

# **Turkish people** thwarted coup to save democracy

Ambassador of Turkey Ihsan Mustafa Yurdakul says Turkey will never forget Pakistani support during difficult times: Hamza Shafqaat recognizes valiant struggle

### ASNAR M BHATTI

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Turkey Ihsan Mustafa Yurdakul has said on 15 July one of the most treacherous attempts was made on the people of Turkey with a view to making the Turkish people slaves, but the brave Turkish people valiantly thwarted that attempt. Ostensibly, the Turkish people had to pay a price also. And what was that price; the price was bombing of the presidential palace; bombing of the Turkish national assembly and bombing of police headquarters; intelligence headquarters and Special Forces headquarters. But at the end of the day will the people prevailed and the move was vehemently rejected.

The ambassador expressed these views during a ceremony held in connection with commemoration ceremony for Democracy and National Unity Day, held at the Turkish embassy. It was first diplomatic gathering, albeit

a selective one, after four months span because of COVID 19. The Ambassador further said, 15th of July coup attempt

### **Pakistan stands** by Turkey: PM

### SAIFULLAH

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on behalf of the government and people of Pakistan has expressed solidarity with Turkey on its 'Democracy and National Unity Day' being observed on Wednesday, to honour the martyrs of 2016. In his message addressed to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in this regard, he said Pakistan continues to stand by Turkey and supports its efforts to address the threat posed by Fethullah Gulen Terrorist Organization (FETO).

He said four years ago on this day, the Turkish people displayed their characteristic resilience and legendary bravery to defy the forces of darkness targeting Turkey's peace and stability as well as its democratic institutions.

was planned by the FETO leadership and carried out by members of the organization, whom infiltrated into our army by disobeying the chain of command of the armed forces.

"We have never before witnessed such savagery and treachery in our history as the one exhibited by the perpetrators of this coup attempt: our Parliament Building, the Presidential complex, the building of the National Intelligence Organization (MIT), buildings of the Turkish National Police, the Headquarters of the Police Special Operations Department located in Ankara were bombed by rogue pilots"

While giving an account of what happened on July 15 the ambassador said Tanks were driven to the streets to mow down innocent civilians, while helicopters and jets dropped bombs from the air and shot everyone in sight. That night, two hundred and fifty one citizens were killed and more than two thousand people were injured.

He said, by brainwashing young minds at schools founded under the disguise of so-called training activities, they

hydel power project would create 16000 job opportuni-Continued on Back-Page ties during the construction Past govts' responsible period of the project.

In a tweet, he termed inauguration of construction work on the project by the

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Turkey Ihsan Mustafa Yurdakul, DC Islamabad Hamza Shafqaat and others listening to national anthems on the occasion of commemoration of Democracy and National Unity Day. - DNA

### Dam to create 16000 new jobs: Bajwa

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ISLAMABAD: Special As-

sistant to Prime Minister

on Information and Broad-

casting Lt. Gen (retd) Asim

Saleem Bajwa on Wednes-

day said that Diamir Bhasha

### **President invites Qatar** to invest in Pakistan Ambassador said that his country wants to

further expand bilateral ties with Pakistan and is willing to invest in Gawadar port

### **A.M.B**HATTI

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has invited Qatar to take advantage of the emerging investment opportunities in Pakistan. He was talking to Qatari Ambassador Sheikh Saoud hin Abdulrehman bin Faisal Al-Thani, who called on him in Islamabad.

Kashmir. He urged Qatar The President said Pakito take full cognizance of

He informed the ambassador that tremendous potential of cooperation exists between the two countries in various fields that needs to be capitalized upon for the mutual benefit of the two sides. Dr Arif Avli also apprised the ambassador of the atrocities against Muslims in Indian Occupied

al community, including OIC and Islamic countries, to play its role to grant Kashmiris their right to self-determination, and to stop India from the continuing brutalization of the Kashmiri people.

The President also appreciated the role of Qatar in hosting the Afghan peace talks. He expressed the hope that all parties to the agreement would abide by its provisions and turn the dream of peace in Afghanistan into reality. He reaffirmed Pakistan's support for promotion of peace and stability in Afghanistan.

### **'Australia** to continue supporting **youth**'

Briefs

He said, our cooperation with Flag of Pakistan on education is giving young Pakistanis skills



#### SAIFULLAH

ISLAMABAD: High Commissioner of Australia to Pakistan Geoffrey Shaw has said Australia recognises the crucial role young people will play in solving economic & development challenges.

In a Tweet on Wednesday he said, our cooperation with Flag of Pakistan on education is giving young Pakistanis skills to contribute to their country's sustainable economic & social development.

### for bad economy: PM "When our govt took over **DNA/STAFF REPORT** we had a deficit of over

CHILLAS: Prime Minister Imran Khan said that the wrong decisions taken by the past governments led country cannot be ignored to environmental deterioration and decline in industriany further. al progress. The prime minister, said that it was a historic deci-

The prime minister was addressing a gathering in sion to construct the pro-Chillas, where he spoke about the reopening of tourism in the northern of Pakistan'. areas with SOPs. He also

Dam site.

"The site is naturally visited Diamer-Bhasha well-suited for building the dam because it has natural

rocks. It took us almost 40 years to implement our de-Rs20 billion due to these cision. (You) can figure out decisions of the past govwhat a huge mistake we ernments," he told the have made by not thinking crowd, adding that the to construct dams for the less developed areas of the storage of water.'

Speaking regarding the benefits of the project, PM Imran said that it will not adversely impact the climate and create more job ject that will be the 'third opportunities.

biggest dam of the history 'China has constructed 5,000 huge dams. Overall they have 80,000 dams and this will be our third big gest dam," said PM Imran.

Prime Minister Imran Khan a milestone saying it would produce 4500 MW cheap and clean hydel power. He added that the project would have capacity to store 6.4 million acre feet reservoir that would add 1.2 million acres agricultural land

in the country. Asim Bajwa said during construction of dam, a number of allied industries including steel and cement will also get boost.

KPK reports 216 new cases

DNA

PESHAWAR: At least six

more people have died

stan attaches significant importance to its ties with Qatar and wants to transform the existing relations into a robust political and

economic partnership.

Indian brutalities against Muslims because the situation in Kashmir poses a serious threat to regional peace and security. He also urged the Internation-



### **Russians interested** in Steel Mills

ISLAMABAD: At least 12 Chinese and Russians firms have expressed an interest in the privatisation of the Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM), Industries and Production Minister Hammad Azhar told respective Senate committee on Wednesday.

In his briefing to the Senate Standing Committee on Industries and Production, Azhar noted that about 4,000 PSM employees were made permanent in 2010 and the industrial unit went into a loss.

Noting that the facility's deficit is more than Rs225 billion at present, he said the PSM would be run as a public-private venture (PPV). "We need to take tough decisions if these [public] institutions are to reerected," he added, noting that running such state-owned companies required going beyond politicking. The federal minister underlined that the Supreme Court has already sought a plan regarding the PSM. – DNA

### NAB shelves inquiry against Shehbaz

### DNA

LAHORE: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has closed a two-decade-old inquiry against PML-N president and Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif over alleged illegal allotment of twelve plots.

The anti-corruption watchdog shelved the inquiry pending for the past 20 years for want of evidence, according to sources. They said several people named in the case have passed away. Besides, the bureau could not find concrete evidence to substantiate charges against Shehbaz Sharif. Other accused included his secretary Javed Mahmood, Mian Attaullah, and Mian Raza. The former Punjab chief minister had been accused of allotting 12 plots to his favorite persons. Lahore NAB had initiated the inquiry against Shehbaz and others in 2000.

### Oil, gas deposits discovered

### DNA

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) claimed that it has discovered five new oil and gas reserves in Pakistan, media reported on Wednesday.

# FIA arrests 'RAW agent'

KARACHI: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Wednesday arrested a suspect on charges of committing target killings and being involved in bombings at the behest of Indian intelligence agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW). According to FIA officials, the suspect, identified as Zafar Khan, was a member of the Karachi fire brigade and had been in India for 14 months where he had received training and is an expert in making bombs and using advanced weapons.

Moreover, FIA officials said they had also arrested two members of a money exchange company who were allegedly part of a RAW sleeping cell. The two suspects were sending money to anti-state elements through Hawala and Hundi. "Information of others involved in the activities have been sent to all the air ports in the country," officials said, adding that laptop, phones and guns were recovered from them.

A case has been registered against the suspects and an investigation is underway, officials added. In May, the FIA arrested a suspected member of RAW who was serving as an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) in the special branch of the police and was a key member of a RAW sleeper cell. FIA said the suspect had been recruited in Sindh Police in the vear 1991 and was a member of MOM's London group. He had been involved in facilitating his partners at the airport and was also involved in targeted killings and terrorism activities. Officials added that the accused had visited India in 2008 to receive training. – DNA

from the novel coronavirus in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Wednesday, bringing the COVID-19 death toll in the province to 1,120. According to the statics released by the provincial health department, a total of 216 new cases of coronavirus were reported during the past 24 hours, making the total count of the infected people in the province 31,217.

The report said that as many as 22,260 active patients of the virus have recovered from the ailment so far including 653 new during the past 24 hours

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#### SEYED MOHAMMAD **ALI HOSSEINI**

OWADAYS, long-term political-economic cooperation is a common mechanism for developing bilateral and regional relations. One of the issues that has been much discussed in recent days, is the Comprehensive Document of 25-year strategic cooperation between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the People's Republic of China.

The Islamic Republic of Iran evaluates the promotion of bilateral relations with the People's Republic of China by envisagingthe international realities and the di-

verse capacities and capabilities of the two countries. Further that, Iran's strategy is based on expanding and strengthening its friendly and constructive based mutual relations with others while denying any eastern or western hegemony in such relations.

In this Context, senior officials of the two countries lay the cornerstone of relations by planning their long-term relations over a 25-year period.

This idea was put forward during the visit of the President of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping to Tehran in 2016that was laterwelcomed by both sides. The overall framework of the plan has been developed over the years, and details are being reviewed by officials from the two countries, which have not yet

been finalized. Iran-China Comprehensive Partnership is a clear roadmap and a guideline for rail lying of future relations between the two major

countries in the world. bearing in mind the importance of Chinaas one of the world's top economic powers in the near future and Iran, as one of the significant powers in the West Asian region, The implementation of comprehensive plan can come useful in achieving common gals of complimentary relations, independence of traditional and hegemonic powers and addressing common interests.

Fortunately, bilateral relations with the People's Republic of China have been moving forward in recent years, and the two countries have reached to a considerable level of coordination and concordance in the international and political arenas.

Simultaneouslyconcurrent with the development of strategic relations between Tehran and Beijing, the enemies of the promotion of these relations arepropounding false interpretations that are more near to rumors

than facts.

As we can see, these baseless rumors about the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor are constantly being raised by some Western officials and the mediawith an intentional focus on the secret nature of this cooperation agenda while rejecting this rumor, with an intentional focus on the secret nature of this cooperation agenda.

That this cooperation is a very public issue and even in the sixth paragraph of the joint statement published during the Chinese President's visit to Iran in 2016. the parties explicitly expressed their desire to conclude a comprehensive document for 25

The Islamic Republic of Iran, in accordance with its constitutional principles, faces no barrierin concluding comprehensive and long-term agreements with countries in the East and the West. However, when some foreign governments found reluctant in

their relations with Iran and need other's permission for their even normal interactions, for sure they won't be capable of planning and implementing such long- term cooperation contracts. Iran's offer for cooperation was

a general one that was perceived by Chinese who has shown independence in developing its relations with Iran and has not tied the promotion of relations to the

Undoubtedly, Belt-Road initiative (BRI) and China-Pakistan Ecowhich can be a unique modelof

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A glance at Iran and China cooperation

advice of third countries.

nomic Corridor (CPEC) aresuitableplatforms for the development of regional cooperation, especially for the three countries of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the People's Republic of China, development not only for us, but as a model of cooperation for other countries in our region.

years of cooperation.

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# **Briefs**

### Sindh govt allows establishment of cattle markets

### DNA

KARACHI: The Sindh government gave the go-ahead to allow cattle markets to be set up across the province, under strict compliance of COV-ID-19 SOPs. The decision was taken by Chief Minister Sindh Sved Murad Ali Shah after he chaired an important meeting pertaining to the establishment of cattle markets before Eid-ul-Azha.

The chief minister's spokesperson said that the provincial government will ensure that organisers of the markets strictly adhere to the SOPs which will be issued by the provincial government. CM Murad urged masses not to unnecessarily go to animal markets and directed the deputy commissioners to ensure people do not operate markets in streets and alleys. He said that children will not be allowed to go to the markets, in a bid to protect them from the coronavirus

The chief minister directed authorities to allocate specific places where animals can be sacrificed. "If animals are slaughtered in streets everywhere, this will lead to the spread of diseases," he said, directing authorities to establish designated places at the Union Council level.

