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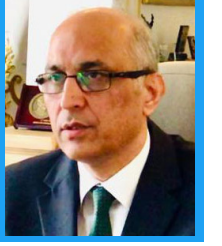
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SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: Justice Javed Iqbal, Chairman NAB has said that corruption is a method and a technique adopted just to bypass the rule of law and engulf the whole system into socio economic turmoil. Furthermore, corruption, being the root cause of almost all ills, gives birth to multifarious problems including nepotism, favoritism and negating meritocracy, transparency and accountability. He said that NAB's effective Awareness and Prevention Strategy has started yielding excellent results which was appreciated by the World Economic Forum in order to aware people about the ill effects of corruption.

Future depends on IK success

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Chaudhry Fawad Hussain Sunday said Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has to straighten its ranks as the future of this country depends on the success of PTI and Imran Khan. In his tweets, the federal minister said, "Imran Khan is the hope of democracy in Pakistan and there is no leader of political stature compared to him". "Recognizing Bilawal Bhutto and Maryam Nawaz as the leader of Pakistan will be a slap in the face of democracy", he said.

FM Qureshi arrives in Berlin

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ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi Sunday arrived in Berlin, Germany along with his delegation on a two-day official visit. Upon arrival at the airport, the foreign minister was warmly received by Pakistan ambassador in Germany Dr Muhammad Faisal, senior officials of German foreign office, and senior members of Pakistan embassy, a press release said. Talking to media after his arrival, the foreign minister said that he would hold meeting with the business leaders and members of Pakistani community.

Bilawal trashes PDM's show cause notice

Says he had come into politics for respect, and nothing was greater than respect, CEC meeting to resume today

NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Sunday tore apart the show-cause notice served to his party by the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), sources said, as all eyes are set on PPP's Central Executive Committee meeting. Bilawal, during the CEC meeting at Bilawal House, Karachi, read out the show-cause notice served to PPP by PDM's secretary-general Shahid Khaqan Abbasi - and after that, he tore it. Following Bilawal's move, the party leaders present during the meeting lauded his action and started clapping, sources said. Addressing the CEC meeting, Bilawal said he had come into politics for respect, and nothing was greater than respect. The meeting, which has 50 PPP leaders in attendance, is discussing the current political situation and the relations between the Opposition parties and the overall anti-government strategy of the party. Former president Asif Ali Zardari and Bilawal are presiding over the meeting. Meanwhile, Opposition Leader in the Senate Yousuf Raza Gillani offered the party his resignation as Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, sources said. "We have given our lives and rendered many sacrifices for the cause of democracy," the sources quoted him as saying.

'A vicious step'

STAFF REPORT

LAHORE: Responding to the development, PML-N secretary-general Ahsan Iqbal said PPP had taken a "vicious" step by tearing apart the notice served to it by PDM. It wasn't a show-cause notice. They were just asked to respond to their move of getting Gillani the slot of Leader of Opposition in the Senate via support from a government-ally - BAP, he said, while speaking in a news programme. "So if they have shredded and thrown away the notice from PDM, it is akin to them breaking their partnership with PDM. It is an extremely vicious step," the PML-N leader said. Iqbal said a final decision would be taken by the PDM leadership in the matter. However, for him, PPP is no more a part of the Opposition alliance.

"Allegations which are unfounded cannot be levelled against PPP," Gillani was said by sources to have added. His proposal was unanimously rejected by the CEC, as well as PPP President Asif Ali Zardari and Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari. (CEC Picture on Page 2)

Pakistan hands over aid to Kyrgyzstan

The Kyrgyz Embassy has expressed its gratitude for the support by the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) in this crucial time

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has handed over Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) to Kyrgyzstan to help overcoming shortage of the equipment during the pandemic. According to spokesman, the PPEs included some 5,000 N-95 masks, protective suits and face shields each handed over to Kyrgyzstan on behalf of government to help fight the pandemic. As part of anti-crisis activities aimed at combating Covid-19, the Embassy of Kyrgyzstan in Pakistan has worked



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Pakistan condemns firing on Mosque in IIOJK

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has strongly condemned indiscriminate firing of heavy weapons and grenades on a Mosque in Shopian, Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The Foreign Office spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri, in a statement, said the desecration and damage caused to the Mosque during so-called

"cordon-and-search operation", and repeated incidence of extra-judicial killings in various places in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir are manifestations of the unabated state-terrorism to which Kashmiris are subjected in the occupied territory. He said this inhuman conduct of Indian forces is reflective of their moral bankruptcy as well as the prevalent culture of impunity in IIOJK. The spokesperson said targeting the faith and cultural identity of the people of occupied territory is in clear violation of basic human norms and fundamental precepts of international law. The spokesperson said the Government and people of Pakistan will continue to stand by the Kashmiri people in their just and legitimate struggle for the right to self-determination as enshrined in the relevant UNSC resolutions.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan addressing at the virtual launching event of "Ehsaas Koi Bhooka Na Soye" in Peshawar, Lahore & Faisalabad held in Islamabad. - APP

PSL matches from June 01

NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: The remaining matches of the HBL PSL 6 will be held from June 1, said the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Sunday. The PCB announced that the tournament will resume after the players and officials undergo a seven-day quarantine stay at one hotel and following three training sessions, the PSL will resume from June 1. To ensure all those who will be part of the bio-secure bubble remain safe from the infection this time, the PCB said it in the final stages of appointing "a globally-recognised safety management company that specialises in providing Covid-safe technology solutions, bio-secure monitoring & management, as well as response and reaction to positive tests".

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Ramazan in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday

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MAKKAH: Saudi Arabian government has announced Ramadan will start in the Kingdom on Tuesday, April 13. Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman has ordered to shorten taraweeh prayers (special night prayers) at the Grand Mosque in Makkah and the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah during the holy month of Ramadan. Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudais, head of the Presidency for the Affairs of the Two Holy Mosques, said that the taraweeh prayers will be shortened to 10 raka'ats from 20 raka'ats, and that will be strictly in compliance with the precautionary measures and preventive protocols, prepared by the presidency and other relevant agencies involved in serving the pilgrims and ensuring their safety from coronavirus. Sheikh Al-Sudais highlighted the Saudi leadership's keenness to continue facilitating the performance of rituals at the Two Holy Mosques.

