

Briefs Farrukh condemns **Indian acts**



on Sunday lashed out at the Modi's government for snatching and burying body of late veteran Kashmiri leader Syed Ali Geelani and then registering cases against his family by the occupation forces in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. "Snatching and burying of Syed Ali Geelani's body by occupation forces and (then) registering cases against bereaved family is in fact a manifestation of Modi's government fascism and RSS mindset," the minister tweeted. The Modi's government was the worst example of oppression and human rights violation, he add-

Taliban ban aerial firing

ed to his tweet. - APP

DNA KABUL: The Taliban have issued directives ban

Four killed, dozens hurt in Quetta blast

Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claims responsibility for the suicide attack

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

QUETTA: Four security personnel were martyred and twenty people were injured Sunday morning when a suicide bomb blast took place at an FC checkpost located at Mastung Road. The Balochistan Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) confirmed the suicide attack had targeted the Sohana Khan FC checkpost at Mastung Road. Prime Minister Imran Khan, in a tweet, condemned the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) for the suicide attack.

The outlawed group took responsibility for the blast, according to media.

"My condolences go to the families of the martyrs and prayers for the recovery of the injured. Salute our security forces and their sacrifices to keep us safe by thwarting foreign-backed terrorists' designs," he tweeted. Federal Human Rights Minister Shireen Mazari also held the outlawed group responsible, condemning the attack in strong words. "Condemnable TTP attack today on FC checkpost in Quetta today. Condolences and prayers go to the families of the martyrs - our brave security forces continue to thwart the designs of terrorists esp the

RAW-funded TTP," she tweeted. Balochistan CTD spokesperson said that the CTD team had arrived at the spot and had started a probe into the incident. Police, law enforcement agencies and rescue officials

PM condemns TTP suicide attack

SAIFULLAH

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday condemned the Tehrik-e-Talban Pakistan (TTP) suicide attack on Frontier Constabulary (FC) check post, Mastung Road, Quetta which caused the loss of previous human lives.

Imran Khan in a tweet posted on his social media handle expressed his condolences with the families of the martyrs and prayed for the recovery of the injured. The prime minister saluted the country's

security forces and their sacrifices to keep the masses safe by thwarting foreign-backed terrorists' designs.

On Saturday, Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid had said that the issue of the TTP is one that the Imran Khan government must resolve, not Afghanistan. The issue of the TTP is one that Pakistan will have to deal with, not Afghanistan. It is up to Pakistan, and Pakistani Ulemas and religious figures, not the Taliban, to decide on the legitimacy or illegitimacy of their war and to formulate a strategy in response," said Mujahid, in an interview.

had soon arrived at the area after the blast. into the vehicle of a law enforcement agency The injured were shifted to the Sheikh Zaid at the checkpost. Shortly after the blast, a hospital, confirmed police. Police said the bomb disposal unit had arrived at the scene suicide bomber had rammed his motorcycle to conduct an investigation into the attack.



ISLAMABAD: Visitors taking interest in various items displayed at a stall on the 30th anniversary of Independence Day of Ukraine. The event was organised at the PNCA. - DNA

Is there any crisis within the Taliban ranks?

Sources say, DG ISI also took up the matter of safe exit of the foreign nationals through the land route

DNA

KABUL: There are certain media reports that all is not well within the ranks of Taliban leadership and it has been facing some serious challenges while announc-

Afghan neighbors discuss situation

The session, chaired by Pakistan's Muhammad Sadiq was attended by China, Iran, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

Shujaat Hamza

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday hosted a virtual meeting of Special Representatives/Envoys of neighbors of Afghanistan including the Islamic Republic of Iran, a foreign ministry statement said. "Special Representative for Afghanistan, Ambassador Mohammad Sadiq, chaired the ses-



News Desk

KABUL: Director General Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) Lieutenant General Faiz Hameed has met Afghan leadership in Kabul and discussed different matters, the local Afghan media reported Sunday. The DG also held meeting with former Prime Minister of Afghanistan Engineer Gulbadin Hikmatyar and deliberated

upon the formation of Afghan government. According

to the Afghan media reports Sunday, Pakistan's spy

chief met Gulbuddin Hekmatyar on Saturday night and

Afghan crisis

cements

Qatari

influence

DOHA: Political leaders

have flocked to Doha

and some countries have

moved their Kabul embas-

sies to Qatar, all praising

their host for its key role

in the airlift out of the Af-

Tiny Qatar has seized the

moment, cementing its

outsize global influence

and reputation as a neutral

mediator after winning the

trust of all sides in Afghan-

Qatar invited the Taliban

to open a political office in

Doha in 2013, with then US

president Barack Obama's

istan's forever war.

ghan capital.



other Afghan cities. Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, took to Twitter on Sunday and wrote that all the authorities in Kabul and other provinces of Afghanistan have been directed to arrest the individuals involved in the aerial firing. Those involved will also be disarmed and expelled from the cities. According to Zabihullah's statement, separate directives for identifying and penalising the individuals involved in aerial firing have been issued to the police and intelligence officials. The directives came after a celebratory aerial fire in Kabul lead to several casualties. Several people were killed in Kabul due to celebratory gunfire after the Taliban sources claimed their fighters had seized control of Panjshir, news agencies reported Saturday.

Special Report on Defence Day

Today's daily Islamabad POST carries one-page special supplement on the Defence Day of Pakistan. The supplement appears on the Page 2.

EU

EU-Pakistan business forum on Sept 8: envoy

EU Delegation would launch Business Forum to facilitate Pakistani SMEs, Promote trade with EU, EU Ambassador in Pak Androulla Kaminara said



ZUBAIR AHMAD

ISLAMABAD: Preparations have been completed for EU stan Pakistan Business Forum said. with Abdul Razzaq Dawood, Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan as Special Guest. The EU Pakistan delegation is all set to launch the first EU-Pakistan Busi-

ness Forum in Islamabad on September 8, 2021. Delegation would



Promote trade with the EU , EU Ambassador in Paki-Androulla Kaminara She said opportunities would be provided to the European Union and Pakistani businesses to increase bilateral trade.

The opening ceremony of the EU-Pakistan Business Forum for Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) is expected to be attended



including agriculture and auto parts manufacturers. She said the EU will take full advantage of the Pakistan Business Forum and establish the right links to expand its trade. The EU market while the EU has given GSP + concessions. Later this year there will be meetings in Lahore and Karachi as well.

ng the new government. Some media reports claim that there was a fight among various Afghan Taliban factions as Haqqanis are not ready to accept Mullah Hibatullah as the supreme leader. Sources claim the visit of the DG ISI to Afghanistan was also in the backdrop of this development. Sources further claim the delay may signal a much greater crisis within the Taliban, hence Hameed's emergency trip. Some Afghan factions seek a more inclusive government and are not enthusiastic about efforts to fight the Panjshiris.

The Taliban largely conquered Afghanistan on the back of political deals rather than military victories and are unenthusiastic about the losses they now sustain in ground fighting in the Valley and its approaches. Sources say, DG ISI also

took up the matter of safe exit of the foreign nationals through the land route as the international flight operations from the Kabul airport were still suspended. The British foreign secretary and all those foreign ministers who have recently visited Pakistan in fact insisted on just one point i.e safe passage to their nationals or those Afghans who have been working for them.

sion. China, Iran, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan participated," it said.

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NRFA, made the announcement on the group's Facebook page

AGENCIES

KABUL: The leader of the Afghan opposition group resisting Taliban forces in the Panjshir valley north of Kabul said on Sunday he welcomed proposals from religious scholars for a negotiated settlement to end the fighting.

Ahmad Massoud, head of the National Resistance Front of Afghanistan (NRFA), made the announcement on the group's Facebook page. Earlier, Taliban forces said they had fought their way into the provincial capital of Panjshir after securing the surrounding districts.

to solve the current problems and put an immediate end to the fighting and continue negotiations," Massoud said in the Facebook post. "To reach a lasting peace, the NRF is ready to stop fighting on condition that



blessing as conflict in Afghanistan raged. It went on to host talks between Washington and the Taliban that concluded in 2020 with a troop withdrawal agreement, followed by direct negotiations between the former insurgents and Afghan government.

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Guinea: President detained in coup

AGENCIES

CONAKRY: Gunfire rang out near the presidential palace in the Guinean capital of Conakry amid reports of an army coup on Sunday, witnesses told Reuters and several other news agencies. At least two people were injured from the violence.

The shots were fired in the Kaloum peninsula area of the capital, which is home not only to the presidential palace, but other government institutions and ministries.

A source in the presidential palace said that the president was detained by special forces. Yet, the source added that the soldiers staging the coup are only a small group, with the rest of the army staying loyal to President Alpha Conde.

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The Prime Minister discussed bilateral ties as well as Afghan situation with Arab and Gulf leaders STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan had telephone conversations with Crown Princes of Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi, and Emir of Qatar, separately. In his conversation with His Highness Mohamed Bin Zaved, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, the two leaders exchanged views on the issues of bilateral interest as well as regional developments, in particular the latest situation in Afghanistan. The Prime Minister reaffirmed the importance Pakistan attaches to its strong fraternal ties with UAE and close cooperation between the two countries. Prime Minister Imran Khan stressed that the world com-



munity must remain engaged. in order to support the Afghan people, economically and to help rebuild the country. He emphasized the need to address the dire humanitarian needs and to ensure economic stability of Afghanistan. The Prime Minister congrat-

ulated the Crown Prince for making excellent arrangements for the upcoming Expo 2020. He conveyed his best wishes for the resounding success of the mega event.

Prime Minister Imran Khan ternal ties with Saudi Arabia also held a telephone converand reaffirmed Pakistan's support for the Kingdom's soversation with the Saudi Crown



Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister. His Royal Highness Mohammed bin Salman. The two leaders discussed bilateral relations and exchanged views on the latest situation in Afghanistan Prime Minister Imran Khan conveyed warm wishes for the Custodian of the Two Holy international Mosques, His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz. The Prime Minister reaffirmed Pakistan's desire to

PM urges int'l leaders to assist Afghanistan

The PM and HRH Crown further fortify the historic fra-Prince agreed to work together to further augment and diversify bilateral ties in all spheres. Later, Prime



eignty and territorial integrity. The Prime Minister stressed that the international community had the responsibility to stand by the Afghan people and support them economically as well as to help rebuild the country. It was further agreed that the community must step up its engagement in order to avert any humanitarian and refugee crises.

further strengthen political and economic partnership with Qatar. He appreciated Qatar's assistance to Pakistan during the pandemic, in particular the care afforded to more than 200,000 Pakiissues of mutual interest.

of both countries. The Prime Minister underscored that a peaceful and stable Afghanistan was in vital interest of Pakistan and the region. He underlined that after 40 years of conflict and instability, there was an Minister Imran Khan held opportunity to establish last-

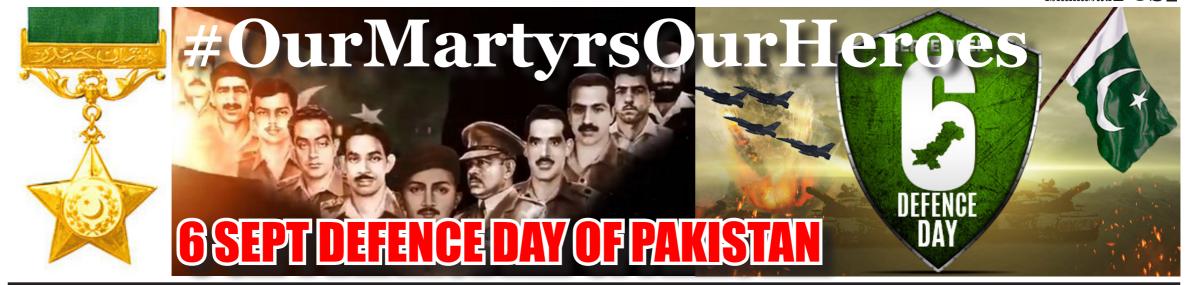
a telephone conversation ing peace in Afghanistan. with the Amir of the State of Prime Minister Imran Khan Qatar, His Highness Sheikh emphasized that the world Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani. community must remain The two leaders discussed positively engaged and supbilateral relations and export the Afghan people at changed views on the evolvthis crucial juncture - both ing situation in Afghanistan. economically and to help The Prime Minister reafrebuild the country. This, he stressed, was crucial to avert firmed Pakistan's desire to humanitarian and refugee crises in the country. The two leaders agreed to remain in close contact on bilateral matters as well as regional and international

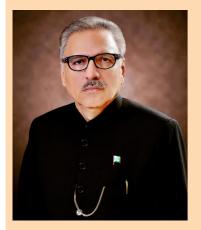
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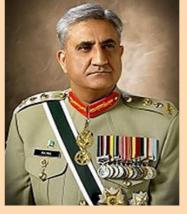
Dr. Arif Alvi President Islamic Republic of Pakistan



Imran Khan Prime Minister Islamic Republic of Pakistan



Gen Nadeem Raza Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee



General Qamar Javed Bajwa Chief of the Army Staff



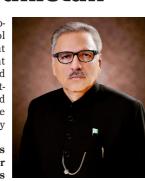
Admiral Amjad Khan Niazi Chief of the Naval Staff



Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu PAF Chief

Message from Dr. Arif Alvi President of Pakistan

UR Defence and Martyrs Day on 6th September stands out in history as a symbol of courage patriotism and commitment shown by the Armed Forces and by the valiant nation. On this day 56 years ago, the soldiers and officers of Armed Forces displayed unprecedented bravery and professionalism, and thwarted the evil designs of the enemy. Together with the whole nation at their back, Pakistan Army, Navy and Air Force defeated the enemy on all fronts. I pay homage to the soldiers and officers who displayed the highest degree of valour and sacrificed their lives for the country's



defence. I also salute the families of the shuhada for their fortitude and forbearance. The nation trusts the capability, combat readiness and resilience of our Armed Forces that have successfully overcome the security challenges faced by us. Our forces and agencies are also playing an active role in the internal security and have successfully defeated terrorist elements to provide peace to us. Our troops are actively contributing during floods, earthquakes and other natural calamities. They help maintain world peace under the UN banner.

