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ANSAR M BHATTI

ISLAMABAD: The outgoing Ambassador of People's Republic of China Yao Jing has recognized Pakistan's role in regional peace and stability adding dialogue among various Afghan factions could be possible only with the help of Pakistan. The Chinese ambassador made these remarks in a farewell reception he hosted for the media people. The Chinese ambassador delivered an emotional speech saying he was leaving Pakistan with a heavy heart. Ambassador Yao Jing also supported Pakistan's stand on the Kashmir issue

Army Chief lauds services of Yao Jing

NAVEED MIRAJ / DNA

ISLAMABAD: The Chief of Army Staff, Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa has thanked Chinese Ambassador, Yao Jing for his services and appreciated his contributions for fostering strong ties between the two countries and support towards defense / security cooperation, handling of COVID Pandemic and stance on Kashmir. He stated this while hosting a farewell dinner in honor of the outgoing ambassador Yao Jing, on Thursday. During the interaction matters of mutual interest, regional security and enhanced bilateral cooperation came under discussion. The Chinese Ambassador Yao Jing appreciated and acknowledged Pakistan's positive role in the region. He also pledged to play his role for further improvement in diplomatic cooperation between both countries. Ambassador Yao Jing is leaving Pakistan after completing his term. In this regard he is having farewell meetings with top leadership of Pakistan.

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The ambassador said he served in Pakistan for almost three years and leaving next Thursday. He said he spent total 13 years in Pakistan in various capacities adding his total diplomatic career spanned over 15 years out of which he spent 13 years in Pakistan. He added, China and Pakistan relationship has been growing with the each passing day and hoped it will further be strengthened in the days to come. He appreciated efforts of the incumbent government of Prime Minister

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ISLAMABAD: Outgoing Chinese ambassador addressing reception he hosted for Pakistani media. - DNA

Reko Diq stay a great relief: Asim Bajwa

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Chairman CPEC Authority Asim Saleem Bajwa has said the Reko Diq Stay order by the World Bank tribunal on \$ 6 billion award vs Pakistan is great relief. Meanwhile PM Imran Khan has directed to fully support GOB for accelerated development of the mineral sector in a transparent manner, structured system, best tech, involve local investors and develop own HR.

Use of force in IIOJK failed: FM

SAIFULLAH

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has reiterated that Kashmir dispute cannot be solved by the use of force. In a statement in Islamabad on Friday, he said strategy of India, which has been using force against the Kashmiri people for the past seven decades, has totally failed. The Foreign Minister said India tried to use force to gag the voice of the Kashmiris through draconian laws and restrictions. He said there is no precedent of the atrocities that have been committed in Indian illegally occupied Kashmir since August 5 last year. He made it clear that India cannot succeed in resolving the dispute by these atrocities. Shah Mehmood Qureshi said the Kashmiri people bury their martyrs in Pakistan's national flag, which proves that they have not accepted Indian steps. The Foreign Minister said Prime Minister Imran Khan will highlight the Kashmir issue in his upcoming address to the UN General Assembly.

India's call for Queen's Counsel refused

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Friday categorically rejected any possibility to allow a Queen's Counsel by India to represent its spy Kulbhushan Jadhav, currently on a death-row in Pakistan. "Allowing a Queen's Counsel for Jadhav is out of question as only a lawyer with license to practice in Pakistan can appear before the court," Foreign Office Spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudri said at a press briefing here at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

India has recently called for appointment of a Queen's Counsel or an Indian lawyer in the case of serving

Senior Indian diplomat summoned

DNA / NAVEED MIRAJ

ISLAMABAD: A senior Indian diplomat was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today to register Pakistan's strong protest over ceasefire violations by the Indian occupation forces along the Line of Control (LoC) on 17th September 2020, resulting in serious injuries to three innocent civilians. Due to indiscriminate and unprovoked firing by the Indian occupation forces in Hotspring and Jandrot Sectors of the LoC, 15 year old Irum Riaz s/o Muhammad Riaz; 26 year old Nusrat Kausar w/o Abdul Rauf; and 16 year old Mukheel s/o Muhammad Hussain, residents of Andrala Nar Village, sustained serious injuries.

Jadhav was arrested from Balochistan in 2016 and was handed over death sentence by a military court after his confession of involvement in terrorist activities.

Briefs

PM Imran to address UNGA on Sept 25

IBRAR KHAN

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan will address the UN General Assembly session on Friday next. Addressing weekly news briefing in Islamabad on Friday, Foreign Office Spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudri said due to restrictions imposed by the local administration in New York, there will be no in-person high-level participation from outside.

Verdicts on petitions postponed

ISLAMABAD: An Accountability Court (AC) on Friday postponed its verdicts till Sept 23, on petitions of former president Asif Ali Zardari seeking dismissal of supplementary references pertaining to mega money laundering, Thatha Water Supply and Park Lane Company. AC-II Judge Azam Khan on Thursday had reserved its judgment after listening arguments from both sides at large. - APP

Sindh delays reopening of secondary schools

ATHAR SUFI

No change of plan: Shafqat

KARACHI: Sindh education minister Saeed Ghani on Friday announced that the reopening of schools for sixth, seventh and eighth graders is being delayed over fears of the spread of COVID-19 as educational institutes have been observed to have failed in enforcing safety protocols. Ghani said that students from these grades will be asked to rejoin school on September 28, subject to if the COVID-19 situation improves. "Our purpose is not to shut down schools permanently [...] we simply seek for them to mend their ways when we see they are not fulfilling their responsibility.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Education Shafqat Mahmood on Friday denied any change in plan over the phase-wise reopening of the schools across the country and said that a meeting would be held on September 22 before the resumption of other classes of schools in the second phase. His remarks came after the Sindh government today announced to postpone reopening of schools in the second phase amid a surge in COVID-19 cases across the province. "Our timetable is not yet changed," said Shafqat Mahmood adding that they had decided unanimously over the resumption of academic activities in educational institutes in early September. - DNA

They should follow through with the commitments made. "And the following of safety protocols is not to be done for our satisfaction. Our children go to these schools. It is a question of their health and safety," the education minister underscored. Ghani said that children's health cannot be gambled away for the sake of saving the losses incurred by schools and the loss of learning for children that has accumulated since the outbreak.

PIA seeks Saudi's nod to operate 28 more flights

Saudi citizens would be able to freely move in and out of the kingdom

ABID RAZA / DNA

LAHORE: The Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has approached Saudi authorities requesting permission to operate 28 more flights to Saudi Arabia in view of the increasing number of passengers intending to travel to the kingdom. According to a spokesperson, the airline expects to get a nod of approval in a day or two. After possible approval, the PIA will increase its flight to the kingdom, he said. He said the PIA administration is in constant touch with Saudi authorities. The national flag carrier had cut back on its

Pak-Saudi flights with operating just 23 flights to the kingdom in a week because of travel restrictions brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. It is noteworthy that Saudi Arabia has decided to lift travel restriction in the kingdom from January 1 2021. The kingdom's interior ministry announced that airports, ports, and border routes will be made operational from January 01. Saudi citizens would be able to freely move in and out of the kingdom while citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council states, as well as expatriates and their dependents on valid visas, will be allowed to enter the Kingdom effective from Sept. 15.

Pakistani envoy lauds Chinese companies' work

CRCC has built several major projects under CPEC in Pakistan, including the Phase II project of Thar Coal Mine and the Karakoram highway reroute project of Dasu Hydropower Station

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BEIJING: Pakistan's ambassador Moin ul Haque here lauded the achievements of China Railway Construction Corporation (CRCC) in doing its socio-economic work in Pakistan, says a report published by Gwadar Pro. During his meeting with Wang Jiping, chairman of CRCC, he noted the Chinese side is doing well while working with China Metallurgical Corporation of China (MCC). The two sides exchanged views on strengthening cooperation on infrastructure projects. CRCC has built several major projects under CPEC in Pakistan, including the Phase II project of Thar Coal Mine and the Karakoram highway reroute project of

Dasu Hydropower Station. Mr. Haque said CRCC had built many quality projects for Pakistan. In the period of COVID-19 pandemic, CRCC and the people of Pakistan have helped each other, demonstrating the responsibility of Chinese companies. He hoped that CRCC takes an active part in Pakistan's infrastructure construction. He believed that bilateral cooperation will yield fruitful results. Haque last week also met Wang Jicheng, the chairman of MCC. They exchanged views on epidemic prevention and control, production and operation, current difficulties and future planning of Saindak Mine in Pakistan. Haque said that when the Pakistani government met lots of difficulties to develop the Saindak mine, it was the prompt decision



of MCC to contract for infrastructure construction and lease the operation that broke the impasses. During the epidemic, MCC once again offered assistance by donating supplies to Balochistan province and local people. The Ambassador expressed his gratitude and fully affirmed the achievements of MCC. He said that in Pakistan, where the epidemic has raged, the Saindak project has not only kept the infection-free in project field, but also kept normal construction and production, sustaining the livelihoods of local families. Haque said, "Pakistan and China have a good tradition of helping each other and going through thick and thin together. As long as we are firm in our confidence and face up to difficulties, we will surely overcome difficulties."