PM opens ECOSOC DfD Forum today

The objective of Forum is to mobilize adequate financial support to enable developing countries to recover from impact of the Covid pandemic

ANSAR BHATTI

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan will deliver the Opening Statement at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Forum on Financing for Development (FFD) on 12 April 2021. The Forum will be held from 12-15 April 2021 under Pakistan's Presidency of ECOSOC. The objective of the Forum is to mobilize adequate financial support to enable the developing countries to recover from the impact of the Covid pandemic and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the climate objectives.

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'Govt to ensure rule of law'

ZUBAIR AHMAD

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan has said that the government is taking bold steps to ensure rule of law in the country. Talking to Principal Jamia Rahimia Karachi, Muf-ti Rahim in Islamabad on Sunday, he said only equal law system for all citizens and punishment and retribution system in all offices can improve the system. The Prime Minister said ensuring writ of the government and elimination of the system that facilitates the corrupt elements is on the top priorities of the government. They discussed the vision of Riasat-e-Madina of the Prime Minister during the meeting. They also discussed increasing foreign investment due to business-friendly policies of the government.

Saudi Arabia executes 3 soldiers

RIVADH: Saudi Arabia executed on Saturday three soldiers for high treason crime, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported. The executed soldiers, identified as Mohammed bin Ahmed bin Yahya Akam, Shaher bin Isa bin Qasim Haqqawi, and Hamoud bin Ibrahim bin Ali Hazmi, collaborated with the enemy against the kingdom and its military interests, the SPA said, without mentioning which enemy they were aiding. The execution took place after the three soldiers were convicted by the court and the issuance of a royal order that serves as a death warrant. - DNA

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'Terrorist act' at Iran nuclear facility

A spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran (AEOI), Behrouz Kamalvandi, said an "incident" had occurred in the morning involving the nuclear facility's power network

NEWS DESK

TEHRAN: A nuclear facility in Iran was hit by a "terrorist act" a day after it unveiled new advanced uranium centrifuges, a top nuclear official says. He did not say who was to blame but urged the international community to deal with nuclear terrorism. Israeli media suggest the incident was a result of an Israeli cyber attack. Last year, a fire broke out at the Natanz underground facility, which the authorities alleged was the result of cyber sabotage. The latest incident comes

as diplomatic efforts to revive a 2015 nuclear deal - abandoned by the US under the Trump administration in 2018 - have resumed. On Saturday, Iran's President Hassan Rouhani inaugurated new centrifuges at the Natanz site, which is key to the country's uranium enrichment programme, in a ceremony broadcast live on television. Centrifuges are needed to produce enriched uranium, which can be used to make reactor fuel - but also material for nuclear weapons. It represented another breach of the country's undertakings in the 2015 deal,

which only permits Iran to produce and store limited quantities of enriched uranium to be used to produce fuel for commercial nuclear power plants. On Sunday, a spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran (AEOI), Behrouz Kamalvandi, said an "incident" had occurred in the morning involving the nuclear facility's power network. Mr Kamalvandi did not provide further details but told Iran's Fars news agency there had been "no casualties or leaks". Later state TV read out a statement by AEOI head Ali Akbar Salehi, in

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Crescent sighting meeting on Tuesday

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ISLAMABAD: An unprecedented meeting of the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee will be held in Peshawar on Tuesday (Apr 13) to sight the crescent moon of Ramadan-ul-Mubarak— an auspicious month-long festival during which the Muslims will not eat or drink from pre-dawn to dusk. Chairman, Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee Maulana Muhammad Abdul Khair Azad will chair the meeting of the committee, to be held at office of the Administrator (Auqaf), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Eidgah Charsadda Road, Peshawar. The start of Ramadan is determined by the lunar calendar which, unlike the Gregorian calendar, follows a 29- or 30-day cycle determined by the cycle of the moon. This will be the first Ramadan the ninth month of the Islamic calendar - moon sighting under new chairman, Moulana Azad, who was appointed by the federal government in December last year, replacing Mufti Muneeb-ur-Rehman.

Ten held with contraband

STAFF REPORT

SARGODHA: Police claimed on Sunday to have arrested ten criminals and recovered liquor and weapons from their possession. The police teams of different police stations conducted raids within their jurisdiction and arrested 10 accused and recovered 210 liter liquor, 520 gram hashish, 2 guns and a rifle from them. The outlaws were identified as Ghulam Qadir, Umer Farooq, Riyasat Ali, Muhammad Arif, Mumtaz Arif, Hamid Ramzan and others. Cases have been registered against the accused.

Shelter for people without homes

LAHORE: Food, shelter and clothing have been described as the basic human needs by almost all psychologists and sociologists from the early times as these are vital to the self-esteem, security, belonging, actualization and contentment in life. Prime Minister Imran Khan has been well cognizant of the fact that low income strata of the society could not own home due to various factors. Therefore, soon after his government came into power in 2018, he announced to build five million homes in the country to provide shelter to the people without homes. He also foresaw that the revival of housing sector will bring about economic boom in the country. Absence of effective foreclosure laws hindered banks from financing in the housing sector but the introduction of ordinance by President Dr. Arif Alvi on July 29, 2019 'An Ordinance to provide for the Efficient Recovery of Mortgage-Backed Securities by Financial Institutions' laid the foundation of a new era in home financing in the country. — APP



KARACHI: Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari chairs Central Executive Committee meeting. — DNA

FDA to be streamlined on modern lines to serve people

Insaf shops set up in Faisalabad to provide people with cheap daily use items

ISHFAQ MUGHAL

FAISALABAD: Faisalabad Development Authority (FDA) Director General Dr Faisal Azim has said that the all sections of FDA would be made in line with the modern requirements under new vision and extra ordinary development projects would be conceived to boost up the image of this institution. He was presiding over introductory meeting in which he was briefed about the functions and performance about the different directorates of FDA. Additional Director General Amer Aziz and Chief Engineer Shahid Mehmood briefed about the administrative structure, budget details, governing body composition and other departmental activities. He said that the new uplift projects would be initiated side by side routine departmental affairs. He assured that Punjab government would be approached to get the required funds for the completion of abortive development projects. He directed for accelerating the efforts to finalise the twenty year Faisalabad Master Plan 2021-2041 without further delay. He stressed upon continuing the effective operation against il-