### Chairman HEC condoles death of Dr Mustafa

### DNA

ISLAMABAD: Chairman HEC Tarig Banuri has condoled the death of the Vice Chancellor of Nishtar Medical University, Prof. Mustafa Kamal Pasha, who passed away in Multan on Wednesday due to COVID-19. Mr. Banuri, on behalf of higher education fraternity, sent heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, faculty and students. He praved

cities. In the midst of Covid-19 for the departed soul and opening, following all SOPs,was a positive sign for the economy; showing that business activity is reviving.

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LAHORE: DarazMall - the

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lions of customers across

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have set up their official

With shoppers in Pakistani

reducing visits to offline

stores and malls, and in-

creasingly relying on ecom-

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their demands, DarazMall

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for those looking to pur-

chase genuine products

Launched in 2019, Daraz-

Mall hosts the official

stores of beloved and

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stores on the platform.

# Art of making products from ancient palm leaves in ancient times

There is also a profession that is considered a masterpiece in itself but sadly, this art is disappearing over time. And there is no special facility for them at the govt level they have no identity and no level of encouragement

### **MUHAMMAD TAHIR**

FAISALABAD: Items made from palm leaves have been used since ancient times and they have been a part of human life. Things made of palm leaves are very cheap and are available everywhere.

They also have simplicity. Daily use of palm leaves it takes a lot of hard work to make things and it's a difficult profession. Nowadays with palm leaves Lanterns and other decorative items are also being made. The date palm is the most widely used in Arabia from palm leaves in Arabia Household items The tradition of making began the whole world was slowly after that I am from palm leaves manufactured goods began to be used this art through these Arab tribes Moved to locals Over time, this art has been innovated. Both men and women making

handicrafts from the leaves of Became associated with the art of in four provinces of Pakistan many families still love this art are affiliated and their economic dependence is fully connected to this domestic industry.

In some areas of Faisalabad Rural women and men specialize in

this art. These women have the opportunity from palm leaves at times making wonderful home appliances. But this art spread over centuries could not go beyond the domestic industry. So far this industry Commercial production could not begin.

This is the reason that this industry never got Government patronage. Ordinary traders make these crafts from these women buy cheap and sell in the local market at higher rates.

From palm leaves local women artisans have now made some innovations in the art. Now colorful and beautiful things are being made. Now beautiful keys from palm leaves, Bread warmers, Mattresses, rugs, bedspreads, brooms, chisels, rugs and rugs hand fans, fruit baskets, clothes boxes, decorative items and places of worship are being built. Sameer Ali, a local industrialist

said promotion of items made by these artisans exhibition should be held for "This is the real issue," he added that this art is not being passed on to the new generation.

There is also a profession that is considered a masterpiece in itself but sadly, this art is disappearing



over time. And there is no special facility for them at the government level they have no identity and no level of encouragement. If the government exports the goods made by these artisans It

can earn a lot of foreign exchange And it can provide employment opportunities in rural areas. These women do the housework And despite working in the fields Spend more time in your area

They make some things according to the culture of. For rural women at the government level Vocational centers should be set up and better trained make them able to earn a living.

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister

(SAPM) on Youth Affairs Muhammad Usman Dar Wednes-

day said the government was striving to set up facilitation

centers across the country to assist youth in obtaining

overseas jobs. "We are working on establishing facilitation

centres across Pakistan to prepare and assist our youth in

getting employment opportunities abroad. This will help

a great deal in helping Pakistani youth to get jobs in inter-

national markets and earn precious foreign exchange re-

serves for the country," he said in video message released

Highlighting the government's youth development ini-

tiatives, he said historic and unique skills programme-

Hunarmand Pakistan (Skills for All)- had been launched to

impart skills to the young people on modern lines. "For

the first time in the country's history, this comprehensive

programme contains skills training to more than 100,000

youth in highly demanded courses including machine

learning, artificial intelligence, internet of things, web

portal designing and developing digital applications," the

SAPM noted. Under the programme, he said all the cours-

in connection with World Youth Skills Day (WYSD).

Nishtar Medical University VC succumbs to COVID-19

### DNA

MULTAN: Nishtar Medical University Vice-Chancellor Dr Mustafa Kamal Pasha passed away due to COVID-19 at a private hospital on Wednesday where he was undergoing treatment.

Dr Pasha had been admitted at the private hospital since June 14 after he tested positive for the coronavirus.

According to Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr Masood Ijaz, a team of specialist doctors were treating Dr Pasha.

He started experiencing difficulty in breathing three days ago and had been on a ventilator ever since.

However, the doctor's condition worsened after his lungs started bleeding and he succumbed to his ailing condition this morning.

Dr Pasha was the first Vice-Chancellor of the Nishtar Medical University and a specialist surgeon.

Funeral prayers of the deceased will be offered today after Asar prayers at Nishtar Ground.

### **'18th** Amendment weakened infrastructure<sup>2</sup>

ISLAMABAD: PMLQ Deputy Secretary Information Khawaja Rameez Hassan said taking to Daily Islamabad Post the 18th Amendment and NFC award weakened the infrastructure of the state. The development of the country is possible with the establishment of a presidential system of government and strong local bodies. He added Past governments have ridiculed the constitution on the basis of party majority and prolonged their rule by distorting its true form. The biggest disadvantages of the 18th Amendment were the elimination of the uniform education system and the promotion of provincial-

# Businesses activity reviving in Twin Cities

The brand comes with a unique claim saying "No Gimmicks, No Discounts... Wholesale Prices All Year Round"

DNA seemed excided across this tastefully made store ISLAMABAD: Chase Value and welcomed the brand Centre hosted the opening in Islamabad with open arms. Chase Value Centre ceremony of its first branch in Islamabad at Amazon is known to be a brand for Mall, GT Road (Near DHA masses that not only pro-Phase II Gate#1). Chase vides a great shopping ex-Value Centre is a decade old perience but also amazing prices. The brand comes with a

brand that started in Karachi and currently has multiple mega stores in the city.

unique claim saying "No This is the first time the Gimmicks, No Discounts... brand has moved out of Ka-Wholesale Prices All Year rachi and it chose the twin Round". After becoming a huge success in Karachi, they are all set to penetrate the market of Punjab. Speaking at the occasion CEO, Chase Value Centre, Mr. Omer Farooq

DarazMall offers

customers an original

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trusted brands across var-

ious categories - including

FMCGs, fashion, mobiles,

electronics and health and

beauty - offering access to

These include Reckitt

Benckiser, P&G, Uni-

lever, Pepsi, National

Foods, Dipitt, Samsung,

ChanghongRuba, Infinix

Mobile and Elephone.

Customers also have ac-

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ular fashion labels includ-

ing Generation, Denizen,

Levis and Khas Stores.

DarazMall also offers a

longer, 14-day easy re-

Over the past months,

DarazMall has added new

features to the user in-

terface to enhance user

experience and make it

easier for customers to

navigate through the as-

turns period.

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fatalities from violence.

genuine products.

Families and shoppers added "We are thrilled to serve the Capital and will continue to offer an unprecedented level of service. Our concept of eliminating all middlemen from the supply chain so as to minimize costs and transfer the resulting cost benefits to the customers by way of reduced prices has proved to be a great successin Karachi. We are sure it will be an

Speaking at the Radio Pakistan's Current Affairs Programme, he assured that all the relevant institutions are under observation for its even bigger success in the working and facilitation to the twin cities." No doubt the common man at the earliest. pricing offered is surpris-"It is an opportunity for common people to have direct These prices combined with access to prime minister to inform about the issues they are facing," he said.

# **'Pak Citizen Portal an** exemplary initiative'

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader Riaz Fatiana Wednesday said that Pakistan Citizen Portal initiative taken by the Prime Minister Imran Khan's government is successfully addressing public complaints which enable it to understand the performance of ministries and departments.

Youth to be assisted in getting overseas jobs: Usman Dar

his family and said that the "thoughts of entire academic community are with his fami-

ly at this sorrowful time." Dr. Pasha had tested positive for Covid-19 last month. and had been admitted to a private clinic, from where he was shifted to the Multan Institute of Cardiology (MIC). He had been on a ventilator for several days. Dr Mustafa Kamal Pasha was a famous surgeon who stopped office work when the number of coronavirus patients increased and started performing ward duty. As head of Nishtar Medical University, Dr. Pasha made all possible efforts to ensure that undergraduate and postgraduate students are provided with quality teaching and training, and promoted a culture of research and ethical orientation. He always urged the students and faculty members to rise to their potentials, identify their strengths and directed to acquire much needed lifelong learning skills for academic and social pursuits. - APP

### Meeting reviews COVID-19 programme of Rs 70 bn

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Chair man Planning Commission Mohammed Jehanzeb Khan Wednesday chaired a meeting to discuss the project titled "COVID19 Responsive and Other Natural Calamities Control Programme' worth Rs.70 Billion.

During the meeting Jehanzeb Khan said that to mitigate COVID-19 impact, Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives has launched a special program with an outlay of Rs.70 billion having special focus on public health surveillance and disease detection, up-gradation of district headquarters and Tehsil headquarters Hospitals, provision of guarantine and test ing facilities at ports, clean drinking water, solid waste management and improving local infrastructure.

Secretary Planning Mathar Niaz Rana, Members of the Planning Commission, Chief Executive Officer of Public Private Partnership (PPP) Authority, Advisor Development Budget-M/o PD&SI and senior officials of ministries were present. - APP

such a huge assortment under one roof can be a recipe for success in Islamabad.

ingly low.

es were being offered without any charge. The initiative was meant to enable the youth in getting better employment opportunities within the country and abroad. - APP

ism on linguistic grounds. Which really weakened the federation. - DNA



LAHORE: Chairman NDMA Lieutenant General Muhammad Afzal visiting Telemedicine Centre at King Edward Medical University. - DNA

### **CRSS report on violence casualties in Pakistan** ed to a retaliatory strategy in violence throughout the

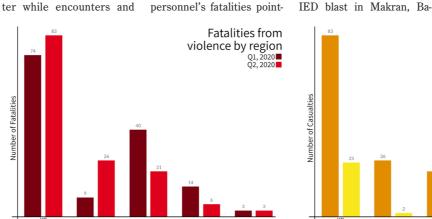
Total of 185 casual-Å ties were recorded during second quarter in 2020 (139 fatalities and 46 injuries). Khyber Pukhtunkhwa (KP) had the highest number of casualties followed by Sindh, Balochistan, Punjab, and Islamabad.

There were no violence-related casualties reported from Gilgit Baltistan (GB) and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). Despite continued military operations, the former Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) regions of KP continue to be militancy hot spots. Compared to the last quarter's figures, KP and Sindh appeared to be the only two provinces where fatalities from violence went up while the remaining provinces showed a significant decline. June was the only month

when the fatalities from violence showed a marked uptick, the other two months, April and May, showed moderate decline

ground operations carried out by security officials left For the first time since the a large number of outlaws inception of this report in dead. Gun violence, armed 2012, Quetta district expeattacks, and lethal explosions caused the largest rienced zero violence-related fatalities. North Wanumber of fatalities.

ziristan, Karachi, Bolan, Like previous quarter, the Bahawalpur, fatalities of militants, insur-Buner, and Ghotki disgents, and criminals went tricts showed a significant up during the second quarter as well reflecting effecincrease in the number of tive measures taken by the No suicide attack was resecurity forces. A sharp rise ported during this quarin the number of security personnel's fatalities point-



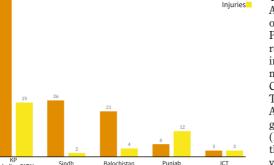
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of the outlaws - a situation further corroborated by the significant decline in the number of civilian fatalities during this quarter. Multiple insurgent groups from Balochistan and Sindh once again became active in the country and claimed responsibilities for several terror attacks that left 17 persons dead. Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA)

lochistan wherein an army major and five soldiers of the Frontier Corps lost their lives, and a daring attack at the Pakistan Stock Exchange in Karachi on 30 June 2020 leaving a policeman, three guards, and four insurgents dead.

An eight-year-old boy was killed and his father was seriously injured when their motorcycle hit a landmine planted by militants in Dasht-i-Goran area of Kalat District in Balochistan.

Casualties from violence by region – Q2, 2020



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Baloch Liberation Tiger (BLT) claimed responsibility for this explosion. Two rangers and a civilian lost their lives in a bomb explosion at a meat shop near Ghotki Railway sta-

tion on 19 June 2020. The same day, a civilian was killed when a hand grenade hurled near a paramilitary rangers mobile in Liaquatabad. One rangers official was injured in Larkana when a cracker was hurled at a security checkpoint. These three attacks were claimed by Sindh Revolutionary Army (SRA). The militant group Hizb-ul-Ahrar (HuA), an off-shoot of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), claimed responsibility for the killing of two policemen in the night of 26 May 2020 in the Chowrangi No. 26 area of

Turnol in Islamabad. Although no militant groups like TTP or Daish (Islamic State) claimed their responsibility for any violence during this quarter, there were eleven fatalities of militants that were reported to have affiliation with TTP (7) and Daish (4). The insurgent groups like BLA and Balochistan Liberation Front (BLF) also lost their activists in counter-violence operations carried out by the security forces. Among the security officials, the Pakistan army had the highest number of fatalities compared to other security forces.

