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**Restoration of** economic activities a good omen



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#### **Govt to** complete its term

ISLAMABAD: President Dr

Arif Alvi on Friday said there was no threat to the government or democ-

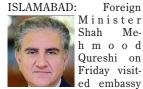
racy, and he was confident that the present democratic set-up would complete its mandated term.

"I don't see any threat to the government or democracy in the country. I am confident that the present government will complete its term like the two previous regimes," he said when asked to comment on the current political situation in the country in an interview with a private television channel. - APP

#### FM pens tribute to late **Kuwait Emir**

SAIFULLAH

Foreign

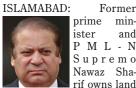


ed embassy of Kuwait in the capital to offer condolences on passing away of Emir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Kuwait's ambassador in Pakistan Nasr Al-Mutahiri received the FM on his arrival at the

embassy. The Foreign Minister of fered Fateha for the late Emir of Kuwait and prayed for the blessings upon the departed soul. He penned his remarks in the condolence book, terming Emir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, a peace-loving and compassionate ruler.

#### Details of Nawaz' assets submitted

**DNA** 



and ML-N Supremo Nawaz Sharif owns land spread over thousands of acres in Murree, Lahore,

Abbottabad and Sheikhupura, the National Accounta bility Bureau revealed. The bureau released a report of the assets owned by the PML-N founder in the Toshakhana reference on Friday. Earlier this week,

NAB had asked for Nawaz's bank account, property and vehicle records from the Lahore Development Authority and the excise and taxation department in the Toshakhana reference.

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## Govt decides to deal with Opp sternly

The PM further said that the entire nation was standing with the state institutions adding people would reject all such moves meant to destabilize govt

Ansar Mahmood Bhatti

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to deal with Opposition and its scheduled protests with an iron hand. The Prime Minister Imran Khan in this regard chaired a high level meeting on Friday. The govt spokespersons attended the meeting. The Prime Minister asked the govt spokespersons to come heavy on the Opposition and counter them on all forums. The Prime Minister further said that no deal shall be made with those who criticize national institutions. The Prime Minister further said that the entire nation was standing with the state institutions adding people would reject all such moves meant to destabilize democratically elected government. It may be mentioned here that the Opposition parties are launching a movement against government from October 11 by holding public rallies. The opposition parties have also threatened to resign from assemblies in case their demands were not met. They are demanding resignation of the prime minister and snap elections in the country.

#### **Opp postpones PDM session**

NAVEED MIRAJ

ISLAMABAD: The central leadership of 12 opposition parties have postponed session of Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) on Friday.

According to details, the meeting was deferred due to non-availability of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chairman Maulana Fazlur Rehman and Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party chief, Mahmood Khan Achakzai. Sources told that the session will be held on September 3.

On the other hand, the meeting of the steering committee of the PDM will be carried out on October 5 in Islamabad under the chairmanship of Ahsan Iqbal. The meeting will decide about the roadmap for anti-government rallies, meetings and protests.

## 'Pak, Thailand enjoy cordial relations'

The Thai ambassador also thanked the interior ministry's cooperation for returning of Thai students during the corona pandemic

ISLAMABAD: dor of Thailand to Pakistan Pornpop Uampidhaya Friday called on Minister for Interior Brig (R) Syed Ijaz Ahmed Shah.

Matters of mutual cooperation came under discussion during the meeting, said a press release issued here. The Thai ambassador felicitated the interior minister for effectively controlling the coronavirus situation. Restoration of economic activities in Pakistan was also a good omen, he said.

The Thai ambassador also thanked the interior ministry's cooperation for returning of Thai students during the corona pandemic. Pakistan was very popular



among the Thai students, he added. Speaking on the occasion the interior minister said Pakistan and Thailand enjoyed cordial relations and it would be further strengthened. The minister said Pakistan

would extend all possible support to the Thai government He said coronavirus situation had considerably improved in Pakistan and expressed the hope that it would further improve in coming days. - APP

## Saudi Arabia issues guidelines for travellers

RIYADH: The Saudi Arabian aviation authority has issued fresh guidelines for passengers from Pakistan and other countries during the coronavirus pandemic after announcing plans for gradually lifting travel restrictions. GACA stated that the passengers (non-Saudis) will submit their negative PCR test reports from a verified laboratory abroad. The test report must be done no later than 72 hours before the scheduled departure to any of the airports in Saudi Arabia.

It said that the condition for PCR test is limited to non-Saudis only who are over the age of eight years. The guidelines also include that 'different regulations of the departure country must be considered and observed in determining the appropriate age to conduct COVID-19 (PCR) test for children.' The aviation authority had earlier directed all foreign airlines including Pakistan to strictly implement the prevention measures during flights to Saudi Arabia.

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#### Mecca to limited pilgrimages

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia will reopen the Muslim holy places for the yearround umrah pilgrimage on Sunday, scaled back with and health seven months Continued on Page 06

the Prime Minister on Fireopen for

> extensive precautions, after



#### Buzdar, PM Imran discuss protests

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ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister of Punjab (CM) Sardar Usman Buzdar on Friday has met Prime Minister (PM) Imran Khan and discussed strategy regarding Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) protests against the arrest of Opposition Leader in National Assembly (NA) Shehbaz Sharif by National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in money laundering case.

According to details, both the leaders have also discussed ongoing political situation. development matters in the province.

CM Buzdar is also scheduled to participate in the meeting that will be chaired by PM Imran to devise plan to combat opposition's anti-government campaign.

He will also meet NA Speaker Asad Qaisar and other ministers during his visit. The development came after PML-N announced to hold phase-wise protests from October 3.

PML-N sources told that in the first phase, demonstration will be carried out in Lahore while protests will also be staged in Gujranwala, Faisalabad and other cities of Punjab in the second round. Party workers and leaders were also given responsibilities in this regard.

#### Import of 180,000 MT of wheat approved

DNA ISLAMABAD: Adviser to

nance and Revenue Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh chaired the meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet here at the Cabinet Division. ECC considered and approved the import of 180,000 MT of wheat from Russia on GTG basis waiving off all taxes/levies duties on GTG import of wheat. The forum was informed that about 5 million tons of wheat was available with the public sector in stocks.

#### No military presence in Azerbaijan: FO The FO spokesperson said that Pakistan supports

Azerbaijan's position on Nagorno-Karabakh

spokesperson

said that intensive shelling

by Armenian forces on the

civilian populations of Azer-

baijan is reprehensible and

peace and security of the

entire region. Armenia

must stop its military action

could compromise

most unfortunate.

SAIFULLAH \ DNA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Friday refuted "irresponsible" reports claiming that Pakistan Army is fighting alongside Azerbaijani forces against Armenia in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. Foreign Office Spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri said the reports were "speculative and baseless". "Pakistan is deeply concerned over the deterio-

rating security situation in the Nagorno-Karabakh region," Chaudhri said while reiterating Pakistan's position on the conflict

Trump, Melania test corona positive The future of Trump's

"This

re-election campaign is in doldrums due to his illness



**News Desk** 

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump announced on Friday that he and First Lady Melania Trump have tested positive for coronavirus and are going into quarantine "immediately".

"We will begin our quarantine and recovery process immediately. We will get through this TO-GETHER!" tweeted the

Trump is the latest world

US president.

leader to have contracted the virus. British Prime Minister Boris Jonhson was the first major leader who was diagnosed with COVID-19 in March. The future of Trump's re-election campaign is PM wishes speedy recovery

**DNA** 

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday wished for a speedy recovery for United States President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump after they announced to have contracted the coronavirus. In a tweet, the Premier said, "Wishing President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump speedy recovery from COVID-19".

in doldrums due to his illness and inability to address the rallies before the crucial November 3 vote.

According to a New York Times report, "Even if Mr. Trump, 74, remains asymptomatic, he will have to withdraw from the campaign trail and stay isolated in the White House for an unknown period of time."

#### Registered voters cross 115.74m

to avoid further escalation,"

Chaudhri said that Pakistan

supports Azerbaijan's posi-

tion on Nagorno-Karabakh,

adding that the position

was in line with the "several

unanimously adopted Unit-

ed Nations Security Coun-

cil resolutions". The FO's

statement came as fighting

between the Armenian and

Azerbaijani forces continued

despite calls for a ceasefire.

Armenia and Azerbaijan

have been locked in a sim-

mering conflict for decades

over the region and new

fighting that erupted on

Sunday has been the heavi-

est in decades.

the spokesperson said.

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan has released the final voter lists showing 115,748,753 of registered voters in Pakistan. According to ECP, there are 64,078,616 men, 51,667,599 women and 2,538 transgender voters in the country. The total registered voters in Punjab are 66,236,144, including 36,371,326 male, 29,862,932 female, and 1,886 transgender voters. In Sindh, total numbers of voters are 24,351,681, which include 13,443,983 male, 10,907,267 female, and 431 transgender voters. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, there are 19,533,964 voters in total, including 11,076,630 male, 8,457,201 female and 133 transgender. Total number of voters in Balochistan is 4,801,131, which include 2,753,946 men, 2,047,104 women, and 81 transgender. In Islamabad Capital Territory, there are 825,833 voters, including 432,731men, 393,095 women, and seven transgender.

#### Govt acquires 86% land for D-B dam

DNA

ISLAMABAD: The government has acquired nearly 32,139 acres of land, out of the total 37,419 acres required for the construction of the Diamer-Bhasha dam, it emerged on Friday. A News Agency reported that almost 86% of the land for the mega project has been acquired so far. According to the publication, construction work on resettlement of the model village at Harpan Das was in progress, and almost 95% of the work is complete. The construction of RBPR

is in progress, sources told the publication. The contracts for RBPR-01 and 02 have also been awarded, with 86.5% and 40% work, respectively com-

pleted on the projects.

## Denmark-Pakistan ties to grow further: envoy

I aim to expand mutual-beneficial opportunities for Pak and Denmark in the recovery from the virus crisis promoting a sustainable and resilient economy in closer harmony with the natural world

А.М.Внатті

ISLAMABAD: The newly appointed ambassador of Denmark to Pakistan Lis Rosenholm has said her job as ambassador of Denmark to Pakistan would be to further promote and strengthen bilateral relations. The ambassador-designate expressed these views in her message upon arrival in Islamabad.

She said, she would like to express her utmost appreciation for the Pakistani people who have given her a warm welcome. 'It is truly an honor for me to take up my assignment as the Ambassador Designate of Denmark to Pakistan'.

The ambassador -designate said the political, economic and cultural relations between Denmark and Pakistan are longstanding, reliable and forward-looking. One of the most important tasks of the Royal Danish Embassy in Islamabad is to bring our interests together in a fair and mutual dialogue. international Strong cooperation is important as

ever. I aim to expand mutual-

coronavirus crisis promoting a sustainable and resilient economy in closer harmony with the natural world. I will explore how Denmark and Pakistan can work health, closer in renewable energy, water, food, climate change, gender equality just to mention a few areas. She added, she believed that

opportunities

it was essential to build a wide range of Pakistan and Denmark in partnerships to enhance ties between our countries - across our governments, the recovery from the businesses, academia, artists; community based organizations and not least people. We will always base our contacts on mutual respect, understanding and open dialogue. The youth holds the keys to a better and more sustainable future for all in their hands, not least in Pakistan. To strengthen dialogue with the Pakistani youth, we will launch a number of initiatives.

'Together with my excellent Embassy team, I look forward to engaging with you in developing and strengthening the important ties between Pakistan and Denmark' Ambassador Lis added.

**PEMRA** 

bans airing motorway

incident

Electronic Media Regula-

tory Authority (PEMRA)

Friday refrained television

(TV) channels from airing

contents regarding Sialkot

Motorway incident follow-

ing the direction of Anti Ter-

rorism Court, Lahore.
"All satellite TV Channels

(News & Current Affairs)

are, therefore, directed to

comply with the above or-

ders of the Anti Terrorism

Court, Lahore regarding

Sialkot Motorway incident

in letter and spirit and re-

frain from airing any con-

tent with regard to the in-

stant case, in future," the media regulatory body said

while reproducing the op-

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The operative para said;

"Instant case one of the ac-

cused has been shifted to

the judicial lock up for the

purpose of identification pa-

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of the instant case is not

stopped it will certainly be

diminished the evidentiary

worth of the material col-

"It is an offence related to

sex and certainly due to me-

dia coverage concerned vic-

tim and his family will also

be disgraced. So PEMRA

chairman is hereby direct-

ed to stop the coverage of

case FIR No.1369/2020 dat-

ed 09.09.2020, offence u/s 392, 376 (II), 427, 34 PPC

and anti terrorism Act, 1997

Police Station Gujerpura,

Lahore, immediately on

electronic, print and social

ECC allows

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imports. The meeting of

ECC was chaired by Adviser

to the Prime Minister on Fi-

ready been imported by the

private sector and another

1.1 million ton was expected

to be imported by the end of

media." - APP

lected by the prosecution.

order in a news release.

ISLAMABAD:

#### Saturday, October 03, 2020

#### 'Mandatory demand of test from **students**

LAHORE: Coronavirus test is not mandatory for students or staff members of any educational institution in the province, said Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) Punjab Secretary Captain (retd) Muhammad Usman Younis in a statement issued here on Friday. He said that complaints had been received that some educational institutes were demanding COVID-19 test from their students and staff members. He said that such demands were 'illegal'.

He clarified that P&SHD would conduct random sampling according to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) devised by the government in the educational institutions. He said that one-time test for COVID-19 did not guarantee full protection against the coronavirus pandemic therefore the demand of coronavirus test report from students or staff was unnecessary additional financial burden on them.