FAISALABAD. Faisalabad Development Authority Director General Dr Faisal Azim presides over a meeting. — DNA

legal housing schemes, removal of encroachments, recovery of dues. He urged upon the raising the quality of FDA services and said early relief should be provided to each and every applicant through one window counter. He said that necessary steps should be taken for the welfare of the employees and their issues should be redressed under government policy, rules & regulations. The DG was apprised of the FDA City development programme, on going project of sports

complex and details of operation against illegal housing schemes. **Insaf shops established** Insaf Sasti Shops have been established outside the 40 Mega Stores in the city to provide essential items to the consumers. Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali visited various mega stores and reviewed the availability, quality and sale process of fruits, vegetables and groceries at Insaf Sasti Shops. Additional Deputy Commissioner General Khurram Pervez and As-

sistant Commissioner Sadar Umar Maqbool was also present on the occasion. Deputy Commissioner said that "Insaf Sasti Shops" are being set up outside 40 big super-stores of the city which will be fully functional before the month of Ramadan where consumers will be provided standard fruits and vegetables, pulses, basins, flour, sugar and other basic necessities in the general market. He asked the management of Marts to display the price lists of the items in a promi-

nent place so that the buyers would be aware of the prices and there should be no shortage of any item. He said that services should be available at Insaf Sasti Shops beyond the expectations of the people. The Deputy Commissioner said that 150 Insaf Sasti Mobile Shops consisting of loader rickshaws were also selling fruits and vegetables at wholesale prices to consumers in densely populated areas of the city.

DC inspects various shops

Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali reached different areas including Samanabad to check the implementation of SOPs and take out the passengers from car and motor-bike riders without face masks and made them stand facing the wall for some time. The Deputy Commissioner reminded the citizens to be aware of the seriousness of the current third wave in Corona and to avoid leaving their homes without a face mask, which is essential to protect the health of them and their families. He reprimanded the shopkeepers and vendors and said that registration of cases against the violators of Corona SOPs was going on in the district so follow the strict guidelines laid down to keep the business going.

Electricity cost rejected: PALSP

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Association of Large Steel Producers urge the Govt not to increase the cost of electricity for the steel sector which is already facing a crisis like situation.

The govt has made this announcement under the diktat of IMF to increase the cost of electricity by Rs 5.65 per unit before October this year and it will be 36% increase in the cost of electricity. Early this year, the Govt had increased the cost of electricity by 16%.

This decision will have disastrous consequences for steel industry of the country in particular and the local steel industry in general. Steel is energy intensive sector and one of the major consumers of electricity and this major increase in electricity cost will create crisis like situation for the struggling steel sector.

In the month of February this year, the govt. increased the energy tariffs by issuing SRO No. 192 dated 12th February 2021. By this SRO Rs. 1.95 / kwh was increased in variable charges and Rs. 40 / kw / month increase in fixed charges. The consumer suffers extra burden and pay heavy fixed charges for electricity connection. Where all cost of distribution system (grid, cable, substation, transformer etc.) has to be paid by consumer. If we compare with our neighboring countries.

Smart lockdown in 5 Peshawar areas

PESHAWAR: The local authorities in Peshawar on Sunday have decided to impose smart lockdown in different areas due to increasing cases of coronavirus.

The Health Department of KPK has decided to impose a micro smart lockdown in five areas of Peshawar after coronavirus infections in the city rose. A notification issued by the government stated that entry and exit points of these areas will be sealed at 6pm on Sunday: Hayatabad Sector E-4, Phase 7; Abshar Colony; and Officers Garden Colony. The lockdown will remain in force until further notice. The police and district commissioners will be responsible for ensuring SOPs are implemented. People not wearing masks in public will be fined. The instructions will apply include: No general entry or exit to this locality by any person, except those supplying essential commodities, shall be allowed; All shops other than essential services shall remain closed; and The congregation in mosques to be restricted to five people only. — APP

Ramadan package for families of PHP personnel



BUREAU REPORT

FAISALABAD: On the instructions of Add: IG Punjab Highway Patrol, before the commencement of month of Fast, Ramadan Package was distributed among the families of Martyrs, deceased and PHP personnel who are disabled, injured and sick in the line of duty. While talking to media, SP Patrolling Mirza Anjum Kamal reiterated the resolve that the welfare and wellbeing of PHP officers/ Officials is his prime task in order to materialize the vision, The families

of Martyrs of PHP Region Faisalabad was visited. SSP Patrolling Mirza Anjum Kamal visited the family of Late Head constable Sadaf Raza Naseem and on his instructions, DSP PHP Malik Muhammad Amin visited the families of Martyred, deceased and Sick police officers. The Martyrs of Patrolling Police are sub Inspector Rana Hafeez Ur Rehman, ASI Imran Liaqat, Constable Razaqat Ali and Constable Ishaq Ahmad. They sacrificed their precious lives for the safety of homeland fighting against criminals of society.

Government fully committed to facilitate farmer: Fakhar Imam

MULTAN: Federal Minister for National Food Security Syed Fakhar Imam says that government is fully committed to facilitate farmers and their issues would be resolved on top priority. Speaking at a joint news conference with Punjab Minister for Agriculture Syed Hussain Jahania Gardezi in Multan on Sunday he said that steps are being taken to provide latest tech-

nology to farmers in order to decrease their expenses and increase their produce. Syed Fakhar Imam said that government was committed to facilitate farmers and said that issues of the farmers would be resolved on top priority. He claimed that targets of agriculture crops have been achieved despite locust attacks, however, concerned departments facing problems in

achieving target of cotton crop. He said that the incumbent government has increased wheat support price to Rs 1800 per 40kg under the initiative to facilitate farmers. He said that steps were being taken to provide latest technology to farmers in order to decrease their expenses and increase their income. He said that the South Punjab had been

neglected in the past by the previous governments in distribution of funds but the incumbent government paying special focus on development of the deprived area. Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Minister for Agriculture Syed Hussain Jahania Gardezi said that farmers playing a vital in identifying agriculture related issues. — APP

5-day polio drive starts

QUETTA: A five-day anti-polio drive began in all 33 Districts of Balochistan province from Sunday. Coordinator Emergency Operation Centre Balochistan Rashid Razaq has said that during the drive more than 2.4 million children up to five years of age would be administered anti-polio drops. "During the drive, as many as 2.4 million children up to five years of age would be administered anti-polio drops," Rashid Razaq has said. — DNA

