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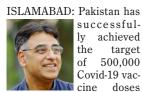
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500,000 doses given in a day

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per day, Planning Minister Asad Umar said Tuesday. The country achieved the target on Monday, said Umar, who heads the National Command and Operation Centre on coronavirus. The pace will be increase further, according to the minister. Last week, Umar warned that the early signs of a fourth coronavirus wave had started showing. "Two weeks ago, I had tweeted that our artificial intelligence models are showing possible emergence of a fourth wave," he said.

Balouchistan development top priority

STAFF REPORT



is the top priority of the government and it is working to provide better employment opportunities for the youth of the province. He was talking to Special Assistant on Reconciliation and Harmony in Balochistan Nawabzada Shahzain Bugti in Islamabad. Shaukat Tarin said the CPEC has renewed focus on the socio economic development of Balochistan. He said the government has initiated mega projects in road and irrigation infrastructure, education and health

Delta variant making up 50% of cases

facilities, agriculture.

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Delta variant the navirus

corowhich first emerged in India

now making up a whopping 50% of the total infections in Pakistan, Federal Parliamentary Health Secretary Dr Nausheen Hamid said Tuesday. The lawmaker, speaking in a private news channel programme, said COVID-19 vaccines that Pakistan is administering are effective against the Delta variant.

Briefs PM advocates equal vaccine access for all

Speaking of Pak efforts to fight Covid-19, the premier said that the country has been "more fortunate than other countries"

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Tuesday urged the countries currently producing vaccines for coronavirus to ramp up production and ensure rapid distribution to all, including developing countries. "While the support offered

by some major nations is commendable, more needs to be done," the prime minister said, while addressing the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2021. He earlier remarked that the forum is being held "at a critical moment in human his-"The world is facing an unprecedented triple challenge: the COVID-19 pandemic; the reversal of economic progress; and the existential threat posed by climate change," he said. He commended the "excellent role" played by

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and "the entire UN system's relief and recovery efforts in the wake of the pandemic". Speaking of Pakistan's efforts to fight COVID-19, the prime minister said that the country has been "more fortunate than other countries". "Through our policies of 'smart lockdowns' and focus on the disadvantaged, we have been able to somehow contain the virus. We managed to save precious lives and at the same time livelihoods," he said.

PIA airlifts 2m doses of Sinovac

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ISLAMABAD: A special plane of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has airlifted another batch of two million doses of Sinovac vaccines from Beijing Capital International Airport to Pakistan to help health authorities prevent and control Covid-19 pandemic in the country.

So far, 16.5 million doses of Sinovac and six million doses of Sinopharm have been transported from China to Pakistan, Qadir Bux Sangi, PIA Country Manager for China said on Tuesday. Pakistan has been using mainly Chinese vaccines namely Sinopharm and Sinovac, although others are also available and so far around 20 million people have been vaccinated.

The government has run a massive vaccination drive across the country to achieve the target of providing 70 million doses of vaccines aimed at fighting the Covid-19 pandemic. It may be mentioned that Pakistani health authorities had launched a nationwide vaccination drive with around a million doses of Sinopharm vaccine donated by China, starting with older people and frontline healthcare workers, in March.

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DUSHANBE: Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi in a meeting with his Afghan counter-part Haneef Atmar. - DNA Blame game will not serve region: Qureshi

The Foreign Minister expressed these views during a meeting with Afghan FM Hanif Atmar

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ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Tuesday said that blame game would not serve the region, urging his Afghan counterpart to address all concerns through established institutional mechanisms. Shah Mahmood Qureshi also reaffirmed Pakistan's consistent support to a peaceful and united Afghanistan, at peace with itself and with its neighbours.

"Pakistan supports a peaceful and stable Afghanistan, which would yield mutual dividends and benefits in terms of peace in the region, economic prosperity and regional connectivity," he added. The Foreign Minister expressed these views during a meeting with Foreign Minister of Afghanistan Hanif Atmar

held on the sidelines of Continued on Page 06

Two jawans martyred in Kurram



NEHAL MIRAJ

KURRAM: Two security forces personnel were martyred during an area sanitisation operation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Kurram District, the military's media wing said Tuesday.

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FM Qureshi meets his Uzbek counterpart

MAHNOOR ANSAR

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi held bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulaziz Kamilov, on Ministers meeting today in Dushanbe. The two Foreign Ministers exchanged views on ways and means to enhance bilateral ties as well as discussed the regional situation.

Recalling Uzbek Foreign Minister's visit to Pakistan and the virtual Summit at the leadership level, Foreign Minister Qureshi remarked that the continued interaction has injected new dynamism into the bilateral relations.

The two Foreign Ministers discussed the forthcoming visit of the Prime Minister to Tashkent in the bilateral context and for participation in the international conference on connectivity. It was agreed that close consultations was necessary for successful visit.



The Uzbek Foreign Minister appreciated Pakistan's policy to pursue geo-economic goals which was aligned with Uzbekistan's foreign policy goals.

During the discussion, regional security including Afghanistan and human rights situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir also came under discussion. Foreign Minister Qureshi briefed his

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SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Cabinet has decided to continue ban on Tehreek-e-La-

baik Pakistan. This was stated by Minister for Information and Broadcasting Chaudhry Fawad Hussain, while briefing media, in Islamabad this afternoon, about decisions taken the Federal Cabinet,

which met in the federal capital today (Tuesday) with Prime Minister Imran Khan

Ban on TLP to

stay, cabinet decides

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in the chair.

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Interior Ministry's report

organization was involved in arson and torture of police personnel. He said the Law Ministry is working to get the election symbol of TLP cancelled as per law. The Minister said the cabinet also gave approval to 25 percent special allow-

ance to the armed forces to bring their salaries at par with other departments. He said the Prime Minister also instructed to extend this facility to Rangers and FC as they were not included initially. He said it was also approved to fix retail prices of 49 medicines. Chaudhry Fawad said the cabinet was informed that Saudi Arabia would release

recommending the ban on

TLP to continue. He said

the ban on TLP had been

imposed on merit and in

light of solid facts as the

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Turkish envoy shares details of July 15 coup attempt

Ambassador of Turkey Ihsan Mustafa Yurdakul says Turkey will never forget Pakistani support during difficult times; announces plantation ceremony on 15th in Fatima Jinnah Park

Ansar M Bhatti

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Turkey Ihsan Mustafa Yurdakul has said on 15 July one of the most treacherous attempts was made on the people of Turkey with a view to making the Turkish people slaves, but the brave Turkish people valiantly thwarted that attempt.

Ostensibly, the Turkish people had to pay a price also. And what was that price; the price was bombing of the presidential palace; bombing of the Turkish national assembly and bombing of police headquarters; intelligence headquarters and Special Forces headquarters. But at the end of the day will of the people prevailed and the move was vehemently rejected.

The ambassador expressed these views during a press conference on Tuesday. A commemoration ceremony will take place on July 15.



ISLAMABAD: Turkish ambassador Ihsan Mustafa Yurdakul briefs the media about July 15 coup. - DNA

The ambassador shall also plant a tree in the Fatima Jinnah Park.

The Ambassador further said, 15th of July coup attempt was planned by the FETO leadership and carried out by members of the organization, whom infiltrated into our army by disobeving the chain of command of the armed forces.

"We have never before witnessed such savagery and treachery in our history as the one exhibited by the perpetrators of this coup attempt: our Parliament Building, the Presidential

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33543 complaints disposes off on PCP

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FAISALABAD: As many as 33543 public complaints have been disposed off on the Pakistan Citizen Portal by various departments in the district while steps are being taken to expedite the remaining applications. This was informed to Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali while chairing a meeting to review progress of disposed off the complaints on Pakistan Citizen Portal. Additional Deputy Commissioner Headquarters Muhammad Khalid, officers and focal persons of various district departments were also present. The meeting was informed that a total of 35500 applications based problem issues have been received on Pakistan Citizen Portal including new applications and feedback was also taken from individuals on resolving the issues and satisfactory level is more than 44 percent. The Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to expidite the solution of complaints and the feedback of the concerned complainant should also be sought by calling the Citizen. He directed that immediate redressal of grievances related to his department and complainants should be satisfied with the departmental action. He said that regular meetings would be held to review the performance in resolving the grievances received so all the departments should realize their responsibilities seriously.

WSSP sets up model street to promote sanitation

PESHAWAR: Water and Sanitation Services Peshawar (WSSP) on Tuesday set up a Model Street in union council Yakatoot to to aware the people of the area with the benefits of cleanliness. The aim of the "Mode Street" is to ensure masses participation in sanitation operations and ensure cleanliness of the city.

The Model Street idea along with an awareness campaign is being carried out under a UNICEF-funded sanitation project.

The Qazi Noor Street is cleaned by WSSP and residents jointly where pots of colorful flowers are placed to encourage residents of other streets to follow in the footsteps of the residents of

A team of community development officers carried out an awareness campaign to sensitize residents of Yakatoot locality on the importance of sanitation. Small waste bins are placed in the street outside houses to encourage locals to throw

waste in them. "We believe that without masses' participation, keeping the city clean round the clock is impossible," said Hassan Ali, spokesperson WSSP.

He said that masses were the biggest stakeholders who can play a major role in the sanitation process and engaging them would make a huge difference.

The spokesperson said residents were requested to place waste, packed in biodegradable plastic bags, outside their houses once a day so that it could easily be collected.

"It will save time and energy and help all of us to keep our city clean," he said, add ing that WSSP has planned to make model streets in all union councils under its administrative jurisdiction.

Indonesian envoy keen to promote educational links

Adam M. Tugio and diplomatic staff also visited the College of Arts & Design (CAD), University of the Punjab, Lahore. During their visit to the College of Arts & Design (CAD)

ABID RAZA

LAHORE: Adam M. Tugio, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Pakistan visited University of the Punjab, Lahore. During his visit to the University of the Punjab, H.E Tugio had a meeting with Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Lahore. The meeting was also attended by Brigadier Mansoor Saeed (Retd), Senior Member Advisory Board, Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad, Dr. Fozia Hadi Ali, Director, Regional Integration Center, University of the Punjab, and deans of different departments of the university.

During the meeting, H.E Adam Tugio expressed the resolve to promote the bilateral relations of Pakistan and Indonesia at various frontiers including academia, economy, culture, etc. Additionally, both H. E Tugio and Prof. Dr. Saleem Mazhar were keen on



promoting academic linkages between the University of the Punjab and various universities of Indonesia in fields of mutual interest. Addressing the meeting, H. E Adam Tugio stressed the

need for enhanced academic collaboration between the two countries through student exchange programs, faculty exchange programs, and joint research projects. Adam M. Tugio and diplo-

matic staff also visited the College of Arts & Design (CAD), University of the Punjab, Lahore. During their visit to the College of Arts & Design (CAD), the ambassador and the

diplomatic staff attended the Textile Design Degree Show 2021 organized by the College of Art and Design. Expressing his interest, His Excellency also stressed the need to develop connectivity between the textile sectors of both countries. The meeting between the two institutions was facilitated by the Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad.

Rs 1200

subsidy being given to farmers

PESHAWAR: The Agriculture Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was working on new varieties of wheat, rice, sugarcane and other crops' seeds to improve the yield while giving subsidy to the farmers on cultivation, said Director Agriculture Department Charsadda Ali Khan while talking to APP here Tuesday. He said that the Department has distributed 8,637 bags of newly introduced variety of wheat seed among farmers this year and gave Rs 1200 subsidy on each bag to increase the wheat production. He said that new seeds gave very good results during the experimental period, adding that the new variety was expected to give considerable profit to farmers besides making the production wheat crop double. -APP



KOTLI: Maryam Nawaz Pakistan Muslim League (N) Vice President responds to participants' slogans during an election rally in Kotli Azad Kashmir. - DNA

Need stressed to use modern tech to enhance citrus yield

FAISALABAD: Citrus production can be enhanced by adopting modern techniques which will not only meet domestic food requirements but also help in earning foreign

exchange. A spokesman for the Agriculture (Extension) department told APP here on Tuesday that citrus diseases such as greening, fruit stalk rot, etc. were playing havoc with the produce of this fruit, however, farmers should use latest technology to cope with the fruit disease

He said that Pakistan was the 13th world's biggest producer of citrus fruit but high demand of seedless citrus worldwide was hampering getting full advantage from it. He said the country which exports 20% of any fruit production was considered one of the best exporters. He said,

citrus was grown on 437,000

acres of land across Pakistan with production of more than 2,276,000 metric tons. Last year, although export of Pakistani Kinnow exceeded 350,000 metric tons, yet it was 15.37% of total Kinnow production, he added.

