

inclusion into CPEC hailed

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ister Imran Khan Sunwhile dav lauding efforts of the ministry of Maritime Affairs, termed

inclusion of Karachi Comprehensive Coastal Development Zone in China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a 'game changer'. He expressed the hope that it would help in cleaning up marine habitat for fishermen, develop low income housing units and creating investment opportunities. "Inclusion of Karachi Comprehensive Coastal Development Zone in CPEC is game changer.

Turkey to buy more Russian equipment



Briefs KCZ inclusion into CPFC: Taliban says don't want any conflict

"We will not let anyone use the Afghan soil against any other country," announced the IEA Foreign Minister

News Desk

KABUL: The acting Foreign Minister of Afghan-

istan Amir Khan Muttaqi on Sunday said that the Taliban government does not want conflict in the country, therefore, it would not take the initiative to create one. Addressing a ceremony of the Afghan Ministry of Commerce in Kabul on

Sunday, the acting FM said that anyone who engages in divisive politics will be left alone. "We will not let anyone use the Afghan soil against any other country," said the FM.

Speaking about the past, he said that an alliance of 50 countries had entered Afghanistan to oust the Taliban government in the past but when it came to establishing peace, "no foreign fighters came to fight in Afghanistan". "The credit for establishing peace in the country solely goes to the local people," said Muttaqi, adding that the Taliban government would be ready to take steps ahead if another country even takes one step towards establishing friendly ties with Afghanistan. Muttaqi admitted that while the newly-established government is facing difficulties at the moment, its main focus is the welfare of the people. He said that the government will create such conditions that "no one will leave the country".

Zabihullah lauds Pakistan's support

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KABUL: In an interview to Pakistan Television, he said Pakistan had demanded of the international community to establish better ties with Afghanistan. Pakistan was our neighbouring country

and Afghanistan was thankful for Pakistan's stance regarding Afghanistan, he added. The minister said Afghanistan wanted good relations with the international community and desired to expand trade and economic ties.

We hope that neighbouring countries will continue to extend support to Afghanistan before the international community."

He said many countries had raised voice in our favour before the international community and the United States. Qatar, Uzbekistan and other countries had also adopted a positive stance towards Afghanistan, he said adding six days back China and Russia talked in our favour at the United Nations General Assembly. The relations of Afghanistan will its neighbours and the international community were important, he noted.



MOSCOW: Pakistan Army won Bronze Medal in 58th World Military Boxing Championship held at Moscow, Russia. Sepoy Bilawal Zia, Pakistan Army clinched bronze medal at world military boxing championship. - DNA

Russia says in contact with Pak, US, China

AGENCIES

NEW YORK: Russia, China, Pakistan and the United States are working together to ensure that Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers keep their promises, especially to form a genuinely representative government and prevent extremism from spreading, Russia's foreign minister said Saturday. Sergey Lavrov said the four countries are in ongoing contact. He said representatives from Russia, China and Pakistan recently traveled to Qatar and then to Afghanistan's capital, KaPML-N will bury PTI in 2023 elections

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NEHAL MIRAJ

RAWALPINDI: PML-N President Shahbaz Sharif on Sunday boldly claimed that his party will "bury PTI forever" in the 2023 general elections. Addressing a PML-N workers convention in Rawalpindi, the Op position leader, congratulated the party for achieving significant success in the recently held cantonment board elections In the polls held on September 12, PTI managed to secure 63 seats while the PML-N won 59 seats from across the country. "Our success in the cantonment board elections is not ordinary," he said, noting that the party had performed even better in Rawalpindi than Lahore, a city considered their stronghold. "We wiped out the PTI," he declared. Speaking of the 2023 elections, he demanded that they be held transparently, adding that he holds these expectations from Election Commission of Pakistan, the



move that triggered US sanctions and deepened a rift with Washington. In an interview aired on Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan at CBS News, Erdogan said nobody can interfere with what defence systems Ankara, a NATO ally, would buy.

FM in London on official visit

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three-day visit to the United Kingdom on Sunday. On arrival at Heathrow Airport, Pakistan's High Commissioner to the UK Moazzam Ahmad Khan and Deputy High Commissioner Dr. Faisal Aziz and senior officials of the High Commission welcomed the Foreign Minister. Shah Mahmood Qureshi will have a bilateral meeting with his British counterpart Elizabeth Truss. The meeting will focus on bilateral relations, bilateral cooperation in multilateral fields and important regional and global issues.