Bilawal invites Nawaz to virtually attend APC

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ISLAMABAD: PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari invited on Friday former three-time prime minister Nawaz Sharif to virtually attend the opposition's All Parties Conference (APC) scheduled to take place on September 20. Bilawal took to Twitter to announce that he had enquired after Nawaz's health and invited him to attend the conference which will be hosted by the PPP. "Just spoke to Mian Mohammad Nawaz Sharif. Enquired about his health. Also invited him to virtually attend opposition APC, hosted by PPP, on 20th September," tweeted the PPP chairman. Opposition parties including the PPP, PML-N and the JUI-F have said that they will use the platform to try to come up with a joint strategy focused on ousting the incumbent government.

NAB to file appeals in high-profile cases

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ISLAMABAD: Chairman National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Justice (ret'd) Javed Iqbal on Friday said that they have no association with any political party, group or an individual as they strictly believe in the policy of accountability for all. "Our association is only with the state of Pakistan," he said adding that they are striving to get rid of corruption and recover the looted amount. The chairman said this in the backdrop of a meeting held today at the NAB headquarters, where it was decided to file appeals for cancellation of bills in various high profile cases. The appeals would be filed after acquiring attested copies of the bail from the concerned courts.

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KPK: CS kicks off anti-polio

PESHAWAR: Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Dr Kazim Niaz has reiterated strong government's commitment for polio eradication and said protection of children from the crippling disease remained the topmost priority of the government. He expressed these views while inaugurating three days anti polio drive here at Police Services Hospital on Friday. Additional Secretary Health (Polio) & Coordinator EOC Abdul Basit, DG Health, Dr Niaz Muhammad, Deputy Commissioner Peshawar, Ali Asghar, Director EPI, Dr Saleem, representatives of health department, WHO, UNICEF, N Stops and BMGF were also present on the occasion.

Talking to media persons on the occasion, Dr Kazim Niaz said that a good turnaround has been made in the fight against polio despite challenges as we had 53 wild polio cases last year whereas we now have 22 cases in the province. He paid rich tributes to the frontline workers for waging a war against polio and for visiting house to house to vaccinate and protect our children from lifelong paralysis. Coordinator EOC Abdul Basit, while briefing the media, said that a total of 6.41 million children will be administered polio drops in the campaign. A total of 28528 total teams have been constituted out of which 25410 are mobile teams, 1091 transit teams, 163 roaming teams while vaccination will also be carried out on 1864 fixed sites, he added. He informed that some necessary adjustments have been introduced in operational strategies with the objective to further minimize the risk of spread of coronavirus that include provision of masks and hand sanitizers. — APP

Govt, SBP asked to support manufacturing sector

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KARACHI: President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Friday lauded the government and SBP for supporting the manufacturing sector and asked to take more steps to strengthen this sector. This sector is providing jobs to ten million people but its share in the GDP has contracted to 14 percent which must be noticed, he said. Mian Zahid Hussain said that manufacturing is on the decline while the undocumented economy is expanding creating problems and dragging down the quality of products. Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that this critical sector is overtaken while it is also facing the increased cost of doing business, unnecessary interference by different agencies and dumping from different countries which is a result of flawed trade deals. He said that textile is the largest subsector of manufacturing which absorbs almost 53 percent of the undocumented labour that are getting lesser pays than those working in the formal sector.

RCCI elects Nasir Mirza as President unopposed

According to Election Commission no nomination papers were received against the said three members for three seats i.e President, Senior Vice President and Vice President hence election commission declared the said candidates as winners

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RAWALPINDI: Muhammad Nasir Mirza elected unopposed as President of the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) for the year 2020-21. The 3-member RCCI Election Commission consisting of Malik Zahoor, Fazlurrahman Malik and Sheikh Hafeez Ahmad announced the winners in this regard in a meeting held here on Friday. The announcement of newly elected

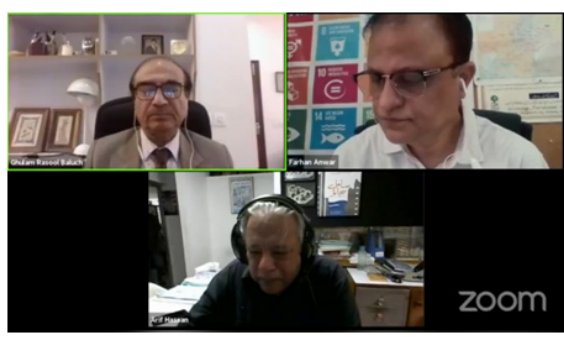
Senior Vice President Usman Ashraf and Vice President Shahriz A. Malik were also made. Newly elected office bearers will take charge on October 1, 2020.

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presidents Najam Rehan, Dr Hassan Saroosh, Jali Malik, Raja Amer Iqbal Mian Humayun Parvez and representatives of trade associations felicitated the newly elected office bearers and hoped that new body will leave no stone unturned for the betterment of the business community. RCCI President also expressed hope that the new team under the leadership of Nasir Mirza will continue the legacy of RCCI and outperform in safeguarding the interests of the business community.

Panelists call to evolve Karachi's urban master plan



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KARACHI: A great deal of thinking and resource planning is required when developing an urban plan of a city," said Mr. Arif Hasan, urban planner, and architect. He was speaking at the webinar, "Urban Flooding in Karachi - Reasons & Remedies". It was organized by the Global and Regional Studies Center at the Institute of Business Management (IoBM), Karachi. Prof. Dr. Noman Ahmed, Dean Faculty of Architecture & Management Sciences (AMS), NED University, and Mr. Farhan Anwar, Urban Sustainability Planner were among the panelists. Ambassador Ghulam Rasool Baluch was the moderator. During his preliminary comment, Ambassador Ghulam Rasool said that Karachi is a megacity without

an urban master plan despite the city being a financial hub of Pakistan. While commenting on the topic, Mr. Arif Hasan said that the recommendations for developing the master plan in Karachi were not implemented. He said that the research required to prepare the master plan was inadequate while the city's ecological aspects along the coast were ignored when the city population began to expand. Mr. Hasan called for the evolution of Karachi's master plan along with developing a viable strategy to do so. Dr. Noman Ahmed shared a historical perspective of Karachi and how it evolved into a megacity. He mentioned how the British before the partition divided the native city from the modern city. He suggested that rainwater reservoirs should be built on unused land in Karachi so it can be utilized in landscaping and plantation.

More than 1600 women prisoners in Pakistan

MUHAMMAD TAHIR

FAISALABAD: A human rights organization Irshad Parkaash President, Adara Samaji Bahadood to the statistics of the various prisons in Pakistan at present including 13 foreign women. There are more than 1,600 female prisoners who are facing various cases. These cases include murder, kidnapping, drug trafficking. In Punjab, the largest province of Pakistan. At most about a thousand women are prisoners. Punjab accounts for 70% of total female prisoners 20% Sindh, 17% are in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 2% are in Balochistan jails. About 70.7% of women prisoners, or 750 cases, are pending in various courts.

Ali Akbar Gujjar, superintendent of Faisalabad District Jail, said At the District Jail, we have provided the best facilities for women prisoners. Women prisoners who love to read. We have brought him Islamic books. The best lady doctor is available to treat them. And the best management of medicine. Women who are incarcerated for minor crimes. They pay their fines out of their own pockets and get them

released. There are a total of 103 women prisoners in Faisalabad. There are 98 married women. 05 are unmarried. Among female prisoners by age 02 female prisoners 10 to 20 years, 19 prisoners 20 to 30 years, 58 prisoners 30 to 40 years, 23 prisoners 40 to 50 years, and 01 prisoner is 50 to 60 years, old. Out of 37 jails in Punjab, Rawalpindi Central Jail has the highest number of women prisoners. The lowest number of women in Toba Tek Singh District Jail in Punjab is 4.

In terms of crime, the highest number of 450 women are imprisoned for murder. Punjab Advocate Mohsin Raza Malik, Advisor to Chairperson, Child Protection and Welfare Bureau. Eight women have been executed so far in Pakistan's 70-year rule. The first execution was carried out in October 1958 on a woman named Ghulam Fatima. The last execution was in 1985 in Jhelum Jail for two women. No women have been hanged since then. There are currently 99 jails

in Pakistan, including Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. Including four women prisoners. A Punjab Jail ie Women's Jail, Multan. And three prisons in Sindh province, namely women's prisons, Larkana, Women's Jail, Karachi. And special women's prisons. Hyderabad. During the rule of former President General (retd) Pervez Musharraf. More than seven prisons for women prisoners were approved in principle. But since his government left, it has not been implemented.



Online service launched in Punjab to promote construction sector: CM

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LAHORE: On the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar, an online service has been launched for the promotion of the construction sector.

Usman Buzdar said following the success of modern one-window system for obtaining construction-related NOCs and permits, the Online Platform has been launched. Permits for the builders, developers, architects and domestic as well as commercial construction will now be available with a single click.