A large number of unidentified civilians were the victims of violence in addition to four missing persons who were found dead; two of them belonged to Jeay Sindh Qaumi Mahaz (JSQM), one was of Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) - London, while one was unidentified. Two persons lost their lives in Kurrum Agency of Khyber Pukhtunkhwa because of an explosion near an Imambargah in Lower Kurram's Shoorki on 6 May 2020. No other regions of the country encountered sectarian violence during this quarter. - DNA

claimed two attacks: one



# **Briefs Rupee stable** against US dollar

ISLAMABAD: The exchange rate of Pakistani rupee remained stable against US dollar in the interbank on Wednesday to close at Rs 166.67.

However, according to Forex Association of Pakistan, the buying and selling rates of Dollar in open market were recorded at Rs 166.5 and Rs 167.3 respectively. The State Bank of Pakistan reported that in interbank, the price of Euro appreciated by Rs 1.63 to close at Rs 190.65 against the last day's trading of Rs 189.02.

The Japanese Yen remained stable at Rs 1.55, whereas an increase of Rs 1.84 was witnessed in the exchange rate of British Pound which was traded at Rs 210.32 as compared to its last closing of Rs 208.48. The exchange rates of Saudi Riyal and Emirates Dirham remained unchanged to close at Rs 44.43 and Rs 45.37 respectively. - APP

### Gold price increases **Rs400**

ISLAMABAD: The price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs400 on Wednesday and was traded at Rs109,300 as against its trading at Rs108,900 the previous day, Karachi Sarafa Association reported.

Likewise the price of 10 gram gold also witnessed increase of Rs343 and was trade at Rs93,707 against its sale at Rs93,536.

The price of per tola silver increased by Rs40 and was traded at Rs1100 against its sale at Rs1060 where as that of 10 gram silver also went up by Rs32.29 and was traded at 943.07 against its sale at Rs908.78. In international market, the price of



ISLAMABAD: Mayor Sheikh Ansar Aziz and Turkish Ambessador Ahsaan Mustafa Yardagil planting a tree to mark Turkish democratic day. - DNA

# Pakistan-Turkey have a history of brotherly relations: Sheikh Ansar

Turkish Ambassador shared the agony of his countrymen on a coward terrorist attack on innocent turkish people, which can never be forgotten, said Mayor Sheikh Anser Aziz, he added that terrorists can never undermine the morale and spirit of Muslims

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ISLAMABAD: Mayor Islamabad Sheikh Anser Aziz & Turkish Ambassador in Pakistan, His

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Ambassador people. Both the leaders innocent turkish people, come what may.

which can never be forgotten, said Mayor Sheikh Anser Aziz, he added that terrorists can never undermine or deter the morale and spirit of Muslims,

Mayor Islamabad further urged to continue pakistan Turkey cooperation through valuable joint ventures and sister city agreements, which is already in place between

Islamabad & Ankara, besides taking up other public facilitation and service delievery projects and healthy environmental friendly activities for a clean & green Islamabad.

said the number of people defeating the virus and recovering from the disease is higher than the number of new infections. She lauded Rotary initiative and said that with the help of community we will defeat this pandemic. Our doctors, paramedics and health workers have played a marvelous job against COVID 19 and we are indebted to their services.

Rotary

International donates PPE

Kits to RIU

DNA RAWALPINDI: A Delega-

tion of Rotary Internation-

al Pakistan led by District

Governor Nominee (DGN)

Adnan Saboor Rohaila and

Khalil Khan (District Chair

Community Service, Coor-

dinator for Rawalpindi) &

Representatives of Rotary

Clubs of Rawalpindi handed

over PPE Kits (100), N95

Masks (250) and Gloves

(400 pairs) to Provincial

Health Minister Dr. Yasmin

Rashid for RIU at a ceremo-

ny held at Rawalpindi Insti-

tute of Urology (RIU) today.

Addressing the ceremony the

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Dr. Yasmin Rashid said that

due to the hard work of our doctors, we are witnessing a

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### 'Religious scholars must play role for religious harmony'

ATTOCK: Religious scholars must play their vital role to maintain religious harmony and brotherhood during the forth coming Muharram ul Haram. ASP Amara Sherazi saod this while addressing Sunni Shia Ulema Council in Attock Those present included Maulana Amir Zaman , Mufti Muhammad Yasir Khan, President Anjuman Janisaran Syed Raza Haidar Nagyi . Pattern in Chief Shia Ulema Council Syed Mujtaba Naqvi, Maulana Sher Zaman and others. ASP Amara Sherazi said that soon SOP for Muharram ul Haram will be released and goped that all concerned will follow it in letter and spirit. She emphasised upon the Shia Ulema to ensure the timings of Muharram processions and cooperate with police to maintain peace and religious harmony. She said, list of the volunteers who will perform duties during Muharam must be provided to police on priority. She emphasised upon the ulema to play their vital role in maintaining religious harmony and said that during Eid ul Azha, SOPs must be followed to avoid spread of Corona Virus. - APP

per ounce gold increased by \$14 and was traded at \$ 1808 against \$1794, Karachi Sarafa association reported. - APP

### PTCL posts Rs 2.7 billion profit in halfyear 2020

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL), the country's leading telecom and ICT services provider, has announced its financial results for the six months ended June 30, 2020 at its Board of Directors' meeting held in Islamabad on July 15, 2020.

After the onset of Covid-19 pandemic earlier this year, the country is witnessing a gradual come back to a new 'normal' in which the economic activities are carefully being resumed while adhering to due counter measures for containing the effects of the pandemic. With its extensive network footprint, PTCL has successfully played its role as the communication backbone of the country in these testing times. Our dedicated frontline workers, who have been continuously on the ground despite the pandemicand our diligent customer care teams have ensured uninterrupted service delivery for our valued customers. PTCL Group's revenue of Rs 62.9Billion for the halfyear is lower by 5% as compared to the same period of last year. If normalized for the impact of Covid-19 and certain regulatory changes affecting Ufone, PTCL Group's revenue is 2.5% higher than 2019 on a like-for-like basis.

U Bank, a microfinance banking subsidiary of PTCL, continued its growth momentum and has achieved a 45% growth in its revenue over last year. The Group's operating profit and bottom line have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and rupee devaluation. PTCL's revenue of Rs 35.3 Billion for the half-year is 1% lower than last year. If normalized for the impact of Covid-19, the like-for-like revenue is stable and slightly higher than the same period of last year.

AIOU online course workshops begins

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal ously they were held in dif-Open University (AIOU) while adopting the new communication and information technology for its academshops physically. ic operations, has started

postgraduate course workshops on the university's special customized Aaghi Learning Management System portal across the country from Wednesday. Prof. Dr. Zia-ul Qayyum,

Vice Chancellor AIOU, advised all servicing, administrative and academic departments of the university to take all possible steps to mitigate the negative effects of restricted mobility of the students due to the COVID- 19 pandemic on

their studies. It is to mention here that these course workshops are mandatory part of postgraduate academic programmes of the university and previ-

#### ferent major cities/ towns, and students were required to participate in these work-It is to clarify that these workshops are being held for students enrolled in postgraduate programmes

of Spring 2020 semester including BS, B.ED, PGD, MA/MSc and M. Ed. According to Director ICT, Ajmal Farooq, "courses of B.Ed programme are being taught in the first batch". He informed that the university hag dispatched user names, and passwords through mobile SMS to all concerned students directly. However, in case a student has not received her/ his username and password,

he/she is advised to contact her/his respective regional office for the username and password, he added. – APP

Ms Rahat Kaunain Assumes

charge AS CCP Chairperson

ISLAMABAD: The newly appointed Chairperson of the Com-

petition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), Ms. Rahat Kaunain

Hassan, has assumed the charge of her office after the Fed-

eral Government issued a notification of her appointment as

the Member and Chairperson of CCP for a three year term.

Ms. Hassan studied Law at King's College London and also

possesses an L.L.M. degree. She has over 25 years of expe-

rience including over 8 years in public service. For the last

7 years she has been in private practice, as Senior Partner

of Islamabad based law firm. She was also Member of the

Audit Oversight Board, Independent Director/ Chairperson

Pakistan LNG Limited and has held independent director-

ships including on the boards of Pakistan Stock Exchange

and various other listed companies. Ms. Hassan served as

one of the founding Members of CCP from 2007 to 2010, and

as its Chairperson from 2010 to 2013. - APP

### **PNCA** continues online calligraphy

classes ISLAMABAD: Pakistan National Council of the Art (PNCA) is continuing its online classes for calligraphy that have been commenced pre-lock down but halted due to the COVID-19.

According to the management, the classes were being conducted in form of videos that were uploaded on PNCA's Facebook and YouTube channels in three sections.

The first section had 7 parts and each part was being posted on the social media sites of the council at 10.00 am daily. - APP

# ICT police directed to continue action against land mafia

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police have been directed to continue strict action against those illegal occupying the properties of others and involved in harassing people to grab their lands. These directions were made by Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Muhammad Aamir Zulfiqar khan while chairing a meeting especially held to review the performance of Islamabad police against land mafia. The meeting was attended among others by DIG (Operations) Waqar Uddin Syed, AIG (Special Branch) Muhammad Suleman, SSP (CTD) Sved Mustafa Tanveer. AIG (Operations) Haroon

Joya, Additional SP Farhat Abbass Kazmi, SP (CTD) Faroog Amiad Butar and all Zonal SPs. IGP Muhammad Aamir Zulfiqar khan said that Islamabad would get rid of land mafia as per vision of Prime Minister of Pakistan and indiscriminate action would remain continue against them.

DIG (Operations) presented report about the action of Islamabad police against land mafia and said that 86 cases were registered over illegal occupation and 198 land grabbers were arrested. He said that investigation on many cases were completed and their challans were submitted in relevant courts. The inves-

tigation on the remaining cases is underway while 192 persons were held over monetary disputes among various parties. He said that no major incident of illegal occupation was reported in the last six months as effective action had been ordered to all police officials without any discrimination. IGP Islamabad Muhammad Aamir Zulfiqar khan directed for ensuring further strict action against land mafia besides protecting to the lives and property of the citizens.

Mr. Aamir Zulfiqar khan directed to complete investigation on pending cases and submit their challans with the courts at earliest. - APP

### '85 % work on M&C hospital completed'

RAWALPINDI: Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Narcotics Control Sheikh Rashid Shafique Wednesday said that 85 % work on Mother and Child Care (M&C) hospital being built at the cost of over Rs 5 billion had been completed and would be handed over to health department in next 6 months. Talking to media persons here in Rawalpindi Press Club (RCB), he informed that during the last two years of present government, different public welfare projects of worth over Rs 2 billion including health, education had been initiated in his constituency.

He informed that he had requested the Prime Minister, Imran Khan to give Government Vigar-un-Nisa Post Graduate College for Women to the status of University after which Rawalpindi would be the only city in the country to have three universities. Besides the construction new universities as well as all colleges across the city, additional blocks worth billion of rupees were being constructed to provide the better educational facilities to the boys and girls, he added. - APP

ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Muhammad Aamir Zulfiqar khan chairing a meeting held to review the performance of Islamabad police against land mafia. - DNA

ISLAMABAD: Business community of the federal capital on Wednesday demanded of the government to take immediate steps to set up sewage treatment plants in the city to reduce water pollution. They said that government had

planned to set up four sewage treatment plants in Islamabad at an estimated cost of Rs.2 billion, but despite a lapse of ten years. no progress has been made on this project.

Senior Vice President, Islama-

bad Chamber of Commerce and Industry in a statement said that water sewage plant setup in Sector I-9 Islamabad was also non-functional so it should be made functional immediately so that the wastewater that was flowing to various streams could be treated for beneficial use.

Tahir Abbasi said that currently only two water treatment plants were available in Islamabad, but were unable to supply the required water to the citizens due to low capacity.

He said that supply of clean drinking water in Islamabad was a serious issue while citizens were facing acute water shortage in various parts of the city.

He said that due to non-availability of clean drinking water, water borne diseases including hepatitis were on the rise in the residents of Islamabad.

He said that the present government has planned to set up a new water treatment plant to supply 52 million gallons per day water to the twin cities.

He urged that establishment of new water treatment plant must be expedited to provide clean drinking water to the residents of twin cities that would reduce the water borne diseases as well.

Saif-ur-Rehman Khan Vice President ICCI said that more than 37 water filtration plants were installed in different sectors of Islamabad but most of them were either faulty or supplying contaminated water as their filters were not replaced in time.

Due to this situation, the citizens

were getting contaminated water which was having adverse effects on their health.

Therefore, he demanded that MCI to rehabilitate all water filtration plants in Islamabad and install new plants in those markets where this facility could not be provided as yet. He further said that the filters of all water filtration plants should be replaced in time so that citizens could get clean drinking water that would reduce the ratio of water borne diseases in the city. – APP

**ICCI demands Govt to setup water treatment plants** 

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# **TWIN CITIES**

## Islamabad **POST** Thursday, July 16, 2020

## **Briefs**

# **ATC adjourns** hearing in Rawal lake

ISLAMABAD: An anti terror-ism court (ATC) in Islmabad on Wednesday adjourned the hearing till August 11 in third and last case being tried against three accused for mixing poison in Rawal lake for catching fishes.