Responding to a query, he said that reworking was the techniques to make better the existing trees that help in enhancing the produce, adding that adoption of modern practices was also need of the hour to ensure food security, whereas management of bio-security risk was imperative to save citrus from loss. Responding to yet another question, he said that citrus canker was a highly contagious disease caused by a special type of bacterium, adding that bacteria enter into the cells of citrus fruit plants through natural pores

FAISALABAD: DC Muhammad Ali sapled the plant in connection with plantation week regarding Khidmat Aap Ki Dehleez par program. – DNA

Govt. gears up efforts to contain corona spread

and wounds. - APP

PESHAWAR: The government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has started strict monitoring of public places to ensure implementation of corona standard operating procedure (SOPs) and maximum vaccination of people to contain spread of Covid. An official of district administration told APP that teams have been deputed to visit markets and commercial places on daily basis and monitor implementation of corona SOPs. He informed that teams were also visiting business places of provincial metropolis to aware people about preventive measures against corona. - APP

completes his term as ID Lions club BUREAU REPORT

Mian Adrees

FAISALABAD: Mian Muhammad Adrees has been retired after completing his three years tenure as International Director (ID) of the Lions Club International.

Mian Muhammad Adrees is a leading business tycoon of Pakistan. He has played a multidimensional role in the fields of social welfare, education and philanthropy in addition to the development of industry. He has vast experience in the field of public welfare being International Director (ID) of the Lions Club. He has the privilege to organize the public welfare sector in

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a solid, sound and organized manner. He also motivated the business community to undertake small projects for the welfare of communities under the banner of Lions Club. He has played a major role in directly reaching out to the poorest of the poor and dragging them out of the abysmal poverty by providing them respectable sustenance. Mian Muhammad Adrees has paid gratitude for all those who stood with him right from his election as International Director till the completion for his tenure. He hoped that his team would continue to serve the ailing humanity with the

WASA to launch crackdown

FAISALABAD: Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) will launch a crackdown against its willful defaulters for the recovery of its dues. A spokesman for the WASA said on Tuesday that water supply and sewerage connections of defaulters would be disconnected, besides taking legal action for full recovery of dues during the crackdown.

He said that special teams had been constituted and they had been tasked to cut connections of defaulters and send its report to MD office on daily basis.

WASA Managing Director Jabbar Anwar Chaudhry himself would supervise the crackdown and take action against those WASA officers and officials who would show negligence in this regard. He said the help of police and local administration had also been sought and crackdown would remain continue till the recovery of 100 percent dues of the Agency.He also appealed to the consumers to pay their bills and other dues in-time so that WASA could provide them excellent service.

The consumers' billing data has also been uploaded on WASA website www.wasafaisalabad.gop.pk from where consumers can also download their bills to ensure its timely payment, spokesman added. - APP

669,385 people get vaccination

FAISALABAD: As many as 669,385 people have so far been vaccinated against COVID-19 in the district. District Health Officer Dr. Ataul Mun'im said on Tuesday that 521,584 citizens

were injected first dose

while 105,889 were inocu-

lated with second dose of

vaccine. He further said that 26,592 health workers were also given first dose while 15.320 received the second dose of vaccine. He said that sufficient stock of coronavirus vaccine was available in the district.

As of now 40,522 first doses and 27,014 second doses were available in the stock in Faisalabad. He said that 35 vaccination centers and 20 mobile vaccination camps were operational in Faisalabad, where registered people were also getting coronavirus vaccine doses.

People can get vaccinated themselves against coronavirus at the following vaccination centres in Allied Hospital, District Head Quarters Hospital, Government General Hospital G.M. Abad, Faisalabad Institute of Cardiology, Government General Hospital Samanabad, Children Hospital, Sports Complex Samanabad, Tehsil Head Quarters Hospital Jaranwala, Samundri, Tandlianwala, Chak Jhumra, Sports Complex Chak Jhumrah, Sports Complex Jaranwala, Government General Hospital Chak 224-RB, New Building RHC Khurrianwala, New Building THQ Sammundri, New Building THQ Tandlianwala. Social Security Hospital Madina Town, Wapda Hospital and Rural Health Centers Mureed Wala.

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No.			COST	OF TENDER	SUBMISSION DATE & TIME	OPENING DATE & TIME
01	No.CDA/CH-2 (Medicines items/ 2021-22/102/	Procurement of Remaining Medicines Items (As per List attached)	Rs. 33.274 (M)	Rs.3000/-	03-08-2021 AT 11:00 HRS	03-08-2021 AT 11:30 HRS
02	No.CDA/CH-2 (CSSD Items)/2021- 22/105/	CSSD Items (As per List attached)	Rs. 3.000 (M)	Rs.3000/-	03-08-2021 AT 11:00 HRS	03-08-2021 AT 11:30 HRS

Tender documents containing complete specifications, terms and conditions can be obtained on payment noted against tender (non-refundable) from Drawing & Disbursing Officer, (D.D.O) Capital Hospital, CDA Sector G-6/2, Islamabad. The same are also available at CDA website. However, at the time of submission, pay order amounting to tender cost in favour of Drawing & Disbursing Officer, (D.D.O) Capital Hospital, CDA must be attached along-with

Sealed Tenders will be received in the office of undersigned on date & time mentioned against each. The envelopes containing "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" will be opened as per schedule mentioned above in the presence of bidder or their representatives who care to attend. The "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" of technically qualified bids will be opened publicly at a time, date and venue announced and communicated to the bidders in advance

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No tender will be sold on the date of opening of tenders. "The Authority reserves the right to reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal".

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(DR. IRSHAD ALI JOKHIO) Dy. Director Medical-1, Capital Hospital (CDA), ISLAMABAD. Tel: 051-9221334 Ext: 274

KP MPAs join hands to eradicate Polio in this regard.

DNA

PESHAWAR: Members of the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa expressed their strong commitment towards making Pakistan and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa polio free. They were joined at a PILDAT Briefing Session held today on the subject of Polio Emergency in Pakistan. Honourable Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Ghani, chaired the Briefing Session.

Addressing the session, he said that PILDAT had also played a very important role in the awareness of MPAs of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa about nine years ago when polio was on the rise and travel sanctions were anticipated.

He also stressed the need for addressing the mistrust and myths surrounding the polio vaccine and asked MPAs to be more involved with their constituents for removal of misconceptions about the polio vaccine.

Ms. Rabia Basri, MPA and Chairperson Standing Committee on Health said that misconceptions about the polio vaccine need to be addressed, adding that it is the safest vaccines of all. She said that MPAs need to talk to communities and convince them to vaccinate their children

through polio campaigns. In his presentation Mr. Abdul Basit, Coordinator Emergency Operation Center, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa briefed MPAs on the current situation of Polio in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Pakistan.

He asked for the cooperation of the elected members in addressing the misconceptions and stressed for an effective role of members during polio campaigns.

Earlier, welcoming the participants, Mr. Ahmed Bilal Mehboob, President PILDAT said that in these COVID times although our main focus is vaccination against COVID but the Polio situation also cannot be overlooked. Even though polio cases in Pakistan are on a decline, strong and sustained efforts are needed to completely eradicate the disease. Elected representatives of KP Assembly can play a leading role The briefing session was followed by an engaging question and answer session. The KP MPAs who joined the briefing session included Mr. Nisar Momand (ANP), Ms. Sajida Hanif (PTI), Mian Nisar Gul (ANP), Ms. Baseerat Khan (BAP), Ms. Shahida (ANP), Ms. Anita Mehsud (PTI),Mr. Salahuddin Mohmand (ANP), Mr. Wajidullah Khan (PTI), Ms. Rabia Basri (PTI), Mr. Wilson Wazir (PTI), Syed Fakhar Jehan (PTI), Mr. Ranjeet Singh (MMAP), Ms. Ayesha Bano (PTI), Mr. Waqar Ahmed Khan (ANP), Dr. Aasiya Asad (PTI), Ms. Zeenat Bibi (PTI), Ms. Rehana Ismail (JUI), Mr. Abdus Salam (PTI), Ms. Naeema Kishwar

(JUI) and Mr. Ajmal Khan (PTI).

Briefs

59 fresh cases of reported in 24 hours

DNA

RAWALPINDI: As many as 59 more COVID-19 positive cases were reported during the last 24 hours, raising the tally of confirmed cases to 27,414 in the district.

As per the latest data re leased by the District Health Authority here Tuesday, the total infected cases included 25,308 from Rawalpindi and 2106 from other districts. "Presently 58 confirmed patients were admitted to various city facilities, counting 15 in Holy Family Hospital, 10 in Benazir Bhutto Hospital, 23 in Institute of Urology, and 10 in Fauji Foundation Hospital," the health authority report said.

The district health authority informed that so far 25,954 patients were discharged after recovery while 579 were quarantined including 401 at home and 178 in isolation.

The report updated that 1303 people had lost their battle of life so far with 1000 belonged to Rawalpindi and 303 from other districts. Meanwhile. Commissioner Rawalpindi Syed Gulzar Hussain Shah urged the people to get themselves vaccinated at the earliest to avoid further spread of the disease. He warned the residents that the 4th wave of the Delta COVID-19 variant was more dangerous as compared to the previous ones.

ITP for modern lines for efficient policing

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) will be equipped on modern lines to ensure efficient policing and quality services to people. It was stated by Inspector General of Police (IGP) Qazi Jamil ur Rehman during his visit to ITP headquarters where he distributed 250 mobile tabs among police officers for issuance of digital challans.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Syed Karar Hussain briefed the IGP about steps being taken to equip the department on modern lines. The IGP said various including upgradation of software of driving license, e-ticketing system and repair of one-window hall at traffic office would be helpful to ensure efficient policing and provide quality services to people.

The SSP (Traffic) said various seminars are being arranged to aware citizens about traffic rules, enhance liaison with citizens and ensure traffic discipline in the city. The SP (Traffic) and other senior police officials were also present on the occasion. The IGP directed SSP (Traffic) to introduce more digital reforms in policing affairs through coordination of JS bank. He said that police officials should be also trained about use of this technology so that citizens could be facilitated to maximum level.

IHC issues notices over a woman member in CII

KHAYYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday heard a writ petition seeking appointment of a woman as a member in the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII). A high court (IHC) bench comprises of Justice Aamir Farooque issued notices to Secretary Law and Chairman CII seeking their reply within two weeks. The petitioner pleaded the court to declare that at least one woman should be included in the Council for more diverse representation under Article 228 of the constitution.

"Absence of a woman member in the CII is contravention of the Article 228,' Janjua Advocate Zainab argued before the court (IHC). The counsel of the petitioner further argued that the CII should have at least eight and not more than 20 members.

Serena Hotels, NUST sign MoU for trainee programme

The MoA aims to bring together the expertise of Pak's leading business school at NUST, and Serena Hotels as a leading hospitality brand, to offer women graduates of NBS a valuable training opportunity for hands-on experiential learning

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Serena Hotels signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with National University of Science and Technology (NUST) to induct female graduates from NUST Business School (NBS) into the Serena Management Trainee Programme. Engr. Javed Mahmood Bukhari HI

(M), Rector of NUST, graced the MoA signing ceremony along with the Pro-Rectors and the Dean of NBS, and representatives of the business and hospitality sectors. The MoA aims to bring together the expertise of Pakistan's leading business school at NUST, and Serena Hotels as a leading hospitality brand, to offer women graduates of NBS a valuable training opportunity for hands-on experiential learning and training in the field of hospitality management in a structured and professional setting. The one-year programme will provide the Management Trainees



with immersive learning to equip them with a holistic view of the business, as well as understanding the inter-relationships between different functional departments. The training is envisaged as an accelerated pathway that will help unlock their advancement to higher-level management positions in the industry.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Aziz Boolani, CEO Serena Hotels South and Central Asia, said that the number of female professionals in the hospitality sector is traditionally low. As a leading hotel chain, Serena Hotels makes every effort to encourage women in their professional development for assuming higher positions, including the leadership role. There is no doubt that companies can deliver greater business impact and be more competitive by fostering an equitable and inclusive workplace for women and men.

Mr. Boolani added that Serena Ho-

tels is the recipient of the Employer of Choice for Gender Balance and Economic Dividends for Gender Equality (EDGE) Certification by International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank. The Company is also a member of the Male Champion of Change (MCC) coalition - a global initiative working towards achieving gender equality in the workplace.

"Our country has immense potential in tourism. High-quality education and training programmes can expose professionals, especially women, to world class training so they can lead the country to excellence in the hospitality sector," said Engr. Javed Mahmood Bukhari HI (M) in his remarks on the occasion. Mr. Aziz Boolani expressed his gratitude to the Rector NUST, the Dean of NUST Business School Dr. Naukhez Sarwar and the Serena team for making the collaboration possible.