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Avenfield flats bought through looted money

Sharifs did not spend a single penny of the looted money on the masses, rather laundered abroad to build palatial flats in London, Fawad says



Shujaat Hamza

ISLAMABAD: Minis ter for Information and Broadcasting Chaudhry Fawad Hussain on Sunday said the Sharif family had purchased Avenfield flats in London after committing massive corruption in the Lahore-Islamabad



"It is pertinent to note the

timing of purchase of Avenfield flats and construction of the motorway. The Sharif family was purchasing the Avenfield flats in the UK on the same time when the most expensive agreement of the region for construction of a motorway was being signed

in the country by the then Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) government [with a company]," he said while addressing a news conference.

Flanked by Minister for Communications and Services Murad Postal Saeed, Fawad said public should know that the then PML-N government did massive corruption under the cover of such expensive contracts for constructing the motorway. They did not spend a single

penny of the looted money on the masses, rather laundered abroad to build palatial flats in London, he said adding, the money spent on such expensive projects by the PML-N government was borrowed from different international financial institutions.

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Germany votes to replace Angela Merkel

BERLIN: Germans headed to the polls Sunday to vote in a closely fought federal election that will, in the coming days or weeks, result in a new chancellor taking the helm of the world's fourth-largest economy. Chancellor Angela Merkel, 67, has been a symbol of stability in Europe since she took on the role in 2005. But after almost 16 years in the top job, she will step down once it becomes clear who her successor will be. Polling predictions on Saturday suggested the race was too close to call, with the center-left SPD holding a small but narrowing lead over Merkel's party, the

center-right CDU. - APP

judiciary and all institutions. Shahbaz said that three years ago, when the PTI came into power, "having this select-

ed prime minister selected destroyed Pakistan". He said now, after 3.25 years, the people's "eyes have opened" to the truth. The Opposition leader said that Pakistan "has no respect" and has been left "penniless". "They have ruined the economy with the loans they have taken," he added. "And this selected prime minister then says 'you must not panic'." Shahbaz urged the people to "take a stand" against soaring inflation.



Covid-19 positivity rate falls below 4% after 4 months Pakistan last reported Covid positivity rate at 3.9% on June 3

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMBAD: Pakistan continues to report a decline in coronavirus infections, with the positivity rate going below 4% for the first time in almost four months on Sunday. Pakistan last reported COVID-19 positivity rate at

3.9% on June 3. According to the latest statistics by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), the country's positivity rate currently stands at 3.98% as of Sunday morning. As many as 44,712 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours across the country, of which 1,780 came back positive.

Meanwhile, 42 more people

Travel bans boost Pak domestic tourism

MONITORING DESK

ISLAMABAD: Worldwide coronavirus travel bans, exploration of new tourist destinations and infrastructure development have boosted Pakistan's domestic tourism, with millions of local visitors thronging to the country's scenic north and northwest this summer. A record of more than 5.5 million tourists, mainly local, visited the majestic mountains, lush-green plateaus and picturesque valleys in the northern Gilgit-Baltistan region, which borders neighboring China, and northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province, bordering Afghanistan, despite the coronavirus pandemic during this tourist season In KP alone, nearly 4 million tourists visited the famous tourist destinations of Swat, Chitral, Nathiagali Abbottabad, Kaghan and Naran in Mansehra from May to September, according to Latifur Rehman Khan, a spokesman for the KP tourism department.

succumbed to the coronavirus during the same period in the country, pushing the death toll from the virus to 27,566.As per the NCOC data, with the addition of 1,780 new infections, the total caseload of the country has risen to 1,238,668. A day earlier, the number

of active coronavirus cases in Pakistan had gone under 60,000 for the first time in nearly two months, official data showed Saturday morning.The country's active number of cases had fallen to 52,042. The country last reported 59,761 active cases on July 29. The active cases had fallen consistently for more than a week with

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PTI to resolve issues at ground level: Senator Saifullah

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ISHFAQ MUGHAL

FAISALABAD: Pakistan Tehreek Insaf (PTI) is working to ensure coordination between its workers and public to resolve the chronic issues at the ground level. This was stated by Senator Saifullah Niazi Chief Organizer PTI while talking to media persons at Circuit House Faisalabad.