"The government does not allow any mandatory COV-ID-19 test report from the students or staff," he added. Captain Usman said that sampling for coronavirus test for 'every citizen' was not mandatory on detection of few cases in the most sensitive areas for COVID-19, and test of a citizen would only be conducted if he or she showed symptoms of coronavirus. All departments and educational institutions were directed to ensure implementation of SOPs instead of testing, as the single best solution for protection from COVID-19 was social distancing and following precautions according to the SOPs, the secretary stated. "A collective effort against coronavirus is important than any thing else," he said. – APP

#### Woman arrest for supplying narcotics

**DNA** 

KARACHI: City's Sukhan police on Friday claimed to have rounded up a most-wanted drug-peddler woman in Karachi. As per details, the woman identified as Sharifa alias Aalia was taken into custody by Sukhan police and two kg of hashish was also recovered from her custody.

The woman was involved in supplying narcotics through her racket of women in various parts of the city, the police said and added that Sharifa was jailed several times in different cases. The case has been registered against the woman.

Earlier this year, a four-member racket involved in supplying ice drug to students had been arrested by police officials during a raid conducted near Tipu Sultan road in Karachi. The raid conducted by the officials of Ferozabad police station where they had seized a huge quantity of ice powder from the possession of the arrested persons besides confiscating anti-dote, heroin and charas. Police officials had said the men were identified as Gul Ameer, Sadam Hussain, Naim and Hazrat Gul.

#### Punjab: 5 dengue cases reported

DNA

LAHORE: Five confirmed cases of dengue virus have been reported in the province during the last 24 hours

from different cities. According to Primary & Secondary Healthcare department here on Friday, 570 suspected cases of dengue virus have been reported in the last 24 hours who were kept in surveillance and their tests were being conducted. So far 72 cases of dengue have been confirmed from January this year in the province,however,67 persons have been discharged after recovery and currently 5 patients of dengue virus were under treatment.

It may be noted that no death from dengue has been reported this year due to effective measures taken by the government. Punjab government has been continuously working to prevent spread of dengue across the province. Anti-dengue staff recovered dengue larvae from 5,586 places during the last seven days. P&SHD urged the people to adopt precautionary measures and keep their environment clean and dry to protect themselves from dengue.

## **Briefs** Conciliatory Committee System effective to resolve cases of minor nature

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ISLAMABAD: The conciliatory committee system is the best to resolve the cases of minor nature and it helps police to save its precious time and pay attention on important tasks of public welfare. It was stated by SP Industrial Area Zubair Ahmed Sheikh while addressing members of Conciliatory Committees in a meeting at Sabzi Mandi police station. The meeting held following directions of IGP Islamabad Muhammad Aamir Zulfigar khan was attended by DSP Ghulam Muhammad Baqir and heads of four police stations and members of Conciliatory Committees there. The interaction between police officials and members of Conciliatory Committees remained very much help in setting future course of action and they gave many recommendations to improve working.

SP Zubair Ahmed Sheikh said that conciliatory system is very much effective for resolving cases of minor nature. He urged all the participants to decide cases purely on merit and with honesty. It would not only bring good repute for them but also to ensure justice and peace in society. He asked the participants to immediately contact



with him in case of any hurdle by any police official towards justice. He said it is our duty to serve the people with dedication and honesty. He also lauded the services of Industrial Area Zone Conciliatory committees and said mutual cooperation of police and public can

ensure complete peace in the society. It was told that 2-3 members of committees sit at police stations on daily basis and try to resolve cases. Police officials hoped that well reputed and educated persons would join these platforms and assist po-

lice in winning public confidence.

#### Work of CPB destroyed by Shehbaz, says Ch Parvez row, it was my desire that if Al-

LAHORE: Chairperson, Child Protection and Welfare Bureau Sarah Ahmad called on Speaker Punjab Assembly Ch Parvez Elahi at his residence here on Friday and sought his guidance for betterment of the institution. Ch Parvez Elahi said that the work of Child Protection Bureau was stopped and destroyed during 10 years of Shehbaz Sharif, which was started again under leadership of Sarah Ahmad and there has been improvement, arrangement should also be made for children studying in the Bureau for education up to graduation and afterwards provision of employment. He said often when I saw children begging on roads then I felt great sor-

mighty Allah provided me with the opportunity then I will do something for these children, when I became the Chief Minister then I established Child Protection and Welfare Bureau for these children and got 14 such gang apprehended who used to forced children for begging, I got arranged program every year regularly in this institution, UNICEF has also appreciated our this effort.

Chairperson Sarah Ahmad said that this institution which was established by Ch Parvez Elahi was very badly destroyed by Shehbaz Sharif, now again I am moving forward with the vision of Ch Parvez Elahi, ideal works are being in all institutions in Rawalpindi, Sahiwal, Gujranwala and Faisalabad.

#### Maryam conspiring against democratic institutions: Chohan

**DNA** 

LAHORE: Punjab Information Minister Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Chohan has said that Maryam Safdar Awan is currently out on bail, she is conspiring against judicial, state and democratic institutions of Pakistan.

According to details, Fayyazul-Hassan in his video message said that I will request the courts to cancel her bail and arrest her. Punjab Information Minister said that

allowed to come close to sensitive institutions.

Nawaz Sharif also claimed to have built a cruise missile after the atomic bomb. It would have been true if the atomic bomb and cruise missile had been made at the Ittefaq foundry with Sharif family s mon-Fayyaz-ul-Hassan said, the fact is that the Pakistan Army and its affiliates worked tirelessly to nurture the nuclear program, these corrupt and dishonest former rulers were not even

#### nance and Revenue Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, according to press statement issued by the Finance ministry here. According to the statement, the forum was informed that about 5 million tons of wheat were available with the public sector in stocks. In terms of import 430,000 tons has al-

December 2020. In terms of wheat import by the public sector, Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) has already opened an LC for importing 330, 0000 MT of wheat while TCP is in the process of tendering another about 1.2 million tons while another 180,000 tons are imported through GTG arrangement from Russia.

The cabinet committee allowed the exemption from sales tax on supply of sugar imported through Trade Corporation of Pakistan of upto 300,000 MT and allowed the amendment of SRO 751(1)/2020 dated August 20, 2020 of the Revenue Division for the purpose. - APP

#### 39 million children vaccinates

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Polio Eradication Program on Friday said that approximately 39 million children had been vaccinated against poliomyelitis during a nationwide immunization campaign from September 21 to 25.

nationwide paign was implemented by a workforce of almost 270,000 frontline workers who carried out door-todoor vaccination of children under the age of five, said an official of the programme. He said that this was the first nationwide campaign since February due to a four-month suspension on supplementary immunization activities during the COVID-19 outbreak in Pakistan.

He said that the campaign was inaugurated by provincial and district leadership across the country, while the Pakistan armed forces, members of medical associations, prominent religious leaders, celebrities, activists and leadership from across the political spectrum came forward to support the campaign.

#### Govt to start register of seminaries from October five

LAHORE: The Human Rights Com-

mission of Pakistan (HRCP) takes

serious exception to the recent or-

der issued by PEMRA, prohibiting

news channels from broadcasting

interviews and public addresses by

'proclaimed offenders and abscond-

This step violates not only citizens'

right to freedom of expression un-

der Article 19 of the Constitution,

ers' on national television.

DNA

ISLAMABAD: The fed-

eral government started

registration of seminaries (madressahs) for the first time in the country and established offices in all four provinces, Islamabad, Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB). The registration process of seminaries will commence from October 5. The madressahs will be registered under the agreement between the federal government and Ittehad-e-Tanzeemate-Madaris, sources told a private television channel.

with the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training. Those madressahs will also be registered where students are residing besides taking religious education. The government established registration centres in 133 districts and also in the federal capital, whereas, provincial officers will perform duties in major cities including Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Quetta, Muzaffarabad, Gilgit.

Sources added that the authorities also deputed district-level officers in all provinces including autonomous regions including Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB).

#### little more than a tool of political in this blatant manner. **Govt decides** not to seek military assistance

ISLAMABAD: British High Commissioner Christian Turner and boxer

Aamir Khan posing for a camera shot, on Friday. – DNA

HRCP slams PEMRA order

to know. HRCP believes that such

orders reflect arbitrary censorship,

with the very people who advocate

it in one instance when it favours

them, abandoning it in another

The fact that this order follows

closely on the heels of a speech

by political opposition leader Mian

Nawaz Sharif, questioning the le-

gitimacy of the 2018 elections, in-

dicates that PEMRA appears to be

when it does not.

DNA GILGIT: Caretaker govern-

ment of Gilgit-Baltistan has decided not to seek the help of army in Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly elections. According to details, it was decided not to seek the help of army in Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly elections. The caretaker Chief Minister Mir Afzal said that only paramilitary forces and police would be involved in the election. The caretaker Chief Minister Mir Afzal said that the police and paramilitary forces will prove that they are fully capable of holding elections. However, the deployment of troops in sensitive areas can be carried out according to the circumstances

#### Kaira questions PEMRA's authority to ban Nawaz speeches He noted that Prime Minister Imran Khan had said that

he had permitted airing of Nawaz's speeches on TV

ATHAR SUFI

tive, independent regulatory body.

It is worth recalling that PEMRA

did not deny airtime to former Pres-

ident Pervez Musharraf, who is also

HRCP has consistently pointed to the

growing censorship in Pakistan, even

as the government claims that the

press has never been more free. We

demand that this order be withdrawn

immediately and that the government

refrain from weaponizing censorship

a proclaimed offender.

KARACHI: Pakistan People's Party leader Qamar Zaman Kaira criticized on Friday the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority for imposing a ban on airing of Nawaz Sharif's speeches and questioned the regulator's authority to do so. PEMRA's directives came after recent speeches by Nawaz Sharif that were critical of the government and the military establishment. "Under which law, PEMRA is stopping



Nawaz Sharif's speeches," Kaira asked. He noted that Prime Minister Imran Khan had said that he had permitted airing of Nawaz's speeches on TV. How could the prime minister permit something that was against the law,

cation regarding the ban on showing the speeches of "proclaimed offenders" and absconders Thursday. The Islamabad High Court had issued non-bailabale arrest warrants for Nawaz in the Al-Azizia Steel Mills case after he had failed to appear before the court. Kaira said PM Khan's government should stop hiding behind institutions as they belong to all Pakistanis. He said the opposition had decided that this government had to go

he questioned.

PEMRA issued a notifi-

### India acquiring more lethal arms to kill Kashmiris: AJK President

DNA

After the completion of the

registration process, the

ISLAMABAD, While expressing his deep concern over reports of procurement of one million multi-mode hand grenades by India's Defense Ministry, Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) President Sardar Masood said that war-monger Modi-RSS regime piling up arms and ammunition to use them against defenceless people of Illegally Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

Media reports suggest that India's Defence Ministry has signed a Rs 4,000 million contract for procurement of new one million multi-mode hand grenades to further equip the Indian army, a major

chunk of which is deployed in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. During his meeting with the different public delegation that called on him here at Jammu and Kashmir House on Friday, AJK President remarked that India's armed to the teeth forces are to the people of Occupied Jammu and Kashmir who are fighting to end the illegal and illegitimate occupation of their land by India.

AJK President said BJP-RSS leaders have intensified chauvinistic rhetoric to paint the image of Modi as a true leader of the Hindu community, who is capable of leading the armed forces successfully against Muslim within India and against Pakistan.



India is stockpiling the weapons war arsenals of all kinds to kill people of Kashmir and Pakistan, but our message to fanatic Hindu leadership is clear and loud that wars may be fought with weapons and machines, but they are won by men imbibed with

spirit and determination, and by the grace of God, Pakistanis and the Kashmiris will emerge victorious in the war because of their courage and determination.

India, he said is habitual of spoiling regional peace through its hegemonic attitude towards its neighbouring countries. The President asked the regional countries to challenge New Delhi's bullying behaviour. Saying that India is committing war crimes in IOJK by transforming its demography, carrying out genocide, ethnic cleansing and barefacedly violating human rights in Occupied Kashmir but unfortunately the world powers have turned a blind eve towards these crimes. Paying tribute to the

people of India-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, who are braving Indian atrocities and barbarities, Khan said the struggle waged by oppressed Kashmiris is destined to succeed. He went on to say that repression of Indian occupying forces can never compel Kashmiris to abandon their struggle for attaining their right to self-determination as promised to them by the world community in UNSC resolutions. Khan also paid tributes to the people of Kargil and Ladakh for rejecting India's move to separate them from rest of Jammu and Kashmir and making it clear to Delhi that they want to be part of Jammu and Kashmir and wouldn't accept anything less than it.

#### **Briefs**

#### **Distillery** raided, liquor recovered

DNA

ISLAMABAD: A distillery was raided in Golra police area which led to the recov ery of a huge quantity of liquor and alcohol, police said. On a tip off, SP (Saddar) Muhammad Sarfraz Virk constituted a team to raid at a distillery in the area of Bani Stop area of Golra police station. The team under the supervision of DSP Khalid Medmood Awan including SHO Golra police station Inspector Shams-ul-Akber, ASI Muhammad Saleem along with others officials conducted a raid and recovered 200 wine bottles, 20 litre alcohol and other materials from there. Police team also nabbed Daud and Farhan during the raid. Case has been registered against those running this distillery. DIG (Operations) Wagar Uddin Syed has appreciated the performance and directed for further effective measures against those involved in bootlegging or anti-social activities.

