

PM to virtually address UNGA

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran



Khan will virtually address, 76th session of UN General Assembly

(UNGA), the world's big gest diplomatic gathering, on September 24.

Pakistan's Ambassador to the UN, Munir Akram said Pakistan will actively participate in the General Assembly session. It is pertinent to mention that the UNGA's session will be held in hybrid mode, starting Tuesday in New York.

Afghanistan, climate change and coronavirus crises will dominate discussions at the high-level debate, in which a large number of world leaders are set to participate in person and virtually.

Govt to amend constitution for EVMs

NOWSHERA: Minister for Defence, Pervez Khattak has said that Pakistan



'Australia, US lying over security pact'

French Foreign Minister Darian accuses both countries of duplicity, a major breach of trust and contempt

News Desk/DNA

PARIS: France's foreign minister has ac-



breach of trust and contempt". The pact, known as Aukus, thwarted a multibillion-dollar deal France had signed with Australia.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said he had acted in the country's national interests. He insisted the French government "would have had every reason to know that we had deep and grave concerns" that the \$37bn (£27bn) deal signed in 2016 - for France to build 12 conventional submarines "was not going to meet our strategic interests"."Of course it's a matter of great disappointment to the French government, so I understand their disappointment," he said. "But at the same time, Australia like any sovereign nation must always take decisions that are in our sovereign national The Aukus agreement defence interest. - which also includes the UK - will see Australia being given the technology to build nuclear-powered submarines as a way of countering China's influence in the contested South China Sea.

UK FS defends agreement

News Desk

LONDON: Newly appointed UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss defended the agreement in an article for The Sunday Telegraph, saying it showed Britain's readiness to be "hard-headed" in defence of its interests. The pact means Australia will become just the seventh nation in the world to operate nuclear-powered submarines. It will also see the allies share cyber capabilities, artificial intelligence and other undersea technologies. As he left Canberra on Saturday, French Ambassador Jean-Pierre Thebault called Australia's decision to unilaterally scrap the deal a "huge mistake". China meanwhile has accused the three powers involved in the security pact of having a "Cold War mentality". A White House official has said the Biden administration will engage with France in the coming days to resolve

their differences.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Switzerland Bénédict de Cerjat visited Faisal Mosque and interacted with the students. He visited various parts of the mosque. He also met with the scholars. - DNA

France calls off meeting with Swiss president

Bern's decides to purchase US, not French jets

GENEVA: A long-planned meeting between the Swiss president and his counterpart in Paris has been called off due to French anger about Bern's decision to purchase US, not French, fighter jets, media reported

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Involvement in Punjshir fight Claims of involvement of Pakistan are false **Blast targets** DNA Taliban truck PANJSHER: The claims re-

KABUL: A pickup truck carrying Taliban fighters was the target of a bomb in the Afghan city of Jalalabad Sunday, local media reported, a day after at least two people were killed in a series of blasts.Witnesses told media that several wounded Taliban fighters were taken to hospital, which one journalist said happened near an interchange for transport to and from the capital. - APP



Times, a widely shared video claiming Pakistani Continued on Page 06

to ensure the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for transparency and impartiality in the general elections of 2023. Addressing a reception hosted to celebrate victory in recently held Cantonment Board elections in Nowshera, he said the opposition parties have been exposed before the people as they did nothing except looting and plundering of the national exchequer.

ECP should 'punish' ministers

ABID RAZA

LAHORE: PML-N spokesper-

called



ing out against it. She said that the ministers are "blackmailing ECP on the orders of Prime Minister Imran Khan", adding that pressure is being mounted on the institution so that a favourable ruling can be obtained in the "illegal foreign funding case" against the PTL

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Wasim Khan says Pakistan won't play home series abroad - Page 06

CJP Justice Gulzar visits Al Azhar University Jakarta – Page 07

CM Sarwar vows to extend GSP Plus status for Pakistan - Page 08 "The fact that for the first time in the his-

tory of relations between the United States and France we are recalling our ambassador for consultations is a serious political act, which shows the magnitude of the crisis that exists now between our countries," he

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Malaysia raises concerns over Nuclear subs deal

Australian Prime Minister called Malaysian Prime Minister and told about the submarine deal with the US: Senior Malaysian Minister

News Desk

KUALUMPUR: The Sen-

ior Minister of Defence

of Malaysia has said that

Prime Minister of Malaysia

received a phone call from

his Australian counterpart,

informing Malaysia on the

newly formed trilateral part-

nership between Australia

- United Kingdom - United

States known as AUKUS.

One of the initiatives under

this partnership is the ac-



ter's concerns regarding this new development as the addition of nuclear-powered submarines and warships especially in the South Chi-

Southeast Asia region'. All parties must refrain from using military actions deemed provocative that

could potentially escalate tension and spark conflict in the area. As a member of ASEAN,

Malaysia will always stand with our principle to maintain the Southeast Asia region as a Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality

(ZOPFAN). Malaysia also reiterates its unwavering position with the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free

quisition of nuclear-powered submarines by Australia. na Sea could disrupt the peace and stability in the 'I share YAB Prime Minis-Continued on Page 06 **German envoy lauds Pak** role for Afghan peace

The ambassador expressed confidence that Islamabad would continue playing a very constructive role in Afghanistan in future

ISLAMABAD: Germany has appreciated the positive role played by Pakistan in bringing about the Doha Process for stability, peace and prosperity in Afghanistan.

In an exclusive interview with Radio Pakistan, German ambassador to Pakistan Bernhard Schlagheck said it has been acknowledged by the United Stated, the world community and Germany also recognizes this very positive role of Pakistan, said a press release issued on Sunday,

The ambassador expressed confidence that Islamabad would continue playing a very constructive role in Afghanistan in future. He said that the government of Pakistan and armed forces were quite engaged in trying to convince Taliban to bring about an inclusive government in Afghanistan, adding that Pakistan was aware of its potential importance and role in the whole of region. The German envoy said an inclusive government in Kabul was critical for peace and



stability of that country.

To a question about role of Afghanistan's neighbours, the German ambassador said none of them wanted instability in Afghanistan as it was a recipe of political disaster. There was a genuine understanding that peace and stability in Afghanistan was of vital interest to the region, Schlagheck remarked. On terrorism, the German Ambassador said the menace emanating from Afghanistan and spreading to region was of very much importance.

When asked about the recent visit of German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas to Pakistan, he said the visit was focused on bilateral relations and the evolving regional situation, including Afghanistan.

Schlagheck said Afghanistan was one of the major issues of discussion in meetings of the German Foreign Minister with

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Punjab govt grants 6.63b for uplift projects under DDP

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ISHFAQ MUGHAL

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FAISALABAD: The Punjab Government has allocated funds of Rs.6.63 billion for the construction and development of the district and implementation of public needs projects under the District Development Package (DDP) which have been distributed equally among the national and provincial constituencies while for the Sustainable Development Goals Program (SAP) IV. Rs 2.45 billion has also been earmarked which will be spent on national constituency schemes of the district. This was stated by

Deputy Commissioner Ali Shehzad during a meeting of District Coordination Committee for City Area. District Coordination Committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of District Convener / Chairman Standing Committee MNA Faizullah Kamuka in the Committee Room of Deputy Commissioner's Office in which members of National and Provincial Assembly Sheikh Khurram Shehzad, Raza Nasrullah Ghuman and Shakeel Shahid besides tickets Holders Dr. Hassan Masood Malik, Mehboob Alam Sindhu, Adnan Rahmani, Public Representative Shahbaz Kasana, Rana Javed

Ashraf, Sajjad Haider and others attented. DG FDA Dr. Faisal Azeem, ADCF Afifa Sajia, MD WASA Jabbar Anwar, Assistant Commissioners Umar Maqbool, Syed Ayub Bukhari, Deputy Director Development Rana Tahir, CEO Health Dr. Mushtaq Sipra, CEO Education Ali Ahmed Siyan, Director Colleges Dr. Kulsoom Akhtar, District Sports Officer Saiida Latif. DD Social Welfare Nasir Cadhar and other officers present. Welcoming the members of the Assembly, the Deputy Commissioner asked them to propose development schemes for DDP and SAP so that the implementation of these

programs could start soon. He said that implementation of District Development Package and SAP IV would brought new chapter of development.

He said that district administration would also ensure close liaison with the members of the Assembly so that the highest standard of public service can be established by making the best use of the resources available through mutual consultation.

He said that the development of Faisalabad is among the priorities and he would accompany the members of the Assembly in the process of construction and development and advices and suggestions of parliamentarians would also be welcomed. He asked the parliamentarians to assist the district administration in resolving issues so that the mission of urban development and public welfare can be carried forward through

ioint efforts. He also issued clear instructions to the heads of district departments to attend the meeting of the coordination committee. DD Development informed that in district currently implementing a total of 2019 schemes on which Rs. 19 billion has been spent while the available Rs. 6 billion is being utilized in a transparent manner.



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar addressing alongwith Governor Sindh Imran Ismail, Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Ali Haider Zaidi, Federal Minister for Information Technology and Communications Amin ul Haq and members Provincial assembly at the ceremony on Arrival of 1st batch of 40 Green Line Buses of Karachi's first (BRTS) at Karachi Port. - APP

AFP pays tribute to late Brig (R) Jan Nadir Khan

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ISLAMABAD: The Adventure Foundation Pakistan (AFP) has declared its Outdoor Pursuits Training Center at Mangal, Abbottabad on AFP's founder president late Brig (R) Jan Nadir Khan's name, to pay tribute for the services he rendered to the founda-

tion. The Memorial Reference held to pay tribute to Jan Nadir Khan here at the Adventure Complex was attended by large number of members of Adventure Foundation Pakistan, SOS



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life. (R) Ikram Khan, Brig. Senior Life Member and former President of AFP, Brig (R) Muhammad Karim, Brig. Manzoor Bhatti, Col. Zulfiqar Rathor, Ali

Hassan Habib, President AFP Aftab ur Rehman Rana, Vice President AFP Ms. Jehan Ara Moin, Secretary AFP, Mrs. Huma Baig, Mrs. Khaoula, Mrs. Sabrina, Umar, Zubair Usmani, Saaed Tariq Siddique, Bilal Mustafa Syed, Col Manzoor Hussain, WC Fiaz Mehboob, Maj. Tariq, Col Abbass, Ashraf Aman, Karar Haidri, Naikbam, Tahir Imran and Brig. Haider and large number of members physically participated and joined the reference meeting via zoom.

outdoor education and promotion adventure pursuits in Pakistan. They also acknowledged with gratitude his lifelong

Jan Nadir Khan for his ser-

vices and contributions in

the field of social welfare.

Islamabad **POST**

Monday, September 20, 2021

dedication and commitment for the character building of young people and polishing their lead-ership skills by involving them in outdoor adventure and environment education program.

The speakers said Jan Nadir Khan was a man of principles and an inspiration for thousands of people who came across him.

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CS suspends MOfor denying anti-rabies vaccine

Change in PIA BoDs after one resigns

Sindh vaccinates over

10 million citizens

NAZIR SIYAL

PIA shall hire another di-KARACHI: In an inexplicable turn of events, a Pakisector to fill in the vacanstan International Airlines cy left behind by Ghani. (PIA) director resigned Separately federal secrefrom his post citing persontary Mian Asad has been al reasons while a federal inducted in the director secretary was inducted in board of the PIA. the board of directors. Separately reported earlier, Dr Javed Ghani was brought PIA will be operating 32 to the PIA board of direcflights for the United Kingtors from private sector and dom (UK) from September he served there until his 22 after the country has resignation pegged against been removed from the travpersonal reasons and now el red list.

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KARACHI: Sindh health department has stat-

ed that over 10 million citizens have been ad-

Corona vaccination has been underway at all

vaccination centres in Karachi including Expo

Centre, Khalikdina Hall and others in Karachi

and other districts of the province, sources said.

It is to be mentioned here that the health au-

thorities in the country have fixed Sundays for

administration of second doses of coronavirus

vaccines. A large number of citizens have been

thronged at vaccination centres to get second

iab of the vaccine.

ministered Covid-19 vaccine shots in

Karachi and other parts of the province.

According to details, the a seat in the board remains PIA has prepared a schedvacant on this account. ule of 32 flights to be oprector from the private erated during September 22 and October 30 from Lahore and Islamabad air-

PFC to launch e-commerce units



LAHORE: Chief Executive Officer Pakistan Furniture Council Mian Kashif Ashfaq Sunday said PFC will launch e-commerce units to explore targeted formarkets, essential for

Speakers on the occasion paid glowing tributes to **GUJRANWALA ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES** Guiranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO) Invites applications for recruitment of the suitable candidates having domicile of the Districts under the jurisdiction of GEPCO Region, i.e. Gujranwala, Hafizabad, Gujrat, Mandi Bahauddin, Sialkot & Narowal, to fill the following positions on lump sum salary / pay basis. All the quotas such as Employee's Children and Minority etc. will be observed as per Goyt, policy

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Required Qualification & Age	No. of Positions	Allocation of Posts (Quota Position)		
Matriculation				
Appointment Procedure		District wise allocation		
Written Test / Skill Test Qualification based / General Knowledge		of post for Op Gujranwala	en Q =	uota: 262
Physical Parameters		Sialkot Gujrat	=	429 207
Age: 18-30 Years (including General Age Relaxation)		Hafizabad	=	29
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LAHORE: Punjab Chief Secretary Kamran Ali Afzal on Sunday took notice of the incident of not administering anti-rabies vaccine to a child injured due to dog bite at Rural Health Center (RHC) Och Sharif.