He said that Prime Minister (PM) Imran Khan has especially directed him to visit Faisalabad and analyze the party as well as public issues so that it could be reinvigorated to participate in upcoming elections on the basis of its performance.

As regards our party issues, he said that District Coordination Committees (DCCs) have been constituted. It will hold at least two meetings in a month to discuss the local issues and resolve

Mobile

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to remain

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the higher forum so that the party and public could join About Rs.30 billion package corruption free society. hands to resolve the issues and pass on maximum relief

to the masses. Responding to a question that PTI workers are being denied of their rights, Niazi said that forum of DCC has been provided where the PTI workers could openly discuss and thrash out their issues within the given framework.

About inflation, he said that it is global phenomena. However, drastic steps have been taken to control the holding related inflation. In this connection, government was actively considering to restore who will ensure adequate supply of commodities at reasonable rates.

problems which could not has lack of coordination in co- PTI is also making sincere be addressed at district level hesion and ultimate objective efforts to bring qualitative would be communicated at of his visit is to bring all cadres improvement in the governof his party on one page.

> to economic crisis. However, he will take up this matter in the notice of Prime Minister Imran Khan and Chief Minbe released for the approved development projects.

Responding to a query raised by a veteran journalist Mirza control, he said that the government is trying its best to nail down the mafias and in this connection, action has the price control magistrates also been taken against Bigwigs of the party.

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the same. He said that the question, he said that the PTI it in the right direction and ance in order to ensure a

for Faisalabad, he said that About wrong distribution necessary funds of this pack- of tickets during elections age could not be released due of cantonment boards, he admitted and said that the party was serious investigating this issue. About foreign funding case, he said that the ister Punjab Sardar Usman PTI has already submitted Buzdar so that funds could all necessary documents and there is nothing to hide from the court and public.

When a question was raised about closure of power loom Ashfaq Mughal about mafia factories due to high inflation and non-availability of raw material for this sector. Senator Saif Ullah Niazi became nervous and he requested Mr. Faizullah Kamoka Chairman NA Standing

However, he said that Singa- Committee on Finance, Revenue & Economic Affairs to it had to take 20 years to put reply the query satisfactorily.

in Punjab STAFF REPORT

ing 60 dengue patients.

A total of 992 cases have been reported in the province so far. Reportedly, 60 patients of dengue were reported in the provincial capital during the last 24 hours. A total of 48 patients were admitted to different hospitals in Lahore. Twelve dengue patients were admitted to Lahore's Ganga Ram Hospital; 5 in Mayo Hospital; while 3 patients were admitted to Fatima Jinnah Memorial Hospital, Jinnah Hospital and Doctors' Hospital.

According to the Punjab Health Department, a total of 824 confirmed cases have been reported in Lahore during the current year; whereas, 992 cases were reported in the province. According to the provincial

health department data, 66 new patients of dengue were admitted to the Punjab hospitals.



FAISALABAD: Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Farrukh Habib is addressing a public meeting after inaugurate the Development Work in CC-99. - APP

Shelter-homes restore self-respect of people

LAHORE: Dengue is pitching and efforts was on to increase it before harsh deep in Punjab as during the last 24 hours over 100 new cases were reported in the province and Islamabad with PESHAWAR: The shelter Lahore on the forefront hav-

homes established under the Prime Minister Imran Khan's vision to restore dignity and self-respect of shelter-less and destitute people have started delivering in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa where hundreds of thousands underprivileged and vulnerable segments were benefited who were most vulnerable to extreme weather conditions.

About 19 model shelter-homes working under the supervision of Social Welfare Department government of KP and Pakistan Baitul Mall was unique project of the PTI government facilitating large numbers of poor and homeless people, senior citizens, needy women and children in the province since 2018.

"Establishment of shelter homes is a great step of the government as the past government's did not pay

winter season any heed to the plights of including night accommodahomeless people," Younas Afridi, District Officer, Sotion are also being provided to passengers of other discial Welfare Department tricts and easy accessibility," he said, adding over one told APP on Tuesday. He said that KP has taken a lakh people have been benlead role by establishing 19 efited only from Pachagai model shelter homes includshelter home established ing eight by Pakistan Baitul three years ago in heart of Mall in different districts of the province and has started delivering to poor.