Accused Jahangir Abbasi and two others had been acquitted in two Cases of same nature by the same court of Raja Jawad Abbas Hassan. During the hearing the prosecution pleaded the court that witnesses summoned for the day were unable to attend court proceedings due to certain reasons and pleaded for adjournment.

The court accepted the request and adjourned the hearing till August 11 and also summoned the witnesses for the day. It is worth mentioning that secretariat police had registered three FIRs against the accused Jahangir Ahmed Abbasi and two others, allegedly involved in catching fish after mixing poison into the Rawal Lake water.

An FIR was registered on behalf of the contractor of fishing of Rawal Lake in which the accused had been acquitted by by the same court. Such case was being tried in one of two other FIRs registered on behalf of fisheries department under the terrorism clauses. The accused had also been acquitted by the court in one of these two FIRs. – **APP** 

### 13,583 tinted glass vehicles fined

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) has fined 13,583 motorists during current year in its special campaign against vehicles having tinted glasses. Police spokesman said that Senior Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Farrukh Rasheed has directed to take strict action against the tinted glass vehicles as per law with a purpose to eliminate the VIP culture. The SSP ordered to check

every violation and issue violation ticket to every violator. "The elimination of VIP culture and equal application of law are our main objectives which would be achieved at every cost," he maintained. He also directed his staff to continue education campaign and inculcate traffic sense among the road users along with the enforcement of law. The SSP was told 13,583 tinted glass vehicles were fined during the ongoing year following which he ordered to check every violation and issue violation tick et to every violator. – APP



ISLAMABAD: Mayor Karachi, Mr. Wasim Akhtar called on President Dr. Arif Alvi at Aiwan-e-Sadr. - DNA

# **Diamir Bhasha project to revolutionize** the industrial sector: FPCCI

"Diamir Bahsa Dam will help producing clean and cheap electricity that will also reduce cost of doing business besides making our goods competitive across the globe"

ISLAMABAD: Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) President Anjum Nisar Wednesday said that with construction of hydelpower projects including that of Diamir Bhasha Dam, the industrial sector of the country could witness a mushroom growth as sufficient electricity would be available at low cost after completion of the projects.

"For last many decades we had been facing energy shortage issue that has almost been stabilized now, however tariffs of the energy being provided to the industry is still high making them uncompetitive in the regional as well as in global market," he said while talking to APP.

The FPCCI president was of the view that several new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) were being built across the country under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which would need more energy in future, so in order to provide electricity at low rates, production of hydel electricity was need of the hour. He said availability of electricity at

lower rates was the basic rule of success of an industry as with expensive electricity, the cost of doing business will also be higher and their output would not be able to compete in the international market. "Diamir Bahsa Dam will help producing clean and cheap electricity that will also reduce cost of doing business besides making our goods competitive across the globe," he said. Nisar said the present government was

keen to search new markets around the globe for exports but before this the cost of doing business must have to be brought down and exploiting the huge potential of hydel energy in the country was the only way to boost exports.

So the project will not only help revival of industrial development but also will increase exports of the country that will also create new job opportunities for the locals. He said Prime Minister Imran Khan was very keen to exploit the sources of clean and green energy. The Prime Minister, he said was frequently holding meetings with the business community to make them motivated for boosting economic activities in the country. – APP

### 17 outlaws including five car lifters held

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police have arrested 17 outlaws including five car and bike lifters and recovered stolen car, four motorbikes, narcotics, fake currency and weapons from them, a police spokesman said.

According to details, a team of Banigala police station headed by Sub-Inspector Main Imran nabbed three members of bike lifters' gang. They were identified as Anwar, Altaf and Ejaz while police recovered three stolen motorbikes from their possession. Cases have been registered in Bani Gala police station and further investigation is underway from them. Aabpara police arrested Shahzada Khan and recovered stolen car from his possession. Margallah police arrested accused Hamad Shah and recovered one 30 bore pistol from him.

Karachi company police arrested accused Dansih and recovered stolen motorbike from him. CIA police arrested accused Hameed and recovered 1025 gram hashish from him. Industrial- Area police arrested Qamer Abbas and recovered one 30 bore pistol from him. Sabzi Mandi police arrested accused Suleman Rafi and recovered fake currency with denomination Rs. 17,000 from him. Shams colony police arrested Zahid Jan involved in decanting gas in cylinders while Sihala police arrested two accused Hassan and Tariq involved in theft case. Cases have been registered against these nabbed persons and further investigation is underway from them. - APP

### First Nasho-Numa Center to be open soon

ISLAMABAD: The first Nash-o-Numa center under Ehsaas initiative is being set up in Jampur area of Rajanpur district and will soon be opened for the convenience of the people. This was stated by Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation, Dr. Sania Nishtar through her tweets.

She said that prepar for the establishment of Nash-o-Numa centers 31 across nine districts of the country are in full swing. Under this initiative, healthy supplement food sachet will be provided to the pregnant and lactating mothers and children aged between six months to two years. Dr. Nishtar said the first 1,000 days of a newborn's life are extremely critical and if stunting is not treated then after this period, it becomes a permanent disease. Stunting growth affect the physical and mental development of the children. The consultations for the preparation of the program had started from January 2019, Dr. Nishtar said. - APP

# NCOC directs to ensure compliance on SOPs in cattle markets

ISLAMABAD: The National Speaking on the occasion, ing the risk of pandemic informed the forum that Asad Umar stressed upon outbreak on the occasions around 303 cattle mandis the strict administrative of Eid-ul-Azha and Muharwould be established in ram was a major challenge action for complying with the province from July 15-SOPs to mitigate the imwhere the SOPs shared by 25 with proposed timings pending risk of coronavirus the NCOC were conveyed from 9 a.m to 6 p.m. Pakhtunkhwa to all of the district and outbreak in cattle markets. Khyber "There should be no mask divisional administrations Chief Secretary said a total of 191 cattle markets to devise strategies to no entry in the cattle marwould be established in spread of coronavirus. kets and officials should enforce strict implementation on the guidelines. NCOC meeting strictly enforce it and the province whereas no mask no entry with mask monitor the entry and exit Balochistan Chief Secredistributing stalls at the points of the cattle martary informed the forum kets. There should also be that there were almost 20 entrance was already cattle mandis established stalls at the entries of the implemented. He added that the district adminismarkets to provide masks in Quetta whereas 3-5 marto the visitors. kets were set up in various trations were directed to cities of the province. Sindh Chief Secretary told avoid complacency in encompliance. the meeting that contain-Punjab Chief Secretary forcement of SOPs. - APP

### Lok Virsa open for 3 days a week

ISLAMABAD: National Institute of Folk & Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa) on Wednesday announced that both museums will remain open for public from Tuesday to Thursday only 3-days a week from 10 a.m to 7 p.m. According to an official notification, in view of government lockdown the new timings for museum were being set.

museums adminis-Both tered by Lok Virsa namely Heritage Museum and Pakistan Monument Museum will remain open for public from Tuesday to Thursday only. These timings will come into effect from July 16, 2020. – APP

### **RCB** seizes four truckload goods

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) on Wednesday confiscated four truckload goods from different markets in its operation against encroachments. According to RCB spokesman, the enforcement wing on the directives of the Cantonment Executive Officer (CEO) had accelerated operation against encroachments and striving to clear different commercial areas. He said, the operation was being conducted on daily basis while permanent and temporary encroach ments were being removed. He said, encroachment material was confiscated from Saddar, Tench Bhatta, Peoples Colony, Niazi Town and other areas. He warned the shopkeepers not to encroach space on roadside and keep their goods inside shops else strict action in accordance with the law would be taken against the violators. - APP

Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Wednesday asked provinces and other stakeholders for reaching out to masses to ensure standard operating procedures (SOPs) compliance in cattle markets to contain

The chaired by Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar discussed matters pertaining to input of Model Cattle Mandis (markets) and SOPs

# Petroleum sector resolved 137,189 complaints

SNGPL resolved 125,509 complaints, out of total 127,393. As many as 108 complaints were pending with the SNGPL and it received 1,776 more complaints recently

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division (PD) and its attached departments have so far resolved around 137,189 complaints, out of 142,883 received at the Pakistan Citizens Portal, launched by the Prime Minister in October 2018 for prompt redressal of grievances against the public sector organizations. "The grievances have been resolved without any delay to the entire satisfaction of complainants," a senior official privy to petroleum sec- while 2,793 were under protor developments told APP on Wednesday.

Giving break-up, the official said, as many as 852 complaints were related to the Petroleum Division, out of which 773 stood resolved, one was under process and 78 were filed recently[new]. Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) received around 13,031 complaints of different nature through the portal and resolved 9,371 instantly,

cess and 867 were new. Similarly, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNG-PL) resolved 125,509 complaints, out of total 127,393. As many as 108 complaints were pending with the SNG-PL and it received 1,776 more complaints recently. Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) received 962 complaints, out of which it resolved 908, two were pending and  $52\,$ 

were new. Around 239 complaints were related to Pakistan Minerals Development Corporation (PMDC), who settled 238 while one was yet under process. Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) resolved 76 complaints, out of total 79, while one was pending and two new were being evaluated. Pakistan State Oil (PSO) faced 327 complaints and redressed 314, while it was looking into 13 newly filed grievances. - APP

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Four cattle markets

to be set up in

ISLAMABAD, Jul 15 (APP): The Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) has decided to setup four cattle markets at different locations in the outskirts of the federal capital ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. The cattle markets would be established at Barakahu, Taramri Chowk, Rawat and Tarnol with the implementation of the standard operating procedures (SOPs) issued by the district administration in wake of COVID-19 and Congo spread, a senior official in MCI told APP on Wednesday.

Ministry of Interior had endorsed the proposal of the Chief Municipal Office of the MCI to establish the cattle markets through open auction in the rural areas of Islamabad following the recommendations of National Command and Operation Centre to combat the spread of the coronavirus. Talking to APP Chief Metropolitan Corporation. Sveda Shafaq Hashmi said that it was responsibility of MCI to provide opportunity to citizens of Islamabad to perform their religious duties along with safety measures. All precautions would be taken at cattle markets and citizens are requested not to bring elders and children there, she added. It May be mention here that this time the city managers were setting around 4 cattle markets. while in the past, sector I-12 was the sole place for the purpose where around 5 million people make visits before Eid-ul-Azha to purchase cattle.

Meanwhile, the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration has started promoting animal sacrifices through mobile apps/online portals, aimed at saving the citizens against COVID-19 pandemic. "We are encouraging such platforms, as it would not only allow people to offer their sacrifices while staying at home, but would contain further spread of the coronavirus," said Deputy Commissioner Hamza Shafqaat while talking to APP on Wednesday. Shafqaat asked the citizens to place order only on registered and verified portals and avoid scam besides lodging complaints against fake apps on National Response Centre for Cyber Crime Federal Investigation Agency. To a query, he said there was no place in the federal capital for mass animal sacrifice, however the administration was considering for setting up a temporary slaughter house for that purpose. The citizens will book animals online to avail the facility and after mass slaughter they can collect the meat from slaughter house for distribution. - APP

### IESCO power suspension programme

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) has notified power suspension programme for Thursday for various areas of its region due to necessary maintenance and routine development work.

According to IESCO Spokesperson, the power supply of different feeders and grid stations would remain suspended for the period from 05:00am to 09:00am, Hamid Jhangi, Gharial feeder and surrounding areas. - APP

### Police Khidmat Markaz aided over 1650 citizens

RAWALPINDI: The residents of Gujar Khan have applauded the initiative of Punjab Police and efforts of City Police Officer (CPO) Rawalpindi Muhammad Ahsan Younas made for establishment of Police Khidmat Markaz Gujar Khan. According to a police spokesman, Police Khidmat Marakaz were facilitating the citizens as the main objective behind establishing the Khidmat Marakaz was to minimise the gap between citizens and the police and the Police Khidmat Markaz Gujar Khan, established recently has facilitated over 1650 citizens. Gujar Khan Police Khidmat Markaz, like other Khidmat Marakaz of the province, is making all out efforts to provide facilities to the citizens and providing driving learning permit, driving license, character certificate, personal verification and other such facilities under one-window operation.

He said, over 1650 citizens were facilitated at the center which was inaugurated by Inspector General of Police Punjab Shoaib Dastagir last month. The spokesman informed that the residents of Gujar Khan had lauded the decision to establish Police Khidmat Markaz in their area. This project was providing the citizens all the facilities under one roof, he added. The main objective behind establishing the Khidmat Markaz is to minimise the gap between citizens and the police, he expressed. He further added that these centres were also helping in improving the force's image and aiding in building trust between officials and the public. He informed that all possible arrangements had been made to facilitate the masses at Gujar Khan centre. - APP



RAWALPINDI: Motorcyclist on the way struggling to move forward during wind storm in the city. – APP

### **Thursday, July 16, 2020**

# Testing corona

T a time when the WHO has said it believes most countries in the world will struggle to manage the Covid-19 pandemic and as such there will be no early return to normal life, Pakistan's testing data leaves much to be desired. On Sunday, according to the WHO, 230,000 new cases of Covid-19 were reported from around the world.