#### Cases disposal rate at NIRC goes up by 37%

ISLAMABAD: The disposal rate of cases at National Industrial Relation Commission (NIRC) has jumped to 8,633 in first eight months of 2020, posting a growth of 37 per cent as compared to the corresponding period of 2019. The National Industrial Relation Commission had resolved at least 6,277 industrial disputed during the first eight months of 2019, said an official document. The disposal rate of cases, filed by the industrial workers, employers and trade unions in 2020, was stood at 95 per cent as a total 9.002 cases were filed with the National Industrial Relation Commission during first eight months. The disposal rate remained highest during June as the National Industrial Relation Commission disposed of 1.577 cases in this month, followed by May and July when it resolved 1,401 and 1,348 industrial disputes,

#### Commissioner Hazara reviews work on Dasu dam

respectively. - APP

ABBOTTABAD: Commis sioner Hazara Division Riaz Khan Mehsud Friday visited the site of Dasu dam and reviewed the quality and pace of construction work on the mega project. Flanked by Deputy Commissioners Kohistan, Kohsitan Lower and Kolai Palas, District Police Officer Kohistan and Advisor to Authority Col (R) Abdul Ghafar Khan and representatives of Chinese' construction companies the Commissioner directed the concerned quarters to expedite the pace of work and ensure timely comple-

tion of the project. On the occasion he was briefed about the project and tunnels of the project. He said that dams are testimony of prosperity and development of the country and Dasu dam would usher a new era of development in Kohistan. - APP

#### Senate body seeks apology from 13

newspapers

ISLAMABAD: Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting Friday sought apology from specific newspapers for publishing remarks, expunged by Chairman Senate during proceedings of the House. The committee issued the direction for apology after Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak raised the matter regarding non-adherence to the restriction on use of expunged words. Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shibli Faraz stressed that media organizations should put in place a mechanism to promote good parliamentary practices. - APP

## Full participation of women in HAP to be ensured

Newly elected chairperson said that Fahad Barlas and his team rendered excellent services and the newly elected officials would continue the activities of the association effectively so that the objectives of Handicraft Association of Pakistan could be achieved

IBRAR KHAN

ISLAMABAD: Newly elected chairperson of Handicraft Association of Pakistan Halima Usman has said that full participation of women in the association will be ensured and handicraft fits in different parts of Pakistan will be ensured. Every possible encouragement will be given to the industrialists and artisans by promoting it in the country and abroad.

She was speaking on the occasion of her visit to Islamabad at a lunch hosted by former chairman Handicraft Association of Paki stan Fahad Barlas



Vice Chairman HAP Amin ur Rehman , Ex Chairman HAP Khurshid Barlas & Mohsin Khalid were present. Halima Usman said that Fahad Barlas and his team rendered excellent services and the newly elected officials would continue the activities of the association effectively so that the objectives of the establishment of Handicraft Association of Pakistan could be achieved. Expressing his views on

Concerns

raised over **Parliament** 

Lodges'

condition

Sub-Committee-VII of the

Public Accounts Committee

(PAC) on Friday expressed concern over the poor main-

tenance and cleanliness conditions here at the Par-

The committee, which met

at the Parliament House

with its convener Riaz Fat-

examined the audit reports

for the year 2017-18 per-tained to the Ministry of In-

terior, Capital Development

Authority (CDA) and Munic-

ipal Corporation Islamabad

(MCI). The meeting was at-

tended by committee mem-

Riaz Fatyana directed the

CDA to improve cleanliness

and sanitary conditions at

the Parliament Lodges, be-

sides resolving the parking

issues being faced by the

parliamentarians. The com-

mittee pended the the audit

para pertaining to non-can-

cellation of commercial plots

due to non-renewal of their

lease worth Rs 40,155.648

million. The committee di-

rected the CDA to conduct

inquiry and submit a report

It also examined the audit

para pertaining to the loss

occurred due to un-compet-

itive disposal of a plot for

Rs 10,527.026 million. The

committee gave the CDA

further two months to settle

Group

painting

exhibition

concludes

RAWALPINDI: A five-day

group painting exhibition

arranged by the students of

Arts Knowledge Academy

was concluded at Punjab

Council of the Arts on Friday.

Prominent artist and Ex-PN-

CA Director General Jamal

Shah was the chief guest on

the occasion. More than 60

artists participated in the ex-

hibition featuring landscape

Addressing at the closing

ceremony, Jamal Shah said

it was appreciable step to

turn the youth to positive

activities. He further said

Pakistan was full of talented

people who were bringing a

good name to the country

At the end, Jamal Shah

also distributed certificates

SC summons

CDA, ICT,

Forest Dept

officials

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme

Court on Friday summoned

the Capital Development

Authority (CDA), Islamabad

Capital Territory (ICT) and

Forest Department officials

in a suo moto notice case

about encroachment in the

Bani Gala Botanical Garden.

A three-member SC bench

headed by Justice Umar

Ata Bandial and comprising

Justice Munib Akhtar and

Justice Sayyed Mazahar Ali

Akbar Nagyi heard the case.

During the course of pro-

ceedings, the Additional

Advocate General Punjab

said the court had ordered

among the artists. – **APP** 

across the world.

sketches, and calligraphy.

the audit para. - APP

within a month.

ber Munaza Hassan.

ISLAMABAD:

liament Lodges.

yana in the chair,

the occasion, he said that Pakistan's craftsmen and artisans have high potential and their products are popular in Pakistan and abroad. He assured the new HAP team of his full support.

## Network security workshop organized at FJWU

RAWALPINDI: Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization of Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) in collaboration with Riphah International University and Pakistan Education and Research Network (PERN) organized comprehensive Network Security Training and workshop for the faculty and students here on Friday.

The workshop and training is first training in the project "Network Security Training and Workshop across select-

ed women Universities in Pakistan," funded by European Union via Trans-Eurasia Information Network\* Corporation Center (TEIN\*CC) through its 4th call of Asi@ connect program and granted to the department of cyber security and Data Sciences, Riphah Institute of Systems Engineering, Riphah International University, Islamabad.

Resource persons of the workshop were Syed Muhammad Sajjad, Senior Lecturer and Ms. Sumaira Salim, Assistant Professor, Riphah International University. The objective of the workshop was to train the women network engineers of Pakistan in field of network security.

The training discussed the issues of cyber-bullying and online harassment of women in Pakistan. The effects of cyberbullying (depression, isolation, illness, anger, low self-esteemed. suicide) and safety advices were shared with the audiVulnerabilities in protocols and their exploitation were covered in depth to provide the students a better understanding of how to secure their data on the internet from hackers. The participants were briefed about the use of public key cryptography and infrastructure. It was emphasized that Network Access Control must be used in academic campuses and enterprises to control illegitimate users' access over the organization network. - APP



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador Lis Rosenholm meeting with Pharma industry officials at Embassy of Denmark. - DNA

### Imam terms anti locust operations exemplary

ISLAMABAD: Minister for National Food Security and Research (NFSR) Syed Fakhar Imam Friday said the anti Locust operations by National Locusts Control Center (NLCC)

were exemplary. The minister was chairing the meeting of the NLCC. NLCC Coordinator Lieutenant General Moazzam Ejaz also co-chaired the meeting. Later, briefing the media, the minister said during last seven days, an area of about 12,514 square kilometers had been surveyed whereas control operation was done at 6 sq km in last week.

On the occasion, Dr Mubarak from Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) briefed about locust forecast. He said the FAO was quoting anti locust operation in Pakistan as an ideal. As per forecast, in Southwest Asia, the situation continues to improve as the seasonal monsoon withdraws from the summer breeding areas along both sides of the Indo-Pakistan border. Control operations continue in Pakistan against small infestations that persist

The Pakistan Meteorological Department informed that continental air was prevailing over most parts of the country. Hot and dry weather was likely to prevail over most parts of the country.

The minister said Sindh reported that recently locust was found in Jamshoro but it was controlled effectively whereas no locust was found in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Punjab provinces.

#### PANAH holds awareness workshop

RAWALPINDI: National Heart Association (PANAH) on Friday arranged a workshop at Rawalpindi Arts Council in connection with World Heart day to create awareness about the heart diseases. Speaking on the occasion as a Chief guest President PANAH Major General Masood-ur-Rehman (retd) Kayani said that the ratio of death from cardiac disorder could be minimize through preventive measures.

He elaborated that Hypertension, Diabetes, Smoking, Obesity, Alcohol, Physical

### Work on 'Gulberg-Rawat' section from next week

ISLAMABAD: The construction work on next phase of Islamabad Expressway Signal Free Corridor (Gulberg-Rawat) will start in coming days to regulate traffic flow on one of the most traffic-laden artery, said a top official of the Capital Development Authority (CDA). "All the relevant departments are mobilized, machinery is moving and the work will start with full force as alternate traffic plan is being prepared by member engineering, director traffic planning and traffic police," CDA Chairman Amer Ali Ahmed told media. The work on final phase of the Islamabad Expressway Signal Free Corridor has remained in limbo for last couple of years, mainly due to financial constraints, faced by the civic agency, whereas it is the public who have been bearing the brunt of long-hour traffic clogs daily while traveling on such road. Talking to this scribe, the project director said initially, the CDA would add two more lanes on both sides of one kilometer patch on Korang Bridge and construct Underpass at the Public Works Department (PWD) intersection under the PC-I, approved by the Central Department Working Party with an estimated cost amounting Rs 1.6 billion. The timeline for widening Korang Bridge and PWD underpass had been set for 15 and seven months, respectively, he added. The director said the contractors had been hired through transparent bidding process for executing the project and it was expected that the construction work would be started by the next week.

When asked about the rest of work on project that involved addition of two more lanes on both sides of the expressway till Rawat and construction of three more bridges, he said the option of completing the project under Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) plus was under consideration. - APP

#### IHC issues order in Zoo's animals shifting case

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Friday issued a written order in a case pertaining to the shifting of Muragzar Zoo Islamabad's animals to

sanctuaries. Chief Justice Athar Minallah issued a written judgment which ordered the government to complete all arrangements for the shifting of Kavan elephant and bears abroad so that they could enjoy the natural environment. The order stated that there was no appropriate sanctuary in Pakistan to shift the Himalayan brown bear, even the Punjab government was also not ready to take the responsibility of those animals.

The decision further said

the animal had faced a lot of miseries during their exhibition in zoo, adding it was violation of the law to keep the animals in unnat-

ural environment. The Islamabad Wildlife Management Board chairman had informed the court that all arrangements were being made to shift Kavan to Cambodia in compliance of court orders. However, the deputy director of the climate change ministry adopted the stance that no objection certificates would be issued within three weeks pertaining to shifting of animals. The decision stated that it had been very sad that the animals were ignored in the past and their

miseries were increased.

#### Men arrested for displaying weapons

ISLAMABAD: A number of men in Islamabad were arrested for terrorising residents and spreading fear by uploading pic tures and videos of weapons on social media, the police said According to the police, in the last few months the trend of displaying weapons on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram has increased.

These young men put up videos with guns and rifles and add songs in the background which hint that they are gangsters," Islamabad SP Sarfaraz Virk said.

He pointed out that most of these youngsters do this for fun without realising the grave impact such content can have on other users on the applications, "Parents play a huge role here. They need to monitor what their children are doing," Virk added. Behavioral experts call this habit "youth's need for power". - APP

#### demarcation of the botanical garden in the forest land case, which could not be done due to non-availability of some documents. Justice Bandial observed

days. - APP

progress had been made. The Additional Advocate General Punjab said the record would be obtained in the next four to five

Nayyar

Bukhari

said that the demarcation

order was issued by the Su-

preme Court in 2017 but no

### tested positive

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Secretary General Nayyar Hussain Bukhari was tested positive for the coronavirus, a private news channel reported on Friday.

Bukhari has been experiencing symptoms of the infection over the past few days after he attended a meeting of the opposition's Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM).

## **CGSS**, **UoP** to establish Regional Integration Center

During the meeting, CGSS gave a detailed presentation on the establishment of "PU - CGSS Regional Integration Center". It was decided that CGSS in collaboration with University of the Punjab, Lahore will establish a "Regional Integration Center", that will provide a platform for long term opportunities for the regional countries to cooperate in social, economic and cultural domains

FIAZ CHAUDHRY

ISLAMABAD: Senior management of Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad under the leadership of Major General Hafiz Masroor Ahmed (Retd), Vice President, CGSS held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad

Akhtar, Vice Chancellor, University of the Punjab, During the meeting, CGSS

gave a detailed presentation on the establishment of "PU - CGSS Regional Integration Center". It was decided that CGSS in collaboration with University of the Puniab, Lahore will establish a "Regional Inte-



gration Center", that will provide a platform for long term opportunities for the regional countries to cooperate in social, economic and cultural domains.

Furthermore, this Regional Integration Center will enhance academic exchange, strengthen and broaden research on regional issues and coopera-

create a concept of community with shared future for regional prosperity. Meeting was attended by the Deans of various departments of the University and senior faculty members. The senior management of CGSS also at-

tended the meeting.

tion between Pakistan and

Eurasia.ThisCenter will

He undergo a test of COV-ID-19, the result of which came back positive. - APP

#### Saturday, October 03, 2020

**Exports** 

increases in September:

Abdul Razak ISLAMABAD: Adviser to

the Prime Minister for

Commerce and Investment

Abdul Razak Dawood on

Friday said exports have

grown 6 percent to \$ 1.872 billion in September 2020

as compared to corre-

Although this is better

than decrease of 15 per-

cent in August 2020, "I

still feel that with suffi-

cient backlog of orders we

can do much better," the

advisor tweeted. Besides

executing current orders

"I urge the exporters to

pursue more orders from

existing markets and reach

out to untapped markets"

he said. "I am hopeful that

in October 2020 we will

have further growth" the

sponding period of 2019.