In order to create economic stability and ease of doing business in the province, the Punjab government has introduced E-Governance based Departmental Reforms. Furthermore, the one-window platform has been activated under a strategy for the economic stability of the construction sector after giving it the status of an industry. This one window platform established at e-khidmat centres is a milestone towards solving people problems besides builders, developers and architects



issues related to the construction and transform Punjab into a hub of the construction business. Now, approval of the maps of residential and commercial projects, construction completion certificates, NOC for changing in land use and permits for the private societies all are being provided by e-khidmat centres. He said that following the success of the one-window system, this system has been digitalized completely on the instructions of Prime Minister Pakistan. He said that on-

line portal www.construct.f.punjab.gov.pk/login has been launched with the collaboration of Punjab information & technology board. He said that the scope of one-window services has been extended to the doorstep of people. Now, people can get construction-related services through an online portal while sitting at homes. He said that the Punjab government had introduced Approval Regime Punjab on an emergent basis and the concerned department and agencies have been made bound that NOCs

and permission should be issued to the complete applications within a stipulated time.

He said that 30 days have been fixed in this regime for the approval of the map and construction completion certificates, 45 days for the NOC of change in land use and 60 to 75 days have been fixed for the permits of the residential societies.

Earlier, months and years were required for the completion of the same task. This system is a historic initiative to digitally connect LDA, GDA, RDA, FDA, MDA, PHATA, Local Govt. (Metropolitan Corporation).

The applicants will not have to contact different agencies for the permits of residential schemes and domestic construction. Usman Buzdar further maintained that the government is creating ease for doing business which will boost the investment besides generating new opportunities for employment. One-window system and the online portal is an important step to eradicate bribery culture and red tapeism, CM concluded.

Uzbekistan opens its borders from Oct 1

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ISLAMABAD: For those entering Uzbekistan by air, the following rules are established.

Persons who have been in the "green countries" in the last 14 days are allowed to enter the territory of Uzbekistan without restrictions. These countries include China, Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea, Georgia, Hungary, Finland, Latvia, Austria and Japan.

Persons arriving from the "yellow countries" (Azerbaijan, Belarus, the United Arab Emirates and the EU countries (with the exception of Great Britain and Spain), as well as from the "red countries" (all other countries of the world) are allowed into the territory of Uzbekistan only if they have a negative PCR test, produced in the last 72 hours. In the absence of such a test with a negative result, the passenger will not be checked in for the flight to Uzbekistan. If a passenger arriving in Uzbekistan has

not passed the test, or has symptoms of coronavirus, then he takes the test at the checkpoint at his own expense.

If the result is negative, he is sent to a hotel or home quarantine for 14 days.

If positive - to a quarantine center in Uzbekistan at his own expense or returns to the country of arrival at his own expense. Persons entering the Republic of Uzbekistan through automobile and pedestrian checkpoints on the border with Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan are subject to the same conditions as for passengers from the "red countries": a negative PCR test result and a 14-day quarantine in a hotel or at home. In the absence of a certificate, they take the test at their own expense at the checkpoint and are sent to quarantine.

There are no travel restrictions for citizens of Uzbekistan. Each country in the world independently decides whether to accept the citizens of Uzbekistan or not.

Motorway police rescue abducted woman

RAWALPINDI: Motorway police on Friday helped rescue an abducted woman and three children in Mandra area. According to a Motorway Police spokesman, Motorway police chased a taxi bearing registration number LXF 9255, after hearing voices of a woman and three children who were crying for help. The police intercepted the taxi in Mandra area and arrested both the abductors namely Sohail Idrees and Shehbaz. Motorway Police also recovered a 30 bore pistol from their possession. Later, the abductors were handed over to District police. The woman with tears in her eyes thanked the Motorway Police for immediate action and foiling the abduction bid, the spokesman added. — APP

Punjab seeks other provinces' help

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LAHORE: As Abid Ali, one of the two men believed to be the culprits of the motorway gang rape still remains at large, Punjab police have shared his details with other provinces' law enforcers to help nab him.

"The police seem clueless about the whereabouts of Abid despite the passage of more than a week since the incident was reported on Sept 9. Shafiq Ali, the other prime suspect in the case, was arrested on Monday. Sources relayed Punjab police shared all relevant details of the absconding suspect with the police departments of other provinces, seeking their help in arresting him besides setting up check posts at the entry and exits of the province to prevent possible cross-border movement of the suspect. They said police teams are in touch with law enforcers of various cities and the arrested suspects in the case are being investigated to trace Abid. Policemen in plain clothes have also been deputed at shrines to arrest him in case he is spotted there.

On September 9, the woman along with her children was waiting for help on the Lahore-Sialkot motorway after her car ran out of fuel when she was forcefully brought out of the car at gunpoint and gang-raped in Gujarpura area on the outskirts of the provincial capital.



RAWALPINDI: Turkish Red Crescent arranged a dinner for the inmates of Anjuman Faizul Islam. — DNA

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Police Welfare Center helping cops

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi District Police Department on the directive of City Police Officer (CPO) Rawalpindi Muhammad Ahsan Younas is making all out efforts to resolve issues of the cops, submit applications at Rawalpindi Police Welfare Center established here to provide relief to police personnel. According to a police spokesman, as many as 2014 cops submitted application at the center here for resolution of their departmental issues. He said, the constabulary is the real face of the police department which represents the police department by its words, deeds and conduct while performing its duties at offices, police stations, highways or other points. In order to further enhance their performance, it was decided to set up Police Welfare Centre in the style of Police Service Centre to provide quick and expeditious relief to the police personnel regarding departmental issues as each application has to be solved in mentioned deadline. The Police Welfare Centre was activated here to provide relief to the cops, he added. — APP

Five gamblers booked during raid

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ATTOCK: Five gamblers were booked besides recovering bet money amounting Rs11000, Motorcycle, Cell phones and others from their possession and arrested during raids at their gambling dens in Tehsil Jand of attock. Spokesman of police informed that in a crackdown against the anti social elements Jand Police station got information that some people were busy in playing gambling in the area during course of action police arrested the Five gamblers identified as Aftab Ayub, Asem Shehzad, Saqlan and Sajid besides recovering Rs11000, Four Motorcycles worth Rs 240000, Five Mobile phones worth Rs 14000 were confiscated. Police registered case against all of them under gambling act.

PARC for chemical free olive oil

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ISLAMABAD: Olive cultivation on commercial scale was initiated in Pakistan through Italian funded project back in 2012. Following the encouraging results, Government of Pakistan launched a PSDP-funded project "Promotion of Olive Cultivation on commercial scale in Pakistan" during 2014. According to an estimate about 2.90 million plants on 25,600 acres has been planted so far under various projects. Olive Fruit is being harvested in considerable quantity in Pakistan and it is the need of hour to provide olive processing units in major olive growing region to facilitate the farmers at their doorstep and to ensure that economic benefits of the olive cultivation can directly be passed to the farmer.



ISLAMABAD: Participants of the media workshop with Executive Director WMC Fauzia Shaheen and Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, Chairman Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs. — DNA

No big hospital sets up in capital in last 25-30 years

The minister told Senate that establishment of Islamabad General Hospital at Tarlai was approved by CDWP at total cost of Rs. 2499.993 mln. Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) approved grant assistance of Rs. 75,000,000 (Equivalent to Rs. 2,000 mln) for this project

ISLAMABAD: State Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Ali Muhammad Khan on Friday informed the Senate that no big hospital has been established in the federal capital for last 25-30 years after Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS). Responding to various supplementary questions during Question Hour, the minister said there was dire need of setting up another big hospital in public sector. Many patients from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab also regularly

visited public sector hospitals in the Federal Capital, he added. He said Establishment of Islamabad General Hospital at Tarlai was approved by CDWP at total cost of Rs. 2499.993 million. Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) approved grant assistance of Rs. 75,000,000 (Equivalent to Rs. 2,000 million) for this project, he added. He said in Financial Year 2016-17, Rs. 100.000 million including Rs.50.000 million FEC was allocated to this project. The minister said that such hospital

was expected to be completed by June, 2019 where the construction work was started from the boundary wall by PWD in October 2016, but due to litigation by some local land mafia it was delayed for 2 years being subjudiced in the court. Presently the boundary wall was complete, the approach roads from the Lehrtar road and Park Road are also complete while gates are installed, all work was done through GOP funds of the project amount, he said. To another question, Ali Mu-

hammad Khan said out of total 302,424 Coronavirus patients, as many as 290,261 Coronavirus patients have been recovered so far. He said effective steps were taken to control the pandemic which was also acknowledged worldwide. Paying tributes to doctors and paramedic staff, the minister said that they did wonderful job during the pandemic despite limited resources. He said international institutions were doing research to control the pandemic while our own scientists and institutions

were also carrying out research to prepare vaccine in this regard. The minister said assistance was provided to 10.6 million families under Ehsas Programme during COVID-19 adding that more share was given to Sindh province than its specified ratio during the pandemic. To a separate question, the minister said Drug Control Section of the Health Department, Islamabad has seized 24 different expired drugs from 05 different premises/firms during last one year. — APP

PM Imran Khan's move to empower youth hailed

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ISLAMABAD: Samina Fazil, founder President, Islamabad Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IWCCI) on Friday lauded the move of Prime Minister Imran Khan to empower the youth. Kamyab Jawan Programme's Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme (YES) is a great initiative to empower the youth and women entrepreneurs which will result in rapid national development, she said. Speaking at an awareness

session regarding Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme, organised by IWCCI, she said that entrepreneurship should be included in the

curriculum at all levels. She said that businesswomen should be provided all the facilities and display centres should be opened

at district level so that they can become self-sufficient. Sixty-two million youth deserve special attention, as they are our future and the government move in that direction is praiseworthy. Speaking at the occasion, President IWCCI Farida Rashid and others said that majority of women are linked to services sector which has faced heavy losses due to coronavirus-linked lockdown. Now, the economy is getting better and the government can consider helping them so that their businesses can survive, they demanded.