I am confident that the spirit of 6th September makes us stand firm and steadfast against all odds. Today we are actively fighting a hybrid war being waged against us. I commend the security agencies for their relentless efforts towards exposing the enemy carrying out covert activities. I call upon the world community to come forward and condemn such naked hostilities aimed at sabotaging peace and stability in the region. Pakistan is fully cognizant of developments in our neighborhood. We are committed to securing peace, and prepared to thwart any plot hatched to hamper peace. This brave nation will never compromise on our sovereignty, security and territorial integrity. We shall never back away from our principled stand on the issue of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. We stand by the people of Kashmir in their just struggle for the right to self-determination guaranteed under the UN Security Council resolutions. Let us once again salute the heroes who sacrificed their lives while defending the motherland. Let us make a resolve that while keeping alive the spirit of September in our hearts, we shall continue to play our roles towards safeguarding the security of Pakistan to ensure a prosperous future for the nation.

Message from Imran Khan Prime Minister of Pakistan

IVING nations come out stronger and harder in the face of challenges. Pakistani nation stood out too, strong and resolute when the enemy in 1965 War challenged our existence. When India on 6 September initiated an undeclared war against Pakistan, the whole nation came out to the support of its defenders; many even started marching towards the border with bare hands. Such a display of national unity galvanized the already spirited armed forces in their fearless fight against the enemy, which has no parallel in history. The gallant sol-

diers and officers, pilots and sailors proved to the world that they are ever ready to defend every inch of the homeland at all costs. They fought bravely and did not care for their own lives and defended the frontiers by offering supreme sacrifice. This magnificent day, the 6th of September, comes each year to let us pay rich tributes in particular to our heroes, the Ghazis and Shuhada, and the gallant armed forces overall, who have always been nation's hope and pride. We salute the valiant sons of soil for laying down their precious lives in defence of their country. We pay homage to the families of Shuhada for sacrificing their loved ones in the defence of motherland. As we remember this day, the enemy hasn't accepted peaceful coexistence since creation of Pakistan - be it 1948, 1965, 1971 wars, the two decades long war against terror, creating disturbances and doing sabotage activities inside Pakistan or new waves of unleashed propaganda through cyber warfare and spy software. Unfortunately, in the past India constantly perpetrated terrorism against Pakistan, using Afghan soil to create unrest in Pakistan. On this day we not only condemn those involved in such heinous acts but also pay special tributes to our valiant Armed Forces who have rendered invaluable sacrifices for our motherland. The world must hold India accountable for its rogue behavior. We commend the proactive and timely response of our security forces; India today stands exposed before the world community for its bid to hamper peace in the region, especially with reference to Pakistan. Due to our government's proactive diplomacy, the international community is now convinced that the persecution of minorities across India and the atrocities unleashed on innocent Kashmiris in Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir must end forthwith.



Message from Admiral Amjad Khan Niazi Chief of Naval Staff

TH September is a radiant dayin our history that rejuvenatesour collective memories of unwaveringnational resolve in the face ofbrazen act of aggression.On this day in 1965, Pakistani Nationstood shoulder to shoulder with its valiant Armed Forces rendering supreme sacrifices to demonstrate tenacity of purpose against a much larger enemy. It ignites the fire of faith, indomitable courage and invincible spiritof our Shuhadas and Ghazis whodisplayed unparalleled valourthrough their acts of heroism.



We salute and pay homageto our Shuhadas and Ghazis who fought fearlessly and sacrificed their lives for preserving the sovereignty of theirmotherland.Pakistani nation celebrates this day with reverence to acknowledge the resilience of its valiant soldiers, sailors and airmen who defended the ideological and geographical frontiers of their homeland. The daring 'Operation SOMNATH' carried out by Pakistan Navy Ships todestroy Indian radar station and shore installations at Dwarka, on the Gujrat Coast left the enemy bewildered and shell-shocked.The offensive punch of PN demoralized theIndian Navy forcing theminto a defensive mould for the rest of the war. The uncontested dominance of lone PN Submarine inthe Indian Ocean kept major Indian Navy Ships inside the BombayHarbourremoving them altogetherfrom the battle theater.

Pakistan Navy, in the evolving regional scenario and emerging challenges, is committed to safeguard national maritime interests and ensureimpregnable maritime defence of the country. The Navy is successfully implementing maritime strategies to preserve peace and maritime order in the region. PN is also a partner for peace manifested in its conduct of multinational exercises such as Exercise AMAN and Overseas Deployments around the globe sending a message of peaceful co-existence and shared responsibility. This daybeing a reflection of grit, sacrifice and national integrity, validates the trust of Pakistani nation on Pakistan Armed Forces. The day reminds us, as a nation, to anchor strong faith in Allah SWT while adhering to Quaid's principles. Today, Officers, Men and Women of Pakistan Navy, reaffirm their pledge to defend maritime frontiers of the country for a secure and prosperous future of our coming generations. May Allah be our Guide and Protector (Ameen).

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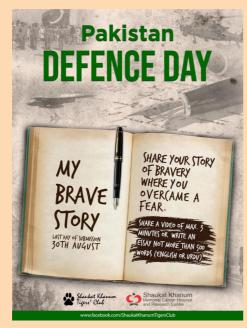
The Spirit of Defense Day

MUHAMMAD MATEEN

On the other hand, every citizen of the country demonstrated unblemished support for armed forces during the war. The people of Pakistan set aside their political, ethnic and sectarian differences and came forward as a unified nation against Indian aggression

The national symbols and ceremonies, for instance the flag, the anthem, the national days, and war memories etc., demonstrate deeper strands and meanings of the nation and serve as an integrating force within a polity. Symbolism, in view of its characteristic to raise collective consciousness, a prerequisite for a nation to thrive, is perceived as important as the economic and political factors. The national symbols constitute essential building blocks of a nation and, in other words, provide expressions to the nationhood. They bind the people together by reminding them of their nation's history. Moreover, they communicate a message, on the one hand, to its citizens about the loyalty, allegiance, devotion and sacrifices a nation demand, and, on the other hand, to the external forces through demonstration of power and unity. Likewise, the national days to commemorate national memories and heroic initiatives undertaken by the members of a community are included among the oldest instruments to reflect the collective identity as a nation. Owing to their crucial role in a nation's formation, Emile Durkheim, a renowned French Sociologist, terms the national symbols as determinants of a society's conduct. In this context, the heterogeneous societies are more inclined towards adopting Durkheimian approach to bridge the chasms and inculcate a sense of collective identity among their assorted constituents.

The Defense Day is a manifestation of the national symbols of Pakistan. It is very unfortunate that we often take independence for granted, while ignoring the sacrifices rendered by our forefathers to achieve it. Likewise, the military and security agencies of the country are serving round the clock to protect motherland from the threats posed by foreign adversaries and domestic peace spoilers. In this backdrop, Defense Day, as the name suggests, marks the commemoration of valor, bravery, courage and professionalism demonstrated by Pakistan's armed forces against the Indian treachery and aggressive designs during the 1965 war. Despite the surprise attack by Indian forces, the dauntless military personnel, with the whole nation on their back, not only successfully defended the sovereignty and integrity of Pakistan, but also struck back with unparalleled zeal and crushed the Indian forces as well as their aggressive dreams. The Defense Day is celebrated to remember the sacrifices rendered by Pakistan armed forces and pay tribute to all



the martyrs of 1965 war. In fact, the brave soldiers of Pakistan military services, backedby a unified nation against Indian aggression, objectified Jinnah's affirmation that, "There is no power on earth that can undo Pakistan."

The entrenched rivalries between India and Pakistan are largely embedded in the Kashmir conflict, an unresolved agenda of partition of Subcontinent. The Kashmir issue instigated a few military maneuverings from both sides during the early years; however, they remained confined to the disputed State of Jammu and Kashmir, with no spillover effects at the shared international border. Nonetheless, on September 6th, 1965, Indian armed forces, in utter violation of International Law, attacked Pakistan across the international border near Lahore without any declaration of war. India, the claimant of being the largest democracy, rebuffed the UN Charter and norms of civilized behavior in international relations to pursue its hegemonic designs in the region. Although Indian army chief Gen. J. N Chaudhry was confident of Indian success to the extent that he announced to have a peg of whisky in Lahore Gymkhana Club on eve of September 6th; however, Pakistan Army, with the support of Pakistan Air force, repelled the Indian attack causing heavy losses to the aggressors. Later, on September 8th, the Indian army launched its major attack at Sialkot border, which also ensued the largest tank battle following World War-II. The brave soldiers of Pakistan army fought back and firmly mauled a numerically strong Indian army, forcing it to withdraw after heavy physical and material losses. On the other hand, Pakistan army, in the meantime, also launched a counter offensive in South of Lahore and captured Khem Karan and its surroundings. On September 22, 1965, the war ended after both sides accepted the UN administered ceasefire.

Indian army, despite of its large numbers and being equipped with advanced US weaponry - the US, while ignoring Pakistan's security, concerns augmented defense support to India after the latter's defeat in the Sino-India war of 1962 - had to face humiliation at the hands of Pakistan army. The brave soldiers of Pakistan army sacrificed their lives but did not allow enemy to damage the integrity of motherland. Likewise, Pakistan Air Force provided significant support to the cadres of Pakistan army. Despite their first engagement in a war with India, the PAF pilots demonstrated extravagant skills and caused heavy losses to Indian Air Force. On the other hand, although the war was being fought on Lahore and Sialkot borders, Pakistan Navy, in view of strategic deterrence, conducted some tactical operations, which not only dented the Indian naval power but also underlined professionalism of Pakistan Navy. In this context, operation

"Dwarka", which caused irreparable losses to Indian Navy, marks the devotion, dedication and commitment demonstrated by Pakistan Navy during the war. The enemy, much constrained by the news of Pakistan Navy submarine Ghazi out at sea, could not put its naval combatants to action. In effect all naval units had bottled up at harbour through a classical example of blockade by a single sub surface platform against a numerically superior enemy. On 6 September 1965, one destroyer, two new and two old frigates were deployed on the eastern coast of India. The Carrier Vikrant and Delhi were under refit at Bombay while most of the remaining destroyers and frigates had just returned to Bombay after completing their exercises at Vishakhapatnam. It so happened that Indian Navy was caught unguarded right at the outset of an impressive naval action. It was an operational compulsion that Karachi harbour be defended and radar station at Dwarka was providing vital info to enemy air raids aimed at this asset.



Defence and Martyrs

HUMA ARSHAD

IKE every year since 1965 Pakistan is all set to observe the Defence and Martyrs Day on 6th September to pay tribute to the martyrs of the nation who had laid down their lives for Pakistan. It is the day to renew our pledge that no power on earth can undo Pakistan and we are a powerful, self-driven nation. Our defenders are the sign of solidarity, honest, and discipline with the purity to sacrifice their lives for their homeland. We observed the day to honor the martyrs of the September 1965 war which was imposed on Pakistan by India. The country has started observing this day to remember both civilians and military personals who had sacrificed for Pakistan. Defence Day is the day for celebrating and remembering all that so we can be strong and pass the message of courage and honesty to the youth of our country. It was the earlv 1960s when India was showing aggression. India wanted to change Kashmir's status and denied all the UN resolutions on the Kashmir issue. Among all these Kashmiri people were continuously raising their voices for freedom. In August 1965, severe clashes happened at LOC, and both countries started exchanging fire. On 6th September India attacked Pakistan hoping that it would win, but our well-organized army and our defense towards the attack had shocked them. Then on 7 September, single Pakistan airforce pilot M.M. Alam shot down five Indian airforce aircraft, which became a world record. M.M.Alam was flying F-86 aircraft. Hence Soldiers of Pakistan defended the country so that you and I till this year can celebrate this Day with freedom in our homeland. We remember you on this Da Our region has a history of producing one of the bravest of its time. Every year by celebrating this Day we pledge to protect our country and people. Aitazaz Hasan, Principal Tahira Qazi, Flight Lieutenant Marium Mukhhhtiar, and Arfa Kareem are all the

greatest examples of that pledge and the sacrifices they have made for their people has set a great example of patriotism, sacrifice, and love for the people of Pakistan who are united under one ideology that is Islam. Tahira Qazi, Principal of Army Public School is a name one can never miss. She had lost her life while protecting the students when the school came under attack on 16th December 2014. She was awarded Sitara-e-Shuja'at by the Government. Her bravery and sacrifice are an example of selflessness and love for her students. On the other hand, if we see the story of Aitaza Hasan, a 15-year-old boy, we came to know that this 15-year-old student had sacrificed his life while stopping a suicide bomber from entering his school in District Hangu KPK. His act of bravery saved the lives of 2000 students who were gathered for a morning assembly in the school in village Ibrahimzai of District Hangu. Marium Mukhtiar was a PAF flying officer, she is the first female pilot to die in a mission. When a trainer jet crashed and she embraced martyrdom. According to her parents, she always wanted to do something different The Government of Pakistan awarded Marium with Tamgh-e-Basalt. If we look into the contribution of Arfa Kareem we came to know that she became the youngest Microsoft Certified Professional at the age of nine in 2004. She was personally invited by Bill Gates to visit Microsoft Headquarters in the USA. Arfa left us in 2012 following a cardiac arrest. If we talk about the celebration of 6th September, we got to know that various military parades and celebrations are arranged on Defence Day. In military parades, we see innovations and advancements in the latest tactics. The main aim of all this is to celebrate our veterans and to honor and celebrate our military strength. Social media and TV channels play a pivotal role to boost and honor these celebrations on Defence Day.