There is no evidence the pandemic is on its way out and the WHO believes that only following SOPs such as social distancing, hand-washing and wearing masks could prevent it from getting worse. At this time, when the WHO has expressed concern about the easing of lockdowns leading to an increase in cases, Pakistan needs to amp up its testing – instead of reducing the testing rate, as is feared by some.

While the country has 99 laboratories able to test for the novel coronavirus, their per day capacity has rarely been used. The WHO believes that only aggressive testing and tracking can help understand the patterns of transmission and the virulence of Covid-19 in any country. While Pakistan had said it expected to increase testing to 100,000 a day, some reports suggest that the number has instead dropped.

This will help no one. The lack of testing may show a false reality, suggesting that Covid-19 is on the decline. At the current time, we need the most careful management and the largest amount of testing as well as the following of SOPs. We have already seen countries that have ended lockdowns seeing a resurgence of cases.

The WHO chief has said that countries which failed to follow proven methods faced enormous risks. He also said that the truth is that there may be no return to the 'old normal', and that unfortunately too many countries are headed in the wrong direction.

We hope Pakistan follows a path of caution in the face of a terrifying virus that has already claimed more than 570,000 people around the world. There have been questions about Pakistan's own death toll, with some statisticians and health experts warning that cases are rising rapidly and the death rate too will go up. The UN has also warned the Covid virus brings with it potential hunger, exacerbating already worsening trends this year.

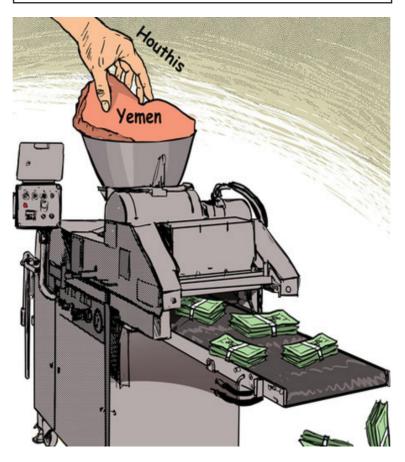
This is the reality Pakistan has to deal with. It can only do so by telling its people the truth, conducting as many tests as it has the capacity for and warning people everywhere to continue the precautions that must be taken to prevent the threat we already face turning into a catastrophe.

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# Changing scenarios

HE political scenario in the country is heating up, as the opposition - mainly the PPP - seems set to challenge the initial perceptions of the PTI as a party committed to acting against corruption and working for the betterment of the country's people.

The sheer inability of the government to manage many vital aspects of life is also being called out. In a presser on Thursday, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari questioned the PTI government both on the basis of corruption and competence. Certainly, at a wider level issues such as that of the BRT, the Abraaj Group, Malam Jabba and the different JITs and their reports have damaged the government.

Now more and more political commentators are raising questions about matters in Punjab where Imran Khan has insisted Usman Buzdar is the best possible choice as CM. But with detailed commentaries being written about the poor performance of Punjab and the headless handling of affairs by its leaders we are told that even within the federal government questions are being asked.

Punjab as the largest province in the country is closely watched by all, and political developments there have always had an impact on the entire country. At present, even those close to the prime minister are said to be pointing out possible problems with the leadership in Punjab and also its level of understanding of governance and its intricacies. It is already known that the Chaudhrys would be willing to take over Punjab. While analysts say that at this time the PML-Q may be able to offer the best leadership, the question is whether the PM and his team would accept this given the PTI majority in the province.

There are a multitude of other problems. Questions are now being asked quite openly about why NAB is quick to crack down on some but has failed to follow up on the issue of the BRT, and also other cases which involve the PTI. Most important of all, there are doubts over whether the current government is capable of carrying out the development work it promised.

Millions of rupees Imran Khan had said would pour into the country from Pakistanis living overseas have not yet arrived. The PTI government according to opponents has failed to set up a single new hospital while its plans in education are already under criticism. Many see them as impractical and unwise. These issues will continue to mount. The federal government has set itself a six-month period in which to demonstrate its ability to perform. What will happen if it fails is a matter to which we currently have no available answers.

# Five Year SCO Development Strategy until 2025

**Vladimir Norov** 



The first five-year term demonstrated the effectiveness and states. The document is a kind of road map for a decade. Each of its positions is in the national interest of all Member States, as well as in the interests of long-term joint development in the vast SCO space.

The document emphasizes that member states "respect the right to choose the path of political, economic, social and cultural development, taking into account the historical experience and national characteristics of each state, promote inter-civilization dialogue, general peace, progress, and harmony, are guided by the principles of non-interference in internal affairs, respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the SCO member states and do not support the application of unilateral measures of pressure without the approval of the UN Security Council.'

The strategy confirmed that the SCO's activities will never be directed against third countries and international associations. Member States are proceeding from the immutable principle of the SCO Charter to prevent actions against the interests of the SCO. The document clearly states that the Organization does not aspire to be a military-political bloc or an integration economic association with supranational governments. Regional security and rapid response to emerging challenges and threats arehighlighted, and the development of transport and infrastructure, energy, agriculture, finance, information and communication technology, innovation, culture, education, and the environment is highlighted in the context of economic dialogue. Much attention is paid to working together to counter modern challenges and threats, to cooperate on countering terrorism, separatism and extremism, drug and psychotropic illicit trafficking, weapons, and other transnational criminal activities. The main platform for member states to work together in this area is the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure, whose activities are aimed at coordinating the joint efforts of the competent authorities of the member states of the Organization to identify, prevent and suppress the "three evils". The issues of strengthening security in the SCO space are emphasized on joint anti-terrorist exercises and special border operations. The practical implementation of the Strategy was the signing of a wide fan of documents, which led to the strengthening of cooperation in various fields. These include the SCO Convention on Countering Extremism, the Action plan for 2018-2022 on implementation of the provisions of the Treaty on Long-Term Neighbourhood, Friendship and Cooperation of SCO Member States, SCO-member Cooperation Program in Countering Terrorism, Separatism and Extremism for 2019-2021, SCO Anti-Drug Strategy for 2018-2023 and the Programme of Action to Implement It, protocol on the SCO Contact Group. The implementation of the Strategy was the admission of India and Pakistan to the SCO. The organization has taken a pronounced transcontinental character. It has strengthened its attractiveness and high openness rating on the international scene.

ful and open activities. In addition to observer held within the Organization, which was attend-States and partners, applications for accession to the SHOS process continue to be received by the Organization.

In order to continue to work with observers and dialogue partners, the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers adopted the relevant Roadmap until 2022 in May 2019.

The SCO space is a huge market for mutually beneficial trade and economic cooperation, implementation of joint projects covering almost all sectors of the economy. In this context, trade and economic issues play a significant role in the SCO Development Strategy.

The strategy served as the basis for the signing of the SCO Multilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation Programme in 2019 in a new edition, It is a comprehensive document that meets the requirements of the modern world and takes into account the quality of the composition of ur Organization's membership.

In today's environment, the possibilities of digitalization and information and cation technologies demonstrate their high efficiency and demand. The strategy envisages cooperation between SCO countries in the development of information and communication technologies, taking into account the generally accepted and approved by the International Telecommunication Union telecommunications standards In order to further advance the partnership in this direction, the concept of cooperation in digitalization and information and communication technologies was approved at the SCO Bishkek Summit in June 2019. According to some estimates, the digital economy now accounts for about 20% of world trade and, in the context of a global pandemic, this volume could increase to 25% by 2025. In this regard, active work has been launched among SCO member states to prepare a general document on e-commerce. The Strategy also focuses on improving the transit capacity of the SCO and the formation of regional transport and transit corridors. An important area of joint work is cooperation in the field of infrastructure modernization and logistics, including by expanding the network of international logistics centers in the SCO space and forming a network of industrial clusters along transport arteries. In order to achieve these goals, we are working to develop a modern transport route system in the region. Expert work on the development of roads, the creation of an integrated transportation management system, and the interaction of railway administrations are actively progressing. More than 13 million people have been laid on the territory of the SCO countries. more than 312,000 km of railways, or almost 20% of the world's highways, operate, contributing to regional transport interconnectivity. The strategy was the impetus for the signing in 2019 in Tashkent of the Concept of Interaction of Railway Administrations (Railroads) of SCO member states, which creates a legal basis for the development of international transport corridors and the development of regional trade.

ed by filmmakers from 12 SCO families. As a result of the event, 12 agreements on cooperation in the field of cinema were signed, and new prospects for cinematic exchange and interaction of SCO countries were opened.

For five years we successfully carried out the tasks to further increase mutual tourist flows, improve the quality of tourist services, organize tourist-fairs, create new tourist routes. It should be noted that over the last period the Tourism Cooperation Development Programmein the field of tourismhas beenadopted, which aims to create favorable conditions for mutual tourist travel, tourism forums, seminars, and roundtables.

In 2019, the SCO Secretariat launched the "Eight Wonders of the SCO" project.

One of the priorities was the development of education, improving the effectiveness of scientific research of SCO memberstates. The concept of the SCO scientific and technical partnership and the Plan for Practical M Cooperation of SCO Member States' Research Institutions for 2019-2020. There is active coordination work on the implementation of the curriculum of the SCO University. International and regional sporting events were actively pursued, joint actions were taken to develop physical culture and sports, create conditions for the preservation of national sports, promote them, and promote healthy lifestyles. The Legal Platform for the Development of Such Cooperation was the Agreement on Cooperation in Physical Culture and Sports.

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development in the region and the world at large. An analysis of the results of the 2016

Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy shows that all the objectives outlined in it have been fulfilled. In this regard, Member States have begun to develop a new Action Plan for the next fiveyear term, the draft of which already includes about 150 activities, which confirms the expansion of the spheres of cooperation between SCO member states

ULY 10, 2017, marks the fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's Development Strategy until 2025. In this regard, it is important to look at this historic document in terms of its contribution to the development of the Organization and its role in maintaining peace and stability in the region and throughout the world. I will try to retrospectively tell about its meaning and filling with real content in recent years.

The document was developed following the decision of the 2014 Dusanbin SCO summit. Experts from ministries and departments, representatives of the research, and analysis circles of member states were brought in to work on it. It was solemnly signed at the UFA Summit of the SCO on July 10, 2015.

The strategy included a forecast of the development of the international and regional situation, as well as the activities of the SCO itself, its upcoming role in the region and the world. It reaffirms the commitment to the goals, objectives, and principles enshrined in the founding documents of the SCO.

The strategy can be compared to the SCO Charter and the Treaty on Long-Term Neighborhood, Friendship, and Cooperation of member

The dynamic development of SCO international contactswith UNESCAP, UNESCO, FAO, and UNW has alsobeen boosted.

On the sidelines of the Bishkek Summit in June 2019, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Astana International Financial Centre, and last November cooperation with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, FAO, was established.

This year, within the framework of the upcoming SCO summit in St. Petersburg, postponed for known reasons for this fall, along with important political documents, a number of documents are planned to strengthen cooperation with inter-Duna and regional organizations in the economic sphere.

There is a growing number of states and international organizations seeking to establish close partnerships with the SCO. As you know, four countries have observer status under the SCO, Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran, and Mongolia. Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia, Nepal, Turkey, and Sri Lanka are partners in the SCO dialogue. The authority and influence of the SCO are constantly growing and growing thanks to successThe previous 5 years were full of bright events and effective actions to expand cultural and humanitarian ties.

Particular attention was paid to the development of cultural ties within the SCO, the harmoniouscoexistence of different nationalities, the active dissemination of knowledge about centuries-old traditions and customs of the peoples of the member states of the Organization.

Much has been done by the Organization for its upcoming 20th anniversary, which will be celebrated next year.

Work has been stepped up to preserve cultural and natural heritage, including UNESCO World Heritage sites in the SCO space, the creation of registers of architectural monuments, the training of specialists in the areas of cultural heritage protection and the restoration of works of art.

A musical project "Nine Magic Notes" was implemented aimed at getting acquainted with the musical art of SCO member states. The event was attended by well-known pianists from eight SCO memberstates.

For the first time, the SCO Film Festival was

The annual SCO Kunming Marathon was a bright sporting event. Despite the fact that the marathon has a short history, the awarding of a silver license to it by the International Association of Athletics is a testament to the recognition of its demand and importance.

The Strategy places important importance on environmental cooperation. In line with its implementation, the SCO Member States' Concept for Environmental Cooperation and the SCO Urban Welfare Program was signed. For the first time, the mechanism of the Meeting of Heads of Ministries and Environmental Agencies waslaunched.

The SCO remains a priority in increasing cooperation in the field of health, including in the area of countering the spread of infectious and non-communicable diseases, responding to health emergencies. In order to achieve the goals in stages, a Plan for The Key Measures for the Development of SCO Health Cooperation for 2019-2021 was adopted.

The coronavirus epidemic has shown the increased importance of ensuring health and epidemiological well-being in the region.

In order to implement the provisions of the Strategy, a five-year action plan for its implementation was approved in 2016, which includes 75 practical measures aimed at improving the Organization's multidisciplinary activities.