CDA vacates 20 Kanal of land from mafia

SHAHEEN HANIF

ISLAMABAD: On the special instructions of Chairman CDA, the CDA Enforcement Directorate, with the assistance of district administration and Islamabad Police, on Tuesday launched a campaign against encroachments and illegal constructions in different areas of Islamabad and performed several operations

An attempt was being made to occupy the CDA land in Orchard Scheme, Murree Road by constructing four walls, on which the enforcement took timely action and demolished the wall under construction with the help of heavy machinery, As a

result of this operation, 20 kanal of land were relinquished from the land Mafia Besides, operations against occupy mafia have also been intensified in MohallahDaki, Nadola and DhokeTahli in Bari Imam Area, In this regard 3 rooms, one kitchen, one shuttering and three DPC's were demolished today

Similarly, 3 illegal rooms in Syed pur, one room in the slums of Sector H-9 were demolished with the help of heavy machinery Later in Margalla Town, during an operation on the

complaint of the residents of the area, 2 illegal structure were demolished and the possession of the plot was hand over.

Race Course police arrests outlaws

RAWALPINDI: The Race Course police in their two operations here Tuesday, managed to net a car lifter and a bootlegger besides recovering five stolen vehicles including three Toyota Corolla Altus cars, Suzuki FX and Pick Up vehicle, 18 bottles of liquor and 90 liters indigenous liquor from their possession.

According to a police spokesman, the Race Course police conducted a raid and rounded up a car lifter namely Khalid Khan besides recovering three stolen Corolla Altus cars, a Suzuki FX and a Suzuki Pick Up from his possession. - APP

Najeeb Ahmad appointed Chief Admin

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD:Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has appointed Najeeb Ahmad Memon, a BS-20 officer of Inland Revenue Services as Chief (Admin Pool) FBR, Head Quarter (HQ), Islamabad.

According to FBR notification issued here Tuesday, he has assumed the charge of the post.

FBR also notify that Khurshid Ahmad Khan, a BS-20 officer of IR services has restored the post of Chief (Admin Pool), FBR HQ, Is-

CDWP Okays 5 projects of Rs 405.7 bn

DNA

ISLAMABAD: The Central Development Working Party (CDWP) approved on Tuesday two development projects worth Rs 3.37 billion while recommended three projects of Rs 402.3 billion to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) for further consideration.

The meeting presided over by Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Mohammad Jehanzeb Khan considered projects related to governance, physical planning & housing, transport & communications, and education sectors.

A project related to governance was presented in the meeting namely "Establishment of Public Financial Management Unit (PFMU) and Program Support Unit (PSU) in Finance Department and Planning and Development (P&D) Board respectively under Punjab Improvement Resources and Digital Effectiveness (PRIDE) Program" worth Rs 8.6785 billion. The meeting recommended the project to ECNEC for further approval The program aims to increase own sources revenue and improve reliability of resources allocations and access to digital services for people and firms in the province. The program primarily addresses the tree challenges including fiscal risk management, revenue mobilization and expenditure management through better use of information system. The CDWP approved a project related to Physical Planning & Housing presented in the meeting namely "1.2 MGD R.O.D Plant (Chinese Grant)" worth Rs 2.124 billion.

ICCI for withdrawal of advance tax on pharma

ZUBAIR AHMAD

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) has called upon the government to withdraw the advance tax imposed on pharmaceuticals in the budget 2021-22 as it would increase the prices of medicines and put more financial burden on the poor patients besides affecting the business activities of the pharma sector.

Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry said that providing health services and medicines at affordable cost to the citizens is the basic responsibility of the state. However, the FBR vide its Circular No.2 of 2021-22 has broadened the scope of Sec-236G and 236H of Income Tax Ordinance 2001 to pharmaceuticals requiring them to collect advance tax on sale to distributors, dealers, sub-dealers, wholesalers and retailers, which would cause significant increase in the prices of medicines. He said that the common man was already facing great problems



due to high inflation while tax on pharmaceuticals would further push up the prices of medicines and would make the lives of poor patients more miserable as it would become very difficult for them to purchase costly medicines. Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan said that the Chemists and Druggists Association has already rejected the advance tax levied in the budget 2021-22 and the businessmen of this sector have announced to go on strike against this

Fatma Azim Senior Vice President and Abdul Rehman Khan Vice President ICCI said that the advance tax under Sec-236G and 236H has also been levied on many new sectors in-

for the patients.

cluding poultry and edible oil & ghee that would give rise to food inflation in the country as the prices of these products have already witnessed significant increase. They said that the government should avoid imposing new taxes on essential items being consumed by the common man including medicines and food products as new taxes on daily used items would increase poverty and social unrest. They emphasized that the government should always take all stakeholders into confidence before imposing new taxes in order to save the businesses and the common man from unnecessary troubles.

urged that the government should pay

serious attention to this issue to save

the disruption in the supply chain of

medicines as any shortage of medi-

cines would create a lot of problems

World parliamentarians urged to take up plight of IHK for a solution

GENEVA/ISLAMABAD: Pakistan government and the people are determined to support people of Indian-Held Kashmir by all means of diplomacy and voicing against the atrocities in the IHK. We all standby the indigenous struggle of Kashmiris that was started almost one hundred years back. There is no doubt that, according to the human rights charter of the United Nations, the right of choice for the future is with

the people of IHK. Devcom-Pakistan Executive Director, geopolitical commentator and human rights advocate Munir made these remarks while speaking at the side-event of the 47th session of the UNHRC. He was talking online on the Kashmir issue as a keynote speaker



from Islamabad at the webinar organized by the IHRM. The webinar also focused on the lifelong struggle of the detained Kashmiri leader Shabbir Shah, chairman of the Democratic Freedom Party. Her 19-year old daughter Sehar Shabbir Shah also spoke on the occasion as a guest speaker from Srinagar. Hina Haya Younas moderated the webinar. Munir said all the overseas organizations supporting human

of the people living in IHK should unite together under one platform to consolidate their struggle for a strong voice. It is a good omen that the leaders and the political parties working for Kashmir freedom from the Indian occupation are united on a single platform. The freedom and human rights lovers shall provide conventional and social media platforms to raise voice for the people of IHK. He said world's parliamentarians shall be mobilized on the Kashmir cause so that they shall put up the issue in their respective parliaments to pressurize their governments to take pro-Kashmir stance at different forums including the UN. They shall condemn the criminal state sponsored terrorism against the people of IHK. It is such terrorism that the people of occupied Kashmir are facing on a daily basis.

Munir said the honour of Kashmiri women is also at stake. Thousands have been gang raped besides killing a million. All these crimes against humanity are committed against the Muslim population of India-occupied Kashmir, who are in a majority there, but not for long if the Modi government and the Bharatiya Janata Party are allowed to carry out their agenda.

PAC launches Col (R) Syed Maqbool's book 'Mushk-e-Jaan'

Well known poet Naseem Sehar and Dr. Nisar Turabi were the special guests

DNA

RAWALPINDI: Punjab Arts Council and Harf Academy jointly organized the launch of the book 'Mushk-e-Jaan' by the country's renowned poet Col (retd) Syed Maqbool Hussain.

The event was presided over by renowned poet, writer Prof. Dr. Munawar Hashmi. Well known poet NaseemSehar and Dr. NisarTurabi were the special guests. Well known poet and writer Naseem Sheikh from Karachi and renowned poet of Azad Kashmir Naz Muzaffar

Abadi were the guests of honor. Among them were Dr. Sher Ali, Malik Irfan Khani, founder of the International Literary Academy, renowned poet

and writer Nazar Fatemi

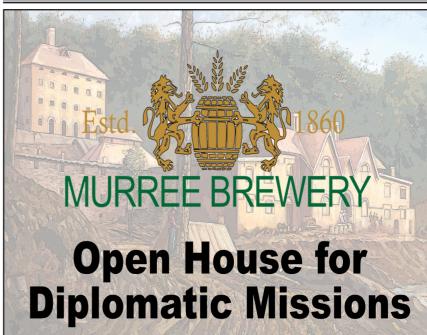
years of being connected from Karachi, and Ijaz with Urdu literature. Rifat Bhatti, a well-known poet from New York threw Anjum paid homage to Col light on life and work of Col Maqbool Hussain. Speakers on the occasion

said that it's a story of 25



Maqbool Hussain. Well known poet and writer Naseem Sheikh called Colonel Maqbool's book Jag Beti and praised its various parts. Naz Muzaffarabadi praised the cover of the book and called it a valuable addition to literature. NaseemSehar paid homage

to Colonel Maqbool and called his book Jag Beti. Dr. NisarTurabi highlighted the details of the book and said that these are not past memories. Col. Maqbool Hussain thanked the guests and presented interesting



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Briefs

HEC sets up smart campus at FUU

ISLAMABAD: Vice Chancellor, Federal Urdu University, Prof. Dr. Rubina Mushtaq here on Tuesday inaugurated a smart campus of Higher Education Commission at Federal Urdu University (FUU) Islamabad.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Rubina termed the establishment of Smart Campus as an important milestone for Federal Urdu University Islamabad to have state-of-the-art technology. Speaking on the occasion, she said in today's world, students could achieve success in academic and practical life through modern technology.

Registrar Urdu University Dr. Muhammad Sarem, Dean Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Zahid, In-charge Islamabad Campus, Dr. Amir Nadeem and Additional Registrar, Shah Ji Muhammad were also present on the occasion. - APP

Kamyab Jawan app on cards

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs Muhammad Usman Dar on Tuesday announced that a dedicated application would be launched under the Kamyab Jawan Programme (KJP) to resolve the issues of its applicants in an effective way. "Empathy lies at the core of whatever we do at Kamyab Jawan Programme and coming up with tangible solutions to your problems is what we strive for every day. I'm glad to share that very soon Kamyab Jawan will be launching its app where you can communicate directly with us!" the SAPM tweeted.

Usman Dar said that KJP was the government's flagship initiative launched with an aim to empower the youth through education, employment and engagement. Under the pro gramme, there are multiple schemes which are operational including the Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme (YES), Skill for All (Hunarmand Pakistan) and others, he said and added that the YES was launched to help youth setting up their own businesses through provision of soft loans, whereas the 'Skill for All' was aimed at imparting skills to the young people in traditional and high-tech trades.

Over 10m saplings to be planted in RWP division

STAFF REPORT

RAWALPINDI: Over 10.948 million saplings will be planted in Rawalpindi division during monsoon season while nearly 3.247 saplings will be planted in Rawalpindi district.

According to Conservator of Forests (North) Sheikh Saqib Mehmood, the monsoon plantation campaign which has been kicked off here, would continue till December 30.

The plantation of saplings for the growth of forests on barren and uncultivated privately owned land was also started by the Punjab Forest Department, Rawalpindi Division, under Prime Minister Imran Khan's Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Project (TBTTP).

Only in Chakwal district, 5,000 kanals of land had so far been turned into dense forests. He urged the farmers and cultivators to resettle their barren lands through afforestation and announced that the forest department would provide them saplings at the rate of Rs2 per seedling.

The farmers would plant these saplings in their barren lands and the department would help them grow these saplings in a proper way, he said, adding millions of these plants would be given to farmers in all districts and tehsils of the division.

Practical measures had also been taken to expand forests on lands owned by the department and protect existing forests, which has led to a massive increase in the forest area for the first time.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi visiting a mango stall, during a Mango Festival, held at Aiwan-e-Sadr. — DNA

Pakistan to export 300 tons of chili to China: Wu Guang

ZUBAIR AHMAD

ISLAMABAD: The 300 tons of chili we picked will be dried and exported to China in August," said Wu Guang, General Manager of Pakistan Subsidiary, China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC). It is the first time Pakistani chili enter the Chinese market since 2020, reported by China Economic Net (CEN) on Tuesday.

Soaked in summer sun, 300 tons of chili glow softly in the pilot chili field in Lahore. Pakistan has ideal conditions for Chili/Pepper (Capsicum Annum L.) cultivation. According to Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Paki-

stan is amongst the top ten chili producing nations which enjoy a combination of warm, humid yet dry weather and a well-drained sandy loam with rich organic content.

However, Pakistan's chili production has been lower than the world average for the same period since 2015. From FY2014-15 to FY2017-18, the average annual production of chili in Pakistan was around 143,428 tons, but it plummeted to 126,943 tons in FY2018-19, accounting for 85.7% its peak in FY2017-18 of 148,114 tons. Take Sindh as an example. In Pakistan, Sindh province is the major producer of chili followed by Punjab and Balochistan. The major constraints in production faced by chili farmers

here are lack of modern irrigation system, imbalance use of fertilizer and pesticide, and lack of training. "In Pakistan old methods of 1970s, 1960s or 1980s are adopted by farmers. Now Pakistan has to adopt modern technology to increase its production," recommended Zahid Gishkori, a Special Investigative Correspondent in Pakistan.

What is worse, growers are troubled by some marketing issues, including unreasonable commission agent charges, improper weighing, price fluctuations and lack of proper storage facilities. Pepper growers are unable to make a proper profit from chili due to marketing channel barriers.

Talking to China Economic Net, Khurum Javed Maqbool, Director Marketing of Fatima AG Solutions Limited, Pakistan, pointed out that at present the whole ecosystem in Pakistan is inefficient.