Special incentives for CPEC projects in next budget

ISHFAQ MUGHAL

FAISALABAD: The budget for the next financial year will provide special incentives for completion of CPEC projects, development of economic zones and introduction of new product lines in textiles. This was stated by Abdul Razaq Dawood, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Trade and Investment. He was talking to Chairman FIEDMC Mian Kashif Ashfaq. Adviser to PM said that import of raw materials would be made duty free and special schemes would be introduced through State Bank of Pakistan to promote manufacturing, similarly, special measures will be taken to support the allied industry like wise special focus will be on textile,



leather, glass and ceramics industries, says Federal Adviser. Adding he said that exports can be increased like this initiatives. He said that new industry would be given priority in the economic zones of FIEDMC so that exports could be increased by reducing imports. In addition,

special attention will be given to the development of the Western Line of Women Wear and the technical sector thus, a sourcing park will be set up in Lahore and Karachi for brands and foreign customers, while a one-window service act will be introduced to facilitate investors in the economic

zone so that all the required facilities can be provided at their doorsteps. Chairman FIEDMC briefed him about the ongoing development works in the economic zones. Expressing satisfaction over the performance of FIEDMC the Federal Adviser promised to visit Faisalabad soon.

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Five names shortlisted for Nadra chairman slot

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Five names have been shortlisted for filling the post of chairman National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA). The Interior Ministry has forwarded the names of Tariq Malik, Usman Mobeen and Sohail Munir to the federal cabinet. However, the summary sent to the federal cabinet by a selection committee also included the names of Sarfraz Khurshid and Masood Raza. Sohail Munir is an American citizen and linked to an IT company. Usman Mobeen and Tariq Malik had already served as Nadra chairman. A permanent Nadra chairman will be appointed for three years and the federal cabinet will give final approval of it.

CIA Police arrest car snatcher

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) of Islamabad Police has arrested a car snatcher and recovered a vehicle snatched from Police Station Shamas Colony area, mobile phone and cash, a police spokesman said on Sunday. Following special directions of DIG (Operations) Afzaal Ahmad Kausar, he said that SSP (Investigation) Ata Ur Rehman constituted special police team under supervision of DSP CIA Hakim Khan including ASI Akram Ranjha and other police officials who worked hard and succeeded to arrest an accused of a vehicle snatcher's gang. The accused is identified as Farhad Khan s/o Luqman Khan. Police team has also recovered a vehicle snatched from the area of PS Shamas Colony, mobile phone and cash.

CTP vows to take strict action against one wheelers

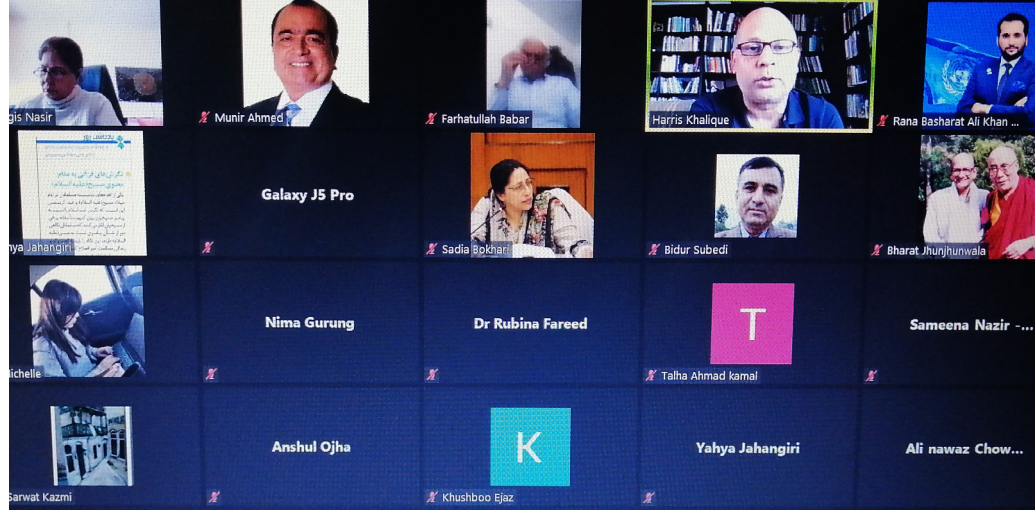
RAWALPINDI: City Traffic Police (CTP) have decided to take strict action against one-wheelers during Ramadan ul Mubarak. According to traffic police spokesman, Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Rai Mazhar Iqbal said that strict orders had been issued to all the traffic wardens, inspectors and Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) of all sectors to impound altered motorcycles prepared for wheelers from youngsters moving around the city roads and send the violators to jail. He added that those found involved in the activity would be sent behind bars under Section 99/A. - APP

No peace in South Asia until conflicts resolved humanely

Devcom-Pakistan international webinar urged India to support the revival of South Asia Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) with the human rights watchdog established within to get favoured nation status and global appreciation

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Expert while speaking at a webinar on Saturday urged the governments to reactivate the South Asia Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) to curb the militancy and terrorisms, bilateral conflicts and transboundary challenges confronting the region because of climate change. Occupied Kashmir is the flashpoint between the two nuclear nation states where violation of human rights are at its peak. The panel of experts urged the nondemocratic forces to give a chance to people to strengthen democracy and democratic institutions within their countries. Democracy ensures basic human rights that lead to peace in a society. But, unfortunately the hegemonic approaches and decision making of the governments have excluded the voices of the people. Only the vested interest prevail at the cost of human rights. Development Communications Network (Devcom-Pakistan) organized the international webinar on the theme "Ensuring human right for peace in the region". The panel of experts included former senator Farhatullah Babar, Lt. General (retd) Talat Masood, Jus-



ice (retd) Ali Nawaz Chowhan, General Secretary Human Rights Commission of Pakistan Harris Khalique, Devcom-Pakistan Executive Director Munir Ahmed, an expert from Tehran Dr Yahya Jahangiri, Desert Resource Centre (India) Founder Director Anshul Ojha, Secretary General Human Rights Alliance, Kathmandu (Nepal) Bidar Subedi, Joint Secretary SAARC Human Rights Foundation (Dhaka-Bangladesh) MD Tanbirul Islam, and President International Human Right Movement (London-UK) Rana Basharat Ali Khan.