We all must remember the sacrifices given by our soldiers and civilians for our homeland. Every Pakistani citizen's vision should revolve around the progress and prosperity of Pakistan.



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Pak to face unconventional security threats: experts

Devcom-Pakistan webinar proposes more vigorous planning and management of climate and cyber security, cordial connections with neighbours to ensure economic gains and secured borders

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Speaking at a webinar on Sunday, the experts opined that Pakistan is on the verge of more unconventional security threats than physical attack through the geo-borders as the new cold war in the region is being fueled up. The emerging geopolitical and economic situation in Afghanistan could pose an influx of migration to Pakistan. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects could also face the brunt of aggressive US-India collaboration against the brisk economic rise of China. Civil war in Afghanistan and unstable government would also have a trickle-down effect on Pakistan.

Pakistan needs to fully prepare its institutions and citizens to combat the impacts of changing climate especially on borders in the areas facing extreme weathers. Cyber security for financial institutions and defense installations will be more pertinent to ensure strong defense against cyber-attacks.

The webinar was organized by the Development Communications Network (Devcom Pakistan) and DTN on the subject, "Emerging Human Security Challenges for Pakistan and the Way Forward" in connection with the National Defense Day. Guest Speakers included Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defense Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Geopolitical Expert retired Lt General Haroon Aslam, Senior Journalist and Geopolitical Analyst Mazhar Abbas, former Add. Director General Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and Cyber Security Expert Ammar Jafri, Sen-



ior Journalist Fauzia Shahid, and Devcom-Pakistan Executive Director Munir Ahmed who conducted the webinar.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed said collective institutional decision making has been absent in the national life of Pakistan. All the institutions had never been on the same page as they were in 1965. We need the same spirit now too while the country is facing many challenges on borders as well as for human security. Poverty, health, population, climate change and disasters are some of the unconventional security threats that need to be dealt on war footings. The rise of Taliban in Afghanistan has been a blessing for Pakistan that has dysfunctional 66 Indian terrorist camps against Pakistan. Taliban's brisk takeover of Afghanistan has been shocking for many but it was envisaged. August 15, 2021 was the demise of the US war in the region. He hoped that now the countries in the region would be able to decide their fate. He also criticized the lack of

inclusive counter terrorism strategy.

Lt General (retd) Haroon Aslam said war is national effort and it was seen at its best in 1965 where all segments of society were united together to fight against the enemy. Now is the era of hybrid wars which are fought on many fronts simultaneously including cyber spaces, propaganda strategies and fake news. We have to take care of all these fronts with vigorous and integrated strategies

The concept of National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) has been failed and we need to win the public trust once again on the basis of transparent and cohesive strategies. Different types of threats are emerging around our borders which need to be dealt unitedly. Parliament, public and media have to play their role on the national strategic goals. A vibrant intelligence system and strong economy will help build Pakistan's defense at all levels.

DC directs

for expediting

anti-dengue

activities

ZUBAIR AHMAD

RAWALPINDI: Deputy Com-

missioner (DC) Rawalpindi

Muhammad Ali has directed

the authorities concerned of

Health, Environment, Civil

Defense, administration of

cooperative housing societies

A well-known former bureaucrat Tarqi Mustafa said Afghanistan is a burning point for Pakistan where an unstable government and weak economy would have resulted from migration to Pakistan and further stress on our food security. We all try to support Afghanistan for a viable, strong and an inclusive government. Taliban have learnt a lot from the past mistakes during the last 20 years. Hopefully they would have a regime addressing the contemporary needs of their society and the neighborhood.

Mazhar Abbas said we never had independent think tanks to guide us on our engagement policies with each other. Media is one of the components misused every time without taking notice of the actual weaknesses in the system. Commercialization of media has adversely affected the actual objectives. All governments and institutions mold it according to their need but never take care of the public and national interest which lies in the learned and independent media.

Ammar Jafri said the cyber security bill was prepared 8 years back and presented in the parliament. It is pending since then while cybercrimes have risen to the limits. The recent attack on the FBR virtual sites and databases has shown once again the importance of cyber security laws which should

be in place sooner than later. Fauzia Shahid urged the government to take all the media workers and journalists associations in confidence to launch the media reform agenda. It is unwise to wrap up existing legislation to enforce dictatorial laws to influence and pressurize the media to bow down. It would have severe consequences.

'Sitar & Tabla' classes begin at Theatre Walay

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: The training date for the admissions as classes for the classical soul registration for these music and emotion-provoking inclasses was continued and people might contact Theastruments of 'Sitar and Tabla' began at the Farm (Bantre Walley to confirm their igala) which was organized

link to peace process DNA ISLAMABAD: PMLQ Punjab Deputy Secretary In-

formation said in a press release that Pakistan has always wanted peace in Afghanistan. He said that the visit of

visit to Kabul

DG ISI Major General Faiz Hameed to Kabul is a link in the peace process. Peace in Afghanistan is very important for the development of the region.

The ongoing anti-Pakistan and anti-ISI campaign by Indian media is a futile attempt to maintain instability in Afghanistan. The future of Afghanistan is to be decided by the people there. Whoever they choose, Pakistan as a neighboring country will respect their decision. He added that in the past, India had been using Afghan territory against Pakistan and now there is

no more option for it. Pakistan armed forces and law enforcement agencies are active in national defense.

214 criminals held during last week

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ISLAMABAD: Senior-Super-intendent of Police (Operations) Dr Syed Mustafa Tanweer said that, Islamabad Police, during last week accelerated it's efforts against criminals and arrested 214 outlaws with huge recovery of looted items worth Rs 14.93 million.

Following directions of Inspector General of Police Islamabad Qazi Jamil ur Rehman and Deputy Inspector General of Police (Operations) Afzaal Ahmad Kausar, he said that renewed efforts were made and police achieved remarkable success. SSP (Operations) told that, 41 culprits were arrested involved in dacoity, robbery,

car/motorcycle theft while 13

absconders were held during



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Corporation.....9209224 Potohar Town......9209224 RawalTown......5773343

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DNA

Talking to APP, District Returning Officer, Rawalpindi II, and Shaheen Ghazal informed that arrangements been finalized in have Rawalpindi, Chaklala, Wah, Taxila and Murree cantonment boards for the cantonment local government election to be held on Sep-

tember 12. Total number of registered voters in five cantonment boards of Rawalpindi district is 664,873 including 343,894 male and 320,979 female.

The total number of registered voters in Rawalpindi Cantt is 279,529, in Chaklala Cantt 170,100, in Wah Cantt 196,250, in Taxila Cantt 15,976 while 3,018 voters are registered in Murree.

ing 285 for male and 276 for female and 22 joint polling stations would be set up to facilitate the voters to exercise their right of franchise on September 12. She said that total 1604 poll-

ing booths including 822 for male and 782 for female voters would be set up for the election.

To another question she informed that foolproof security arrangements are being finalized to ensure peaceful, transparent and impartial local government elections. Total 284 candidates including 33 of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, 19 of Pakistan Peoples Party and 36 of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz are contesting elections in five cantonment boards.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rawalpindi Muhammad Ali has also directed the authorities concerned to complete all the arrangements for cantonment board elections. He directed the district

ments including security. He said that the district administration had offered unconditional support to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) for upcoming local government elections. Besides all the arrangements, additional security of the polling station would also be ensured. Regional Transport Authority, Rawalpindi had also arranged vehicles to facilitate the election staff, he added

He directed the authorities to determine the responsibilities of all the departments concerned and a follow up meeting should also be organized to get updates about all the arrangements from all the departments. The DC said that transparent conduct of local bodies' elections is essential for the security and development of the country. Therefore, it is more a social responsibility than a professional one to implement Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) effectively.

and other departments to ex-583 polling stations includ- finalize all the arrangepedite anti-dengue activities in their respective areas. According to a district administration spokesman, the DC had instructed the departments to give special attention on anti-dengue activities particularly in all areas where dengue cases were being re-

ported. He said indoor and outdoor anti-dengue activities should be expedited in all vulnerable areas of the district as due to current weather condition and rains, it was now the peak season for dengue.

He said the departments concerned should further enhance coordination to improve their performance. Participation of the citizens in anti-dengue activities should also be ensured, he added. The authorities should take effective measures to control dengue while special teams should inspect residential and commercial places and educate the citizens about importance of sanitation, cleanliness and preventive measures against dengue, he added.

by Theatre Walay to provide a professional environment and encouraging platform for imparting musical skills o the interesting art and melody lovers

A Theatre Walay official Fizza Khan told APP that Sufi musician, composer, and writer Wajih Nizami played the plucked string instrument Sitar who was conducting the classes.

"Mr. Nizami is famous as the most well-known contemporary musician and a brilliant performer of clas-

admission. She said that Wajih Nizami was a classical sitarist and upholds the tradition of sitar playing transferred to him through eighteen generations of dedication and devotion to the music. He was carrving the legacy of Mian Tan Sein Ji, the court musician of Mughal emperor, Akbar.

sical musical instruments,"

She said there was no cut

Khan said.

Irfan Khan, another versatile musician who has been playing tabla for two decades, will also be the co-instructor at the music classes. He has performed locally and internationally.

the same period. Complete challans of 160 cases were sent to concerned apex courts, he added. Syed Mustafa Tanweer further stated that ICT Police had launched a special campaign against drug sellers/ bootleggers for elimination

of this menace from Capital. During this campaign Islamabad Police have nabbed 22 accused and recovered 5183 gram hashish and 1335 gram heroine.



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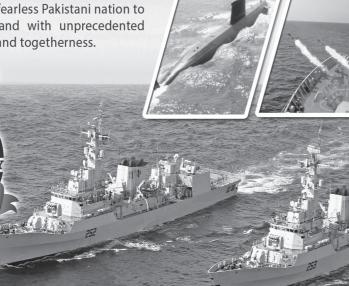
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PAL to organize seminar on **literary ties**

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) would organize a seminar titled "75 years of literary relations between Pakistan and various countries" on September 9.

Federal Secretary National History and Literary Heritage Syed Asif Hyder Shah will be chief guest on the occasion.

The seminar will be presided over by Prof. Dr. Asghar Nadeem Syed and Prof. Dr. Moinuddin Aqeel, said a press release issued here. Eminent Scholar Prof. Dr. Rauf Parekh and Prof. Rubina Tareen will be guests of honour on the occasion. Chairman PAL Dr. Yousaf Khush will present a welcome and introductory remarks on the occasion. The national and foreign eminent scholars will shed light on the role of Paki-

stani universities, literary institutes and relations with foreign countries. The seminar would be moderated by Dr. Asma Naveed.

Int'l Day of Charity marked

ISLAMABAD: United Nations' (UN) International Day of Charity marked on September 5 (Sunday) across the globe including Pakistan to promote charita ble efforts made to alleviate poverty worldwide.

On December 17, 2012, the UN designated September 5 as the International Day of Charity, which was first celebrated in 2013.

Educational events and fund raising activities will be arrange worldwide to commemorate the International Day of Charity.

Talking to APP a senior official of Sylani Trust Welfare said, "Number of people come and gave charity to orphans which were living here for last many years." ain mo to is to provide standard three times meal to these needy poor people those can't afford to Atleast satisfy their needs. He said every person has his or her own demand to give charity money to be used including providing shelter, clothes, meals, and anything which would benefit to these orphans children's specially. – APP

DC reviews District Health Authority's performance

The Deputy Commissioner Faisalabad says that the micro plan of anti-polio campaign starting from September 20 should be finalized and all available resources should be utilized for the success of the campaign

ISHFAQ MUGHAL

FAISALABAD: Deputy Commissioner Ali Shehzad took a detailed briefing on the working and performance of the District Health Authority. District Health Officer Dr. Bilal Ahmad that gave detail on district profile and health authority organogram and told about the HR issues. He told about existing facilities and said that two general hospitals and 4 THQs are functional besides 15 RHCs and 168 BHUs and dispensaries having 1331 beds. He gave also detailed about services providing and said that 26 FIRs have been registered against quacks while 4 million fine was imposed. He said that anti dengue campaign is continue and indoor and outdoor surveillance carried out and 23



shops had been sealed besides 132 FIRs registered. He told that till now 24653 corona positive cases and more than 2.1 million peo-

ple have been vaccinated so far. Deputy Commissioner said that expand the range of awareness campaign to protect people against the

current fourth wave of Corona. He called for speeding up the vaccination process and uploading reports on the relevant portals without delay. He stressed on the need to expedite anti-dengue measures and said indoor and outdoor surveillance activity should

Pottery making exhibition in full swing at Lok Virsa

here that traditional pottery has been a source of attraction for many local and foreign tourists due to its decorative nature and attractive designs, engravings reminding the lost glory of the past culture of centuries-old heritage. Adding he said Pottery, one

be carried out regularly. He

said that hotspots should be

inspected uninterruptedly.

He said that cases should

be registered against the

perpetrators of dengue

larvae breeding and public

awareness should also be

maintained. He said that

those who are playing with

human lives do not deserve

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strict action should be taken

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Additional Deputy Commis-

sioner Finance Afifa Shajia,

CEO Health Dr Mushtaq

Sipra, District Coordinator

Dr. Zulqarnain, DDHO Dr

Muhammad Ahmed, DMO

Sanam Gondal and other

of the oldest and most widespread of the decorative arts, consisting of objects made of clay and hardened with heat the objects made are commonly useful ones, such as vessels for holding liquids or plates or bowls from which food can be served. He said there were various

types of pottery including Earthenware, Stoneware, and Porcelain dating back to nine hundred old centuries these require increasingly more specific clay material.