"From harvesting to sewing and storing of the crop and then selling it and then farmers getting financing and then the returns for their produce... All these operations require improvement." In July, a pilot Chili farm project under the cooperation between Pakistani farmers and their Chinese partners - CMEC & Sichuan Litong Food Group - began to bear fruit, with a yield around 3 times Pakistani varieties.

Chen Changwei, Chairman of Sichuan Litong Food Group,

China, noted that their pilot Chili farm project successfully completed 100 acres of plantation in the first half of 2021 in Lahore.

For the 100-acre-pilot-proiect, the quantities of seeds are 380 grams per acre, with a yield reaching 3 tons per acre. The total production is expected to reach 300 tons. While as per Ministry of National Food Security & Research (Economic Wing), chili is grown on 47,349 hectares in Pakistan with a crop yield of about 2.68 tons per hectare (1.072 tons per acre) and an annual production of around 126,943 tons in FY2018-19.

Seed matters. As per Chen, they brought a total of 13 varieties of Chinese chilies to Pakistan since 2019. It took them three years to conduct the pilot program, and of all these 13 varieties, two varieties, namely, PJH-302 and PJH-407, have been certified for cultivation in Pakistan.

"Seed is the basic input for agriculture sector and has imperative role in enhancing agriculture productivity, food security and poverty alleviation," said YEAR BOOK 2019-20 released by Ministry of National Food Security and Research (NFS&R), Pakistan. On top of seeds, field management is also of great significance. Correct and careful management of farming and farmers could increase efficiency and re-

duce risk.

Cattle markets bustling with customers

DNA

ISLAMABAD: In the run-up to the festival of Eid ul-Adha, hustle and bustle at various cattle markets are gradually gaining momentum where enthusiastic customers of all age groups are visiting and bargaining for their favorite animals.

All young and old customers from different cities of the country were seen engaged in buying their sacrificial animals for upcoming annual festival of Eid-ul-Azha, said a report aired by a private news channel.

According to the citizens, the festival of Eid is just around the corner and the streets and markets have started becoming more crowded with sacrificial animals and with sellers.

In almost every play ground and house, small kids were seen playing with sacrificial animals such as goats, sheep, cows and camels outside their houses, said a citizen. A large number of customers were visiting sacrificial animals and bargaining with sellers for affordable prices, said a citizen. A trader in cattle market hoped that his live stocks would be sold like previous years before Eidul-Azha, adding, the cost of each animal is determined by its weight, health and age so that customers are well aware of the different options and they are selecting their animals on their own choice. A customer who has recently purchased a sacrificial animal commented here Tuesday that he had visited various cattle markets but vendors are demanded very high prices.

AIOU declares results of B. Ed, Associate Degrees

SHAHEEN HANIF

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has announced results of the programs offered in autumn 2020 semester including 4-year, 2.5- year, and 1.5 -year B. Ed programs as well as Associate Degree in Education, Commerce, Human Management, Marketing and Islamic Banking. All the results are available online on the uni-

are also being dispatched to the students on their postal addresses. Moreover, AIOU has fully transformed its key academic. administrative and financial operations from manual to automation to enhance transparency and efficiency. From July 15, all important academic operations of post graduate pro-

grams including admissions,

workshops, and assignment

submission will be performed

via online mode.

versity website (www.aiou.

edu.pk) and results cards

Chinese college, AAUR sign MoU

DNA

RAWALPINDI: Shandong Vocational Animal Science and Veterinary College have signed a MoU for cooperation with Pakistani Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) on a video conference, according to a report published by China Economic Net on Tuesday.

Under the cooperation framework, the two sides shall carry out exchanges of students and teachers for study, internships, training, and research. Joint laboratories shall be es-

tablished to promote animal husbandry and veterinary medicine on both sides.

The cooperation is expected to introduce some advanced practices in poultry farming and veterinary medicine from China to Pakistan and facilitate mutual learning in teaching and research. Online and offline students

and academic exchanges will start in the next semester. Seminars on new veterinary technology are also in the plan. Efforts are being made for mutual recognition of standards on veterinary medicine and food safety. The College is carrying out

anti-pandemic and anti-disease programs in Pakistan in collaboration with some companies under the "Belt and Road" Initiative. For example, under the sup-

port of bilateral veterinary enterprises and government authorities, the College is planning to contribute to the construction of the Foot and-Mouth-Disease-Free (FMDfree) Zone and the Research Center for Healthy Breeding of Livestock and Poultry for joint research, development, registration and promotion of livestock and poultry vaccines and veterinary drugs, and mutual recognition of standards.

A China-Pakistan vocational training center is in the pipeline to carry out skills training for enterprise employees. poverty reduction training for community residents, teachers' training on vocational education, academic education for students, and vocational

education research. Prof. Dr. Qamar uz Zaman, Chancellor of PMAS-AAUR attended the conference. He acknowledged the historical foundation of bilateral cooperation and expressed his anticipation for enhanced collaboration in student exchanges, communication. teachers' technical training, and teach-

Li Xuetai, President and Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of the College also participated in the online meeting. He reviewed the fruitful results of the College in international communication. In 2018, the College signed a cooperation agreement with the Pakistani University of Agriculture Faisalabad. A campus in Pakistan is providing training to students and corporate employees. Earlier this year, it organized academic lec-

tures by Pakistani experts on

livestock and veterinary med-

icine and medicine.

ing resources sharing.

417,900 cusecs inflow in rivers

ISLAMABAD: Water inflow in all major rivers has significantly improved owing to monsoon spell and on Tuesday it jumped to 417,900 cusecs. According to Indus River System Authority, water inflow in river Indus at Tarbela has surged to 211,700 cusecs against outflow of 155,000 cusecs. The water level in the Indus River at Tarbela Dam was 1445.13 feet, which was 61.13 feet higher than its dead level 1386 feet. - APP

To develop a wind energy enhanced electric vehicle

Wind energy is a renewable and never-ending source of energy

SUNDAS KHALID

Abstract:

The wind energy enhanced electric vehicle is one which includes multiple generators/ turbines according to the user demand which will be powered by the aerodynamics of the car to charge the battery and provide extra miles on the same charge. Future of EV is evolving and it is predicted to see its peak in near future, future is all electric and soon EV's will replace gasoline engine. Electric cars are expensive and developing but the problem sustains; range limitation. However mid-priced electric vehicle class has limited features with less emphasis on features like infotainment, instrument cluster, and other expensive features. Considering the future and ease of EV users, our idea of range extension is a must for every user in future, it has a huge market capacity and may bring ample revenue in future. Introduction:

The idea is an add-on to pre-existing electric cars. On average an electric car ranges around 250km (variable) range in single charge. With this idea one can increase range of his electric vehicle without breaking his pocket. We are introducing wind turbine assisted generators for electric cars positioned in front grills and bumper, the process can be simply quoted as, the propeller shaft is attached to generator shaft with the gear system in-between. The cars aero dynamics would assist the rotation of the propeller, the gear system would amplify the revolution and the generator will produce energy that will com-

pensate the actual range. The electric vehicle has been around for over 100 years, and it has an interesting history of development that continues to the present. France and England were the first nations to develop the electric

vehicle in the late 1800s. It was not until 1895 that Americans began to devote attention to electric vehicles. Many innovations followed and interest in motor vehicles increased greatly in the late 1890s and early 1900s. In 1897 the first commercial application was established as a fleet of New York City taxis. The early electric vehicles, such as the 1902 Wood's Phaeton were little more than electrified horseless carriages and surreys. Since the invention of electric car, it has been developed till date. Despite this fact, the major challenge which is their short driving range still exists. Electric Car driving system constitute of 3

major components; namely, the motor, the controller and the battery (Annexure. 1) (Raj, n.d.). While some cars would use the standard car batteries as a source of energy, the more advanced ones use the Li-ion batteries as more efficient energy source that gives extra range of operation for the vehicle. They not only are capable of fast charging but they provide more energy to the motor attached. Additionally, the controller is very important as it synchronizes the operation of both motor and battery. Moreover, electric car chargers are responsible for charging the battery pack in an electric car. These chargers are installed in homes, offices, shopping stores and public places to enable one to charge his/her car. Fully charging an electric car can take 6-8 hours.

The idea of adding a wind turbine generator is to extend the existing range on an electric vehicle whilst consuming the already estimated range. Getting a car with longer range is yet possible but, electric cars are very expensive as they consist of various software and hardware advancements which are vet under constant devel-

For instance, Tesla Model S Plaid with an estimated range of 350miles is for 113000\$ excluding taxes and the Plaid+ model which has an estimated range of 550+miles, is for whopping143000\$, excluding taxes. One has to pay an additional 30000\$ for range extension, which on the other hand can get you a normal sedan. We represent the idea of range extension using wind energy which is going to charge the battery to some extent to ensure extra miles on the same charge. Discussion: If a normal range electric car with an ef-

ficiency of 295Wh/mile is driven 13500 miles a year, a total of 3,982,500Wh of energy is used, which is equal to 3,982.5KWh. On average KWh in United States is charged at rate of 0.13\$, which equals to a total of 517.73\$ to drive the car over a year, breaking it to months it will cost around 43.14\$(Sibila).A range extended vehicle would cost slightly more on

The Electric Vehicle Market is projected to reach 26,951,318 units by 2030 from an estimated 3.269.671 units in 2019. at a CAGR of 21.1% during the forecast period. Mid-Priced vehicle segment are expected to grow at highest CAGR rate (Markets and markets, n.d.). The future of EVs is expected to be bright and with time the price of batteries, one of the most vital components in an EV, is reducing significantly which would make EVs more affordable. Mid-Priced vehicle class has limited features with less emphasis on features like infotainment, instrument cluster, and other expensive features. In July 2018. Great Wall Motors announced a partnership with BMW Group to produce electric MINI vehicles in China. In December 2018, the company launched its new flagship vehicle under its new 'ORA' electric car brand: the ORA R1. The small urban car will cost only USD 8,680 after incentives with a range of almost 200 miles, the problem still sus-

tains; short range for mid-priced EV's. Air pollution is a big issue in the cities for developing countries. Air pollution is mainly caused by vehicle emissions. Electric cars have zero emission. Using electric cars should not hurt economy. Oppositely, the business of electric cars can create a lot of jobs in the areas of new electricity charge station construction and operation, battery production, renewable energy, new car design, and production. Electric cars and vehicles have low emissions (zero emission by using renewable energy) and can become integral parts of a smart grid, where they do not just consume power but also provide mobile storage of energy. Target audience for our product is middle class, someone who can spend 100k\$+ for an EV, can easily spend over 130k\$ for a long-range EV. Considering the future and ease of EV users, our idea of range extension is a must for every user in future, it has a huge market capacity and may bring ample revenue in future (Liu). For better understanding, let's take example of 2 electric cars, Car X and Y, both of the cars are identical and both has stock batteries and motors, except car Y is equipped with our wind energy generator. The trip is from point A to point B.

For instance, both cars accelerate at the same pace, Car X would complete 3 quarter, whereas Car Y would complete its trip to point B (Annexure. 2).

If one has to complete his trip from point A to B, he has to have his hands on long range electric vehicle which as aforementioned has quite large price difference. A similar representation of our idea (Annexure. 3) (Prem, n.d.) shows how we can add wind energy generators in front end of the car. Similarly, we can adjust multiple generators in different positions of the car e.g. front bumper, bonnet grill, inside the frunk, rear bumper and grills.

The aerodynamics of the car running in forward direction would assist the propeller of each generator/turbine to rotate, the gear system which is attached to the propeller shaft and the generator shaft would amplify the rotation significantly, providing more efficiency even if car moves at a slow speed. 5 to 6 turbines installed according to the need of user can produce sufficient power to charge the battery. The generators will then act as a charger and help charge the EV battery while using it simultaneously. It will provide the user with additional miles on the same charge he had done while departing for his journey.

Wind energy is a renewable and never-ending source of

Electric Cars is the future of automotive industry.

All development in automotive industry has led to better vehicles gradually. The only problem that still

exists is shorter range.

The EV's with bigger batteries are too expensive to afford for a middle-class user.

enhanced Wind energy vehicles would help users get extra miles on the same charge without breaking their pockets.

Wind energy enhanced vehicle is a cheap alternative to longer range electric cars. energy enhances

vehicles is easy on monthly bills also. Wind energy turbines is a deal

breaker for both mid-priced and high-end electric vehicles as it compensates that extra amount for bigger batteries.