Seasoned politician and a former senator Farhatullah Babar said some hidden-hands always disrupted the peace efforts in the region primarily between Pakistan and India. Hatred is the political slogan to win vote bank while the region is suffering from poverty, hunger and the impact of climate change. A just and a strong parliamentary system will ensure the fair distribution of resources ultimately addressing human rights. Democratic governments are less likely to go to war. Mr. Babar said Pakistan needed to work to strengthen democracy,

democratic institutions and parliament. We have seen lately the adverse impact of hybrid democracy. The state institutions need to understand the importance of people's voices and concerns. Even the Supreme Court of Pakistan has stressed upon the freedom of expression but media bashing is on. Now, the citizens are barred to the right to criticism too. Devcom-Pakistan Director Munir Ahmed said the countries need to ensure citizens participation in the decision making for the maturity of the political process. Fair

distribution of resources and just policies shall bring the socio-political equilibrium to ensure human rights. Women and marginalized communities and segments are under severe stress. Bilateral and multilateral conflicts are nowhere on the priority agenda of the governments. The only regional platform SAARC is dormant for years. In the absence of SAARC what else could be the platform to discuss the regional frameworks of collaboration on militancy, terrorisms and transboundary climate impact and water scarcity. Ahmed said we need to learn from China that has successfully dealt with poverty, doing trade efficiently with the countries China has conflicts. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) has successfully integrated trade and commerce issues with the development of the region in a broader framework of cooperation. India shall support the revival of SAARC with the human rights watchdog established within to get a favored nation status and global appreciation. Justice (retd) Ali Nawaz Chowhan, stressed to strengthen the human rights institutions to improve the situation. The National Commission of Human Rights (NCHR), a statutory body under the parliament of Pakistan, is abandoned for the last three years.

NUMS, UK foundation to provide medical care

IBRAR KHAN

RAWALPINDI: National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS) has launched the first ever structured online teaching postgraduate certificate programme, in collaboration with British-based foundation, to train professionals for providing specialized medical care to terminally ill patients in the country. Realizing the national needs of trained professionals in palliative care, the multifaceted initiative in collaboration with Shaheen Palliative Care Project, a United Kingdom-based foundation, was launched to help develop knowledge, skills and confidence of healthcare workers to care for patients and their families who have life limiting illnesses, said Prof. of medicine Dr. Nafisa Tahir. The accessibility to palliative care services, adequately trained healthcare professionals and availability of essential medicines is a dire need of Pakistan Healthcare System and this over six months Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care (PG-CPC), introduced by NUMS will be a step forward in that direction. The Vice Chancellor of the university Lt Gen Syed Muhammad Imran Majeed HI(M) (Retd) in his brief remarks said "NUMS healthcare have been mulling over to begin a training programme to bridge the yawning gap in the field of palliative care and this programme will turn over a new page to be emulated by others."

Europe is a big market for Pak: RCCI

Based on this status, around 80% of Pakistan's exports to the EU are quota and tariff-free, offering an advantage over many other competitors

ZUBAIR AHMAD

RAWALPINDI: Europe is a big market for Pakistan and there is a big opportunity for Pakistani manufacturers to capitalize the opportunity of Generalized Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+) status to the optimum. Based on this status, around 80% of Pakistan's exports to the EU are quota and tariff-free, offering an advantage over many other competitors. These comments were made by President RCCI Mohammad Nasir Mirza while addressing the executive committee at chamber house. He said, Pakistan's exports to



the EU went to \$7.5 billion or 34 percent of total exports of the country after getting GSP Plus status and there was a need to focus more on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). He informed that RCCI is organizing the "Virtual International Trade Forum Europe Chapter" on April 14, a series of trade forum aiming to explore new markets and address the key issues in bilateral trade among the member countries of the respective region.

Nasir Mirza said commercial and abroad would participate in the event to apprise the business community about trade and export opportunities in European markets. He said Pakistan would have to

find new markets to boost exports, adding, "Exports have been badly affected due to the corona pandemic, but we have to advertise our products and potential through virtual platforms," he said.

April 27 to be last date to submit bids for RRRP

SHAHEEN HANIF

RAWALPINDI: The tenders of Rawalpindi Ring Road Project (RRRP) would be opened after April 27 which is last date to submit bids for the project. A Commissioner Office spokesman on Sunday informed media that newly appointed Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Gulzar Hussain Shah after taking charge of his office chaired a meeting here to review progress on the project. He also visited track of RRR and said that the project would be completed on fast track basis. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Rawalpindi Capt. @ Anwar ul Haq, Director General Rawalpindi Development Authority, Abdul Sattar Isani, Deputy Project Director, Muhammad Abdullah and other officers concerned. The Commissioner said that RRRP would be completed on fast track policy as per vision of the Chief Minister Punjab, Sardar Usman Buzdar. He informed that the design

of the project was thoroughly being reviewed and bidding process of the project was also underway. On request of the companies which are taking part in the bidding process, last date to submit tenders, has been extended. He said, the companies during pre-bid meeting held on April 5, had requested for extension in last date for bids submission. Commissioner Gulzar Hussain Shah said, the process of the payment for the land acquired for Rawalpindi Ring Road project was also in process. The authorities concerned had been directed to accelerate the payment process, he said adding, the hurdles in the payment process in Rawalpindi district had been removed and significant improvement would be made in next few days. NOCs for Rawalpindi Ring Road were required from 30 departments and agencies, out of which, 26 had been obtained and efforts were being made to get NOCs from four other departments. He said that the Punjab government is making earnest efforts to kick off the construction work of Rawalpindi Ring Road Project (RRRP) as soon as possible.

RTA accelerates drive against SOPs violators

RAJA PERVAIZ

RAWALPINDI: Regional Transport Authority (RTA) Rawalpindi on the directives of DC Rawalpindi Anwar-ul-Haq, has accelerated its ongoing operation against Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) violators. According to Secretary, RTA Rawalpindi Rashid Ali, the authority on the directives of the DC had launched a campaign to ensure implementation of the SOPs. He said, the teams of the authority conducted raids and checked implementation of the SOPs at different routes while those found indulged in violations of the SOPs were fined and the vehicles were also impounded during March. He informed media that fines amounting to over Rs 130,500 were imposed on the violators during last month while 171 vehicles were challaned and 170 impounded on violation of coronavirus SOPs.