"In line with PM's vision,

the KP government has

setup a model shelter home

at Pachagi Road Peshawar

where all modern facilities

including free breakfast,

meal, transport and others

services are being provided

to shelterless since 2018.

"Currently, we have 100-bed

capacity and efforts was on

to increase it before harsh

"Pachagi shelter homes is

a prime choice of shelter

less, destitute and under-

privileged segment of the

society where free services

winter season,' he said.

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Peshawar City. Thousands of neglected persons, who used to sleep under bridges, flyovers, road dividers and shrines, have been provided free accommodation and meal services at this dignified place during their stay, he added. He said the KP govern-

ment and Pakistan Baitul Mall have recently inked an agreement for establishing shelter homes in the province. As per the agreement, he said eight new shelter homes would be established including two in Peshawar and one each in all divisional headquarters of KP. - APP

BUREAU REPORT

ABID RAZA

LAHORE: Punjab government Saturday announced to shut the mobile phone services on the eve of Chehlum of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and Urs of Hazrat Data Ali Hajveri (RA) on Monday and Tuesday.

According to a private television channel report, the government wouldshut the mobile phone services down partially on the eve of Chehlum and the next day on September 27 and 28 for se curity reasons.

FAISALABAD: Faisalabad Expo Centre will play a proactive role in introducing and enhancing exports of quality products of "Made in Faisalabad" to the global markets, said Mian Aslam Iqbal, Provincial Minister for Industry, Commerce & Investment.

He was addressing a ceremony after unveiling a plaque for the ground breaking ceremony of Faisalabad Expo Centre at Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) here today. He said that the Govern-

Faisalabad Expo crucial for exports to global markets ment has laid full focus on

reinvigorating industrial and commercial activities. "In this connection fully equipped industrial estates are developed across the province", he said and added that in Faisalabad M3 industrial estate and Allama Iqbal Special Economic Zones are already under the process of expeditious colonization. He said that Expo Centre will attract foreign buyers to visit and personally participate in exhibitions to be organized in this state of the art Expo Centre. He said that despite the pandemic, the Government

adopted a prudent policy of smart lockdown which helped to gear up the industrial activities.. About the Expo Centre, he said that it would be completed under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The Provincial Minister also inaugurated industrial facilitation lounge and in this connection he particularly appreciated the innovative and creative approach of Engineer Hafiz Ihtasham Javed President FCCI who has devoted himself for the welfare of the business community and taken bold steps to facilitate the FCCI members.

Dengue cases surged

با کستان ا نیر فورس بی جثیت سویلین سٹاف شمولیت اختیار کرنے کا سنہری موقع

آن لائن رجسر يشن 27 ستمبر تا 10 اكتوبر 2021 ٹیسٹ کمپیوٹرائزڈ ہونے کی دجہ سے اُمید داران کو کمپیوٹر کا بنیادی استعال جاننا ضروری ہے۔ www.joinpaf.gov.pk

مندرجہ ذیل خالی آسامیوں کے لیے پاکستانی قومیت کے حامل مرد دخواتین متعلقہ پی اے ایف انفارمیشن اینڈ سلیکشن سینٹرزاور ہماری دیب سائٹ www.joinpaf.gov.pk پر anline گھر بیٹھے رجٹریشن کر سکتے ہیں۔