IG Prisons Sindh lauds AIOU free education for inmates

ISLAMABAD: Inspector General Prisons and Correction Service, Sindh, Kazi Nazir Ahmed Friday issued directives to all Jail Superintendents of the province to coordinate with Regional centres of Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) for ensuring maximum number of admissions of prisoners in various academic programmes of the university offered in the current semester. According to a press release, the IG Prisons during a meeting with

Atif Farooq Solangi, in-charge Model Study Center, Malir, Karachi highly appreciated the role of Allama Iqbal Open University in promotion of education, especially provision of free education to prisoners. He viewed that education brought change both at individual and societal levels. Education would help the inmates in becoming useful citizens of the country, he hoped. Atif Solangi briefed the high-ups of Sindh Prisons and Correction Ser-

vice regarding Allama Iqbal Open University efforts for promoting education in general and provision of free education facility to inmates confined in different prisons throughout the country. He informed that besides other poor and marginalized strata of the society Allama Iqbal Open University offered free education to prisoners to bring positive changes in them at affective and psychological levels. — APP

Hotel One Airport to open in Karachi



KARACHI: To redefine the modern travel experience by opening a brand-new hotel near Jinnah International Airport in Karachi, Hashoo Group has collaborated with Ghani Builders & Developers (Pvt) Ltd. Hashoo Group is the leading and largest chain of hotels in Pakistan, whereas Ghani Builders & Developers (Pvt) Ltd, one of the most trusted names in real estate development and construction. For this, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the two companies on Thursday, 17th September 2020. The MoU was signed by Mr. Haseeb A. Gardezi, Chief Operating Officer, Hashoo Group Hospitality Division, and Mr. Jawed Iqbal, Managing Director Ghani Builders & Developers (Pvt) Ltd. At the MoU signing ceremony, Mr. Haseeb A. Gardezi said, "Hotel One is the fastest growing chain of select-service hotels in Pakistan which is contributing to the economy by providing jobs and by strengthening the tourism infrastructure by providing affordable accommodation. We are pleased to collaborate with Ghani Builders & Developers (Pvt) Ltd, for the opening of the upcoming Hotel One next to the Karachi airport. The hotel is sure to offer a comfortable travel experience, a convenient location for domestic and international travellers along with a wide range of facilities." He further said: "Our investors have full confidence in Hotel One's management model and we are also very focused delivering maximum returns to them which is why in the near future you will Insha Allah find Hotel One in every city of Pakistan." — DNA

Ullemas urged to give sermons on cleanliness

RAWALPINDI: Prayer leaders and heads of mosques were asked to emphasize convince people to emphasize more on the matter of cleanliness in their sermons to contain Dengue virus. Anti-Dengue and cleanliness awareness activity was carried out in the mosques of F-Block, Satellite Town where the communication teams of Albarak asked the Imam Masajid & Khateeb to disseminate the cleanliness message and precautionary measure regarding dengue fever in the Khutbat-e-Juma and in other religious congregations.

The objective of the activity was to reach out to a maximum number of people, in order to educate the general public about the precautionary measures for dengue to get rid of it, spokesman said. They were moreover told that with their co-operation with the company would lead to a "Clean & Green City". They were asked that for co-operation purposes to mindful the general public to put the waste in the waste bags or dump it into the waste holders of company or handover it to sanitary worker. — APP

IHC reserves decision in tezgam train case

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Friday reserved its judgment on a petition pertaining to investigation of tezgam train incident and payment of compensations to the victim families. Justice Mohsin Akhter Kiyani of IHC conducted hearing on the case and reserved the decision after listening arguments from both sides at large. The petition was filed by jurist foundation. At the outset of hearing, the counsel for Pakistan Railways pleaded that his department had paid compensation to the families of those victims whose DNA was matched. The injured people had been given Rs 50,000 to Rs 100,000 compensation, he said adding that the passengers who received deep injuries were given Rs 300,000 to Rs 500,000. The lawyer said that all victims had been given compensation under the process. He informed the bench that railways had installed scanners everywhere after the incident and now no one was allowed to carry unnecessary things. — APP

ADC inspects anti-dengue activities

RAWALPINDI: Additional Deputy Commissioner Maham Asif Friday said that all resources are being utilized for eliminating dengue and concerned departments are fully mobilized for carrying out the task. During a visit to Rehmatnagar and its adjacent areas to inspect anti-dengue activities, she directed the health officials that surveillance activities for tracing of larva and its eradication be expedited so that growth of dengue larvae could not spread. On the occasion, the ADC also interacted with the public and inquired about the performance of field teams. She called upon the residents to keep an eye on vacant plots and under construction buildings which lead to spread of dengue larvae. — APP

Portuguese envoy for enhancing trade

Delegation of Handicrafts Association of Pakistan called on ambassador of Portugal, both sides discussed cooperation between Pakistan and Portugal in the field of handicraft and promotion of bilateral trade

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ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Handicraft Association of Pakistan, consisting of Chairman Fahad Barlas, former Chairman Khurshid Barlas and Senior Members Amin Rehman Mohsin Khalid, called on Portugal Ambassador in Islamabad. On the occasion, they discussed cooperation between Pakistan and Portugal in the field of handicraft and promotion of bilateral trade. Fahad Barlas said that Pakistan's handicrafts are very popu-



lar in different countries, particularly in Portugal. Portugal's Handicrafts Exhibition can also be held. Portugal's Ambassador to Pakistan Paulo Neves Pochinho said that Pakistan and Portugal have deep friendly relations and various efforts are being made at the diplomatic level to further strengthen these relations and boost bilateral trade. More effective measures can be taken at the grassroots level for enhancing bilateral ties. He further showed deep interest in the handicrafts of Pakistan.

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Briefs

Int'l Day of Peace to be marked on Sep 21

ISLAMABAD: Like other parts of the globe, United Nations' (UN) International Day of Peace will be marked on September 21 (Monday) across the globe including Pakistan to recognize the efforts of those who have worked hard to end conflict and promote peace.

The International Day of Peace also a day of ceasefire – personal or political, dove a symbol often associated with the International Day of Peace.

On the International Day of Peace, also known as Peace Day, people around the world take part in various activities and organize events centered on the theme "peace". Events vary from private gatherings to public concerts and forums involving large audiences. Activities included Interfaith peace ceremonies, A toast for peace, A peace choir, Lighting candles, Peace prayers, A peace convoy of vehicles, Tree planting for peace, Art exhibitions promoting peace, Picnics for peace, Peace walks.

People from diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds also commit to organizing an International Day of Peace Vigil. Some groups observe a minute of silence at noon in every time zone across the world on Peace Day. – APP

Govt. successfully tackled climate challenges

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)'s Senator Faisal Javed Friday said that Pakistan has turned its green ambitions into reality by achieving UN Climate Action Sustainable Development Goal (SDG-13), a decade ahead of the 2030 deadline. "This is an outstanding achievement for Pakistan to attain the crucial 'Goal 13 Climate Action' well before the 2030 deadline", he expressed these views while talking to a private tv channel. "With this milestone, he said that Pakistan has demonstrated its commitment to the clean and green future besides contributing global efforts to tackle the challenge of climate change. The Senator said that Imran Khan's continuous efforts and initiatives of large-scale afforestation, biodiversity conservation, investment in clean energy, electric vehicles and green jobs to combat climate change impacts have earned the country worldwide acclaim.

Chinese envoy says Pak played key role in Afghan talks

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Imran Khan in preserving and strengthening bilateral relations. Talking about CPEC the ambassador said CPEC will continue despite all ifs and buts. Initially CPEC had four areas first Gwadar, second infrastructure third power projects and fourth industrial development. However four more sectors have been added to the CPEC ambit that include agriculture, social sector, science and technology. He said Orange line shall also be made operational in a few days while various power sector projects have either been completed or in the process of completion. The ambassador said we do welcome positive criticism that seeks to help us further improve and streamline projects nevertheless there are some people who do criticism just for the sake of criticism. "We do reject such kind of criticism or remarks but not with words but with our actions, work and contributions to the economy" he added. The ambassador said apart from CPEC there are other areas also where both China and Pakistan have been cooperating adding our relationship in fact continues since seven decades. He said China always favours and supports regional connectivity because that is the only way to achieve various developmental goals. The Chinese ambassador also lauded govt efforts in improving the security situation in Pakistan. He said Pakistan is now a safe place to live and invest. He said he will miss Pakistan and great hospitality extended to him during his three years. He wished Pakistan and people of Pakistan success and prosperity.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the Netherlands posing for a picture Ambassador of UAE Hamad Al Zaabi. – DNA