The chief executive officer District Health Authority Bahawalpur suspended Medical Officer RHC Dr Habibullah and set up a three-member committee to probe into the matter.

The committee comprising Dr Khalid Mahmood Arain, Dr Aneela Ali and Dr Muhammad Anas will complete the inquiry in three days. A preliminary report of the incident had also been

submitted to the Chief Secretary. According to the report, the incident of dog bite took place in Basti Sial. The child could not be vaccinated as the medicine store of the centre was closed at night. The RHC Och Sharif had an ample stock of anti-rabies vaccine and now the affected child has been vaccinated.

NAB fails to recover Rs. 11b from MNM Co.

BUREAU REPORT

FAISALABAD: National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has failed to recover looted amount of Rs11.00 billion from a fraudulent company MNM who plundered money from citizens on the name of booking of motorbikes and did not delivered booked motorbikes to them

The affectees are suffered in hardships and wandering here and there from the last four years to seek justice and recovery of their savings of life but the concerned authorities did not pay attention on this severe issue of poor affectees. It is mentioned that the FIA arrested the culprits of this scandal after the intensive agitation of the affectees but the accused managed to come out from bar after granting bail from court.

ports.

According to the schedule, seven flights will be operated from 22 to 29 October while 25 flights will be operated during October. The United Kingdom (UK) removed Pakistan from its travel red list after the British authorities updated its travel advisory.

doses of Covid-19 vaccine have been admin-

istered in Pakistan, including 829,030 doses

in last 24 hours. Pakistan has so far inoculat-

ed first dose to 54,436,916 citizens, while

23,966,026 people have been fully vaccinated.

In last 24 hours 491,572 persons were given

first shot of the vaccine, while 380,236 fully

vaccinated. Overall 829,030 doses were admin-

The novel coronavirus claimed 71 more lives

across Pakistan during the previous 24 hours,

lifting the nationwide death toll to 27,206. The

positivity rate of infections was recorded at

patients in critical care in the country stands

doing business across the borders more effectively and the planning to establish a proper warehouse and logistics system to feed their initiative. Talking to a delegation of furniture exporters led by Asim Javed, he said Initially, PFC will target few

countries, primarily Middle Eastern nations. "We cannot target the whole world so we have to focus on few selected countries like Saudi Arabia.

He further said the choices of these nations are similar to ours and we hope for a good breakthrough from Saudis as two major players are ready to buy furniture from Pakistan. "We are also studying the dynamics of other poten-

tial countries where we

ments," Ashfaq remarked. He said that currently furniture exports stood at roughly Rs500 million, however, in the coming

can meet design, product quality and price require-

NCOC said, adding the number of Covid-19 years the council plans to increase this figure to \$1

Medical Category "A' Height Minimum 5 Ft. 4 Inches Mandi Assistant = Bahauddin 1471 Lineman Chest Minimum 32 Inches Total Open (ALM) = 1103 Weight As per Body Mass Index Chart (BMI) ± 5% Quota Physical Test Running - 800 meters in five (05) minutes ii. Push Ups/Dund - 20 in a single attempt in 03 minutes iii. Lifting of weight - 30 Kg in single attempt Employee's = Digging - I ditch of length, Depth, width (2x2x2 feet) v. Climbing Skills (Tower/Ladder) Climbing up to 10 feet Minority on tower/ladder wearing safety equipment Pulling of Wires - one span of 100 feet

Applicants are advised to read the following instructions carefully before applications for the above mentioned post:

Terms and Conditions

- Candidates will apply against the seats reserved for their district of domicile and district wise merit will he maintained
- General age relaxation has already been included in the age mentioned above. No further age relaxation is allowed in the prescribed age limit except for candidates belonging to scheduled castes and Buddhists are allowed 3 years age relaxation and the government servants who have completed two years continuous government service on the closing date shall be allowed 10 years relaxation in upper age limit
- Only qualified / eligible candidates will be allowed to appear in Written Test / Skill Test. Only shortlisted candidates falling within merit as per the provisions of applicable Recruitment Policy, will be called for Physical Test / Interview
- Interviews of eligible candidates shall be conducted in their respective circles by the Selection Boards Selected candidates can be posted anywhere under the jurisdiction of GEPCO as per requirement of the Company.
- The recruitment of ALM will be made as per procedure laid down by Ministry/BOD GEPCO.
- The ALMs will be recruited / appointed, initially, on a lump sum salary / pay equivalent to the initial pay scales of the post (BPS-05), initially for a period of three (03) years extendable on satisfactory performance.
- Original documents along with one set of attested photocopies must be presented by the candidate at the time of interview/joining of service.
- Serving candidates who are in Government Service, are advised to apply through proper channel. Candidates will have to provide departmental No Objection Certificate (NOC) clearly mentioning the date of appointment and nature of employment i.e. Regular, Contract etc. at the time of interview
- 10 GEPCO reserves the right to decrease the number of posts and cancel the whole recruitment process at any stage without assigning any reason.
- No TA/DA will be paid for Written Test / Skill Test / Physical Test / Interview
- Dismissed / screened out employees of any organization or having criminal record are not eligible for employment in GEPCO. The clearance of the character and antecedents of the candidates from the agencies/police shall be mandatory without which no candidate shall be selected
- 13 Concealment or mis-representation of facts at any stage will lead to disqualification of a candidate from the current recruitment and from all types of tests/exams to be conducted by the GEPCO for recruitments in future.
- 14 Any litigation pertaining to recruitment tests conducted by the M/S NTS will be dealt by M/S NTS at its own without any liability whatsoever on GEPCO.

How to apply

- 1. Applicants are advised to apply directly on the NTS website (www.nts.org.pk).
- Neither by hand applications will be received at GEPCO nor at NTS.
- Test fee of Rs.200/- is required to be deposited by the candidate before the closing date of publication 3. of this advertisement on electronic payment challan generated after online registration
- Test fee shall be paid at 1Link 1Bill Participating Banks/ATM/Internet Banking/Mobile 4.
- Banking/Easypaisa/Jazz Cash/TCS Express Counters. 5. Roll Number Slip shall be uploaded on NTS website at least one week before the test date and candidates shall be informed through SMS as well.
- Roll No. Slip containing the information regarding test center, timings and test date shall be sent directly to candidates by M/S NTS at least one (01) week before the test on the given postal address & mobile number provided by the candidates.
- Only those candidates who have completed their Matriculation Certificate are eligible to apply. Candidates to whom final result card has not been issued or result awaited shall not be considered.
- 8. The candidates are advised to contact the NTS 051-8444441 OR email at query@nts.org.pk for any query / information related to Written Test / Skill Test, display of provisional and final list of candidates, Roll number slips, Test centers, Results etc.
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- Children of those GEPCO employees who have died after retirement, retired and serving are eligible to
 - Candidates applying under 20% employee Children Quota must ensure the following: To provide all relevant documents mentioned in the Online Application Portal available on M/S а.
 - NTS website. b.
 - They must also provide an Affidavit (on Non-judicial Stamp paper) to the effect that none of their brothers / sisters or Widow Mother is employed in GEPCO against Employees Children Quota and that the candidate is the real son of deceased/retired/serving employee. Applications of employee's children whose proforma have not been signed by the concerned XEN / SE, will not be entertained at the time of interview.
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DIRECTOR GENERAL (HR & ADMN) GEPCO 565-A. MODEL TOWN, GUJRANWALA (Ph: 055-9200513) www.gepco.com.pk

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The National Covid positivity ratio during past 24 hours was recorded 4.7 percent STAFF REPORT ISLAMABAD, The national tally of tan 72 percent. COVID-19 active cases recorded on Sunday were 63,909 with 2,580 more people testing positive for the deadly virus and 3,164 people recovering

from the disease during the last 24 hours. Seventy-one corona patients have died during past 24 hours, 61 of whom were under treatment in different hospitals and 10 of them perished in their respective guarantines or homes, according to the latest update issued by the National command and Operation Centre (NCOC).

Most of the deaths occurred in Punjab followed by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Out of the total 71 deaths occurred, 24 of them died were under treatment on ventilators

There were 4,964 COVID infected patients under treatment in critical condition in various COVID dedicated healthcare facilities of the country. The National COVID positivity ratio during past 24 hours was recorded 4.7

percent. The maximum ventilators were occupied in four major cities including of 1,223,841 cases were detected that Sargodha 61 percent, Bahawalpur 55 percent, Lahore 55 percent and Mul-

cases drops below 64,000

The maximum Oxygen beds (alternate oxygen providing facility other than ventilator administered as per medical requirement of COVID patient) was also occupied in four major cities of Bannu 57 percent, Swabi 68 percent, and Sargodha 60 percent, and Bahawalpur 55 percent.

Around 533 ventilators were occupied elsewhere in the country while no COVID affected person was on ventilator in Balochistan and Gilgit Baltistan (GB). Some 55,027 tests were conducted across the country on Saturday, including 16,390 in Sindh, 20,313 in Punjab, 11,084 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), 4,289 in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), 1,744 in Balochistan, 410 Gilgit Baltistan (GB) and 797 in AJK.

Around 1,132,726 people have recovered from the disease so far across Pakistan making it a significant count with over 90 percent recovery ratio of the affected patients.

Since the pandemic broke out, a total

also included the perished, recovered and under treatment COVID-19 patients so far, including AJK 33,732, Balochistan 32,757, GB 10,240, ICT 104,114, KP 171,072, Punjab 421,800 and Sindh 450,126. About 27,206 deaths were recorded in

billion.

country since the eruption of the contagion. Around 7,258 people perished in Sindh, 11 of them died in the hospitals and four out of the hospitals on Saturday.

12,396 people died in Punjab with 31 deaths occurred during past 24 hours. Some 25 individuals died in the hospitals and six out of the hospitals.

As many as 5,395 people expired in KP, 21 of them died in hospitals on Saturday, 902 individuals died in ICT, three of them expired in the hospital on Saturday, 344 people died in Balochistan, 182 infected people perished in GB, and 729 people died in AJK, one of them succumbed to the deadly in the hospital on Saturday. A total of 18,852,460 corona tests have been conducted so far, while 640 hospitals are equipped with COVID facilities across the country.

at 4,964. According to the NCOC, as many as According to the National Command and Oper-55,027 samples were tested, out of which 2,580 ation Centre (NCOC) figures total 72,986,511 turned out to be positive for the coronavirus. **COVID-19 national tally of active**

4.68 per cent, the

istered in previous day.



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Fajr..... 04:20 am

Zohr..... 12:05 pm

Asr..... 04:50 pm

Maghrib......06:15 pm

..... 07:30 pm

Construction of Tourism Expressway to start soon

The road would be an alternative route from Rawalpindi to Murree for tourists and to reach new tourist destinations that would pass through four Tehsils of Rawalpindi district

ZUBAIR AHMAD

he informed.

district.

Highway project.



Hotels & Restaurants

Serena Hotel.....111 133 133 Marriott.....051-2826121 Monal.....0334-5421812



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Emergency

Rescue (Police).....15 Bomb Disposal.....15 Fire Services Rawalpindi/ Islamabad.....1122 & 16 Emergency Ambulance..1122 & Rescue Services.4451122 Motorway Police....9266044 MotorwayPolice..9270601-20 Women Police Stations Islamabad......9222596 Rawalpindi......9270601-20





through four Tehsils of Rawalpindi It's a Public Sector Development Project and approved by the PM 123 kilometers long existing 12 Imran Khan to promote tourism to 13 feet wide road would be rein the region and the project to be constructed and widened further executed by Communication and up to 24 feet under the Tourism Works Department, Punjab, he added. He informed that the feder-

al government had released Rs 1.5 billion for the construction of 123 km long tourism expressway from Rawat Pandori Chowk to the four hilly tehsils of Rawalpindi - Kahuta, Kotli Sattian, Kalar Syedan and Murree

He said construction work of the project would be started soon and the project would be completed in two years.

He said, the expressway would be 24 feet wide and would pass through the dense forest of Panjar. This

would be an alternative road from Rawalpindi to Muzaffarabad and pass through Kotli Sattian, Kahuta, Kallar Syedan and Murree.

He said the area on both sides of the expressway would have commercial buildings, plazas, factories, markets, hospitals and educational institutions while large parks would also be set up along the road. Tariq Murtaza told that they also had chalked out a plan to plant 300,000 fruit, flower and shade trees on both sides of the expressway.