Truck Art exhibition to start from Sept 17

ISLAMABAD: A 10-day "Artisans-at-work in Truck Art" exhibition would be held from September 17 to September 26, aiming to promote folk crafts arts, create an awareness among the masses about traditional skills and provide a platform to artisans to earn livelihood for them and their families. Talking to APP, Executive Director National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (NIFTH) Talha Ali said the exhibition would be displayed at National Heritage Museum, Lok Virsa.

He said it was important opportunity for people, especially youth to visit the exhibition and learn about the process involved from the respective master artisans who will not only demonstrate their work in front of visitors but will also sell their products on the occasion. - APP

Lok Virsa to organize 3-day Autumn Festival

ISLAMABAD: National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage -Lok Virsa in collaboration with Hill Joint would organize a three-day Autumn Festival from September 17 to 19.

With talented folk and independent artists and bands from all over the country, the event will save our environment by spreading positive vibes of musical and positive enforcement about climate change and saving our environment.

Executive Director Lok Virsa Talha Ali told APP that three-day music and cultural festival with two nights camping option at festival grounds for music lovers who want to join from far and beyond.

He said that with daily workshops, seminars, talks, poetry reading, miniature art, pottery stand-up comedy and theatre during the day, and musical festival at night. the event will be an all-inclusive cultural extravaganza. He said that registrations for folk and independent artists are now open till September 4. – APP

Female police officer abducted, raped in Muzaffargarh

She was travelling in a rickshaw when a car rider blocked auto's way a few steps away from the Saddar Police Station

DNA

MUZAFFARGARH: A female police officer was abducted right in front of a police station and then raped and tortured in Muzaffargarh district of Punjab. A gender crime officer whose name was not given was abducted at gunpoint in front of Saddar Police Station gate. However, the personnel of City Police Station where the case of lady sub-inspec-

elling in a rickshaw when The lady police officer was lata car rider blocked auto's er shifted to DHQ Hospital in way a few steps away from a serious condition. the Saddar Police Station The accused was now in and the DPO House and custody of the City Police

allegedly abducted the lady Station and further investigation was under way. sub-inspector at gunpoint. The abductor then took the According to a police spokeslady police officer to gardens

man, they have also recovered near the Chaman Bypass and the car used in the abduction allegedly raped her. He also of the lady police officer. tortured the gender crime The case against the ac-

cused was registered under 376/496, 511/A and "The suspect, identified as Kashif, was in a car. 506 Penal Code. DSP Nasar Bakhat Khan of He kidnapped the woman

the City Police Station will

13,000 raids conducted to check profiteering STAFF REPORT

The Magistrates were direct-

ed to pay regular visits to the

market on daily basis and take

stern action against those in-

volved in overcharging and

not displaying approved rate

Deputy Commissioner (DC)

Rawalpindi Muhammad Ali

has asked the citizens to use

'Qeemat App' or 080002345

to lodge complaints against

lists at their shops.

tery Making Exhibition' is in full swing at National Insti-RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi tute of Folk and Traditional district administration con-Heritage (NIFTH) -Lok Virsa ducted nearly 13,000 raids aiming to promote traditional in seven tehsils of Rawalpottery making, create awarepindi district to check profness among the masses about iteering, hoarding and other this centuries' old craft tradiviolations during August tion, and provide a platform while fines amounting to for artisans to use earn liveliover Rs 44.14 million were hood for their families. imposed on the rules viola-Talking to APP, Executive tors during the period.

Director Lok Virsa Talha Ali said it is an important opportunity for people, especially youth to visit the exhibition and learn about the process involved from the respective master artisans who will not only demonstrate their work in front of visitors but will also sell their products at the occasion.

He said it may be mentioned

officers were also present. ISLAMABAD: A 10-days 'Pot-

IIUI improves ranking

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Interna tional Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) after improving its position by 200 places has been ranked in top 601-800 universities across the world by Times Higher Education World University Rankings, while IIUI stands first in international outlook pillar of the aforesaid ranking among Pakistani universities.

According to the sources, International Islamic Uni versity, Islamabad (IIUI) has been placed in 601-800 position category by Times Higher Education World University Rank ings. In addition, out of 21 universities across the country, IIUI has been ranked on 2nd position in terms of performance for year 2022. International Islamic University is also on the top among five more universities of Pakistan that have secured a spot, for the first time in the world's top 800.

For year 2022 rankings include 1662 Universities across 90 plus countries worldwide. Universities were evaluated on five ranking pillars including teaching, research, citations, industry income, and international outlook. In its annual publication of university rankings, Times Higher Education, notes that Pakistan has emerged as the world's fastest improving nation on its metrics of teaching, research, citation, industry income and international outlook. These results, Times were generated claims, after reviewing 108 million citations and 430,000 data-points from participating institutions from all over the world.

tor's abduction and rape at gunpoint and took her was registered have arrested the culprit. The gender crime officer

was at the police station in connection with an investigation. She was trav-

to an empty plot near the Chaman Bypass," the investigation officer said. He raped and beat her up multiple times and then fled from the crime scene

officer black and blue.

supervise the case. Punjab IG Inam Ghani has taken notice of the incident. He has directed the regional police officer of Dera Ghazi Khan to prepare an initial case report.

profiteering and hoarding. He urged the citizens to come forward to play a role and help the administration in controlling the prices of essential commodities.



HYDERABAD: Members of Sohni Dharti Youth Council burns candle for the Shuhda of 6th September outside Hyderabad Press Club. - DNA Photo by Jan Ali Laghari

First TRC of Pakistan to be established in Lahore

BUREAU REPORT

FAISALABAD: First "Transgender Rehabilitation Centre (TRC)" of Pakistan will be established in Lahore for the main streaming of this neglected segment of the society, said Syed Yawar Abbas Bukhari Provincial Minister for Bait-ul-Mall and Social Welfare. He was addressing a function in Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) which was attended by philanthropists, industrialists, representatives of NGOs and social welfare activists. He said that different social ills are related with "Transgender" and the Government intends to redress their genuine grievances by involving them in productive activities. "The proposed centre will provide them social, moral, economic, financial and psychological help", he added.

Underlining the importance of social welfare, he said that it is of paramount importance to establish a true welfare estate as envisioned by Prophet Hazart Muhammad (PBUH) about 1400 years ago.

He said that the scope of this department was so wide that the Government alone could not bear its expens-

es hence NGOs and philanthropists must contribute their role to mitigate the sufferings of the poor and marginalized segments.

He appreciated the track record of the business community of Faisalabad in undertaking huge welfare projects. "They played a proactive role in national calamities", he said and added that they always remained at forefront in undertaking the innovative welfare projects in this field.

He particularly appreciated the role of local industrialists in providing best possible facilities to the jail inmates. 'They also arranged millions of rupees to pay the fines for the release for the prisoners who had completed their sentence", he said and added that in view of their services for humanity, he intends that they should also cooperate with the social welfare department. The minister also appreciated the first prison of Pakistan which has got ISO-9000 certification under the leadership of Mr. Saeed Gondal Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Prisons Faisalabad. He said that currently a number of projects have been launched by the social welfare department. In this connection, he mentioned Nashemen, Sanatzar and Gahwara and said that

Nashemen is actually a centre for the rehabilitation of differently abled children. He said that the business community in collaboration with the social welfare department must equip these children with necessary skills to make them a productive part of our society. He said that these institutes must be elevated to the international standards with the collaboration of NGOs and the business community.

He mentioned a Member Punjab Assembly (MPA) from Multan who has donated his entire grant of Rs.150 million to the social welfare department. He also donated his land worth Rs.300 million where a wheelchair factory has been established. "This factory is producing motorized and voice control wheel chairs", he said and added that the imported price of this wheel chair is Rs.2 lac, however it is being manufactured with only Rs.80, 000.

He said that the social welfare department has now joined hands with National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST) to further reduce its cost to Rs.40, 000. He requested FCCI members to visit different projects of the social welfare department and provide them maximum facilities to earn the blessings of Allah Almighty.

LAHORE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LAHORE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LAHORE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY **Save from Corona with Care and Vaccination**

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL (MIRAD) IN LESCO

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Fencing the border

HE completion of securing the Pakistan-Afghan border is a monumental step. The Pak-Afghan border had been fully secured with the completion of fencing and construction of new forts, as well as the placement of a technical surveillance system equipped with drones. There are only just a few things left to do-25 kilometres of area in KP remains to be completed fencing on, with 800 kilometres already covered. 388 forts have been completed and the remaining 55 are estimated to be completed by December this year. All in all, 98 percent of the work has been completed, with just the finishing touches left. Now movement across the border is possible only through the 16 designated crossings.

The symbolic as well as the very material consequences of this should not be understated. The 2,670-kilometre border has always posed major problems for Pakistan and has been a bone of contention between every Afghan government with Pakistan. This completion not only solidifies the border in concrete but can prevent the devastating side effects that seep through with instability in Pakistan. For the last decade, the lack of demarcation has led to lawlessness, terrorism and an unbridled influx of refugees. This was an extremely vital step with the return of the Taliban and the probability of more conflict in Afghanistan.

The security forces must be commended for this timely and excellent work. Completing a border, the site of which has been prone to some of the worst attacks, drones and suicide bombs, in three years is no easy feat. This is also the only safe way that Pakistan can accept Afghan refugees to ensure that no militants are crossing over. In the same vein, the completion of the fencing on the border is a shield against Ashraf Ghani's ludicrous allegation that Pakistan is letting militants cross over. The events of August and the US' own denial of this blind accusation have revealed the lack of veracity in these inane claims.

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Reduced rainfall

HE most recent data released by the Meteorological department showed that the country received 24 percent below average rainfall during the period of July-August. This is quite concerning as reports also reveal that many stations in Sindh and Balochistan did not receive even a single drop of rain during the whole month of August. Water scarcity has already been a persistent problem along with intra-provincial disputes over the provision of water by IRSA.

The month of August was drier in particular, as there was a considerable reduction of rainfall over the country and the national rainfall was 62 percent below its normal value. Experts are of the view that climate change has disrupted set weather patterns and that a clear departure is evident from historical weather patterns.

Pakistan ranks as the world's fourth highest water user per capita and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has ranked Pakistan third among the countries facing severe water shortages. Water scarcity is an issue that needs to be addressed at the earliest because of the serious repercussions it has on our already struggling agricultural sector. Compromised water flows will continue to put rice growers in Sindh and Balochistan in a quandary, who have been suffering since the start of the summer.

This crisis is expected to become even more severe over the coming years. As it is, changing weather patterns are causing prolonged droughts in regions like Balochistan, frequent flooding, erratic weather patterns, and heatwaves in cities like Karachi. Going forward, authorities will have to formulate robust mitigation and adaptation strategies if Pakistan is to cope with upcoming challenges and avoid food scarcity from becoming a reality. This will require an investment in water-efficient technologies and strategies to reduce high water losses.

Panjshir proxy: Back to the past

Dr M Ali Hamza



Two suicide attacks on a crowds of Afghans flocking to Kabul's airport painted terror and horror in the toughest times airlift for those fleeing the Taliban takeover. The attacks killed at least 60 Afghans and 13 US troops. The Khorasanchapter of Islamic State group popularly known as ISIS, claimed responsibility for the killings on its Amag news channel

HE historical accounts reveal that proxy wars were used in medieval states like the Byzantine Empire warfare as a foreign policy tool by intentionallycultivating conspiracy among hostile rivals and then backing them when they go to war with each other. Proxies could be introduced by an external or local power and most commonly take the form of irregular militiasthose could be used to achieve their sponsor's goals in a disputed region. Relationship between proxies and their sponsors usually takes the form of funding, military training, arms, or other forms of material assistance that provide backing to a belligerent party in sustaining its war effort.Fear of nuclear holocaust thru a conventional war between the United States and the Soviet Union, motivated proxy warfare throughout Cold War. This proxy warfare was rendered by the use of ideological proxies taken as a safer way of exercising hostilities; which is truly debatable. Let us examine a dimension of proxies in present and past Afghan situation. Two suicide attacks on a crowds of Afghans flocking to Kabul's airport paintedterror and horror in the toughest times airlift for those fleeing the Taliban takeover. The attacks killed at least 60 Afghans and 13 US troops. The Khorasanchapter of Islamic State group popularly known as ISIS, claimed responsibility for the killings on its Amaq news channel. The ISIS affiliates in Afghanistan are seen as more extremistthan the Taliban. Though the Taliban were not believed to have been involved in the attacks and condemned the blasts, but many blame Taliban to use ISIS as their proxy. Such blame has its rational bases, as ISIS also belongs to the ideology of SalafiJahadism. Moreover Abu Musab al-Zargawi; the founder of ISIS and popularly known as Sheikh of the slaughterers, was trained and then run a Jihadi camp in Afghani-

stan before moving to Iraq. In order for a con- alive to maintain a balance and do not let Talibflict to be considered a proxy war, there must be a direct, long-term relationship between operatingactors and the belligerents involved. So the argument of blaming Taliban to use ISIS as proxy, acquires strength. The 20 years' war has definitely left a plenty of learning for all the stakeholders. Besides the art of guerilla war, Taliban has shown a huge development in their art of diplomacy, therefore the possibilities of learning the art of being used as a proxy or to use the proxy cannot be totally ignored.