PTCL concludes Justuju internship program for PWDs

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) successfully concludes Justuju, an exclusive internship program for 'Persons with Disabilities' (PWDs). The six weeks internship included a broad range of tech-based learning and professional development features, where PTCL directly mentored 20 interns based in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi. The selected interns were differently-abled with either hearing, speech, visual impairment or restricted mobility. PTCL facilitated interactive sessions for the interns with Sign Language Interpreters provided by its technical

partner 'Deaf Tawk'. The mentors provided weekly scorecard review on time management, official communication, task delivery, organizational/functional knowledge and Microsoft Teams. The program further included one-on-one feedback on the interns' CVs and their professional profiles on LinkedIn. The aim was to equip them with

professional skills necessary to kick-start their career in the corporate world. Speaking about the internship program, Syed Mazhar Hussain, Group Chief Human Resource Officer, PTCL & Ufone, said, "With the Justuju program, PTCL endeavors to enable Persons with Disabilities and hone their skills so that they can be

well-equipped for today's competitive working environment. We encourage them to use their unique approach and critical thinking for problem solving and decision making. PTCL being a national company endorses and practices inclusivity where all individuals can contribute to business growth and country's economy." Due

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APC for seeking NRO: Kanwal Shauzab

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf MNA Kanwal Shauzab said that the opposition parties have no public agenda and All Parties Conference (APC) was being held to seek NRO-like deal but the government would not bow to the blackmailing tactics of opposition parties. Talking to a private news channel, she claimed that the purpose of opposition parties to convene APC was only to put pressure on the government to get National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO), adding, opposition just making APC a fun for safeguarding their personal interests. She said Imran Khan's gov-

ernment is not going to give any relaxation on corruption and actions against corrupt elements will be remain continue. Prime Minister Imran Khan is an honest and hardworking leader and he will continue strict accountability, she said, adding, PM categorically said that the government will not bow down before blackmailing tactics. She criticized that the Pakistan Peoples Party's Sindh government had turned the mega city of Karachi into ruins, and the constituencies of the opposition parliamentarians are being especially targeted, adding Asif Ali Zardari should only focused it and work for the people in his own constituency.



ISLAMABAD: Outgoing President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Muhammed Ahmed, Malik Solhail Hussain in a picture with Mayor of Islamabad Shaikh Anser Aziz. – DNA

Islamabad police starts drug awareness session

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ISLAMABAD: The federal capital police started drug awareness session in educational institutes to educate the students on the harmful effects of drugs.

The teams of Islamabad police were holding seminar in schools, universities and colleges across the city for the prevention of drug abuse, following the directions of Inspector General of Police Aamer Zulfiqar Khan.

According to police spokesman, Superintendent of Police, (Industrial Zone),



Zubair Ahmed Sheikh along with Assistant Superintendent of Police, Nasrullah Ranjha Friday visited Islamabad Model College for Boys sector I-8/3 and sensitized the students on the

harms of drug use. He urged the participants to avoid drugs and participate in healthy activities as a healthy body can sustain a healthy mind. The SP asked the students to

pay full heed to their studies and work hard to brighten the name of their country. Zubair Sheikh also shed light on the functioning of police departments that how the personnel were performing their duties to protect the lives and properties of the citizens.

The official of counter terrorism department, lady police, traffic police, special branch and others were also present on the occasion.

Professor Saeeudullah Khan, the college principle appreciated the efforts of Islamabad police and hoped that such activities would continue in the future.

Dr Faisal visits ICT's schools to examine SOPs

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination Dr Faisal Sultan on Friday visited various schools of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) to examine the observance of standard operating procedures (SOPs) related with protection from the COVID-19. During his visit to educational institutions, he also examined the arrangements made by the school and college administrations to ensure observance of SOPs issued by the government on coronavirus. On the occasion, Dr Faisal Sultan said that the government has decided to have strict monitoring of schools and colleges after re-opening of education-

al institutions in the country. He said that the government has already taken effective measures as per its strategy to control COVID-19. He added it is the responsibility of the government to protect school children from coronavirus. Dr Faisal said that the schools administration, teachers and parents will have to adhere to the instructions. He said that in case of any violation of SOPs, such educational institution will be closed. He made it clear that all schools would have to strictly follow the SOPs like social distancing, hands sanitizing or washing, wearing of face masks etc. Besides schools' administration, the role of parents was also crucial to ensure implementation of the SOPs.

Chuhan urged for reforms in justice system

ISLAMABAD: Punjab Information Minister Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Chohan Friday

urged upon the political parties and judiciary for collective efforts for bringing reforms in criminal justice system. Talking to a private news channel, Chohan said such reforms would also be helpful in ensuring speedy justice to rape victims in the country. He said government was taking judiciary on board for ensuring speedy justice to rape victims added that amendments were being made in judicial system where trial in such cases will be conducted without any delay.

Chohan said that criminals have no mercy for women added that exemplary punishments would be awarded to rapists.

Pakistan Post to organize 'Open Courts'

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Post will hold 'Khuli Katchery' (Open Courts) online for resolving the complaints of postal services clients every month. According to a notification issued by Directorate of Pakistan Post, Director General Pakistan Post, Postmaster Generals and circle heads would hold such complaint redressal forums online through Zoom application in their respective circles on first Saturday of every month from 11 am to 12 pm.

The initiative was taken on the special directives of Prime Minister Imran Khan and Ministry of Communications and Postal Services. The high ranking officers based in all provinces including Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir would hold the such courts. – APP

Motorway police to recruit more: Murad Saeed

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Communication Murad Saeed on Friday informed the Senate that as many as 1200 persons, recruited in Motorway were under training while around 5000 more persons would be recruited in Motorway police.

Responding to various supplementary questions during Question Hour, the minister said Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway was in bidding process while Quetta-Chaman-Karachi Motorway was at planning stage. He said western route of Balochistan was a dream which was now being turned into reality. Similarly, work on Kohat - D I Khan Motorway was also underway, he added.

The minister said Shorkot interchange has been operational since 2nd February 2019. However the vehicles have to exit at Shorkot Interchange due to Segregation of Toll. Toll on M-4 was collected in two sections separately i.e. from Pindi Bhattian to Shorkot and from Shorkot to Multan through two different operators, therefore, the toll revenue at Shorkot Interchange/Toll Plaza needed to be segregated, he said. – APP

Deteriorating state of education harmful for country

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ISLAMABAD: Senior academics and experts, including four vice chancellors of different universities from across Pakistan have termed unchecked governance deficit and institutional deterioration of education sector, especially higher education, in the country as two of the biggest domestic challenges, cautioning that failure in addressing these issues can prove extremely destructive for the nation. These apprehensions were shared at the annual meeting of the National Academic Council (NAC) of Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Islamabad. The session was chaired by Executive President IPS Khalid Rahman and addressed by Ambassador (r) Shamsah Ahmed Khan, Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, former federal secretary, Dr Anis Ahmad, vice chancellor, Riphah International University, Prof Dr Anwarul-Hassan Gilani, vice chancellor, University of Haripur, Dr Fateh Muhammad Burfat, vice chancellor, University of Sindh, Dr Syed Tahir Hijazi, vice chancellor, Muslim Youth University, Dr Syed M

Junaid Zaidi, executive director, COMSATS University, Dr Adnan Sarwar Khan, former dean of social sciences, University of Peshawar, Dr Abdul Rauf Rafiqi, director, Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai Chair, University of Balochistan, Dr Noreen Saher, chairperson, Department of Anthropology, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Fasih Uddin, former chief economist of Pakistan, Mirza Hamid Hasan, former federal secretary, Air Cdr (r) Khalid Iqbal, and Amanullah Khan, former president, Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

It's worth mentioning here that IPS-NAC is a supervisory consultative body comprising renowned intellectuals, scholars, academicians and field experts from across Pakistan brought together on one platform to deliberate matters of national significance and in turn help steer the Institute's research work with their guidance. The speakers raised various governance-related issues prevailing in the country, maintaining that the government's machinery depends heavily on bureaucracy and hence it was important for the latter to play their part positively.



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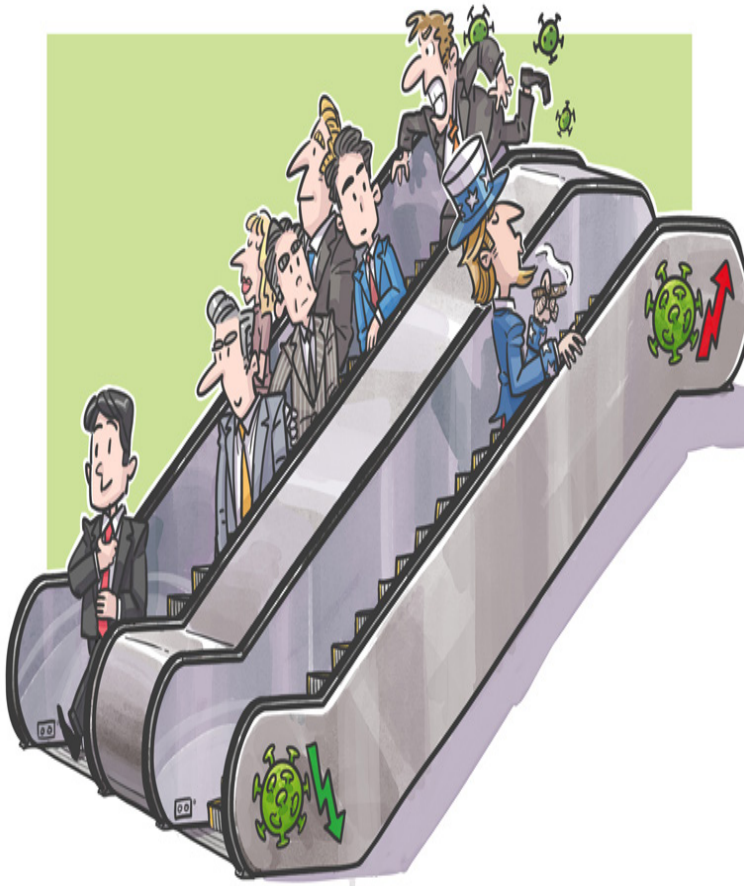
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Wheat crisis deepens

