contrasts sharply to day visit, and Putin's forsome past celebrations that eign policy adviser Yuri drew top Western leaders Ushakov said they would at a time of friendlier ties discuss trade and Russia's between Russia and the supply of oil and gas to Vest. China, as well as coopera-The festivities have tion within BRICS — the been overshadowed by bloc of developing reports of Ukrainian drone economies that initially attacks targeting Moscow included Brazil, Russia,

and severe disruptions at India, China and South

all four of the capital's air- Africa but has since

ports, with dozens of expanded to more coun-

Putin and Xi have met

Russia hosts world leaders for the

80th anniversary of its defeat of

over 40 times and developed strong personal ties to bolster their "strategic partnership" as they both face soaring tensions with the West. China has offered robust

diplomatic support to Moscow after the 2022 invasion and has emerged as a top market for Russian oil and gas, helping fill the Kremlin's war coffers. Russia also has relied on China as the main source of machinery and electronics to keep its military machine running after Western sanctions curtailed high-tech supplies.

While Beijing hasn't provided weapons to use in Ukraine, it has backed the Kremlin diplomatically, blaming the West for threatening Russia's security. China also has strongly condemned Western sanctions against Moscow.

Russia, in turn, has consistently voiced support for Beijing on issues related to Taiwan.

Last month, Ukraine reported capturing two Chinese soldiers who were fighting for Russia and claimed there were more than 150 others deployed alongside

zens not to get involved in foreign conflicts. Reports suggested the men were mercenaries who had answered online ads.

India's Prime Minister Narendra Mod i, another top ally whom Putin has courted, had been expected in Moscow but he canceled his trip amid tensions with Pakistan after an attack in which gunmen opened fire on tourists in Indian-controlled Kashmir.

India, which has had persistent tensions with watched China, strengthening of Russia-China relations with unease but sought to maintain close ties with Moscow. Russia is a major defense supplier for India since the Cold War, and New Delhi's importance as a key trading partner for Moscow has grown since the Kremlin sent troops into Ukraine. Just like China, India has become a key buyer of Russian oil following Western sanc-

Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva also will be in Moscow for Victory Day, his first official trip to Moscow since the invasion of Ukraine. Moscow's He twice visited Russia forces. Beijing disavowed during his previous tenure any official involvement, as president in 2003-10.

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In a world shaped by technology, schooling children in AI ethics is a must

T a time when technology has never been so advanced and accessible, children beginning their education journey today are on a profoundly different path to that walked by previous generations. Some of their older parents will remember the days when photographs were developed from rolls of film, important messages were sent in the post and "google it" was not an option; their children live in a word of instant communication and unparalleled access to collected human knowledge.

In the UAE, not only are many classrooms equipped with the latest digital teaching aids, many pupils already have some form of smartphone – effectively a handheld computer that would have been considered incredibly advanced just two decades ago. These changed circumstances are spurring the evolution of UAE education policy. "Our responsibility is to equip our children for a time unlike ours,' Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Vice President and Ruler of Dubai, said on Sunday while announcing that artificial intelligence is to be introduced as a subject across all stages of government education in the Emirates, including kindergartens.

As a country that has wholeheartedly embraced this paradigm shift in technology - in 2017, the UAE became the first nation in the world to appoint a government minister for AI – it makes sense that it wants the next generation, even children as young as four, to not only be familiar with AI but know how to harness its potential wisely. Therefore, it is important to note that included in the new curriculum are seven areas of focus, one of which is ethical awareness. This reflects Sheikh Mohammed's statement that the new AI lessons are aimed at "enhancing [pupils'] understanding of its data, algorithms, applications, risks, and its connection to society and life".

However, although these are new additions to the school curriculum, they are a continuation of previous efforts to place ethics at the heart of learning. In 2018, the UAE introduced the study of morals and ethics for pupils from the age of six until they leave school. This was a challenging and noteworthy addition to the school curriculum but one that was important for a country with a diverse population. Embedding similar concepts in the study of AI is a step towards combining digital literacy with responsibility.

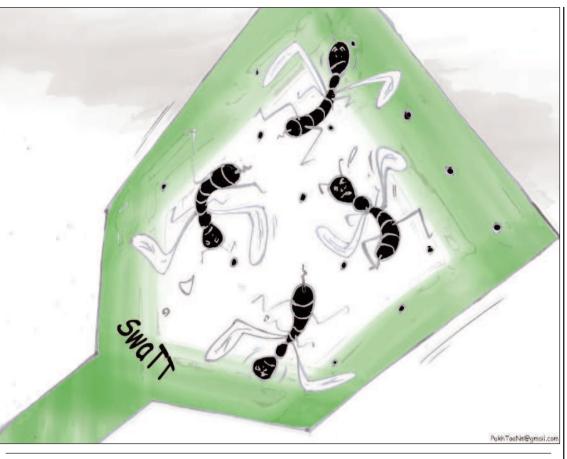
When the new curriculum is introduced in the next academic year, the UAE will be a country where the study of AI begins in pre-school and could potentially last until the doctoral level at institutions such as the Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence. Although several other nations are rolling out AI learning for younger children, few will have artificial intelligence as subject from kindergarten

In this sense, the UAE has an opportuni-

ty to lead the way on what will be a journey of continual evolution. This week Abu Dhabi has hosted the inaugural Governance of Emerging Technologies Summit while in Dubai, Gisec Global billed as the Middle East and Africa's largest cybersecurity event - is taking place. Such events show the dynamism that is propelling development in AI and other advanced tech. A school curriculum that includes AI will need to be flexible and adaptive to keep up with the pace of change and remain relative. In this way, it will help prepare a new generation of youngsters for the exciting and daunting challenges ahead.

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From 1965 to 2025: The spirit remains unshaken

Muhammad Mohsin Iqbal

rndia, once again, has resorted to its old and familiar pattern of whether in uniform or not, always stood on the right aggression by attacking is a soldier of this land. Our side of history. Our cause is civilian populations under armed forces stand alert just, our intentions clear, the cover of darkness. This and fearless, but behind and our faith unshaken. We cowardly tactic, reminis- them stands an entire nation do not desire war, but we fighter jets once again cent of the night of that shares their courage will never back down from September 6, 1965, reflects and conviction. Just as defending our land, our not strength but a deeprooted fear of facing a determined and united nation head-on. That historic night, India miscalculated Pakistan's resolve and spirit, believing a surprise assault could shatter our defences and will. But instead, what followed was a resounding lesson in courage, patriotism, and unity - a lesson written in the blood and sacrifice of

resilience of our people. Today, the same story seems to be repeating itself, albeit in a different context and time. But the essence of Indian hostility remains unchanged; treachery, deceit, and targeting innocents in hopes of breaking the moral fabric of our nation. What the enemy fails to understand, however, is that Pakistan is not a nation to be broken by such tactics. Our strength lies not just in our weaponry, but in our unwavering faith, unity, and deep-rooted love for our homeland.

our brave soldiers and the

enemy remember that there is a big sortie, our sons and daugh- aggression be repelled with made stronger by each difference between 1965 and 2025. This is a different era - one where Pakistan stands as a nuclear power, equipped with advanced faith, and an unvielding today raise their hands missile technology, modern belief in Pakistan's soverwarplanes, and a robust eignty and justice. defence system. Yet even greater than these material strengths is the spirit of of time has dulled our sions and misplaced arrofaith and martyrdom that memory or diminished our gance. Our reply will not burns bright in the hearts of spirit. They have underestionly be on the battlefield burns bright in the hearts of spirit. They have underestiour people - a spirit the mated the resolve that enemy utterly lacks. Our courses through the veins unity of our people, in the technological might is for- of every Pakistani, from the strategic brilliance of our midable, but it is the rugged mountains of the commanders, and in the darkness with the fire of unshakable conviction in north to the coasts of the unshakable resolve that our resolve. We are ready our cause that truly sets us Arabian Sea. This is not binds us as a nation.

Major Raja Aziz Bhatti laid people, and our honour.

down his life defending God willing, this time Lahore in 1965, and MM too, the response will be Alam etched his name in such that the cowardly

The enemy's mistake is to assume that the passage of time has dulled our memory or diminished our spirit. They have underestimated the resolve that courses through the veins of every Pakistani, from the rugged mountains of the north to the coasts of the Arabian Sea. This is not just a conflict of arms, but of principles - and we have always stood on the right side of history. Our cause is just, our intentions clear, and our faith unshaken. We do not desire war, but we will never back down from defending our land, our people, and our honour.

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should enemy aircraft in a single Not only will their current ters today are imbued with force and fury, but the lesthe same fire and passion. son we deliver will echo Their spirits are not shaken; across generations. The they are steeled by history, future children of those who to assume that the passage ed because of reckless decibut will also manifest in the

Every Pakistani today, of principles - and we have aggressors. But when pro- row may bring.

voked, we have shown time and again that the people of Pakistan are second to none in bravery, sacrifice, and love for their motherland The skies may witness our scripting legends like MM Alam. The borders may once again echo with the God willing, this time courage of soldiers who hold their ground like Aziz Bhatti. And the cities and villages of Pakistan will stand tall, united in prayer and patriotism, ready to contribute to the cause in

every way possible. This is not merely a mat ter of national security; it is a matter of national pride. It is about sending a clear message to those who believe they can intimidate us with cowardly actions. Let it be known - we are ready. Ready not just to defend but to respond with such strength and resolve that the very thought of repeating such actions will become a nightmare for the enemy for generations.

In times like these, it is not just the weapons or the numbers that matter - it is the spirit of the people. And in Pakistan, that spirit is unbreakable. We draw strength from our martyrs from our history, and from our faith. We are a nation history by downing five enemy will never forget. forged through sacrifice tested through trials, and challenge we overcome The path may not be easy but our direction is clear Victory, with God's will shall be ours - not just in against Pakistan will be told the battlefield, but in the tales - not of valour, but of hearts and minds of all The enemy's mistake is the humiliation they inherit- those who stand for justice peace, and sovereignty.

And so, we stand today just as we stood in 1965 firm, fearless, and faithful Let the enemy come in the dark if they must. We are the nation that lights up the not just for today, but for We have never been the every challenge that tomor-

Eastern Europe bets on Trump – but at what cost? **Dimitar Bechev**

fraying popularity at home, there is a corner of the globe where his brand remarkably resilient: Eastern Europe. Last Sunday, the Trumploving far-right populist George Simion topped the first round of Romania's presidential elections, securing over 40 percent of the vote and a realistic path to the top office. Echoing Trump's pledge to "Make America Great Again," Simion promises Romanian people what opaque sectors like infrawas taken from them". He structure, energy and minis not an outlier.

embraces the mantle of transactional Trump's European standard-bearer. Trumpworld's influence in the region already extends beyond politics. Jared Kushner is spearheading a real estate vendowntown Belgrade, and Donald Trump Jr has recently completed his second tour in months of Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria, rubbing shoulders with politicians, business elites and crypto entrepreneurs eager to forge ties with the Trump family.

Eastern Europe's fascination with the "America First" president is fuelled by both ideological alignment and hard-nosed pragmatism. The MAGA message resonates widely landscape.

A recent Gallup poll ahead of the 2024 United States election showed that 49 percent of respondents in Bulgaria and Hungary – and a staggering 59 percent in Serbia coincidence. From the AfD supporters in former East Germany to the ruling Georgian Dream party in Tbilisi, illiberal actors across the region are rallying against the liberal der, multiculturalism, vaccines and Ukraine mirror those of Trump's base. friendliness Trump's towards Vladimir Putin has further enhanced his appeal in Russia-friendly

nations like Serbia. There is also a transnational dimension. Eastern European diasporas in the US tend to favour Trump. drawn by social conservatism or competition with other ethnic and racial

Their counterparts in Western Europe are similarly inclined, even as they benefit from the very open-border policies they often deride.

In Romania's recent election, 60 percent of Romanians living in the European Union and the United Kingdom voted for

backed Calin Georgescu, a those who embrace it.

Donald far-right figure publicly defended by US Vice President JD Vance at the Munich Conference.

At home, elites see in Trump a potential enabler. A powerful friend in Washington who overlooks corruption and democratic backsliding could prove advantageous both domestically and internationally. The prospect of US foreign policy becoming indistinguishable from the Trump Organization's business agenda is attrac-"give back to the tive in a region rife with ing. The recent USneighbouring Ukraine critical minerals Hungary, Prime Minister deal is seen as a blueprint Viktor Orban openly for currying favour with a

> This relationship is ready yielding dividends.

In April, the Trump administration reversed sanctions on Antal Rogan, a close Orban ally, originally imposed under the Global Magnitsky Act by the Biden administration. The move has raised hopes elsewhere: in Bulgaria, tycoon and heavyweight Delyan Peevski – also sanctioned under Magnitsky – is reportedly eyeing a similar reprieve.

Yet Eastern Europe's Trump infatuation may prove fragile. Ironically, Trump's economic nationalism threatens to underacross the post-communist cut the very economies governed by his ideological allies. Hungary and Slovakia, both heavily reliant on automotive exports, stand to suffer under Slovakia's car industry alone accounts for nearly preferred Trump over 30 percent of national Kamala Harris. This is no exports and employs 10 percent of the workforce. Even a modest 10 percent tariff could decimate jobs in Central Europe's industrial belt.

Such economic fallout would have political condemocratic consensus. sequences. In the Czech Their views on issues like Republic, it might boost LGBTQ rights, race, gen- populist Andrej Babis, a Trump-like businessman. But in Hungary, Orban already faces a serious challenge from Peter Magyar, with elections looming next year. In Slovakia, Robert Fico governs with a slim majority and increasing public dissent - his long-term survival is uncertain.

Trumpism has already proven a liability for rightwing allies in Canada and Australia.

While Eastern Europe remains more receptive, the region is not immune to the risks of over-identification with a movement that pits itself against the European Union, liberal values and global economic integration.

The MAGA revolution may still fire up crowds in Bucharest and Belgrade but its contradictions Many had previously could just as easily burn

Smotrich's expansionist manifesto must be challenged

has defined Israeli policy since the inception of the state: an expansionist Zio- the world.

force to achieve both. Smotrich's rhetoric is are not an anomaly, it is the dependent. His call to disnatural consequence of a mantle Syria is a textbook state project built on the example of this. Syria, displacement of indigenous already devastated by war populations, the militariza- and geopolitical chess tion of borders and the sysdenial tematic Palestinian nationhood.

and the strategic use of

What he is saying out loud, without the diplomatic varnish applied by previous Israeli leaders, is what many within the Israeli establishment believed and practiced for so-called

decades, albeit more subtly.

Then Israeli Finan- Israel's actions have folce Minister Beza- lowed a consistent logic: lel Smotrich calls secure land, displace resistfor the ethnic cleansing of ance, fragment Arab neigh-Gaza, for Syria to be "disbors and ensure unchalmantled" and for the lenged regional hegemony. destruction of Iran's What Smotrich has done What Smotrich has done

nuclear infrastructure, he is is remove the veil. His not merely expressing the statements, delivered withpersonal views of a radical out diplomatic restraint, are nationalist. He is articulat- not just morally abhorrent, ing, with shocking candor, they are politically calculatthe endgame of a broader ed to rally the Israeli far ideological framework that right and normalize extremism within statecraft. This shift should alarm

Smotrich's nism rooted in ethnonation- vision aligns with a docalism, regional supremacy trine that seeks to reduce Israel's Arab neighbors to weak, divided entities that ungovernable games, is seen not as a potential partner for peace or regional stability but as a convenient target in Israel's strategy to eliminate any nodes of Iranian influence.