Commissioner Rawalpindi visits RRP

DNA

RAWALPINDI: Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Gulzar Hussain Shah visited Ring Road project site to inspect various sections of the project. Director General Rawalpindi Development Authority Capt. (R) Abdul Sattar Isani and Deputy Project Director Abdullah were also present on the occasion and briefed commissioner on the project progress. Commissioner Rawalpindi division emphasized that project planning and execution was streamlined and timelines are met. The commissioner said that the officers and personnel working on the Ring Road project should complete the set targets as per the deadline. Strict action would be taken against the officers and personnel, who were using delaying tactics, negligence and incompetence, he added. He said that the project was very important for the people which would have a positive impact on the economic and civic life of the residents.



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IMF commitment

THE government's commitment to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to revive the Fund programme will have an extreme effect on the public's lives. This means that the upcoming budget might not be a 'people-friendly' one. It will be a great challenge for the government as well in deciding what segments of society can absorb the shocks of the new taxes. The government's pledge to IMF to increase electricity rates and sales tax are a real blow to the lives of ordinary citizens.

The government, on one hand, claims to be aware of the miseries of the poor. On the other, it is burdening the people with unbearable taxes. Moreover, the petroleum levy on oil products that will be taken to the maximum level might become the straw that will break the back of the camel. The public should brace itself for unprecedented food inflation, job losses, inadequate social services and pay cuts. A shrinkage in incomes and purchasing power might contract the economy even further; the government is taking fiscal decisions that will have lasting ramifications but is only looking at short-term gains. This is not the best way to approach economic policy. While we are going time and again to the IMF for loans, the government has yet to overhaul the tax structure. Unfortunately, there is little, if any, deliberation made by the government on making it more progressive. What is beyond comprehension is the fact that the current government had promised the people to transform Pakistan into a welfare state. But the state has not even begun to create an equitable tax regime.

Our Prime Minister (PM) often stresses the importance of wealth creation. However, is it possible to create wealth if the poor are left with nothing at the end of the month for saving or investing or buying assets? The economic minds of the government must explain why quick fixes to overcome revenue shortfall are being prioritised over the higher principle of creating a robust economy with jobs and wealth being created.

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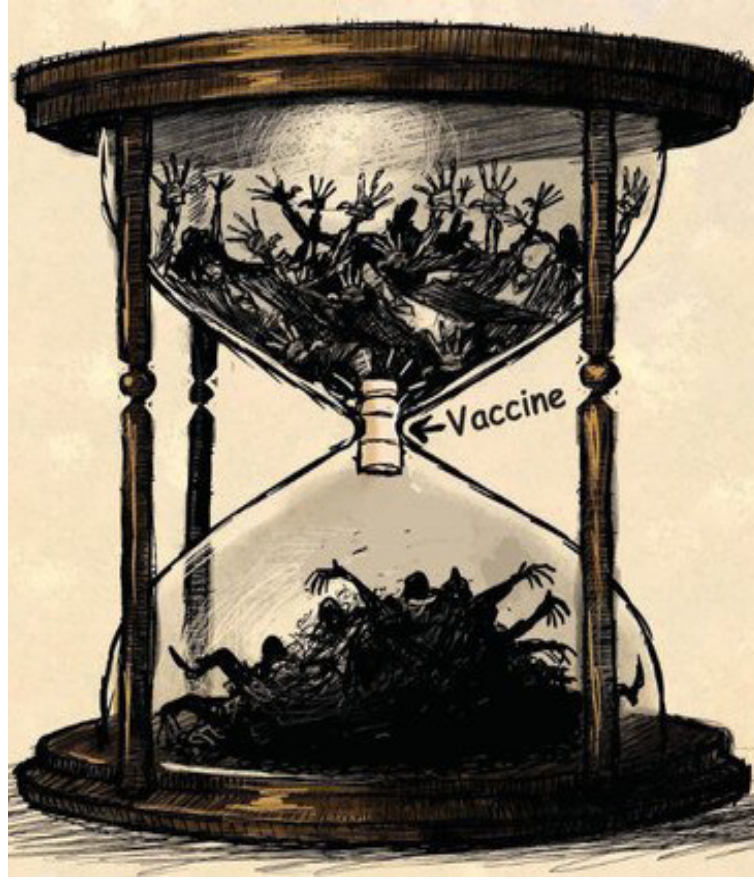
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New FBR chairman

THE government's deliberations for the new FBR chairman have culminated in the selection of Asim Ahmad, a member of the Inland Revenue Service posted at the FBR headquarters. This is the fifth FBR Chairman to have stepped in during this government's three-year tenure. However, on at least two occasions, the government is hardly to be blamed; Shabbar Zaidi had stepped back of his own volition and Javed Ghani reached the superannuation age.

The new chairman has a mammoth task on his hands, much like his predecessors. The IMF's projection for next year's tax collection stands at Rs6 trillion. With the government not having worked on making any significant policy changes to improve tax collection or allow for widening the tax net, Mr Ahmad will be required to increase collection without any major improvements to the system itself.

There is also the matter of taxing the wealthier segments of society. The government must increase wealth and property taxes as a long-term measure to both increase collection rates and make the tax brackets more equitable.

The new chairman will also be carrying the many problems the institution is best by on his shoulders. One of the bigger impediments to collection is corruption in key commercial collection points such as Karachi. In the past three years, the large collection targets have all but ensured that FBR officials work around the clock to meet collection targets with rules, procedures and corruption investigations taking a backseat. This is something that the government must help the FBR leadership work on in the year to come. The FBR is an instrumental part of the state and its proper functioning can help Pakistan reduce reliance on foreign loans and acquire the funds needed to both develop the country and improve key economic indicators. Beyond the targets, there is a need to look at how best to advance its functioning. It is hoped that the new chairman will be given the time and impetus to bring about some significant improvements.