He said 20,000 to 30,000 local traditional fruit trees of the Pothohar and Kohsar region would be planted along the expressway.

"This road would also create employment opportunities," he said adding that the road would be connected to Kotli Sattian from Union Council Narh of Kahuta. He also informed that this road

would provide easy access and short time travel to historical Panj Pir rocks, which was a major tourist destination.

PTA refutes 'major' DDOs attack

SHAHEEN HANIF

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Telecommunication Authori ty (PTA) has refuted reports that Pakistan suffered a major distributed denial-of-ser vice (DDoS) attack Saturday night.

"It was reported on social media that last night Pakistan suffered a major DDOS attack on national level which affected internet services," the telecommunication regulator said in a post on its offi-

Admin for provision of washrooms at fuel stations

STAFF REPORT

RAWALPINDI: Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Gulzar Hussain Shah has directed the Deputy Commissioners of the Division to ensure provision of neat and clean washrooms at all the petrol pumps.

Commissioner in-The structed the DCs to ask the owners of the petrol pumps particularly of national highways, main district and tehsil roads to ensure provision of clean washrooms

at petrol pumps. He said that the existence of separate washrooms for men and women is essential for all the petrol pumps and it should be clearly written on all petrol pumps that separate washroom facility is available for men and women.

In addition to cleaning the washrooms, the availability of the air fresheners should also be ensured to facilitate the customers.

Police Officers check security of Churches

DNA

RAWALPINDI: The Division Superintendents of Police (SPs), SDPOs and SHOs on Sunday checked security of the Churches in their respective areas. According to a police Rawalpinspokesman, di District Police on the directives of City Police Officer, Rawalpindi Muhammad Ahsan Younas have enhanced security at Churches. The police officers also

briefed the police personnel deployed there. He informed that Rawal-

pindi District police made tight security arrangeente



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WASA Rawalpindi.	.5555489
CAA	9281092



Hospitals

СМН МН	561116
Cantt Hospital. DHQ	
RGH	
Holy Family	9290322-7
PIMS	
Polyclinic	
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Departments

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Met Office	9250360-6
RDA	5555864
ТМА	5770886
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ISLAMABAD: Charge D Affaires of Somalia Embassy Ms. Shena Liban, Mrs. Farrukh and Mrs. Samina Fazal attend a reception hosted by Zafar Bakhtawari. - DNA

PCMs directed to visit markets on daily basis

KHAYAM ABBASI

RAWALPINDI: Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Gulzar Hussain Shah has directed the Price Control Magistrates (PCMs) to visit markets and mandis on daily basis so that the people could be provided relief and get rid of artificial price hike.

According to a Commissioner Office spokesman, the Commissioner has instructed that all-out efforts should be made to control prices of daily use items.

He directed the officers to ensure that fruits and vegetables are sold in open markets with difference of 20 percent from Mandis

Action in accordance with the law should also be taken against profiteers and hoarders without any discrimination. He informed that Chief Minister Punjab Usman Buzdar had directed the authorities concerned to ensure effective implementation of the price control mechanism to provide necessary relief to citizens.

The CM had directed the administration to ensure quality control as well as strict monitoring of prices of essential items in markets. He said those creating artificial price hike should be dealt with iron hands and the administration should continue with its indiscriminate action against hoarders and profiteers.

'Abbasid Caliphate remained a period of discovery' -NIHCR webinar on Medieval Muslim history and historiography during Abbasid period

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ISLAMABAD: The Abbasid caliphate remained an Islamic period of discovery as well as the golden age, observed Prof Emeritus Aslam Syed while responding to a question during a Webinar on Medieval Muslim History and Historiography here on Saturday.

The guest speaker Prof Emeritus Aslam Syed has been serving at the Center for Religious Studies, Ruhr Universität, Bochum, Germany. He remained Chairman, Department of History, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad and served the NI-HCR as its Director.

"The Abbasids conceived an Islamic polity based on religious affiliation rather than nationality or race. This made it easier for people of differing cultural, racial, and intellectual heritages to mingle and exchange ideas as equals," Prof Syed responded to a question. The Webinar was arranged online by the National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research (NI-HCR), Centre of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, attended by over 1000 participants ranging from students, teachers and researchers to have greater insights into the valuable views of the guest speaker. During the discourse, the NIHCR Director Dr. Sajid

Mahmood Awan was of the opinion that under the Abbasid caliphate, the focal point of Islamic political and cultural life shifted eastward from Syria to Iraq which functioned as the cultural and commercial capitals of the Islamic world. During this period, a distinctive style emerged and new techniques were developed that spread throughout the Muslim realm and greatly influenced Islamic art and architecture, he said. Supplementing Dr. Awan's observation, Prof Syed said Abbasid leadership cultivated intellectual, cultural and scientific developments in the Islamic discovery as well as golden age. During this period, Ab-

basid rulers enabled Islamic scholars to easily write manuscripts; saved classic works of antiquity by translating them into various languages; assimilated the scientific knowledge of the civilizations they had overrun, including the ancient Greek, Roman, Persian, Chinese, Indian, Egyptian, and Phoenician civilizations, Prof Syed recalled. "Muslim scientists advanced the fields of algebra, calculus, geometry, chemistry, biology, medicine, and astronomy. Many forms of art flourished during the Islamic Age of Discovery including ceramics, metalwork, textiles, illuminated manuscripts, woodwork, and calligraphy," Prof Syed said.

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'Such reports are incorrect ty at Churches. and no evidence was found. The cops were also direct-Users are requested not to ed to ensure implementaspread such unverified infortion of Corona Standard mation." In April 2021, the Operating Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) had blocked all social media sites in the country for four hours. A temporary ban was imposed on Facebook, Twitter, Tik-

Tok, WhatsApp, Instagram

and YouTube.

(SOPs) for protection of the citizens. Police Officers said that all possible precautionary measures should be adopted to contain spread of the coronavirus.

Procedures

255,000 youngsters to be vaccinated in RWP

RAWALPINDI: As many as 255,000 youngsters in the age group of 15 to 17 years would be jabbed against the coronavirus from Monday. District Health Officer for communicable diseases Dr. Waqar Ahmed while talking to APP said that an effective micro plan has been devised to cover the maximum number of young people under the drive.

He informed that under campaign around the 131,000 students enrolled at 192 schools and colleges across the district would be given anti-covid doses in order to protect them from this virus while the remaining 124,000 youngsters aged between 15 to 17 years would get themselves vaccinated at the 26 vaccination centers operating in the district.

Dr. Wagar said the district health authority has constituted 18 teams which would visit the educational institutions twice to complete the task of immunization as government had allowed only 50 percent attendance at schools and colleges.

The health official informed that "Free of cost Pfizer vaccine will be given to teenagers while Form-B of the National Database and Registration Authority (NA-DRA) would be mandatory for jabs," he added.

He asked the youngsters to send their Form-B number on 1166 through SMS and get their registration number for vaccination. He said adolescents would be able to get vaccination certificates from Nadra's website just like people with computerized national identity cards (CNICs). - APP

Chinese culture center plans a series of events During this period, some exciting event previews and highlights will be launched for viewers

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ISLAMABAD: The Mid-Autumn Festival is an important traditional festival of the Chinese nation. With ancient legends and touching stories, it embodies mankind's vision for a harmonious and happy life. From September 18 to October 6, 2021, hosted by the Bureau of International Exchange and Cooperation of China's Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and jointly organized by the Network of International Cultural ink Entities, overseas China Cultural Centers and China Tourism Offices. the "Mid-Autumn Festival: A Moon moment to Remember" Large Scale Brand Activities will be launched for people around the world.

The theme of this activity is based on traditional Mid-Autumn Festival culture", focusing around four major section



which include "Mid-Autumn Festival Classics", "Food Delicacies of Mid-Autumn"

"Mid-Autumn Ode to Music", "Mid-Autumn Poetry and Chorale", promoting

culture and tourism through virtual exhibitions, online concerts, food workshops, short videos, mini training classes and other forms of rich and colorful activities. The festival will promote Chinese traditional festivals and cultural customs in a comprehensive and three-dimensional way, convey the value of "family harmony, social harmony", and express the best wishes for "reunion, harmony and health".

Let us meet the clouds, across time and space, beyond the country, standing on the same planet, looking at the same round moon, telling the stories of the heart and spending a colorful Mid-Autumn Festival together!

During this period, some exciting event previews and highlights will be launched for our viewers. For more details on upcoming exciting events, stay tuned and follow China Cultural Center in Pakistan on social media platforms.

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TWIN CITIES

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Children to be administered

anti-polio drops

RAWALPINDI: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Health Authority Dr. Faiza Kanw al has said that COVID-19 Standard operating procedure (SOPs) would be followed in letter and spirit during the five-day anti-polio drive being commenced from Monday.

Talking to APP, the CEO said that to make the Polio campaign successful, training of Union Council Incharges of mobile polio teams have been completed under the supervision of health officers of Health Authority

During the campaign 2964 polio teams would go doorto-door and administer polio drops to 719,000 children less than five years in all tehsils and Union Councils of the district.

Dr. Faiza that SOP"s regarding COVID-19 would be applied to ensure safety during the drive while wearing face masks and use of sanitizer would also be mandatory for polio teams.

She said "Polio is a National issue and it is the responsibility of all to play an effective role to make the country Polio free.'

Meanwhile, Incharge of the anti-polio drive, Muhammad Islam informed that 396 areas in charge, 204 medical officers, and allied hospitals, and tehsil headquarter hospitals would participate in the campaign. He said all possible steps have been taken to make the campaign a success.

"307 fix centres have also been set up to administer drops", he added. A sufficient quantity of vaccines was available, and no stone would be left unturned in our effort to make the campaign a success. - APP

Cars production witness 111% increase

Briefs Indonesian ambassador asks Pakistan to focus on ASEAN

Pakistan and Indonesia have many similarities, which should be harnessed for gaining mutual economic benefits. He said that Pakistan and Indonesia needed to promote bilateral trade cooperation in areas in which they have comparative advantage

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Indonesia Adam Mulawarman Tugio has said that ASEAN was a huge market for Pakistan and emphasized that its business community should focus on promoting trade and exports with it to achieve lucrative outcomes for the economy.

He said that China has bilateral trade of around USD 600 billion with ASEAN, but Pakistan's bilateral trade with it was just USD 6 billion, which was not encouraging. He said that Pakistan's close cooperation with Indonesia would provide it easy access to the immense untapped market of ASE-AN countries.

He said that Pakistan and Indonesia have many similarities, which should be harnessed for gaining mutual economic benefits. He said that Pakistan and Indonesia needed to promote bilateral trade cooperation in areas in which they have comparative advantage.

He highlighted IT, e-commerce and tourism as promising areas for bilateral cooperation between



the two countries. He expressed these views while interacting with the business community during his visit to Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI). Fatma Azim Senior Vice President ICCI, Omais Khattak, Muhammad Shakir, Ashraf Farzand, Abbas Hashmi, Shaukat Hayat, Khalid Chaudhry and others were also in the meeting. The Indonesian envoy said that

Pakistani universities should develop study papers on the economic potential of ASEAN region to educate their students and business community that would be helpful in improving bilateral trade as well.

He stressed the need of promoting JVs between private sectors of both countries besides encouraging students' exchanges and organizing trade fairs on reciprocal

basis. He further said that Pakistan and Indonesia should work on promoting home grown technologies and industries. He said that Indonesia was organizing a virtual expo due to Covid-19 pandemic and the business community should join it to develop business linkages with Indonesian counterparts. Speaking at the occasion, Sardar

Yasir Ilyas Khan, President, Islam-

abad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) said that Indonesia and Pakistan, with combined population of almost half a billion people were huge markets with immense potential for bilateral trade, investment and economic cooperation, which still remained unutilized. He said that trade volume between Indonesia and Pakistan was just over \$2.5 billion. which was not reflective of their actual potential.

Therefore, both countries should strive for exploring all untapped areas for further enhancing the existing trade volume. He said that Pakistan was producing many quality products including pharmaceuticals, surgical instruments, food products, IT, light engineering etc. which have great potential in the Indonesian market. He assured that ICCI was ready to work with the Indonesian embassy to promote students' exchange and business linkages between the two countries.

He also highlighted many potential areas of mutual cooperation between Pakistan and Indonesia that would be beneficial for the

economies of both countries. Exhibition showcasing graduates' ťalent near to conclude

ISLAMABAD: Just three days left for conclusion of a 20-days long exhibition 'The New Odyssey' showcasing fresh fine arts graduates talent and enabling them an opportunity to present their artwork at Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA). A PNCA official Masroor

Shah told APP that it would not only help broaden their vision about the art industry but would also give them exposure to the national level of artwork.