Yet even this rationale is Axis

more ideological goal: not security, but domination. To understand the depth

of Smotrich's vision, we must revisit the ideological pillars of Zionism itself, particularly the version espoused by Religious Zionism, of which Smotrich is a leading figure. This ideology fuses Jewish nationalism with divine entitlement to the land from the Nile to the Euphrates, a messianic belief that sees Israel not as one state among equals but as a chosen entity whose borders, power and destiny are divinely ordained.

Within this framework, Palestinians are not a people with legitimate rights and aspirations, they are an obstacle. Arab nations are not neighbors to be engaged, they are threats to be neutralized. And diplomacy is not a path to peace, it is a temporary tactic until a 'Greater Israel" is realized.

reflect this ideology in its hollow. Syria is today no most distilled form. The have longer the linchpin of the language of "Gaza will be of entirely destroyed, civilians Resistance. Its military will ... start to leave in From the Nakba of 1948 capacity is crippled, its great numbers to third to the present-day war on society fragmented. But countries" echoes the logic Gaza and settlement expan- Smotrich's obsession with of the Nakba: remove the sions in the West Bank, dismantling it signals a population, erase their his-

tory and claim the land. The same logic applies to his vision for Lebanon and Syria: weaken their governments, stir internal divisions and prevent any possibility of a united Arab front that could challenge Israeli expansionism. This ideological rigidity

is not only a threat to Palestinians, it is a destabilizing force for the entire Middle East. Smotrich's worldview

creates a security paradox: Israel, in its pursuit of absolute dominance, sows the very instability it claims to fear. By pushing for the collapse of neighboring states, it creates power vacuums that armed groups will inevitably fill. By humiliating and dehuman-Palestinians, izing breathes life into cycles of violence and radicalization.

And by continuing to ignore international law Smotrich's statements and the UN Charter which forbids aggression, occupation and ethnic cleansing — Israel increasingly isolates itself diplomatically, inviting global condemnation and risking further delegitimization on the world stage.

Smotrich's doctrine, if take

ultimately backfire on Israel itself. The illusion that military might can replace political solutions has led Israel into prolonged wars before. But this time the stakes are even higher. With regional powers such as Iran, Turkiye and Egypt recalibrating their roles, and with global powers locked in new rivalries, the Middle East is more volatile than ever. One miscalculation, espe-

cially from a nuclear-armed

state such as Israel, could

spark a multifront war with

catastrophic consequences. The world must no longer treat Israel as an exception to the rules of international conduct. The normalization of violent expansionist rhetoric within the Israeli government should trigger alarm bells in every foreign ministry, from Washington to Brussels to Beijing. The responsibility lies not only with Israel's leaders but with the international community that funds, arms and diplo-

matically shields them. The Global South, in particular Arab and Islamic

allowed to shape Israeli action. policy unchecked, would exploring legal avenues through the International Court of Justice, economic measures to curb Israeli aggression and strategic realignment away from nations that turn a blind eye to these violations.

The future of the region hangs in the balance. One path leads toward de-escalation, diplomacy and a just peace based on mutual recognition and coexistence. The other, the one championed by Smotrich and his ideological allies, leads to perpetual war, ethnic cleansing and the unraveling of the international order.

It is no longer enough to label Smotrich as an extremist outlier. He is a minister in a sitting government. His views reflect the growing mainstream in Israeli politics. The silence of moderates is complicity. The inaction of global powers is endorsement.

History has taught us that ideologies built on supremacy, displacement and militarism inevitably collapse. often at immense human cost. The question is whether the world is willing nations, must move beyond to act before that collapse mere condemnation and consumes the lives of mildecisive political lions across the Middle East.

World peace and security in the balance once again **Mohamed Chebaro**

This week, the world is celebrating the 80th anniversary of Europe's victory over Nazi fascism in the Second World War. However, after that world and, alarmingly, the victory was declared in youth in particular, seem to early May 1945, all the know little about history warring parties — allies and are at risk of repeating and foes, victors and van- the mistakes of 80 years quished — interpreted it in ago or tolerating new ones ways that best suited their narrative, or simply turned it into a purely ceremonial occasion.

as splintered and conflictridden as it did in the late 1930s. The protagonists on all sides, whether democratic or autocratic, seem to be caving under the weight of disappearing trust, diminishing legitimacy, limited resources and ever more persistent global warming. Meanwhile, the glaring gap between rich and poor is increasingly prominent, with no real efforts being made to bridge it. Will anyone seek to save the era of relative peace, prosperity and rule of law-based order that has existed for the past 80

For the victors in Europe who have been celebrating this week, the continent appears to be at the same point it was before the transatlantic relations, the war in Ukraine, the rise of point to Russia's invasion ultranationalist and pop- of Ukraine and the appetite Democratic Republic of ulist right politics, weak to reopen the history books economic performance and and tap into nationalistic another conflict, not to ever lower satisfaction fervor by some actors to mention Yemen, as well as among the populace are a justify the invasion of other human-made so- people need humanitarian recipe for conflictive poli- another sovereign country. called forever wars, just aid tics and an explosive, divi- And it was only natural for sive narrative that could others to try to uphold the undermine European cohe- rules of international law

who fought in the war may rules of time due to old age, as their conflicts. numbers continue to dwindle. The questions on onslaught against Gaza is activist could do to raise sions that might preserve

bered and what lessons

have been drawn from it. Societies throughout the being made.

A simple reason for this is that the world system we live in seems to be under Today, the world looks duress. One does not need to look very hard to see the killing fields dotting the tions. world map today, accompa-

order established 80 years the concern, which is today ago. The absurd failure of shared by many people, the international communi- that such wars are now tolty to exert pressure on erated and are even becom-Israel and stop the killing, ing normalized. For a destruction and starvation moment, I felt unable to of Gaza, regardless of the answer. Then I found Second World War and that tice everywhere. inspire the Victory in

down of the rules-based where. This friend voiced

gravity of what Hamas myself repeating the need committed on Oct. 7, 2023, to keep engaging, believing is no less a crime than those and raising one's voice committed during the against carnage and injus-Later, when I looked at Europe Day commemora- the figures as I was researching this article, it The same could be said became clear that the task The absurd failure of the international community to

exert pressure on Israel and stop the killing, destruction and starvation of Gaza, regardless of the gravity of what Hamas committed on Oct. 7, 2023, is no less a crime than those committed during the Second World War and that inspire the Victory in Europe Day commemorations. The same could be said about the thousands of victims of the Sudan war, which many believe was also avoidable. The Democratic Republic of the Congo is experiencing another conflict, not to mention Yemen, as well as other human-made so-called forever wars, just because they are complicated ethnic, tribal or religious conflicts, such as those in Afghanistan, Somalia and recently Syria or Myanmar.

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> We live in an era in which the number of congrowing. According to the UN, more than 300 million protection. and

Multilateralism is surely dying. It needs resuscitatopen dialogues, attempt A close friend recently conflict resolution and

Instead of cutting aid years ago.

budgets and funding for international agencies, major powers ought to double down on funding crupeacemaking and peacekeeping organizations, regardless of their lack of immediate impact in many cases. President Donald Trump's blunders in his tariff, culture and other wars reduce certainty and weaken resolve everywhere. The US is \$1.2 billion in arrears to the UN's peacekeeping budget and maybe its funding will soon come to an end entirely.

In the complex world we ive in, war and conflict are the products, not causes, of the global competition that has led to disorder. The origins of this disorder are primarily political, ideological or interest-driven. It could be attributed to historical rivalries, recent acts of instability or even political fragmentation and the rejection of globalization and the old international rulebook. This disorder is compounded by a lessthan-upstanding tech realm that is fueling toxic narratives and distortions of truth, thus empowering the rising tide of populism and authoritarian right-wing politics disguised as ultranationalism.

But, in essence, it is primarily down to fear overcoming hope, resulting in a "me-first" mantra and all the prejudice and loss of faith, trust and moral purpose that comes with it.

Despite all that, despair could be the worst enemy for people all over the The Victory in Europe Day celebrations would be useless if people allowed themselves to be overwhelmed by the complexity and sheer volume of relentless, upsetting and challenging news stories. An "I don't care" attitude and loss of empathy, as witnessed in many circles today, could undermine the actions of those who sacrificed their lives 80

A new regional order brings major challenges

f Francis Fukuyama can get it wrong about the Lend of history, I can take ing across the region Hamas, and it still is: the ularly the analysis of Oct. 7, 2023, operation also such a risk about the new through Egyptian, Syrian state represented by the Olivier Roy, who says that helped radical Jewish Middle East. Amid all its complexity, there might be change is happening in the a simple solution to the region. As if the advent of region's problems and it all Donald Trump as president boils down to coming to of the US was not enough, terms with the phenomenon the Gaza war has shaken up of political Islam, with its the region, with Lebanon,

ple," I did not say "easy." explain is that the new order may have one major Shiite revival that started in challenge instead of a multiplicity of smaller ones. In through the region and every conflict in the region, becoming radicalized under if one digs deep enough, we suppression by the shah and find at its root an as-yetunresolved relationship between religion and state. Assad regime complicated This is not specific to the matters but also made us Middle East, Europe strug- revise our ideas. It all came gled with this one for cen- too suddenly and chalturies. It may not even be a lenged our perceptions and problem with religion; it is understanding of radical probably much more of a Sunni Islam. World leaders Religions have been there snoop around and figure for centuries, states are the out the new Syrian leadernewcomers.

and the state were much on the sidelines of internahealthier in the liberal first tional events. half of the 20th century, before a new order of secu- Israeli conflict was at the lar nationalists came about point of being resolved 30 in the early 1950s and suppressed religion. Under the Palestine Liberation oppressive boot of military Organization signed the times crossing from one society, both of which can bulent years in the history dictatorships, religion was Oslo Accords. That was radicalized and radicalism until it became a problem became contagious, spread-

manifestations. Iraq and Yemen all joining Please note that I said "sim- in through their nonstate actors — Islamist militias What I am trying to with links to Iran. These were the culmination of the Iran in the 1950s, spreading Saddam Hussein.

The collapse of the problem with the state. are sending their officials to ship, while also meeting Relations between Islam President Ahmad Al-Sharaa

> Even the Palestinianyears ago, when Israel and between the PLO and

almost two decades ago and a whole new generation has been born since. The EU and the US, which pushed for the elections to be held, had to reject the outcome

elections since. In Egypt, where the theology used Catholicism. institution of the army has in 2011 after the so-called massive popular revolt brought him down.

and there have not been any

state and political Islam in Tunisia state may become part of a through his writings. global revolt against politi-

ple division between reli- and state. The main divi-There is significant over- between the religious and lap, with individuals some- the secular elements of side to the other. The go to extremes. Radical of the region, a new gener-French debate over radical religious parties can have ation may be looking for Islam is interesting, partic- far more influence because something better.

PLO needs to find a way to it is not Islam that is radi-politicians win more sup-There is little doubt that coexist with a radicalized calized, it is radicalization port. Radicals from both version of political Islam. It that is Islamized. I tend to sides indirectly support is true that Hamas won the agree with this and there is each other. 2006 elections, but that was plenty of evidence to support it, with Marxists and nationalists having joined Islamist movements, particthem, religion was seen as a useful tool to recruit followers, in the same way

> Two cases are illustradominated politics since the tive of this phenomenon. 1950s, relations with the Firstly, the Hezbollah mili-Muslim Brotherhood are tary commander Imad also unresolved. Elections Mughniyeh initially trained with the PLO in Lebanon. Arab Spring brought in Part of the reason for him Mohammed Morsi of the shifting allegiance was the Muslim Brotherhood, but a PLO's support for Saddam Hussein in the Iran-Iraq War. The second is the case There are similar com- of a Christian Palestinian plex relations between the member of the PLO's student brigade, Munir Shafiq. and Shafiq was a Maoist who Morocco. Unresolved rela- converted to Sunni Islam tions between religion and and had great influence

Israel is also not immune to this problem of the rela-But again, it is not a sim-tionship between religion

of the particularities of the electoral system. Hamas'

Turkiye is a perfect example of this division between religious and secular tendencies. Even Iran is ularly in the 1980s. For changing. I am told by Iranian friends that in some areas of Tehran you might think you are in Paris, with Latin American liberation art galleries and music concerts attended by a mixed audience and with women barely wearing their head-

scarves. I may have simplified a complex problem for the sake of understanding it better. A new order in the region will have to resolve the issue of the relationship between religion and state, but there is no one-size-fitsall solution. Every society will have to find its own way of dealing with this regionwide challenge.

A new order is not announced on state television or through communiques; it evolves by millions of individuals going through a process of revising their ideas. We do not gious and secular people. sion in the country is need aid, we need to get our act together.

After more than 70 tur-

Harvard talks free speech but silences Palestine

Lara Jirmanus

ing with a few students under the dim glow of Harvard Yard's old lampposts, casually smoking and chatting. "Oh, you're Palestinian?" one of them asked as he leaned in to light his cigarette from hers. "My cousin is in the IDF [Israeli

army]. Then he placed the cigarette in his mouth backwards, the lit end burning between his teeth. "This is how my cousin smoked while shooting Palestinians at the border," he said. "So those idiots couldn't see the flame.'

That evening, shaken, my sister called our parents and later reported the incident to her resident tutor. She searched for a way to file a formal complaint but found none. Arabs weren't considered a "protected class". In the charged political climate of late 2001, hate speech like this wasn't just tolerated – it was invisible. More than two decades

later, little has changed. A

report released in April 2025 by the Harvard Presidential Task Force on Combating Anti-Muslim, Anti-Arab, and Anti-Palestinian Bias described a "deep-seated sense of fear" among Muslim and Arab students, faculty and staff. The campus climate, the report noted, was marked by 'uncertainty, abandonment, threat, and isolation". Nearly half of Muslim students surveyed said they felt physically unsafe at Harvard while an overwhelming 92 percent of all Muslim students, faculty and staff revealed that they feared professional or academic consequences for

political views. Harvard has fashioned itself as a free-speech warrior on the national stage for refusing to negotiate with the Trump administration on its sweeping demands for the university to drop its diversity, equity and inclusion measures and punish student protesters.

expressing their personal or

However, Harvard's campus walls, we have seen President Alan Garber oversee a systematic erasure of teaching, research scholarship about Palestine, at a time when than Palestinians have been killed, and hundreds of thousands more have been forcefully displaced and are facing starvation under a relentless Israeli siege. Long before Harvard evaded a billionaire president, it capitulated to the demands of its billionaire donors in matters of student discipline, campus speech and

academic freedom. To please its right-wing donors, Harvard adopted a one-sided conceptualisation of campus safety, in which speaking up against Israeli state violence towards Palestinians is considered threatening. As a result, university administrators rush to address anti-Semitism on campus, as they should, but they also censor and eliminate speech and scholarship which is critical of Israel in the name of fighting antisemitism. Meanwhile, anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab racism, and Islamophobia are less than an afterthought. University administrators remain silent as students, faculty and staff experience doxxing, harassment and death threats for speaking up about Palestinian human rights. They have shared international students' information with the Department of Homeland Security, as students on nearby campuses have been abducted by masked Immigration and Customs (ICE) officers, detained and

sister was stand- deported for objecting to improve. Israel's international law

violations. Beyond turning a blind eye to intimidation and abuse, the university's leaders also routinely take action to erase Palestinian speech, scholarship, advocacy and Last year, the Harvard

body, overruled the faculty and barred 13 seniors from graduating for protesting the genocide in Gaza, breaking with decades of disciplinary precedent. The university has banned the only undergraduate Palestine advocacy group twice, through inconsistent enforcement of the university's ambiguous and "ever-evolving" event cosponsorship policy, which, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) warned, "raise[s] the specter of viewpoint discrimination". settlement from January, the Department Education found

Harvard failed to meaningfully investigate or sufficiently respond to 125 cases of discrimination and harassment reported through its anonymous reporting hotline, particularthose "based on Palestinian, Arab, and/or Muslim shared ancestry". Although President Garber has said Harvard should condemn "hateful speech" under the institutional voice policy, this did not apply to the gruesome "jokes" mer Prime Minister Naftali Bennett made about giving students exploding pagers for interrupting his speech at Harvard Business School in

and research programs where faculty Palestine at Harvard have been censored, eliminated, or are under threat of elimination. In a matter of months, Harvard cancelled a panel featuring Palestinian children from Gaza at Harvard Medical School, ended its only partnership with a Palestinian universiand eliminated the Religion and Public Life program at the Harvard Divinity School, which addressed Israel/Palestine as a case study. Harvard also

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ing given that all of Gaza's hostile takeover from our universities have been demolished, more than 80 percent of its schools have been destroyed or damaged, and professors, teachers and students in Gaza have been systematically attacked. The UN calls this "scholasticide" - the systemic obliteration of education through the destruction of educational infrastructure and arrest, detention, or killing of students, staff, and teachers.