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18 تا25 مال	میٹرک بعد کی بھی منظور شدہ گورنمنٹ ادارے سے تلمن سالہ کیمیکل انجینئر تک ڈیلڈمہ ۔ مسیرک بعد کی بھی منظور شدہ گورنمنٹ ادارے سے تلمن سالہ کیمیکل انجینئر تک ڈیلڈمہ ۔	پېچېلې : 02 سندھ(رورل) : 01 . خيبر پختون خواه : 01	11	جارج بینڈ (Painter)	.18	JL-28118	گریچویٹ اور کمپیوٹر پرکام کرنے کی مہارت رکھے دالوں کوتر نیچ دی جائے گی۔	01	خيبر پختون خواه :	02 : 01 :	پنجاب <i>سنده</i> رورل	15	استنت (Assistant)	.1
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25 تا 25 سال	بی ایس ی ف ^{رس} انجیسٹری لیپارٹری میں علی تجربہ کے حال حضرات کوتر چیح دی جائے گی۔ 	نيبر پختون خواه : 01 شريختون خواه : 01	10	لیبارٹری ٹین(Lab Man)	.20	35=25 سال	بیٹرک بر مدینی کار کیمیکل میں ثنین سالدانہ بھر تک ڈیلو مدادر کی بچی گوزمنٹ یا کو زمنٹ سے منظور شدہ ادارہ ہے سم از کم دن سال کے قبح بدکا حال ہو۔			01 :	پنجاب	15	فوريين (ACF)	.3
18 تا25 سال	ائٹرمیڈیٹ نیزسٹور کیپنگ میں تجربدر کھنے دالوں کوتر چیجندی جائے گی۔ ا	خيبر پختون خواه : 01	09	اسىئىنىڭ سىلوركىپىر (ASK-LD)	.21	JL-35F25	ارد این سال می بر بینامه کارد. میزک برویکمطال آثر موال شی تین ساله انتیمیر تک ذیلومه اورک یمی کوزمنت یا کوزمنت سے منظور شده اداره سے سم از کم دن سال تے قبر بیکا حال ہو۔	01	خيبر پختون خواه :	01 :	بنجاب	15	ۇرىين (MT Fitter)	.4
		میرک : 06 پنجاب(مرد) : 30 پنجاب(خواتمن) : 04 پنجاب(اقلیت) : 02			L	35=25 مال	سترک بمدیکی کا توموبال میں تین سالد انجیم کی ڈیلو مدادر کی تھی کور منٹ یا کور نمنٹ سے منظور شدہ ادارہ سے سم از کم دن سال کے تجریکا حال ہو۔			01 :	پنجاب	15	فوريين (Eng Fitter)	.5
	میٹرک بمعہ 30 الفاظ فی منٹ کمپیوٹر پرٹا ٹیک پیڈاور کمپیوٹر پر کا م کرنے کی مہارت رکھتا ہو۔	پنجاب (معذور) : 01 سنده (رورل) مرد : 07				30520 مال	ا داری مان کے برجام کان کے اور کی میں اور کی میں 20 سالہ عملی تجربہ ۔ بی المیں فر کس المجمس بمعہ لیوار شری میں 02 سالہ عملی تجربہ ۔	01	خيبر پختون خواه :	01 :	پنجاب	15	ليبارثري فوريين	.6
25 تا 25 سال	یہ (ب بعد ای العلومی سے پیوٹر پہ چیک چیدرو پیوٹر کچ الے کر اس کے میارو العابور نیز ذہانت کے انتخان شرکا میانی حاصل کرنے والے اُمیدواران کا اُسی دن ٹائیچنگ شیٹ کیا جائے گا۔	بلوچتان (مرد) : 00 نیر پختون خواه (مرد) : 07	09	22. لوتر ذویژن ککرک (LDC)	.22	しし30に25	ب کار کار کار سالہ ایجام گاڈیلومدادر کی بحک میں اور ہے۔ سرک بود ملحظ میں ثنی سالہ ایجام گاڈیلومدادر کی بحک کو زمینٹ یا کو زمینٹ سے منطور شدہ ادارہ ہے کم از کم مرات سال کے قریبہ کا حال ہو۔		خيبر پختون خواه :	01 :	پنجاب	14	استدند فورمین (Afr Fitter)	.7
		آزاد کلیم (مرد) : 02 تیم یکتون خواه (خواطن): 01 گلت بلتتان (مرد): 02 فاط (مرد) : 02			u	JL-30F25	سیزک بمد مکینیکل الیکٹرا تک/میکاٹرا تک شن تمان سالہ انہیم تگ ڈیلو مدادر کمی بھی گور منٹ یا کور منٹ سے منظور شدہ ادارہ ہے کہ از کم سامت سال کے قربہ بکا حال ہو۔	01	خيبر پختون خواه :	01 :	پنجاب	14	استدنت فورمين (Armt Fitter)	.8
18 تا25 مال	(۱) میٹرک بعد مکر فرنگ یا کسی دومرے میں امیڈ یکل مب ٹریڈ ش ڈیلو مد۔ (۱۱) سابقد ملاز من جنہوں نے کلاس کر کیڈا ۱۱- چٹریڈ یا سب ٹریڈ کا اختان پاک کیا ہو۔	سندھ(رورل) : 01	09	میڈیکل اسٹنٹ (Medical Asstt)	.23	しい30に25	میٹرک میدود دورک کار پیٹونیکنالوتی ش تمان سالدانجیکر یک ڈیلو مداور کی بھی کور تمنٹ یا کور نمنٹ سے منظور شدہ إدارہ سے کم از کم سات سال تے تجر بلا حال ہو۔		سنده(رورل) :	02 : 01 : 4	پنجاب خيبر پختون خواه	14	اسٹنٹ فورمین (Carpenter)	.9
18 تا25 مال	انٹر میڈیٹ بمعدلا تیر بریک سائنس مولیکم بیٹ ۔	پنجاب : 01 نيبر پختون خواه : 01 سنده(ردرل) : 01	08	لا <i>ئبر مي</i> ين (Librarian)	.24	30+25 مال	میٹرک بردیکی میں تمن سالد انجنم مل فو پلومداورک بھی گور نمنٹ یا کور نمنٹ سے منظور شدہ ادارہ ہے کم از کم سمات سال کے قربہ بکا حال ہو۔	01	خيبر پختون خواه	01 :	پنجاب	14	اسشنٹ فوریین (Painter)	.10
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Enquiry