As the Taliban attempt to secure control over Afghanistan, history appears set to repeat itself. The Panjshir Valley; in northeast of Kabul, remains the only part of the country not under the Talibans' control. Though the valley is largely surrounded, communications channel have been cut down, and fierce fighting continues on its outskirts.Ahmad Massoud has stepped into Ahmed Shah Massoud's shoes and establishing proxy of CIS and their political allies. himself as the leader of a promising esistance movement against the Taliban. His father ensured that the Panjshir Valley was never taken by the Taliban during their 1996-2001 rule, but he was killed by al Qaeda two days before 9/11; what a planned coincidence. Now young Massoudwants to keep alive the spark of resistance through National Resistance Front, in the historic valley.juniorMassoud asks for a fully representative government, justice, and equality for all ethnic and religious groups in Afghanistan. Though he claims no outside support but US recognition for Massoud and former Afghan Vice President AmrullahSaleh, negates the claim. It apparently seems that Massoud may serve as a proxy for US presence in Afghanistan but this might be a deception too. Seeing from a different lensthere is a possibility that earlier sponsors of northern alliance back in 1990s might be thinking of keeping the resistance

an enjoy the absolute power, because absolute power can breeds absolute breach.

In 1990s the advance of Taliban alarmed the Russia, Central Asian States and Iran, though for somewhat different reasons. Some in former Soviet states feared that if Taliban sweep north of Kabul they will intensify their effort to create chaos in Tajikistan and threaten the former Soviet border: now is the security border of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) created in 1991 and later called Common Economic Space (CES) in 2003. Iran was observing this extremist emerging faction of Sunni force that could completely exclude Shia in Afghanistan from power and as being US/ KSA strategy could encircle and contain Iran. Convincingly the then leadership of Panjshir valley was funded and supported by the concerned countries to maintain the unrest in Taliban regime. ShahMasoudis said to be used as a

As junior Massoud mentions in his write-up in

Washington Post published on Aug 18, 2021, that they have stores of ammunition and arms those have patiently collected since his father's time, because they knew this day might come. He also stated that northern alliance have the weapons carried by the Afghans who, over the past 72 hours, have responded to their appeal to join the resistance in Panjshir. Moreover the soldiers and former members from the Afghan regular army and Afghan Special Forces who were disgusted by the surrender are also making their way to the hills of Panjshir with their equipment. The writeup by junior Massoud is published to portray an image of self-reliant fight, but it also resonates the feeling of camouflaging its sponsors.

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When it became clear that Pakistan is invincible

Adnan Yousuf

The Pakistani Navy's strategic thinking and war planning cornered the Indian Navy as their operational plans were adversely affected. The PN had undertaken Operation Dwarka to achieve multiple objectives: destructing the Indian radar, and provoking its war craft stationed at Mumbai (then Bombay) port approach the Arabian Sea, where PN's submarine 'Ghazi' was awaiting to engage and destroy Indian ships namely INS Vikrant and INS Mysore. Having already proven its operational readiness, the Pakistan navy does not fall short when it comes to meeting the regional and international obligations in maritime security

TH September is marked as Defence Day of Paki-stan which is celebrated each year across the tion to pay tribute to the time of ti sacrificed their lives while defending Pakistan during the 1965 War. It was a momentous day in the history of Pakistan when the war-mongering India invaded our motherland. But our armed forces with the people of Pakistan on their backs, stopped the Indian attacks dead in their tracks and the dream of the Indian Army to celebrate the evening at one of Lahore's most well-known addresses, was broken into pieces. In order to familiarize the young generation with the history of Pakistan and the sacrifices of their forefathers, the achievements of Pakistani forces must be recounted so that the younger ones may not be misled by false information propagated purposely by Pakistan's enemies and opponents.

Pakistan's armed forces have always played a substantial role in protecting its territorial integrity by rigorously dealing with any emerging threat or inimical situation. In fact, they know very well how to payback our enemies. The Indian side has been presenting severe challenges to Pakistan since 1947, but the acquiring of strategic capabilities has helped Pakistan turn back India's malign intentions. The Pakistan Navy, along with the Pakistan Army and Air Force, defended the territorial water zones both during war and peace. Pakistan Navy's history is filled with glory and eminence, exquisite skills and calamitous maneuverability, and tactical feats to defeat even the larger naval forces.

In the Indian offensive that began on 6th September, the joint action of the Pakistan Army, Navy, and Air Force effectively fended off the offensives and taught her a hard lesson on land, air, and maritime fronts. Two days after the initial attack. India employed its armored division and other striking formations to take Sialkot on 8th September. Resultantly, a large tank battle followed the largest since World War II. There were casualties on both sides in this bitter and long-lasting conflict fought over many days and nights. Eventually, the Indians were mauled and held. A very high loss of both men and materials forced India's armored division into withdrawal. Immediately after the Sialkot attack, Pakistan waged a counter-attack in the south of Lahore and seized Indian territories of Khem Karan and beyond. As a result, the rear of the Indian troops facing Lahore was greatly threatened. In these two days, Pakistan Air Force also gave the enemy a tough time by launching continuous airstrikes from Pathankot to Agra. Besides the collateral damage caused during the night bombing, PAF destroyed 50 Indian aircraft and damaged eight for the loss of only six Pakistani aircraft.



On sea fronts, Pakistan Navy, despite having a comparatively lesser size and offensive capability, conducted several operations in order to create strategic deterrence and respond to the Indian Navy appropriately. As a result of the Pakistan Navy's nautical prowess, the sea lanes and waters surrounding Pakistan remained open to incoming ships. The major role Pakistan Navy played in the 1965 Indo-Pak War was launching the 'Operation Dwarka. On 7th September, PN sailed battle-tested and capable seven ships with 24 guns for Dwarka. Dwarka was enforcing a blackout and only identifiable by radar, but the lighthouse provided a very good point of reference in terms of positioning for the task force. Executing the 'Operation Somnath' every ship was authorized to fire 50 rounds of high ammunition. The ships opened fire from a distance of 5.5 to 6.3 miles, still closing the range. Approximately, four minutes was all it took to fire the allocated number of shells, and quickly alter course to exit the area.

On checking damage at Dwarka on 8th September, Indian navy officials acknowledged the damage caused as a result of this action. They found the radar station destroyed; the naval air station's runway for test flights of INS Vikrant damaged; about 50 persons dead and a nearby cement factory also damaged. This official version of the Indian naval officials confirm that the Pakistan navy's raid on Dwarka had been a stunning success as not only a massive material and psychological damage was done to the enemy but also Indian air raids on Karachi ceased, implying the radar station was knocked out.

The Pakistani fleet arrived back in home waters minutes after the attack, assumed their patrol stations 100 miles off Karachi, and ready for a possible Indian response, which through possible radar contacts were observed, never materialised. The sole Indian warship in the area, the Whitby Class frigate Talwar, had been undergoing repairs to her condensers in Okha and had not challenged the raid.

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Having already proven its operational readiness, the Pakistan navy does not fall short when it comes to meeting the regional and international obligations in maritime security. The Pakistan Navy, as a member of the Coalition Maritime Campaign Plan under UN mandate, has actively participated in maritime security and counter-piracy operations after 9/11. The Pakistan Navy has the highest share in maritime security campaigns after the United States, despite being a small naval force. Through its coordinated efforts, the PN has excluded merchant ships from the danger zone which had previously been paying war risk surcharge due to piracy. As a further step to support the international effort in the region, the Pakistan Navy has established Regional Maritime Security Patrols (RMSP), aimed at ensuring maritime security at sea to protect trade. Such PN's initiatives have enabled Pakistan to manifest its role at large as a reliable regional and international maritime player.

The exemplary role played by Pakistan's armed forces in general and the Pakistan Navy in particular in showing the world that Pakistan's defence is invincible makes it inevitable to emphasize that soldiers need their people's support to fight the enemy with courage and bravery. So, this Defence Day, we should pledge as a nation that we will always remember the sacrifices of our brave soldiers and will stand by their side in the war and peace. We should also study the modern tactics used by the enemy to weaken our state, and pray that may God give us the strength, ability, and courage to protect our freedom and the honor of our motherland at all costs.

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Message from Imran Khan Prime **Minister of Pakistan**

FROM PAGE 02 India will have to give Kashmiris their due right to self-determination, under the UN Security Council resolutions; sooner the better. On our part, we will continue to expose the real face of radicalized India. The saner international elements do recognize our role for peace. Let me reiterate, our desire for peace must not be misconstrued as weakness rather it must be reciprocated for sake of economic wellbeing and peoples' prosperity in the entire region. My message on this day to the valiant Armed Forces is that together we have come a long way in the struggle for making Pakistan's defence strong and impregnable. Our resilient nation and battle-hardened Armed Forces have time and again proved that we are fully capable of defending the country and ready to meet any kind of eventuality. Let us always enliven the flame of September in our hearts and minds, which is enough to stand tall and triumphant in face of challenges in our way. Let us pay homage to our Shuhada and ghazis and pledge anew to defend Pakistan, safeguard its security and sovereignty at all costs. PAKISTAN ARMED FORC-ES ZINDABAD PAKISTAN PAINDABAD.

Afghan neighbors discuss situation

FROM PAGE 01 It added during the meeting, views were exchanged on the latest situation in Afghanistan. Ambassador Sadiq, welcoming his counterparts, highlighted the importance of evolving a regional approach to address common challenges and to realise the new opportunities arising from a stable Afghanistan.

added that and peaceful Afghanistan would provide impetus to economic integration, people-to-people strong linkages, enhanced trade and regional connectivity. Special Representa-The tives/Envoys of neighbours of Afghanistan agreed to remain in close contact. Mohammad Sadiq in a tweet said colleagues from Iran, China, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan were unanimous that peace in Afghanistan is vital for security, stability and prosperity of the entire region Foreign Minister of Pa Shah Mahmood kistan Qureshi has recently held a telephonic conversation with his Iranian counterpart Hossein Amirabdollahian and exchanged views in detail about the latest developments in Afghanistan. The Pakistani Foreign Minister also visited Iran on September 25 where he met with President Ebrahim Raisi and the Foreign Minister Amirabdollahian to discuss regional developments in Afghanistan and strengthen bilateral relations

Everyone got it wrong on Taliban takeover: Gen Carter

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab told MPs last week the intelligence assessment had been that there would be a "steady deterioration" in the security situation in August but it was "unlikely Kabul would fall this year"

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LONDON: "Everybody got it wrong" on how quickly the Taliban would take over Afghanistan, the head of Britain's armed forces has said. Gen Sir Nick Carter told the British media: "It was the pace of it that surprised us and I don't think we realised quite what the Taliban were up to.

Asked whether military intelligence was wrong, he said the government received intelligence from a variety of sources.

"It's not purely about military intelligence," he said. The last British and US troops left Afghanistan a week ago, bringing their 20-year military campaign in the country to an end. There has been criticism of the way the West withdrew from Afghanistan, with questions over how the Taliban was able to seize control of the country at such speed.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab

told MPs last week the intelligence assessment had been that there would be a "steady deterioration" in the security situation in August but it was "unlikely Kabul would fall this year". However, the Taliban took over Kabul in mid-August. Speaking to the media on Sunday, Gen Sir Nick was asked how the predictions had been wrong. "I think everybody got it wrong is the straight answer," he said. "Even the Taliban didn't expect things to change as quickly as they did." The chief of defence staff said: "I

don't think what anybody predicted was how fragile that Afghan government was and how fragile it was in relation to the command of its armed forces." The Taliban is expected to announce a new government in the coming days, meaning foreign powers will have to adapt to the prospect of dealing with a Taliban administration. Gen Sir Nick said it was too early

to say how the Taliban would govern, but there was a possibility



the militant group would be less repressive than it was in the past. "On the face of it, it doesn't look good at the moment. But let's see what happens. It may well change," he said. "I also think they're not stupid enough to [not] know the Afghan people have changed and they want a slightly different sort of governance." It was now down to the interna-

tional community to encourage the Taliban to govern in a different way, he added.

"They're going to need a bit of help to run a modern state effectively," he said. "If they behave, perhaps they'll get some help." Asked whether military intelligence was wrong, Gen Sir Nick said: "No ... many of the assessments suggested it wouldn't last the course of the year and, of course, that's proven to be correct." He said: "It's a much broader thing than just strictly military intelligence. "The way it works in this country

is we have the joint intelligence committee which sits inside the Cabinet Office. So what they do is pull together the sources from the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office, the inter-agencies and the secret intelligence services and wider open source material."

Currently, Taliban soldiers are fighting resistance groups in Panjshir Valley, the last remaining part of Afghanistan which the Taliban does not yet control. On Saturday, the top US general said that civil war was likely to erupt in Afghanistan, and those conditions could lead to a resurgence of terrorist groups there. Gen Mark Milley told Fox News: "The conditions are very likely that you could see a resurgence of terrorism coming out of that general region within 12, 24, 36 months." Gen Sir Nick told the BBC the risk of terrorism will depend on whether an effective government can be formed in Afghanistan.

Media caption Brigadier James Martin speaks about the UK's evacuation operation from Afghanistan Labour's shadow foreign secretary Lisa Nandy said there was a strong possibility that Britain may now be less safe because of the events in Afghanistan. "The urgent task for the government ... is to make sure Afghanistan doesn't collapse once again into a haven of

DG ISI meets Afghan leadership in Kabul

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discussed issues around forming an inclusive government. DG ISI Lieutenant General Faiz Hameed on Saturday led a delegation of senior Pakistan officials to Kabul to hold talks with Taliban leadership. He also met Pakistan's ambassador to Afghanistan and other officials during his visit to Kabul.