The erasure and elimination of knowledge production by Palestinians and about Palestine at Harvard and other universities chills speech in defence of Palestinian human rights in the US, and thus materially affects the safety of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank. At this time last year, campuses across the US experienced an unprecedented mobilisation in support of Palestinian freedom, which put a spotlight on the overwhelming public opposition to Israel's assault on Gaza. Eventually, the opposition to Israel's conduct against Palestinians became so vocal that then-President Joe Biden – an ardent supporter of Israel – threatened an arms embargo against liberation without excep-Enforcement Israel if the humanitarian situation in Gaza did not

Today, after Harvard and other universities suppressed protests against İsrael's total war on Gaza, Palestinian suffering and death are met with growing silence in the US. As public and media attention drifts away from Gaza, the pressure on American leaders to intervene – or even acknowledge the scale of Corporation, the university's unelected governing the crisis – has all but disappeared.

United Nations The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) recently declared that "the humanitarian situation in Gaza is now likely the worst it has been in the 18 months since the outbreak of hostilities. Jonathan Whittall, the local head of OCHA, stressed that what's unfolding in Gaza no longer resembles conventional warfare. "People in Gaza are telling me they feel In a little-publicised Title VI like it's the deliberate dismantling of Palestinian life in plain sight," he said. Malnutrition is surging as Israel has sealed the borders to food, medicine, and all humanitarian aid for over two months. Meanwhile, scenes that should shock the world - children's bodies thrown into the air by explosions, families burned alive have become what Whittall called "everyday atrocities"

Both the Trump administration and Harvard's billionaire donors clearly understand the important role universities play in shaping US society and public opinion. As Harvard leaders proclaim their commitment to "viewpoint diversity", we can rest assured that we will hear The handful of teaching more from speakers like Jared Kushner, who spoke at the Harvard Kennedy School last year about his plan to "finish the job" and develop Gaza's "valuable waterfront instead of Palestinian child amputees whose plight might make us feel uncomfortable or complicit.

It is heartening that hundreds of university presidents signed a letter opposing President Trump's attempted takeover of US higher education. But for decades, their institutions have eagerly bent to the will dismissed the leadership of of billionaire donors. In just the Center for Middle East the past year and a half, Studies, as an "offering of these donors have shaped sorts to its critics", accord- everything from campus ing to The New York Times. speech to student discipline The elimination of – even course syllabi. In this Harvard programmes about corrupt bargain, the concept Palestine is especially chill- of "campus safety" has been weaponised to suppress speech on what the UN and other human rights organisations have called genocide. The language of antidiscrimination has been twisted to dismantle diversity, equity, and inclusion programs - Harvard's own DEI office now quietly renamed the "Office of Community and Campus Life".

This moment cannot be separated from a broader history. It echoes the 1971 Lewis Powell memo, which outlined how corporations could infiltrate US institutions - especially universities – to align them with corporate interests. Today, the "Palestine exception" has become a key entry point for an ideological capture of higher education, decades in the making.

For Harvard and its peers to resist federal overreach while yielding to oligarchic donors is not resistance at all - it's surrender. If we don't fight both forces together, we may soon be unable to fight at all. If, as President Garber wrote, "the fearless and unfettered pursuit of truth liberates humanity," then he – and all of us - must demand that tions, caveats, or fear. For every single one of us.

Solving the Hezbollah arms conundrum Dr. Dania Koleilat Khatib

with Hezbollah over its arms. The Lebanese state

using diplomatic means. indefinitely. Israel is pre- patron: the US. tending that the Lebanese

President emasculates the Lebanese lomacy is ineffective unless dengaged in a dialogue position when negotiating with Hezbollah.

The US has a dubious and the president face a position in all this. It says challenge. They need to that it wants a strong disarm Hezbollah without Lebanese state. Of course, clashing with the group and only a strong Lebanese they need to be able to state can offer a viable drive Israel out of Lebanon alternative to Hezbollah. However, Washington is Israel is pretending it is not behaving accordingly. enforcing UN Security Lebanon cannot pressure Council Resolution 1701. It Israel. Israel has shown its strikes Lebanon almost disdain for international daily, claiming to be target- law. Therefore, any coming arms depots. It has plaints Lebanon files with deployed troops in five the UN will fall on deaf locations in the south and ears. The only actor that says they will remain there can pressure Israel is its

Lebanon cannot resort to state and its army are too armed resistance to fight weak to handle the disar- Israel. The only way it can It has attacked Syria with- destroyed his Somoud mismament of Hezbollah. deal with Israel is through However, this behavior diplomacy. However, dip- unbridled and the US is Lebanese Forces faced a other hand, the group's and grassroots support to al from Lebanon. A group.

Joseph Aoun has state and undermines its it is coupled with the power of coercion and with conse- boosting its confidence and quences for noncompli- arrogance. ance. The US can strengthen the position of the Lebanese state with Hezbollah if it pressures Israel.

If the Lebanese state will be in a stronger posiwith regard Hezbollah and the entire the US is exercising pres- disarmed in the past did not sure solely on Lebanon, have a happy ending. while giving Israel a free hand in the country. Israel operation in Lebanon and stock. Iraq was invaded in the whole neighborhood. after Saddam Hussein group.

Hezbollah, targeted by Israel, feels very insecure. Today, the group's main aim is to secure its survival. Less than a year ago, it had shows it is capable of full control of the country, defending Lebanon and has but now its future as a politeffective diplomacy, then it ical group is in doubt. Hezbollah has agreed to to abide by Resolution 1701. It has agreed to disarm. narrative of the group will However, precedents show become obsolete. However, that the stories of those who

Muammar Qaddafi was wants to have freedom of his chemical weapons

grim outcome after they disarmed at the end of the civil war.

Geagea, was imprisoned on definitely does not want to and external threats. face the same fate as the Lebanese Forces. Hezbollah is facing a

dilemma. Its weapons are the reason it, and Lebanon, group can portray any is being targeted. However, effort to contain it as an they are also its only nego- effort to corner this comtiating card. If it gives them munity. up, it has nothing, no leverage. The group's insecurity is understandable. Howbombed after he gave away ever, the fate of the country cannot be jeopardized just to serve the interest of one

transgressions throughout initiate a civil war. So, it timetable for both should the years — and the fact it brought war to Lebanon because of its support front for Gaza — have created a Their leader, Samir lot of anger among the rest of the Lebanese. Hence, the bogus charges. Hezbollah group faces both internal

> Despite the fact it is weakened, Hezbollah still has support among the Shiite community.

This, of course, can lead to internal unrest, especially since the Shiites have suffered the bulk of the destruction wreaked by Israel. Though Hezbollah does not have enough fire-

has to be dealt with intelligently. Israel is saying it is in

Lebanon because Hezbollah is not fully disarmed, while the group is saying there is no guarantee Israel will stop its aggression if it were to disarm. We are in a chicken and egg situation. Which should come first? The best way to solve this conundrum would be a step-by-step approach. This would allow Hezbollah to save face and transition into a political party, without the appearance of having suffered a total defeat by

Israel. the group's disarmament "as soon as possible." This

be put on the table. The Lebanese military should immediately fill the positions vacated by the Israeli military. Tying Hezbollah's disar-

mament to the Israeli withdrawal would compel the group to comply. How could it refuse to disarm if it would directly lead to the liberation of Lebanon from Israel? Aoun is right to follow

the path of dialogue with Hezbollah to solve the issue of its arms. However, to make sure he can accomplish his task successfully and without any internal The US is demanding clashes, the US should pressure Israel to offer a timetable for its withdrawal It has attacked Syria with- destroyed his Somoud mis-out a just cause. Israel is siles. In Lebanon, the Hezbollah's leaders. On the Israel, it has enough arms with a full Israel withdraw- to the disarmament of the





PSX witnesses bearish trend, loses 3,559.48 points

Stock Exchange (PSX) wit- 9.18 per share and Sui of Rs 281.37. nessed a bearish trend on South Gas with 26,711,578 3,559.48 points, a negative share. change of 3.13 percent,

113,568.51 points on the 581.16 per share closing at 283.15, respectively. last trading day. A total of 550,076,224 ner-up shares were traded during Pakistan Foods Limited close at Rs 319.82 against the day as compared to with Rs 240.55 rise in its the last day's closing of Rs of 24 karat also increased 420,552,852 shares the previous trading day, whereas 22,531.29.

the price of shares stood at Rs 30.121 billion against Company Limited wit-Rs 23.696 billion on the nessed last trading day. As many as 447 compa-

in the stock market, 49 of ner-up Hoechst Pakistan them recorded gains and Limited with Rs 109.41 356 sustained losses, decline in its per share price whereas the share price of to Rs 3,185.00. 42 companies remained unchanged.

shares at Rs 1.22 per share, interbank trading and at Rs 76.63 and Rs 75.03 Association reported.

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ISLAMABAD: The FPCCI

Committee on Corporate

and Multinational Compa-

TORs of the committee.

also graced the meeting.

Single

(PSW) and the Drug Reg-

stan (DRAP) jointly organ-

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Industry (ICCI).

and Malik Sohail Hussain Islamic

losing shares at Rs 32.47 per

Rs 6,392.75 whereas runshare price to close at Rs

Rafhan Maize Products (SBP). decrease of Rs 150.56 per share price, closing at Rs nies transacted their shares 8,824.44, whereas the run-

Rupee sheds 10 paisa 374.76. against US Dollar

100-Index of the Pakistan 35,773,964 shares at Rs the previous day's closing

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> was Unilever increased by Rs0.82 to lers Association reported. 319.00, according to the by Rs.684 to Rs.305,984 State Bank of Pakistan from Rs 305,300 whereas

Japanese maximum remained unchanged and closed at Rs 1.96, whereas Rs.279,868. an increase of Rs 1.03 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, remained unchanged and which was traded at Rs 375.79 as compared to the Rs.2,985 respectively. last day's closing of Rs

The three top trading companies were WorldCall day depreciated by 10 paisa the Saudi Riyal increased of silver remained stagnant Telecom with 53,673,828 against the US Dollar in the by 03 and 02 paisa to close to close at \$33.00, the

Govt to ease in regulations in

compliance for business community

Director RUDN Enclave tors is needed to boost their

discussed the current eco- respective economy of both

office. Meeting was chaired Rashid Humayon (PVT) Ltd(Aviation & Mahnoor Qureshi and Mr. by Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh Chairman CIBEO appreci- Allied Services) empha- Hassan Zeb Khan shared

Shafique Swati convened reliance and business devel-ness community and the ruption and creating stable

VP, Mr. Karim Aziz Malik from High Commission focus on Research and expanding trade opportuni-

Chairman Capital office Republic of Rawanda, Development to explore ties, ensuring access to

Chairman Coordination Pakistan stated that "collab- sibilities and for smooth tainable practices also con-

PSW and **DRAP** conduct

training on export module

ulatory Authority of Paki- President of ICCI, described ers exporters to navigate ment to supporting its

Chamber of Commerce and just a digital shift, it is a fied for over 800 pharma- system fully, participate in

participation from local goals. He also ackno- importers nationwide, we the exporter helpdesks

exporters, especially from wledged the dedicated are entering a new era of being established for guid-the pharmaceutical sector, efforts of both PSW and efficiency and global ance and support.

The session saw strong with global trade facilitation more than 400 API ing initiatives, and utilize

reform a reality.

the integration of DRAP regulatory processes more members through this tran-

strategic reform aligned ceutical exporters and training and capacity-build-

seamlessly and at reduced sition.

Qureshi added.

Maj (R) Kamal Mustafa, and Pakistan in various sec- There are macro factors nomic strength.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pak- said a press release issued DRAP in making this alignment."

Nasir Mansoor Qureshi,

This integration is not

nomic situation of real estate

government must declare

hospitality sector as Industry

of the economic success.

Republic

Federal Capital Standing industry. He emphasized that

nies Affairs hold it's 4th and FPCCI can play vital

President FPCCI and ated the efforts of commit-

Mr. Tariq Khan Jadoon Mr. KWIBUKA Esdra

the meeting by sharing opment are the key factors Regulatory

Window here on Wednesday.

ized a significant training into the PSW platform as a

session on the export mod- transformative step.

meeting at FPCCI Capital role to facilitate this act.

countries. Pakistan must

work on relaxing trade

oration among Rawanda trade among countries. tribute to long-term eco-

rules and visa policies.

Muhammad tee also stated that self Bridge between the busi- governance, reducing cor-

Gold prices increase Rs800 to 356,900 per tola

The price of 24 karat per the Forex Association of tola gold witnessed an increase of Rs.800 on Wednesday and was sold at closing at 110,009.03 LimitedB witnessed a max- lar in the open market stood Rs.356,900 against its sale points as compared to imum increase of Rs at Rs 281.65 and Rs at Rs.356,100 on the previ-33.15, respectively. ous trading day, All Pakis-The price of the Euro tan Sarafa Gems and Jewe-

> The prices of 10 grams the price of 10 grams of 22 Karat increased by Rs.627 Rs.280,495

The rates of per tola silver and ten gram silver closed at Rs3,482 and

The price of gold in the international The exchange rates of increased by \$8 to \$3,385 the Emirates Dirham and from \$3,377 whereas that

which effect the business at

all levels. He added that

there must be a neutral

body that can resolve issues

Atif Ikram Sheikh conclud-

ed the meeting by appreci-

ating the efforts of the com-

mittee and also thanked the

all participants. He added

that the economy is

enhanced by implementing

policies and actions that

Convener

Hayyam Qayyoum showed the video to the guests cov-

ering various sectors for

expertise and technologies.

Asim Abbasi, Dr. Joharia

Azhar, Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed

bodies. business environment to

Qureshi

"This platform empow- ICCI's continued commit-

"With compliance simpli- ers to embrace the PSW

Ms. Ayesha Khan, Mr.

investments,

stimulate growth increase productivity.

President FPCCI, Mr.

amicably.

foreign

Chief guest, Mr. Tanveer Awan, Agha Amjad, Mr. Sultan Awan, Chairman Shahid Sheikh, Mr. Arshad Hajvairy Technologies Janjua, Ch. Asad Allah, Ms.

sized that FPCCI is a their views regarding good

Economic development is only possible if FPCCI investments. It's vital that

of opportunities, business fea- finance and promoting sus-

ISLAMABAD: Political and Trade Counselor Daniel Arsenault meeting with Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik. All airports remain fully operational F.P. Report

across Pakistan remain fully operational, and the country's airspace continues to be open and secure for civil aviation activities.

Pakistan has formally conveyed its concerns to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) regarding the serious risks posed to civil aviation safety by India's reckless and provocative actions.

The Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA), through the safe and efficient management of national airspace, continues to ensure the secure and uninterrupted movement of both local and international comercial

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Shipping activity was reported at the port where four ships, GFS Juno, Hyundai Hong Kong, MSC Positano and Silver Monika Container Terminal and Liquid Cargo sion in the region. Terminal respectively dur-

ing last 24 hours. scheduled last 24 hours.

ed to sail. Cargo volume 180,717 tonnes, comprising 103,971 tonnes tonnes imports cargo and 76,746 export cargo carried in 5,795 Containers (2,197 TEUs Imports & 3,598 TEUs Export) was handled at the port during last 24

Transparency key to increase revenue collection: Jameel F.P. Report the stronger the country's However, he also issued a

PESHAWAR: The Commissioner Inland Revenue, Peshawar Zone, Dr. Syed Farooq Jameel, emphasized that a comprehensive strategy and relentless hard work are essential for enhancing revenue collection. Addressing a special meeting with Additional Commissioners and Unit Officers at his office, he stated that integrity, transparency, and teamwork must be the guiding principles in the discharge of

viding ample funds for development projects. He gence, sluggishness, or corstressed the need to rise above personal interests and think in terms of national progress. To tackle line with the federal goveconomic challenges effectively, he said, we must directives demonstrate focus and

officers can play a crucial role in creating a conducive

economy will become, pro-stern warning that any complaints regarding negliruption will be dealt with promptly and strictly. He further stated that, in

ernment's policy and the Commissioner Yasir Ali, an effective and long-term Dr. Jameel noted that tax monitoring system has been established at the zonal level to assess the performenvironment for promoting ance and integrity of tax a tax culture. He assured officers. He instructed that officers who demon- Additional Commissioners strate strong performance to submit weekly perform-He remarked that the will certainly be encourance reports of unit officers more revenue we collect, aged and appreciated. for his review.

Meanwhile, two more ships, Alfred and Nave load/offload Fuel oil and Gas oil, also arrived at the outer anchorage during the

A total of eight ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them a Gasoline carrier 'Pelegic Tarapon' left the port today morning, while three more ships, GFS Juno, Hyundai Hong Kong and MSC Positano expect-

SECP assures market stability amidst current situation

ISLAMABAD (APP): The an Stock Exchange, Natio- es across all trading, risk Securities and Exchange nal Clearing Company of management, clearing, and Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has convened an and Sun Flower oil/ Soya emergent meeting to participated in the meeting. continuity plans. Bean oil, berthed at Qasim | assess the situation in the International Container wake of geopolitical ten- and efficient risk manage- advised to reinforce their

> In order to preser ket stability and investor tioning of Pakistan's capital confidence at this time, the SECP reaffirms its commitment to ensure continuity in capital market operations, said a press release issued

Infrastructure Institutions (CMIIs), including Pakist- ening cybersecurity defens- integrity.

Pakistan and Central settlement systems and Depository Company also activating full business

markets.

They assured that robust ment measures are in place physical security arrange-

for ensuring smooth func-In response to the cur- updates, as necessary. rent situation, the SECP has advised all CMIIs to imme-

diately enhance their secuhere on Wednesday.

The Capital Market tional continuity measures. This includes strength-

ments at all faciliti The SECP remains vigilant and will issue further

The CMIIs were further

Market participants are encouraged to continue

operations as usual, with the SECP and CMIIs closely monitoring developments to safeguard market

CCP allows secure logistics group to acquire Trax Online ISLAMABAD (APP): The tified the relevant product

Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has approved the 100% acquisition of Trax Online (Pvt.) Ltd. release on Wednesday. by Secure Logistics Group Ltd.under a Share Purchase application in line with the Competition Act, 2010.

market as Courier and E- Ltd. (SLGL) is a public list-Commerce Logistics Servi- ed company offering longces in Pakistan, said a haul and medium-haul

The CCP's review identition in the relevant market. merce clients.

logistics, asset tracking, The deal is a conglomer fleet management, and ate merger with no horizon-security services. Trax Agreement. Both parties tal or vertical overlaps. CCP Online (Pvt.) Ltd. is a prihad submitted a pre-merger concluded that the tran- vate company focused on saction will not result in warehousing and door-todominance or lessen compe- door delivery for e-com-

Pakistan Army is the army of the state and our defender Balochi, and others-creat- which applies both in and Leadership that emphasizes sions, joint military exer- embraces humility.

highlighted

He urged all stakehold-

Abdul Basit Alvi

maintained active engage- ing programs are offered ment with youth and stu- where needed, ensuring dents, reinforcing trans- effective communication parency and communica- across all ranks and units. tion. During a recent press across the country.

diversity. Personnel are from all backgrounds. recruited from across the country, representing a the Army's success and is wide array of regional langrounded in mutual respect and Although Urdu serves as than individual ambition. as Punjabi, Pakhtu, Sindhi, strict code of conduct, under their command ing in peacekeeping mis- rejects arrogance and sions, joint military train-

ing a multilingual environirector General (DG) ment. To promote under-Inter Service Public standing and operational

Cultural diversity is briefing, he addressed a another vibrant aspect of question by underscoring a military life. Soldiers bring vital principle: the Pakistan with them the unique tradi-Army is an institution of the tions, cuisines, customs, nation above personal interstate, not affiliated with any and practices of their individual or political party. regions, enriching the col-He emphasized that the lective identity of the Army serves the state and Pakistan Army. This multioperates upon request, culturalism is not only extending continuous sup- respected but actively celeport to city governments brated through events such and civil administrations. as cultural festivals, region-He also highlighted the al heritage days, and tradi-Army's significant contri-tional ceremonies. These butions to civil works initiatives foster mutual respect, promote unity in The Army also mirrors diversity, and strengthen Pakistan's rich linguistic camaraderie among troops

Teamwork is essential to dialects. and shared purpose rather

others with decency and Relation (ISPR) has efficiency, language train- respect. Arrogance and rudeness are not tolerated; instead, humility, selflessness, and a sense of honor qualities of a true soldier.

> est. This sense of duty fosonly of strength but also of integrity and humanity. throughout the Army. Soldiers in the Pakistan placing the nation's internition. By prioritizing attentive to the emotional national service over indi-Army's goals or tarnish its

Pakistan Army is grounded from unnecessary hostility the national language and Soldiers are taught to value in integrity, empathy, and or harshness. primary medium of com- the contributions of every mutual respect. Officers sivity. Soldiers often speak ration and coordination are ing the values, behavior, tions to the international engagement underscores regarded military force. in their native tongues-such prioritized. The Army's and discipline of those stage. Whether participat- the Army's ethos-one that Through peacekeeping mis-

reputation.

out of uniform, emphasizes compassion and selfless- cises, the importance of treating ness fosters a culture where arrogance is rejected, and professionalism prevails. Officers in the Pakistan Army are expected to lead by example, embodying the are considered defining highest standards of conduct. They are accessible, At the heart of every fair, and supportive-provid-Pakistan Army soldier lies a ing guidance when needed core principle: to serve the and fostering a respectful, disciplined environment. This emphasis on respectful ters a culture of selfless leadership sets a positive service, ensuring that the tone across all ranks, cultimilitary remains a force not vating a culture of mutual regard and professionalism

Military leaders are also Army remain dedicated to trained to resolve conflicts the collective mission, through diplomacy, ensuring fairness and dignity in ests above personal recog- their interactions. They are and psychological wellvidual pride, they uphold being of their troops, and humility and avoid actions by prioritizing communicathat could compromise the tion, empathy, and understanding, they help maintain a supportive and Leadership within the respectful atmosphere-free

diplomatic or engagements with foreign reputation-both at home consistently adheres to international ment to global norms of discipline and decorum.

presence in United Nations forces. In these diverse troops emphasize diplomacy, cooperation, and mutual respect, strengthening the shared mission of global peace and stability. In addition to peace-

keeping, the Army regularly engages in joint training such Pakistani soldiers uphold

The Pakistan Army's

forces, Army personnel and internationally-is built represent on its consistent adherence Pakistan with honor and to professionalism, disciintegrity. Their conduct pline, and respect. Whether serving the public during military standards, reflect- crises, supporting humaniing the Army's commit-tarian efforts, or representing the nation abroad, Pakistani soldiers demon-The Pakistan Army has a strate integrity in every longstanding and respected aspect of their service. Their humility and respectpeacekeeping operations, ful conduct inspire trust where its soldiers serve among the Pakistani people alongside multinational and earn admiration from the global community. environments, Pakistani Domestically, the Army is widely regarded as a guardian of the nation and a institutions, the Army has pillar of stability, owing to its steadfast commitment to national unity and its leading role in responding to challenges, from natural disasters to periods of politand defense collaboration ical uncertainty. This trust with foreign militaries. In is earned through the interactions, Army's humility, profes-ldiers uphold sionalism, and steadfast the highest standards of dedication to serving the professionalism and courpeople. On the global stage, tesy, reinforcing a positive the Pakistan Army's reputa-The professionalism of image of the Army and the tion for professionalism about Pakistan and its munication, the military team member, regardless of and commanding personnel the Pakistan Army extends nation it represents. This and respect has solidified encourages linguistic inclu- rank, ensuring that collabo- play a crucial role in shap- beyond its internal opera- dedication to respectful its position as a highly ship, professionalism, and

ing, and diplomatic initiatives, the Pakistan Army is recognized for its discipline, outreach, and com-

in diverse environments. In today's digital age, where information spreads quickly, managing the narrative is as crucial as any military operation. Among the various threats to national security, the spread of misinformation, propaganda, and disinformation him praise from Pakistan's can severely impact the reputation of institutions, governments, and even the nation as a whole. As one of Pakistan's most respected faced significant challenges in this area, as hostile narratives and misinformation are often used to undermine its efforts and tarnish its image. In this regard, Director General of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, has played a pivotal role in countering misinformation and presenting the truth armed forces. His leadercommitment to transparency have made him a key

figure in combating harm-

ful propaganda and promoting a positive image of Pakistan and the Army, both at home and abroad. mitment to maintaining His clear, diplomatic comhigh standards of conduct munication has been essential in counteracting negative portrayals and fostering a balanced, accurate narrative. Furthermore, his efforts

to engage with the youth and encourage open dialogue have been particularwell-received, earning younger generation.

Court Notice In the court of Muhammad

Ismail senior civil judge/judge family court-I swat. Case # 57/FC. Institution 06/03/2025. Next Hearing date 12/05/2025 Mst. Saima etc VS. Shams uddin etc. Notice to. (1) Shams uddin s/o Fazal Akbar r/o tour tot kashwara tehsil Charbagh district Swat. Mob.0344-0187429 Presently Abroad. Whereas the above named defendant cannot be served in ordinary manner it is therefore proclaimed or through dually authorized agent or pleader in the court on 12/05/2025. at 8.30 am. Ex-parte proceeding will be initiated against you, seal of





In brief

Two riders taken to hospital after NW200 incident

LONDON (Agencies): Two riders have been taken to hospital after an incident during the Supersport qualifying session on the first day of practice for the North West 200 on Wednesday. One rider was transported to hospital by ambulance while the other was taken from the circuit by air ambulance. "Two riders were involved in an incident at Mill Road roundabout on the NW200 course six minutes into the Supersport qualifying session," read a statement from race organisers. "Both riders were injured in the incident and the on-course medical team attended the scene. The riders were subsequently ferred to hospital, one

transby road ambulance and the other by air ambulance." Red flags had been displayed to halt the Supersport session in the early stages of their practice and a lengthy delay ensued before the bikes were allowed back on the course to complete two laps before practice concluded for the day and the roads reopened. Earlier in the delay, the opening Superbike session was twice delayed by oil deposits on the circuit which required red flags to be displayed. Further practice is scheduled to take place on Thursday, with roads closing from 09:00 BST to 15:00, followed by three

PSL X to continue as scheduled

scheduled races on

Thursday evening.

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Pakistan Cricket Board has confirmed that HBL Pakistan Super League X will continue as planned with Islamabad United set to take on Quetta Gladiators later today the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium. The toss will take place at 7.30pm, with the first ball to be bowled at Rom. Tonight's match sees the return of HBL PSL to Rawalpindi for four matches on 7, 8, 9 and 10 May. Thereafter the final group stage match is scheduled in Multan on 11 May. The Qualifier is set to take place in Rawalpindi on 13 May, while both Eliminators (1 and 2) and Final of the marquee event are to take place on 14, 16 and 18 May, respectively at the Gaddafi Stadium.

Simbine shrugs off 'nearly man' tag

PARIS (AFP): In-form South African sprinter Akani Simbine insists he is no "nearly man" despite missing a podi-um finish in the men's 100m at the last three Olympics by a combined total of just eighthundredths of second. The 31-year-old finished fifth at the 2016 Rio Olympics before successive fourth places at the 2020 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Ğames. While he was threehundredths of a second off the pace in Rio and four-hundredths away in Tokyo, he missed out individual Olympic medal in the French capital to Fred Kerley by just one-hundredth of a second. His participation at the world championships have seen him place fifth (2017), fourth (2019) and fifth (2022) in the 100m. Since did eventually bag a medal by global meďal anchoring South Africa to Olympic silver in the 4x100m relay in Paris. He followed that up with world indoor bronze over 60m in Nanjing in March, a result that fired his season off and since then he has lined up three 100m, wins over including at the two Diamond opening League meets in China. "People say that I'm the nearly man, I don't see it like that," Simbine told reporters ahead of this weekend's world relays in Guangzhou.



RAWALPINDI: Hasan Nawaz and Rilee Rossouw get together.

Trump: 2026 WC an 'incentive' for Russia to end Ukraine war

(Agencies): Donald Trump has said that the opportunity to compete at football's 2026 World Cup could be an "incentive" for Russia to end the war with Ukraine.

Russian national teams have been banned from international competitions by both FIFA and UEFA since 2022, days after the country's invasion of Ukraine.

Qualification for the 2026 World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico began in 2023, with 45 spots up for grabs in addition to the host nations.

Speaking alongside FIFA President Gianni Infantino at the first meeting of his

WASHINGTON was unaware that Russia current rules, but suggested statement.

"I didn't know that, is that right?" Trump said. 'You want to explain that?"

Infantino. banned for the time being November 2021. from playing but we hope Russia can be readmitted." Trump responded:

"That's possible. Hey, could be a good incentive, right? stop. We want them to stop. thing is solved.'

5,000 people a week are administration's World Cup believable. We're going to taskforce, Trump said he get that war stopped.'

European qualification President would be excluded under for next summer's tournament officially started with that ending the war could the Nations League in pave the way for their rein- March. A total of 16 UEFA nations will qualify for the World Cup.
Russia haven't played a

competitive fixture since a "That is right," replied 2022 World Cup qualifying fantino. "They are defeat to Croatia in

They have played 16 that something happens and friendlies since then, winpeace will happen so that ning 11 of them. Infantino said at a UEFA congress in April that he wanted to bring Russia back "in the football landscape because "We want to get them to this would mean that every-

UEFA President being killed -- it's not even Aleksander Ceferin added: 'When the war stops, [Russia] will be readmitted.

Amorim eyes European glory with 'worst' Man Utd team in history

nothing will change if he wins the Europa League with the "worst" Manchester United team in Premier League history.

United are currently a lowly 15th in the 20-team table -- and only scraped through to the last four of the Europa League after a remarkable comeback against Lyon. But they now have one foot in the final after a 3-0 semi-final first leg win against Athletic Bilbao last week ahead of Thursday's return encounter at Old Trafford.

An all-English final is in prospect should Tottenham Hotspur defeat Bodo/Glimt, giving the sides 15th and 16th in the Premier League at present a chance to win a continental trophy, with the considerable added bonus of qualifying for the Champions League.

'In the end of this season, we can be the worst (United) team in Premier League history with a European title, so it will change nothing," Amorim told reporters on Wednesday. "We know that this season was really disappointing for everybody. Nothing is going to change," added United manager Amorim, who took charge of the fallen English giants after replacing the sacked Erik ten Hag in November. 'Lose our mind'

United may be well-placed but Amorim believes they must guard against their tendency to "lose our mind a little bit" if they are to reach a final that will be played at Bilbao's San Mames ground on May 21.