#### Briefs

#### PAC directs FUUAST to fix overpaid amount of consultancy

ISLAMABAD: Sub-Commit tee-IV of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Friday directed Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (FUUAST) to fix the responsibility in overpaid amount of consultancy of Rs. 3.03 million due to poor workmanship in the work strengthening of departments. The committee met here at Parliament House in chair of Member National Assembly(MNA) Munaza Hassan, Convener of the committee. The meeting was also attended by members of the committee including Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, MNA Muhammad Ibrahim Khan and MNA Khawaja Sheraz Mehmood.

The committee examined the audit reports/special audit reports for the year 2014-15 of Higher Education Commission (HEC), universities highlighted paras.

observed that Audit FUUAST could not recover the overpaid amount from the defaulting consultant even after lapse of more than three years. The audit further maintained that the non-recovery occurred due to weak internal controls and inadequate oversight mechanism for enforcing relevant rules and regulations. The management of FUUAST replied that excess payment would be recovered from the defaulter as arrears of land revenue. The committee directed the management of FUUAST to make recovery from the defaulting consultant. The committed has pended the audit para of Air University till next meeting and directed management to come with more details.

The committee while examining the audit para of Karakhoram University purchase of old buses, observed that universities cannot purchase old buses for students and it was against the rules. - APP

#### Launching ceremony of 'Film Production Course' under **PNCA**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA) will be holding launching ceremony of one year 'Film Production Course' here on October 3. Federal Minister for Education, National Heritage and Culture Shafaqat Mehmood will be the chief guest, an official told APP.

He said that the course would offer a foundation for understanding cinema and its relation to culture, history, technology and aesthetics-Film Studies.

He said that classes would start from October 5 added that the course will be completed in two semesters.

The best local and international faculty will be teaching everything you need in your capacity to become a Professional Film Maker, he said. Sarmad Khoosat, a well known Pakistani Director and Andre F Nebe German director would teach the direction. Peter Bussian American Cinematographer would teach the Cinematography. Lisa Locus American script writer and Saim Saddique will teach the techniques of script writing, he informed.

#### 'National Emergency Helpline' to be launched soon: PMDU

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will soon launch a state of the art three digit 'National Emergency Helpline' similar to United States and many other developing countries which would improve women safety and other emergency situations This was stated by the Deputy Secretary, Prime Minister Delivery Unit (PMDU) Adil Saeed Safi Friday. Talking to a private news channel on Friday, Adil Saeed said that government was all set to launch 'National Emergency Helpline' similar to the 911 helpline in the United States, on the directives of Prime Minister Imran Khan. He assured that National emergency number would give across the board response to every citizens living in far flung areas of the country in case of any emergency. He said PMDU was holding various meetings with other telephonic companies and taking them on board to ensure the smooth implementation of this service. - APP

## NAB committed to logical disposal of mega corruption cases: chairman

NAB has also introduced a Combine Investigation Team (CIT) system in order to benefit from the experience and collective wisdom of senior supervisory officers. This system is lending quality to the work. NAB has devised and implemented an effective Monitoring and Evaluation System

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Honorable Justice Mr. Javed Iqbal, Chairman NAB chaired a meeting to review monthly performance of NAB at NAB Headquarters. During the meeting, it was informed that Operations and Prosecution Divisions of NAB are working closely in order to further improve the performance of all Regional Bureaus of NAB in conduct of complaint verifications, inquires, investigations and also vigorous prosecution of cases on the basis of solid evidence in the respected courts as

It was informed that on the directions of the Chairman NAB, the Prosecution Division has been revamped by

inducting experienced legal consultants/special prosecutors. A mechanism of witness handling cells have been introduced in all the regional bureaus and the results of this intervention are very encouraging. Due to constant deliberations, monitoring and performance analysis of the Prosecution Division, the overall conviction ratio is approximately 68.8 percent in the respected Accountability Courts which is one of the best conviction ratios. The Chairman NAB said that is committed to the logical disposal of mega corruption white collar crime cases which is a challenging task but NAB is determined to bring the corrupt to justice. He said that NAB has also introduced a Combine Investigation Team (CIT)



system in order to benefit from the experience and collective wisdom of senior supervisory officers. This system is lending quality to

the work. NAB has devised and implemented an effective Monitoring and Evaluation System (MES) in NAB Headquarters and all

Regional Bureaus in order to review their performance in qualitative and quantitative terms which has proved very successful in enhanc-

ing the performance of all Divisions of NAB including Regional Bureaus. He said that NAB is absolutely committed to work transparently, fairly, professionally as Pakistan is considered as a role model for SAARC countries in eradication of Corruption due to NAB's efforts and Pakistan's Corruption Perception Index (CPI) according to Transparency International Pakistan Report. Pakistan is the first Chairman of SAARC Anti Corruption Forum which is a great achievement for Pakistan due to NAB efforts. He said that NAB has recovered billions of rupees from illegal housing societies/ cooperative societies as per law and returned life earned looted money to affectees who thanked Chairman NAB in this regard.

#### advisor said. - APP SMEDA to organize training on "Growth of SMEs by E-Commerce"

ISLAMABAD: The Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) is going to organize one day training program on "Growth of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) by E-Commerce" for profitable business growth on October 21 at Rawalpindi.

The session is being organized by SMEDA under National Business Development Program (NBDP) for SMEs, to extend non-financial advisory services to small and medium business, according to sources in the Authority.

The training would provide information about how SMEs operate, business challenges for SMEs in current situation, E-Commerce for SMEs, SMEs can take benefit from E-Commerce.

The session would be attended by small business owners and their staff, women participants, women owned SMEs, emerging and existing entrepreneurs and all those desirous of improving knowledge on the subject. - APP

#### 39 new Corona positive cases reported from Islamabad stop increasing local transmission of COVID-19 in ICT. National

ISLAMABAD: Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Coronavirus on Friday said that 39 new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) during last 24 hours. According to an official of NCOC, 30 cases were reported in last day in ICT while so far 16,650 confirmed cases had been reported from the federal capital. He said that 2,228 COVID-19 tests had been conducted in last 24 hours while 15,947 patients had been recovered besides 182 deaths in ICT. Meanwhile officials from Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) confirmed report of Coronavirus in its doctors, nurses and para medical staff. Commenting on the situation, an official of Ministry of National Health Services said that several local level administrative decisions were made to control the disease. He advised the citizens to follow the social distancing, use of mask and other markable role under NCOC precautionary measures to against the disease.

Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). He said that the main focus of the strategy was to control the disease on one hand and maintaining business activities of small and poor traders on the other hand. He added such strategy was successfully implemented to get results. He said that all concerned federal and provincial and public and private institutions played re

He said that the government

had adopted effective strate-

gy to combat COVID-19 that

resulted reduction in corona

cases in the country. He said

that present facts and figure

of the disease show declining

trend of coronavirus at all lev-

el due to prompt response of

Expressing satisfaction over current COVID-19 sit-

uation, he said that all this

was made possible due to

team efforts and the ef-

ficient work of National

the government.

#### HEC nominates 32 students for study in China

ISLAMABAD: As many as 32 engineering students from 27 universities across Pakistan were nominated by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) to study in China, it was announced during the closing ceremony for the Seeds for Future program 2020.

Through the medium of a remote virtual event, Huawei Pakistan, working together with the Higher Education Commission, took part in the closing ceremony. The event was attended by Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin-ul-Haque, Executive Director HEC,Dr. Fateh Marri, Deputy CEO Huawei Pakistanm Ma Libing

and the 32 students. This is the 6th year seeds for the future, is happening in Pakistan, unlike previous years, when a whole batch of nominated students could travel to China for the study trip; this was the first time that the program was moved online due to the obvious restric-

tions of COVID-19. Out of a pool of 1173 applicants, 32 engineering students from 27 universities all across Pakistan were nominated by the Higher Education Commission.

The aim of the program, which has been active in over 126 countries & regions since its inception in Thailand, has been to nurture upcoming STEM talent from around the world. As a global ICT market leader, Huawei has taken it upon itself to promote local ICT industries as part of development in their operational regions.

During the one week online learning program from 21st to 25th, Sep 2020, students from Kenya alongside students from Pakistan received technical training from Huawei and industry ICT experts, who shared their expertise on courses covering a wide range of topics like the Chinese language, strategic leadership, 5G, cloud computing, AI etc. Students were required to finish a number of compulsory courses and get a minimum of 60 marks on the test at the end of the course. Out of the 32 students, 26 successfully passed the course and got the graduation certificate. - APP

#### programs and GSP+ related obligations. - DNA Ali Muhammad vows to raise Kashmir cause globally

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of EU Androulla Kaminara had a very interesting and friendly meeting with

Senator Sherry Rehman on political, HR, regional developments as well as shared information on EU

Pakistan will continue highlighting brutal state oppression in Indian held Kashmir, both at the political and diplomatic level

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Ali Muhammad Khan Friday vowed to raise India's move to end the autonomy of Kashmir at all international forums and the day is not far when Kashmiris will celebrate the Independence Day. Pakistan will continue highlighting brutal

state oppression in Indian held Kashmir, both at the political and diplomatic level, he said while talking to a

private news channel.

Situation in Indian occupied Kashmir was condemnable and required urgent attention of the international community, he remarked. He said Pakistan so far has done a lot to highlight Kashmir issue and cruel Indian policies yet a lot has to be



done yet, adding, it is fact that the world never stands with the weaker.

It is great achievement that Kashmiris are continuing their struggle for freedom and is the longest independence movement in the history, he lauded.

Ali Muhammad said the Indian cruel face and Hindutva policies have already been exposed in front of the world and the World's human rights organizations must have to analyze the discriminatory policies of BJP-led Indian government. Kashmiris have been sacrifices their lives for the cause for the last over 90 years and I have the faith that their sacrifices will not go in vain, he assured.

"I am hopeful that India will be destructed because of Modi's fascism, Hindutva policies and following the footsteps of Nazism as it is gradually isolating in the world", he added.

#### Govt raises non-practicing allowance for doctors

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Good news for the doctors working in the government hospitals of Islamabad as the federal government on Friday announced to raise their non-practicing allowance. The Finance ministry after approval of Prime Minister Imran Khan has issued a circular in this regard. The doctors working in the government hospitals of the federal capital will also get a special healthcare allowance. The doctors working in PIMS, Polyclinic, Federal General Hospital, and others will get the allowance equal to their basic salary of 2018. It may be noted that Prime Minister Imran Khan had okayed an increase in the allowances of the doctors. last year. In the month of July. this year, the federal government had approved special risk allowance for the health professionals performing coronavirus duties. According to sources, the government had allocated Rs480 million for the special risk allowance to encourage the frontline warriors in the

#### debunks Nawaz Sharif's claims a Tomahawk missile after

**Nuclear physicist** 

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DNA ISLAMABAD:

ar physicist Dr Samar Mubarakmand has rejected former premier Nawaz Sharif's assertion that Pakistan reverse engineered a US Tomahawk missile during his tenure to make the Babur cruise missile. Speaking to reporters in London, Nawaz had said that he had made "immense" contributions to the army. "I have done a lot, I have contributed a lot. We have spent billions, trillions, made the atomic bomb programme, made the JF-17 with China and half the missiles we have, I got them made," he said. He also claimed that Paki-

they found an intact one in Balochistan in 1998 from when "Clinton dropped missiles in Afghanistan". "We got one, back engineered it and made it," he said.

His claim has been rejected by Dr Mubarakmand, who said a cruise missile is very sensitive. It's not possible for the missile to have landed on the ground and not hit anything, he said. The nuclear physicist was a senior figure at Pakistan's Atomic Energy Commission. He said that Pakistan did find a missile in Balochistan but it was in small pieces as it had exploded. It was a useless pile of rubbish, he said. The US didn't ask for the remains of the missile, if it had we would have given it back, said Dr Mubarakmand.

## FPCCI urged Gov't to restore Power Supply

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Mian Anjum Nisar President Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry has shown his serious concern and urged the Government and Gas Company to immediately restore gas supply with required pressure to overcome the supply and demand gap of energy. President FPCCI said that the businesses and industries are already passing through un-conducive business conditions of high cost of inputs and poor deteriorating infrastructure. Our export industry after COVID-19 was recovering fast but unfortunately due to interrupted gas supply, followed by electricity shut downs, the production of goods for export has suffered 30 percent reduction. The management of SSGC has failed to respond to complaints by industry in last three months. There is no reason of short and interrupted supply of gas to industry which amount to only 350 MMCFD of total daily input of SSGC of 1450 MMCFD. He further informed that the Gas prices have been on the rise in last couple of years making RLNG cheaper than local natural gas. He informed that 1200 MMCFD of LNG import facilities are installed, 600 MMCFD each by ENGRO Vopak and PG-PCL. At present, consumption of RLNG import, 300 MMCFD of un-utilized capacity is available at PGPCL RLNG terminal.

Government should immediately arrange import of additional four cargoes per month of LNG to ensue industry gets required gas. He further informed that Pakistan produces around four (4) Billion Cubic Feet Per Day (BCFD) of indigenous natural gas against an unconstrained demand of over six (6) BCFD. To meet the shortfall, the Government has initiated the

#### 'PML-N wants conflict between institutions'

ISLAMABAD: Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Commerce Shandana Gulzar Khan Friday said that Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leadership wanted conflict between state institutions to succeed their personal agenda instead of highlighting national issues. Talking to a private news channel, she said PML-N leadership should stop defaming Pakistan Army as critical statements against state institutions only weakening the country. She alleged that the Sharif family just had minted national money while in power and kept it out of the country. She said that PML-N chief and Maryam Safdar should respect state institutions including Army and courts added that a convicted and absconder had no right to sit abroad and issue statements against institutions. Shandana said the opposition had the right to protest but people had to see if such a protest was for public interest or the aim was to protect their corrupt deeds. - APP

## Masses cannot afford exceptional hike in power tariff

stan reversed engineered

**DNA** 

fight against the COVID-19.