Indonesia's national strategy of Artificial Intelligence

Dr. Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan



Indonesia's Industry Minister Airlangga Hartato said it will be key to encourage added value and high-technology downstream industries to become a competitive player in the new global context. In order to turn Indonesia into a competitive nation, it will require the development and integration of connectivity, technology, information and communication. This should lead to a more efficient economy as well as higher quality output in the industry sector." It hopes the initiative will boost GDP by 1-2 percent in the next few years, adding to an already impressive 5 percent GDP growth rate Indonesia has enjoyed over the last several years

ARTIFICIAL Intelligence (AI) has become "part and parcel" of our lives. Survival and future growth of "humanity" has direct correlation with the AI which actually, paves the way of achieving the goals of smarter economy, smart governance, digitalization of economy/society, massive industrialization, diversification of economy and last but not least, innovative future orientations. In this context, Indonesian government announced its national strategy for the development of AI. It termed it "safe" and widely "beneficial". For achieving the desired goals of technological revolution, innovative transformation, digitalization transmission, and highest standards of higher education and to cope with deadly diseases, and expedite research Indonesia published a blueprint, known as Stranas KA, for the national development of AI between 2020 and 2045. The head of Indonesian national research and innovation agency (BRIN) shared the future plans of his government pertaining to AI mainly in education and research, health services, bureaucratic reform, and food security as well as mobility and smart cities.

It would start a giant automation process in the country. By outlining the national strategy for the development of AI he termed it vital for an independent, advanced and prosperous Indonesia, one that can be reformed or reinvented) from a natural resource-based country to an innovation-based country. The agency and broader government outlined five sectors of its focus, the first being AI, as well as Internet of Things (IoT), advanced robotics, augmented reality, and 3D printing. Stranas KA is a framework that provides a road map to unite many of the digital developments taking place in the country and aligns closely with Visi Indonesia 2045, its broader development strategy.

According to Indonesian Stranas KA, for the national development of AI (2020-2045) there are five priorities of it mainly health services, bureaucratic reform, education & research, food security and mobility & smart cities. There are four focus areas i.e. industrial research & innovation for the development of research ecosystem and artificial intelligence innovation platform in order to accelerate bureaucratic and industrial reforms, infrastructure & data development, create a data ecosystem and supporting infrastructure for AI to contribute to national priorities, talent development, nurture AI talent that is competitive and has good character, and last ethics & policies to create ethical artificial intelligence in accordance with national values.

One of the foremost priority of Indonesian government is to upgrade and replace the nation's unsupportive bureaucratic. To achieve this goal President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo outlined plans to replace a number of civil service positions with AI in 2019. It would be a big step towards e-governance and smarter economy in the days to come. From Aristotle to modern philosophers Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Hobbes, Locke, Hume, Berkeley, Kant, Marx, and Wittgenstein bureaucracy by design, composition and orientation is a passive class which has been creating serious socio-economic and geopolitical issues in the evolution of human civilization. But governments/states have the authority and capability to remodel it by re-designing forward-thinking processes, protocols, and business orientation.

In this regard, AI may be an ideal choice to overhaul it. Indonesia's government has introduced an innovative concept of e-bureaucracy in the country so that caravans of socio-economic prosperity, economic sustainability, political stability and societal cohesion may be achieved by implementing people and business's friendly policies through an interactive mechanism of the AI. The government will employ an online single submission (OSS) system and the Single Map policy for accomplishing this vision. Various AI projects are

being carried out in diverse sectors of economy and civility too mainly agriculture and education, with machine learning helping to streamline production, anticipate forest fires, and rejuvenate traditional teaching faculties. The national strategy identifies 186 programs, pilot schemes, and policies. The national strategy focuses a number of unique datasets that can help it develop AI. It also recognizes some potential pitfalls of its immediate growth. Indonesia does not have the provisions to regulate the technology, nor an official agency to oversee AI development. It fears that without proper supervision, close monitoring, and refinement, AI can become as much an obstacle to development as it can a contributor. The country also leans heavily on imported technology and holds its own concerns with regard to data misuse and cyber-security. To combat these limitations, the guidebook advises that country focuses on infrastructure and data, research and industrial innovation, ethics and policies, and talent development while setting up a data ethics board to oversee implementation of much-needed data privacy and security systems.

To overcome this deficiency the government advises the formation of a data ethics board to oversee AI development, as well as for the regulation and setting of national standards for AI innovation. AI developers and experts have urged the government to consider all the risks and prepare a comprehensive strategy for the future growth of AI. In this connection, development of fundamental infrastructure and expertise of cloud computing systems should be developed to prevent data leaks. Indonesian companies have the highest rates of AI adoption in SE Asia. Being prominent regional expert of geopolitics/economic I suggest that Indonesian government should prioritize trade, higher education and industrial affairs, as these will yield the best economic benefits and prepare the next generation for the burgeoning vision of modern Indonesia.

The government should work towards creating a better internet infrastructure, nurturing high-quality talent and providing additional infrastructure to bolster technological development such as an indigenous cloud computing system to prevent any leak of confidential information. Reforms of higher education based on AI should be regularized to prevent AI algorithm errors that may harm humankind.

Indonesia plans to robust its Artificial Intelligence Industry (AII). Indonesia has a literacy rate of 95 percent and a geographical location that lends itself to being the perfect next step in the Asian AI revolution. Indonesia is primed for the future. Indonesia's government announced an initiative in 2018, "Making Indonesia 4.0" which essentially is a government sponsored program that seeks to speed up the automation of the Indonesian society. Through investments in AI, robotics and technology-based Indonesian firms as well as encourage investment from leading Japanese, Chinese and Korean tech firms.

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It hopes the initiative will boost GDP by 1-2 percent in the next few years, adding to an already impressive 5 percent GDP growth rate Indonesia has enjoyed over the last several years. The government wants technology to represent more than one quarter of Indonesia's total economy.

Indonesia's population is already extremely digitalized. The population averages 5 hours per day on their phones

as compare only 3 hours for Japan and 193 million out of a population of 264 million have a smartphone. However, only half of mobile phone users in Indonesia use their phones for mobile transactions. Before 2011, Statista.com shows that less than half of the country even had a mobile phone and less than 10 percent had smartphone technology.