Casemiro's header and two goals from skipper Bruno Fernandes in Bilbao put them in a strong position in Spain, with the hosts reduced to 10 men following Dani Vivian's red card. All 133 teams in the competition's history to have scored three or more goals away from home in the first leg have gone through. But Amorim is taking nothing for granted and believes United must score at least one more goal to book their place in the final. "If you look at our season, anything is possible, so we have to understand one goal can change anything the momentum of the game," he said. "One sending off, you saw it a week ago, so we are prepared to fight to win the game not thinking about the result.

"Of course that matters and the way we are going to do things, especially when we start the game, but of course we are thinking about winning the game." Athletic face a tough task, but United have lost 3-0 at Old Trafford three times so far this season and were beaten 4-3 at Brentford last weekend. "I feel that we need to score to go to the next round, so that is clearly the way we are going to face the game," Amorim said. Athletic boss Ernesto Valverde insisted his side still have a chance of a stunning victory despite the absence of four key players. Vivian is suspended after his first leg

red card, while Nico and Inaki Williams have been ruled out through injury, along with top scorer Oihan Sancet.

Gladiators beat United by 109 runs after Rossouw, Nawaz tons

Gladiators posting a record total in their PSL for 154 in the last over.

Sports

10 game on Wednesday.
Chasing 264, the defending champions were bowled out for 154 in 19.3 overs despite Imad Wasim's 56 off 41 balls.

horrible start as they lost their openers, Kyle Mayers and Sahibzada

Farhan on the team total of two. Mohammad Amir dismissed both batters in the very first over of United's innings. Salman Agha fall after scoring five off four balls. became Amir's third victim after His opening partner, Saud Shakeel, scoring just six runs, with the score-

board showing 19/3 in three overs. The dismissal sparked a collapse that saw Mohammad Shahzad perish for 24, while Mohammad Nawaz board showing 60/2 in 5.4 overs. managed to score just 10 runs before his dismissal.

Haider Ali and Azam Khan made six runs each before their dismissal as Islamabad United were reduced to 58/7 in 7.1 overs.

Following the dismissal of Jason Holder (3), Imad Wasim and Ben Dwarshuis offered some resistance with a 55-run stand to take the defend- the help of 14 fours and six sixes. ing champions to 123 in 16.4 overs.

Islamabad United by 109 runs after wrapped Islamabad United's innings nine sixes.

For the Gladiators, Mohammad Amir picked up three wickets, Mohammad Wasim Jr. and Abrar Ahmed took two wickets each, while Khurram Shahzad, Faheem Ashraf Islamabad United were off to a and Saud Shakeel chipped in with a wicket each.

Earlier, the Gladiators posted 263/3 in their 20 overs, surpassing Multan Sultans' 262-run total in 2023.

was then joined by Rilee Rossouw, and the two took the side to 60.

Shakeel was dismissed after scoring 23 off 18 balls, with the score-

It was then Hasan Nawaz and Rilee Rossouw show as they went on the offensive against the Islamabad United bowlers.

The two added 134 runs for the econd wicket to take Gladiators to 194 in 15.5 overs.

Rilee Rossouw fell to Imad Wasim after smashing 104 off 46 balls, with

Hasan Nawaz completed his ton Dwarshuis fell to Saud Shakeel on 24 with a four on the last ball of the final ing edition.

RAWALPINDI (Monitoring Desk): while Imad Wasim was the last batter over. He remained unbeaten on 100 defeated to be dismissed as Quetta Gladiators off 45 balls, laced with four fours and

Playing XIs

Quetta Gladiators: Saud Shakeel (c), Abrar Ahmed, Hassan Nawaz, Mohammad Amir, Mark Chapman, Rilee Rossouw, Kusal Mendis (wk), Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Faheem Ashraf, Khurram Shahzad, and Fin

Islamabad United: Kyle Mayers, Sahibzada Farhan, Salman Ali Agha (c), Haider Ali, Azam Khan (wk), Muhammad Nawaz, Jason Holder, Ben Dwarshuis, Imad Wasim, Muhammad Shahzad, and Naseem

The 10th edition of the Pakistan Super League kicked off on April 11 and will run till May 18.

The six-team tournament will consist of 34 matches with Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium hosting 13 matches, including the two Eliminators and the final.

Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium will host 11 PSL 10 matches, including the first Qualifier on May 13, while Multan Cricket Stadium will host

five matches. Karachi's National Bank Stadium has hosted five games of the ongo-

Haliburton stunner sinks Cavs as Pacers take 2-0 series lead

LOS (AFP/APP): Tyrese Haliburton scored a dramatic three-pointer with just over a second remaining as the Indiana Pacers stunned the top-seeded Cleveland Cavaliers 120-119 to take a commanding 2-0 lead in their NBA Eastern Conference semifinal series on Tuesday.

Haliburton's ice-cold 24-foot step-back three with just 1.1 seconds left remarkable back to Indianapolis.

Donovan Mitchell had dragged an injury-deplet- the Cavs on course for Indiana coach Ric ed Cleveland to victory victory after draining his Carlisle said afterwards. a game the Cavs led by 20 117-110 up with just over But in the fourth quarter decision-making. the third quarter.

injured starters Darius minute, culminating with stretch this season. Our on Friday.



from fourth seeds Indiana wilted visibly down the to set the seal on a sensaand leaves Cleveland in a stretch as a dogged Pacers daunting position as the line-up refused to roll over best-of-seven series heads and steadily chipped away at the Cavaliers' lead.

almost single-handedly Strus looked to have put

tional fightback.

hellacious punch early in Cleveland forward Max cult to get the ball over half court, let alone score, coach Rick

group has a belief in one another and we just keep executing and keep play-

Pacers point guard Haliburton finished with 19 points while Aaron Nesmith and Myles Turner scored 23 points apiece. Six Indiana players finished in double figures.

Mitchell's 48-point performance was backed by Strus with 23 points while arrett Allen added 22.

Cleveland coach Kenny Atkinson said his team had "ran out of gas." "We outplayed them for most "Cleveland hit us with a of the game," Atkinson llacious punch early in said. "We couldn't really the game and it was diffi- separate ourselves. Every possession, they just upped their physicality. We ran out of gas.

"But with fatigue with a masterful perform- fifth three-pointer of the "We played from comes decision-making, ance, scoring 48 points in night to put the home side behind the whole game. and we had some poor points midway through a minute remaining. we just hung in there. was part of the collapse.' Indiana, though, closed We've been in a lot of Game three in the series But Cleveland, missing with a 10-2 run in the final these situations down the takes place in Indianapolis

Canada to host 2026 World Squash Jr C'ships

ISLAMABAD (APP): Canada will the primary venue will be Ridley Junior Championships for the first official host of the World Squash Junior Championships.

This annual international event featuring the world's top junior athletes will be held at the Mark Sachvie Squash Center at White Oaks Resort and Spa in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, and will be supported by the brand-new Jack Aylott Center at Ridley College, said a press release.

"Squash Canada is honored to be selected as the host of the 2026 World Squash Junior Championships," said Jamie Nicholls, Squash Canada Chief Executive Officer. "On behalf of Squash Canada and our event partners, we look forward to welcoming the global community to Canada for a celebration of the future of our sport. We thank World Squash for awarding us this prestigious event at such an important time. With our Olympic era upon us, squash has the wind at its sails, and we intend to build on that momentum with a truly memorable World Junior Championships.

Star and CAA Four Diamond resort, boasts three restaurants, a renowned spa, a multi-storey fitness centre and racquet club. It will also showcase the and we are eager to collaborate with all-glass Jonathon Power Court Squash Canada to ensure its success. throughout the event. Complimenting

welcome the global squash communi- College's brand-new Jack Aylott Center ty from July 20 to 31, 2026 as the which features four stunning glass-back courts, plus the three-wall glass exhibition Caldwell Court. White Oaks last hosted the 2014 Women's World Team Championships and is the standing venue for the annual Canadian Junior pen held in December.

> present a full slate of elite junior competition, featuring both the Junior Men's and Women's Individual Women's Men's and Championships. With over 200 of the world's top-performing Under-19 athletes expected to compete and delegations from all five Continental Federations, the championship will be a vibrant showcase of emerging international squash talent.

World Squash Chief Executive Officer William Louis-Marie said, "World Squash is thrilled to partner with Squash Canada for the 2026 World Squash Junior Championships. Canada has a rich history in squash, and we are confident that their pas-White Oaks, a Canada Select Five sion and expertise will create an outstanding experience for athletes and fans alike. This event will be a wonderful celebration of junior squash,

time since the early 1980s, when Calgary staged the junior men's event in 1984 and Ottawa held the inaugural junior women's championship in 1981. The return of world juniors to Canadian soil follows a historic podium finish for Canada's junior women's team at the 2024 World The 2026 Championships will Junior Championships in Houston, where the squad (Hermione Cao, Ocean Ma, Spring Ma and Maria Min) earned a bronze medal. The Championships as well as the Junior event will also tie in historic junior Team men's finishes as Nicholas Sachvie, a member of the 2010 bronze medal team, will serve as tournament co-

> "White Oaks is honored to host the 2026 World Junior Championships and looks forward to welcoming the global squash community to our facility," said Nicholas Sachvie. "This event holds a special place on the squash calendar and has served as a proving ground for the best squash players on the planet for over 40 years. We look forward to seeing the next wave of talent make their mark on the history of the sport.

chair alongside Matt Easingwood.

As Squash Canada and the squash world continue to prepare for our Olympic era, the 2026 World Squash Junior Championships will continue to serve as a launching pad for the future Canada will host the World Squash of the sport and its incredible athletes.

Rohit Sharma announces retirement from Test cricket



captain Rohit Sharma on but will continue to play the captained India in 24 Tests of his decision to retire from he could retire from Test crick- that one at the Oval, both 300 runs in 11 matches.

NEW DELHI (AFP): India shorter 50-over format. In 67 Tests, Rohit scored Wednesday announced his 4,301 runs including 12 cenretirement from Test cricket turies with a best of 212 ahead of the team's tour of against South Africa in 2019 England starting next month, and an average of over 40. He

three draws.

from Test cricket," the 38-yearold Rohit wrote on Instagram.

'It's been an absolute honour to represent my country in whites. Thank you for all the years. I will continue to represent India in the ODI format."

Rohit, who quit T20 internationals alongwith Virat Kohli after India's World Cup triumph in Barbados last year, recently led the team to an ODI Champions Trophy title in Dubai.

series in England in June-July and the team now needs a new Test skipper.

of his second child, and the India will begin a five-Test final Test. 'Priceless'

with 12 wins, nine defeats and Test cricket. A legend of the et after the series. red-ball game."

> for the next generation to rise." Rohit's last Test was in Melbourne last year when India lost to Australia by 184 runs.

He stood down as captain in love and support over the the fifth Test in Sydney due to poor batting form but India went on to lose the match and

the five-match series 2-1. Jasprit Bumrah was Rohit's deputy in Australia and led the team in the first Test, which Rohit missed due to the birth

India's cricket board said, ings Down Under and the Bhogle posted on social media. "Rohit Sharma has informed us Indian media speculated that

The captain, nicknamed "Hello everyone I would just "We will soon announce a 'Hitman' for getting to big like to share that I am retiring new Test captain — it's time scores quickly -- especially in white-ball, also had a poor home home series against Bangladesh and New Zealand late last year.

> Rohit's India won both the Tests against Bangladesh, but New Zealand handed a rare 3-0 whitewash to the hosts.

> Rohit began his Test career in 2013, but it was five years later that he came into his own in the five-day format as a swashbuckling opener and later took over as captain from Kohli.

"As player and as captain, you were a joy and India will Rohit managed just 31 runs say a big thank you to you," in five innings of his three out- veteran commentator Harsha

That century in Chennai,

priceless. You walked out against South Africa to open as if you had done it all your life. Will look forward to watching and, hopefully calling, some more great moments in your ODI career.' After India's defeat in

Australia, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) mandated national players to participate in the domestic Ranji Trophy, forcing Rohit and Kohli to take field.

Rohit's batting woes continued as he made three and 28 against Jammu and Kashmir, but he was retained as captain of the ODI team.

Rohit is currently playing the Indian Premier League T20 tournament with Mumbai Indians and has endured a patchy season so far, scoring

Indian aggression

clear act of terrorism

Turkiye, saying that they

regardless of their regional

take revenge for his actions.

international community

time of need.

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IRSA releases 164,300 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Wednesday released 164,300 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 207,400 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, the water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1446.30 feet which was 44.30 feet higher than dead level of 1402.00 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as cusecs and 102,000 cusecs respectively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1137.80 feet, which was 87.80 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded 45,200 cusecs and 32,000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa Guddu and Sukkur was recorded as 99,500, 63,200, 39,800 and 9,800 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 36,100 cusecs of water released

Two dacoits injured, nabbed

at Nowshera and 16,800

cusecs released from

River Chenab at Marala.

after cross-firing Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police's arrested two dacoits in injured condition following an exchange of fire during a late-night operation in the jurisdiction of Golra Police Station on Wednesday. A police spokesperson told APP that the suspects, identified as Hamza and Jawad, had snatched a motorcycle and were attempting to flee when the police set up a checkpoint in response to a snatching call. He said the suspects opened fire upon seeing the police, which was met with a prompt and brave response. Both suspects were injured during the cross-firing and taken into custody. He said a 30-bore pistol and the motorcycle were recovered from their ossession. He said thanks to precautionary measures, all police personnel remained unharmed during the exchange. Muhammad Jawad Tariq appreciated the swift action and bravery of the team and announced rewards in recognition of their

Foolproof security arrangements

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Rawalpindi Police on Wednesday kept foolproof security and traffic arrangements in place for the Pakistan Super League (PSL) Season 10 matches being player Rawalpindi Cricker The 26th mega being played here at the match of the mega cricket event between Quetta Gladiators and Islamabad United is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. tonight. According to the police spokesman, some 6,000 officers and personnel of Rawalpindi Police were deployed on security duties, while 367 traffic wardens were on the city roads to maintain traffic flow. Elite Force, Dolphin Force and mobiles of respective police stations were patrolling the surroundings of the stadium. Snipers were deployed on the rooftops along with effective security of the teams' routes. All senior police officers were in the field to personally supervise the security arrangements. police were ensuring foolproof security arrangements in coordination with the Pakistan Army, Rangers, other security agencies and the district administration, the spokesman said. He said cricket fans as usual would be

allowed to enter the sta-

dium after a walk-

through gate and full body search, and with-

including power banks, hands-free, air pods, food, and drink items.

prohibited items

Naqvi meets Italian Interior | Hanif Abbasi terms Minister Matteo Piantedosi

Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi held an important meeting with Italian Interior Minister Matteo Piantedosi here Wednesday. Mohsin Naqvi apprised his Italian counterpart on India's cowardly act of aggression carried out last night and highlighted the motives behind it. During the meeting, the need for meaningful efforts to de-escalate tensions was emphasized. The Italian Interior Minister expressed sorrow over the martyrdom of 26 civilians and extended condolences to the bereaved families.

Mohsin Naqvi stated that India blatantly violated international laws by targeting civilian populations. He said that Twenty-six civilians, including women and children, were martyred. He highlighted that Pakistan's armed forces gave a befitting response to Indian aggression and destroyed five enemy fighter jets. He said that Pakistan has narcotics efforts. Mohsin Naqvi been warning the world about India's dangerous designs from day one and held India responsible for destabilizing the regional situation.