It was reported ahead of a meeting with the Taliban delegation that the two sides would discuss travel procedures along the Pak-Afghan border and requests regarding the evacuation of foreigners from Afghanistan by various countries. "They will devise a procedure for the evacuation of foreigners from Afghanistan, besides also discussing mechanism regarding daily transit of travelers from the Pak-Afghan border," the sources having knowledge of the agenda said.

They further shared that security issues would also come up during the meeting and a joint mechanism would be devised to stop elements that could take advantage of the ongoing situation and disturb the peace on both sides of the border.

Resistance leader says ready to talk with Taliban

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Taliban also stop their attacks and military movements on Panjshir and Andarab," he said, referring to a district in the neighbouring province of Baghlan. Earlier, Afghan media outlets reported that an Ulema council of religious scholars had called on the Taliban to accept a negotiated settlement to end the fighting in Panjshir.

Thailand logs 15,452 new Covid cases BANGKOK· Thailand' COVID-19 cases increased by 15,452 to 1,280,534 during the past 24 hours, the country's Center for COVID-19 Administration (CCSA) said Sunday. Another 224 coronavirus-related deaths were also recorded, taking the national death toll to 12,855, with a large majority reported since April, when a third wave of the transmission began. Of the new infections, 28 were imported and 15,424 were locally transmitted, including 3,906 in the capital Bangkok, the epicenter of the latest outbreak, according to the CCSA. Some 152,105 patients are receiving medical treatments, with 4,682 in critical condition, including 1,008 on ventilators, CCSA said. Thailand on Wednesday eased some of its lockdown measures as the COVID-19 situation in the country seemed to have improved recently. However, the World Health Organization Thailand office warned that the situation is still fragile as the number of locally transmitted cases is still high, and the level of vaccination is not enough in most parts of the country. – APP

Rogers defeats number 1 Barty in shock US Open upset

SPORTS DESK

NEW YORK: American Shelby Rogers has staged a comeback for the ages shocking world number one Ash Barty 6-2 1-6 7-6(5) in the third round of the US Open. The 43rd-ranked Rogers recovered from a 5-2 deficit in the third set to push the affair into a tiebreak on Saturday, securing the biggest upset of the tournament thus far in front of an electric New York crowd inside Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"I am stunned. My heart rate is still very much elevated. I'm very excited with that win," Rogers said, after defeating Barty for the first time in six meetings. "Going on the court I told myself I didn't want to lose the same way I lost the last five times against her. I just tried to do things a little



bit differently." There were the sixth as Rogers whacked early signs of trouble for the ball into the net. Up two heavy favourite Barty, who breaks in the final set, Barty handed Rogers a break with appeared poised to walk away with the win but couldn't hang four double faults in the third game, and got fewer than half on as her stellar 2021 crashed to an end. An astonished Rogof her first serves in as she ers held her hands to her face committed 17 unforced errors during the first set. as she clinched the match, her

The Wimbledon champion mouth agape with surprise, found her form in the second the crowding rising to its feet. set, getting a critical break "I was just trying to stay in the in the fourth game with a point longer than Ash. She was handling my pace really forehand winner and again converting on break point in

harder I hit the ball, the better she hit," said Rogers, the only American woman remaining in the tournament.

It was the second major upset of the women's tournament at Flushing Meadows, after 18-year-old Leylah Fernandez defeated four-time Grand Slam winner Naomi Osaka on Friday. In the fourth round Rogers will face Britain's teen phenom Emma Raducanu, who hasn't dropped a set all tournament after reaching the fourth round of Wimbledon as well. "I'm going to have to do a little bit of scouting I think. But she's fearless. She is playing very well and she's inspired. It's going to be a battle. I am ready for it," said Rogers. Barty appeared to

take the loss in stride, telling reporters afterward: "I (will)

sleep well tonight knowing I well tonight. I felt like the gave everything I could."

terrorism," she said. **Novak Djokovic beats** Nishikori in US Open

NEW YORK: Novak Djokovic has let it all out during his US Open third-round win over Kei Nishikori, slapping his chest or sneering with a fist raised to celebrate success, pointing to his ear to ask the crowd for noise. This was the Djokovic everyone is so accustomed to seeing - yes, winning on the grand slam stage, of course, as he always does in this magical season, but also animated and into it, encouraging the spectators to join

him for the ride on his path toward tennis history. Taking another step in his bid to complete the first calendar-year slam by a man in more than a half-century, Djokovic moved into the round of 16 at Flushing Meadows for the 14th consecutive appearance, coming back to beat Nishikori 6-7 (4-7) 6-3 6-3 6-2. World number one Djokovic is now 24-0 in the sport's four most important events this season, having won the Australian Open in February, the French Open in June, and Wimbledon in July. The last man to go four for four at the majors was Rod Laver in 1969; Steffi Graf was the last woman, in 1988. Win four more matches next week, and Djokovic would earn his 21st career slam trophy, breaking the men's mark he currently shares with Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.

After eliminating a couple of inexperienced opponents ranked 121st and 145th, Djokovic faced someone with a far better resume in Nishikori, who was the runner-up at the 2014 US Open and has been as high as No. 4. Here, though, was the problem for Nishikori heading into this encounter: He'd lost his past 16 matches against Djokovic. While the Japanese ace stole the first set, the march to number 17 in a row was soon in progress for Serbian star Djokovic. - Agencies

UK records 42,076 corona cases

LONDON: Another 42,076 people in Britain have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total number of coronavirus cases in the country to 6,904,969, according to official figures released Sunday.

The country also reported another 121 coronavirus-related deaths. The total number of coronavirus-related deaths in Britain now stands at 133,041. These figures only include the deaths of people who died within 28 days of their first positive test. The latest data came as Britain's vaccine advisory body announced that coronavirus vaccines for healthy children aged between 12 and 15 should not be recommended.

The Joint Committee on Vaccine and Immunisation (JCVI) provided the assessment, saying the COVID jabs should not be recommended to those in this age group on health grounds alone, but the body has advised the government to look at "wider issues" including the impact of the virus on schooling. – $\ensuremath{\mathbf{APP}}$

'Girls Aloud' singer Sarah Harding dies of cancer

LONDON: Sarah Harding, singer with the English

chart-topping band Girls Aloud, has died aged 39 following a battle with breast cancer. Harding's mother Marie confirmed the news in a post to her daughter's official Instagram account on Sunday. "It's with deep heartbreak that today I'm sharing the news that my

beautiful daughter Sarah has

sadly passed away. Many of

you will know of Sarah's battle with cancer and that she fought so strongly from her diagnosis until her last day. She slipped away peacefully this morning," Harding's mother said in a statement.

She also thanked fans for all the support her daughter had received over the year. "It meant the world to Sarah and it gave her great strength and comfort to know she was loved. know she won't want to be remembered for her fight against this terrible disease - she was a bright shining star and I hope that's how she can be remembered instead," she said. Harding revealed in August last year that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. She said she was undergoing weekly chemotherapy sessions and doing her best to fight the disease. "There's no easy way to say this and actually it doesn't even feel real writing this, but here goes. Earlier this year I was diagnosed with breast cancer and a couple of weeks ago I received the devastating news that the cancer has advanced to other parts of my body, Sarah wrote at the time. In March, Harding released a book called "Hear me out" where she told her story, including her battle with the disease. Girls Aloud achieved fame on an ITV talent show almost two decades ago. - DNA

Ravi Shastri tests positive for Covid-19

Agencies

NEW DELHI: India coach Ravi Shastri has been forced to remain in the team hotel after testing positive for the coronavirus during the ongoing fourth Test against England at the Oval, a Board of Control for Cricket in India statement said Sunday. The BCCI said Shastri, bowling coach B Arun, fielding coach R Sridhar and physiotherapist Nitin Patel were all isolating as a "precautionary measure" following 59-yearold former India all-rounder Shastri's positive lateral flow test late on Saturday.

They have all undergone PCR testing, with the BCCI statement saying they will "remain in the team hotel and not travel with Team India until confirmation from the medical team". But officials insisted it was safe for the match to continue as the remaining members of the Indian contingent had undergone two lateral flow tests, one on Saturday and another on Sunday morning, all of which produced "negative Covid reports" and were allowed to go to the Oval for the fourth day.



KUWAIT CITY: Pakistan ambassador to Kuwait Syed Sajjad Haider meets Turkish counterpart. Both envoys discussed on latest developments in the region at the respective Embassies. - DNA

EU, AZ reach agreement on vaccine supply

BRUSSELS: The European Union (EU) and pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca have reached an agreement after a dispute on COVID-19 vaccine delivery schedules, announced a spokesperson here on Sunday.

The settlement will ensure the delivery of the remaining vaccine doses still due to EU member states, and put an end to a lawsuit that the EU had launched against the pharmaceutical company before the Brussels Court, explained European Commission Spokesperson for Health Stefan De Keersmaecker.

By the end of the third quarter, 60 million doses will be delivered, and 75 million more by the end of the fourth quarter. Another delivery of 65 million doses is scheduled before the end of March 2022.

The company had already delivered 100 million doses to EU member states by the end of the second quarter of 2021. - APP

Paralympics draw final curtain after Covid-19 adversity

DNA

TOKYO: Under the concept of "Harmonious Cacophony," the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games closed on Sunday in celebration of a peaceful and inspirational grand finale amid the surging COVID-19 pandemic. Approximately 2,000 athletes and team officials of 162 participating National Paralympic Committees, along with 850 Games stakeholders and guests of honor, and 2,250 media personnel attended the closing ceremony at Tokvo's Olympic Stadium.

President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Andrew Parsons declared the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games closed as he believed the Tokyo Paralympic Games have "not just been historic, they have been fantastic." "After eight remarkable years, I cannot believe our time is almost done," Parsons said. "What a journey. What sport. What a Games. What more can I say than arigato, Tokyo." "Together, against the odds, we did it.'

"In 12 magical days, athletes gave the world confidence, happiness and hope," the IPC chief added. "Athletes broke records. Athletes warmed hearts. Athletes opened minds. Athletes changed lives." Japanese Crown Prince Akishino also attended the ceremony. Anas Al Khalifa of the Paralympic Refugee Team led the pa-



rade of athletes with the IPC flag, as cast members entered the field from the other side of the stadium carrying symbols representing Tokyo. Zhang Xuemei, who won the silver with the Chinese women's wheelchair basketball team, served as Team China's flagbearer at the ceremony. Together with the flagbearers, the city of Tokyo which has appeared on the field is completed and turned into a "City Where Differences Shine." Three schools, two from Japan and one from overseas have

been presented with the I'm POSSIBLE Award in recognition of their contribution to creating a more inclusive society.

The Paralympic flag handover marks the start of the next Paralympic cycle, as France is to host the Summer Paralympic Games in 2024 for the first time in its history. The flag is lowered as the Paralympic anthem plays. Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike officially handed it to the IPC president Parsons, who entrusted the flag to the Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo.

After the French national flag is raised to its national anthem, Paris 2024 presented its artistic segment, offering a celebration of sport that harnesses the inspirational power of Para athletes. "I am pleased to address you on the occasion of the closing of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games," Tokyo 2020 president Seiko Hashimoto said. "Our long journey is now coming to an end. The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games are its final stage, and it has been wonderful to see each venue filled with smiles."

Hashimoto said she was "overwhelmed" by the astonishing performances of all Paralympians, adding "your impact as Paralympians have a message for all of us. You have inspired many of us to start our own new journeys. You have given us the insight and the power to look at ourselves and shape our own futures."

"I am so glad we hosted the Olympic and Paralympic Games. I believe in the value they bring," said Hashimoto. "In 2024, athletes and sports lovers all over the world will be united again. We send the city of Paris our sincerest good wishes for a successful Paris 2024 Games. We will meet again soon." After 12 days of excitement and encouragement. China collected a total of 207 medals, with 96 golds, 60 silvers and 51 bronzes, finishing atop the medal tally for five Games in a row.

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Briefs Saudi forces intercept 3 ballistic missiles

FOREIGN DESK

RIYADH: Authorities in Saudi Arabia say they have intercepted three ballistic missiles targeting the country's oil-rich eastern region as well as the cities of Najran and Jazan in the south. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Saturday's attacks, but the Saudi-led coalition fighting the Houthis in Yemen blamed the Iran-aligned rebel group

There were no reports of casualties.

A source familiar with the matter told the Reuters news agency that the missile aimed at the eastern region was intercepted over the city of Dammam.

Shrapnel from the missile scattered over the Dammam Suburb neighbourhood, injuring two Saudi children, while 14 homes suffered light damages, the official SPA news agency said, citing a statement by the defence ministry.

Earlier, the coalition also reported the interception of three explosive-laden drones headed towards Saudi Arabia. The attacks come four days after a drone hit Abha International Airport in the south, wounding eight people and damaging a civilian plane.

Yemen's Houthis regularly launch drones and missiles into the kingdom, including aerial attacks aimed at Saudi oil installations. An attack in September 2019 on two Saudi Aramco plants in the east temporarily knocked out half the country's oil production.

Morocco registers 4,310 new cases

RABAT: Morocco an nounced on Sunday 4.310 new COVID-19 cases, taking the tally of infections in the North African country to 881.042.

Azerbaijan envoy-designate visits property expo 2021

President ICCI Sardar Yasir took the Azerbaijan ambassador to various stalls and

briefed him about the purpose of holding the expo

ISIL attack kills at least 12 Iraqi police

AGENCIES

BAGHDAD: At least 12 Iraqi police officers have been killed in an attack the ISIL (ISIS) armed group is suspected of carrying out at a security checkpoint in the country's north.

The twin attack on Sunday, in the al-Rashad region south of Kirkuk city, took place just after midnight, Al Jazeera's Mahmoud Abdelwahed, reporting from the capital Baghdad, said.