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Rain, havoc, repeat

VERY year now, monsoon rains ravage Karachi, with residents left at nature's mercy and scrambling to ensure supply of basic necessities, while the provincial and federal governments engage in political point-scoring and the usual blame game. As Monday's downpour presented a much-needed respite from the summer heat, for many the cheer dissipated as power outages notoriously accompanied the first drops of rain. While power disruption during rains should be the exception, in Karachi it has become the rule. Every year we see the same scenes with people going through painful experiences at the hands of power supply companies, be it K-Electric in Karachi or other companies in various cities across Pakistan. It does not take rain to be disastrous, it just needs the first drop to make the power supply disappear. While overnight rain in several areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and interior Sindh resulted in flash floods and power breakdowns, for Karachi's residents, Monday's surprise shower brought back haunting memories of last year's catastrophe, when record-breaking monsoon rains, spread across several spells in July and August, wreaked havoc on the city's infrastructure, including several days of a power breakdown and flooding of several major and minor arteries along with entire neighbourhoods, leading the provincial government to declare a 'rain emergency'

In June this year, it was reported that 60 percent work on clearing storm-water drains had been completed by the various federal, provincial and local government agencies involved, and last week, the Karachi administrator asserted that preparations had been made after last year's bad experience and hoped to see a better situation this year. Researchers predict monsoons in Asia to become more intense and erratic with the annual rise in global warming. As for Karachi, the mega city needs a dedicated, functioning storm-water drainage system free of sewage and encroachments, as well as upgraded power infrastructure which can withstand rains. But most of all, it needs a representative and empowered local government which cares.

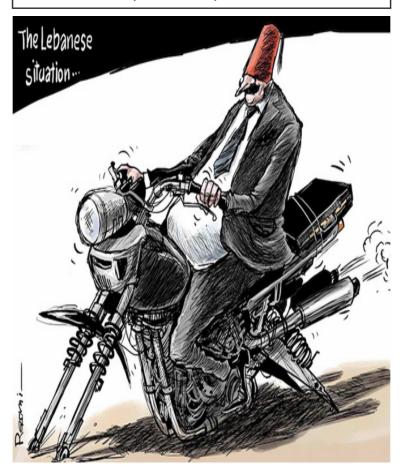
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India's double game

MIDST the ongoing violence in Afghanistan, it has been revealed that two Indian C-130 planes landed in Afghanistan to drop off ammunition to be used against the Afghan Taliban. Apparently, these planes were intended to airlift India's team of a diplomatic mission. This makes sense in light of reports that India was evacuating its staff members of the Kandahar consulate due to the intense fighting near Kandahar city, however, the dropping of 40 tonnes of 122-mm cannon being delivered on both July 10 and 11 came as a surprise.

These reports clearly expose the double game being played by the Indian government, where it is engaging with the Taliban in Doha and is at the same time providing ammunition to be used against them. This development only further vindicates Pakistan's concerns about India acting as a spoiler in Afghanistan. It is imperative that we raise this issue with regional and international actors involved in the peace process because repeating mistakes of the past has to be avoided at all costs.

With the burden of responsibility being shifted to regional countries following the exit of US forces, it is crucial that all actors including Russia, Iran, China, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and India come together and commit to not taking any sides if a civil war breaks out. Doing so will only be to the detriment of the Afghan people and the region.

To aid the peace process instead of fueling violence on the ground, India should abandon its attempts to act as a spoiler and instead cooperate sincerely as part of the ongoing multilateral process. It is high time that India starts behaving as a responsible regional actor and works towards meaningfully contributing to regional security and stability. Picking sides to guard its parochial interests will only perpetuate the cycle of violence.

Uzbekistan under President Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Khalid Taimur Akram



It is a clear manifestation that the country has been striving hard to gain high status in the comity of nations. Therefore, the third Renaissance would prove to be a milestone for Uzbekistan to portray its image as a more accountable nation

T is generally believed that every country in the world has some potential to achieve respectable status among nations' comity. However, only a few of these countries find leaders who possess the far-sightedness and prudence to steer their nations through tumultuous waters of scathing hardships and challenges to ensure a prosperous future for them. In the 21st century C.E., the rise of Uzbekistan's potential role both within and outside the Central Asian block has been witnessed due to the remarkable efforts of incumbent President ShavkatMirziyoyev. Uzbekistan's global outreach and economic benefits have been enhanced due to the incumbent visionary leadership of His Excellency, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. He has continuously emphasized



win-win economic environment for all the countries. Moreover, he has emerged as a dynamic leader to work for regional peace, development, and resolve the Afghan conflict. Uzbekistan is one of the major stakeholders in the Afghan peace process.

The country has been considered as one of the fastest-growing economies in the region. It has witnessed significant structural policy reforms under H.E. President. Therefore, the article elaborates on Pres- Uigonish Davri(Third Renaissance) un ident Shavkat Mirziyoyev's unprecedented rise to the helm ofsocio-economic and political affairs in Uzbekistan. Moreover, this study highlights Uzbekistan's substantial role and efforts to strengthen the nation

and integrate other regional countries. **Towards Successful Development:**

Under H.E. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's, Uzbekistan has been committed tokeep a strategic equilibrium within the region. More proactive and prudent interest in seeking positive regional influence and conducting international peace activities by President ShavkatMirziyoyev has enabled the state to become a key regional player. There are various reasons which have accelerated this change in the approach of Uzbekistan's leadership. Any country's realistic economic goals cannot be achieved unless it forms strong socio-economic alliances with the dominant countries in its region vis-vis economic development. To achieve this objective, Uzbekistan has significantly improved its relations with its neighbors and regional allies.

The greater alliance among the countries is important for the expeditious socio-economic growth of all regions. Under the visionary leadership of H.E. President Shavkat Mirzi-

the importance of creating a coherent and yoyev, Uzbekistan has adopted an exceptional approach amid efficacious strategies to modernize and diversify its economy.

The result-orientated policies by the visionary Uzbek leadership ultimately prove to be a driving force for the amicable resolution of common global menaces and persistent challenges. Furthermore, the internal structural reforms in the country paved the way for ambitious market-oriented economic policies.

der President Shavkat Mirziy oyev:

Renaissance is a French wordthat means to be reborn. The Uzbek concept "UigonishDavri" (Evolutionary period or Renaissance) is a synonym for this term. In this aspect, the current reformsin Uzbekistan are worth mentioning and praising. The third Renaissance wave is amid the new paradigm shift that Uzbekistan has taken to play a full-fledged and pro-active role in uplifting the economy, maintaining and promoting regional peace and stability. Uzbekistan's government has rightly felt the need to have a peaceful approach to achieve economic and political prosperity goals with wider regional connectivity.

Under the third Renaissance, the new dynamics within Uzbek society and a fresh approach to foreign relations, where a new spirit of regionalism is taking root, is highly commendable. In the new Uzbekistan reforms, the government liberalized the foreign currency market to attract investments. There have been considerable improvements in the media landscape. Moreover, in order to strengthen openness and transparency, the visionary leadership of Uzbekistan is ambitious to implement the constitutional rules on freedom of speech, spreading infor-



mation, and regional integration.

The new reforms, include political openness, bank sector reforms, agriculture reforms, financial market reforms, privatization, education reforms, energy sector reforms, and tax reforms. In this aspect, the structural changes within the country would definitely bring positive outcomes outside the country. The economic and trade openness would integrate many regional nations with Uzbekistan.Furthermore, Uzbekistan also aims to incorporate the phenomena of academic cooperation into regionalism. Uzbekistan pays great attentionin improving the educational sphere, especially the comprehensive support to science& technology and research& development.

The foundation for a new revival for the Third Renaissance is being laid in Uzbekistan because today's Uzbekistan has been transformed, and His Excellency, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has emerged as a most important leader in the regional political and economic discourse.

Thereby, the broader reforms with structural adjustments would enable Uzbekistan's potential role in the world.It is a clear manifestation that the country has been striving hard to gain high status in the comity of nations. Therefore, the third Renaissance would prove to be a milestone for Uzbekistan to portray its image as a more accountable nation.

Israel's demographic war on Palestinians

Ramzy Baroud



Netanyahu's Likud party and its allies in the opposition voted against renewing the discriminatory law to score a political point. Their justification, however, was more appalling than the law itself

HEN the Israeli Knesset last week failed to renew what is come. new what is commonly referred to as the family reunification law, news reports and analyses misrepresented the story altogether. The even split of 59 members of the Knesset voting in favor of extending the law and 59 against gave the erroneous impression that Israeli lawmakers are equally divided over the right of Palestinians to obtain permanent residency status or citizenship in Israel through marriage. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Under the guise of "security," the Citizenship and Entry into Israel Law, which was initially passed in 2003, prohibited Palestinians in the West Bank who married Israeli citizens from permanently moving to Israel and obtaining work, permanent residency and, ultimately, citizenship.

The law was never made permanent and was instead the subject of an annual vote, which successfully renewed it 17 times. However, the 18th vote, held on July 6, ran into an obstacle. Contrary to the perception given by much of the media coverage, those who voted against the renewal of the ban did so for purely political reasons and not out of concern for the tens of thousands of Palestinian families that have been splintered since the law came into effect.

Since the ousting of former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu – at the hands of his protege, Naftali Bennett – Israel's former leader has been determined to topple the latter's fragile coalition. Bennett's government allies extreme right-wing parties, including his own Yamina, with centrist and leftist parties. It even hosts a Palestinian party, the United Arab List, or Ra'am, of Mansour Abbas. A coalition of this nature is unlikely to survive long, considering Israel's tumultuous politics, and Netanyahu - eager for an early election - will do everything in his power to facilitate what he sees as an imminent collapse.

Netanyahu's Likud party and its allies in the opposition voted against renewing the discriminatory law to score

a political point. Their justification, however, was more Palestinians elsewhere suffer an even worse fate. For examappalling than the law itself. Likud wants the temporary law to become a permanent fixture, to be added to the dozens of other similarly racially motivated laws that target the very fabric of Palestinian society.

Welcome to Israel's demographic war on the Palestinian people. This one-sided war is based on the belief among Israel's Jewish majority that the country's greatest challenge is sustaining its demographic advantage. Israel's main fear is not simply a decisive Palestinian majority between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea; the ruling classes are also rattled by the growing political influence of Palestinian citizens and are doing everything in their power to ensure this is restricted. The Citizenship and Entry into Israel Law was designed specifically to keep this population in check.

The general elections of March 2020, in particular, provided a taste of what a doomsday scenario might look like. Palestinian parties unified under the single ticket of the Joint List and emerged with 15 seats, making it the third-largest political bloc in the Knesset, after Likud and Blue and White. If the Palestinians could muster this much influence when they make up only 20 percent of the overall Israeli population, imagine what they could do if the demographic tide continues to shift in their favor.

For Israel, the future of the Jewish majority – i.e., supremacy - is dependent on keeping the population equation in favor of Israeli Jews at the expense of Palestinians. Most of the laws that discriminate against Palestinians, regardless of where they reside, is motivated by this consideration. According to the Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel (Adalah), Israel's Palestinian population has been targeted by more than 65 government laws and regulations that aim to ensure they do not prosper as a com-

munity, keeping them politically disempowered, socio-

economically disadvantaged and constantly threatened

with the loss of their residency and even citizenship

ple, those living in Jerusalem, who supposedly hold permanent residency status, are subjected to different types of legal harassment so that the city maintains its current Jewish majority. When Israel illegally occupied East Jerusalem in 1967, it was almost entirely Palestinian. Due to numerous Israeli tactics, the city's Palestinian population is now an ever-shrinking minority. Worse still, in 2018, Israel passed a law that granted the Ministry of Interior the right to revoke the residency of Jerusalemites based on the murky accusa-

tion of "breach of loyalty." Meanwhile, the Israeli military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip has taken population control to a whole new level; it is almost an exact science.

This is also why Israelis abhor even the discussion of the right of return for Palestinian refugees, for they consider it an implicit call for the destruction of Israel as a Jewish state. According to this logic, if millions of Palestinian refugees are allowed to return to their homes and lands in historic Palestine, Israel will no longer exist in its current form and will instead become a democratic state for all of its citizens.

Following last week's vote, what is likely to happen next is that Israel's Ministry of Interior will continue to find caveats in the country's ever-flexible statute book to block the reunification of Palestinian families until the Knesset officially renews the Citizenship and Entry into Israel Law or, worse, makes it permanent. Either way, Israel's demographic war on Palestinians is likely to intensify. Considering that this is a war that cannot be won rationally, Israel will fall deeper into the abyss of apartheid.

As Israel continues to experiment with controlling the Palestinian population, it would be shameful if the international community continued to remain silent. This outrage must end.

Courtesy: Arab News

WORLD / SPORTS



Briefs

PM advocates equal vaccine access for all

From Page 01 PM Imran Khan appreciated the international recognition of Pakistan's pandemic containment strategy and the Ehsaas social protection programme. "We are now making all possible efforts to accelerate our vaccination campaign," he said.

The premier said that unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic had "revealed and accentuated the endemic inequalities which exist within and amongst nations".