During the meeting, both sides discussed trade, security ties and matters of mutual interest. It was and organized crimes. The Italian agreed to further enhance cooperation with Italy in the areas of securi- team would soon visit Pakistan to ty, counter-narcotics, human traf- strengthen border security.

vant institutions, including

Federal Minister

been suspended, and staff

Federal Ministry of Health

Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party

and Federal Minister for

Communications Abdul

Aleem Khan on Wednesday

stated that targeting civilian

areas was a blatant assault

on Pakistan's sovereignty

which would be safe guard-

Pakistan Armed Forces

delivered a timely and res-

olute response that thwart-

ed the enemy's intentions,

Abdul Aleem Khan con-

demned the aggression,

calling it a manifestation of

said a press release.

He emphasized that the

ed at all costs.

remain on high alert.

successfully



Shaza Fatima said that

claimed the lives of civil-

communication

Provincial

Quick ment with federal protocols

The center is tasked with public to remain calm and

conflict and coordinating a are mobilized to meet the

sequences of its reckless- the blood of innocent

ness. Instead of behaving civilians is now a perma-

responsibly, enemy has nent stain on the Indian

chosen a path that endan- Government's conscience.

Aleem Khan lauded the targeting Mosques, it has

courageous and deter- toward Muslims," he said.

the entire nation. "India Armed Forces have given

has not only been exposed a fitting reply to India's

as weak but also as an cowardly attacks and will

Pakistan is a peace-loving country with full force.

and Air Force for their deep-rooted

reflects the sentiments of said

provincial and district

health authorities to ensure

Secretaries have been direct-

ed to keep close contact with

the federal ministry and to

Authorities have urged the

President IPP said that

"India's obstinacy shows

that it only understands

that

adversary. continue to defend the

animosity

Pakistan's

aggression has

Indian

Condemning Indian ian innocent women and

thwarted civilians under the cover firmed that Pakistan had

Capital

The Italian Interior Minister reiterated his commitment to strengthening collaboration in counter-terrorism, human trafficking, and antistated that taking strict action against illegal immigration and its facilitators is Pakistan's top priority.

Both sides agreed to establish a a unified strategy against narcotics Interior Minister said that an Italian

attacks: Shaza Fatima

(APP): she stressed that no cyber forces

Information Technology allowed to succeed, and manner," she stated.

and Telecommunication Pakistan remains vigilant

Shaza Fatima Khawaja on to prevent any such

Health, Mustafa Kamal has said Minister Kamal, who

declared a state of emer- also confirmed the cancel-

pitals in the federal capital. to Geneva and Qatar. "The

staff affiliated with the Federal Health Institution.

hospital personnel have full attention at home."

Scheduled leaves for all current crisis requires my

Wednesday said all rele- attempts in the future.

Federal Minister for attack from India has been responded in a befitting

PTA and technical wings, aggression, the minister children, particularly in

are fully active and have said India's attack on vulnerable areas. She reaf-

recent Indian cyber attacks. of darkness was a coward- responded strongly and

a news channel at the of launching such cowits sovereignty against any Crisis Management centre, ardly strikes, but our form of hostility.

Health Minister declares

emergency in hospitals

for well-being of our citizens,'

gency across all public hos- lation of his official visits coordinated action.

As part of the emerge

have been instructed to response, the Ministry has update their emergency report to duty without delay. established a 24/7 response strategies in align-

All doctors, nurses, para-medics, and administrative Response Center at the as the situation develops

and its subordinate institu- assessing health-related cooperate with health offi-

tions have been ordered to threats arising from the cials as emergency services

Pakistan's sovereignty to

be guarded: Aleem

ISLAMABAD (APP): the war-mongering mindset country but any attack on Reacting strongly to last of the "Butcher of Gujarat" its sovereignty is absolute-

gers regional peace and sta-

mined retaliation, saying it

bility, he added.

ignoble

night's unprovoked attacks and warned that India ly intolerable, he added.

India, President would have to face the con-

situation, my top priority is across the country. The cenhealthcare system.

"In light of the evolving rapid and unified response growing demands on the

(APP): to safeguard the health and ter will maintain

In an exclusive talk with ly act. "India has a history would continue to defend

Naqvi stated that Pakistan was ready to enhance cooperation with Italy in the field of combating drug trafficking. He further stated that over 3,000 criminals involved in illegal human trafficking and 500 facilita-

tors were arrested last year. It was also agreed to sign a declaration on transnational crimes and Joint Working Group for developing an MoU on migration and labor mobility between ten. The Italian Interior Minister appreciated the professional competence of Pakistani institutions in curbing human trafficking and narcotics.

Educational institutions closed, exams cancelled

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Punjab government on Wednesday announced the closure of all higher educainstitutions Rawalpindi and across the province.

The Punjab Higher Education Department has issued a notification confirming that both public and private colleges and universities will remain closed for the day.

uled for May 7 under the Boards of Intermediate and Education Secondary (BISE), as well as universities and colleges in Punjab, have also been postponed. A new schedule will be announced later.

However, exams conducted by international examination bodies will proceed as scheduled.

The decision has been at Tuesday-Wednesday midnight, as a precautionary measure due to the pre-

Pirzada strongly condemns Indian

aggression

(APP): Federal Minister for Housing and Works,
Mian Riaz Hussain
Pirzada on Wednesday
strongly condemned
India's cowardly and
unprovoked attack on Pakistan, calling it a blatant act of aggression that deserved the utmost condemnation.

Talking to the media, the minister stated, "Targeting mosques, places of worship, and innocent civilians is a cowardly act that violates all international norms

and humanitarian values." He warned that any In his tweet, Abdul the language of force. By attempt to wage war over water resources could endan-Pakistan Armed Forces once again exposed its ger the peace and security of the entire region. "A water war will not only affect bilat-Abdul Aleem Khan eral relations but will destabilize the whole region," he remarked. Mian Hussain Pirzada assured that Pakistan would give a strong and befitting response to Indian aggression.

Pakistan foils Indian cyber

All examinations sched-

taken amid Indian attacks support for the defenders of on the civilian population the motherland. vailing security situation.

company employees.

Iran Road and culminated at Sixth Road. The participants carried national flags

armed forces.

"Down with India", "We are proud of our army", and "Pakistan Zindabad". Addressing the rall

tions and aggressive behavcountry but will never compromise on its sovereignty.

(APP): Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and investigation He also alleged that the stood with Pakistan in its Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in India had increased terrorism and national unity, saying that violence against minorities, when it comes to war, domestically and Pakistanis stand together internationally.

Abbasi warned that if India were to stop Pakistan's backgrounds. He saluted the Jawans at the Line of Control water, Pakistan would take (LOC) and vowed that action to protect its interests. Pakistan would not spare He urged the Indian people Prime Minister to save their country from Narendra Modi, promising to destruction, emphasizing that Pakistan was a respon-Abbasi claimed that the sible nuclear power.

The minister said the defense capabilities and was criticizing India's Pakistan Army, Air Force, congratulated the Pakistan actions and that India had Navy, government and peo-Air Force on shooting down refused to investigate the ple of Pakistan remain unitfive Indian warplanes. He Pahalgam incident as ed in their determination to also acknowledged the sup- Pakistan offered for inde- defend their country and its port of countries like China, pendent and transparent sovereignty.

Schools, colleges in ICT to remain closed amid tensions

tensions between Pakistan and India, the Islamabad district administration has announced the closure of all educational institutions in the federal capital for one day.

Pakistan Muslim League-

Nawaz (PML-N) leader

Wednesday said that India's

attack targeting civilians

including women, children,

Talking to media, out-

side Parliament House, he

strongly condemned India's

Sindoor" as an act of cow-

ardice and a blatant viola-

Abbasi praised Pakistan's

tion of international law.

and mosques was a clear

unprovoked

act of terrorism.

called

Abbasi

midnight

"operation

According to a notification issued here on although regular classes Wednesday, in response will be suspended, examito rising tensions along the Pakistan-India border, the Islamabad district administration has decided to shut down all educational institutions in the Federal Capital.

It stated that both government and private

Following the growing remain closed for one day applies only to educational due to security concerns. Officials stated that this decision was made to ensure the safety of students and staff amid the ongoing situation between the two countries.

> nations scheduled for Wednesday will still be held as planned. Authorities are appearing for exams to trict

schools and colleges will ther said that the decision activities, and the institutions will resume regular operations based on the evolving security situation.

Islamabad police and local law enforcement agencies are also on alert The notice added that and monitoring the situation closely.

Officials Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) confirmed that they have been have advised students who directed to follow the disadministration's remain in touch with their orders. A spokesperson for respective institutions for FDE said that the notificaany updates or instructions. tion has been shared with The administration fur- all affiliated institutions.

Rally held to condemn Indian's aggression

RAWALPINDI Rawalpindi Company Management (RWMC)on Wednesday organised a rally to condemn Indian aggression Live Pakistan Army", and express unwavering

The rally was RWMC, Rana Sajid Safdar, stated that the entire nation their lives and resources for and witnessed enthusiastic participation from officials of the Municipal Labour Union and hundreds of

The rally started from the RWMC's headquarters,

(APP): and banners inscribed with officials were united in

with loud chants like "Long

Sajid added that RWMC

slogans in support of the defense of the homeland alongside the military. "This The atmosphere echoed rally reflects our emotions – when it comes to Pakistan, every individual is a sol-"We dier," he said.

Addressing the gathering, Municipal Labour Union leaders gathering, declared Chief Executive Officer CEO Rana Sajid Safdar their readiness to sacrifice stands shoulder to shoulder the nation. They affirmed with its brave armed forces. that the whole nation was He strongly condemned united against Indian aggres-India's continued provoca- sion and that every "Pakistani is a soldier of the iour, emphasizing that Pakistan Army." The rally Pakistan is a peace-loving concluded with special prayers for Pakistan's safety, progress, and the strength of its armed forces.

Rana strongly condemns India's cowardly attack on Pakistan

Chairman Prime Minister defense capabilities are not Youth Program Rana to be underestimated, and Mashood Ahmed Khan on our forces are fully Wednesday condemned equipped to protect our India's cowardly attack, which was launched under the cover of darkness.

He stated that Pakistan's security forces have dealt a decisive blow to the enemy, sending a clear message that the country's defense capabilities are formidable and not to be underestimated.

He said the enemy will

(APP): learn that skies, land, and seas.

He said the Pakistani nation stands united in its resolve to defend the homeland, with all citizens rallying behind the country's defense.

He said the Pakistan Army has earned the nation's pride, and India has come to realize that Pakistan is not an easy target.

He added that India's aggression has crossed all boundaries, Pakistan's patience, and its targeting of urban areas is a blatant violation of international law and a direct threat to Pakistan's sover-

The entire nation stands solidly behind Pakistan's armed forces, and India will face severe consequences if it continues to misconstrue Pakistan's desire for peace as a sign of weakness, he stated.

6 eateries shut down in ICT for causing air pollution

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration have launched a crackdown on food outlets contributing to air pollution and six restaurants located at Peshawar Mor have been sealed after complaints from residents prompted immediate inspection and action.

According to the spokesman of ICT administration, the authority has intensified its efforts against businesses causing air pollution. In a recent move, six restaurants at Peshawar Mor were sealed for emitting smoke during cooking that was polluting the surrounding environment. This action was taken by the Assistant Commissioner of Industrial Area after citizens reported the ssue. According to officials, the restaurants were using cooking methods that released smoke directly into the air without proper filtration or ventilation systems.

In this regard, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Islamabad, Irfan Nawaz Memon, directed that all restaurants in the city be inspected to check their compliance with environmental safety measures. He said that businesses that contribute to pollution will not be allowed to operate without making necessary improvements.

"Air pollution affects everyone. Restaurants that do not take preventive steps will face strict action. No exemptions will be given," said the DC in a public statement. Meanwhile, he urged residents to con-

tinue reporting outlets that cause pollution, promising swift action on all such complaints. The administration plans to carry out inspections across the city in the coming days to ensure all eateries are following environmental standards.

The sealed restaurants will remain closed until they meet the required conditions to reduce pollution. Authorities have also warned that similar action will be taken in other areas if violations are found. This initiative is part of the broader environmental protection drive in the capital, aimed at controlling sources of urban pollution. Smoke from unregulated restaurant kitchens is one of the factors contributing poor air quality in the city.

Officials said the cooperation of the public is vital to ensure that food businesses maintain safe and clean operations. Complaints can be submitted to the district administration through helplines or official online platforms.



RAWALPINDI: A view of Government Associate College for Women, closed after the government announced the closure of all educational institutions due to the current situation. —APP Photo

Taliban detain 2 journalists

KABUL (Amu TV): Taliban intelligence has detained two journalists in the northern province of Takhar, local sources said on Wednesday. The two reporters, Asadullah Timur and Sayed Munir Hadaf, were affiliated with Tasweer, a local weekly publication. They were reportedly arrested on Wednesday, by Taliban intelligence agents in the provincial capital. The reasons for their detention remain unclear, and the Taliban have not publicly acknowledged the arrests.

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Water network completed

MAZAR-I-SHARIF/ FARAH (Pajhwok): Four water canals worth 42 million afghanis in northern Balkh province and a water supply network in western Farah province have been constructed and put into service, officials said on Wednesday. Sector Director of Balkh Municipality Ahmad Javed Mayar told a press conference that four water canals had been constructed in 5th, 10th and 11th districts of Mazar-i-Sharif city and put into use.

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

Commission approves 21 projects

of the National Procure-ment Commission was held winning companies and Mullah Abdul Ghani sion's leadership. Baradar Akhund, the On another note, due to Economic Deputy of the violations, the Afghan

of approximately 18 billion Company was banned for Afghanis were amended six months. Despite initialand approved during the ly agreeing to the set terms session, and 27 other proj- and winning two projects, ects were submitted for these companies withdrew

projects were amended, 3 ect execution. were approved, and 3 were

KABUL (BNA): A meeting to designated committees to Canal under the leadership of report back to the commis-

Prime Minister's Office.

According to the Economic Deputy's Office, 21 projects with a total cost and Rafi Khalid Trading from implementation, caus-After discussions, 18 ing delays in national proj-

Some of the amended and canceled. In addition, three other projects were referred or the Qush-Tepa Afghanistan.

Shaflogh District Chenartu Uruzgan Province

Phase one of the Nahr-e-Saraj Canal in Sangin District, Helmand Province Second phase of the Kandahar–Spin Boldak

Equipment for electricity projects in various provinces Provision of quality telecommunication and internet services in remote

It is noteworthy that the total cost of these projects amounts to approximately 18 billion Afghanis, funded by the Islamic Emirate of

Invest in mining sector, Iranian firms urged



Ambassador in Kabul Ali- oration in various sectors. reza Bigdeli has called on Iranian firms to invest in cials focussed on invest-Afghanistan's mining sector. ment in and the develop-

Mullah Petroleum Hidayatullah Badri.

Ministry of Mines and mineral reserves as signifi-Petroleum (MoMP) said cant opportunities for deepthe two sides discussed ening bilateral cooperation.

KABUL (Pajhwok): Iran's eral ties and greater collab-In particular, the offi-

Bigdeli issued the call at ment of Afghanistan's mina meeting here with eral resources, the state-Minister of Mines and ment added.

Bigdeli Ambassador highlighted Afghanistan's A statement from the nationwide security and rich

investment and joint ventures in Afghanistan's min-

ing sector.

He also announced Iran's readiness to help boost the technical capacity of Afghan professionals in

For his part, Badri welcomed the interest of Iranian firms in investing in Afghanistan's mining sector. He assured cooperation from his ministry in all relenhanced economic coopHe expressed Iran's evant areas, the ministry eration, expansion of bilatinterest in facilitating said.

Olive factory produces 135,000 liters of oil last year

oil factory produced packing and bottling of oil 135,500 liters of oil last has begun. In 1403 solar year in eastern Nangarhar year, 135,500 liters of olive province, and has just oil was produced, which begun bottling and deliver- will be packaged and maring the oil to markets, offi-keted in 500,000 bottles, he cials said on Wednesday.