Indonesia is already home to a number of AI firms today. In fact 4 of the globe's technology unicorns are based in Indonesia. Recently funded AI firms include Snapart which just received USD \$14m in funding for their smart receipts platform and four conversational AI firms: Kata.ai, BJTech, Bahasa.ai & Prosa.ai. The AI scene in Jakarta is exploding, with the government hoping for over 1,000 tech startups by the end of 2020. Stranas KA is planned to take advantage of Indonesia's rapid development and youthful demographic. Thriving start-up sector with world-famous unicorns like Gojek, its rapidly growing internet penetration rate (more than 64 per cent), and the relatively high adoption rates of technology by the private sector, including large enterprises would create hope for the Stranas KA to achieve the goals of the AI in the country.

The Stranas KA provides a foundation for AI development and unifies multiple ongoing technology-related projects under one national program. However, it still needs to tackle issues around the quality of internet connectivity especially in rural and eastern regions and data protection.

Indonesia joins the ranks of countries worldwide with national AI strategies like Singapore, South Korea, and Canada. Economic development is often the key goal among many countries' AI strategies Indonesia's plan stands out for leveraging AI to address specific problem areas. Indonesia aims to use AI to help tackle its struggles with poor nutrition among infants and to implement government services digitally. According to consulting firm Kearney and Singapore-based investment firm EDBI (2020-2021) Artificial intelligence could add US\$366 billion to Indonesia's gross domestic product in the next decade and almost \$1 trillion in added GDP across Southeast Asia.

Financial services and retail have been the early adopters of AI in Indonesia which would be further increased in the days to come. The logistics and supply chain sector may also be sole beneficiary of the development of the AI in Indonesia. Indonesian e-commerce platform Tokopedia succeeded to increase the total number of transactions by 202 percent and increase revenue by 179 percent month-over-month after implementing AI-based product recommendations.

To conclude, Indonesian national policy for the national development of AI between 2020 and 2045 has strategic importance which would further enhance elements of fairness, accountability, and transparency among the ranks, organs, organizations and departments of its government in the near future. It would further accelerate its country-wide drive of massive industrialization. It would revolutionize its government, society, industry, IT, ICT and patronize immense growth of digitalization of economy in the near future. Moreover, it would enhance its agriculture productivity. It would give new innovative outlook to his tourism industry. It would fasten elements of research, higher education, science & technology and saver living in the country. It would start a new concept of living with nature by implementing smarter cities in the country. Moreover, it would further enhance inter-cities & rural connectivity and would be beneficial for the generation of new jobs in the country. All in all the largest economy of the South East Asia, Indonesia is poised to lead the region also in terms of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the near future for branding a prosperous, independent, innovative and modern Indonesia in the very near future.

Pak-Russia relations will change the region

Attiya Munawar



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IN view of the Iran-China agreement, the growing proximity between Beijing and Moscow, and the recent developments in the region, the Russian Foreign Minister's visit to Pakistan is a matter of special significance. It is the first visit by a Russian foreign minister to Pakistan in nine years. There is a lot of talk in the national and international media that Pakistan's focus is now on the East. This process of looking towards the East is positive for Pakistan. Pakistan, Iran, Russia, China, Turkey and Central Asian countries together form a new political bloc. Russia, on the other hand, has made a concerted effort to reshape and expand relations with Pakistan. This development could be a game-changer for both Pakistan and South Asia. Critical strategic dynamics and policy changes in South Asia could change the perceptions that drove Pakistan into an anti-Russian camp during the Cold War between Russia and the United States.

There is no denying the fact that relations between Pakistan and Russia have been strained for a long time. India has always used these relations against Pakistan. Russia was a superpower compared to the United States in the case of the Soviet Union, so India stayed close to it but when the United States through Pakistan smashed the Soviet Union in the background, India stepped up its efforts to move to the US camp. India is a big market, so the United States also wants good relations with India. India extended a hand to the United States for relations, then the United States welcomed it at the expense of Pakistan since then the United States in relations with Pakistan has grown cold.

While India has made it possible to pursue its interests by getting closer to the United States, it has not spared any effort to fill the ears of the United States against Pakistan. This has led to a breakdown in the warmth of Pakistan-US relations. The United States cut off aid to Pakistan and began to make unreasonable demands on Do more. Pakistan has been threatened to teach a lesson in the Trump era while on this occasion, Pakistan has patiently continued its efforts to keep the relations and the situation normal, which is why the US-Taliban peace agreement was signed, but India and the Afghan administration are trying their best to sabotage this agreement. This peace agreement is still in force, but its future is in question. At present, in view of the changing situation in the region, the United States has also come closer to India as it needed a parasitic country in the region to compete with China. At the behest of the United States, India continues to be at loggerheads with China and other neighbors. On the other hand, Russia's distance from India has become a major reason for Russia's closeness to Pakistan. Russia and Pakistan have gradually come so close that the Russian Foreign Minister is on a long visit to Pakistan. Earlier, Russian forces had conducted exercises in Pakistan now Russia is also becoming part of the CPEC. It had a dream to reach the hot waters which Pakistan had thwarted by force, but now an atmosphere of friendship and reconciliation, Pakistan is welcoming Russia to use the port of Gwadar. Russia's announcement to provide Pakistan with modern special weapons in the fight against ter-

rorism in response to Pakistan's goodwill message is a significant development as Pakistan has long had its weapons needs from the United States and Western countries. Since then, it has stepped into the field of automatic armaments with the cooperation of China and is rapidly moving towards self-sufficiency. There was almost no cooperation with Russia in this area but for the past few years, the procurement of modern weapons including helicopters has progressed while India under US auspices, is stockpiling arms in the region. Pakistan has relied on China's cooperation to compete with India. If Russia moves forward to meet Pakistan's needs for modern weapons, it will be a great help in maintaining the balance of power in the region.

The warmth in Pakistan-Russia relations will make a significant difference in the region but the US-India alliance could pose further threats to peace, especially in South Asia. To address this, the major powers and countries of the region must unite, which has become a natural environment. For lasting peace in the region, a defense bloc comprising China, Russia, Pakistan, Iran and Turkey should be formed which may include Malaysia and Saudi Arabia as the opportunity arises. Pakistan is one of the most important countries in the region yet Pakistan's foreign policy is no longer the rarity and breadth that its role demands. Unlike in the past, Pakistan's changing foreign policy is important as is the relationship with distant friends from neighboring countries far more important which can improve the situation in the region and make Pakistan's role more prominent and important.