The first five-year term demonstrated the effectiveness and effectiveness of the Strategy, its focus on further strengthening and developing mutual trust, promoting long-term peace and joint development in the region and the world at large. An analysis of the results of the 2016 Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy shows that all the objectives outlined in it have been fulfilled.

In this regard, Member States have begun to develop a new Action Plan for the next five-year term, the draft of which already includes about 150 activities, which confirms the expansion of the spheres of cooperation between SCO member states. In the autumn of this year, during the next 20th SCO Summit in St. Petersburg, it is planned to adopt an Action Plan to implement the Organization's Development Strategy until 2025 for the next five years.

The strategy continues to effectively promote multidisciplinary regional cooperation, political stability, security, economic cooperation, joint development, and prosperity of the SCO peoples.

The phenomenon of the successful progressive development of the SCO is that member states firmly and consistently follow the "Shanghai spirit" embodying mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, mutual consultation, respect for multiculturalism, the desire for joint development.

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# WORLD / SPORTS

# Islamabad **POST**

Thursday, July 16, 2020

# **Briefs**

### **Belarus** threatens protesters with criminal charges

MINSK: Belarus said Wednesday that protesters could face serious criminal charges after dozens were arrested at demonstrations over the removal of opposition candidates from presidential polls. Protesters took to the streets in the capital Minsk and several other cities on Tuesday evening after election officials refused to allow rivals to President Alexander Lukashenko to stand in August 9 polls.

Police said they had detained more than 250 people across the country, alleging the protests were sparked by "internet provocateurs". Many were likely to be charged with administrative violations and face fines or short jail terms.

But the Investigative Committee said it was also launching a criminal probe for organising and participating in gross violations of public order, which has a maximum jail term of three years. "Those involved in illegal activity have been detained. Their actions will be given a legal judgment," the committee said, adding that it was studying video

footage of the protests. The Viasna rights group, which monitors detentions, said 230 were detained in Minsk and dozens more in other towns. Riot police forced some to kneel on the floor of police vans and some were hit in the face, Viasna said. It said at least 32 of those detained in Minsk had been released by Wednesday morning, some with orders to appear in court on charges of violating rules on demonstrations, for which they may receive brief jail terms. – **APP** 

### Iran: 140 health workers died from virus

TEHRAN: Iran said on Wednesday that 140 of its health workers had died



LONDON: Chelsea manager Frank Lampard appreciating his players after they managed a win over Norwich City to keep their Premier League top four hopes alive. - DNA

# We have all the reserves to fight against corona: Uzbek president

### DNA

TASHKENT: The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev at a video-conference held today again separately touched upon the epidemiological situation in the country. Speaking about the ongoing efforts to contain the COV-ID-19 pandemic, the head of state noted in particular: - As you know, due to the growing number of cases of coronavirus infection in our country, we had to strength-

en quarantine conditions. Since, frankly, the whole world today is at war with this invisible enemy.

Every state, every nation that enters into this struggle takes all measures to protect its country, its population. First of all, this threat is screened, iron discipline is established.

DERBT: Pakistan test open-

er Shan Masood showed

confidence in his team and

squad has an edge over Eng-

saying that the favourable

circumstances could poten-

matches in the upcoming

In a video conference from

Derby, Shan said spinners

Yasir Shah and Shadab

Khan could turn the tables

against England with the

Test and T20I series.

spin talent.

Life and work are put on high alert. Today we are in this situation. The Republican Special Commission regularly analyzes the situation and takes all measures to contain the infection. We have all the reserves and opportunities to deal with this disease.

Most importantly, our dedicated and courageous medical workers faithfully and steadfastly carry out their work. I repeat: we must learn to live and work in a pandemic. Because life goes on. It requires us to act reasonably, with patience and unbending discipline. We ourselves see that with the least loss a pandemic leaves the country in which medical culture and discipline are strong.

We must also follow this path. Of course, over the past 4 months, our people have learned a lot. We have formed a certain experience. The analysis requires



the use of new strategies To this end, [Deputy Prime Minister Behzod] Musaev for the prevention of coroinfection, early and [Health Minister Alisher] detection of the disease Shadmanov review the curand the implementation rent test analysis procedures of therapeutic and obserand develop a system that is vational measures for paconvenient for the population. Another important istients in whom the disease sue is that local Kengashes in is asymptomatic and mild. The Republican Special regions, cities and districts, local authorities and author-Commission must promptly develop and implement ities should carefully analyze the situation in the entrusted all necessary measures in territory and, in agreement

and stability in society, dewith the Republican Commission, strengthen or soften pend on this. quarantine rules. That is why we always

Taking all precautions, we should whenever possible launch production facilities, increase productivity. For example, in rural areas the population does not live as densely as in cities. There are territories where the

disease has not spread. In these places today everyone is busy with field work, they work tirelessly. In such areas, we need to create all conditions so that rural workers can work freely and deliver their products to consumers. Because one day of summer feeds ten days of winter.

iors and strictly observe the It is no secret that starting quarantine rules. this year the problem of food in the world will be a decisive A little patience, and these issue. First of all, counteracdays are soon over. "Pation against coronavirus, and tience is the key to achievensuring the well-being of ing what you want," they say people, strengthening peace among our people.

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Kamran asked the current

selectors not to select play-

ers only on the basis of per-

formances in PSL but also

keep in mind how they had

done in the domestic crick-

et. "It will not be good if the

selection is made from the

shorter format, and that too

on the basis of just one or

two innings and not because

you were the top run-scorer

"[Similarly], if a bowler de-

livers one [good] spell or

bowl one or two balls over

140km [he is picked]. All

these experiments with Pa-

kistan cricket have caused

damage," said Kamran, who

regularly features in PSL for

He said that he was hope-

ful that keeping in view his

across all formats, the

incumbent team manage-

ment would give him a

chance to once again to

play for Pakistan. – APP

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Peshawar Zalmi.

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### **FFP circus** must end: Mourinho

### WEB DESK

LONDON: Tottenham manager Jose Mourinho says the "circus" of Financial Fair Play should end after Manchester City overturned a European ban. On Monday, City had a two-year European ban for "serious breaches" of Financial Fair Play quashed by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Cas). Managers including Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp and Mourinho have since questioned the clarity of Uefa's rules. "Consistency I like, clarity... I don't like doubts,' said Mourinho. "That is the

only thing that disturbs. My opinion about FFP doesn't change, like my opinion on VAR. "When I said a few years ago I like the concept, I like the concept. What I don't like is the interpretation of it, the people with the tools they have at their disposal. "And Financial Fair Play is the same thing. When I say it should finish, it is not because I do not agree with the basic principle. It's because I don't agree with the circus.

### New York Times to move HK staff to Seoul

### WEB DESK

HONG KONG: The New need a three-month supply York Times says it will move of food. Taking this opportunity, we express our some of its Hong Kong staff deep gratitude to our hardto Seoul as concerns mount over the implications of a working farmers and dehkans, enterprising gardensevere new security law for ers and all our compatriots the city. The US news outlet said the law "unsettled news who are selflessly working in the fields today. We organizations and created wish them strength and a uncertainty about the city's prospects as a hub for jour-At the same time, dependnalism".

Reporters will remain, but the digital editing team will relocate over time. Global media organisations often face restrictions on the mainland but Hong Kong had been an exception so far. The controversial law criminalises subversion, secession and collusion with foreign forces. "We feel it is prudent to make contingency plans and begin to diversify our editing staff around the region.'

of the novel coronavirus, with thousands of others infected, as officials urged Iranians to observe health protocols. The Islamic republic has been struggling to contain the Middle East's worst COVID-19 outbreak since announcing its first cases in mid-February. "Five thousand of our doc tors and nurses have been infected with COVID-19, and tragically, we have lost 140 of them" since the start of the pandemic, health ministry spokeswoman Sima Sadat Lari said in televised remarks. "We all owe them our lives and to honour them, we must observe health protocols."

Iran has been battling a re surgence of the COVID-19 illness, with official figures showing a rise in both new infections and deaths since a two-month low in May President Hassan Rohani also urged them to respect health regulations, in particular social distancing. "We ask the people to avoid all gatherings and to adapt the way of life to the current situation" imposed by the virus, he said during a

televised cabinet meeting Wednesday. - APP Seven killed in attacks on Mali villages

BAMAKO: Gunmen on motorcycles killed seven people in attacks on two villages in central Mali, an area plagued by jihadist attacks and intercommunal violence, a local mayor said Wednesday. The victims of Tuesday's raids were farmers from the Dogon community who were working their fields at the time, said Ali Dolo, mayor of the rural Sangha area which covers the villages

He told AFP that the assailants were the same men who have attacked other villages in past months. At least four other people were killed in June and another dozen in April in similar attacks in the Sangha area, which lies about 30 kilometres (20 miles) from the town of Bandiagara.

Central Mali has witnessed a surge in violence since 2015 linked to an Islamist insurgency and also deadly clashes between the ethnic communities of Fulani, nomadic herders, and Dogon traditional hunters. - APP

Spinners can lead Pakistan to victory: Shan Masood

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### The opener stressed that quality performance in every day of the Tests would help the side produce results

the surface and both spinners have the potential to lead Pakistan to victory. asserted that the green Yasir has a special liking for English conditions as land in the spin department, he has been picking wickets here in the past," said the left-handed opener. tially help the guests win

Following the first Test at Old Trafford (Manchester) from August 5, Pakistan is to play two back-to-back matches at the Ageas Bowl Southampton where conditions are more favourable for spin bowling.

Furthermore, Shan said that "A lot depends on the conit was too early to judge Engditions. A bit of favour from land's strength from their

current Test series against West Indies as the side returned after a long layoff. "Like every other team, English cricketers are also out there on the field following a long break. So to determine the strengths and weaknesses of any team on the basis of a few matches would not

be an intelligent guess. "We should not predetermine anything. It is too early to rate them as weak or strong. England cricketers definitely require some matches to get settled down and to get into top shape," he said.

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quality performance in every day of the Tests would help the side produce results. "Look they have eight qual-

ity pace bowlers. Everyone has the potential to take wickets. With Joe Root coming back, England's batting will be solid," he said.

# World's population likely to shrink after 50 years with a projected 2.1 births

### WEB DESK

WASHINGTON: The world's population is likely to peak at 9.7 billion in 2064, and then decline to about 8.8 billion by the end of the century, as women get better access to education and contraception, a new study has found.

By 2100, 183 of 195 countries will not have fertility rates required to maintain the current population,

per woman, researchers from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University

of Washington's School of Medicine said. Some 23 countries - including Japan, Thailand, Italy, and Spain - will see populations shrink by more than 50%, researchers said. However, the population of

sub-Saharan Africa could triple, allowing for just under half of the world's pop-

ulation to be African by the end of the century. The modeling study, pub-

lished Tuesday in The Lancet, also forecasts dramatic declines in working-age populations in countries including India and China, which will hurt economic growth and could have negative implications for labor forces and social support systems, researchers said. But as fertility declines, researchers note that immigration could offset pop-

"The world, since the 1960s, has been really focused on the so-called population explosion," Dr Christopher Murray, who from the issue of too many people to too few.'

### **UK's Huawei** optimistic **5G network ban** comeback 'disappointing' ISLAMABAD: Wicket-keeper batsman Kamran Akmal

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our children, respected sen-



LONDON: China's ambassador to the UK has called Britain's decision to ban telecoms giant Huawei from its 5G network "disappointing and wrong". The UK government has ordered companies to strip equipment from Huawei out of the system by 2027. It follows sanctions imposed by the US, which claims the Chinese firm poses a national security threat - something Huawei denies. US President Trump welcomed the UK decision, calling Huawei "unsafe".

"We convinced many countries, many countries - and I did this myself for the most part - not to use Huawei because we think it's an unsafe security risk, it's a big security risk," he said. Mr Trump made the comments as he attempted to increase pressure on Beijing by announcing an executive order ending preferential treatment for Hong Kong in response to a new security law brought in by China.

In response to the 5G network ban, Chinese ambassador Liu Xiaoming questioned whether the UK can provide a "fair" business environment for foreign firms. "Disappointing and wrong decision by the UK on Huawei," he tweeted. "It has become questionable whether the UK can provide an open, fair and non-discriminatory business environment for companies from other countries."

Huawei's chief security officer in the US, Andy Purdy, said the move was "very bad news for Huawei" but that the UK would suffer an "even greater negative impact" both financially and on the "equality of service between rural Britain and urban Britain". He told BBC Radio 4's Todav programme that Huawei hopes the UK government will reconsider its decision, and offered "additional information" to give ministers "the level of confidence that has been shaken" by the US government's sanctions. – Web Desk

# Lampard 'wants more' from team after Norwich scare

LONDON: Chelsea manager Frank Lampard says he "wants more" from his team but it "can wait" as their pursuit to secure a Champions League spot was given a boost by a narrow victory over relegated Norwich.

Striker Olivier Giroud guided a header past Tim Krul on the stroke of halftime after Christian Pulisic created space for the cross on the right. The Chelsea pair almost combined

again in the second half but Pulisic could not guide Giroud's chipped ball past Krul. Victory strengthens Chel-

sea's hold on third place in the Premier League, where they sit four points above Leicester and Manchester Unitality in our game". ed, who both play on Thursday.