Five decades ago, Canal Department established to market their products olive groves on 3,100 both inside and outside the hectares of land, but more country. than half of them were destroyed during the civil war, and now only 1,720 industrial exhibitions in hectares of land remain. In various provinces. We have 2014, about 1,300 tons of also sent olive oil samples olive oil was harvested, 30 to China, Italy, and many tons of which were used to other countries for foreign make pickled olives and the marketing. They have been rest to make olive oil.

keting for Wadi Agricul- world-class quality oils". tural Emirates Company

JALALABAD (Pajhwok): of olive oil and pickles The Canal Company's olive have been completed, but they have launched efforts

"We have exhibited Nangarhar olive products at tested in laboratories there Head of trade and mar- and have been proven to be

He explained oil pro-Eng. Nadiullah Niazi told duced in olive processing oil from the seeds, and the Pajhwok Afghan News the factory affiliated with this last stage is packaging the production and processing organization is of high oil in bottles.

quality, clean, and cheaper than other oils. Currently, it is easily available to residents in Nangarhar and Kabul, and this series will be extended to other provinces in the future. The Nangarhar Olive

added. According to him, Factory, which was built during ago Mohammad Zahir Shah government to process olive groves, and about 500 people are employed there. Atiqullah, a professional

engineer who has worked in the olive processing sector for years, said that olive processing is carried out in several stages: the first stage is collecting the seeds from the orchards, the second stage is storing or evaporating the seeds, the third stage is extracting the

IE prioritizes uplift projects

PUL-I-ALAM (Pajhwok): The Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) says the Islamic Emirate has prioritized reconstruction projects in the country and work has been launched on a building for ARCS at a cost of 20 million afghanis in central Logar province.

Officials say construction work on a standard building for ARCS on one acres of land has been kicked off and would be complete in six months.

At the opening ceremony, ARCS general director Maulvi Shahabuddin Dilawar explained Islamic Emirate had prioritized reconstruction across the country and was trying to modernize and put ARCS building in the province into use.

ARCS provides basic services in the country and is trying to further expand its services, he added.

According to Governor Maulvi Zia Ul-Rahman Madani, the Islamic Emirate has started important development projects in different sectors in the province.

"Public needs to cooperate with the government in all aspects of implementing and monitoring ongoing construction projects". Madani added.

Meanwhile, Maulvi Mir Hashim Hizbullah, head of ARCS said the current building of the ARCS was not a standard one and that the construction of a new building would completely solve problems of the organization's employees and provides basic services to he people.

A building worth three million afghanis was built for a health center in Kulangar area of Pul-i-Alam city with financial support of ARCS and it was also inaugurated on Wednesday.

Returnees call for shelter

GHAZNI CITY (Pajhwok): A number of families forcibly deported from neighbor countries to the province of Ghazni complain about lack of shelter and want the government to nies, provide them land plots.

As the forced deportation of Afghan refugees from neighbor countries continues at a rapid pace, several returnee families in Ghazni say they have no homes or lands.

Ghulam Sarwar, who recently returned and is currently residing in a dilapidated house belonging to relatives in the Bahlol area of Ghazni City said unemployment and homelessness were their main challenges.

He said: "When returned to the country, the government gave us some money, but there has been no further support. We need land. We are living in extremely harsh conditions. Another returnee, Shah

Mohammad, said he was originally from Ghazni but had no house there. He also sought land allotment.

Similarly, a woman named Shazia, whose husband has passed away and who had been living with her children in Iran, recalled she was forcibly deported.

Township project for returnees inaugurated

The construction of 100 houses funded by Qatari women at a cost of over \$800,000 dollars has begun in the Rabat refugee camp in Gardez city, Paktia province.

Abdul Salam Hanafi, the deputy prime minister for administrative affairs, stated during the inauguration ceremony of the project that the technical work for building the township for returnees has been completed, and each family will be provided with a plot of land.

He added: "The survey and design of the townships have been completed, and various services are planned for these the province. townships.

Nomani said: "This Meanwhile, Hamidullah township will be built on affairs urged neighboring in violation of humanitari-Nomani, the acting minister 1,946 jeribs of land and of urban development and will include 890 plots, of housing, announced the which 416 are allocated to distribution of 2,000 jeribs families with five or more of land for new returnees in members.'

Furthermore, the deputy Pakistan are minister of labor and social countries to stop harassing Afghan refugees. Officials from the care-

claimed that Iran and return of these refugees.

deporting Afghan refugees an, Islamic, and international norms, but the Islamic Emirate is fully taker government also prepared to facilitate the

Farah's Parchaman residents buy 1GB internet for 200afs

district in western Farah of the district. province are forced to pur-200 afghanis from private cate, so they buy it from lack of telecommunication centre. However, the cost services in their area—a price they call backbreaking. data costs only 10 to 15

300 kilometers southeast afghanis here. of Farah city, the provincial capital. Only two telethe entire district.

According to locals, prices. telecom services are only

Residents of Parchaman not available in other parts from communication.

He added: "People need chase one GB internet for the internet to communitelecom firms due to the companies in the district Parchaman is a moun-tainous district located are paying up to 180–200

services are extended to currently operational in wouldn't need to purchase internet at such inflated Fakhruddin

available in the district another resident of the discentre, while residents of trict, said: "The problems connection systems pro- other districts. Even been reduced slightly. vided by private compathough Wi-Fi solves some He explain nies, using Afghan issues, overall, telecom "Compared to last year, areas of Afghanistan still Telecom's fiber-optic net-services here are weak." prices are a bit lower. lack access to basic tele-

Abdul Hamid Hamid, limited internet services in internet was 300 afghanis, either travel long disan inhabitant of the dis- remote areas were depend-

Meanwhile,

internet companies operating in the district defend their pricing, citing the high costs of infrastructure, lack of electricity, and distance from the provincial capital. Sibghatullah, head of

one such private internet providers, told Pajhwok: Locals say if telecom "Currently, we sell half a GB for 80 to 110 afghanis com network towers are the rest of the district, they and 1GB for 180 to 200 afghanis. We have limited facilities and high expenses; selling it cheaper is not profitable for us." Hamid, head of another

company, said that while other areas must rely on we face with telecom servpoint-to-point internet ices are not experienced in 300 afghanis, prices have officials to set fair and rea-

He noted that even the Back then, 1GB of Wi-Fi com services and must

FARAH CITY (Pajhwok): the district centre and were were completely cut off expensive, so we have no choice but to charge accordingly.

However, the provincial Department Telecommunications and Information Technology says it has notified internet companies in Parchaman

district to provide details

about their operations and pricing. Abdul Majid Abuzar, director of the department, told Pajhwok: "It's true that internet is sold at very high prices in Parchaman district. We've asked the companies to halt their services until they give us

an explanation. He added that they were sonable prices.

explained: Residents in several Now it's around 180 to tances to establish phone trict, said that telecom ent on electricity, and 200. But the equipment we contact or use high-priced services were confined to without power, people use for these services is internet.

Afghan deportees struggle to rebuild lives in Kabul camp

(TOLOnews): respective provinces. With the rise in deportation of Afghan migrants from neighboring countries, a dreds of families.

These families residing Mohammad Jan, anoth- from in the camp have returned er returnee from neighbor said: tries. They now face an many problems.' uncertain future.

damental

camp in the 11th district of to Kunduz, but our future Kabul city has become a there is uncertain. The edugathering point for hun- cation of our children is another concern we have.

to their homeland empty-handed after living for financial aid to build a abroad. Now we are forced years in neighbor coun-shelter. We are facing to live in a rental house. These migrants, who

Lack of shelter and job have spent 40 to 50 years in opportunities are their fun- neighbor country, cite lack challenges. of housing, limited job These families are preparing to return to their as their main challenges.

Nisar Ahmad, who Hijratullah, a returnee returned to the country from neighbor country, told after 45 years, said: "We TOLOnews: "We are going are going to Khanabad dis-returnees. trict of Kunduz. We have neither land nor shelter there.

> "We don't own land to live in a rental house. We want land and a place

at this camp from neigh-boring countries. The

authorities at Baba Jan Camp said efforts are being made to facilitate

Abulais, the security officer of Lawai Baba Jan camp, said: "We have Farzana, a deportee made arrangements in this from neighbor country, camp. We provide tents and blankets, food is also prepared for them, and there is a health section with both male and female doctors. Meanwhile,

It is noteworthy that UNHCR reported that in currently, between 800 to the month of April, more 1,000 migrants arrive daily than 280,000 Afghans have been deported from neigh-

Nimroz villagers mourn lives lost to no health coverage

Tucked away 30 kilometers from Zaranj city, the capital of southwestern Nimroz His labored movement is a province, Baynaz village is stark reminder of a missed home to just a handful of opportunity—he was born families who are struggling healthy but contracted polio to survive in mud houses on at the age of six because sun-scorched and barren there was no vaccination land without even basic campaign in the village.

Despite the fact that his sister Faiza, now 25,

healthcare. no doctor, and no infrathe most basic medical

unprotected generation

Among the most heart- she says quietly. breaking stories are those the absence of polio vaccination.

from the village, drag two barrels of water back home. "În our village, there was

The residents of this no vaccine, no doctor, no isolated settlement live clinic. If I had been vacciunder constant shadow of nated or if we had access to hardships, primarily due to healthcare, I wouldn't be now, polio campaigns don't thing for us.' the lack of basic public like this," he says, his voice services—most critically, trembling with emotion. In the same courtyard,

healthcare is a fundamental also lives with paralysis in human right, the elderly one leg, similarly caused by men and women of Baynaz lack of vaccination during lament long-standing neg- childhood. She walks with lect by successive govern- the aid of a stick and shares ments. There is no clinic, that neither she nor her brother have gone to school structure to support even or participated in community life due to their disabilities. "We don't leave the Polio's toll on an house. We didn't go to nprotected generation school. We're illiterate,"

Their mother, Farzana, of children paralyzed due to emerges from the house and joins the conversation. With a heavy heart, she

Sadees, a young man says, "This isn't a new Bashra says, her voice brutal. Children get sick been forgotten.' She recounts the help-

lessness families face when healthcare services. someone falls ill: "If a child gets sick with diarrhea or helped us' vomiting, they die here. Pregnant women die on the echoes the community's way to the city. We're poor frustration: "There's no and have no transport to reach the hospital.'

Farzana adds that even reach Baynaz because the area is inaccessible by road willing to make the journey.

A mother's grief

Gul Bashra, another villager, lost her 18-year-old daughter during childbirth. ships, 11 of the 25 original The young woman experienced severe bleeding but could not be transported to Zaranj because it was midnight and no vehicle was the village council, confirms available. The family that the village lacks every brought in a traditional basic facility. "We used to midwife, but the bleeding have 25 families. Now, only worsened, and the young

mother died. ried. We did what we could, and child mortality." but could not save her," Gul

problem. It's been like this cracking with sorrow. She for years. Our village has adds that many other women tor or medicine. In many in the village face a similar fate due to the absence of "No government has Nimroz

Fatima, another resident,

clinic, no school, no road. We've been forgotten. No government has done any-She warns that most

childbirths in the village and no health worker is happen at home, often resulting in complications that put women's lives at serious risk As a result of such hard-

> families in Baynaz have been forced to leave the village in search of a better life. Ghulam Nabi, the head of

14 remain. The rest migrated to Iran because of 'She had just gotten mar- drought, unbearable heat, He adds, "Summers are medicine, but he died in the birth at home due to the dis-

every day. There's no doccases, their illness becomes life-threatening.' A broader crisis across

Baynaz is not alone in this struggle. Residents of Ziyarat Sakhi (20 km from Zaranj) and Mawlawi (15 km from the city) face similar difficulties.

In Ziyarat Sakhi, Sayara Baloch explains how poverty and the absence of a local clinic prevented her from accessing medical help during childbirth. "I lost my baby after heavy

She urges the government to establish at least a eyes, she pleads with the basic clinic or deploy Islamic Emirate to send mobile health teams to mobile health teams to rural serve the village's more communities. than 50 families.

In Mawlawi village, Gul Bibi lost two grandchildren due to the lack of timely healthcare. "Last year, my Provincial grandson had severe diar- acknowledges the crisis: rhea. We tried pharmacy



bleeding during labor. By night from dehydration and tance to clinics. Without the time I got to the city, it was too late."

by inight from dehydration and heat. There was no one to help."

Tears welling in her

Health **Resources limited**

Dr. Yalda Fayaz Waseq, Health Department, conan obstetrician at Nimroz Hospital, ments did not prioritize community. Many rural "Most rural women give health teams once visited unwilling to work in those

medical support, complications like bleeding and blood pressure become fatal."

She notes that these maternal deaths often go unrecorded.

Maulavi Abdullah, director of Nimroz's Public cedes that previous governremote areas with NGO conditions.

support, those operations have now been scaled back. He also confirmed the recent opening of a long-

delayed 100-bed provincial hospital, built with assistance from an Arab charity.

'We aim to expand healthcare to remote areas,' Abdullah said, "but we need support from NGOs, local businesses, and the these regions. While mobile clinics exist, but doctors are Indian aggression against Pakistan

Emergency meeting of KP Cabinet held

Pakistan with chair. Speaker of the protection of the homeland. Provincial Assembly and leader of the Opposition in that the cabinet assured full net members, General Additional Secretaries and administrasecretaries. Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners the cabinet. participated in the meeting

via video link.

Public Relation, Barrister all costs" Dr. Muhammad Ali Saif

PESHAWAR: An emer-condemned the unproprovincial cabinet was held and expressed grave conhere Wednesday in the cern over this blatant act of backdrop of India's unpro- hostility. The cabinet, he voked aggression against said, reaffirmed an unwa-Chief vering commitment to the Khyber defence of Pakistan and Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin pledged that every sacrifice Khan Gandapur, in the will be rendered for the

the meeting on special the security forces in giv- defense of the motherland invitation besides the cabi- ing a befitting response to Chief the Indian aggression. The Inspector cabinet, he further said, Police, was briefed on the evolv-Chief ing situation and the steps proposed to be taken for handling any eventuality, which were endorsed by

Barrister Dr. Saif said

The cabinet termed India's belligerent actions The cabinet offered fate- as highly condemnable and ha for the elevation of regrettable, particularly ranks of the martyrs, denouncing the cowardly speedy recovery of the targeting of civilian popuinjured and safety and lation under the cover of security of the nation. The darkness. This act, he said, cabinet expressed sympa- was termed as a flagrant thy with the civilians violation of international affected by Indian aggres- law and norms. Sending a sion and pledged every clear message to India, the possible support for their cabinet declared, "We relief and rehabilitation. stand fully united and pre-Advisor to the Chief pared to defend every inch Minister on Information & of the beloved country at

while briefing media persons about the emergency Hind and that victory will He said

that the cabinet strongly be our honor to be a part of community to take urgent it," the Chief Minister notice of India's hostile gency meeting of the voked Indian aggression remarked, adding, "As behavior as this was risk-Muslims, martyrdom is the ing the security of the highest honor, and we are entire region. always ready to embrace

> cabinet expressed solidarisupport, and emphasized that the entire Pakistani – 250 million people stand as one army.

observed that PM Modi's had vowed to fight upto the aggressive policies are not last against any aggression only endangering Pakistan by India. Therefore, the but the security of Indian cabinet members stated people and their country as that such a popular leader well, Barrister informed. like Imran Khan cannot be The aggressive posture of excluded from any efforts India's fascist regime poses to unitedly fight against a constant threat to region- Indian aggression. The al peace. "India must not cabinet also said that the take our desire for peace as inclusion and consultation always respond in the same for the unity and cohesion coin, rather more than that" the cabinet warned.

paid rich tributes to and at the same time will Pakistan's security forces remain vigilant to foil the for their instant and force- nefarious designs of the ful response to Indian anti-nation aggression and expressed informed the Advisor. "For full solidarity with them on us, Pakistan comes first costs". behalf of the people and above everything else and "We believe in the government of Khyber we will defend every inch

He said the cabinet net, he said, resolved.