ISLAMABAD: Convener FPCCI Central Standing Committee on Insurance Dr Murtaza Mughal on Friday said the demand of the IMF and World Bank to reduce circular debt to zero in one year should be rejected as it is contrary to the ground

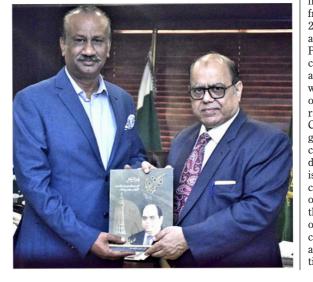
The demand of the lenders is not implementable as it will push the country back to the stone age, he said.

Talking to present and former President of RCCI Saboor Malik and Nasir Mirza, he said that it took decades of neglect to accumulate circular debt which can be brought down to zero in a gradual manner otherwise it will hit masses and productive sector badly.

Dr. Murtaza Mughal said that the proposal to hike power tariff by Rs6 per unit is unacceptable as a failure in undertaking reforms will leave the government with only option to hike power tariff by Rs133 per unit. Accepting

such proposals will shrink businessmen were involved GDP, stoke unprecedented in controversial power purinflation and leave millions chase agreements but government has not taken any unemployed. He said that faulty power purchase agreements were signed by former rulers, therefore, masses should not be punished for their mismanagement as the capacity payments of IPPs will surpass one trillion rupees in a few years. He noted that former rulers as well as

meaningful action against the. Dr. Mughal who is also President of Pakistan Economy Watch noted that there are some signs of economic stability which has prompted the central bank to mull hike in the interest rates which should be noticed.



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### Emergency helpline

HE gang rape of a woman on the Lahore motorway has exposed many a weakness in administration and policing. What is most unfortunate is that, after her car broke down, the victim rang several helplines to get assistance for her vehicle, but because of a lack of coordination and a lethargic response, help came too late. The episode begs the following question: what is a citizen to do in an emergency situation, such as during a robbery or a medical crisis at home? That the episode has compelled the government to formulate a national emergency helpline is welcome news — and a step that requires careful thought and spadework. It is a shame that citizens do not have an easy way of reaching emergency services in moments of crisis, and that they need to know the ins and outs of a labyrinthine system of public services with different jurisdictions and mandates to navigate an already fraught situation.

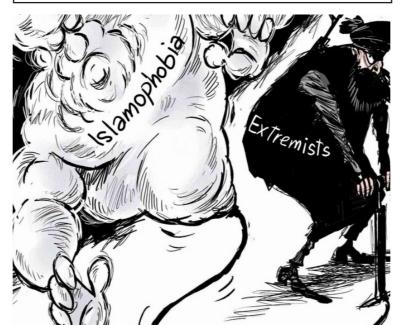
There are several successful models around the world that can be studied and adapted to create a singular national helpline in Pakistan. Several aspects must be considered and different requirements identified; a coherent plan would need to be drawn up for each of those requirements to be met; cost, expenditure and income streams must be considered, as well as staffing, technical resources and contingency plans. One example of a successful coordination effort is the National Command and Operation Centre that is dealing with the coronavirus pandemic in the country. However, given the perennially difficult relationship between the provincial and federal governments, will this project become a reality? The success of such an endeavour is contingent upon the cooperation of different entities and public bodies. With services unevenly distributed across the country, the challenges are indeed daunting. Sindh still does not have a Rescue 1122 service, and service distribution between urban-rural areas is also patchy. An effort of this magnitude must first begin with provinces consolidating their resources internally. The ultimate goal should be to provide citizens with the best and fastest support available in their area, and doing so in a coordinated way can also help identify which areas need further development. The provincial and federal authorities should rise to the challenge and approach this by putting aside their differences. This is a serious national priority. Citizens in distress should not be forced to run from pillar to post to request help.

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#### Better times

he first visit in 12 years to Pakistan by Dr Abdullah Abdullah, a former foreign minister for Afghanistan, and also the former CEO of the country, where the vote is divided between him and President Ashraf Ghani, seems to have gone off to a good start. Dr Abdullah during his three-day visit to Pakistan, which ended on Thursday, met with Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Prime Minister Imran Khan, and President Arif Alvi. In his talks with Prime Minister Imran Khan, the Pakistan PM stressed that past tensions and past rivalries should be put away so that a new beginning can be made.

The great game in Afghanistan is of course, a long drawn out process. But Dr Abdullah's visit seems, at least on the surface, to have gone well. He hit right notes in his talks with senior Pakistani officials, and said that he hoped the visit would result in a new era for the two neighbouring countries which need to work together if there is any hope of stopping militancy and violence in the region. In this sense, India is also a partner, given its increasing influence with the Ghani government. Pakistan has helped put the reconciliation process, which is headed by Dr Abdullah, on track by talking to the Taliban and persuading them to begin negotiations, first to the US and later the Afghan government. But, of course, there are problems. One is the fact that Iran has taken no part in the whole affair. This is just one stumbling block. There are others. But the key to sorting them out is good ties between Pakistan and Afghanistan. This can only happen through a continuous process of talks between those leading the two countries. There must also be agreement that now no state will interfere in the affairs of the other or deliberately try to sabotage peace and stability within it. Pakistan has been accused of attempting this in Afghanistan in the past. In turn, Islamabad has accused Afghanistan of allowing its soil to be used by militants who then enter Pakistan through the highly porous border that separates the two neighbours. There are many complications and many levels of complexities that lie ahead. We hope that the meetings held by Dr Abdullah in Pakistan can be a step towards sorting these out and laying out a new road which leads to peace in the region and greater stability for all its people.

## Azerbaijan-Armenia: War of martyrdom & maliciousness

Dr. Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan



Geographically, Nagorno-Karabakh is a mountainous region consisting/covering around 4,400 square kilometers situated 50 kilometers from the Armenian border. With the passage of time local soldiers supported by Armenia also occupy some Azerbaijani territory outside the region. So, illegal annexation practice is still on by Armenians due to which the Internally Displaced People (IDPs) have been at receiving end for so many years

zerbaijan's infinite voyage of martyrdom is now confronting with maliciousness of Armenian which carries notorious past full of sever ethnic cleansing and horrible genocide, conspiratorial present and frightening future because of its paramount fascist hangover and state sponsored terrorist activities and of course provocations. Tug of war is now embodied into full-fledged war of machineries. War has now entered into its fifth day during which Armenia tried to surpass true essence of international law and perpetuated attack on the civilian settlements and population of Azerbaijan. This time Azerbaijan started a counter offensive operation

during which it succeeded to destroy key military installations of Armenia and captured tactical mountains and last but not least liberated illegally occupied areas from Armenia and its sponsored international militia and terrorist groups.

Azerbaijan completely destroyed various military installations, missile batteries and anti-missile system S-300 of Armenia. Its claim of downing of its F-16 by Turkey did not achieve any attention in the region as well as in the international power circle. Atypically, Zee News India also claimed presence of Pakistani troops in Azerbaijan to fight against Armenia which has already been denied by the foreign ministry of Pakistan.

However, it shows axis of enmity, empathy and destruction of Armenia and India against Azerbaijan and Pakistan. Hopefully their marriage of convenience will be divorced very soon with the parotic spirits of both the countries. Notwithstanding, Azerbaijan and Pakistan are brotherly countries which are now knotted even with grief, anger and purpose of recognition.

According to its ministry of defence, Azerbaijani troops have so far neutralized at least 2,300 Armenian soldiers since September 27, 2020. Moreover, thorough professional armed forces of Azerbaijan destroyed Armenian 130 tanks and armored vehicles, more than 200 artillery and missile systems, around 25 air defense systems, six command and observation areas, five ammunition depots, almost 50 anti-tank guns and 55 cars during the ongoing war.

Ongoing war has once again highlighted the immediate need to resolve the frozen conflict of Nagorno-Karabakh region and seven surrounding regions of Azerbaijan during the 1991-1993. Armenia's impulsive orientation, military obsession, mantra of self-defined and self-inserted ownership of Nagorno-Karabakh (NB) has put the South Caucasus security at risk. There is an urgent need to resolve the pending issue of NB purely on the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council which adopted four resolutions 822, 853, 874 and 884 condemning the use of force against Azerbaijan and the occupation of its territories in 1993.

It reaffirmed respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, reconfirmed that the Nagorno-Karabakh region is an integral part of Azerbaijan and demanded the immediate, full and unconditional withdrawal of the occupying forces from all the occupied territories. Undoubtedly, Nagorno-Karabakh (NB) is Azerbaijan.

Armenia's jingoism has once again threatened South Caucasus's socio-economic stability, geopolitical harmony and geostrategic sustainability which may have serious security consequences to the European Union. Armenia' draconian instinct against the innocent local people living in various illegally occupied areas and adjacent to border has once again made it naked to use ferocious military power against stranded people. Fierce fighting has been raged which has produced shock & awe in so many important capitals of the world especially the EU.

The EU, Russia, United Nations, the United States, France and Germany came forward but with certain secretive motives. A large numbers of Armenian diaspora live in France and Germany which have forced them to help-out fleeing Armenians. Even, European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) favored the aggressor, Armenia and intentionally preferred crusading approach over human curiosity. Armenia pulverized Azerbaijan civilian settlements with rockets and artillery in the merciless round of the frozen conflict since 1994. The fighting is now taking place

along all sections of the front line. It has deployed helicopters, drones, tanks, and artillery during the first five days of fighting.

Armenia's real callous face has now out of sugarcoated so called democracy which has been gnarled
by imposing martial law in the country. So divinity
of democracy has been crawled by the big generals.
Now, worshiper of darkness and destruction i.e. Armenia is heavily indulged in attacking the caravans
of innocent Azerbaijanis. Being prominent regional
expert of Azerbaijan & CIS, I expect a fair deal and
befitting proposition for suppressing and struggling
people living in the Nagorno-Karabakh region to be
liberated for the sake of humanity, sagacity of international law and above all sustainability of diplomacy. Otherwise, it may further escalate.

It is a bitter reality that Armenia has been pursuing ethnic cleansing policy against Azerbaijan for centuries in order to illegally occupy its territorial areas. With the help of its regional bosses Armenia unfortunately, succeeded to occupy the Nagorno-Karabakh region and seven surrounding regions of Azerbaijan during the 1991-1993.

Despite the declaration of a ceasefire between the two countries in 1994, Armenia has been provoking Azerbaijan. Over the years, Armenia has repeatedly violated the ceasefire, opened fire against Azerbaijani soldiers, civilians and claimed hundreds of lives. Armenian prime minister ordered full military mobilization whereas, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev ordered partial military mobilization which shows Armenia's obsession of military power and on the other hand upholds Azerbaijan peaceful resolve to counter the enemy attack with appropriate response with befitting tactical operations.

Armenia has been clandestinely schemed to attack on various border areas of Azerbaijan by settling international terrorists groups from Syria, Iraq, and elsewhere in Nagorno-Karabakh which is proven and against the international law. Instead of this Armenia blamed Azerbaijan to settle Syrian terrorists in its border areas. The foreign ministry of Azerbaijan has strongly condemned this accusations.

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UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called on both the leaders to immediately halt hostilities over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh. He stressed the need for resumption of talks and the redeployment of monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to the region. Azerbaijan president Ilham Aliyev upheld that his country fighting war of survival from its own territories.

Meanwhile, the UN Security Council tried to hold emergency to discuss the fighting following a request from Germany and France. Even German Chancellor Angela Merkel called both the leaders and asked for immediate truce. The fighting has now threatened to draw in regional powers Russia and Turkey which would be fatal for the entire region.

Unfortunately, Nagorno-Karabakh region has been in

attack the institutions and please India.

the line of fire due to Armenia's military violations. But this time the unresolved conflict in the volatile South Caucasus Region (SCR) erupted into the deadliest bouts of fighting since April 2016.

The government of Turkey and especially its President Recep Tayyip Erdogan pledged full support to government and people of Azerbaijan by demanding Armenia to put an end to its unjust, inhumane and illegal occupation of Nagorno-Karabakh region after deadly clashes started along the border of Azerbaijan. He upheld that de-occupation of Nagorno-Karabakh and other seven regions would start a new era of peace and harmony in the region. On its part, Russian continuously observing the ongoing war and urged to stop the hostilities.

In this time of crisis, Pakistan stood first to show its love, compassion and solidarity with the government and people of Azerbaijan by strongly condemning Armenian attack on its civilian and military installations. Speaker of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan Sahiba Gafarova telephoned the Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani and both leaders discussed important issues and the regional situation in the backdrop of latest tension.

During the telephonic conversation the Senate Chairman blamed Armenia for recent tensions which and termed it anti-humanity. He strongly condemned Armenia invasion which threatened peace in the region. He upheld that Pakistan supported Azerbaijan's position on the Nagorno-Karabakh issue.