He said a number of visitors from all walks of life including foreigners, government departments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), etc., civil society representatives, students, and the general public were participating in the exhibition. "Our primary focus is to promote the young talent and give them a compelling platform in these stressful times of COVID-19," he stat ed. – APP

chi Chamber of Commerce

for Dates said the price of

dates was elevated artificial-

ly last year due to limitations

of import caused by the

closure of borders. As the

borders were open this year

with large amounts of dates

entering the Pakistani mar-

ket, they have to sell dates at

Sajjad Ahmed, a dates ven-

dor in Karachi believed the

import has squeezed the

market of local dates. "It's

a lower price.

Lok Virsa to promote culture, heritage

ISLAMABAD: The National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (NIFTH) Lok Virsa was currently holding a series of programs at National Heritage Museum to showcase centuries old rich culture and folk traditions.

Talking to APP, Executive Director Lok Virsa Talha Ali said,"The objective of the program was to promote folk crafts, create awareness among the masses specially youth about our indigenous folk heritage and provide a platform to master artisans associated with different traditional skills to earn livelihood for their families."

The purpose of such programme were also to channelize the economic opportunities for the artisans through their skill and art that remained neglected for the past many decades.

A large number of people including students from local institutions were visiting the artisans at work daily and learn techniques involved in pottery making process. - APP

> Cutlery exports increase in 2 months

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: The exports of cutlery from the country witnessed an increase of 1.95 percent during the first two months of financial year 2021-22 as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The country exported cutlery worth US \$18.804 million during July-August (2021-22) against the exports of US \$18.445 million during July-August (2020-21), showing growth of 1.95 percent, according to the Pakistan Bureau of

Statistics (PBS). Meanwhile, on year-on-year basis, the cutlery exports also rose by 11.32 percent during the month of August 2021 as compared to the same month of last year. The cutlery exports in Au-

gust 2021 were recorded at \$9.225 million against the exports of \$8.287 million in August 2020, the PBS data revealed. On month-on-month basis the export of cutlery however witnessed nominal decline of 3.70 percent in August 2021 as compared to the exports of \$9.579 million in July 2021. It is pertinent to mention here that the overall merchandize exports from the country increased by 27.99 percent during the first two months of the FY 2021-22 as compared to the corresponding period of last year.



STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: The production of cars in the country has witnessed an increase of 111.67 percent during the first two months of current financial year 2021-22 as compared to corresponding period of last year.

During the July-August (2021-22), as many as 32,718 cars were manufacture against the production of 15,457 units, showing growth of 111.67 percent, according to Pakistan Automobile Manufacturing Association (PAMA).

The production of Honda cars went up by 9.63 percent from 4,058 units to 4,449 units during the months under review whereas the production of Suzuki Swift also increases to 382 units from 165 units during last year. Similarly, the production of Toyota Corolla rose from 3,519 units to 3,864 units, showing increase of 9.80 percent, it added. The production of Suzuki Cultus increased from 2,388 units to 5,958 units, witnessing increase of 149.49 percent while the production of Suzuki Wagon-R also witnessed an increase of 301.91 percent from 783 units to 3,147 units during July-August.

Pakistan Post extends EP services

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Post has extended Express Post (EP) services including Urgent Mail Service (UMS) Urgent Money Order Service (UMO) and UMS cash on delivery at Industrial Estate Multan Post Office under Southern Punjab Circle According to notification, Director General Pakistan Post has allowed to start booking of EP services UMS, UMO and UMS-COD with existing infrastructure and man power in Industrial Estate Mul tan. In this regard, a special circular was also issued to the Postmaster General Southern Puniab, Circle,

The Postmaster General will arrange to provide a copy of the relevant Director General Special circular to the newly authorized Post Office to enable it to run the UMS/UMO/UMS-COD services properly.

Int'l property exhibition to be held on 26 Nov

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan International Property Housing and Construction Exhibition and Convention in association with the Naya Pakistan Housing and Development Authority will be held on 26-27 November at the Pak-China Friendship Center in Islamabad. This event is a different

event of its kind in which Virtual Conference, Physical Conference will be held under the name of "Invest in Pakistan", Diplomatic and Chamber Conference will also be held in this three-day exhibition The business community of Rawalpindi Islam-

abad and Peshawar will be in large numbers with their families and people from abroad will join online - Chairman Pakistan International Property



Housing and Construction Exhibition and Convention Khurshid Barlas said, After the wave, the move by the government of Pakistan to further develop the construction industry is very good, which has restored the employment of millions of people. International Pakistan

Property Exhibition and Convention is a great opportunity to bring together resellers, developers and property buyers.



DNA

TAXILA: Ambassador of Azerbaijan along with his spouse visited Taxila Archaeological Museum and Sirkap

archaeological site - next stop in discovering wonderful Pakistan. The ambassador enjoyed deep information about this

ancient civilization, exchanged views with the staff of the Museum and site, also. - DNA

ISLAMABAD: Cold storage and deep-processing way out for Pakistani dates, to get better price in the open market, says a report published by China Economic Net on Sunday.

Cold storage is probably the word that comes up most often among dates shopkeepers. The report says, Sajjad Ahmed, a dates vendor has sold a quarter of his stock so far, and it may take a year to sell the rest.

is a situation that many store owners face. Therefore how to store dates in cold storage is vital for them to win back their losses as much as possible. "If there is cold storage, these dates will not spoil in three years, or even five or six years," said another vender. However, not many store owners could

afford cold storage. Another dates vendor Haji Hanif wanted Pakistani government to subsidize cold

storage for dates practitioners, or at least build some cold storage for them, "there are one or two local cold storage facilities in Sakhhar now, which is far from enough.

Shan Saeed, a chief economist at Juwai IQI, said that the biggest problem of dates production in Pakistan is inadequate cold storage facilities, followed by logistics issues. He also said that with the construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, the logistics problem should be improved. In addition to storing fresh

dates in cold storage, Pakistani farmers dry them into dried dates that can be sold throughout the season. Shams ul Islam, Vice President of Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, said the traditional date selling season is in Ramadan. After the Ramadan this year, "our growers are facing losses," due to sluggish export performance. Habib ur Rehman, who is

undertaking date business in Karachi, has embraced a countries reached 185,000 bumper harvest of dates this tons in the first half of vear, vet the omens for the 2021, an increase of over market are not well. Involved 50% year-on-year. in the sector for more than The senior vice president ten years, the current preof a Pakistani enterprise dicament is unprecedented Ramaish Kumar pointed out that date price decline in Paeven for a veteran like him. "I'm selling dates cheap kistan is mainly due to the this year, even lower than huge import from the Midlast year during the outdle East countries. break of the COVID-19," The view is echoed by many other insiders. Haji Hanif, Rehman said. General Secretary of Kara-

It's not an individual case but the whole dates market. Hub Ali Jatoi, an owner of a local market, told the reporter that the profit of dates is declining with the dropping price. "In the past, the sale price of low-quality dates stands at 3,000 rupees per 40kg, but now it's only 1,500 rupees."

From Karachi to Peshawar, dates sellers are complaining about loss of profits, and the causes behind it are complicated. According to the latest

better to consume local data from the Saudi Nationdates first, otherwise, there al Date Center, the export will be a huge waste.

Music classes in full swing at Theater Wallay

ISLAMABAD: The enchanting 'Music Classes' were in full swing here at Theater Wallay 'The Farm, Bani Gala' an effort to promote music of all genres alongwith polishing the talent of the young blood.

Talking to APP, Director, actor, producer, trainer and writer Ms Fizza said that these classes being held to promote the participants trained in Sitar and Tabla musical instruments.

Wajih Nizami a Sufi musician, composer and writer and Irfan Khan a Tabla player were conducting music classes. Wajih Nizami played the plucked string instrument Sitar.

He has been described as the most well-known contemporary musician and a brilliant performer Wajih Nizami was a classical satirist and upholds the tradition of sitar playing handed down to him through eighteen generations of dedication and devotion to music. He was carrying the legacy of Mian Tan Sein Ji, the court musician of Mughal emperor, Akbar.

Irfan Khan was a versatile musician who has been playing tabla for two decades. He has performed both locally and internationally.

Irfan was committed and innovative music teacher who teach various instruments to people of all ages.

Wajih and Irfan have been playing together for 17 vears, and have been associated with Theatre Wallav for the past five years. The COVID-19 SOP's were

being strictly observed at music classes. - APP

RCCI urges govt focus on renewable energy RCCI Acting president Osman Ashraf in a statement said that green energy sources like wind and solar were getting key focus on the global level as they were viable sources of energy at affordable cost

ZUBAIR AHMAD

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has stressed upon the government to focus on renewable energy as the country has tremendous potential to generate wind, hydro and solar power.

According to the World Bank, Pakistan is utilizing just 0.071 percent of the country's area for solar photovoltaic (solar PV) power generation would meet Pakistan's current electricity demand. Wind is also an abundant resource. Pakistan has several well-known

wind corridors and average wind

speeds of 7.87 m/s in 10 percent of its windiest areas. However, despite a number of successful projects, the installed capacity of solar and wind energy in Pakistan, at just over 1,500 Megawatts, is just 4 percent of total capacity, equal to around 2 percent of total generation. RCCI Acting president Osman

Ashraf in a statement said that green energy sources like wind and solar were getting key focus on the global level as they were viable sources of energy at affordable cost.

The renewable energy would bring manifold benefits to the national economy as it would re-



duce cost of doing business, promote industrialization, encourage investment, and create plenty of new jobs and enhancing exports.

The government could reduce its reliance on expensive power plants and fossil fuel imports in favour of cleaner, more accessible electricity for people and businesses, he suggested.

He demanded that Government must reduce taxes and duties on import of Solar Panel and added that new conditions for import of solar panels which include PSQ-CA certificate, PSI certificate, certificate of conformance from exporting country, test report and accreditation certificate will increase the cost of doing business. He also referred to the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) report

where it stated that Pakistan's current power mix has an over-reliance on outdated fossil fuels technology and seasonal hydro-power generation, roughly split in a ratio of 70:20:10, being 70pc thermal and 20pc hydro, with nuclear power making up most of the rest. Osman Ashraf asked Government to adopt IEEFA's proposed energy model to 2030, aimed at providing a cheaper, more diversified electricity generation system for Pakistan and therefore greater energy security, is roughly split in a ratio of 30:30:30:10 between 30pc renewables, 30pc thermal, 30pc hydro, and 10pc

nuclear power.

Rising unemployment

HE Labour Force Survey published their latest report through the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) according to which the country's unemployment rate increased to 6.9 percent from 5.8 previously. Considering our economic performance even before the pandemic—riddled with crippling debt, a constant trade deficit and overwhelming inflation—this was expected. However, it does not mean that this is acceptable. The government must address and resolve the concerning reasons behind rising unemployment.

According to the data received, 0.92 million people looking for work were jobless during 2018 to 2019 alone. This is mainly due to the fact that these people entered the market at a time when it was already shrinking. The subsequent outbreak of the pandemic is bound to produce statistics that are much worse for the next financial year but, considering the pace at which these reports are released, it will be too late for the authorities to act. While we expect the government to propose solutions, bodies like the PBS should also be proactive with their output so that retrospective analysis can be carried out for prospective solutions in the future.

We must realise that behind these statistics are real humans who are suffering to make ends meet on a day to day basis. The government must be given the opportunity to cater to its people within their term. Meanwhile, attention can be paid towards amplifying the number of jobs in the manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade which are the lowest recruitment rate currently. Systematic change will only come about if the economic performance of the country improves through effective coordination between bodies, the government and the people themselves.

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Amnesty

HE government has—in separate interviews with first the President and then the Foreign Minister—alluded to a potential amnesty being provided to militants if they were to surrender arms and give up on violence. The Tehriki-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) was specifically mentioned in this context, and the outlawed terrorist group has now responded by rejecting this proposal and stating that the only way for a cessation in violence is through imposing their own brand of Sharia Law in Pakistan.

There is theoretically no problem in pardoning deradicalised former militants, but the time and place for such an offer has to be chosen very carefully. Two days after seven of our soldiers lost their lives—a potential deal with those that orchestrated this loss does not really make much sense. We have seen terror incidents with a frequency that was common in bygone years. Ever since the interim Taliban government has taken over in Afghanistan, the threats to Pakistan have only compounded; the TTP has reportedly claimed 70 attacks since the change in Kabul. This rise of terrorism is observable and extremist mindsets have once again begun to target both security agencies and members of the general public.

This past week has seen Jamia Hafsa in Islamabad flex its muscles once more. A Shia procession was shut down when protesting women from Maulana Abdul Aziz's mosque and seminary started shouting slogans against the community right next to the procession. The demonstrators were prepared enough to have brought loud speakers and created enough of a situation where the police asked the minority group to wrap up their religious ceremonies in order to avoid a law and order situation. Just yesterday, Maulana Abdul Aziz and his supporters refused to remove the Afghan Taliban's flags off their mosque and willingly set themselves up against the police to ensure that the only way to do so would be through confrontation.

These are dangerous signs and the government should take note. Our narrative against extremism has to be unequivocally stern. Dangerous outfits such as the TTP and individuals such as Abdul Aziz do not want amnesty, nor will the country be best served by offering this to them. The messaging on this must be clear. Red lines must be drawn, and those on the other side must face the full force of the law.