"The global economy will not recover fully until all countries - rich and poor - are enabled to accelerate and expand investment for achieving the SDGs (sustainable development goals) and climate goals," he continued. The premier said that he believes the following actions, at the national and international level, are "indispensable to respond effectively to the triple crisis".

PM Imran Khan said that it is "essential" that universal and affordable access to COVID-19 vaccines be ensured "to defeat the virus and to revive global trade, investment and growth".

"The world must ramp up vaccine production, including in the developing countries, and ensure its rapid distribution. While the support offered by some major nations is commendable, more needs to be done," he stressed.

Turkish envoy shares details of July 15 coup attempt

From Page 01 the building of the National Intelligence Organization (MIT), buildings of the Turkish National Police, the Headquarters of the Police Special Operations Depart ment located in Ankara was bombed by rogue pilots".

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

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

Ambassador Ihsan Mustafa thanked people of Pakistan and Pakistani government for standing shoulder to shoulder with the people of Turkey by extending whole hearted support. He said the FETO organization also made inroads into Pakistani society by establishing schools.

Two jawans martyred in Kurram

From Page 01 The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), in a statement, said the operation was conducted after security forces had received reports of terrorists' presence in the area. During intense exchange of fire, three terrorists were killed, the military's media wing said, adding a-cordon-and-search operation is underway to eliminate any other terror

ists found in the area. The security forces personnel who were martyred include: Captain Basit, 25, who is a resident of Haripur; and Sepoy Hazrat Bilal, 22, who is a resident of Orakzai. Last month, a soldier of the Frontier Corps Balochistan was martyred during an attack launched by militants on M-8 near Shapak, Dis-

trict Hoshab. Sepoy Kifait Ullah, a resident of Sibi, embraced martyrdom when militants attacked a water bowser through a pressurised IED.



BIRMINGHAM: Pakistani skipper Babar Azam playing a shot during the third Pakistan-England ODI. The skipper scored his career-best 158 runs. - DNA

Chris Gayle crosses 14,000 T20 runs



SPORTS DESK

SAINT LUCIA: A Chris Gayle half-century blasted the West Indies to victory over Australia in St Lucia on Monday, clinching the five-match T20 series between the sides. Chasing a modest target of 142, Gayle recaptured his most destructive form in racing to 67 off only 38 balls to take his team to the target with five overs to spare at the Daren Sammy Stadium. By spearheading the West Indies to an insurmountable 3-0 lead in the series, the 41-year-old also sent an ominous warning that he could yet be a factor in the Caribbean side's defence of the World T20 title later this year.

Gayle's pyrotechnics followed another efficient West Indies performance in the field as wrist-spinner Hayden Walsh again presented the most effective challenge to the Australians with figures of two for 18 in limiting the visitors to 141 for six. All-rounder MoisesHenriquestopscored with 33 and struck the only two sixes of his team's innings.

Henriques' contribution followed his side's best opening partnership of the series - 41 - between captain Aaron Finch and Matthew Wade. However, the tempo of the innings dropped considerably when they were separated by Obed McCoy in what proved to be the seamer's only over of the innings. Mitchell Marsh fell cheaply for the first time in the series and when Walsh accounted for Alex Carey and Finch in the same over, their hopes of a first formidable total of this campaign effectively came to an end given the relative inexperience of their batting line-up.

Heinous act of revenge: Bahrain death sentences surge by 600%

MONITORING DESK

MANAMA: The use of the death penalty in Bahrain has dramatically escalated over the past decade, specifically since the 2011 Arab Spring uprising, a new report has found. Death sentences in the small Gulf archipelago have risen by more than 600 percent, with at least 51 people ordered executed since anti-government protests erupted in 2011, according to a joint report published on Tuesday by anti-death penalty and human rights group Reprieve and the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy (BIRD).

Seven people were sentenced to death in the previ-

ous decade, the report found. The joint report noted the use of torture, especially in "terror" related death penalty cases, was particularly widespread, despite pledges for human rights reform by the government.

Some 88 percent of men executed in Bahrain since 2011 were convicted of "terror" charges, and 100 percent of these individuals alleged torture, the report found. Today, some 26 men are facing imminent execution on death row, 11 of whom allege torture by Bahraini authorities. According to court documents, this includes individuals whose convictions were based on false torture "confessions",

Committee Against Torture raised concerns about "the widespread acceptance by judges of forced confessions" in Bahrain, and recommended that judges "should review cases of convictions based solely on confessions, since many may have been based on evidence obtained through torture and ill-treatment". The death penalty has been imposed on a scale "never seen before", especially targeting those connected to political opposition, it noted, as several had attended pro-democracy protests.

Commenting on the report, Sayed Ahmed Alwadaei, director of BIRD, said: "Sen-

death for their opposition to the government is a heinous act of revenge by Bahrain's regime. "For those facing imminent execution, the uncertainty of knowing they could be executed at any time is causing an unspeakable strain on their lives and those of their families."

Bahrain has been clamping down on dissent since 2011 when it quashed protests with help from Saudi Arabia. Bahraini authorities have denied targeting the opposition and say they are protecting national security. The Gulf island kingdom has also claimed Iran trained and backed the demonstrators in order to topple the Manama government - an

Blame game will not serve region: Qureshi

From Page 01 Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dushanbe. During the meeting, views were exchanged on the latest developments in Afghanistan and the way forward. In view of the withdrawal of international forces from Afghanistan, the Foreign Minister urged the Afghan leaders to achieve a negotiated political settlement at the earliest, adding that such an outcome would bring peace, stability and prosperity in Afghanistan.

He remarked that Afghan leaders should seize the historic opportunity and take advantage of international convergence on the final settlement of the Afghan conflict by working together an inclusive, broad-based and comprehensive political settlement.

The Foreign Minister expressed concern on high level of violence, which has resulted in innumerable loss of lives. He emphasized immediate steps to decrease violence, leading to comprehensive ceasefire. Highlighting that negative statements could not cloud Pakistan's positive contribution to the Afghan peace process, and that blame game would not serve the region, the Foreign Minister urged his Afghan counterpart to address all concerns through established institutional mechanisms, including Afghanistan-Pakistan Action Plan for Peace and Solidarity (APAPPS). He said that Pakistan looked forward to hosting review meeting of APAPPS in Is-

lamabad at the earliest.

FM Qureshi meets his Uzbek counterpart

From Page 01 counterpart of the rapidly transforming situation in Afghanistan and highlighted importance of consistent support to Afghan peace process as shared responsibility. He underlined that the region could not afford repeat of civil war, leading to instability and fresh influx of refugees. The Foreign Minister expressed the hope that Afghan leaders. recognising the importance of international support for the Afghan peace process, would achieve a negotiated political settlement.

Foreign Minister Qureshi is in Dushanbe, at the invitation of Tajikistan, to lead Pakistan delegation at the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers meeting.

Ban on TLP to stay, cabinet decides

From Page 01

85 Pakistani prisoners on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha. He said a special plane would be dispatched to bring them back from Saudi Arabia. He said the government is also making strenuous efforts to bring Pakistani citizens detained in different countries on minor charges.

He said a detailed briefing

was given on Electronic Voting Machine, Internet-Voting, biometric. He said EVM is vital to ensure transparency in the next general election. To this effect, the cabinet was informed that unanimity of views has emerged on several issues and efforts are being made to sort out the remaining points. Regarding Covid situation in Pakistan, Chaudhry Fawad Hussain said 20 million people have so far been vaccinated. He said over half million people were vaccinated yesterday alone, which is the highest number since the start of vaccination drive. Urging the people to observe Standard Operating Procedures to prevent spread of the pandemic and to get them vaccinated, the Minister said cases in Karachi and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa increased in last few days, while situation in Punjab is under control. Chaudhry Fawad Hussain

said Asset Management Company is being established to manage the properties of the federal government. He said the Prime Minister expressed concerns on the depleting green areas in Islamabad due to unplanned expansion of residential societies.

Olympian Naveed Alam passes away

LAHORE: Olympian and hero of the 1994 Hockey World Cup Naveed Alam passed away due to blood cancer..

The 47-year-old Naveed was diagnosed with blood cancer at Shaukat Khanum Hospital last week where doctors estimated the treatment at Rs 4 million (40 lacs). According to his family sources, he underwent chemotherapy last night and his health deteriorated after it. He was transferred to the intensive-care unit. Viewing Naveed's career, he was integral part of the national Hockey team that clinched the World Cup in Sydney in 1994. He also represented Pakistan in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. He coached Bangladesh and China Hockey team and also served as director development in the Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF). He also served as head coach of the different walks of life have expressed condolences national team at the Beijing Olympics. People from on the demise of former Hockey player and coach Naveed Alam. The Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) has postponed matches of four-team series in remembrance of Naveed, "We share the same grief as of Alam's family," PHF. Former captain and coach Islahuddin Siddique termed the demise of Olympian Naveed Alam is a great loss for hockey. "Pakistan Hockey has lost a champion player. He has great services for Pakistan Hockey. May Almighty Allah grant patience to Alam's family," Islahuddin said. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) also expressed sadness and offered sincerest condolence to Naveed's family and friends. The PCB, on behalf of its fans, cricketers and officials, expresses its sadness over the passing of former hockey olympianNaveedAlam (mem-

ber 1994 Hockey World Cup winning team) and offers its sincerest condolence to Naveed's family and friends. - DNA

MINSK: Ambassador of Pakistan to Belarus Sajjad Haider Khan appreciated Golf Coach Khalid Mahmood for his time, dedication and devotion in projecting Pakistan and presented him a Souvenir at the conclusion ceremony. - DNA

Free golf coaching by Pakistan concludes in Minsk

MINSK: The Embassy of Pakistan in collaboration with Minsk Golf Club successfully arranged free golf coaching classes by Pakistan's top PGA certified Coach Khalid Mahmood from 9-13 July 2021 at the Minsk Golf Club Academy. Around 75 golfers both from Belarus and Diplomatic Corps, both beginners as well as amateur golfers, benefitted from these master classes held over period of five days. The golfers found the coaching sessions highly useful and appreciated the Embassy for presenting this unique opportunity.

Ambassador of Pakistan to Belarus Sajjad Haider Khan appreciated Golf Coach Khalid Mahmood for his time, dedication and devotion in projecting Pakistan and presented him a Souvenir at the conclusion ceremony. On this occasion, Director Commercial of Minsk Golf Club Vladimir also presented souvenir and appreciation certificate to the coach. Khalid Mahmood is a professional coach (golf pro) since 1984 with extensive experience in Pakistan, as well as in Southeast Asia, South Korea, China, England, Austria, Italy and the USA. Presently, he is a staff coach of one of the golf courses in Milan, Italy. The Embassy of Pakistan in Belarus is now working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for institutionalizing golf cooperation between Pakistan and Belarus. - DNA

At least 64 dead as fire rips through Iraq Covid ward

Iraqi President Barham Salih said that the incident that unfolded in Al-Hussein hospital was the result of rampant corruption and mismanagement. He added that the families of those killed needed an investigation and accountability, and called for a review of the country's institutions

Foreign Desk

BAGHDAD: At least 64 people have been killed in a fire at the coronavirus isolation ward of a hospital in Iraq, the second such deadly blaze in a COVID-19 unit in three months, state news agency INA said on Tuesday. More than 100 were also injured in the fire that broke out at the al-Hussein Teaching Hospital in the southern city of Nasiriya late on Monday, health officials said. The blaze was brought under control by civil defence teams. A medical source with the health directorate told AFP news agency the "main plosion of oxygen tanks".

reason behind the fire... was the ex-Haydar al-Zamili, the local health authority's spokesperson, said earlier on Tuesday that 52 bodies had been retrieved while 22 people had been hurt after the fire had "ripped through the COVID isolation ward". "The victims died of burns and the search is continuing," he added, noting that there were fears people could still be trapped inside the building.

The new ward, opened just three months ago, contained 70 beds. The DhiQar health directorate said that among those killed were two medical staff members, and the hospital's security guard.

Health sources told Reuters news agency the death toll could rise as many patients were still missing. Health officials at Nasiriya said search operations at the hospital were continuing, but that thick smoke was making it difficult to enter some of the burned-out wards. Footage shared online showed

thick clouds of smoke billowing from the hospital buildings. "Many people have taken to the streets in Nasiriya and in front of the hospital," said Abdelwahed, who said that the manager of the hospital had resigned.

Iraqi President BarhamSalih said that the incident that unfolded in Al-Hussein hospital was the result of rampant corruption and mismanagement. He added that the families of those killed needed an investigation and accountability, and called for a review of the country's institutions. Angry relatives clashed with police, setting fire to two police vehicles, a Reuters witness said.

"Corrupt officials must be held accountable for the fire and killing innocent patients. Where is my father's body," said one

young man as he searched among

charred bodies wrapped in blankets in the hospital's courtyard. Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi also declared a state of emergency in the governorate of DhiQar, where Nasiriya is located. Abdelwahed reported.