Halting of BS Geography of ICT college draws flak

"FDE is trying to abandon an already established Department of Geography without even any consultation with the college that has successfully run the Master's program since its inception back in 2004"

ISLAMABAD: The abrupt discontinuation of BS Geoguate College H-8 citing the raphy Program of Islamabad reason of thin enrolment. Model Postgraduate Col-However the teachers have lege H-8 by the authorities termed it uneconomical as without consultation of the six out of seven Geograrelevant stakeholders will phy teachers will be left not only spoil the laborious with no students to teach efforts behind the launch of after two years while two this program but also incur labs, equipment and other infrastructure will have no huge financial loss in terms of wastage of the entire relevant infrastructure.

practical utility. Talking to APP, a senior According to an official Professor of the college resource, the Federal Direccalled all those challenges torate of Education (FDE) the college had to face two issued directives to discontindecades ago while planning ue BS Geography Program of and launching M.Sc. Geog-

Islamabad Model Postgrad- raphy program in this biggest and one of the oldest colleges in the metropolis. After abolishment of M Sc program in the country under the direction of Higher Education Commission, the college switched to B.S Program in Geography two vears back.

"No doubt the enrolment was low but instead of doing efforts to increase the enrolment, FDE discontinued the program thinking if this is the only solution. It is beyond my understanding why the authorities were playing such

havoc; there is certainly a method in this madness", he ironically remarked.

Another professor of the college said, "The policies of FDE are responsible for thin enrolment in B.S Programs of ICT colleges as the authority has fixed extremely high fee for ICT colleges. Students prefer to get admission in the colleges of Rawalpindi. H-8 College is the only college which offers BS in Geography in Islamabad but due to extremely high fee of BS

program, students choose

Government College As-ghar Mall Rawalpindi."

"FDE is trying to abandon an already established De-'In the first semester of BS, the total fee is Rs 11000 in partment of Geography Asghar Mall College while without even any consultain H-8 College the fee is tion with the college that over Rs 21000 while in the has successfully run the Master's program since subsequent semesters Asghar Mall College charges its inception back in 2004. Rs 2500 per semester while Geography department has the fee in H-8 College is Rs been producing almost 100 15000 in the subsequent percent result though the semesters.", he said while intake of students has not been very high but public inemphasizing on reducing fee and fixed at par with the stitutions are not meant for colleges of Rawalpindi in orbusiness production units der to attract the students. and cost-benefit hypothesis A representative of the like an industry." – APP

Flute classes to start in Lok Virsa

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage -Lok Virsa in collaboration with Echo Records would organize "flute learning" a musical instrument classes from October 4. In this regard, Lok Virsa has started the registration process for the admissions in the classes. Renowned classical flute player Salman Adil would be the instructor of the music classes. He said that experienced flute player who has had the opportunity to perform with several foreign musician delegations to produce instrumental fusion encapsulating his creative abilities.