The int'l community should support Afghanistan

Abdul Rahim Saqib

The US government and the international community have no option but to engage with the Taliban as it leads the effort to build peace and stability in Afghanistan. The fighting is over in Afghanistan and it is time for the Afghans to rebuild their devastated country. But they need help. If the international community really wants Afghans to live a prosperous life and to have a developed country, then they should continue providing financial aid and assistance to the Taliban government as they did to Ghani's.

HE Taliban has complete control over Afghanistan right now. The US and its allies fought against the movement for the last 20 years and tried hard to root it out. They spent more than two trillion dollars and more than 3,000 foreign soldiers lost their lives.

In spite of all this war effort, the Taliban are ruling Afghanistan once again.

The Taliban was victorious not because of its military might, economic strength and technical expertise but because of the religious and social weight that it has in Afghan society. Former President Ashraf Ghani and his allies did not enjoy such popular support, which is why their government collapsed within days of the Taliban offensive pushing closer to Kabul, despite the fact that the US government and the international community backed them.

On February 29, 2020, after the signing ceremony of the peace agreement between the Taliban and the US government, then-Secretary of State Mike Pompeo remarked: "A comprehensive, inclusive, durable peace can only be secured by the Afghan people themselves.' The US government and the international community have no option but to engage with the Taliban as it leads the effort to build peace and stability in Afghanistan. The fighting is over in Afghanistan and it is time for the Afghans to rebuild their devastated country. But they need help. If the international community really wants Afghans to live a prosperous life and to have a developed country, then they should continue providing financial aid and assistance to the Taliban government as they did to Ghani's. It should be clear by now that the Taliban today is very different from the Taliban of 1996-2001. In the 1990s, TV channels were banned and women were not allowed to work. By contrast, after the arrival of the Taliban in Kabul, media outlets continue to operate. The Taliban has reactivated the Radio Television of Afghanistan (RTA) and women are able to work as journalists; they are even conducting interviews with the Taliban leaders. Schools, universities and other education centres are open for both male and female students, teachers and lecturers. Some NGOs that were working in Kabul in the past are carrying out their daily activities as before.

All government employees have been asked to return to work. There is no threat posed to anyone that would compel residents of Kabul to flee to other countries. The only incident that took place after the arrival of the Taliban to Kabul was the suicide attack carried out by the Islamic State of Khorasan Province (ISKP) at Kabul airport, which caused many casualties. The attack, however, was directly linked to the mismanagement of evacuations by US soldiers at the Kabul international airport.

In fact, it was with the goal of securing the Afghan capital that the Taliban entered on August 15. When former President Ghani decided to flee Kabul – a reflection of his lack of popular legitimacy – chaos erupted in the city. This necessitated the Taliban's intervention to prevent insecurity and

Afghanistan has been suffering from conflict for the last four decades, which has created a war mentality among Afghans. Therefore, whenever one side gets the upper hand, the other side is worried about being targeted for revenge. However, the Taliban has decided to put an end to this violent cycle by announcing amnesty to all their enemies in Afghanistan.

One of the greatest examples of this amnesty was demonstrated on August 18, when Taliban official Annas Haqqani went to Muslimyar's house to meet him. Haqqani hugged him in a brotherly manner, despite the fact that Muslimyar had previously called for his execution.

Afghans are peaceful people and they have the courage of defending their country and religion. Though the Afghans fought three superpowers in the last three centuries, they have never attacked others. They only fought to defend their own country, which is their legitimate and legal right.

For the first time in the past four decades, Afghanistan has come under a united leadership. Afghans

instability from wreaking havoc.

Since then, the situation has been under control and stable; there is nothing that should cause fear among Kabul residents. The Taliban has also provided proper protection to the embassies of China, Russia, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and other countries. Afghans should not seek to leave the country and the US and other countries should not encourage them to do so. The reason is clear: These Afghans are part of the well-educated strata of the society and their experience and abilities are very much needed for Afghanistan's future development.

It is also worth highlighting that senior officials of previous governments who decided to stay, including former President Hamid Karzai, former Vice President Abdullah Abdullah, Senate Chairman Fazal Hadi Muslimyar and others, are living in peace. The Taliban treated them in a very respectful manner, which has also been reflected in national and international media outlets. have suffered a lot in the last four decades. Now it is the time to cure the wounds and solve the urgent problems of the nations. As a member of the international community, Afghanistan needs international assistance.

Now it is the time for the US government and the international community to interact with the Taliban in a peaceful and diplomatic way. This will not only pave the way for both sides to have friendly relations but will also allow the world to experience the friendship of the Taliban, which will have a positive outcome.

If the international community ignores Afghans, they will remain in isolation. Such isolation will have bad consequences, which will not be in anyone's interest. The international community should engage with and help the Afghan Taliban.

(The writer is a member of the Taliban's political office) **–Courtesy: Al Jazeera**

Indian war crimes in IIOJK

Muhammad Akhter



Pakistan has repeatedly provided evidence to the international community of India's state terrorism, which the international community and international organizations have done nothing but issue condemnatory statements. There are also decades-old UN and Security Council resolutions that have yet to be implemented. N January 5, 1949, the United Nations' Commission passed a resolution guaranteeing free and fair plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir so that the Kashmiri people could use their right to self-determination. But, on the contrary, since seventy two years the people of Jammu and Kashmir still await the implementation on it. Kashmiris are being subjected with atrocities by Indian occupational forces under Influence of Hindutva ideology.

Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) has become one of the most militarized zones in the world, where the Indian occupying forces have been committing massive human rights violations, which is a questionmark on the credibility ofthe united nation. Whereas, these violations have been documented in the international media as well as in two reports by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2018 and 2019.In this regard, once again Pakistan released a comprehensive dossier; which is an eye opener for the champions of world justice and human rights.

The part of Jammu and Kashmir that is illegally occupied by India is one of the areas in the world whose inhabitants have been longing for decades to breathe in the open air. The occupied forces of India have inflicted such atrocities on them that once they are thoroughly investigated and the facts come to light, the oppressed people of the occupied valley will face the worst form of state terrorism.

Pakistan has repeatedly provided evidence to the international community of India's state terrorism, which the international community and international organizations have done nothing but issue condemnatory statements. There are also decades-old UN and Security Council resolutions that have yet to be implemented. Seeing all this, it seems that the international community is not serious about resolving the Kashmir dispute, otherwise India is not strong enough to stand firm in front of the whole world.

To show the world the real face of India, Pakistan has once again exposed the evidence of Indian war crimes committed in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir. In this regard, Pakistan has witnessed large scale war crimes, genocide of Kashmiris, use of chemical weapons, enforced disappearances, human rights violations, five training camps of ISIS, and fake encounters by Indian occupying forces in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The dossier containscomprehensive evidence of fake flag operations and desecration of women.

The 131-page dossier has three chapters. The first chapter deals with war crimes. The second chapter deals with false flag operations, while the third chapter deals with Security Council resolutions and India's efforts to change the demography ofIndian Illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). The dossier contains 113 references, 26 of which were taken from international media and 41 from Indian think tanks. Of these, only 14 references belong to Pakistan. This is the most authoritative document in which 3432 cases are related to war crimes.

It should be noted here, While I was reviewing the information in the dossier then it was terrified to learn that, 8,652 mass graves were discovered in 89 villages of 6 districts of Indian illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir out of which 154 graves contained 2, 2 persons while 23 graves contained the bodies of more than 17 persons. Indian forces have set up 239 target cells. Since 2014, 30,000 people from the occupied valley have been subjected to severe torture. In Occupied Kashmir, 231 people were electrocuted. Chemical weapons were also used by India in occupied Kashmir.

Since, the Hindutva government came to power in India, human rights violations have increased in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The dossier presented to the media identified 1,128 people who were extra-judicially killed or pellet guns were used against them. The dossier mentions the desecration of women and more than 100,000 properties that were burned which comes under Arson crime. It also mentions fake operations carried out to discredit Pakistan.

The UN Security Council should take note of the serious human rights violations and war crimes in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir and investigate. Pakistan pledge that the sacrifices of Kashmiris will not go in vain.

Kashmiris are asking to the champions of the world justice. That what could be more barbaric than that? Therape was used by India as a weapon of war, but it was not reprimanded. European countries follow a double standard on it. Even, India was given the presidency of the UN Security Council at a time when it was committing serious human rights violations. It is pertinent to mention here that, the World community should keep in mind that today the situation has changed, there is no one to cover up India's crimes.

This is not the first dossier based on solid evidence and proof of the atrocities perpetrated by the occupying forces of India on the occupied valley and its oppressed people, but alsoPakistan has repeatedly provided evidence that India is constantly committing state terrorism. Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir has been besieged for the last 777 days and the basic human rights of the oppressed Kashmiris are being denied but the world is not paying attention to it as it should.

In Conclusion, the international community should take seriously the fact that both Pakistan and India are nuclear-armed countries and India's policies could pose a threat not only to the region but also to the entire region. Theatmosphere that India is creating in the region under its expansionist ambitions will not improve the situation. It will only get worse and it will hurt not only Pakistan but also the whole world.

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'Australia, US lying over security pact'

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told France 2. He said the ambassadors were being recalled to "re-evaluate the situation". But he said France had seen "no need" to recall its ambassador to the UK, as he accused the country of "constant opportunism". "Britain in this whole thing is a bit like the third wheel," he said. France was informed only hours before the public announcement was made earlier this week. In an interview with France 2 television on Saturday, Mr Le Drian said a "serious crisis" was in progress between the allies. A White House official said the Biden administration regretted the move and would be engaged with France in the coming days to resolve their differences. Speaking in Washington, Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne said she understood the "disappointment" in France and hoped to work with the country to ensure it understood "the value we place on the bilateral relationship".

France calls off meeting...

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Sunday.

Two Swiss dailies, Le Matin Dimanche and SonntagsZeitung, reported that the French had pulled the plug on Swiss President and Economic Affairs Minister Guy Parmelin's talks with President Emmanuel Macron in November.

Citing unnamed diplomatic sources, both newspapers said that France had opted to drop the meeting due to anger over how the Swiss had conducted their negoti ations in the run-up to their June decision to buy 36 Lockheed Martin F35A jets. According to the sources, Paris charged that the Swiss defence ministry had continued negotiations with other manufacturers, including with French Rafale maker Dassault, after the decision had already been reached to buy the US fighter Parmelin's office at the economic affairs ministry confirmed that the meeting with Macron would not go ahead, but stressed that the scheduling had not been completed, meaning it was not considered "a cancellation of a confirmed appointment." It also highlighted that the visit had not been billed as a state visit, but simply as "a working visit by the president".

Wasim Khan says Pakistan won't play home series abroad

"Pakistan toured New Zealand in tough times and underwent severe quarantine of two weeks. There was an attack on a mosque in NZ yet we didn't step back. PCB has shown solidarity with world cricket at tough times yet decisions not made on basis of equality,"

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) CEO Wasim Khan clarified that they won't play home series abroad.

Wasim talked to reporters after New Zealand abandon Pakistan's tour on a unilateral basis. Wasim emphasized that New Zealand's decision has damaged our cricket heavily. "PCB has a clear vision for now that Pakistan will play home series in Pakistan only and will not play anywhere else for which we're in talks with different boards.

We've worked day and night to bring back international cricket in stadiums of Pakistan," he said.



"Chairman PCB Ramiz Raja has written an official letter to NZC for what they've done. Pakistan will play T20 World Cup and is determined to win. We can't wear black armbands as a protest during World Cup as this will become a political move," he added.



"PCB will take up the issue in front of ICC and will bring NZC on table. PCB believes in dialogue. Making decisions on their own and abandoning tour is injustice. I will say thoroughly that there is no security lapse or issues in Pakistan."

he maintained. "Abandoning tour by unilateral decision is not a wise move by them. This decision will damage Pakistan Cricket as we were looking forward to hosting international teams ahead. This damage will affect Pakistan Cricket negatively for a longer span," he added. Pakistan toured New Zealand in difficult times Wasim reminded that teams have toured New Zealand that they toured New Zealand in tough times and there was also an attack on the mosque in Christchurch but they still traveled to the country. "Pakistan toured New Zealand

in tough times and underwent severe quarantine of two weeks. There was an attack on a mosque in NZ yet we didn't step back. PCB

has shown solidarity with world cricket at tough times yet decisions not made on basis of equality," he added.

Wasim revealed PCB talked to Sri Lanka and Bangladesh boards but they are preparing for ICC T20 World Cup Qualifiers in Oman and UAE, starting from October 17. "PCB also contacted Sri Lanka and Bangladesh to tour Pakistan and both the boards accepted to tour but due to logistic issues and less time,

this wouldn't have been possible. Everyone is listening to solidarity with Pakistan Cricket made by cricket fraternity," he added. Meanwhile, Wasim is confident

that England men and women teams will tour Pakistan next month and support PCB.