The attackers first engaged in a military confrontation with police officers that lasted about two hours, killing three officers. Reinforcements coming to the area were killed in an ambush using explosives planted on the roadside, Abdelwahed said.

Three police officers were also wounded in the attack and another was missing.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but ISIL fighters are active in the area and a security source said the group was involved. Separately, at least three Iraqi soldiers were killed and one was wounded on Sunday when gunmen attacked an army checkpoint southeast of the Iraqi city of Mosul, security sources said.

ISIL seized swaths of Iraq in a lightning offensive in 2014, before being beaten back by a campaign supported by a US-led military coalition.

The Iraqi government declared the group defeated in late 2017, but it still has sleeper cells that continue to hit security forces with asymmetric attacks.

The cells regularly target the Iraqi army and police in the north of the country, but this attack was one of the deadliest this year.

A July 19 bombing claimed by ISIL officially killed 30 people in al-Woheilat Market in Sadr City, a Shia suburb of Baghdad.

India's COVID-19 tally rises to 32,988,673

NEW DELHI: India's COVID-19 tally rose to



and diplomats of Azerbaijan & Jordan visited the expo. They highly appreciated the initiative of ICCI for organizing the expo as it has provided an excellent platform to the exhibitors to showcase the potential of their projects to the visitors and improve their business prospects

The State Bank of Pakistan and

commercial banks have also set up their help desks in the expo to provide information about the government's subsidized financing schemes for people to purchase houses being constructed under Naya Pakistan Housing Program. The expo has many attractions for the visitors including food stalls and distribu-

tion of gifts like mobile phones and motorcycles through lucky draws

Speaking at the occasion, Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry said that the expo has been organized to support the PM's vision for construction of 5-million



FUZULI: Azerbaijan airlines "KARABAKH" aircraft landed at Fuzuli Airport. This is the first ever landing of a plane after the rebuilding of the Fuzuli airport in the newly liberated areas of Nagornokarabakh. – DNA

Afghan people will continue to resist: Massoud

A number of women in Herat city held a demonstration and called for women's inclusion in the future government

PANJSHER: Ahmad Massoud, son of the late Ahmad Shah Massoud and leader of the Resistance Front, said on social media that the people will never give up the resistance or fighting for their rights. On Saturday Massoud

wrote on Facebook that

the Afghan people are

fighting for freedom and

justice and will never give

industries that would pave the way for bringing an industrial revolution in Pakistan.

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panies of property, housing and

construction sectors from across

Pakistan are participating in the

expo and they have assured of

their commitment for the invest-

ment of over Rs.250 billion and

development of 1 million housing

units collectively which will play a

pivotal role towards transforming

the Prime Minister's vision into a

reality. He said that the expo has

full endorsement of Naya Pakistan

Housing and Development Au-

thority as it would benefit over 60

allied sectors and generate a lot of

He said that there is a great

need of approximately 12 million

housing units today to meet the

needs of the rising population

and organizing such expos would

help them to find the housing

units of their choice. He also

expressed thanks to the Hon'ble

Prime Minister for granting this

sector a much needed amnesty

scheme which has given signifi-

cant boost to this important sec-

tor and created a lot of new jobs

besides promoting the business

He said that such amnesty

should also be provided to other

of all allied sectors.

business activities.



houses. He said that over 70 com-

rated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan on Sep: 03, 2021 and will continue till Sep:

Ambassador-designate of Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadov also visited the expo on the second. He visited various stalls and appreciated the work of the organisers.

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The President ICCI Sardar Yasir took the Azerbaijan ambassador to various stalls and briefed him about the purpose of holding the expo. On the second day, people were visiting in large numbers and were taking keen interest in the property, housing and construction projects displayed in the expo. Many dignitaries including Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, former

SAPM on Overseas Pakistanis Zulfi Bukhari, Hamza Shafqaat Deputy Commissioner Islamabad

05, 2021.

The total number of recoveries from COVID-19 in Morocco increased by 4,926 to 818,596.

The death toll rose to 12,993 with 70 new fatalities, while 2,175 people are in intensive care units.

Meanwhile, a total of 19,110,905 people have received their first vaccine shots against COV-ID-19 in the country, while 15,529,630 have taken two doses. The North African country launched a nationwide vaccination campaign on Jan. 28 after the arrival of the first shipment of China's Sinopharm vaccine. – APP

Ethiopia: Thousands killed in clashes

AGENCIES

ADDIS ABABA: Thousands have been reported killed in clashes in northern Ethiopia, as fighting between the military and Tigray rebels continue

The conflict has been raging for 10 months with no sign of ending. The rebel forces said on Sunday that they had killed 3,073 "enemy forces", with 4,473 injured.

It comes after the military claimed to have killed more than 5,600 rebels, without specifying a timeframe. Senior general Bacha Debele said a further 2.300 rebels were wounded and 2,000 captured. Correspondents

say the numbers may refer to recent battles. It is hard to verify figures from either side due to a communications blackout in the region.

The rebels said their figures were from the Afar and Amhara fronts, adding that they had seized military tanks

and weapons. Berhane Gebrekristos, Ethiopia's former ambassador to the US, and now a supporter of the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) group, described the government's claims as "false and laughable".

"The last five or six days, there were major military offensives by the TPLF in the two regions. In Afar and in the Amhara region, they (the Ethiopian military) lost eight divisions," he said.

Pakistan can fetch billions of dollars by tourism: SAARC CCI

a visit to Pakistan easier.

Iftikhar Ali Malik said tour-

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ism increased by more than LAHORE: Pakistan can fetch 300 percent in last couple of billions of dollars foreign years what we direly needed exchange annually by fully is training of tour operators, exploiting tourism potentials and rich historical cultural heritage besides properly projecting religious places to attract foreign and local tourists. It was stated by President

SAARC chamber of commerce and Industry Iftikhar Ali Malik while taking to CEO Discover Pakistan Dr Kaiser Rafiq who called on here Sunday. He said tourism can turn to be a multi-billion dollar industry in Pakistan provided the best spots of tourism are publicised globally especially Hunza, Skardu, Sawat,

Naran Kaghan, Gilgit-Balistan, Harappa, Taxila, Punja Sahib, Baba Guru Nanak and Darbar Kartarpur etc. He said Pakistan was ranked the best holiday destination for year 2020 and was also declared the third highest potential adventure destination in the world.

He said world's cheapest excellent tourist spots are located in Pakistan.He said Pakistan has already launched online visa for 175 countries and 50 countries were offered visa on arrival making



environment and ambience. He said it's good omen that world economic forum also placed Pakistan in the top 25 percent of the global destination for its world heritage sites which ranges from the mangrove in the Indus delta to the Indus Valley civilisation sites including Mohenjo Daro. He said that worldwide tourism is considered to be an important aspects of economic growth and development of a nation.He said Prime Minister Imran Khan has declared that tour-

ism will contribute Rs 1 trillion(\$6.2b) to the Pakistan economy by 2025. He said Pakistan is blessed with enviable natural beauty bound to attract tourists with best scenic spots of the world. CEO Discover Pakistan Dr Kaiser Rafiq informed him that if China and India can earn \$20b annually from

tourism and various European countries can fetch several hundreds billion dollars why not Pakistan which houses top class tourism spots of the world.

great importance to the promotion of tourism what we need is government must take practical steps to create a culture of tourism which would require a change mindset of local people and officials of ministry of tourism. He said Discover Pakistan following the PM initiatives

has successfully launched Pakistan's rich repertoire of culture and tourism resources across the globe especiallv in China.He said " we are also planning to highlight tourism spots in different foreign languages which will be promoted through our embassies" for bringing foreign tourists to Pakistan". He hoped "once we are successful then we will ask PIA to launch charter flights'

Philippines lift covid travel restrictions from Pakistan MANILA: The Philippines

has moved to lift the travel ban for all inbound travelers from Pakistan and nine other countries from September 6, presidential spokesperson announced Saturday. President Rodrigo Duterte has approved the recom-

mendation of the country's COVID-19 task force to lift the travel restrictions on the in-bound passengers from Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia. – DNA

According to Massoud, the resistance is not limited to Panjshir, but includes Afghan women who have also continued their struggle for their rights.

up resistance.

"The Panjshir resistance, which has stood firm until now, or our ous sisters' resistance in Herat who have raised their voice for their rights, shows that the people have not given up their legitimate demands and will not give up their legitimate resistance and will not be afraid of any threats," the Facebook post reads.

Last Thursday a number of women in Herat city in the west held a demonstration and called for women's inclusion in the future gov-



32,988,673 on Sunday, as 42,766 new cases were registered during the past 24 hours across the country. showed the federal health ministry's latest data.

Besides, as many as 308 deaths due to the pandemic since Saturday morning took the total death toll to 440,533.

The most numbers of single-day new cases and deaths were reported from the southern state of Kerala. As many as 29,682 new cases and 142 deaths were reported from Kerala alone during the past 24 hours. There are still 410,048 active COVID-19 cases in the country as there was an increase of 4.367 active cases during the past 24 hours. – APP

UK multiplies import of **Āzeri** products

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BAKU: The value of exports from Azerbaijan to the UK totaled \$227.5 million from January through July 2021, having soared 23 times compared to the same period of 2020. Trend reports citing the statistical bulletin of the State Customs Committee (SCC) of Azerbaijan.

According to the SCC, the share of the UK in total exports of Azerbaijan reached 2 percent, while a year earlier this figure was 0.11 percent. "Moreover, by the end of July 2021, Azerbaijan's imports from the UK amounted to \$164.1 million, and the share of the UK in total imports of Azerbaijan decreased by 0.42 percentage points over the year, to 2.61 percent of the total volume," the bulletin savs.

"The volume of foreign trade operations between the two countries in the first 7 months of 2021 exceeded \$391.6 million, while the trade balance between the states turned out to be positive and reached \$63.4 million," the SCC report added. Azerbaijan's foreign trade turnover from January through July 2021 ap-proached \$17.7 billion. Of these, exports accounted for nearly \$11.4 billion (64.4 percent), imports - \$6.3 billion (35.6 percent).

RAWALPINDI: Famous singer Rahat Fateh Ali Khan performing during first anniversary of MGC at Behria Town. - DNA

Indian farmers stage rally against agri laws

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI: Hundreds of thousands of Indian farmers joined a major rally Sunday in defiance of three agricultural laws introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government.

Farmers' groups called the meeting in the city of Muzaffarnagar, in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh - India's most populous and politically significant state. Organizers said it was their biggest rally to date and would breathe new life into their protest movement which erupted in November. They also called for an all-India shutdown on September 27.

"Farmers, workers and people are angry ... it will be good if the government understands the message going from this huge rally. Contrary to what the government says, our movement has not lost steam, it has only gathered more momentum today," farmer leader Rakesh Tikait told reporters. Security was tightened, with some 8,000 police officers deployed to

maintain law and order. Uttar Pradesh is set for state-wide elections next year. Farmers' representatives are urging voters not to reelect Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BIP). The Samvukt Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body of 40 farmer unions spearheading the agitation, said their members will organize other protests across the state against the BJP.

"Our message is very clear - either repeal the laws or face defeat in the state election," Balbir Singh Rajewal, another farmers' leader, said. The threat prompted BJP lawmaker Varun Gandhi to call on the government to "start re-engaging with [the farmers] in a respectful manner: understand their pain, their point of view and work with them in reaching common ground."

The Indian government has passed three laws last September that ministers insist will modernize and energize the farming sector. In India, over 50% of the population is reliant on farming to make a living.

The measures allow farmers to directly sell their produce, outside government-regulated wholesale markets, to big buyers. The government says this will unshackle farmers and help them get better prices. But the farmers fear that laws threaten their livelihoods and that by easing regulations around the storage and marketing of crops, big corporations will benefit the most, leaving small players at the mercy of the free market.

Farming accounts for about 15% of India's \$2.7 trillion (2.27 trillion) economy. The Indian government has said it is open to resuming talks with farmers on the issue. Several rounds of talks have yielded no breakthrough and the monthslong protests have repeatedly turned violent.

In January, protesters clashed with security forces in New Delhi, leaving at least one farmer dead and 400 police officers injured. Last month, 10 people were injured in northern Haryana state when police baton-charged a group of farmers who had blocked a highway.

A large number of farmers have camped out on the borders of Delhi since the protest began, demanding the laws be repealed. Several farmers have staged hunger strikes and their movement has even drawn support from celebrities, much to the government's ire.

ernment. A day later, on Friday, a number of women came out into the streets of Kabul to demand that women be included meaningfully in the future government, including in political seats and decision-making roles. Massoud's remarks come

amid fighting between the Resistance Front and Taliban that has been ongoing for the last several days. Meanwhile. Amrullah Saleh, former VP and part of the Resistance Front leadership, said in a video released on Friday that he is in Panjshir and will continue fighting the Taliban forces.

Saleh, in reaction to the reports that he had fled to Tajikistan, said he will stay in Panjshir and will not leave the country.

He said PM had attached







Pakistan logs over

3,700 new

virus cases

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KARACHI: Pakistan report-

ed 3,747 new coronavirus

infections Sunday morning as the country continues

to battle against the fourth

According to the latest sta-

tistics of the National Com-

mand and Operation Centre

(NCOC), COVID-19 claimed

61 more lives during the

past 24 hours, taking the

nationwide death tally from

As many as 3,747 people

tested positive for the virus

after 57,908 COVID-19 tests

were taken, according to the

NCOC's data. This brings

the positivity rate to 6.47%.