In a tweet, al-Kadhimi said that his office was holding an emergency meeting to discuss "the causes and repercussions" of the incident. He ordered the suspension and arrest of the health director in DhiQar, as well as the director of the hospital and the city's director of civil defence.

Meanwhile, the governor of DhiQar announced the formation of a higher committee to investigate the circumstances of the accident, and has asked for a report to be submitted within 48 hours. Earlier on Monday, a minor fire broke out at the health ministry's headquarters in Baghdad, but it was quickly contained and no fatalities were recorded. The blaze at the Nasiriya hospital is the second such tragedy this year.

In April, a fire at a Baghdad COV-ID-19 hospital sparked by the explosion of badly stored oxygen cylinders killed 82 people and injured 110 others.

Many of the victims were on respirators being treated for COVID-19 and were burned or suffocated in the resulting inferno that spread rapidly through the hospital, where dozens of relatives were visiting patients in the intensive care unit. The then-health minister, Hassan al-Tamimi, resigned. Iraq has recorded more than 1.4 million coronavirus cases and at least 17,000 deaths.

Business / World



of investment and industry,

it was necessary to make

communication links better,

faster and easier. The scope

of the Prime Minister's Naya

Pakistan Housing Scheme

should be extended to Gwa-

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can double the impact of

FDIs in Balochistan, he sug-

gested. A special desk will

be set up in the Rawalpindi

Chamber to highlight trade

opportunities in Balochistan.

Chairman Conference Qazi

Khalid Farooq said that the

conference would open new

avenues of trade information

and increase mutual contacts.

The conference was at-

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tary Industries, Chairman

Board of Investment Saeed

Ahmed Sarpara, former

president of Rawalpindi

Chamber Zahid Latif Khan,

senior vice president Os-

man Ashraf, vice president

Shahraiz Malik, members

of the executive committee

and members of the cham-

ber and industrialists.

Training Foundation.

Moreover, the minister

noted that in line with the

presidential instructions,

large-scale reforms have

been carried out in the field

of labor, employment and

social protection in Azerbai-

jan, adding that the EU was

involved in the implementa-

He thanked Jankauskas for

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It should be noted that the

European Union invested

over \$21.5 billion in Azer-

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Azerbaijan's trade turnover

\$9.3 billion last year, which

is 38 percent of the coun-

try's foreign trade.

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INVESTMENT

OPPORTUNITIES

New milestones of progress in Islamabad

Azerbaijan, EU

praise joint

social projects

Briefs

FDA flags 'small' risk with J&J jab

AGENCIES

WASHINGTON: United States regulators have added a new warning to Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine about links to a rare and potentially dangerous neurological reaction.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the new warning on Monday, flagging reports of Guillain-Barre syndrome, an immune system disorder that can cause muscle weakness and occasionally paralysis. Health officials described the side effect as a "small possible risk" for those getting the shot. The new warning will be included in pamphlets given to people getting the Johnson & Johnson shot. They should seek medical attention if they experience any symptoms, which include tingling sensations, trouble walking and double

vision, the regulators said. The action comes after the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reviewed reports of about 100 people developing the syndrome after receiving the one-dose vaccine. Almost all of them were hospitalised and one person died, the FDA said.

Pro-EU party in Moldova wins

AGENCIES

CHISINAU: Moldova's main pro-European party has won a resounding victory in parliamentary polls, results showed, strengthening the hand of President Maia Sandu as the former World Bank economist pushes to reform her ex-Soviet country.

Sunday's snap election called by Sandu in April to shore up her position against pro-Russia forces - saw her centre-right Action and Solidarity (PAS) party take 52.80 percent of the vote. PAS will get 63 seats in the 101-seat parliament for four-year terms, the Central Election Commission said on Monday, with all votes counted. A coalition of socialists and communists, led by former Kremlin-backed president Igor Dodon, came second

with 27.17 percent. After early results showed her party leading late on Sunday, Sandu hailed what she called a vote for change in a country beset by poverty and corruption.

"I hope that today will be the end of a difficult era for Moldova. I hope that today will be an end to the rule of thieves over Moldova," she said in a statement.

Her rival Dodon expressed disappointment at the result, saying in a statement: "We obviously wanted a higher overall percentage."

Iran confirms prisoner exchange with US

TEHRAN: Iran confirmed Tuesday ongoing "negotiations" with the United States over a potential prisoner swap, after a US official said Washington is working to release its detained citizens.

The US envoy for Iran, Robert Malley, said on Saturday that President Joe Biden insists on the release of all Americans and will not accept a "partial deal". Malley called the release of Americans detained in the Islamic republic a "priority" and said that negotiations with Iran have "made some progress," NBC News reported.

Asked about Malley's remarks, Iran's government spokesman Ali Rabiei confirmed the talks and said Tehran calls for the release of all Iranian prisoners, not just those held in the US. Iran "is ready to swap all political prisoners in exchange

for freeing all Iranian prisoners across the world," he told reporters at a televised press conference.

They include those have been detained upon US orders" or at Washington's request, he added, saying that "the negotiations on this issue are ongoing". Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said Monday that Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif had "put forth a plan to swap all Iranian and American prisoners", state news agency IRNA reported. - APP

RCCI organizes Balochistan business opportunity moot

BUREAU REPORT

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) organized a three day business conference on investment opportunities in Balochistan in collaboration with Balochistan Board if Investment and Trade (BBOIT) at a local hotel in Quetta.

Balochistan Chief Minister Iam Kamal who was the chief guest of the conference in his address said that the top priority of the government is to provide a conducive environment for investors. The federal government is cooperating and taking steps to bring investments specially FDIs to the province. He said that if there is no investment then who will be taxed. Overseas investors always approach local businessmen and take feedback prior to investing in any sector. It is important to have a business friendly environment at the local level so that investors



from abroad also come to Pakistan, he added. While lauding RCCI's efforts for holding a business conference in Balochistan to promote trade activities, CM Balochistan said that Pakistan

is a country with a population

of 220 million people which is

itself a big market. Pakistan

is a country rich in minerals. Steps are being taken to provide better infrastructure for markets at the borders and to provide facilities like customs and WeBOC there. The Rawalpindi Chamber should become our ambassador and ioin hands with us to promote trade activities in the

province. In his welcome address, RCCI President Nasir Mirza said that the aim of the conference was to promote emerging investment opportunities in Balochistan, promotion of trade activities and improve networking. RCCI believes that CPEC is a game changer for the entire region,

especially for Pakistan, and it will pave the way for enhancing ties with Central Asian countries. The conference aims to strengthen ties and increase networking with local businesses and chambers of commerce in Balochistan, he added.

Group Leader Sohail Altaf

DNA

BAKU: Azerbaijan and the

European Union have dis-

cussed joint social projects

and cooperation in the field

of social reforms and im-

provement of the social pro-

During the meeting held be-

tween Minister of Labor and

Social Protection of Popula-

tion Sahil Babavev and the

outgoing head of the EU

delegation to Azerbaijan

Kestutis Jankauskas on July

12, the minister underlined

that Azerbaijan and the EU

have a long history of active

cooperation in many areas,

Babayev stressed that

Azerbaijan attaches spe-

cial importance to a close

partnership with the EU

jects such as TACIS and

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Josep Borrell to participate CSAConf 2021 WEB DESK

TASHKENT: High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission Josep Borrell Fontelles will pay a visit to Tashkent on 15-17th July to attend the Conference on Central Asia and South East Asia Connectivity. This was announced during the Foreign Affairs Council on 12 July, 2021.

With his visit, Josep Borrell Fontelles intends to foster the implementation of the EU Central Asian Strategy adopted in 2019 and of the 2018 EU Connectivity Strategy. On 12 July, the Council approved conclusions on "A Globally Connected Europe", which highlight the need for the EU to pursue a geostrategic and global approach to connectivity.

Ancient graves discovered in Guba

WEB DESK

BAKU: Ancient graves have been discovered in Guba's Giriz village. The graves were found in the area dug for the auxiliary building during the construction of the school.

The archeological discoveries are dating back to the 16th-17th centuries. More information will be available after research. The construction of the school was stopped and the relevant government agencies were informed about the fact.

Guba has always been a favorite place of local and foreign tourists. The city enjoys favorable geographic location, mild climate, fruitful soil and natural resource.

One of Guba's most visited natural features is its unique waterfall in Pirbanovsha, where the flowing water creates graceful natural sculptures. Guba is also known for its hydrogen sulfide sources, located near the Khashichay. Here, in the narrow gorge, hot water with healing properties flows from the rocks.



DUSHANBE: On the sidelines of SCO council of foreign ministers meeting in Dushanbe, Foreign minister of Pakistan Shah Mahmood Quraishi met with Foreign minister of Kazakhstan Mukhtar Tileuberdi. - DNA

FPCCI, KCCI, PYMA join hands for resolving budget anomalies

NAZIR SIAL

KARACHI: The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) and Pakistan Yarn Merchants Association (PYMA) have decided to make for joint efforts to eliminate budget anomalies in the federal budget 2021-22, and condemned the self-imposed decisions of the Senate Budget Anomalies Committee, and expressed serious concerns. They have also asked for a new meeting to review the budget anomalies. For the first time, FPCCI, KCCI and PYMA officials attended the meeting at Pakistan Yarn Merchants Association. Nasser Hyatt Maggo, President, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), Hanif Lakhany, Vice President FPC-CI & Senior Vice Chairman Pakistan Yarn Merchants Association (PYMA), M. Shariq Vohra, President Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Saqib Goodluck, SVP KCCI, Shamsul Islam, VP KCCI, Farhan Ashrafi, Convener FPCCI Yarn Standing Committee & Vice Chairman PYMA, Athar Chawla, VP FPCCI, M. Usman, Khurshid Shaikh, Aslam Moten, Anwer Aziz, Adnan Riaz, Khurrum Bharara, Junaid Teli, Sohail Nisar, Altaf Haroon, Jawed Khanani, Abdul Samad Gaba, Waheed Mandavia.

Umer, Nauman Ilyas, Abdullah Naeem, Shahbuddin Padela and Behroze Kapadia also attended the meeting.

Expressing strong reservations over the Senate Budget Anomalies committee, Nasser Hyatt Maggo said that the self-imposed decisions of the committee were not acceptable to the business community as the committee made decisions on budget enamels without taking the members into confidence and without convening a meeting. Which is totally unfair so we will all struggle together. He also said that a letter has been sent by FPCCI to Prime Minister Imran Khan. In which the Prime Minister has been apprised of the concerns of the business community.

Shariq Vohra, President, President KCCI, while agreeing with the yarn and textile anomalies in the federal budget 2021-22, said that Karachi Chamber is with the traders in this struggle, and we request the government to address the issues facing the yarn sector on a priority basis. KCCI will extend all possible cooperation to the yarn traders.

Saqib Goodluck, SVP KCCI, Shamsul Islam, VP KCCI said that BMG Chairman Zubair Motiwala had full support in preparing the budget proposals and PYMA suggestions were also included in the budget proposals. Hanif Lakhany, VP FPCCI,

SVC PYMA, Farhan Ashrafi

Vice Chairman PYMA, appreciated the role of BMG Chairman Zubair Motiwala and FPCCI President Nasser Hyatt Maggo on their serious efforts in solving the problems of the business commu-

"The government had announced in its budget speech that the customs duty on yarn would be increased to 9pc and the additional customs duty, RD on yarn, would be abolished. According to reports, the government has abolished additional customs duty on yarn and the RD has also been removed but the customs duty has not been reduced as promised Which is 11pc", they mentioned Hanif Lakhany, Farhan Ashrafi demanded to bring

customs duty at 7pc on yarn and additional tax of 3pc be abolished. In addition, 8B should also be abolished as promised. While eliminating the distinction between commercial importers and industrial importers, both should be taxed at the same rate. Because yarn is a raw material it cannot be counted as value added. Yarn is used as a raw material in manufacturing. PYMA office-bearer further said that by importing yarn,

commercial importers play a vital role in continuing the SMEs' activities, as SMEs do not have enough capital to import yarn. Therefore, in order to save SMEs, tax relief should be given to the yarn



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Karachi: 35 **Delta cases** sound alarm

NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: At least 35 cases of Cvoid-19's Delta variant, earlier referred to as the Indian variant, have surfaced in Karachi since the month of June, the Sindh Health Department confirmed on Tuesday.

"From June till now, 35 verified cases of the Delta variant have been found in selected covid positive samples. The individuals who were carrying this variant showed extreme symptoms of covid," said Provincial Minister for Health and Population Welfare Dr Azra She further added that a

family of five in Lyari tested positive for the Delta variant and one of them is under treatment currently. "During this month, there

have been 18 cases of the Delta variant in Karachi," she said. "All are advised to restrict

their movement unless necessary and to strictly follow all SOPs in order to curb the spread of this infection." Pechuho further advised

the masses to wear a mask when outdoors or in public places as she said the world saw the effects of the Delta variant in India. "Citizens must exercise caution and act responsibly", she urged.