German envoy lauds Pak role for Afghan peace

Islamabad **POST**

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FROM PAGE 01 Pakistani leadership.

The German ambassador said Taliban were as much a reality in Afghanistan as well as the precarious humanitarian situation in the country. He said Germany being a responsible partner of international community was ready to play its role in

Afghanistan. The ambassador said it was very much important that Taliban were willing to discard their old lenses.

He said Germany was willing to engage with Afghanistan, however, the question of recognition was not on agenda at the moment.

He said Taliban would be judged by their deeds and actions for recognition.

To a question concerning reservations of some Western countries regarding Taliban, he said treatment of women and minorities in Afghanistan and the question of inclusive government in the country were some of the issues the world was looking at.

Schlagheck said at the recent Geneva Conference on Afghanistan, Germany pledged 100 million Euros in aid for helping out Afghanistan.

He said they were pondering to add another 500 million Euros into that, but that has not yet been formally announced.

Regarding the policy of Germany for Afghans who want to settle in that country, he said they have to take care of those Afghans first who are at risk after rendering their services for German interests.

In addition, he said, many vulnerable Afghans includjournalists, human ing rights activists were airlifted to Germany.He said Pakistani government was very helpful in this regard and deserved praise for their facilitation.

Speaking about relations between Pakistan and Germany, Bernhard Schlagheck said Germany and Pakistan had been enjoying friendly and amicable relations since the establishment of their diplomatic relations seventy years ago and there was a scope to further widen these in diverse sectors.

Iran crowned at Asian volleyball championship



CHIBA: The 21st Asian Sen-

At the end of the compeior Men's Volleyball Chamtitions, the Iranian coach pionship was held from Behrouz Ataei was intro-

in Russia.

next year's FIVB Volleyball also named the most valu-Men's World Championship able player in the competitions.

tickets at the 2022 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship already on This was Iran's fourth win Saturday.

The FIVB Volleyball Men's in the Asian championships, while Japan have won the ti-World Championship will be

Pakistan shines at Global Youth **Education Summit**

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Dania Javaid, an Elementary School Teacher in the Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, AJK has been selected as 'the best delegate' in the Global Online Youth Education Summit (GOYES) 2021 for proposing innovative and viable solutions to the problems faced by the prevailing education system globally.

The summit was organized by the Akanksha Charitable Trust Puttur, in collaboration with Youth Opportunities and Trisha Vidya College of Commerce & Management, earlier this week.

The international summit aimed at bringing together young educationists from different regions of the world to analyze the various aspects of the present education system and enriching knowledge, wisdom, and consciousness about various ongoing educational aspects, and encouraging the delegates to come up with spectacular solutions. Additionally, its objectives were to provide an opportunity to engage with leading educators of the world by participating in a real-time online Hackathon.

The event mainly focused on the "Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 - Quality Education" adopted by United Nations for a peaceful and prosperous future. It provided the participants with a chance to interact with experienced educationalists such as Kathleen Naglee, Head of the International School of Helsinki, Finland, M Saiham Hoossain, CEO Connect Japan, Srijan Pal Singh, Scientist & Former Advisor to Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, and other renowned academics and educationists.

The summit had received 1033 applications for participation. However, only 200 delegates from 60+ countries were selected including 12 from Pakistan named Dania Javaid, Farrukh Avais, Hamza Rehman, Jahanzaib, Ravi Kumar Chuhan, Ayesha Sheikh, Ramna Saeed, Faiz ur



Claims of involvement of Pakistan are false

FROM PAGE 01 drones were operating over the valley turned out to be graphics from a video game. Another video showed wads of cash and pieces of gold found by the Taliban at a house supposedly belonging to Amrullah Saleh, the former Afghan vice president. This report was denied by some Taliban officials, while others said it was true. The article read that trave-

ling through the provincial capital, Bazarak, it became clear that combat had largely ceased, at least for now, and what resistance remained seemed confined to mountainous areas practi cally inaccessible by foot or by vehicle. Most of the residents had fled before the fighting. Those who stayed behind were struggling with spiking market prices and a lack of food.

Earlier, former prime minister of Afghanistan and Hezb-e-Islami chief Gulbuddin Hekmatyar said that foreign media is damaging Pakistan's global image over allegations of Pakistan extending support to the Taliban in Panjshir.

Talking exclusively to a private television channel, the Hezb-e-Islami chief said that Pakistan was accused falsely with blaming support to the Taliban in Panjshir.

"The people residing in Panishir say that no plane was seen in the area where Fahim Dashti - a veteran leader of the Afghanistan National Journalist Union (ANJU) - was said to have died in a drone strike, although he was killed in a fight and his body was dumped, but no drone strikes were carried out in this area," he added.

Sept. 12 to 19 in Chiba, Japan, and the participating teams vied for two spots in

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year's election.

party, PDP-Laban.

duced as the best coach

Boxing star to run

in Asia, while the Iranian player Saber Kazemi was

the nine times so far. By advancing the final, both Iran and Japan booked their

held in Russia from Aug. 26 to Sept. 11, 2022 with the participation of 24 teams.

Rehman Mirza, Hasnain Jaffri, Ibrahim Afridi, Farhan Ali Balooch, and Kashif Nawaz.

He said both countries have strong bilateral contacts manifested by visit of German ship to Karachi port last week, a German business delegation currently on visit to Karachi and Islamabad and German Foreign Minister's visit to Pakistan lately.

Similarly, Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa visited Germany this year.

He said German business persons were looking for trade as well as investment opportunities in the promising market of Pakistan, adding that, the business outlook of Pakistan was outstanding, he remarked.

"Pakistan Cricket Board and Pakistan Government He told the interviewer made foolproof security arthat Pakistan and Germany rangements for all visiting have robust trade relations teams. We have assured marked by volume of three the New Zealand Crickbillion Euros. et of the same," the PCB statement read.

"The Pakistan Prime Minister spoke personally to the Prime Minister of New Zealand and informed her that we have one of the best intelligence systems in the world and that no security threat of any kind exists for the visiting team," the statement added.

Zealand s cricket body and

local board officials said,

minutes after the first

"New Zealand Cricket in-

formed us they had been

alerted to some security

alert and have unilater-

ally decided to postpone

the series," the Pakistan

Cricket board said in a

statement.

match was due to start.

for Philippines president MANILA: Philippine boxing star Manny Pacquiao says he is to run for president in next He was nominated as a candidate by a faction of the ruling On top of a glittering career

as a fighter, Mr Pacquiao, 42, is a senator in the Philippines' parliament. Incumbent Rodrigo Duterte is barred from another term but has been picked by a rival party faction to run for vice-president, a move critics say is an attempt to cling to power. Philippines Pres-

ident Rodrigo Duterte to stand as vice-president He was selected to run alongside a close ally, Christopher "Bong" Go, but Mr Go says he does not want to succeed Mr Duterte.

While his party says it wants



Mr Go to reconsider his decision, his rejection of the nomination has led to suggestions that President Duterte's daughter Sara Duterte-Carpio could join him on the ticket. As a boxer, Mr Pacquiao won world titles in an unprecedented eight different weight divisions. He lost his most recent bout against a Cuban opponent and said he was considering retiring. Accepting the nomination, he said: "I am a fighter, and I will always be a fighter inside and

outside the ring.

Satisfied with Pak security but everything changed on Friday

DNA

ISLAMABAD: New Zealand Cricket Chief Executive David White on Sunday has said that they went through security checks and were ensured of the high level of security that was to be provided for Pakistan tour but everything got changed on Friday.

In a statement, White said, "The advice changed, the threat level changed and. as a consequence, we took the only responsible course of action possible. I'm comfortable with the decision we made."

"For every tour we go on we go, whether it s Pakistan, England or wherever we go through a very thorough process covering security etc. and this was no exception. In fact. probably more in this case. We will assess every tour



on its merits. The future tours programme is prettv tight but we ll have to look at it and work through that," he added.

thanks to chief executive

Wasim Khan and his team for their professionalism and care," White said in a statement.

It is to be mentioned here that New Zealand on Friday had called off a series of one day internationals against Pakistan over security concerns, New

Malaysia raises... FROM PAGE 01 Zone Treaty (SEANWFZ).

The Ministry of Defence would like to stress that nations must respect Malaysia's position and comply with Malaysian laws with regards to nuclear-powered submarines and warships entering Malaysian territorial waters, in line with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS).

My position on the South China Sea has been consistent since my previous term as Malaysia's Defence Minister - we must avoid any unplanned encounters, miscalculations and unintended incidents in these important waterways; and all matters must be resolved peacefully and constructively.

The Senior Defence Minister said he was scheduled to speak with Peter Dutton. Australia's Defence Minister tomorrow via a phone call. During this call, I will reaffirm Malaysia's position and convey the views of YAB Prime Minister on this matter. At the same time, both Malaysia and Australia will continue the strong defence cooperation, especially under the Malaysia-Australia **Joint Defence Program**

Committee

positions he gets into is too much for him to miss all of them. He is a prolific match-winner and the tar get man of the red-devils.

Red Devils emerge victorious after late drama

SPORTS DESK

LONDON: Manchester won 1-2 against West Ham as the game was decided in the last 5 minutes. The Hammers were extremely close to getting away with a point from the game but United emerged victorious in the end.

Manchester United were off to a flying start to their season but they hit a slight bump in the Champions League as they faced defeat against Young Boys. A win today would tie them for the top spot in the league with Liverpool but West Ham too are a formidable set of 11. The hammers had a dream start to their campaign and remain undefeated so far in the league.

After the Europa League win against Dinamo Zagreb, David Moyes and company should be confident ahead of the game but unfortunately, they have a major player missing from their ranks. Antonio has scored 4 goals for them in 4 games but received a red card last game and was suspended from the big game. After a closely contested first

30 minutes, West Ham got the opening goal of the game as Benrahma takes a shot from outside the box that got deflected by Varane and ended up in the back of the net. Cristiano Ronaldo scores vet again after 5 minutes as he finished the ball through a cross from the left flank by Bru-

no Fernandes which was first stopped by Fabianski, but the keeper couldn't hold the ball and Ronaldo got a tap in.

It was a very energetic first half of football and although Manchester United dominated the game for the first 10 minutes, West Ham redeemed themselves over time. On

paper, United might have more of the ball, but the Hammers were equally strong on the counter and had close calls in front of goal. The red devils would have been leading the game if Ferandes's shot had not struck the far post. Although West Ham did compar-

atively better in the second half,

Jesse Lingard found the net in the 88th minute of the game as he smashed the ball in the top right corner.

The home fans lept with hope in the stoppage time as West Ham received a penalty due to a handball offence by Luke Shaw. Mark Noble was subbed on to take a penalty but his spot kick was stopped by David De Gea in the end.

Cristiano Ronaldo has scored in every game he has played for Manchester United since he came back and this is going to happen for quite a long time. Ronaldo plays as their sole striker and the job of their whole team is to just provide the ball to Cr7 and he will get the job done.

Although pundits might think this isn't the right way to play, as long as it is working out for them they are going to keep doing it. Keeping Ronaldo off the scoresheet is almost an impossible task no matter how good the defenders do.

The sheer amount of goal scoring (MAJDP) as well as the High-Level (HLC) expected to be held in 2022.

"We appreciate this has

been a terribly difficult time for the PCB and wish to pass on our sincere

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Briefs

Netherlands unveils Holocaust monument

FOREIGN DESK

AMSTERDAM: A monument listing 102,163 Dutch victims of the Holocaust was unveiled by King Willem-Alexander in Amsterdam on Sunday, the first national memorial to be built in the Netherlands.

The monument, designed by Daniel Libeskind, 75, who lost relatives in the Holocaust, lies in the centre of the Dutch capital and is a labyrinth of brick walls that, when seen from above, form Hebrew letters reading "in remembrance".

Each stone carries the name of a Jew, Roma or Sinti who was deported from the Netherlands and who died in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. It is the first memorial to commemorate all the victims from across the Netherlands in one place.

"It gives the feeling that they really existed," said Hetty de Roode, a Jew whose parents, brother and sister all died in the camps. De Roode, who attended the unveiling, survived by hiding with a family in the north of the Netherlands. Most of the Jewish population in the Netherlands was deported during the German occupation.

"It's a black page in the history of our country," Prime Minister Mark Rutte said. "It forces us to question whether more should have been done to prevent it and to realise that even these days anti-Semitism is never far away.'

Sudan seizes smuggled weapons from Libya

KHARTOUM: Sudanese forces on Saturday seized a shipment of weapons from war-torn Libya, according to the country's Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Our forces "deployed on the

border strip between Sudan.