Barrister Dr. Saif further

informed that the cabinet The Advisor said, the pointed out that PTI founder Imran Khan being with the people of the most popular leader of Kashmir and Punjab, assur- the country must be ing them of all possible released and included in all consultations at this critical junction so that a truly the Assembly also attended cooperation and support to nation is united in the united strategy is adopted against the hostile India. The cabinet recalled the commitment of their leader The cabinet further Imran Khan wherein he weakness—we will of Imran Khan was a must of the nation.

The cabinet also vowed The provincial cabinet never to ignore the terrorist elements, of our homeland" the cabi-

NSC calls Indian aggression "act of war" Continued from Front Page

"Attacking its innocent people is neither tolerable nor acceptable to Pakistan. India, against all sanity and Pakistan would be rationality has once again happy if Qatar were to join ignited an inferno in the this effort. However, India region, the responsibility for ensuing consequences shall lie squarely with

The committee disthe coordinated missile, air and drone strikes by Indian armed forces on the night of 6/7 May 2025, on multiple locations within Pakistan's sovereign territory, including Sialkot, Shakargarh, Muridke and Bahawalpur in Punjab, Kotli and India at several locations Muzaffarabad in Azad in Pakistan.

thousands of on-board pas-

sengers. Besides, the

Neelum-Jhelum

Hydropower Project was

also deliberately targeted

in violation of international

Pakistan had been emphat-

ically rejecting Indian alle-

gations claiming the pres-ence of terrorist camps on

after April 22, 2025 Pakistan made a sincere

offer for a credible, trans-

parent and neutral investi-

gation, which unfortunate-

Besides, the internation-

visited these

terrorist

delusional

al media personnel had

camps" on May 6, 2025,

planned for May 7, 2025.

of its falsehood being

exposed, and without a

shred of evidence about its

claims, the Indian leader-

ship, bereft of any morali-

ty, has now gone to the

extent of attacking inno-

cent civilians in order to

thoughts and short-sighted

more visits were

'However, apprehensive

ly was not accepted.

Moreover, immediately

It was reiterated that

conventions.

its territory.

already

'imaginary

satiate its

fighter

in the process.

The top national securi- from India which is an ty body said that the unprovoked and unjustified attacks deliberately targeted the civilian areas, on the false pretext of presence of imaginary terrorist camps, resulting in the martyrdom of innocent men, women, and children, and causing damage to the civilian infrastructure, including mosques. The committee a child. observed that India's act of

aggression also caused claim of striking at the tergrave danger to commerrorist camps in Pakistan, terming it a "fabricated cial airlines belonging to endangering the lives of

yesterday, the foreign and local journalists were taken to the areas adjoining the Line of Control, where they were briefed about the ground situation about India's false claims

about terrorist camps.

(APP): evidence of Pakistan's and continue to fight ter- of global peace and a wall Federal Minister for involvement in the rorists in our western between terrorists and the Information and Pahalgam attack, which is regions and borders till Broadcasting Attaullah 200 kilometers away from this day," he added. Tarar said on Wednesday the Line of Control. The

raising white flag at LoC

SLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for nformation and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar or Wednesday stated that India had effectively admitted defeat by raising the white flag at the Line of Control Speaking to the media at the Pak-China Friendship Centre in Islamabad, Tarar praised Pakistan Air Force PAF) for its swift and powerful response following ndian missile strikes that targeted civilian areas in Punjab and Azad Jammu and Kashmir. He told reporters that the PAF had shot down five Indian ighter jets and a drone. Tarar added that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was closely monitoring the sit uation. The minister emphasized that the entire Pakistani nation stood united and firmly supported the

security forces, he added.

Australia, he said, adding Tarar stressed that Jadhav, an Indian naval

India's 'unprovoked attack' on

KARACHI: Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah addressing Pakistan Zindabad Rally organized by different political parties.

SC sets aside decision against military trials of civilians

ISLAMABAD: Court Supreme Wednesday accepted intracourt appeals challenging an earlier verdict that had declared the military trials of civilians unconstitutional, effectively setting aside military trials for individuthe decision by a majority of five to two.

A seven-member larger headed by Justice Aminuddin Khan, delivered the reserved verdict, overturning the October 2023 ruling by a five-member bench that had restrained the military from trying civilians in connection with the May 9 violence under Pakistan Army Act.

judges — five out of seven Pakistan (AGP) and the - ruled in favour of the petitioners' counsel. appeals, thereby allowing

military courts to proceed stirred significant legal and with trials of civilians accused of attacking military installations.

The bench was constituted to hear intra-court appeals filed by the federal government and other petitioners seeking to restore als accused of inciting or participating in the May 9 riots, which followed the bench of the apex court, arrest of former prime Justice minister Imran Khan.

According to the short order, the apex court ruled that the earlier judgment declaring the military trial of civilians as unconstitutional "stands nullified."

concluding arguments court appeals under Article from all sides, including 184(3) of the Constitution, The majority of the the Attorney General for

The initial verdict had and justice.

political debate, with is expected to be issued in rights activists and several the coming days, providing political parties arguing the court's reasoning that civilians must be tried in ordinary criminal courts in accordance with constitutional guarantees of fair trial and due process.

government maintained that those accused of attacks on sensitive milithe Corps Commander House in Lahore and GHQ in Rawalpindi, should be tried under the Army Act intent to try them in milidue to the gravity of the offences.

In response to the The court had earlier October ruling, the gov-reserved its verdict after ernment had filed intrarequesting that the matter be reconsidered in the interest of national security

The detailed judgment behind reversing the earlier ruling.

Background On May 9, 2023, following the arrest of PTI However, the federal chief Imran Khan, protests erupted across the country, resulting in attacks on military installations and pubtary installations, such as lic property. In the aftermath, dozens of civilians were arrested, and the government announced its tary courts.

The move was challenged in the Supreme Court, and in October bench had ruled the decision unconstitutional. The government then filed intra-court appeals, which have now been upheld by

Qatar offers role to de-escalate Pak-India tension

Muhammad received a telephone call from Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim ly attack on Pakistan's Minister and Minister of integrity that had resulted State of Qatar, and dis- women and children, as cussed the prevailing situ- well as destruction of few ation in the region.

tion, the prime minister of South Asia region. Qatar said that his country wanted to play its role in noted that while Pakistan

(APP): Shehbaz Sharif strongly Minister condemned India's missile Wednesday in Pakistan, as an unprovoked act of war.

He said India's cowardbin Jaber Al Thani, Prime sovereignty and territorial Foreign Affairs of the in the death of 26 men, mosques, had imperiled During the conversa- peace and stability in the

outh Asia region.

The prime minister region.

The Prime Minister of
The Prime Minister of de-escalating the current desired peace in the situation in the region. Pakistan would

aftermath of the Pahalgam Shehbaz strikes targeting six sites incident, he had offered a neutral and transparent international investigation to look into India's allega-

> had chosen the dangerous path of aggression, which demonstrated its irrespon- India. sible State behaviour and aversion to peace in the cussed

Oatar expressed condolences for the loss of pre-

While thanking Qatar for its solidarity and support to Pakistan at this difficult time, the PM resolutely defend its sovicious lives and appreciated ereignty and territorial Pakistan's commitment to fostering peace in South Asia.

India's aggression to entail Muzaffarabad in Jammu and Kashmir. The top national se consequences: PM (APP): lives of 26 innocent people

Sharif Wednesday said that India dren. had committed a grave mistake last night by resorting to prayer of Shaheed Irtaza aggression and thought that but India would have to face ter in his home where he was the consequences of its present with his mother and actions. In a televised address to the nation, the land by shedding the last the injured. drop of their blood.

He said the entire world that they had resolved that hours, their enemy though accounted for. large in numbers was bowed down after Pakistan Air attacking innocent people. Force eagles shot down five Pakistan has proved how to Indian combat jets and respond with solid blow," he reduced them to pile of frag- added. ments and ashes which was once considered as their that in one-hour fight on the tions, Jammu and Kashmir

thunderous sound squadron leader MM Alam and that struck the enemy reduced enemy's jets to mination in a free and strongly," he observed.

India's cowardly attack took superiority over its enemy.

on including women and chil-

Abbas, 7 years old, who lost Pakistan would back off, his life after hit with a splina brother. "A tender flower with-

prime minister said "India ered away and attained shaforgets that Pakistani nation hadat," he said, adding the had the brave sons who nation paid tribute to shaalways fought for the respect heeds and their families and and defence of the mother- prayed for the recovery of The prime minister said

witnessed that within few each drop of blood would be "The timid enemy is

The prime minister said

Line of Control, PAF pilots of and with display of bravery professionalism, ashes. In conventional war-The prime minister said fare, Pakistan also proved its accordance with the UN res-

Israeli strikes kill 38 in

Gaza, medics say

CAIRO/GAZA (Reuters): being rushed away on the appeared to be a family of

Prime Minister Muhammad while injuring 46 others the entire 240 million people He referred to funeral

> The prime minister brotherly Gulf countries, regretted that accusations against Pakistan with regard to Pahalgam attack were unreasonable.

As a peaceful country, he said, Pakistan had offered an international transparent and credible probe which was acknowledged by the world, but India obliterated all the international laws and norms

Under the international laws and the UNSC resoluhad been and would remain "It (response) has the while flying inside territory as a globally recognized dispute until Kashmiris exercised their right to self-deterimpartial environment in

He said that he along with of the country saluted Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Babar Sidhu, Naval Chief Admiral Naveed Ashraf and every officer and soldier of Pakistan.

by resorting to aggression.

that civilians were targeted during the midnight "unprovoked attack" by Talah Sald on Wednesday the Eline of Condol. The midna is involved in the continued fight against terrorism, citing an operation carried out by security forces in Balochistan ear-'We expected an attack

aggressor, targeting ordinary citizens during the late-night strikes," the minister told various international media outlets following the missile strikes by India inside Pakistan. The minister confirmed

ISLAMABAD

that several casualties were reported including the killing of a woman and He dismissed India's

Tarar mentioned that

He said India has no ficed over 90,000 lives

India admits defeat by

Pakistan targeted civilians: Tarar

armed forces. He said the Pakistani Armed Forces had given a tough response to the aggressors.

He condemned India's that Pakistan has solid evitargeting of civilian popu- dence of India's involvelation in Pakistan as ment in terrorism, citing "extremely regrettable". the case of Kulbhushan

Pakistan was a frontline officer who was found state in the war against ter- involved in subversive rorism. "We have sacri- activities in Pakistan.

"Pakistan is a guarantor integrity.

He affirmed Pakistan's India is involved in the continued fight against

world," he noted.

lier in the day. He said Pakistan should

not be underestimated and vowed a befitting response to India. He announced that

Prime Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has summoned a meeting of the National Security Committee today. He informed that Prime

Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif held meetings with ambassadors from several countries and contacted world leaders to present Pakistan's point of

As a responsible state, Pakistan offered a transparent and impartial investigation into the Pahalgam incident, he said in

response to another query.
"We are never the aggressors," he said, highlighting Pakistan's capability to defend its sovereignty and territorial

OIC chief reiterates support for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): The deputy prime min- Minister Hakan Fidan also Pakistan's firm resolve to Deputy Prime Minister and ister urged the OIC chief to called Deputy Prime protect its sovereignty and Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Wednesday spoke with Secretary-General of the IIOJK in view of the unprovoked aggression, Organisation of Islamic alarming rise in violating Pakistan's sover-Organisation of Islamic alarming Cooperation him of the grave regional ed attacks against them in situation arising from the aftermath India's recent unlawful Pahalgam attack strikes in Pakistan.

The deputy prime min-ister emphasised that this sion on regional security violation of Pakistan's sovereignty amounted to a blatant act of war, resulting in the martyrdom of innocent civilians and posing a serious threat to regional peace and stability.

to the injured. He reiterated the OIC's

support for Pakistan as a founding member and reaffirmed the Organization's unwavering solidarity with the Kashmiri people, emphasizing the need for a just resolution to the Jammu and Kashmir dispute.

Foreign Minister Senator continue efforts for the protection of the rights of Muslims in India and Islamic alarming rise in Hissein Islamophobia, hate-moti-Brahim Taha, and apprised vated violence, and targetthe aftermath of the Dar, Turkish envoy hold "in-depth" discus-

concerns Ambassador of Turkiye Neziroglu Irfan

Wednesday called on Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar wherein the two sides discussed regional security concerns "in depth". The ambassador conveyed Turkiye's strong solidarity with Pakistan in the wake of India's unprovoked violation Pakistan's sovereignty and the tragic loss of innocent lives, according to a Foreign Office press release. The two sides reafto maintaining close coordination and cooperation. Earlier, Turkish Foreign

Minister Dar to express Turkiye's solidarity with Pakistan against India's eignty and killing innocent civilians. He expressed concern

over the deteriorating regional security situation. Both leaders agreed to remain in close coordination on the evolving situa-

following India's aggres-

sion against Pakistan Ambassador of China to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong Wednesday called on Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and discussed the current situafollowing India's tion aggression against

Pakistan. DPM/FM briefed the Chinese Ambassador on the serious situation following India's unprovoked firmed their commitment violation of Pakistan's sovereignty and the tragic loss of innocent lives

territorial integrity at all

exchanged views on regional security developments and agreed to maintain close coordination and communication across all relevant areas.

India continues to threaten regional peace: **DPM Dar**

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister DPM Dar, Chinese Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Wednesday said that Pakistan had exercised envoy discuss situation restraint but India, with its blatant disregard for international law, continued to threaten the regional peace. Italy's Minister for Înterior Matteo Piantedosi paid a courtesy call on the DPM/FM.

The DPM/FM briefed the Italian Minister on India's recent escalatory measures and said that Pakistan strongly condemned India's cowardly action, which was a flagrant violation of the UN Charter, international law, and established norms of underscored inter-state relations.

including women and children, medics said. There was no immedi-

health authorities said.

of Gaza City, killing 15.

and market in the city

ate Israeli comment. Reuters footage of the old," he said. scene near the market showed wounded men social media showed what pound.

Israeli airstrikes on a back of pickups and carts. three - mother, father and displaced families and shattered streets and a close to a crowded market woman in tears carried a and restaurant in Gaza baby away from the City killed at least 38 peo- scene, with two young ple on Wednesday, local children beside her. "The blood was like a

Medics said two strikes lake, oh my baby, pools of targeted the Karama blood," she can be heard School in Tuffah, a suburb screaming. Ahmed Al-Saoudi said

Later in the day, an Israeli he witnessed the airstrike strike near a restaurant near the market. "People come to the

need if they can find it ... Neither the people nor the local health authorities animals were Neither the young nor the

killed at least 23 people, market to get what they

school housing conflict- Ambulances sped down son - lying dead on the street in pools of blood. The young boy was carrying a pink backpack. Reuters could not immediately verify the image that was purportedly from the scene near the restau-

Two Israeli airstrikes on another school, housing displaced people in Bureij camp in central Gaza, killed at least 33 people, including women and children, on Tuesday, safe. said. The Israeli military said it struck "terrorists" operating from a com-An image posted on mand center in the com-

political objectives. The NSC said that the Pakistan's armed forces, in line with the exercise of the right of self defense and response framework outlined in NSC statement dated April 22, 2025, resolutely defended the territorial integrity of Pakistan, including Azad Jammu and Kashmir, against the Indian aggression, while also bringing down five Indian

aircrafts

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

The secretary-general extended heartfelt condolences over the martyrdom of innocent civilians and wished a speedy recovery

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