THE recent meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet failed to finalize a wheat import plan amid a rise of two percent in the price in the last week because Punjab is refusing to pay the price of import, and insists on not paying more than Rs 1400 per 40 kg. The plan is to import 1.5 million tons of wheat to overcome the shortage created when Punjab and Sindh failed to achieve their wheat acquisition targets in 2019, but wheat export was still permitted by the federal government, which then faced a public outcry after the staple became short in the market. The refusal of the Punjab to pay more than a certain price is based on the simple fact that it doesn't have the money. The federal government says it doesn't either. In that case, if the wheat is imported at high prices, it will not lower the price of wheat. The federal government does not seem to have thought the importation out, for it was announced, perhaps to give the impression that the federal government was doing something about the crisis, but without thinking through to issues like who would put up the Rs 75 billion needed for the import, who would pay the Rs 22.5 billion needed to bring the price down to local levels, or the demand and supply position. The PTI government has developed an attitude of kicking the can down the road, of announcing solutions involving future action, and only when the time comes for finding out there are objections to be met and fresh problems to be solved. This amateur method of dealing with issues of governance cannot go on for all that much longer, not without coming unstuck. While this is not a sound method of approaching any problem of governance, it is absolutely dangerous when handling a national staple. It might be politically galling for the present government, but there is no credible method in this crisis for the government to indulge in its favourite pastime of blaming its predecessors. After all, it itself made all the decisions in this case. Assumptions of dishonesty or incompetence cannot be avoided.



Parliamentary farce

WE have turned parliament into a kind of farce. Indeed, it acts as a kind of place which is better suited to the hosting of performance rather than the passing of important legislation. Generally, the moves we have seen have involved the government passing a bill in the National Assembly, only to have the opposition lock it in the Senate. This has sometimes been followed by a joint sitting of both houses in which the bill has been passed amid strong opposition protests. The opposition has an overall majority, when both houses of parliament are set together. It has 226 members compared to the government's 216. However, even though the order of business concerned the entire nation and its economy, only 200 members from the government and 190 members from the opposition were able to appear in the House to cast their ballots. In the final run, the government achieved a huge victory by being able to pass even the more controversial bills. The question is: why are we not able to bring legislators into the House at least for the most important occasions? Why are they so indifferent to their duties? What precisely are their duties and why do they ignore them? The whole matter is one that could take on very serious dimensions in the future. The opposition has defended itself against the prime minister's strong accusatory speech, claiming complete victory in parliament. If the opposition had been able to persuade all its members to temporarily put aside other functions and duties and appear in the House, we may have had a more relevant debate on the entire matter. As it happened, this was not possible. The manner in which parliament and parliamentary duty is taken is saddening. This has to change. The government has indeed won as it did in the Senate when, despite a huge opposition majority, the chairman of the House was not changed. The question of horse-trading and other shady dealings comes up again and again. We need more transparency and more openness so that people can be fully involved in the governance of the country.

Victory Day: 1965 war revisited

Syed Sajjad Shaukat



Notably, Pakistan Armed Forces, especially, Pakistan Army and Rangers have been boldly responding to India's unprovoked shelling inside Pakistani side of Kashmir. COAS General Qamar Javed Bajwa repeatedly stated that Pakistan Armed Forces are fully ready to meet any prospective aggression or invasion by India. Very tension escalated rapidly between the two countries on February 27, 2019 in the aftermath of the false flag terror attack of Pulwama

SEPTEMBER 20 is observed as the Victory Day; Pakistan won this day the 1965 war which India imposed on September 6, 1965. In 2015, the Indian government while celebrating the golden jubilee propagated about a false victory claiming that it was India not Pakistan that won the 1965 war. Indian celebrations began on August 28, 2015 and went on until 22 September – the day Pakistan and India agreed upon a UN-sponsored ceasefire, requested by India. Islamabad is quite justified in relation to celebrations because the world acknowledge that it defeated India. None other but Indian military leadership itself admitted that India faced humiliating defeat at the hands of Pakistan. In his book "The Duels of the Himalayan Eagle: The First Indo-Pak Air War", Air Marshal (ret'd) Bharat Kumar of IAF admitted the Indian defeat in 1965. On 6 September 1965, India started the war and its forces crossed the international border at Lahore front to which Pakistan Armed Forces quickly responded. An Indian Regiment crossed the BRB canal and captured the town of Batapore (Jallo Mur). The same day, a counter offensive by Pakistan forced the 15 Indian Division to withdraw to its starting point. Major Raja Aziz Bhatti Shaheed played a key role in this battle. On the Sialkot front, a number of Pakistan Army soldiers sacrificed their lives to stop the advancement of Indian tanks. The war witnessed some of the largest tank battles since World War II; it was fought at Chawinda, Sialkot sector and resulted into a victory by Pakistan. Over 120 Indian tanks got destroyed by Pakistani forces. Regarding aerial warfare PAF emerged victorious as it destroyed over 100 Indian aircraft either on the ground or in the air, and damaged more than 10. Pakistan's Squadron Leader M Alam set a new world record while shooting down on 7 September five Indian aircraft in less than 60 seconds over Sargodha. Flight Lieutenant Yunus Hussain fought singly against six enemy aircraft and shot down two IAF Hunter jets. On 6 September, while attacking Halwara airfield, his small formation was intercepted by a large number of enemy. Although his aircraft was hit, yet he refused to break off the engagement by disregarding his personal safety and therefore he embraced martyrdom.

The role of Pakistan Navy in the war is also appreciable. Securing Pakistan's coastlines, it played a pivotal role in defeating India. The successful Operation Dawarka was launched by Pakistan on September 7. The Indian Navy had harboured its warships in Mumbai, making Pakistan unable to attack. Ghazi, Pakistan's only submarine, successfully attacked heavy ships of the Indian Navy and claimed victory. Despite a surprise attack, both qualitative and numerical superiority, Pakistan Armed Forces not only recaptured Indian territories but also took Khem Karan from Indian forces including various regions of Rajasthan, Sindh, and Chumb in Kashmir. Indian defeat was owing to its soldiers' demoralization. This year, the day comes at a time when Pakistan military is facing multiple threats of grave nature externally and internally. Since August 5, 2019 when Indian government revoked articles 35A and 370 of the Constitution, which gave a special status to the disputed territory of the Indian Illegally Occupied Kashmir (IIOK), Indian fanatic government of the ruling party BJP led by the extremist Prime Minister Modi continued lockdown there. Implementing the ideology of Hindutva (Hindu Nationalism), Indian rulers also issued domicile certificates to more than 400,000 non-Kashmiris and also martyred many people by accelerated firing at the stones-pelting Kashmiris. Notably, Pakistan Armed Forces, especially, Pakistan Army and Rangers have been boldly responding to India's unprovoked shelling inside Pakistani side of Kashmir. Chief of the Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa repeatedly stated that Pakistan Armed Forces are fully ready to meet any prospective aggression or invasion by India. Very tension escalated rapidly between the two countries on February 27, 2019 in the aftermath of the false flag terror attack of Pulwama, when in response to the Indian pre-emptive air strike near the town of Balakot-Pakistan's sector of Kashmir, PAF shot down two IAF fighter jets and launched aerial strikes at six targets in the Indian Occupied Kashmir (IOK). Pak Army also captured an Indian pilot. The truth about India's surgical strikes exposed, when the then Indian India's External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj demitted that no Pakistani soldier or citizen died in the air strike in Balakot.

As regards internal challenges, by imbibing the same spirit of the 1965 war, Pakistan's military, during the successful military operations have killed many terrorists through ground offensive. Country's primarily intelligence agency ISI also recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition from the possession of the terrorists. Thus, they have effectively broken the backbone of the foreign-supported terrorists. Peace has been restored in the provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan Karachi, including other regions. Nevertheless, during the 1965 war, the whole nation showed solidarity with Pakistan Armed Forces and the air of the country was full of anthems and patriotic songs, particularly in Noor Jahan's voice which prompted every soldier to fight harder. Nonetheless, there were a lot of national heroes like Brigadier Ahsan Rasheed, Major Raja Aziz Bhatti, SQN LDR M. M. Alam, SQN Ldr Sarfaraz Rafiqi, etc., most recognized, many unsung, we remember them always and particularly on September 20, marking the Victory Day. So, unlike Indian false claim of victory by the Modi government, Pakistan won that war. In fact, when Indians were at the edge of loss, some of their officials went to the USA and requested for ceasefire, because they did not want further loss. India's Prime Minister Shastri suffered a fatal heart attack soon after the declaration of the ceasefire through Tashkent Declaration. It is mentionable that the "Official History of the 1965 War", drafted by the Ministry of Defence of India 1992 realised Indian miscalculations. According to it, on 22 September when the Security Council Security was pressing for a ceasefire, the Indian Prime Minister asked commanding Gen. Chaudhuri, if India could possibly win the war, were he to delay accepting the ceasefire. The general replied that most of India's frontline ammunition had been used up and the Indian Army had suffered considerable tank losses. In these terms, the Victory Day is celebrated every year as Pakistan Armed Forces and the entire nation stood united in 1965 for the defense of the homeland against India which had threatened the territorial integrity of the country through an all-out war.