The government of Azerbaijan demands withdrawal of the occupying forces from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan which has still not been implemented, and the mediation efforts during the last 20 years within the framework of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) have also yet not yield results. The OIC recognizes Na gorno-Karabakh as integral part of Azerbaijan. NAM respects Azerbaijan's non-violence persuasion to liberate Nagorno-Karabakh. African Union supports true and just cause of Azerbaijan on Nagorno-Karabakh issue. The OSCE confirms Azerbaijan's principal stance on Nagorno-Karabakh. National Assembly as well as Senate of Pakistan along with more than 100 parliaments of the world totally condemn Armenia policy of occupation and annexation.

Armenia violates not only the principles of territorial integrity of another state, but also a number of conventions and resolutions, which prohibit the destruction of movable and immovable property of the occupied lands. Since the beginning of the Armenia's occupational policy against Azerbaijan, 20% of the territory of Azerbaijan, including the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh and seven surrounding regions, are under the control of the Armenian armed forces.

Being prominent regional expert of Azerbaijan & CIS, I request the international community and human wisdom and the UN to immediately intervene and stop Armenia from its military provocations and quadruped predispositions which may produce a serious regional threat to the SCR necessitating terrible spillover repercussions for peace and stability. Moreover, immediate withdrawal of Armenian forces from Nagorno-Karabakh and its seven adjacent areas would be great boost to regional peace and harmony. To conclude, Nagorno-Karabakh is Azerbaijan and caravans of martyrdom will not be defeated by the fleeing Armenians. Azerbaijan is a land of brave hearts where beasts of Armenia has no place to settle.

## What will be the outcome of the political confrontation?

Attiya Munawer



There is no doubt that the political leadership of the country has no right to protect itself and not the people, so a long reconciliation silence has been broken after the failure to pursue the interests

he Supreme Court had allowed Mian Nawaz Sharif to go abroad for treatment and ordered Shahbaz Sharif to submit an affidavit to bring him back home in four weeks as if Shahbaz Sharif was obliged to bring his elder brother back home in four weeks. Even eleven months later, Nawaz Sharif did not return home, which is a violation of the court order. Mian Nawaz Sharif is still justifying his alleged illness, while during this time many pictures have been published and broadcast on the print and electronic media in which he seems to be very happy. In recent days, during the APC and subsequent video speeches, he has been seen as a healthy person. The federal government is in constant touch with the British government to ensure the return of Nawaz Sharif so that the process of accountability that has begun can be brought to a logical conclusion

There is no doubt that the political leadership of the country has no right to protect itself and not the people, so a long reconciliation silence has been broken after the failure to pursue the interests. Government circles say that by making an excuse of a serious illness, Nawaz Sharif, who has left the country, has exposed himself that he is not ill and his 54-minute speech in the APC and later presiding over the party meeting is a clear proof that he left the country under the pretext of illness and has started practical politics. He has been presiding over political contacts and party meetings, but despite being healthy, he has not returned to the country to face the courts. Nawaz Sharif has held the post of Prime Minister three times and is claiming to restore true democracy. They also want to get justice, but when they return to Pakistan, they are reluctant to complete their sentence and face their appeals in the courts. However, it does not allow them to sit outside and

It is true that Prime Minister Imran Khan was not in favor of letting convicted Nawaz Sharif to leave the country. According to Sheikh Rashid, Prime Minister regrets it. It seems very difficult for the government to bring Nawaz Sharif back home. In principle, as a political leader, Mian Nawaz Sharif should return and wait for a court decision, but Nawaz Sharif's policy seems to be that he will not return to the country and seek treatment in the open air of London instead of being imprisoned at home. Anyway, why does Mian Nawaz Sharif need to come to Pakistan and spend his life in prison? He is continuing his politics even when he is out of the country. For some reason, his silent politics has been running since he moved to London, which has now found a language in the APC. Nawaz Sharif's aggressive speech in the APC and the recent activities of the PDM apart from the PML-N seems to suggest that someone has laid a hand of sympathy on his head during his stay in London and at own country, someone in power is in touch with him. The effect of this sympathetic support is that for the first time the issue of the role of the army in politics has been made a direct part of the political agenda and Nawaz Sharif is apparently leading the campaign. He does not seem to care about the cases against him in the courts and does not appear to be suffering from the fear that his daughter is still in Pakistan and could be arrested at any time.

Nawaz Sharif is keen on a policy of blackmailing the authorities while putting pressure on the government, as he has made it clear through his messengers that more concessions are possible from the state and the government nor is Maryam Nawaz likely to go abroad. That is why Mian Nawaz Sharif seems to be hunting for two with one arrow. He wants to divert attention from the

cases pending in the courts against him and to paint the government's efforts to bring him back home as political revenge. But to some extent, he fears that the government may not really be able to deport them from the UK, while the remarks of the courts make it clear that they are not in a position to provide further relief.

In view of this situation, Nawaz Sharif is threatening to reveal secrets by burning his boats, but this is not a unilateral act. Nawaz Sharif's and Maryam Nawaz's hot speech has also embarrassed in front of Imran Khan those who thought that release of Mian Nawaz Sharif on bail and voluntary deportation by PML-N would not weaken the existing transitional structure and confrontation and non-confrontation - the culture of instability will be discouraged. Although the Maryam Nawaz group has become stronger in the PML-N after the arrest of MianShahbaz Sharif, many like ChaudhryNisar Ali Khan in the presence of senior PML-N leader Maryam Nawaz, do not feel comfortable and they are forced to think that Mian Nawaz Sharif himself does not want to live a life of slavery, but is forcing us to enslave under their children. This internal turmoil within the PML-N will overwhelm the party, but the country cannot afford any internal turmoil and institutional confrontation, the consequences of confrontation can be very dangerous. To come out of this situation safely, a conciliatory attitude with a cold heart and mind must have to be adopted. If the government adopts the same attitude that Pervez Musharraf adopted during the Judiciary Restoration Campaign, then not only individuals but also institutions will be at stake in the conflict. Thus, no one knows what will be the outcome of this

confrontation?

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#### **Briefs**

#### **Nazarbayev** concerned over Karabakh

**DNA** 

NUR-SULTAN: The First President of Kazakhstan - Elbasy Nursultan Nazarbayev expressed concern over the escalation of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, media reports citing the press service of Elbasy. According to the press service, Nazarbayev supported the call for an end to hostilities in Nagorno-Karabakh. Nursultan Nazarbayev expressed concern over the escalation of the conflict, noting the importance of starting negotiations between the two states, which will serve to quickly stabilize the situation in the region. Armenian Armed Forces launched a large-scale military attack on positions of Azerbaijani army on the front line, using large-caliber weapons, mortars and artillery on Sept. 27.

Azerbaijan responded with a counter-offensive along the entire front. As a result of retaliation, Azerbaijani troops managed to liberate certain territories previously occupied by Armenia, as well as take important heights under control. Military actions continued on Sept. 29 - 30. According to a statement from Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry, the Armenian armed forces have suffered heavy losses along the entire front line from Sept. 27 through Sept.

#### **Saudi Arabia** issues guidelines for travellers

From Page 01

Earlier in September, Saudi Arabia had decided to lift travel restriction in the kingdom from 01 January 2021, imposed earlier owing to COV-ID-19 pandemic.

The kingdom's interior ministry had 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 ve from Sept. 15

They include expatriates who have a valid exit and re-entry visa, work visa, residency permit (iqama) and visit visas provided that they fulfil all the coronavirus related precautionary measures and protocols and a coronavirus negative test result carried out 48 hours before the entry of the Kingdom. The Arab media reports had also stated that the specific date for the lifting of restrictions will be given 30 days before the end of the year and the health ministry may stipulate preventative measures on travellers and transport providers during travel and at airports, ports, and stations. A plan will be announced to allow the performance of Umrah gradually according to developments, it further said. It is pertinent to mention here that the move was announced days after Saudi Arabia has extended a ban on the arrival of foreign airlines within the kingdom amid COVID-19 pandemic on August 29.

#### **Mecca to** reopen for limited pilgrimages

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coronavirus prompted its suspension. The umrah, the pilgrimage that can be undertaken at any time, usually attracts millions of Muslims from across the globe each year.

It will be revived in three stages, with the initial phase seeing just 6,000 citizens and residents already within the kingdom allowed to take part each day.

"In the first stage, the umrah will be performed meticulously and within a specified period of time," Hajj Minister Mohammad Benten told state television last week. He said pilgrims will be divided into groups to ensure social distancing within the Grand Mosque in Mecca. Worshippers will on Sunday be able to perform the ritual of circling the sacred Kaaba -- a cubic structure inside the Grand Mosque towards which Muslims around the world pray -- along socially distanced paths.

On October 18, the number of pilgrims will be increased to 15,000 per day, with a maximum of 40,000 people allowed to perform prayers at the mosque.



MULTAN: A view of the cricket match between Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan teams during National T20 Cup played at Multan Cricket Stadium. - DNA

## EU warns Turkey of sanctions over 'provocations' in Mediterranean

We therefore expect that Turkey from now on abstains from unilateral actions. In case of such renewed actions by Ankara, the EU will use all its instruments and options available

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BRUSSELS: The EU says it could impose sanctions on "provocations Turkey over and pressures" in a row with Greece over energy resources and maritime borders. European Commission Pres-

ident Ursula von der Leyen called on Ankara to "abstain from unilateral actions" in the eastern Mediterranean. She spoke early on Friday during a meeting of EU leaders in Brussels. Earlier, Turkey and Greece set up a military hotline to try to reduce the risk of clashes in the region.

Tensions rose earlier this year when Turkey sent a ship into potentially rich oil and gas de-



"a positive and constructive relationship with Turkey and this would be also be very much in Ankara's interest".

"But it will only work if the provocations and pressures stop," she said. "We therefore expect that Turkey from now on abstains from unilateral actions. In case of such renewed actions by Ankara, a disputed area to search for the EU will use all its instruments and options available. posits. Mrs von der Leyen told We have a toolbox that we reporters that the EU wanted can apply immediately." Af-



ter their late-night meeting, EU members agreed to review Turkey's behaviour in December and impose sanctions if "provocations" had not stopped.

Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, posting on Twitter after the meeting, said: "The EU isagainst Turkey should it continue to violate international law." European Council President Charles Michel said the EU was offering Turkey closer relations on trade and other areas, but holding out the threat of sanctions if tensions in the Mediterranean did not de-escalate. "We very much want to give political dialogue a chance to move toward greater stability," he said.

Arriving for the second day of the EU summit in Brussels, Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said the EU had sent "a message of unity, solidarity and determination" to Ankara, which made clear the consequences of its "aggressive behaviour".

But a Turkish official said it was hoped talks with Greece would resume soon and that sanctions would put dialogue at risk. "If the EU applies sanctions, this will not deter us. On the contrary this would increase our resolve," the official told media. The European

Union and Turkey have long held a fragile relationship. Turkey has been a long-term candidate for membership of the EU, but efforts have stalled. EU leaders have criticised Turkey's record on human rights and the rule of law, in particular in the wake of the 2016 failed military coup.

Despite the strains, Turkey remains an important partner for the EU. Turkey hosts millions of migrants and struck a deal with the EU that limited the numbers arriving in Greece.

Greece and Turkey are both Nato members, but have a history of border disputes and competing claims over maritime rights. Tensions flared in August when Ankara sent the research ship into an area south of the Greek island of Kastellorizo which is claimed by Greece, Turkey and Cyprus.

#### 'Armenia uses foreign journalists for propaganda'

DNA

BAKU: The Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry has said that Armenia is endangering the lives of foreign journalists and is violating the international humanitarian law by inviting them to the area of ongoing military operations.

The ministry made the remarks on October 2 while commenting on the reports that two journalists of the French newspaper "Le Monde" were injured in the occupied Nagorno-Karabakh region.

"The deliberate taking of foreign journalists to the dangerous zone clearly shows that the Armenian government ignores its obligations to ensure the safety of journalists and uses foreign journalists for its own propaganda purposes," the ministry said.

Furthermore, the ministry appealed to foreign journalists to obtain Baku's consent in connection with the visits to the occupied Nagorno-Karabakh and surrounding regions of Azerbaijan.

#### 'Turkey's support for Libya will continue'

DNA

ANAKARA: Turkey will continue to support Libya's government with training, consultation, and other support, Turkey's National Defense Ministry said on Friday.

"Our versatile relations based on 500 years of common history with Libya and our training, support and consultancy support to the UN-recognized Gov. of National Accord will continue,' the ministry said on Twitter. It added that an agreement signed last November "determining the maritime jurisdictional zones between Turkey and Libya is registered by the UN." Turkey has pointed to the pact as bolstering its case for claiming its fair share of energy resources in the Eastern Mediterranean. against Greece's maximalist claims flouting international law. Last fall, Ankara and Tripoli signed two memorandums of understanding, one on military cooperation and the other on maritime boundaries of countries in the Eastern Mediterranean Libva has been torn by a civil war since the ouster of Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.

