







## Briefs

## ATC adjourns hearing in Rawal lake

ISLAMABAD: An anti-terrorism court (ATC) in Islamabad 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 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 ticket to every violator. — 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. Both museums administered 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 encroachments 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



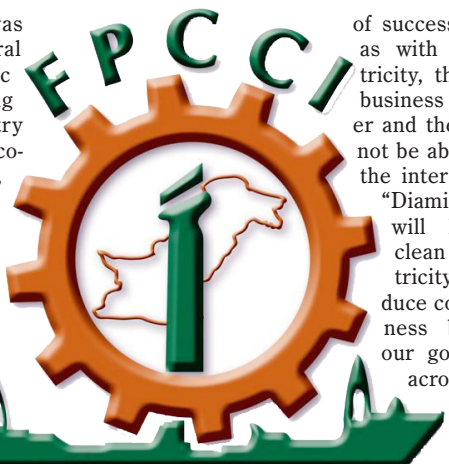
ISLAMABAD: Mayor Karachi, Mr. Wasim Akhtar called on President Dr. Arif Alvi at Aiwan-e-Sadr. — DNA

## 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 hydropower 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 also been abundant 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

## NCOC directs to ensure compliance on SOPs in cattle markets

ISLAMABAD: The National 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 spread of coronavirus. The NCOC meeting chaired by Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar discussed matters pertaining to input of Model Cattle Mandis (markets) and SOPs compliance.

Speaking on the occasion, Asad Umar stressed upon the strict administrative action for complying with SOPs to mitigate the impending risk of coronavirus outbreak in cattle markets. "There should be no mask no entry in the cattle markets and officials should strictly enforce it and monitor the entry and exit points of the cattle markets. There should also be stalls at the entries of the markets to provide masks to the visitors." Sindh Chief Secretary told the meeting that contain-

ing the risk of pandemic outbreak on the occasions of Eid-ul-Azha and Muharram was a major challenge where the SOPs shared by the NCOC were conveyed to all of the district and divisional administrations to devise strategies to enforce strict implementation on the guidelines. Balochistan Chief Secretary informed the forum that there were almost 20 cattle mandis established in Quetta whereas 3-5 markets were set up in various cities of the province. Punjab Chief Secretary

informed the forum that around 303 cattle mandis would be established in the province from July 15-25 with proposed timings from 9 a.m to 6 p.m. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Secretary said a total of 191 cattle markets would be established in the province whereas no mask no entry with mask distributing stalls at the entrance was already implemented. He added that the district administrations were directed to avoid complacency in enforcement of SOPs. — APP

## Four cattle markets to be set up in Islamabad

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, Syeda 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

## 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 Sulman 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 Nash-o-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 preparations for the establishment of 31 Nash-o-Numa centers 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

## 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

## Petroleum sector resolved 137,189 complaints

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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 offi-

cial privy to petroleum sector 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,

while 2,793 were under process and 867 were new. Similarly, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (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. 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

## 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 Markaz were facilitating the citizens as the main objective behind establishing the Khidmat Markaz 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 Markaz 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



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.

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.

Iran: 140 health workers died from virus

TEHRAN: Iran said on Wednesday that 140 of its health workers had died of the novel coronavirus, with thousands of others infected, as officials urged Iranians to observe health protocols.

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.



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.

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.



To this end, [Deputy Prime Minister Behzod] Musayev and [Health Minister Alisher] Shadmanov review the current test analysis procedures and develop a system that is convenient for the population.

with the Republican Commission, strengthen or soften quarantine rules. Taking all precautions, we should whenever possible launch production facilities, increase productivity.

and stability in society, depend on this. That is why we always need a three-month supply of food. Taking this opportunity, we express our deep gratitude to our hard-working farmers and dehkans, enterprising gardeners and all our compatriots who are selflessly working in the fields today.

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.

New York Times to move HK staff to Seoul

WEB DESK

HONG KONG: The New York Times says it will move some of its Hong Kong staff to Seoul as concerns mount over the implications of a severe new security law for the city.

Spinners can lead Pakistan to victory: Shan Masood

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

DERBT: Pakistan test opener Shan Masood showed confidence in his team and asserted that the green squad has an edge over England in the spin department, saying that the favourable circumstances could potentially help the guests win matches in the upcoming Test and T20I series.

the surface and both spinners have the potential to lead Pakistan to victory. Yasir has a special liking for English conditions as he has been picking wickets here in the past," said the left-handed opener.

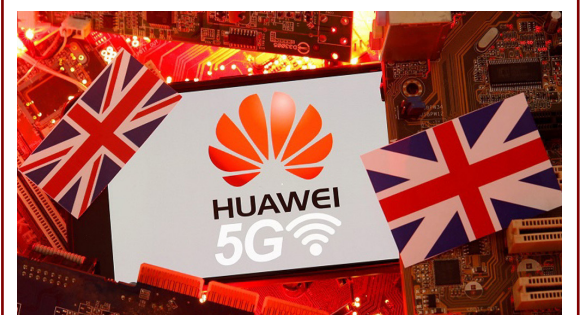
current Test series against West Indies as the side returned after a long layoff. "Like every other team, English cricketers are also out there on the field following a long break.