The Sindh government has

decided to launch a COV-

ID-19 vaccination campaign

in schools and colleges

from September 6 (tomor-

The decision was taken

during a meeting chaired by

Sindh Education Minister

Syed Sardar Shah on Sat-

urday, which was attended

by School Education Secre-

tary Akbar Leghari, College

row), media reported.

the virus to 26,175.

wave of the pandemic.

Briefs Nation observes **Defence**, **Martyrs' Day**

Situation at borders calm, normal: Interior Minister

SHAHEEN HANIF

ISLAMABAD: Defence and Martyrs Day will be observed today (Monday) to pay tributes to the martyrs and Ghazis and reaffirm commitment to defend the motherland against all threats.

It was on this day in 1965 that the Indian forces crossed international border in the darkness of night to attack Pakistan but the nation foiled nefarious designs of the enemy.

This year s Defense and Martyrs Day theme is "Our martyrs our pride, salute to all the relatives belonging to ghazis and Shaheeds."

Special prayers will be of fered after Fajr in mosques for the progress and prosperity of the country and independence of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir from the cruel clutches of India. Fateha and Quran Khawani will also be held for the

martyrs. The day will dawn with 31 gun salute at the Federal Capital and 21 gun salute at provincial capitals.

Domestic flights resumed from Kabul

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KABUL: Domestic flights from Hamid Karzai International Airport HKIA based in Kabul resumed over twenty days after the Taliban takeover which halted both the domestic and international flights.

The first domestic flight was conducted from Kabul to the northern Mazar-e-sharif city on Saturday, September 4. A domestic airlines-De Arian

Says Indian government and the media are spreading false propaganda about the refugee camps, which is a complete lie

BUREAU REPORT

PESHAWAR: Federal Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid on Sunday paid a visit to Torkham Border, Khyber District to review the current security arrangements owing to evolving regional situation.

On the occasion, Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid was briefed by the security forces officials on the security situation of Torkham border. Talking to media, Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid said that the situation on both sides of the border was normal and trade activities were going on smoothly with improved law and order situation.

Federal Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid said that the Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan has the same message that no country will be allowed to use the territory of Pakistan.

Therefore, he said, the Afghan government should also not let anyone use its territory against Pakistan. Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid said there were no refugee camps at



Torkham border and other adjoining areas. The Indian government and the media are spreading false propaganda about the refugee camps, which is a complete lie, he informed.

He said that the government of Pakistan wants peace in Afghanistan adding he said that the security forces and the people of Pakistan have rendered immense sacrifices in the war against terrorism which has

brought peace to the country. Federal Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid said that the fencing on the border with Afghanistan has improved the law and order situation. Law and order situation has improved due to better strategy of Pakistan

Army, FC Security Forces and Police at Pak-Afghan border Torkham. Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid said FIA immigration and other staff has been increased at Torkham border to facilitate the people traveling from both sides. He said that bilateral trade activities would

further improve after the formation of a new government in Afghanistan. Commandant Khyber Rifles col Rizwan

Nazir, CCPO Peshawar Abbas Ahsan, District Police Officer Wasim Riaz, NLC Col. Aziz, Lt. Col. Jaffar, Major Asad and other security force officers were also present during the visit.

Strict security arrangements were made for the visit and a heavy contingent of FC security forces, Pakistan Army and police personnel was deployed.

Pakistan attaches great importance to ties with Iran

SAIFULLAH

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister of Pakistan during a telephonic conversation with his Iranian counterpart says Islamabad attaches great importance to its rela-

Pakistan foreign ministry in a statement said Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Hossein Amirabdollahian exchanged views in detail about the latest developments in Afghanistan.

"Pakistan attaches special importance to bilateral relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran, and these fraternal relations are rooted in strong historical, cultural, religious and geographical commonal-

Education Secretary Syed Khalid Haider Shah and other officers. The meeting decided that all students enrolled in grades 9 and 10, and above would be vaccinated against Covid-19 and the consent

first foreign minister of a country to meet with the new President and Foreign Minister of Iran in Tehran. In a tweet, the Pakistani foreign minister said: Good to speak with FM Amirabdollahian on Afghanistan, following my visit to Iran. Convergence of views on regional issues is important for our shared vision of regional peace and prosperity. The Pakistani Foreign Minister arrived in Tehran on September 25 after a recent

certificate would be obtained from their parents in this regard. Taliban

orders Varsity women to wear Niqab

WEB DESK

KABUL: Women attending private Afghan universities must wear an abaya robe and nigab covering most of

PM Imran lashes out at Indian fascism The Indian army had laid restrictions all across the occupied valley to prevent a mammoth gathering on Geelani's funeral

held in accordance with his India trying to intimidate

Geelani's family: FM

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Sunday expressed condemnation of the attempt by fascist Indian state to intimidate the grieving family of late veteran Kashmiri leader Syed Ali Geelani by registering cases against them.

"The fascist Indian state fears the revered Syed Ali Geelani so much that they stormed his home, snatched his body at night, prevented a funeral befitting of his stature, and are now attempting to intimidate his grieving family by registering cases against them. Shame on you!", Qureshi said on twitter.

& then registering cases for raising anti-India slo- were allowed to partici-

will. "The Indian charge d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Office today and conveyed Pakistan's strong

demarche on Indian occupation forces' callous and inhuman handling of the mortal remains of the iconic Kashmiri leader and freedom fighter Syed Ali Shah Geelani," the Foreign Office

said in a statement. It was also conveyed to the envoy that India's actions were a "blatant violation" of international humanitarian laws and all tenets of civil and human rights, the FO added.



he statement quoted istan The foreign ministry added that the Iranian Foreign Minister appreciated the efforts of his Pakistani counterpart to build a regional consensus on Afghanistan. The statement added the ministers agreed to continue consultations between the two neighboring countries on Afghanistan and to help establish lasting peace and stability in that country." Qureshi said he was the

tions with Tehran.

visit to Tajikistan, Uzbekand Turkmenistan where he met with President Ebrahim Raisi and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran Amirabdollahian to discuss regional developments in Afghanistan and strengthen bilateral relations. After meeting with the President of Iran, Qureshi in a tweet said: Privileged to meet President Ayatollah Ebrahim Raisi in Iran. Conveyed warmth of our leadership and shared PM Imran Khan's invitation to visit Pakistan.

Afghan Airlines- said that two other domestic flights from Kabul were conducted to Herat and Kandahar provinces on Sunday (September 05). In the meantime, three inter-

national flights from Qatar, United Arab Emirate, and Bahrain carrying technical personnel and humanitarian aid have also landed in HKIA over the past four days.

The efforts for activating the HKIA intensified after the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan asked Qatar and Turkey to send their technical team to prepare the airport for domestic and international flights.

Technical personnel from Qatar have arrived but Turkey has set conditions for sending their civil personnel to Kabul. Turkey has said that their civil experts will only provide assistance to HKIA when their military personnel man their security, the suggestion which has been refused by the Taliban.

Iran hands over 219 Pakistanis to Pak forces

FOREIGN DESK

TAFTAN: Iran handed over 219 Pakistani nationals to the Pakistan border forces on Sunday on their illegal entry into the country. The Iranian security forces had arrested the Pakistanis from different cities of Iran. They handed over them to the Levies administration at the transit gate on the Taftan border between Pakistan and Iran.

Pakistani border security forces received these 219 nationals after confirming their identity cards and other documents.

The Pakistani authorities also returned some 49 people back to the Iranian border forces as they had not Pakistani identity cards.

The Pakistan side Taftan transit gate in-charge Mir Elahi Bukhsh Notezai after receiving the citizens illegally entered in Iran handed over to Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) for further investigations.

The arrested Pakistanis included 157 from Punjab, 31 from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. 29 from Sindh, and 02 from Azad Kashmir.

against his family is just another shameful example of India's descent into fascism under the Nazi-inspired RSS-BJP govt", Imran Khan said on twitter while referring to a report published in

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Prime Min-

ister Imran Khan on Sun-

day condemned snatching

of the body of late veteran

Kashmiri leader Syed Ali

Geelani and then register-

ing cases against his family

as "just another shameful

example of India's descent

into fascism" under the

Nazi-inspired RSS-BJP gov-

"Snatching the body of the

92 year old Syed Ali Geelani,

one of the most respected

& principled Kashmiri ldrs,

ernment.

the Times of India. The prime minister in his tweet also posted the newspaper's report, according to which the Jammu and Kashmi Police on Saturday lodged an FIR against the family members of deceased Syed Ali Shah Geelani and others

gans and putting Pakistani flag on his body. The Times of India guoted a police officer as saying: "The FIR was registered

at Budgam police station against the family members of Geelani along with other elements for raising anti-national slogans and putting Pakistani flag on the separatist's body at his home after his death on Wednesday.

A small number of people, mainly some close relatives,

role for peace and stability

pate in the funeral prayer and to have a last glimpse. The Indian army had laid restrictions all across the occupied valley to prevent a mammoth gathering on Geelani's funeral.

Pakistan on Friday summoned the Indian charge d'affaires to the Foreign Office to condemn India's "shameless snatching" of veteran Hurrivat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani's body from his family and disallowing his burial to be

Geelani, who passed away on Wednesday, was buried in a tightly controlled pre-dawn ceremony on Thursday morning as Indian authorities imposed a lockdown across Indian-occupied Kashmir. He was buried at a cemetery near his home in the main city of Srinagar, a police source said. Only a small number of his relatives were present, including two of his sons, the source added.

Qureshi as saying. two foreign

the face, the Taliban have ordered, and classes must be segregated by sex - or at least divided by a curtain. In a lengthy document issued by the Taliban's education authority, they also ordered that female students should only be taught by other women, but if that was not possible then "old men" of good character could fill in. The decree applies to pri-

vate colleges and universities, which have mushroomed since the Taliban's first rule ended in 2001.

During that period, girls and women were mostly excluded from education because of rules regarding same-sex classrooms and the insistence they had to be accompanied by a male relative whenever they left the house.

Govt suggests alternative drugs for Covid-19

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination has suggested that the Baricitinib or Tofacitinib are appropriate alternative drugs to Tocilizumab to control the mortality rate among COV-ID-19 patients.

As per the latest guidelines issued by the ministry, both drugs belong to the same class of anti-inflammatory drugs like the Janus kinase (JAK) Inhibitors and recommended that Baricitinib or Tofacitinib should only be given in combination with dexamethasone or another corticosteroid. It added, Tocilizumab, especially in combination with dexamethasone, has been effective at lowering the mortality rate among COVID-19 patients whose respiratory systems decomposed rapidly and required oxygen delivery through a high-flow device or noninvasive ventilation.

There is now a shortage of this life-saving drug not just in Pakistan, but across the world and regulatory bodies in various countries have re-directed healthcare providers to alternatives. it added.

It said that healthcare workers, especially those involved in critical care of COVID-19 patients, should visit the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) website. – APP

Nawaz Sharif himself to decide about his return

About the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), Bilawal stated that the opposition parties did not want to remove Usman Buzdar or dislodge Imran Khan's government through this alliance

MULTAN: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Sunday said PML-N Supremo Muhammad Nawaz Sharif would himself decided about his return however the people wanted their leadership to live among them.

Bilawal expressed these views during an interaction with Columnists and Editors at the People's Secretariat, while responding to a question about Nawaz Sharif's return. He said that Altaf Hussain or Ashraf Ghani model were unacceptable to people. When asked about the Pakistan

Democratic Movement (PDM), Bilawal stated that the opposition parties did not want to

remove Usman Buzdar or dislodge Imran Khan's government through this alliance.

To another question, he said that PDM parties could not succeed if they continued their non-serious attitude. The opposition alliance could not come on one page due to different narratives within its ranks, admitted the PPP chairman.

He said some parties in the PDM were confused over the issue of tendering resignations from assemblies. If they resigned, how would they bring a no-confidence motion as per their plan, Bilawal questioned. He said his father suffered worst

torture during the PML-N reign



but the party ignored it for democracy

To another question, Bilawal said that consensus among all was necessary for electoral reforms. He said that PPP wanted a prosperous, progressive and democratic Pakistan. Bilawal claimed that PPP would

talking to media. - DNA

form the next government and resolve the public problems. He claimed that PPP governments

laid a network of development works in South Punjab. It had done as much for South Punjab as no one else had done.

Bilawal stressed the need of proper implementation over National Action Plan in the country. About PPP in Punjab, Bilawal

stated that Pakistan People's Party was harmed in Punjab under a conspiracy and everyone knew how it happened.

To another question, Bilawal stated that recommendations of par-

liamentary commission headed by Farhatullah Babar regarding provincial autonomy should be implemented. About PPP policies for farmers, the PPP chairman stated his party would reduce prices of agriculture inputs by restoring subsidies. Expensive electricity, fertilizers and diesel have damaged agriculture sector, he hinted. The PPP will give special packages to farmers when it comes to power in near future, stated Bilawal. About electoral reforms. he

stated that PPP also carried out electoral reforms after which the Leader of the Opposition and the Election Commission became powerful. - Agencies

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create instability in region.

Regarding the ISI Chief' vis-

it to Kabul, he said informal

ties are kept intact at intelli-

ABID RAZA in Afghanistan. He said Pakistan supports LAHORE: Federal Minister formation of an Afghan Govfor Information and Broadernment comprising of all the casting, Chaudhry Fawad groups, however, formation Hussain has said that India of Government is the issue has no role to play in Afghanof the Afghan nation. Inforistan as it shares no border mation minister urged the with the country and New international community not Delhi has to face humiliation to leave Afghanistan alone as on the Afghan front. leaving Kabul alone now may

Talking to newsmen in

Lahore on Sunday, Fawad

Chaudhry said Islamabad

will do everything for stabil-

ity in Afghanistan as insta-

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