Pak values ties with Bosnia & Herzegovina

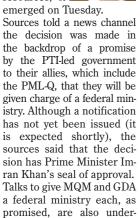
ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi Tuesday said that Pakistan highly valued its ties with Bosnia & Herzegovina and wanted to further cement bilateral cooperation in all areas of mutual interest. He emphasised the need to improve bilateral relations in the areas of economy, trade, culture and tourism to bring the two countries further closer.

The president was talking to the Ambassador-designate of Pakistan to Bosnia & Herzegovina, Major General (retd) Akhtar Jamil Rao, who called on him, at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. The president asked the envoy to work for improving the existing economic relations with Bosnia & Herzegovina as Pakistan offered enormous economic opportunities by providing an enabling business and investment friendly environment. He also asked the ambassador to work for the welfare of the Pakistani community and expressed the hope that he would employ his expertise and dedication to further solidify the brotherly relations between the two countries. He also congratulated the ambassador-designate on his appointment as Pakistan's envoy to Bosnia and Herzegovina and wished him success in his assignment. - APP

PML-Q's Moonis Elahi to become minister

DNA

ISLAMABAD: PML-Q leader Chaudhry Moonis Ela hi has been named as the next minister for water resources, it



way, the sources added. Moonis Elahi was elected an MNA from the NA-69 Gujrat-II constituency. He is the son of Punjab Assembly Speaker Chaudhry Pervez Elahi. The portfolio for the Ministry of Water Resources was earlier held by PTI minister Faisal Vawda.

Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan regular direct flights from Sept: envoy

Zafar Bakhtawari hosts reception; Chief Organizer, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator Saifullah Khan Nyazee acknowledged the role & efforts of the outgoing envoy to further bilateral ties between Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan

Ansar M Bhatti

ISLAMABAD: Beishembiev, Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has said his country was keen to further strengthen and diversify relations with Pakistan adding there existed huge business potential between the two brotherly countries.

Ambassador Erik made these remarks during a farewell reception hosted in his honour by Zafar Bakhtawar, Chairman Pakistan, Central Asia Friendship Association. Ambassadors from Central Asian countries, Senator Saifullah Nyazee and other prominent personalities attended the reception. Senior central leader of PTI Syed Numan Shah, Syed Amir Daood Shah were also present. He added, direct chartered

flights between the two countries have made it easy for peoples of both sides to visit each other. The ambassador hinted at regular flights to be commenced this year in September thus making connectivity much easier. He said his country provided gateway to other Central Asian states besides being a hub for the rest of the world.

Likewise, he said like Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan was also beneficiary of the GSP+ status owing to which dozens of products could land in

said in Berlin after visiting

the Robert Koch Institute

(RKI) public health agency.

"We are at the beginning of

the phase in which we are

still promoting, where we

have more vaccines than

we have people who want

to be vaccinated," she said.

After a slow start to its vac-

cination campaign earlier

this year, Germany sped up

its drive over the summer

and had by Tuesday fully

vaccinated 42.6 percent of

adults, with 58.5 percent

But demand has slowed

over the past two weeks,

with the number of jabs giv-

en on Monday at its lowest

With the highly contagious

Delta variant now dominant

in Germany and the RKI

saying at least 85 percent of

adults will need to be vacci-

nated to achieve herd immu-

nity, some have been calling

for a new approach.

since February.

vaccinated at least once.





the European markets with zero tax. Pakistani businessmen, he said, can also benefit from this facility

The Kyrgyz ambassador further said, Kyrgyzstan is rich in water resources, which are used for electricity production by a number

of hydropower stations. My country is a member of the project CASA-1000, which is aimed at bringing surplus electricity from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan hydropower stations in summer times to Pakistan through the territory of Afghanistan.



development of short transportation links through its territory between Central Asia and China and Pakistan with access to Gwadar and Karachi ports using railway and automobile roads, which are being constructed in the

framework of CPEC Pakistani and Kyrgyz businessmen may open joint ventures on textile production as Kyrgyzstan is already a major supplier of textile goods to Russia and Kazakhstan and Pakistan is one of the world's top textile producers.

Army to be called in for SOPs observance

ZUBAIR AHMAD

Of course, agriculture and

livestock are dynamic sec-

tors, where both sides can

explore opportunities of

opening joint ventures on

agricultural products pro-

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Chairman Pakistan, Central Asia Friendship Associa-

tion earlier in his welcome

remarks lauded services of

the outgoing ambassador.

He said during his four year

tenure relations between Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan

Zafar Bakhtawri added, Pa-

kistan attached huge impor-

tance to the Central Asian

region adding the upcoming

visit of the Prime Minister

of Pakistan Imran Khan to

Uzbekistan is a clear mani-

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est in the region. He said,

when it comes to regional

peace and stability, Central

Asia holds key therefore

mutual collaboration among

the regional countries was a

touched new heights.

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businessman and

gyzstan to Pakistan.

Arab world, he added.

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Army will be called in once again for implementing the government's mandated coronavirus standard operations procedures (SOPs), the National Command and Operations Centres (NCOC) decided on Tuesday.

The Pakistan Army was last mobilised in April to enforce coronavirus safety protocols in several parts of the country after Prime Minister Imran Khan had sought its help in curbing the spread of the virus.

The NCOC has also decided to make coronavirus vaccination mandatory for domestic travel from August 1, a statement from the forum said. Meanwhile, international flight operations have been increased to 50%.

'The decision to increase international flight operations has been made to repatriate Pakistanis stranded abroad," the statement said, adding that the decision would come into effect from July 15.

The move to increase flight operations will allow the government to bring back 2.500-3.000 Pakistanis every day, and all the airports and relevant authorities have been directed to make necessary arrangements to accommodate the passengers, the forum said. The forum has decided to impose smart lockdowns with the help of heat maps. The meeting was informed that the authorities in Islamabad, Multan Peshawar, and Gujranwala had taken action against people violating COVID-19 SOPs.

Kashmiris observed Martyrs Day

DNA

MUZZAFARABAD: Kash-Line of Control and world over observed Kashmir Martyrs Day to pay homage to martyrs of July 13,

All Parties Hurriyat Conference has appealed the Kashmiri people to mark the day by a complete shutdown in the in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

It is pertinent to mention that on 13th July 1931, the troops of Dogra Maharaja had killed 22 Kashmiris, one after the other, outside the Central Tail in Srinagar during the court proceedings against one Abdul Qadeer who had asked the Kashmiri people to defy the Dogra Rule. Thus, 22 youth sacrificed their lives till the completion of Azaan. A march towards the Martyrs' Graveyard at Naqashband Sahib in Srinagar were also held where the martyrs of 13th July were buried.

In a statement in Srinagar, APHC spokesman said that the objective of the shutdown and the march is to convey to the world that the Kashmiris will never accept Indian subjugation.

Covid-19 claims 21 more lives

SHAHEEN HANIF

ISLAMABAD: The national tally on Tuesday of total active COVID-19 cases recorded 39,644 with 1,590 more people tested positive for the deadly virus during the last 24 hours.

21 corona patients have died during past 24 hours, 18 of whom were under treatment in hospital and three out of the hospital in their respective quarantines or homes, according to the latest update issued by the National command and Operation Centre (NCOC). During the last 24 hours most of the deaths had occurred in Punjab followed by the Sindh.

Out of the total 21 deaths occurred during last 24 hours, 08 of the deceased had died on ventilators during their treatment. The maximum ventilators were occupied in four major areas including Multan 16 percent, Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) 18 percent, Peshawar 12 percent and Lahore 16 percent.

CPEC ushers an era of Merkel says jabs in Germany to economic prosperity be voluntary

The Chinese model of farming and stated that agricultural productivity in the country

of the People's Republic of China Nong Rong called on the Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Shaukat Tarin in Islamabad Tuesday. SAPM on Finance and Revenue Dr. Wagar Masood and Secretary Finance Division were also present during in the meeting.

While extending a warm welcome to Nong Rong, the Finance Minister stated that China-Pakistan bilateral relationship is an epitome of enduring friendship and brotherhood. China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)has ushered a new era of economic prosperity and is of utmost importance for Pakistan.

China Pakistan Economic Corridor will generate abundant employment and investment opportunities in Pakistan and beyond, he added.

Finance Minister commended that Joint Corporation Committee (ICC) has been activated. Working groups have been formed under the umbrella of Joint Corporation Committee which would focus

and overall socio-economic development. The focal persons of each working group would remain in regular contact

Finance Minister The Shaukat Tarin applauded the Chinese model of farming and stated that Pakistan could learn from China for enhancing agricultural pro-

terparts in this regard. In his remarks, Chinese

Ambassador said that China is committed to develop the China Pakistan Economic Corridor projects under the vision of shared prosperity and it will further strength-

know-how and practical ori-

entation to Pakistani coun-

operation between both the countries. Both sides underscored the importance of expediting the establishment of Special

Economic Zones (SEZs) for creating abundant investment and employment opportunities in identified areas. In his concluding remarks, the Finance Minister affirmed full support and cooperation to Chinese investors and businessmen.



Pakistan could learn from China for enhancing BERLIN: Germany is not planning to follow France and other countries in introducing compulsory Covid-19 ductivity in the country. on different areas including vaccinations for parts of the en and expand economic co-SAIFULLAH population, Chancellor Anplanning, energy, industrial H.E. Ambassador welcomed gela Merkel said Tuesday. the suggestion and assured cooperation, infrastructure. ISLAMABAD: Ambassador communication, agriculture "We do not intend to go of his country's full cooperdown this road," Merkel ation in imparting technical

strategy, called on Tuesday for jabs to be made compul-"Teachers and educators, by

virtue of their choice of profession, have a very special responsibility towards the people entrusted to them and their families," he told the Bild daily. French President Emmanuel Macron had on Monday announced mandatory vaccinations for healthcare staff, retirement home workers and others working with vulnerable people from September, in

sorv for teachers.

line with similar moves in Greece, Italy and Britain. But Merkel said she did not believe the German government could "gain trust" by following a similar path.

"I think we can gain trust by advertising vaccination and also by letting as many

Wolfram Henn, a genetics specialist at Saarland Unipeople as possible in the versity and a member of population (...) become amthe German Ethics Counbassadors for the vaccine cil, which advises the govfrom their own experience," ernment on its vaccination she said. - APP

Taliban warn Turkey against extending troops

"We consider the stay of foreign forces in our homeland by any country under whatever pretext as occupation," said the Taliban

News Desk

KABUL: The Taliban on Tuesday warned Turkey against extending its troop presence in Afghanistan when US-led forces leave the country, insisting the decision was "reprehensible"

"The decision... is ill-advised, a violation of our sovereignty and territorial integrity and against our national interests," the group said in a statement, days after Turkey promised to provide troops to protect Kabul airport when foreign forces leave next month. "We consider the stay of foreign forces in our homeland by any country under whatever pretext as occupation," said the Taliban in the statement and added that "invaders" will be dealt with according to the Fatwa (decree) under which they have fought for the last two decades.

The statement urged the Turkish people and politicians to "reverse their decision"

France urges citizens to leave Afghanistan

KABUL: As security deteriorates, on Tuesday France became the latest country to call on its citizens to leave - offering them a last flight out of Kabul, free of charge, on Saturday. The Embassy of France formally recommends to all French citizens to take this special flight or to leave the country immediately by their own means," the embassy said. Earlier, the head of a Taliban commission that oversees government forces who surrender urged residents of Afghanistan's cities to reach out to them.

'Now that the fighting from mountains and deserts has reached the doors of the cities, Mujahiddin (Taliban) don't want fighting inside the city," Amir Khan Muttaqi said in a message tweeted by a Taliban spokesman. - Agencies

as it would detrimental to both countries. Earlier, the Taliban said Turkey should withdraw its troops from Afghanistan under the 2020 deal for the pullout of US forces, effectively rejecting Ankara's proposal to guard and run Kabul's airport after US-led NATO

forces depart. The development raised serious questions for the United States, other countries and international organisations with missions in Kabul about how to securely evacuate their personnel from landlocked Afghanistan should fighting threaten the

capital. It also appeared to dash Ankara's hopes of using the securing of Kabul airport to help improve ties with Washington - strained by Turkey's purchase of Russian defense systems - in talks set for Monday between President Joe Biden and Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had said Turkey would be the "only reliable" country

left to stabilise Afghanistan after the US pulls out its troops, indicating Washington could rely on its NATO ally. Erdogan had also said he would discuss

the issue in his first face-to-face meeting with US President Ioe Biden on the margins of a NATO summit in Brussels on Monday, after strained relations between their two countries "America is preparing to leave Afghanistan

soon and from the moment they leave, the only reliable country to maintain the process over there is obviously Turkey," Erdogan had told reporters.