The opener reminded that despite England's lacklustre performance in the first Test against the Windies, the hosts have a top-notch pace attack which could easily dominate the Men in Green.

Akmal optimistic to make a comeback

ISLAMABAD: Wicket-keeper batsman Kamran Akmal is optimistic to make a comeback to the national side at the back of his consistent performances. "If you look at my performance in domestic cricket and PSL (Pakistan Super League), you'll find it has been up to the mark.

UK's Huawei 5G network ban 'disappointing'



LONDON: China's ambassador to the UK has called Britain's decision to ban telecoms giant Huawei from its 5G network "disappointing and wrong".

World's population likely to shrink after 50 years

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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.

with a projected 2.1 births per woman, researchers from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington's School of Medicine said.

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

ulation shrinkage, particularly in countries with low fertility, such as the US, Australia and Canada. "The world, since the 1960s, has been really focused on the so-called population explosion," Dr Christopher Murray, who led the research, told CNN.

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.

sea's hold on third place in the Premier League, where they sit four points above Leicester and Manchester United, 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.

Lampard said his team "can improve" despite showing "a bit more personality in our game." "We need to move the ball quicker and be more mobile with our rotations," he added.

Pandemic and Human Rights: Uzbekistan's experience

Recommendations on identified difficulties have also been developed

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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".

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.



# Turkish embassy commemorates Democracy and National Unity Day



## Briefs

### China reports 6 new virus cases

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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 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. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi also expressed his grief over the death of famed surgeon and Vice Chancellor Nishtar Medical University Dr Pasha Mustafa Kamal Pasha, 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

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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.

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

DNA

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

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, Rawalpindi and Pakpatan in cooperation with PMAS-Arid Agriculture University (AAUR), National Agricultural Research Center (NARC) and Rawalpindi Agriculture Department, etc. Besides Ali, NARC Senior Scientific Officer Dr. Ashiq Saleem,



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 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

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 during Prof. Yang's visit to Pakistan with Ali in 2018.

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 enjoy better soil. "If farmers follow this technology, they can produce soybean easily for times in one year and get fertile soil. After some years, it will reduce the application rate of artificial nitrogen application," Ali explained about this eco-friendly beneficial cycle, the report added.

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

DNA

LAHORE: Chairman National 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 Lahore on Wednesday, Chairman NDMA said fourteen hundred thirty five beds have been reserved for coronavirus patient while medical kits are being provided to doctors and Para medical staff.

## Senate body discusses three privilege motions

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Senate Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges in its meeting discussed three privilege motions by Senators Mushahidullah Khan and Salahuddin Tirmzi. The meeting was held with Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq in the chair and was attended among others by Senators Mushahidullah Khan, Pervaiz Rasheed, Dilawar Khan, Mian Raza Rabbani, Salahuddin Tirmzi, Asif Kirmani, Waleed Iqbal, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Ali Muhammad Khan, and senior officers from concerned ministries. The privilege motion by Senator Mushahidullah Khan against the Ambassadors and other concerned officers posted in Pakistani missions at Doha and Paris was disposed of after the Commit-

tee was assured that the new SOPs put in place after the incident of negligence will be followed in letter and spirit and whenever any Parliamentarian is going on any official visit or conference the Pakistani mission in that country will hold briefings for the delegation and will accompany them in the official engagements. The Committee also directed the Foreign Office to get a written apology from the concerned embassies and submit to the Committee. Regarding the privilege motion against the Secretary Communications for not following the recommendations of the Senate Committee on Communications regarding the payment to the land owners whose land was acquired for the construction of road from Kaghan to Babusar Top in 2019, the Committee disposed of the matter with a

directive to the ministry of communications to conduct an inquiry and report back as to who was responsible for the callous attitude and delay as well as loo into how the owners of the land can be compensated. The matter was referred back to the Standing Committee on communications. The Privilege motion by Senator Mushahidullah Khan regarding baseless allegation of dues of Rs. 2700000 against him on account of his stay in Punjab House Islamabad was deferred till the first audit meeting is held and the name of Senator is cleared from the allegation since all the documentation available shows that the Senator did not occupy the said road nor did ask for anyone else to stay there in his place and all dues for the time he was actually there have been cleared.

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

DNA

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.

## 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 of the coronavirus pandemic. An Air Algérie flight arrived at Dakar's international airport at midnight Tuesday and six other flights were scheduled to depart and arrive throughout the day, according to the Ministry of Air Transport. 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 previous seven days. The certificate has to come from a lab in the country where the trip originated. "I can confirm that everything is going well," the ministry's director of air transport, Omar Khassimou Dia, told AFP. International commercial flights for repatriation had continued to depart and arrive intermittently in Dakar after the closure of air borders in March. Land and sea borders remain closed. Senegal lifted its state of emergency and curfew, imposed in March to stem the spread of the virus, at the end of June. - DNA

## Houthi missile hits Yemen residential area

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

DNA

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.

## 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 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 Sahfgaqt, 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 express in words. Hamza Shafqaqt 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.

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