– Sajjad Shaukat is an author of "Invisible Balance of Power"

When it comes to fundamentals

Mehr Ispahani



Due to lack of attention of municipalities towards city planning, the buildings in towns are overcrowded and cleansing thereof has become impracticable in most of the cities and towns. Municipalities could not improve the sanitary conditions of the towns. In some parts of the town, the width of the streets is so narrow that even the drains could not be erected and dustbins could not be put up

I WAS sitting in my lounge enjoying the weather and having a cup of tea when my Aunt calls me up. She is well-known to be the calmest and most considerate person that I know besides being a learned member of our family but this time she was feeling disturbed. She is one person who I know hardly complains about anything but this time she spoke to me for a while about what's really bothering her. She told me about the problems she is going through in the area where she resides; she said that she would like to shift to a better place where the systems are more organized. I asked her where would she like to shift from there? She said anywhere that has all the basic facilities telling me that she would prefer DHA or Cantonment Area of her city and out of sheer frustration started telling me about all the problems that she had been facing living in her locality. She told me that recently a house in the neighborhood caught fire and there was just no fire brigade system around the area. There is shortage of electricity; the electricity is not available sometimes for hours. The problem of poorly constructed roads is long engraved in the area. Litter, roads under construction, poorly concreted speed breakers and down-and-out drainage system on the roads are a cause of increasing accidents. Municipal corporations claim to have a dearth of enough funds for the repairs. Various accidents have been reported due to potholes, uneven speed breakers and roads under repair or under construction in the past years, and the numbers are ever increasing. A 45-year-old man died after his two-wheeler bumped into a pothole. He fell off from his bike because of the immediate jolt and after that a water tanker coming from behind crushed him to death. Due to lack of attention of municipalities towards city planning, the buildings in towns are overcrowded and cleansing thereof has become impracticable in most of the cities and towns. Municipalities could not improve the sanitary conditions of the towns. In some parts of the town, the width of the streets is so narrow that even the drains could not be erected and dustbins could not be put up. Municipalities should conduct periodical survey of the civic services provided to the residents. They should inspect the purity of water supplied through the taps, working system

of drainage, dustbins, gutters and an arrangement for the solid wastes should be done etc., as the objective of local government is to provide certain civic amenities to the people at their doorsteps. I wondered why DHA or Cantonment Areas? Cantonments have experienced vast growth since inception. There are a total of 56 Cantonments in Pakistan. As of 2013, the greatest amount 27 is in Punjab, then 10 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 10 in Sindh, seven in Balochistan and two in Gilgit-Baltistan. Cantonment Boards are providing education facilities to its residents through CB Public School & Girls College. The Cantonments Act of 1924 was a landmark in the history of cantonments, as it brought in its wake some sweeping changes. The act introduced the representative local government system, under which elected representative of the civil population became members of the Cantonment Boards. The Boards were created as autonomous statutory local bodies for providing civil services. The powers and functions of the Cantonment Boards are synonymous to Municipal Committees in the cities but civic amenities provided by the municipalities and income and expenditures of the municipalities and research on various aspects reveals the different causes for the failure of municipalities. Talk more about facilities less fact and figure. Why 2013? Why not latest facts and figures. I was just wondering that my Aunt can afford to shift to a place with better system like DHA but what about common people who can't afford to shift from a place, they have to face all these difficulties and suffer. No doubt that Cantt Boards provide a better system with much better roads, lighting and land administration. There is much better water supply with better parks and organized system of markets. A much better set up for sanitation is provided as Poor sanitation is linked to transmission of diseases such as cholera, diarrhea, dysentery, hepatitis. Poor sanitation reduces human wellbeing. Pakistan has more advanced infrastructure than its neighbours. Among the modern infrastructure pieces in place are its motorway system, extensive road network, mobile telecommunications systems, airports, high-speed internet system, extensive railroad network, gas pipeline etc. Many infrastructure projects

in Pakistan, including power plants and motorways, are being built and financed on build-operate-transfer. China stepped up its infrastructure spending after the 2008 financial crisis to counter flagging global demand. Infrastructure provides the backbone for setting an economy on the path towards sustained economic growth. The provision of basic and efficient infrastructure in transport, communications and utilities such as electricity provides an enabling environment for the private sector which takes the lead in growth process. CDA has also not been able to devise any regulations or procedures which would ensure that the environment conserved or rehabilitated, bring reforms in planning and design wing. Green belts were once the hallmark of the capital – with the city's greenery and landscaping famed throughout Pakistan. But CDA has allowed the belt to be encroached by private organizations and even government departments. Policymakers in developing nations have begun to see infrastructure development and intellectual property protection. Construction of new roads, bridges, airports, and seaports can help countries better handle the movements of high volumes of goods, services, and people. If we consider China, a country having a developed and progressive infrastructure complementing its rapid infrastructure development is China's upgrading labour force. China is the fastest growing country in the world for last few decades and one of the defining features of China's growth has been investment-led growth. Why can't we adopt a model of China for the physical infrastructure? Globally, China is not able to exert the same level of political control as it can on its own citizens or semi-autonomous regions. Thus, it uses infrastructure as a method of infiltrating other nations under the guise of facilitating economic development. Our education focuses a lot on achieving personal goals like scoring well in exam to excel. Civic goals can get its due importance by getting enough appreciation for following it. We need to make plans for 20 years ahead with the coordination of sectors.

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Briefs

Somalia
announces
plan for
elections

MOGADISHU: Somalia's President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed has appointed a new prime minister hours after brokering an agreement with regional leaders for elections next year that abandons a promised one-person, one-vote model.

Mohamed's office announced late Thursday the appointment of Mohamed Hussein Roble, a Swedish-trained civil engineer and political neophyte, and "wished him to take duties and tasks ahead with diligence".

He fills a vacancy left when former premier Hassan Ali Khaire was removed by parliament in July for failing to pave the way for fully democratic elections due before February 2021.

The foreign-backed government in Mogadishu has been in drawn-out negotiations with Somalia's federal states over how to proceed with parliamentary and presidential elections. However the process has been held-up by political infighting between the president - better known by his nickname Farmajo - and the country's regional leaders. Somalia had set itself the goal of holding its first fully democratic, one-man one-vote election since 1969 - as opposed to a complex system in which special delegates pick lawmakers who then vote for the president.

But an agreement reached between the president, five regional leaders and the mayor of Mogadishu has conceded that such a vote would be impossible within the timeframe remaining before Somalia's parliament expires in November, and Farmajo's term ends in February. - APP

Anez withdraws
from election
race

DNA

LA PAZ: Bolivia's interim President Jeanine Anez has said she will not run in the country's election next month, in an attempt to unify votes against the MAS party of former leader Evo Morales.

Anez, a former conservative senator, took office in the power vacuum that followed Morales's departure last year after allegations of irregularities in an October 2019 election that sparked violent protests and army pressure forced Bolivia's first Indigenous president to go into exile in Mexico.

"Today I put aside my candidacy for the presidency of Bolivia, for the sake of democracy," Anez said on Thursday, citing "the risk that the vote is divided among several candidates and that as a result of that division, the MAS would end up winning."

"If we don't unite, Morales will return. If we don't unite, democracy loses," she said, calling for unity among voters opposed to MAS. She declined to say which candidate she planned to vote for.

The October 18 vote is the delayed rerun of the 2019 ballot. Anez's candidacy had sparked controversy after she initially ruled herself out and pledged to guide the country to transparent new elections. Socialist candidate Luis Arce, of the MAS party, leads in opinion polls. He is followed by centrist former President Carlos Mesa. Anez had been in fourth place.

Legal complaint
against French
PM

DNA

PARIS: A French association of COVID-19 victims is filing a legal complaint against Prime Minister Jean Castex for alleged mishandling of the pandemic, its lawyer said.

The Coronavirus Victims France association, which has 200 members, accuses the government of "playing it by ear" in its response to the crisis, lawyer Fabrice de Vizio told the AFP news agency.

Castex took over from Edouard Philippe as prime minister in July when the worst of the epidemic so far was over in France. But the past weeks have seen a worrying surge in new cases.

The latest complaint will be filed on Thursday with the Court of the Republic (CJR), the only court in France authorised to deal with cases against government ministers over alleged offences committed in office.



ISLAMABAD: Ms. Kempibayeva Dilyara, First Secretary, Embassy of Kazakhstan to Pakistan, visited CGSS office, and met with the management of CGSS. Projects of mutual interest in fields of academia and other departments were discussed for joint cooperation. - DNA

U.N. investigator on Belarus
warns of 'another Iron curtain'

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GENEVA: A U.N. investigator warned of the possibility of "another Iron curtain" descending in Europe during an urgent debate on the human rights situation in Belarus in Geneva on Friday.

The all-day talks, called by Germany on behalf of the European Union (EU), was

interrupted repeatedly by the delegations of Belarus, Russia, China and Venezuela raising procedural objections. The U.N. Human Rights Council will consider a EU draft resolution that call for U.N. rights chief Michelle Bachelet to monitor the crisis and report back by year-end, following what the bloc calls a "fraudulent election".