"At this stage of the season results are critical and we didn't concede any chances of note to let them score," Lampard told Sky Sports.

"Where we are at as a team and where we are in the table, it is all about the result." Norwich, who were relegated following a 4-0 thrashing by West Ham on Saturday, failed to record a shot on target during the match. But

Lampard said his team "can improve' despite showing "a bit more person-

"We need to move the ball quicker and be more mobile with our rotations," he added. "We have done it in parts this season but if we want to move on, it needs to be better. But I don't want to be too critical after a win. "We didn't give them anything to worry us. We had 10-15 minutes in the second half where we were slow and I didn't like it but after that we got it back." – APP

# Pandemic and Human Rights: Uzbekistan's experience

Recommendations on identified difficulties have also been developed

### WEB DESK

TASHKENT: On 14 July 2020, in the form of video conference, a "round table" was held on the theme "Pandemic and Human Rights: the Experience of Uzbekistan". The event was organized in conjunction with the Central Asian regional office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The event was attended by members of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis, deputies of the Legislative Chamber, senior officials of ministries and departments, represent-

atives of international organizations and the diplomatic corps in Uzbekistan, civil society institutions, as well as the UN, UNDP. the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the World Health Organization, OSCE and other international organizations.

During the "round table" held online, the positive experience of implementing national measures to ensure human rights during the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Uzbekistan was discussed.

Recommendations on identified difficulties have also been developed.

led the research, told CNN. "Suddenly, we're now seeing this sort of turning point where it is very clear that we are rapidly transitioning

ulation shrinkage, particularly in countries with low fertility, such as the US, Australia and Canada.

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# **Briefs**

### Face coverings compulsory in England

### DNA

DOHA: Face coverings are to become compulsory in English shops from next week, bringing the country in line with other European nations.

England has been slow to impose the changes, favouring a supposedly "common-sense" approach to wearing masks.

But as the government tries to coax people from their homes and back to the shops, they hope making masks mandatory will help bolster the economy.

### Tracking Africa's virus cases

### DNA

NAIROBI: The outbreak of the new coronavirus has reached every nation in Africa, a continent of 1.2 billion people. As of July 15, the confirmed coronavirus death toll on the continent stood at 13,519, with fatalities including the former President of the Republic of the Congo Jacques Joachim Yhombi-Opango and Somalia's former Prime Minister

### India reimposes lockdown in cities

Nur Hassan Hussein.

### DNA

NEW DELHI: Nearly a dozen Indian states have imposed a partial lockdown in high-risk areas after spikes in coronavirus cases, with the country's infections topping 900,000 just three days after crossing the 800.000 mark.

India joins a number of countries and cities across the globe in reimposing localised lockdowns and other restrictions in the face of

**China vows retaliation against US over Hong Kong sanctions** 

China will make necessary responses to protect its legitimate interests, and impose sanctions on relevant US personnel and entities, the ministry added, without elaborating

### WEB DESK

BEIJING: China has said it would retaliate after US President Donald Trump ordered an end to preferential trade treatment for Hong Kong and signed legislation allowing sanctions over Beijing's enactment of a draconian security law in the semi-autonomous city. In a statement on Wednesday, China's foreign ministry said it "firmly opposes and strongly condemns" the Hong Kong Autonomy Act, which unanimously passed the US Congress earlier this month and approves sanctions on Chinese officials and banks over Beijing's clampdown in Hong Kong.

#### "China will make necessary responses to protect its legitimate interests, and impose sanctions on relevant US personnel and entities," the ministry added, without elaborating.

The Chinese warning came amid mounting tensions with the US - not just over Hong Kong - but also over trade, the global coronavirus pandemic, China's military buildup in the South China Sea and its treatment of Uighur Muslims in the western region of Xinjiang. Trump on Tuesday stepped up the pressure to punish Beijing for what he called its "aggressive actions" in Hong Kong, a former British colony that was returned to Chinese rule in 1997 with the promise of autonomy

# **Trump ends preferential** economic treatment for Hong Kong

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump has signed an order to end preferential economic treatment for Hong Kong, after China enacted a new security law there. Hong Kong would be treated "the same as mainland China", Mr Trump said. He also signed a law to impose sanctions on officials who cracked down on rights. China has strongly criticised the move, vowing to take retaliatory action.

The US sees the security law as a threat to the freedoms Hong Kong has enjoyed under a 1984 agreement. That special status was agreed between China and Hong Kong's former colonial power, the UK, before sovereignty was returned to Beijing in 1997. The new security law - which outlaws criticism of China's government - is the most sweeping change to the political landscape of Hong Kong since then. - DNA

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"Today I signed legislation, and an executive order to hold China accountable for its aggressive actions against the people of Hong Kong," Trump told reporters at the White House.

"Hong Kong will now be treated the same as mainland China - no special privileges, no special economic treatment and no export of sensitive technologies," he said.

"Their freedom has been taken away; their rights have been taken away.' Trump added. "And with it goes Hong Kong, in my opinion, because it will no longer be able to compete with free markets. A lot of people will be leaving Hong

### New York adds more states to quarantine list

NEW YORK: New York once the worst coronavirus hotspot in the United States added four states to its travel blacklist Tuesday, meaning those residents must quarantine for 14 days on arrival. The full list now stands at 22, with the addition of Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio and Wisconsin, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced

in a statement. Delaware has been removed from the list. The number of states on the list has nearly tripled in about three weeks - a sign of the resurgence in virus cases in several parts of the country, especially the Sun Belt.

States are targeted based on an average rolling positivity rate of 10 percent or higher, meaning 10 percent of those tested are positive for COVID-19. The list includes Florida California and Texas - the nation's three most populous states where the number of cases has exploded. New York is fourth in terms of population. - APP

### Apple removes thousands of titles from China app store

NEW YORK: More than 2,500 mobile games were removed from Apple's China app store in the first week of July, four times as many as in the same period in June, after the US-based tech giant closed a loophole to comply with Chinese licence requirements, data from Sensor-Tower showed.

travel bans China had defied

international warnings ear-

lier this month by imposing

the national security law,

which criminalises offences

it broadly defines as subver-

sion, secession, terrorism

and collusion with foreign

forces. The legislation sent

a chill through Hong Kong,

which last year saw mas-

sive, and sometimes violent.

In response, the US Con-

gress unanimously passed

the Hong Kong Autonomy

Act, which targets police

units that have cracked

down on Hong Kong pro-

testers as well as Chinese

Communist Party officials

responsible for imposing

the new security law.

pro-democracy protests.

Apple had given publishers of revenue-generating games a deadline of end-Iune to submit a government-issued licence number that allows them to offer in-app purchases, a requirement that Android-based app stores in China have long had. It was not clear why Apple had allowed the loophole to exist for so long.

#### Notable games removed from China's App Store in July so far include Supercell's farming hit Hay Day, Nonstop Chuck Norris from Flaregames and Solitaire from Zynga, according to SensorTower.

Apple did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The move comes amid worsening relations between China and the US and its allies. On Tuesday, US President Donald Trump revoked Hong Kong's special trading status in retaliation for Beijing's imposition of a security law on the semi-autonomous territory.

Meanwhile, the United Kingdom has banned Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei from providing equipment for its 5G mobile networks.

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CAIRO: CDA Mr. Shah Nazar met Mr. Farouq Hasan, head of Egypt's Startup Grind, and a lexicon on tech and startups. We explored the possibility of getting Pakistani brands on Egyptian e-commerce platforms connecting startups from both sides - DNA

new outbreaks of the dis ease that has infected more than 13 million worldwide. In all, India has more than 936,000 cases of the novel coronavirus, with 28,498 new infections reported on Tuesday, according to data from the federal health ministry, the third-highest total in the world behind Brazil and the United States.

India's health ministry stressed on Tuesday that the number of people who had recovered from the virus was higher than the number of confirmed active cases. Of approximately 900,000 registered infections, some two-thirds had recovered and been discharged from hospitals.

### Transparency concerns over India virus funds

### **News Desk**

NEW DELHI: Bejon Misra responded quickly to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal in March for donations to a new fund to strengthen the country's fight against the coronavirus.

The next day, the 69-yearold retired management professor made a donation. "It was a generous contribution because Modi is the face of it," Misra said.

Such trust in Modi is common in India, the prime minister enjoying a very high approval rating, despite coronavirus infections spik ing in recent weeks.

India on Tuesday recorded more than 28,000 cases for the second consecutive day, taking the tally to 906,752 according to the country's health ministry. More than 23,000 people have died

from COVID-19. So when the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund, or PM CARES, was launched days after India started a countrywide virus lockdown in March. donations began pouring in

and have not stopped. Retirees like Misra, industrialists, Bollywood stars and foreign companies have all pitched in. But the fund, now valued at more than \$1bn, has run into controversy over issues of transparency and accountability.

# **COVID-19: Uzbek and Chinese** experts put their heads together

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tional Relations.

and Regional Studies un-

der the President of the

Republic of Uzbekistan

Sanjar Valiyev noted that

during the fight against the

epidemiological crisis, Uz-

bekistan and China showed

their best qualities, being

responsible states with ef-

fective governance, able to

mobilize all the important

resources for the health of

He emphasized that the

President of the Republic

of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mir-

zivovev and President of

China Xi Jinping discussed

their citizens.

TASHKENT: Representatives of the Institute of Strategic and Interregional Studies (ISMI) under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan took part in an online expert conference on the topic: "Sino-Uzbek comprehensive strategic partnership in a new context," correspondent reports. The event, organized with

the support of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Uzbekistan, was attended by the leaders and leading experts of the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Institute of East European, Russian and Central Asian Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the Department for European-Central Asian Studies of China Institute of International Studies and the Institute of Euraisan

Studies of China Institutes

of Contemporary Interna- in detail, during the telephone conversation on May Cooperation issues in coun-7 this year, further steps to tering the COVID-19 panstrengthen a comprehensive demic and overcoming its strategic partnership of a consequences, prospects multifaceted nature. Based on the results of these agreefor further strengthening China - Uzbekistan coopments and on the initiatives eration in new conditions. of the heads of state, joint work has been intensified to the main areas of cooperation within the framework minimize the negative conof Belt and Road Initiative sequences of the pandemic were considered at the and to seek new opportunievent. Deputy Director of ties for mutually beneficial the Institute for Strategic bilateral cooperation.

First of all, this is an increase in volumes and the achievement of a balanced mutual trade, strengthening of industrial cooperation and implementation of innovative projects, creation of favorable conditions for the growth of freight traffic, promotion of humanitarian programs. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Uzbekistan, Jiang Yan, emphasized that in a global pandemic, by uniting forces and helping each other, the two countries served as a model

for building a community of a unified fate for mankind. According to her, Tashkent was among the first to support China by sending humanitarian aid at the beginning of the pandemic.

In turn, Beijing from the beginning of the spread of infection in Uzbekistan has sent to the Uzbek side over 41 tons of humanitarian supplies, shared its experience in countering COVID-19. All this, as the diplomat noted, became evidence of the high levinterstate relations el and the establishment of strong friendship between the peoples of the two countries. IEERCAS CASS Director, Sun Zhuangzhi, noted the important role of Uzbekistan in implementation of the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative, the high demand for proposals forwarded by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev to develop cooperation within this format for Uzbekistan and Central Asia.

Sudanese demand UAE apology

### WEB DESK

DOHA: Hundreds of Sudanese protested outside the United Arab Emirates embassy in Khartoum on Tuesday against a dubious recruitment drive to fight for renegade Libyan commander Khalifa Haftar's forces.

Demonstrators demanded an "apology and compensation" from the UAE authorities for being deceived by Emirati company Black Shield Security Services and forced to serve in Haftar's militias instead of the jobs promised as ordinary security guards.

"We demand an apology from the UAE to the Sudanese people because we are not mercenaries," said Abu Alma Ali Hamza Taha, a protester.

Ahmad Babakr, another demonstrator, threatened to take the issue to the United Nations and human rights groups "if the UAE embassy failed to respond to our demands".

### Jerusalem call for PM's removal

**Protesters in** 



TELV AVIV: Thousands of Israelis have protested in front of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's residence in Jerusalem, demanding his resignation as the government comes under fire over its handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

Some placards carried by demonstrators on Tuesday read "Netanyahu's corruption makes us sick" and "Netanyahu, resign". "The most deadly virus is not COV-ID-19, but corruption," protester Laurent Cige, who came from Tel Aviv to take part, told AFP news agency. Netanyahu was indicted in January for bribery, fraud and breach of trust in three cases. In May, he forged a new unity government after more than a year of political turmoil and insisted the charges were trumped up to drive him from office.