CJP Justice Gulzar visits Al Azhar University Jakarta

Inaugurates the Allama Muhammad Iqbal Room and Pakistan Corner in the library of Al Azhar University

DNA

JAKARTA: Chief Justice of Pakistan Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed inaugurated the Allama Muhammad Iqbal Room and Pakistan Corner in the library of Al Azhar University Jakarta. Hon'ble Chief Justice is currently on a four-day visit to Indonesia, accompanied by Honorable Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan, to participate in the 2nd Judicial Conference of Constitutional and Supreme Courts/Council of OIC Member/Observer States. The inauguration event was held at Al Azhar University, Jakarta, which is one of the prestigious universities of Indonesia and was attended by the Rector of Al Azhar University, faculty members and select students (due to COVID-19 related restrictions in Indonesia).

In his opening remarks, Rector Al Alzar University Mr. Asep Svaifuddin welcomed



the guests, expressed gratitude to the Government of Pakistan for the initiative

and hoped that it would bring the youth of both countries closer to each other.

In his remarks, Ambassador of Pakistan H E Mr Muhammad Hassan explained the

historic nature of brotherly relations between Pakistan and Indonesia. He stated hammad Iqbal Room

Russian ceasefire report regrettable

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that the Embassy was ex-

ploring more innovate ways

to raise the level of bilateral

relations, especially through

Mr. Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan,

in his remarks, thanked the

government of Indonesia

for the warm hospitality

during the course of the

visit and lauded the efforts

of Embassy of Pakistan

and Al Azhar University in

enhancing the educational

He hoped that establish-

ment of Pakistan Corner

and Sir Allama Muhammad

Igbal Room at the University

would provide an opportu-

nity to Indonesian students

to explore history and rich

literary heritage of Pakistan

and the thoughts and philos-

ophy of Allama Muhammad

After the inauguration by

Honorable Chief Justice Mr.

Justice Gulzar Ahmad, the

dignitaries visited Pakistan

Corner and Sir Allama Mu-

the Covid pandemic, it's

collaboration.

Iqbal.

educational cooperation.

FOREIGN DESK

BAKU: The deputy head of the Azerbaijani Defence Ministry press service, Anar Eyvazov, has described as surprising and regrettable the Russian Defence Ministry statement on truce violation in the direction of Shusha, local media report-

ed on September 19. The statement made by the Russian Defence Ministry, quoting the Armenian side that two Armenian armed men were wounded in the direction of Shusha on September 17, allegedly as a result of shelling by the Azerbaijan army units, is surprising and regrettable, he said.

"Thus, the incident was investigated with the joint participation of representatives of the Azerbaijani Defence Ministry and the leadership of the Russian peacekeeping forces. As a result, it was established that the Azerbaijan army units did not open fire on the indicated date in this direction," Eyvazov stressed. He noted that "it is not clear that the information investigated with the participation of both parties was subsequently presented in a com-

pletely different form". Eyvazov underlined that Azerbaijan continues its efforts to ensure stability in the region and prevent possible provocations under Azerbaijani laws and strictly adheres to the provisions of the trilateral joint statement signed by Baku, Moscow and Yerevan in 2020.

SpaceX all civilian crew completes mission

FOREIGN DESK

WASHINGTON: Four SpaceX tourists returned to Earth safely on Saturday after spending three days in space, successfully concluding the first orbital mission in history with no professional astronauts on board. The SpaceX Dragon capsule, whose heat shield

SAARC CCI urges world to give peace a chance in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD: SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Sunday called upon the West in general and United States in particular to give peace a chance to prevail in war torn Afghanistan by fully supporting economically to

rebuild the state. Talking to a delegation of senior lawyers led by Rana Muhammad Aqil Nasir, President SAARC chamber Iftikhar Ali Malik said economic sanctions on new regime of Taliban will not serve the purpose rather

than further deteriorate the worsening situation. He said it's West and US responsibility to help avert

humanitarian disaster in Afghanistan after ending their 20 years long presence last month. He called on US to unfreeze

\$9.5 billion assets of the Afghan central bank which has been blocked since Taliban take over.

He said World Bank and IMF should also unblock Afghanistan aids of \$800 millions and \$400 million respectively committed to

country in 2021 for development projects otherwise it will cripple all efforts for durable stability ,peace and

economic development. Iftikhar Ali Malik said the main part of the expenses should also be borne by the US and NATO countries which were directly responsible for the grave consequences of their prolonged presence in Afghanistan

He said Afghanistan should be guided to be more open and inclusive and pursue moderate domestic and

foreign policies rather than pushing towards wall.

He said it is equally essential for the international players and major donors to stay engaged to support the Afghan people and help restore it's totally collapsed economy.

Other members of delegation included Mian Jaffer Hussain, Mian Mahmood Ahmad Qazi, Junaid Jabbar Khan, Jawwad Tariq Nasim, Asif Nazir Awan, Jalil Ur Rehman, Shafique Butt ,Mian Dawood ,Anas Sh and Ayesha Shafique. - APP

Afghanistan, climate change top issues at **JNGA debate**

sion," Pakistan's Ambassador to the UN, Munir Akram said istan, climate change and the coronavirus crises will in an interview with APP correspondent Iftikhar Ali. dominate discussions at the U.N. General Assembly's Noting that the world conhybrid high-level debate startfronts multiple challenges ing Tuesday in which a large number of world leaders, devastating impact on the including Prime Minister Imeconomies of developing countries and ever growing ran Khan, are set to participate, as security is tightened threat of frequent climate disasters - he said these threats in New York. Despite U.S. requests that member states coincide with rising tensions send pre-recorded messages between the great powers, to curb the spread of the coroparticularly the US and Chinavirus, 83 heads of state, 43 na, a new arms race and prime ministers, three deppersisting and proliferating uty prime ministers and 23 conflicts in the Middle East, foreign ministers are schediled to address the Assembly in person. PM Khan will virtually address what is known as the "world's biggest diplomatic gathering" on September 24, as also the presidents of Iran, Egypt, France, Indonesia, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Each delegation will be permitted to bring up to seven members to the general debate, including the chief delegate, in the scaled-down 76th session of the 193-member Assembly. Covid-19 had pushed the 75th anniversary session last year online for the first time in UN's history. This year's theme is: "Buildstatement, which will be deliving resilience through hope ered by Prime Minister Khan, - to recover from COVID-19, is expected to convey Islamrebuild sustainability, reabad's views on the major spond to the needs of the global economic and political planet, respect the rights issues as well as on the grave situation in Indian occupied of people, and revitalize the United Nations". Jammu and Kashmir and on "We will participate actively the fast evolving situation in in the General Assembly ses-Afghanistan. - APP

UNITED NATIONS: Afghan-

Egypt, and Libya, managed to seize a shipment of weap ons, ammunition, and explosives coming from the State of Libya," the RSF said in a statement.

According to the statement, four people, including two Libyans, have been arrested. RSF commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Ali Ahmed Mahmoud Awajeh, said RSF units were dispatched to the Saif al-Barli area on the border triangle after receiving intelligence information about the presence of arms-trading gangs in the area.

The statement said after clashes between RSF and gangs at an area three kilometers from Saif al-Barli, the RSF managed to seize "two GMC cars carrying 36 Kalashnikov rifles and two boxes of grenades in addition to the DShK cannon, an RPG-7 launcher, and a large number of ammunitions of various kinds." - APP

Turkey's first lady to roll out new book

News Desk

ANKARA: Turkey's first lady this Monday will introduce her book on her travels in Africa for the first time at the Turkish House in New York.

Emine Erdogan, who wrote about her impressions and memories of her travels to Africa, is flying with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to New York on Sunday to attend the UN General Assembly

She will introduce her 'My Africa Travels' book for the first time to spouses of country leaders, the UN and other international representatives, as well as representatives of NGOs and foreign mission chiefs. The book, which is dedi cated to Emine Erdogan's mother, covers the first lady's visits from 2014 to 2020 to 23 countries, including Algeria, Ethiopia, Somalia, Tanzania, Mozambique, and Senegal. The book will go on sale in Turkey at the beginning

of October, and will also be published in English, French, Arabic and Swahili by international publishers.



KABUL: Pakistan ambassador to Afghanistan Mansoor Ahmad Khan inaugurated 'Iqbal House', new building block built at Pakistan embassy Kabul containing consular rooms, class rooms for vocational center and residential rooms for consular staff. - DNA

Africa, South Asia and other regions of the world. "It is expected that the focus allowed it to withstand deof the General Assembly's scent, was slowed down by discussions will be on these four large parachutes before global issues and on certain splashing into the Atlantic conflict situations," the Pa-Ocean off the coast of Florikistan envoy said. Member da at 7:06 pm (2306 GMT), states, he added, are also according to a video feed by expected to respond to the comprehensive report entitled: Our Common Agenda submitted last week by the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres that contains several new proposals for enabling the U.N. to deal with the world's current and future problems. Ambassador Akram said Pakistan's policy

the company. 'That was a heck of a ride for us, and we're just getting started," billionaire captain Jared Isaacman. who financed the trip with a goal of making space a bit more accessible, said shortly after landing. A SpaceX boat immediately retrieved the capsule, before its hatch was opened and the space tourists,

smiling broadly and waving their arms in the air. exited one by one. They were next headed for

the Kennedy Space Center, where their mission had begun on Wednesday.

Armenia's ecological invasion of Azerbaijan's Okchuchay

Brief information about the river Okhchuchay

KHCHUCHAY is the left tributary of the Araz river (83 km long, the catchment area is 1,175 km2), originating from Gapijig mountain (3285 m) of Zangazur range. The larger part is located within the Syunik region of Armenia. The lower course of the river flows through Zangilan (recently liberated territory from the Armenian occupation) and

enters Araz river. Its flow is formed by snow (46%), rain (10%) and groundwaters (44%). The average annual water flow is 10.0 m3/sec, the average annual volume is 315 million m3. 40% of the annual flow is formed during the spring period, 43% in summer, 10% in autumn, 7% in winter season.

> Transboundary pollution In Azerbaijan about 70% of the country surface water resources are heavily dependent on the external inflow from neighboring countries.

The main part of the transboundary river - Okhchuchay flows through the territory of Armenia. The lower stream of Okhchuchav flows through the territory of Azerbaijan and enters Araz river, the second largest water course in the South Caucasus. The Araz river is also a transboundary river with Armenia that joins the Kura - the largest river watercourse in the region. Both rivers play a key role in providing drinking water, as well as irrigation of the whole country.

Pollution of the Okhchuchay has a direct negative impact on the quality of both Araz and Kura rivers

Main sources of transboundary impact Okhchuchay is heavily polluted by

mining waste of Gafan and Gajaran mines located on the territory fo Armenia. The river is almost used as a collector of mining waste of these industrial facilities. Contamination of Okhchuchay with heavy metals and salts takes place due to wastewater generated from mining and processing enterprises and discharged directly into the river basin. The location of the largest mining enterprises in Armenia Gajaran Copper-Molybdenum Plant in Armenia (Zangazur Copper-Molybdenum Plant) and Gafan Ore Processing Plant in Syunik region, at the source of the Okhchuchay River (called Vogji River in Armenia) confirms the fact of pollution namely from these sources.

Environmental concerns Continuing intensive pollution and negative impacts to Okhchuchay may have detrimental and irreversible effects on to the nature of the region and its people.

Drastic changes in the quality of water in the river can have extremely negative effects on its use for domestic and agricultural purposes.

Especially, frequent pollution and negative changes in quantity and quality may result in unique river ecosystem degradation reduction and disappearance of rare and endangered species. Pollution may also lead to serious food safety problems.

Using of contaminated water can lead to detrimental consequences - disorders of gastrointestinal tracts, destructive processes in kidneys, bones, disorders of cardiovascular and nervous systems of the human body.



Monitoring results

The liberation of the Azerbaijani lands previously occupied by Armenia has given an access for the Azerbaijani ecologists to local rivers flowing through the territories of the Zangilan district and they conducted monitorings in Okhchuchay river, including other transboundary rivers.

River pollution was confirmed by monitoring. The monitoring results were analyzed in national laboratories, including internationally accredited and certified foreign laboratories.

According to the analysis of water test samples taken from Oxchuchay in January-June 2021, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of the Republic of Azerbaijan reported that high amounts of heavy metals, especially copper, molybdenum, manganese, iron, zinc and chromium were found in the river water. Observations revealed the water color has drastically changed from time to time due to pollution from white to acidic-yellow color.

Addresses to international organizations

Unfortunately, Armenia - from where the majority of rivers flow into the territories of Azerbaijan - has not yet joined the Helsinki Convention on Transboundary Watercourses. This international document adopted in 1992 in Helsinki (Finland) serves as a mechanism for strengthening the national measures and international cooperation aimed at achieving the environmentally



sound management and protection of the transboundary surface and ground waters.

MENR addressed international organizations to share its concern on the environmental hazards and critical situation of the river Okhchuchay. International organizations were informed about facts of pollution and called upon to take urgent measures to prevent irrevocable degradation of region's unique ecosystem. But the mentioned requests remained unanswered till today. Azerbaijan calls upon international community and environment activists around the world to consolidate efforts for bringing an end to the pollution.