#### Pakistan's MMA fighter Mehmosh beats Scotland's Murrie

DNA

MANAMA : Pakistan's MMA fighter Mehmosh Raza 'The Renegade' has defeated Scotland's Calum Murrie by split decision (29-28, 28-29, 30-27) in Bahrain on Thursday. Mehmosh claimed the victory in a featherweight

bout over Calum, former Taekwondo champion and who is acclaimed as one of the best fighters of Mixed Martial Arts. With this victory, Mehmosh his career record has improved to 10-4 in the MMA circuit. Islamabad based fighter has now aimed to win more fights for the nation



#### Thailand to allow foreigners from next week

BANGKOK- Thailand will start allowing in foreign tourists from next week, authorities said on Friday.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand confirmed that the Special Tourist Visa (STV) scheme will proceed as planned. The government launched the STV scheme as part of measures to revive the country's economy, which is heavily reliant on

tourism and exports. Thailand suspended international flights in April to curb the spread of the coronavirus. The country has reported 3,575 infections so far, including 59 deaths and 3,384 recoveries. "Despite the delay, the first group of tourists from China will arrive in Phuket within this month," said Yutthasak Supasorn, head of the Tai tourism authority. Some 120 tourists are expected to arrive in Thailand on a flight from China's Guangzhou



ISLAMABAD: Canadian Commissioner in Pakistan, MS. Wendy Gilmour called on advisor to the Prime Minister on commerce and investment, Abdul Razak Dawood - DNA

## Azerbaijan rejects French president's statement on Karabakh

DNA

BAKU: The statements of French President Emmanuel Macron and other French politicians addressed to Azerbaijan, voiced during the military operations of the Azerbaijani Armed Forces, are completely unacceptable, we reject them, Head of the Azerbaijani community of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, MP Tural Ganjaliyev said, Trend reports.

Ganjaliyev turned to Macron from the parliamentary chair with a rhetorical question: "What would Macron do if the city he grew up in was occupied?" "During our meetings with the French ambassador, he repeatedly expressed support for the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan. But why did Macron change his mind? Undoubtedly, pro-Armenian forces and

the Armenian lobby are behind this. This statement by Macron showed that the format of the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairs should be revised. The institution of co-chairmanship is not in anyone's monopoly. France must immediately be removed from this group. Because nowhere is written that the three co-chair countries are elected for a permanent term," said the MP. Armenian Armed Forces launched a largescale military attack on positions of Azerbaijani army on the front line, using large-caliber weapons, mortars and artillery on Sept. 27. Azerbaijan responded with a counter-offensive along the entire front. As a result of retaliation, Azerbaijani troops liberated a number of territories previously occupied by Armenia, as well as took important, strategic heights under control. Military actions continued on

**DNA** BAKU: For Azerbaijan to agree with a cease-fire, Armenia must

withdraw its forces from occupied Azerbaijani territories, the Turkish foreign minister said Friday. Speaking at a joint news conference with his Italian counterpart Sept. 29 - Oct. 1. According to

a statement from Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry, the Armenian armed forces have suffered heavy losses along the entire front line from Sept. 27 through Sept. 30, including tanks, armored vehicles, artillery installations, rocket launch systems, as well as

'Armenia must withdraw from occupied territories for cease-fire' Luigi Di Maio, Mevlut Cavusoglu said Turkey stands in solidarity with Azerbaijan against its struggle for the occupied territories of Upper Karabakh. "If the international community wants to do something about Upper Karabakh, they should get Armenia to leave Azerbaijani lands at once," he said. Border clashes first

> command and observation posts, air defense systems, etc. The conflict between the two South Caucasus countries began in 1988 when Armenia made territorial claims against Azerbaijan. As a result of the ensuing war, Armenian armed forces occupied 20 percent of Azerbaijan, including the

broke out on Sunday when Armenian forces targeted Azerbaijani civilian settlements and military positions, leading to casualties. Azerbaijan's parliament declared a state of war in some of its cities and regions following Armenia's border violations and attacks in the occupied Upper Karabakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh.

Nagorno-Karabakh region and seven surrounding districts. The 1994 ceasefire agreement was followed by peace negotiations. Armenia has not yet implemented four UN Security Council resolutions on the withdrawal of its armed forces from Nagorno Karabakh and the surrounding districts.

#### 561 students infected in South Korea

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SEOUL: At least 561 students have reported COV-ID-19 infections, out of a total of 23,952 cases detected in South Korea, a lawmaker revealed on Friday.

Citing data from Education Ministry, Jung Chan-min of the main opposition People Power Party said 561 students from kindergarten, elementary, middle, and high school levels were infected by the deadly virus from May 20-Sept. 23, South Korea's state-run Yonhap News Agency reported on Friday. A whopping number of 220 infections were reported from elementary schools. The national capital Seoul has registered most of the cases among the student community. Around 473 students were treated and discharged from hospitals.

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#### Saudi Arabia tries to boost property market

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RIYADH: Saudi Arabia has lowered the transaction costs of buying property as it tries to revitalise its economy which has been battered by a plunge in oil prices due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Its ruler issued an order on Friday exempting real estate deals from a 15 percent value added tax (VAT) and instead imposed a new 5 percent tax on transactions. The finance minister said on Twitter that the order, issued on state media, aimed to support Saudi citizens who want to buy homes.

The world's largest oil exporter is facing a deep recession, with the economy shrinking by 7 percent in the second quarter and unemployment hitting a record high of 15.4 percent. The government had in July tripled VAT to 15 percent to boost non-oil revenues, but the move proved unpopular. "The royal order aims to support citizens and ease their burden ... and enable them to own homes, and helps develop the kingdom's economy by spurring the residential and commercial property sector," Finance Minister Mohammed al-Jadaan tweeted.

Oil rents - the profits the government makes in producing crude – made up 28.7 percent of Saudi Arabia's economy in 2018, the highest proportion among the world's 20 largest economies, making it one of the most oil-dependent nations.

#### US, Vatican clash over China

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NEW YORK: The Vatican's number-two official asserted the city state's right to pursue an accord with Beijing on the appointment of bishops that has been strongly criticised by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo following talks between the two sides in Rome. Pompeo met Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin and Foreign Minister Archbishop Paul Gallagher on Thursday on a visit marked by Vatican irritation over Pompeo accusing the Holy See of putting its "moral authority" at risk if it renewed an agreement with China on the appoint-

ment of bishops. The essay, published in a conservative US Catholic publication that has called Pope Francis' pontificate a failure, sparked a minor diplomatic crisis. Vatican officials suggested Pompeo was trying to drag the Catholic Church into the US presidential election by denouncing its relations with China; an allegation Pompeo denied.

#### Assange extradition verdict on January 4

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LONDON: After hearing four weeks of evidence in the extradition trial of Julian Assange, District Vanessa Baraitser announced on Thursday she will pronounce judgement on January 4. The WikiLeaks founder's trial in London's Central Criminal Court, also known as the Old Bailey, started on September 7. Australian-born Assange has been charged under the US's 1917 Espionage Act for "unlawfully obtaining and disclosing classified documents related to the national defence". The case marks the first time in United States history that publishing information is being charged under the Espionage Act.

Assange, 49, has been indicted on 17 spying charges and one charge of computer hacking regarding the publication of secret military documents. The hacking charge was included recently - meaning that the defence had no witness to appropriately deal with the hacking allegations. As this stage of the hearing concluded, Nils Melzer, the United Nations special rapporteur on torture, told Al Jazeera that he was "very worried", as Assange might face torture should be extradited to the US - a key argument of the defence.

NAGORNO-KARABAKH CONFLICT

## Armenian forces continue to target civilian population

The two former Soviet republics went to war over the territory between 1988 and 1994, eventually declaring a ceasefire, and they have never reached a settlement over the dispute

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BAKU: The armed forces of Armenia have been continuing to target the civilian population, private houses and other civilian infrastructure in residential areas along the line of contact in a gross violation of its obligations under international humanitarian law, including the 1949 Geneva Conventions.

Civilian facilities, such as hospitals, medical centers, school buildings and kinder-

gartens have been subjected to indiscriminate shelling of armed forces of Armenia, including from artillery and other large-caliber weaponry. As of 01 October, totally 19 civilians, including children and elderly were killed, 55 civilians have been hospitalized. 169 damaged private houses and 40 private properties are out of use as a result of armed attack.

Below are photo evidences of the humanitarian law violations of the armed forces of Armenia.

#### **Armenia 'ready' for ceasefire talks**

istry has said it "stands ready to engage" with France, Russia and the US on halting six days of fighting with its neighbour Azerbaijan. Casualties have mounted in the southern Caucasus with both sides accusing each other of launching deadly attacks.

The conflict around the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh erupted on Sunday.

of Azerbaijan but occupied by ethnic Armenians.

The two former Soviet republics went to war over the territory between 1988 and 1994, eventually declaring a ceasefire, and they have never reached a settlement over the dispute.

France, Russia and the US, which co-chair the OSCE Minsk mediation group, have called for

The enclave is officially part a ceasefire, but so far Azerbaijan has not given a positive response to proposed talks. In the latest fighting, Azerbaijan forces said they had made further advances, but accused Armenia of artillery attacks on four villages, causing civilian casualties. Armenia says it has shot down seven drones flying near the capital, Yerevan, but the claim has

been rejected by Azerbaijan.

#### Uzbek president signs a resolution on development of tax consulting

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TASHKENT: Resolution of the President of the Republic of "On measures to further develop the sphere of tax consulting" from 30 September 2020 was adopted in order to develop the institution of tax consulting and improve tax administration. The document is expanding the powers of tax consultant organizations, in particular: in the presence of their conclusion, the tax authorities will not carry out a tax audit of a voluntarily liquidated taxpayer with a low level of risk and an annual turnover of up to 1 billion soums over the past 3 years; tax consultants are given the right to use computers, communications, audio and video recording devices in court, law enforcement and regulatory agencies. Termination of the tax advisor certificate is prohibited for failure to participate in tax consulting for 3 years, if he carries out labor activities in the staff of lawyers' formations, audit organizations, as well as oth-

counting services. Taking into account foreign practice, from 1 January 2021, the following functions of the Ministry of Finance to regulate the activities of tax consultants are transferred to the Chamber of Tax Consultants of Uzbekistan: conducting qualification exams to obtain a tax advisor qualification certificate;

- issuance, suspension, termination and cancellation of a tax advisor qualification certificate; - approval of training and professional development programs for tax consultants; - keeping the register of tax consultants. The Ministry of Finance is charged with:

- to assist the Chamber in organizing training courses for tax consultants, including in the form of distance learning, as well as preparing and conducting qualification examinations for tax consultants; - to develop, by 1 April 2021, the draft Law "On Tax Consulting" in a new edition, which establishes the main provisions for self-regulation of the sphere of tax consulting and allows you to form an effectively functioning insti-

Trump denounces 'all white supremacists'

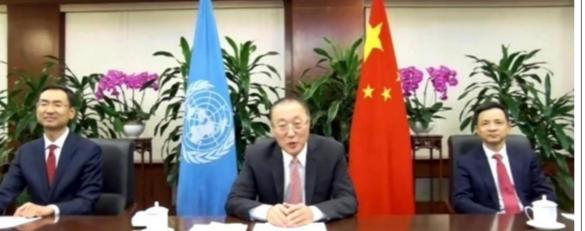
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WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump has condemned all white supremacist groups, including the far-right "Proud Boys, an organisation identified as a hate group, following comments he made at the presidential debate earlier this week. "I condemn all white supremacists, I condemn the Proud Boys. I don't know much about the Proud Boys but I condemn that," Trump said in an interview with American media on Thursday. "If I say it a hundred times it won't be enough because it's fake news," he added. During Tuesday's presidential debate with Democratic nominee Joe Biden, Trump was asked if he was willing to denounce "white supremacists and militia groups" and tell them to stand down amid violence that has marred anti-racism protests in some US cities. Trump requested a specific name, and Biden mentioned the Proud Boys, an organisation that describes itself as a club of "Western chauvinists" but has been categorised as a hate group by the nonprofit Southern Poverty Law Center.

"Proud Boys, stand back and stand by," Trump said. The comment drew wide criticism and was viewed by many to be a sign of encouragement for the group.

The White House on Thursday insisted that President Donald Trump denounced the far-right Proud Boys at the debate, saying that his comment that the group's members should "stand back and stand by" had been misinterpreted.

During a press briefing, White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany said the president had been trying to tell Proud Boys members to "stand down," adding that he had explicitly condemned white supremacy in the wake of the debate.



NEW YORK: Permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, Ambassador Munir Akram at the virtual reception hosted by Chinese ambassador Zhang Jun, on the occasion of Chinese National Day. - DNA

#### SCCI stresses interest-free loans for furniture manufacturers

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SIALKOT: Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) President Qaisar Iqbal Baryar Friday called for interest-free loans to furniture producers for five years for the import of new technology to improve overall infrastructure of the industry. He expressed these views while inaugurating Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) 3-day mega 12th Interiors Pakistan Expo 2020 held here at Dustoor Event Complex Sialkot today. Pakistan's top interior designers and furniture manufacturers have displayed their work to promote the local furniture industry. Qaisar Iqbal Baryar said the government needs to streamline existing markets and identify new potential markets for 'Made-in-Pakistan' products in Far-East, Central Asian Republics, Latin Amer-

ica and Russia. Sialkot is an export hub and earning US2\$billion through its exports and strengthening national exchequer despite certain problems, he said. He said that setting up "Marketing Intelligence Cell" at Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) for providing assistance to furniture manufacturers and exporters in obtaining information pertaining to international demands for furniture, competitive price index, expanding markets and other

Talking to media persons here on this occasion, PFC Chief Executive Mian Kashif Ashfaq said the exhibition will create opportunities for interior designers and furniture manufacturers to work together for the progress of the industry while giving young participants a chance to display their designs and products. He also urged the businessmen based in Sialkot to work extensively to promote the local furniture industry in Pakistan. "Pakistan is blessed with abundant resources and our people are equipped with the best skills that can help develop the country on modern lines,' he added. Mian Kashif further what is more, this is also a good platform for new talent to come forward and be recognized. Through these exhibitions the Pakistan Furniture Council has laid the groundwork for furniture related commerce to move forward effectively and expand their market and in turn serve the economy of Pakistan. He further said public and private joint efforts have to be made on modern lines to gain optimum access to international markets for locally manufactured furniture and accessories. He said the potential of the furniture industry here in Pakistan is enormous and that within 2-3 years, it could even be double if the government

#### US hits BitMEX founders with charges

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NEW YORK: Prosecutors in the United States have filed criminal charges accusing four founders and executives of BitMEX, one of the world's largest cryptocurrency derivatives exchanges, of evading rules designed to stop money laundering.