The next trial date at Jerusalem district court is set for July 19. Under Israeli law, a sitting prime minister is only required to resign if convicted of a criminal offence with all appeals exhausted, which in Netanyahu's case, could take several years. Protesters criticised Israel's handling of the novel coronavirus pandemic, as the health ministry announced more than 1,400 new cases recorded in the past 24 hours.- News Desk

# **SAARC Chamber hails Pakistan decision** to allow Afghanistan export

### **US** Supreme Court justice hospitalised

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"The organisation needs to work towards achieving economic, cultural and social growth of the region," he said, calling for increased level of connectivity among the SAARC member states for a prosperous region

### ABID RAZA

LAHORE: SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, an apex body in the region, Wednesday hailed Pakistan decision to allow export of Afghan goods to india through Wagha border to facilitate its transist trade smoothly.

President SAARC Chamber Iftikhar Ali Malik while commenting said that in the wake of deadly corona virus pandemic, it is result oriented fruit bearing good decision to further strengthen bilateral trade relations with Afghanistan.

He said that Pakistan has fulfilled its commitment under the Pakistan Afghanistan Transit Trade Agreement( APTTA). He said Prime Miniter Imran Khan always attached great importance to dura-

ble bilateral relations with Afghanistan and Pakistan has restored bilateral trade and Afghan transit trade at all 18 border crossing terminals to pre covid-19 position. He said its another good omen that Pakistan to enhance bilateral trade with Afghanistan reopened two more border crossings, Kharlachi in Kurram and Angor Adda point in South Waziristan districts a couple of days ago

Is the largest importer of Afghan products while Afghanistan is the 4th largest destination for Pakistan exports. He said Pakistan attaches great

to boost trade between the two

countries. He said Pakistan

importance to South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation and remained committed to its principles and objectives of its Charter.



He said Pakistan had always strived to make the regional body a vibrant vehicle for mutual cooperation based on the principle of sovereign equality. Iftikhar Malik said that SAARC

had immense potential for strengthening the economies of the member countries and to promote collaboration in various are-

as of mutual significance. "The organisation needs to work achieving economic, towards cultural and social growth of the region," he said, calling for increased level of connectivity among the SAARC member states

belief that a secure and peaceful environment in South Asia was crucial for the advancement of region's development and prosperity.

He said that SAARC Chamber would continue play a positive role in further strengthening regional cooperation and promotion of trade among state member countries.

Malik said region had all resources to become an economic giant and possessed huge mineral resources to get rid of the economic ills. Reiterating his earlier stance, he said Imran will utilize his best leadership flair and available resources for the promotion of trade and industry in South Asian region.

He said that after the closure of all boarders to prevent the spread of covid 19 India had started an air corridor with Kabul for imports and exports which proved very expensive and chambers of either countries and government of Afghanistan had also requested Pakistan for resumption of trade after implementing covid-19 protocols. SAARC chamber would try bridge the trade gap and strength trade relations in the region for sustainable economic development by fully utilizing the potential natural resources of each other he concluded.

WASHINGTOM: United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was admitted to a hospital on Tuesday morning for treatment of a possible infection, a court spokeswoman said. "The Justice is resting comfortably and will stay in the hospital for a few days to receive intravenous antibiotic treatspokeswoman ment.' Kathy Arberg said in a statement. Ginsburg, 87, was ini-

tially seen at a hospital in Washington, DC, on Monday night after experiencing fever and chills. She underwent a procedure at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore on Tuesday afternoon to clean a bile duct stent that was placed last August.

for a prosperous region. He said Pakistan had advanced its







# **Turkish embassy commemorates Democracy and National Unity Day**









### **Briefs** China reports 6 new virus cases

### WEB DESK

BEIJING: China has reported six new coronavirus cases for July 14, up from three cases a day earlier, the health authority said. All of the new infections were imported cases, the

# Chinese technology-based sowing of maize & soybean completed: report

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ISLAMABAD: Chinese technology-based sowing of maize and soybean under intercropping system for next season has almost completed at Koont Research Farm, Chakwal, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday. "In the coming month's first

week, we will complete other demonstrations' sowing work," said Muhammad Ali Raza, the post-doc of Sichuan Agricultural University (SAU) who is promoting the advanced Chinese agricultural technology in Pakistan.

soybean and maize reach 1,304 kg/ ha and 8,596 kg/ha respectively. Meanwhile, the total benefits substantially expand because of soybean's high economic returns as it can be processed for extracting oil or manufacturing feed, etc. Under the intercropping system, farmers can grow soybean without curbing

the cultivation of maize. Next season many new demonstrations are going to be built in more places including Vehari,



AAUR Professor Dr. Muhammad Ansar, Deputy Director of Agriculture Department Dr. Zameer Kiani will be in charge of these demonstrations. The total area of demonstrations will reach about 11 hectares with an increase of nearly 221%.

In addition, according to Sajad Hussain, another SAU student who is looking after the demonstration in Layyah, high temperature resistant cultivars of

the assistance related to this intercropping tech, by the year of 2020, 47 Pakistani students of AAUR have got scholarships from SAU under the MoU signed durwith Ali in 2018.

ing Prof. Yang's visit to Pakistan It should be noted that this intercropping system shows excellent ecological sustainability. Due to the fixation of nitrogen by soybean, next season's crops will en-

**'Work in** progress to build **ICUs in** hospitals'

#### DNA

LAHORE: Chairman Nation al Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Lieutenant General Muhammad Afzal says work is in progress to build ICUs in hospitals in different cities of country. Talking to newsmen in La-

hore on Wednesday, Chair-

man NDMA said fourteen

hundred thirty five beds

have been reserved for

National Health Commission said in a statement. There were no new deaths. China also reported four new asymptomatic patients, down from five a day earlier.

### PM, FM condole death of VC Nishtar University

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Wednesday extended his condolences to the families of Vice Chancellor Nishtar Medical University Mustafa Kamal Pasha and his former school-fellow Nadeem Mumtaz, who died due to COVID-19. The prime minister, in a tweet mentioned that both passed away as a

result of coronavirus. Shah Foreign Minister Mahmood Qureshi also expressed his grief over the death of famed surgeon and Vice Chancellor Nishtar Medical University Dr Pasha Mustafa Kamal Pahsa, saying he was "heart-stricken". "Professor Dr Mustafa Kamal Pasha became a victim of the coronavirus while fighting against it," he said, adding that the services of the deceased would always be remembered. - APP

### Slave trader's statue replaced

### WEB DESK

LONDON: A sculpture of a Black protester with her fist raised in the air has been erected in place of a 17th Century English slave trader whose statue was toppled by anti-racism demonstrators last month in Britain's port city of Bristol.

Edward Colston, who made a fortune from trading in West African slaves, was pulled down and thrown in the harbor last month by anti-racism protesters demonstrating in the wake of the death of African-American George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis on May 25. The death of Floyd led to protests for racial equality and police reforms across the United States and around the world.

The maize-soybean intercropping system just achieved bumper harvest. In Bahawalpur, the yields of

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ISLAMABAD: Senate Com-

mittee on Rules of Proce-

dure and Privileges in its

meeting discussed three

privilege motions by Sena-

tors Mushahidullah Khan

The meeting was held with

Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq

in the chair and was attend-

ed among others by Sena-

tors Mushahidullah Khan,

Pervaiz Rasheed. Dilawar

Khan, Mian Raza Rabba-

ni, Salahuddin Tirmzi, Asif

Kirmani, Waleed Iqbal, Min-

ister of State for Parliamen-

tary Affairs Ali Muhammad

Khan, and senior officers

from concerned ministries.

The privilege motion by Sen-

ator Mushahidullah Khan

against the Ambassadors

and other concerned officers

posted in Pakistani missions

at Doha and Paris was dis-

posed of after the Commit-

and Salahuddin Tirmzi.

Rawalpindi and Pakpatan in cooperation with PMAS-Arid Agriculture University (AAUR), National Agricultural Research Center (NARC) and Rawalpindi Agriculture Department, etc.

Senate body discusses

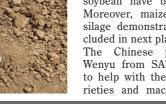
cial engagements.

tific Officer Dr. Ashiq Saleem,

Besides Ali, NARC Senior Scien-







soybean have been found out. Moreover, maize-soybean based silage demonstration will be included in next plan. The Chinese professor Yang Wenyu from SAU will continue

to help with the technology, varieties and machinery. Besides

this technology, they can produce soybean easily for times in one year and get fertile soil. After some years, it will reduce

Senegal resumes

international

flights

International commercial flights

for repatriation had continued to

depart and arrive intermittently

DAKAR: Senegal resumed international flights on

Wednesday, four months after severing air links because

An Air Algerie flight arrived at Dakar's international

airport at midnight Tuesday and six other flights were

scheduled to depart and arrive throughout the day, ac-

Passengers departing for the West African country are

required to present proof from an approved laboratory

that they have tested negative for coronavirus within the

The certificate has to come from a lab in the country

"I can confirm that everything is going well," the minis-

try's director of air transport, Omar Khassimou Dia, told

AFP. International commercial flights for repatriation

had continued to depart and arrive intermittently in Da-

Senegal lifted its state of emergency and curfew, im-

posed in March to stem the spread of the virus, at the

kar after the closure of air borders in March.

Land and sea borders remain closed.

cording to the Ministry of Air Transport.

of the coronavirus pandemic.

previous seven days.

end of June. - DNA

where the trip originated.

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coronavirus patient while the application rate of artificial nimedical kits are being protrogen application," Ali explained about this eco-friendly beneficial vided to doctors and Para cycle, the report added.

medical staff. Houthi missile hits Yemen residential area

The launch of this ballistic missile. the statement said, is an intentional escalation towards civilians

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RIYADH: The Iran-backed Houthi militia fired a ballistic missile on Tuesday targeting civilians in the governorate of Marib.

Coalition spokesman Turki Al-Maliki said the continued Houthi violations to international humanitarian law by firing missiles on civilians and population areas threatens the lives of hundreds of people. The launch of this ballistic missile, the statement said, is an intentional escalation towards civilians inside Yemen and in the region.

three privilege motions tee was assured that the new directive to the ministry of SOPs put in place after the communications to conduct incident of negligence will an inquiry and report back be followed in letter and as to who was responsible spirit and whenever any Parfor the callous attitude and liamentarian is going on any delay as well as loo into how official visit or conference the owners of the land can the Pakistani mission in that be compensated. The mat country will hold briefings ter was referred back to for the delegation and will the Standing Committee on accompany them in the officommunications. The Privilege motion by

The Committee also direct-Mushahidullah Senator Khan regarding baseless ed the Foreign Office to get a written apology from the allegation of dues of Rs. concerned embassies and 2700000 against him on account of his stay in Punsubmit to the Committee. Regarding the privilege mojab House Islamabad was tion against the Secretary deferred till the first audit Communications for not meeting is held and the following the recommenname of Senator is cleared dations of the Senate Comfrom the allegation since all mittee on Communications the documentation available regarding the payment to shows that the Senator did not occupy the said room the land owners whose land was acquired for the nor did ask for anyone else construction of road from to stay there in his place Kaghan to Babusar Top in and all dues for the time 2019, the Committee dishe was actually there have posed of the matter with a been cleared.

### US firm's vaccine trial to enter final stage

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WASHINGTON: A US firm has said it will soon start final-stage human trials for a possible vaccine.

The vaccine developed by the US pharmaceutical company Moderna has proved safe and provoked immune responses in all 45 volunteers in phase-one trials. The last stage of the trials is expected to begin later this month and will involve recruiting 30,000 participants in the US.

Half will receive the vaccine, while the other half are given a placebo.

Researchers will then track them over two years to determine whether they are protected against infection by the virus. Or, if they do get infected, whether the vaccine prevents symptoms from developing.

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Turkish people thwarted coup to save democracy

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indoctrinated a large group of radical followers, who carried out the instructions of the organization's leadership unquestioningly and violated all legal and moral norms. Ambassador said in the past

three years, the fight against FETO both inside and outside Turkey has constituted one of the main priorities of our State. Within Turkey, our efforts are being conducted under three pillars: a) Firstly, on the basis of the rule of law, the perpetrators of the 15th of July coup attempt have been brought to justice. b) FETO's organizational structure within governmental institutions has been unveiled; administrative and judicial procedures have been initiated against its members and hence the "par-

allel state structure" has been brought down. Ambassador Ihsan Mustafa thanked people of Pakistan and Pakistani governments for standing shoulder to shoulder with the people of Turkey by extending whole hearted

press in words. support. He said the FETO organization also made inroads into Pakistani society by

establishing schools. The ambassador also lauded role of the District Administration led by Deputy Commissioner Hamza Sahfqaat, which moved immediately and closed down all such schools in one single day.

The ambassador thanked the government of Pakistan and people of Pakistan who outright rejected ideology of the terrorist organization and put a ban on all these schools when the Turkish government

requested for that. Ambassador Mustafa further said this the moment which has been entrenched deep into our hearts, which I cannot ex-

Hamza Shafqaat the Deputy Commissioner also spoke on the occasion and paid glowing tributes to Turkish people who bravely thwarted coup attempt. He said Turkish people live in the hearts of Pakistani people. The DC assured that people of Pakistan would always stand side by side with its Turkish brothers and sisters whenever there is a need for that. A pictorial exhibition was also arranged on the sidelines of the ceremony highlighting valiant struggle of brave Turkish people who rejected the coup and saved the democratically elected government of Republic of Turkey.