Briefs Pakistan sends 300ton edibles for Afghans

Ch. Sarwar vows to extend **GSP** Plus status for Pakistan

He made these remarks at a dinner hosted by Zafar Bakhatawri Secretary General UBG in honour of Dr Gohar Ijaz' honorary Doctorate degree

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social services.

PESHAWAR: Pak-Afghan Cooperation Forum (PACF), on behalf of the Pakistan government on Sunday dispatched 17 trucks loaded with 300 ton edibles to Afghanistan on the humanitarian basis.

BUREAU REPORT

Briefing media at the at Pak-Afghan border Torkham, Chairman, Pak-Afghan Cooperation Forum (PACF) Habibullah Khan Khattak, said "Afghans are our Muslim brothers and neighbors and we have centuries old relations with them."

He said that the 40 years long war in Afghanistan ruined the economy, agriculture and administrative infrastructure of the country and the sudden withdrawal of international aid agencies put the entire population at risk.

Habibullah said, last year's drought also added to the miseries of Afghan people who were facing humanitarian crisis. The situation can result into a humanitarian catastrophe, if an immediate and effective steps are not taken, he added.

Khattak further said that Pak Afghan Cooperation Forum is a Trust established to assist Afghan population in the hour of need. "We aim not only to provide immediate humanitarian assistance in form of food, medicine and non-food items to the people of Afghanistan, but to help them to stand on their own feet and make their homeland a peaceful, stable and responsible member of global community", Khattak added.

"Our activities not limited to coordinate all humanitarian assistance but includes procurement, storage, transportation, and distribution of rations, medicine or shelter for the needy people of Afghanistan as well as interact with prospective donors and beneficiaries at organizational and individual levels and



he started it, he reached at the present stage of spendhe started his career as the Chairman of Jinnah Hospital SM Munir, Patron Patron Lahore The chain of services in Chief UBG, said that Dr. must move forward. Gohar Ijaz was providing Former LDA chairman SM food to 20,000 people daily

Imran said that Pakistan's business community should unite and work out a plan of action to solve their problems and we can fulfill our demands from the government only with the power

General, UBG, said that Pakistan will not be able to become a prosperous and developed country unless the dignity of business person in this country is enhanced. He said that the policies of the country should be made business community.

in consultation with the Pakistan will never be able to achieve the goals that of unity. Mr Imran said that Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Allama Igbal have Muhammad dreamed of. Khalid Tawab, President, UBG Sindh, said that it is welcome that our second generation which includes Gohar Ijaz, SM Imran and

Ahsan Bakhtawari. Along with having a keen interest in business, they are also playing a role in social services.

Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Secretary Information, UBG, said that the Prime Minister should include talented and successful businessmen in his foreign trips and only them such business forum

Zafar Bakhtawari in his adideal businessman and an ideal Pakistani. Former Senior Vice Presi-

dent of FPCCI Hanif Gohar in his address said that Dr. Gohar Ijaz has set an excellent example by giving the share of deserving people from his profits according to Quran and Sunnah and the business community is proud of him. Yasir Ilyas, Presi dent, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce, said that Pakistan could be made a prosperous country by focusing on tourism and agriculture. Former Vice President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ahsan

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that Pakistan should work for the promotion of trade with its friendly countries in which Turkey, Azerbaijan and Central Asian countries republics are at the forefront.

dress on the occasion said

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador of Kazakhstan Yerzhen Kistafin said that ISLAMABAD: The Embassy Pakistan is a great country of Thailand to Pakistan has the region and our Pres resumed the visa and COB ident has specially sent us to establish relations with Pakistan and his President will visit Pakistan this year.

Putin's party set to retain parliament majority

AGENCIES

MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin's party was set Sunday to retain a majority in parliament on the last day of three-day elections in which most Kremlin critics were barred from the ballot.

The vote comes in the wake of an unprecedented crackdown on the opposition this year, with Russian authorities jailing Putin's bestknown domestic foe Alexei Navalny and banning his organisations as "extremist". In the lead-up to this weekend's vote, all of his top allies were arrested or had fled the country, with anyone associated with his groups kept from running in the parliamentary and local polls scheduled to close at 8:00 pm Sunday.

'These essentially aren't elections. People in effect have no choice," 43-yearold businessman Vladimir Zakharov told AFP in Russia's second city Saint Petersburg.

The elections were also marred by claims of censorship and rampant ballot stuffing.

As voting kicked off Friday, Apple and Google caused an uproar among Russia's opposition after they removed Navalny's "Smart Voting" app, which showed supporters which candidate they should back to unseat Kremlin-aligned politicians.

Thailand resumes visa service for Pakistanis All passengers must follow the Thai govt's SoPs

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undertake any other such assignment that is helpful in rebuilding Afghanistan," said Khattak.

India used US tech to spy on Pak, China

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LAHORE: A US company's

tech was abused by the

Indian government amid

warnings that Americans

are contributing to a spy-

fire for being out of control,

its "zero-day", security vul-

spy on Pakistan and China.

37-year-old Exodus CEO

and cofounder Logan Brown

said that after an investi-

gation, he believes India

handpicked one of the Win-

dows vulnerabilities from

the feed-allowing deep

access to Microsoft's op-

erating system-and Indian

government personnel or

a contractor adapted it for

India was subsequently cut off from buying new

zero-day research from

his company in April, says

Argentina

plans to buy

12 JF-17

Thunder jets

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ISLAMABAD: Argentina

plans to buy 12 JF-17 Block

III fighter jets from Paki-

stan, as per international

According to media reports,

the draft Argentine budget

for fiscal year 2022 was

presented to the National

Congress, which included a

request of US \$664 million

for the acquisition of JF-17

Thunder Block III fighters.

The draft made it clear

that the Argentine Air

Force has chosen Pakistan

for purchasing its next su-

personic fighter, discard-

ing the offers from Russia,

USA and India.

media reports.

malicious means.

Brown.

Forbes reported.

marks will remain even after we leave and people will remember them because of such things. Zubair Tufail, President,

started helping him from

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in the hospitals of Lahore

and in the days of corona,

he was continuously pro-

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things in life so that our

ing in social sector

UBG, said that Dr. Gohar Ijaz is one of the best and most successful businessmen in Pakistan and the way

Prime Minister Imran Khan has been working sincerely to move Pakistan forward economically and by work-

ing continuously for the last three years he has taught people like us how to work. Zafar Bakhtawari, Secretary

abroad would achieve positive results. In his address, Mian Akram

Farid, Chairman, Founder Group ICCI, said that parents should pay special attention to the training of their children so that we can make our children an

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issuance for all types of visa categories traveling from Pakistan to Thailand starting from 20 September 2021. All passengers must follow the Royal Thai Government's procedures and measures, ncluding mandatory quarantine requirement, for a period of 14 days with no exception regardless of vaccinated or non-vaccinated passengers as well as fulfill each visa's requirements and eligibilities. Please also be informed that travels to Phuket Sandbox, Samui Plus Sandbox, and other initiatives are subjected to the lists of eligible countries and port of departure, as officialy announced by Tourism Authority of Thailand.

Tri services' contingent participates in Egypt drills

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RAWALPINDI:Pakistan Armed Forces' contingent comprising Army, Navy and Air Force troops participated for the first time since 2009 in Multinational Exercise Bright Star 2021 conducted at Mohamed Naguib Military Base, Egypt. The closing ceremony of the exercise was held at Mohamed Naguib Military Base with 20 participant countries including Egypt, United States, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Cyprus, Iraq, Bahrain, Sudan, Morocco, Kenya, Italy, Spain, United Kingdom, Greece, Kuwait, UAE, Tunisia, Nigeria, Tanzania and France, said an ISPR news release here received. Engineer-in-Chief, Lieutenant General Moazzam Ejazvatt ended the closing ceremony of the exercise.

The two weeks long exercise was focused on the capability to counter regional hybrid threats, strengthen regional stability by fostering combined force interoperability, joint force integration and enhance maritime security operations.

Egyptian Minister of Defence and commander-in-Chief, General Mohamed Zaki and military officials from 20 countries including USCENT-COM witnessed final phase of joint training that included live fire of different weapons including aircrafts, helicopters and tanks.

Shehbaz for equitable distribution of resources

NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: Pakistan Muslim ware industry already under League (Nawaz) President and opposition leader in National Assembly Shehbaz Texas-based Exodus Intelli-Sharif has emphasized that gence believed India used in order to strengthen the democratic dispensation, nerabilities that hackers can they need to take along all use to attack systems, to provinces.

Shehbaz on Sunday visited the residence of Balochistan National Party (Mengal) Chief Sardar Akhtar Mengal in Karachi to condole the demise of his father, Sardar Atta Ullah Mengal.

Talking to media, Shehbaz said that he had a relationship of respect with Sardar Attaullah Mengal. "He struggled for the rule of law. He used to talk straight. He



had played a key role in the house to condole his father's abolition of Article 52-B of passing away. Saying this, he the Constitution.³ uttered he would do no more "This is the true patriotmedia talk on this occasion. ism which may take this Earlier, Mr Shehbaz ar-

country forward," Shehbaz maintained. The PML-N president stated that all provinces should be given equal respect and people of all provinces should avail all kind of resources. "Look at Balochistan. It is fac-

ing crisis of water shortage. There is plethora of other problems engulfing this province as well," he added. Shehbaz held that if they had to realize the dream of Quaide-Azam then they would have to take all provinces along. Akhtar Mengal while talking to media said that he along

with his family was grateful to

Mr Shehbaz who came to his

rived in Karachi on Sunday

to express his sorrow over

the death of Sardar Akhtar

party meeting.

Karachi for two days and important political and social personalities are visiting his house.

Sardar Akhtar is an important political ally of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM).

It is pertinent to note here that the political meetings at his residence have assumed special importance in the context of the Balochistan opposition's no-trust move against Chief Minister Jam Kamal. Sardar Akhtar will meet JUI-F Balochistan leader Maulana Abdul Wasay. Both the leaders would discuss the ongoing political situation in the province. They will also ponder over

Mengal's father. He will hold parleys with the party leaders and preside over a Sardar Akhtar will stay in CM Kamal successful.

to attend 24th International Sea Power Symposium 2021.

the number game to make no-confidence motion against

DNA ISLAMABAD: the Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi was on an official visit to USA

ty cooperation. This year During the visit, the Naval the theme for the symposi-Chief also had one-on-one um was 'Strength in Unity' meeting with Naval leaderand delegations of over 80 ship of various countries. countries including naval & The International Sea Powcoast guard leaders attender Symposium is organized ed the conference.

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2023 elections will not be held without reforms

Fawad Chaudhry accuses the CEC and Opposition of creating hurdles in the way of electoral reforms

KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Fawad Chaudhry has said that the 2023 general elections will only be held after electoral reforms take place. Addressing a press conference in Islamabad on Sunday alongside Minister for Science and Technology Shibli Faraz, Chaudhry continued his criticism of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja, saying that he should resign and join politics if he cannot steer clear of controversies.

He also accused the CEC and Opposition of creating hurdles in the way of electoral reforms. "A campaign is being run against EVMs," he said, adding that the CEC and the Opposition "are speaking the same tongue". "The way the ECP raised objections on the against EVMs "under some agenda".

The minister said that the objections raised on the use of electronic voting machines (EVMs) were raised "deliberately" and only 10 out of the Election Commission of Pakistan's (ECP) 37 objections were related to the EVMs. He accused the ECP of "disap-



pearing" all points in its report that were in favour of EVM.

saying that "this is not a banana republic" for him to behave this way.

"He doesn't bother about the Supreme Court, the president of Pakistan, National Database and Registration Authority, or anything, if he is not in a good mood," the minister alleged.

The minister said that it is the first time in Pakistan's history that the government is talked about it.

"The reforms introduced by the government have increased the people's trust in the voting process far beyond the previous 33% and everyone agrees that the current election system needs reforms," said Chaudhry.

electoral reforms and EVMs because they want unbiased and fair elections.

Chaudhry asked the Opposition and ECP to put forward their suggestions for reforms if they don't accept the ones introduced by the government. He added that the government will ask two members of the ECP to step forward and review the points raised by CEC Raja in the ECP report.

Faraz, while addressing the conference, said that they government is not talking about EVMs alone but also about the role of technology.

He said that the government wants to bring EVMs in order to make elections fair "but unfortunately the ECP itself is biased".

"This will not be allowed that on the whim of one election commissioner, the country is taken off the path to progress," he vowed. The science minister said that the ECP "did highlighted its own incompetence and were criticism against itself," said Faraz. He said that the ECP is "just passing time"

but he wants to make clear that this matter

Chaudhry also questioned the CEC's ab-EVMs, it reflects a particular mindset," said speaking about bringing election reforms, as not even bother to inspect the EVMs". Chaudhry, going on to state that the CEC is sence in meetings attended by the president, in the past it was always the Opposition that "27 out of 37 objections raised by the ECP

will not go to 2028. He said that a bill will be passed for the electoral reforms in the joint meeting of the Parliament.

He reiterated that PTI has always supported

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