#### 'Business community fully endorse PM economic policies' assured that he will welcome

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ISLAMABAD: Outgoing Chairman Pakistan Vanaspati Manufacturers Association (PVMA) Atif Ikram Sheikh has said that Prime Minister Imran Khan is very serious about economic revival and the business community fully support his vision and decisions to boost the economy. Country is heading in the

right economic direction while

some recent decision have gone down very well with the business community, he said. Atif Ikram Sheikh who has also served as Vice President FPC-CI and President ICCI said this after a meeting with the PM in which the later assured all-out support to the business community. Sheikh said that former Vice President FPCCI Karim Aziz Malik and other leading businessmen as well as Minister for Industries Mu-

hammad Hammad Azhar, Ad-

visers Abdul Razak Dawood, Dr Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Governor State Bank of Pakistan Dr Reza Baqir and other senior officials were also present in the meeting. He said that PM has restated in the meeting that the government was committed to facilitating the industrial sector and providing them all possible incentives and that development of construction and industrial sector would accelerate the economic process. The PM has

any proposal regarding the development of the industrial sector to create jobs and boost economy. He said that Prime Minister Imran Khan's claim that an economic recovery is spreading across the country is based on facts as the economy is finally heading in the right direction while masses and businessmen are pinning high hopes on the PM as the economic picture is getting brighter.



KABUL: Muhammad Hanif Atmar Acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan having meeting with Ambassadors of various countries to brief them about Afghan peace process. - DNA

## Progress towards gender equality under threat: UN chief

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NEW YORK: Warning that the coronavirus pandemic could erase recent "fragile progress" towards gender equality, UN Secretary-General Antonio Thursday urged governments around the world to act and put women at the center of recovery and response.

The UN chief issued the warning in a speech to a UN General Assembly high-level meeting to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the landmark Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing, China.

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But as the UN chief told the gathering, the Conference was also a "wake-up call" as these rights are still being denied, hindered and ignored everywhere.

"COVID-19 has emphasized and exploited the continued denial of women's rights. Women and girls are bearing the brunt of the massive social and economic impact of the pandemic," he said, speaking from the rostrum in the General Assembly Hall.

"Twenty-five years after Beijing, we are facing a women-led recession as women employed in the informal economy are first to lose their jobs," Guterres continued, outlining the aftershocks of the pandemic. These include a "shadow pandemic'

of gender-based violence, and an in-"Unless we act now, COVID-19 could wipe out a generation of crease in early marriage and other abusive and repressive practices affragile progress towards gender fecting women and girls equality," he added.



strated the need for a strong push to meet what the UN chief called "the unfulfilled promise of Beijing", it is also an opportunity for transformative thinking that puts women at the front and center of response and recovery. "Stimulus funds should put money directly into women's hands through cash transfers and credits. Governments should expand social safety nets to women in the informal economy, and recognize the value of unpaid care work," he advised.

While the pandemic has demon-

The Beijing Conference concluded with a groundbreaking Platform for Action, with commitments covering 12 areas of concern, such as power and decision-making,

poverty, violence against women. education, human rights and discrimination against girls.

"In both containing COVID-19 and promoting post-COVID economic and social recovery, it is particularly important that we address the special needs of women and deliver on the Beijing Declaration and Programme for Action", said Chinese President Xi Jinping in a statement recorded for the event. Since Beijing, major advances have been made in the global fight for gender equality, as various UN agencies have documented. In 1995, there were 12 women Heads of State and Government worldwide. Today, there are 22. Maternal mortality has dropped by nearly 40 perce. – APP



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#### COVID-19 claims 5 more lives. infects 316

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KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that five more patients of coronavirus died lifting the death toll to 2517 and 316 infected when 12990 samples were tested raising the tally to 137,783. In a statement issued here from CM House on Friday, Shah said that five more patients lost their lives while struggling against COV-ID-19 lifting the death toll to 2517 that constituted 1.8 percent. The CM said that 12,990 samples were tested against which 316 new cases emerged that came to 2.4 percent current detection rate. He said that so far 1,387,758 tests have been conducted which detected 10 percent or 137,783 cases against which 95 percent patients or 130,730 patients recovered, including 220 overnight

Murad Ali Shah said that currently 4536 patients were under treatment, of them 4250 in home isolation, seven at isolation centers and 270 at different hospitals. He added that the condition of 200 patients was stated to be critical, including 37 shifted to ventilators. According to the CM, out of 361 new cases, 223 have been detected from Karachi.

They include 108 from East, 56 South, 32 Central, 23 Malir, seven West and six Korangi. He added that Hyderabad has nine cases, Badin eight, Dadu and Kambar five each, Jamshoro four, Larkana three, Ghotki, Matiari and Tando Mohammad Khan two each, Mirpur, Naushehroferoze, Sukkur, Tando Allahyar and Thatta one.

#### Punjab govt mulls street, night tourism in Lahore

#### ABID RAZA

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar on Friday decided to take immediate practical steps to revive the traditional, cultural and tourism activities of Lahore. Addressing the meeting, he

said that it has been decided to introduce street and night tourism in Lahore for the interest of tourists, adding that citizens will enjoy European-style dining on sidewalk or roadside chairs. He further said that buffer zones will be set up to protect historic buildings and archeological sites, while in-principle approval has also been given for construction of overhead bridge from railway station Lahore to Badshahi Masjid. In addition, open-air food stalls and chairs will be set up on the Mall Road. Bazdar went on to say that food items would be sold on specially designed carts and certificates will be affixed on food carts to maintain food quality. He said that Maryam Zamani Mosque would be restored to its historic condition by renovation and the historic shape will be restored by relocating the rum market.

## 'Germany and Pakistan to

continue trusted partnership'
In order to share joy about German reunification and as a signal of German-Pakistani friendship, the German Embassy donated food packages to needy families of different communities in and around Islamabad in the course of the week leading up to German national day



А.М.Внатті

ISLAMABAD: Germany is celebrating the 30th anniversary of German reunification, a major event in German history. As a precautionary measure in the pandemic, the German missions in Pakistan must sadly refrain from the usual German national

day festivities this year. Instead, the German Embassy Islamabad and the German Consulate General in Karachi decided to go online and will host a virtual concert with famous Pakistani singer Zoe Viccaji on Saturday, 3rd October 2020 at 7 pm which will be streamed on the Embassy's

Facebook page and YouTube chan-



to join the virtual celebrations! www.facebook.com/GermanEmbassyIslamabad www.youtube.com/Germany-

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around Islamabad in the course of the week leading up to German national day.

On the eve of the German Unity Day Ambassador Bernhard Schlagheck and Consul General Holger Ziegeler underlined: "Celebrating the 30th anniversary of German unity is a very special moment for Germans. Just like German reunification would not have been possible without the support of Germany's international partners, we will only be able to overcome the consequences of the pandemic by working together effectively as an international community. Germany and Pakistan will continue their long-standing and

It may be mentioned here that Pakistan and Germany have

trustful cooperation.'

close and multifaceted bilatera relations. Next year, both countries will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties. With a volume of 120 million euros for development cooperation and 6.1 million euros for humanitarian aid, Germany stood by the people of Pakistan in these difficult pandemic times and will continue to do so.



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BEIJING: Pakistan exported 54.613 million US dollars of cotton varn in August, registering a year-on-year decline of 51.36%, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Friday quoting official sources. However, its cotton yarn export to China has surged in the same month. As data from China's Gen-

eral Administration of Customs shows, China imported 41.836 million dollars worth of cotton yarn from Pakistan in August, which is



4.36 times the 9.592 million dollars in the same period last year, with a year-on-year increase of 336 percent. Pakistan mainly produces low-count sirospun yarns, such as those of 8s or 10s, generally below 21s, which

are mostly imported to south China's Guangdong province to be made into denim, said Huang Xifeng, sales executive of import and export department at Litai Xingshi (Taicang) Holding Co. Ltd. "We imported about 1,000 tons of cotton yarns from Pakistan every year. Our denim fabric is made of thick and low-count yarns, which are basically 10s or 8s, no more than 12s." Yang Bin, director of Seazon Textile and Apparel Co., Ltd in Foshan, China, said in an interview with CEN.

Yang added that he has cooperated with Pakistan's cotton yarn manufacturers for 10 years. "As for Pakistan's cotton yarn, we only imported it from Explorer, a Pakistani manufacturer, with which we have cooperated for more than ten years.

#### Rozgar scheme to create 16000 jobs

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LAHORE: Punjab Roazgar scheme will bring the provincial economic growth from negative to positive while every sector and everyone across all districts of the province will benefited from it. The government is providing the opportunity to those who were unable to start their business due to lack of resources while loans would be provided on the lowest mark-up rate and Punjab Roazgar Scheme will not be a loan scheme of the past as the banks will play health guidelines and abidactive role in the scheme. ance of protocols.

#### Over 100 restaurants closed in Karachi

ATHAR SUFI

KARACHI: Authorities in Karachi closed six marriage halls and 103 restaurants in the metropolis for not complying with health guidelines and COVID-19 prevalence, said the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Friday. The country's nerve centre in the fight against coronavirus said that it has also instructed all provinces, including Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Islamabad to ensure The NCOC also cautioned the authorities that restaurants and marriage halls were "emerging as the epicentre of the disease" Federal minister Asad Umar

also warned that indoor restaurants and marriage halls were emerging as "high contributors to the COVID-19 spread".

'NCOC today has directed all provinces and federating units to crack down on SOP violations in these places," said the minister.

He emphasised that the country must not allow "irresponsible behaviour" of some individuals to put everyone's health at risk.

## China's maize-soybean intercropping yielded inspiring results

The technology introduced from the Sichuan Agricultural University showed positive results at multiple demonstration plots across Pakistan. Syed Hussain Jahania Gardezi investigated the plot and felt amazed to see its progress in Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD: Maize-sovbean strip intercropping technology, a mature advanced agricultural techintroduced from China's Sichuan Agricultural University has yielded inspiring results.

This was noted during the visit of Syed Hussain Jahania Gardezi, Punjab Agriculture Minister to maize-soybean strip intercropping demonstration plots at the Research Farm of PMAS-Arid Agriculture University in Koont, Rawalpindi.

According to Gwadar Pro on Friday, he admired this technology's local development and showed willingness to support its future

popularization in Pakistan. The technology introduced from the Sichuan Agricultural University showed positive results at multiple demonstration plots across

Pakistan. With serious interest in this intercropping technology, Syed Hussain Jahania Gardezi investigated the plot and felt amazed to see its progress in Pakistan.

The idea of developing maize-soybean intercropping technology in Pakistan is appreciated by the Agriculture Minister.

He thinks the maize and soybean under intercropping system are much healthier than those of sole cropping. "China's experience may provide meaningful insights for Pakistan especially in relation to crop production,

Under the intercropping system, farmers can harvest for poultry and livestock. the Koont Research Farm.

the Minister said.

soybean without reducing the current cultivation area of maize to stimulate local soybean production and then increase the supply of edible oil and soybean meal This August in rainfed conditions relying on rainfall rather than irrigation, the yields of maize and soybean reached 7065 kg/ha and 1167 kg/ha respectively at By using high-yielding soybean varieties, machinery, pesticides and weedicides from China, the yields for next season are expected to be raised to an even

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### No progress in CPEC Balochistan since 2017, says Sherry Rehman

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ISLAMABAD: Convener of the Special Committee on the project of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Parliamentary Leader of the PPP in the Senate, Senator Sherry Rehman said, "Briefing given by the ministry and its various allied departments is insufficient and lacks details on many aspects. The departments are shifting responsibility on one another and there seems no to be institutional collaboration".

The Committee directed Secretary of the ministry to prioritize umbrella projects specified for Balochistan. Members of the Committee were of the view that no tangible progress has been achieved during last few years and despite recommendations, provision of gas and electricity supply in Bostan area of Balochistan and its development as Special Economic Zone (SEZ) seems a farce.

Speaking on the Gwadar power plant issue, she said, "Two projects from Balochistan have been discussed; SEZ and provision of energy to Gwadar. Federal government is misrepresenting the facts on projects on Balochistan, including the SEZs, as well as the power project for Gwadar which has been caught in NEPRA tariff forest since 2017 and has still not cranked up". "SEZ at Bostan has received no PSDP

funding and hence no progress could be achieved. Planning Division's unprofessional approach towards CPEC and its various umbrella projects with special reference to development



of Special Economic Zones in Balochistan and other parts of the country is disappointing. We have decided that the Planning Minister will address the agenda on Balochistan himself," Senator Rehman added. Senator Usman Khan Kakar observed

that there is nothing on the ground and it is unfortunate that 132 KV grid station at Bostan could not be constructed due to non-availability of required funds. He demanded early completion of the project with an aim to provide relief to the people. "Questions were raised on the lapsed CPEC Authority and how it will proceed further. What coordination has been done since there is no clarity," said Senator Rehman. Earlier Secretary, Board of Investment (BOI) informed that BOI solicited the rational for the plot pricing in Rashakai SEZ from the relevant authority of Khyber Pakhtoonkhawa,

however, the reply is awaited. The

Committee was also informed about

the status of progress report on provi-

sion of gas and electricity supply.

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