Yury Ambrazevich, Belarus ambassador to the U.N. in Gene-

va, said it was not acceptable to use the body to interfere in a country's election.

President Alexander Lukashenko, in power since 1994, denies rigging the Aug. 9 election, which official results said he won by a landslide. He has cracked down hard on protesters demanding his resignation, the biggest threat to his rule.

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continent," said Ana s Marin, U.N. special rapporteur on the human rights situation in Belarus, describing a "catastrophic" situation in the country.

More than 10,000 people have been "abusively arrested", with more than 500 reports of torture and thousands "savagely beaten", Marin said. She called on authorities to release those still held on "politically-motivated charges" and for

the charges to be dropped.

Marin's speech was interrupted several times by objections from other U.N. members including Russian, Belarusian and other delegations who called a halt to her participation.

Belarus opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, in a video message to the 47-member state forum, demanded that authorities end violence against protesters and set up a free

and fair presidential election

"I once again emphasize our willingness to talk with the authorities and look for peaceful solution to the crisis that has affected our nation," said Tskhanouskaya, who fled her homeland for Lithuania.

"We demand to immediately cease violence against peaceful citizens. We demand immediate release of all political prisoners," she said.

US issues order
banning Tik Tok

DNA

WASHINGTON: The US Department of Commerce on Friday effectively banned the Chinese social media apps Tik Tok and WeChat, by introducing "prohibitions" designed to "reduce their functionality" in the US.

The US claims that the popular social media companies are sharing user data with the Chinese intelligence services, and present a threat to the "national security, foreign policy, and economy" of the US. According to the company, the US is one of

Tik Tok's most important markets, with over 100 million monthly users. According to the US Department of Commerce, Washington will bar people in the US from downloading TikTok or WeChat starting on Sunday, September 20. Authorities will not force current US users of TikTok or WeChat to stop using the apps, however, they will not be allowed to install updates. US tech giants Google or Apple will not be barred from offering TikTok or WeChat to users outside the US. WeChat's payment services will be barred from processing payments within the US.

Kuwait offers
\$20mn in Yemen aid

NEW YORK: Kuwait announced Thursday it would donate \$20 million towards humanitarian aid for war-ravaged Yemen, two days after UN officials called the country for not honoring its pledges, diplomats said.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah made the announcement during a videoconference meeting behind closed doors.

The session - organized by Germany, Kuwait, Sweden and Britain - also included the four other permanent Security Council members (China, France, Russia and the United States) and the European Union. Other countries announced aid

pledges during the meeting, but details were not given, diplomats said. On Tuesday, UN under-secretary-general for humanitarian affairs Mark Lowcock warned the Security Council that the "specter of famine has returned" in Yemen. "Several donors - including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, who have a particular responsibility, which they have discharged in recent years - have so far given nothing" to this year's aid plan, he said, in a rare direct rebuke of member states. "It is particularly reprehensible to promise money, which gives people hope that help may be on the way. -APP

Europe imposes fresh
curbs to control virus

COPENHAGEN: Large parts of Europe on Friday geared up for broad new restrictions to stop the coronavirus, after infections worldwide topped 30 million and the World Health Organization warned of "alarming rates of transmission".

Britain is limiting gatherings and France is set to roll out new curbs for major cities as governments across the continent battle fresh spikes of the disease. More than 943,000 people have now died from Covid-19 since it first emerged in China late last year, according to an AFP tally, with Europe ac-

counting for more than 200,000. WHO regional director for Europe Hans Kluge said a surge seen this month "should serve as a wake-up call" after the continent recorded 54,000 infections in a single day last week - a new record. "Although the numbers reflect more comprehensive testing, it also shows alarming rates of transmission across the region," Kluge told an online news conference from Copenhagen.

The Spanish capital of Madrid said it had been overwhelmed by the virus and called for "de-

cisive" action from the central government, which is set to unveil a raft of new restrictions Friday. Madrid officials warned that the region's healthcare system was coming under increasing pressure, with one in five hospital beds occupied by Covid patients amid a second wave of the illness. Anxiety has been growing in the city about the prospect of a return to lockdown after a top regional health official on Wednesday raised the possibility for the worst-hit areas.

"It would be bad for shops, for

small businesses and little bars that survive on people coming in," said 55-year-old Maribel Quesada. "People are really sick of being at home, the (spring) lockdown was very difficult." In Britain, new curbs will take effect Friday, with Prime Minister Boris Johnson warning that pubs may have to close earlier to help avoid a "second hump" of infections. About two million people in northeast England, including in the cities of Newcastle and Sunderland, will no longer be allowed to meet people outside their homes. - APP



BANGKOK: Pakistan ambassador to Thailand Asim Iftikhar presenting a book on Taxila to leading Thai business women. - DNA

China conducts more exercises near Taiwan

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BEIJING: Taiwan has said it had scrambled fighter jets to track approaching Chinese aircraft that also crossed the sensitive mid-line of the Taiwan Strait, in an escalation of tensions as a top United States diplomat visited the self-ruled island in a move that angered Beijing.

This came after China's defence ministry said earlier on Friday it was conducting military exercises near the Taiwan Strait, adding that the drills were in response to the "current situation" and designed to safeguard China's "national sovereignty".

Beijing claims Taiwan as its own and has been alarmed by the increasing willingness of the US to defy China's attempts to isolate the democratically-ruled island. Last week, it held two days of mass air and sea drills.

Taiwan's defence ministry said 18 Chinese aircraft were involved on Friday, a far larger number than Taiwan has previously announced for such encounters.

"ROCAF scrambled fighters, and deployed air defence missile system to monitor the activities," it said in an English-language statement on Twitter, referring to Taiwan's air force.

The ministry showed a map of the flight paths of the Chinese jets and

their crossing of the Taiwan Strait mid-line, which combat aircraft from both sides normally avoid passing through.

Taiwan's Liberty Times newspaper said Taiwan air force jets scrambled 17 times on Friday morning over four hours, warning China's air force to stay away. It also showed a picture of missiles being loaded onto an F-16 at the Hualien airbase on Taiwan's east coast.

There is intense military activity in and around the Taiwan Strait, ratcheting up tensions. Chinese defence ministry spokesman Ren Guoqi gave few more details about the live-fire drills, which he said began in the Taiwan Strait on Friday and involved the People's Liberation Army's east-

ern theatre command.

Keith Krach, under secretary of state for economic growth, energy and the environment, arrived on Taiwan Thursday and is due to attend a dinner with President Tsai Ing-wen on Friday evening. He will also go to a memorial service for Taiwan's former president Lee Teng-hui on Saturday.

Krach is the most senior official from the US State Department to visit Taiwan in 40 years.

His visit was swiftly condemned by China, which balks at any recognition of Taiwan and has mounted a decades-long policy designed to marginalise the island on the diplomatic stage, which has intensified since

Tsai first won office in 2016. She was returned for a second term in a landslide election in January.

"They are a reasonable, necessary action aimed at the current situation in the Taiwan Strait and protecting national sovereignty and territorial integrity," Ren said, adding that Taiwan was an internal Chinese affair.

"Recently the United States and Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) authorities have stepped up their collusion, frequently creating disturbances," Ren said, referring to Taiwan's ruling party.

When the US health secretary, Alex Azar, visited the island last month, Chinese fighter jets briefly crossed the midline of the Taiwan Strait.

Macron adds
fuel to fire:
Hulusi Akar

DNA

ANKARA: French President Emmanuel Macron is adding fuel to the fire in the Eastern Mediterranean and making it harder to solve problems, said the Turkish defense minister on Friday.

In an exclusive interview to media, Hulusi Akar said the French president is trying to take on the role of Napoleon who died two centuries ago but Macron is not strong enough for this.

On NATO's mediation efforts, Akar said although Greece is reluctant and slowing down the solution of the Eastern Mediterranean issue with some preconditions, Turkey supports holding these meetings.

In regard to the EU attitude to the issue, he said the EU does not contribute to the solution and has become a part of the deadlock.

He said the EU does not have any authority to set or change rules or draw borders in the Eastern Mediterranean. Tensions have recently escalated over the issue of energy exploration in the Eastern Mediterranean. Greece has disputed Turkey's energy exploration in the region, trying to box in Turkish maritime territory based on small islands near the Turkish coast.

North
Korean man
challenges US
extradition bid

Kuala Lumpur: A North Korean man launched a legal challenge Friday against a US bid to extradite him from Malaysia over allegations he supplied goods to his country in breach of sanctions.

Mun Chol Myong, who has lived in the Southeast Asian country with his family for a decade, was arrested last year following an extradition request from Washington.

He denies FBI claims that he led a criminal group that violated sanctions by supplying luxury goods to North Korea and laundered funds through front companies. A Malaysian court in December approved his extradition to the United States, but Mun on Friday appealed against the decision at the High Court in Kuala Lumpur.

His lawyer Gooi Soon Seng argued Mun was innocent and the allegations against him were of a "political character". The court will rule on the appeal on October 8.

Mun, in his 50s, is accused of four charges of money-laundering and two of conspiracy to launder money, mainly in relation to his work for a firm in neighbouring Singapore. - APP