This course was a headstart for all students pursuing higher education in music. In this course, participants would get to develop into the world of flute playing by learning flute techniques and Ragas and further improving. A flute is an aerophone or reed-less wind instrument that produces its sound from the flow of air across an opening. According to the instrument classification of Hornbostel-Sachs, flutes are categorized as edge-blown aerophones.

Panagah's network to be expanded by October 5

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Bait ul Mal (PBM) would start expansion of Panagah's or shelter homes network in various districts of the country from October 5 aimed at providing food and shelter to the poor and destitute segments of the society.

PBM has established around 19 panagah's all over the country and under expansion plan it would exceed the existing number all over the country, Assistant Director PBM Ms Salma told APP on Sunday.

She said PBM was significantly contributing towards



ISLAMABAD: A memorandum of understanding signed between Federal Ombudsman Secretariat for Protection against Harassment (FOSPAH), Pakistan International Airline and UN Women Pakistan for providing harassment free workspace. - APP

PHA plants 315,000 saplings under clean & green programme

RCB confiscates 132 truckloads of goods

Teachers Association said,

SHUJAAT HAMZA

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) on the special directives of Executive Officer Cantonment Board, Rawalpindi Muhammad Umar Farooq Ali Malik accelerated its ongoing anti-encroachment drive and confiscated 132 truckloads of goods from different markets during first three months of current fiscal year.

According to RCB spokesman, Qaiser Mehmood encroachment material was confiscated from Tench Bhatta, Kamalabad, Saddar, Chor, Peoples Colony, DhokeSaydian, Misrial Road, BakraMandi and other areas, adding that operation was being conducted on daily basis while permanent and temporary encroachments were being removed.

He advised the citizens not to violate the rules otherwise stern action would be taken against the violators and no relaxation would be given to anyone. Station Commander, Brig. Ijaz Qamar Kiani had also directed the Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) to remove encroachments along main roads. During a visit to Saddar and other areas of cantonment, last month, the station commander, who is also the RCB president, asked the board's authorities to accelerate its ongoing operation against encroachments.

He had visited different sites and inspected construction work as well as cleanliness in the area and expressed displeasure over encroachments along footpaths and roadsides particularly in and around Saddar area.

Seminar on "75 years of

pletion will be uploaded on Google Cloud. He said that PAL had signed

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KHAYYAM ABBASI

formed that PHA in collaboration with the departments RAWALPINDI: Parks and concerned under Glorious Horticulture Authority Rawalpindi project was also (PHA) Rawalpindi has planttaking solid steps for the beted over 315,000 saplings terment and beautification of under clean and green prothe city, to renovate historical gramme while solid steps sites and eliminate encroachments from city areas. have also been taken to beautify city areas, renovate He informed that near historical sites and elimily 315,000 saplings were nate encroachments. According to Director Hor-

planted in different parts of the city and other places. ticulture PHA, Sheikh Tariq Under a program, organ-Mahmood, all available ized here on Sept 19, as resources were utilized to many as 7000 saplings were achieve the plantation target planted in Potohar Park, set for monsoon plantation DhokeMunshi. Nearly 500

campaign 2021.

He instudents and their teachers took part in the plantation campaign. Advisor to the Chief Minister Punjab Asif Mehmood was also present on the occasion.

He informed that PHA was striving to renovate public parks of the city besides plantation as per vision of the Advisor to the Chief Minister, Asif Mehmood. More facilities were being provided to the citizens at all parks, he added. The authority was carrying

out mass plantation under

ongoing monsoon planta-

tion campaign and more

than the plantation target of 200,000 plants, given by the Punjab government for 2021 campaign was achieved as 315,000 saplings had been planted during this season. The plantation was being carried out with the help of various private institutions, he said adding, PHA had planted over 120,000 saplings on new Islamabad Airport Road.

He informed that PHA also planted saplings at Fazaia College Nur Khan Base and sixth road under ongoing monsoon tree plantation campaign.

Iqbal's poetry

Pak literary journalism' held

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) Sunday organized an online seminar "75 years of Pakistan Literary Journalism" in connection with Pakistan Diamond Jubilee celebrations series. In his welcome remarks, Chairman PAL Dr. Yusuf Khushk said that all the programs of Diamond Jubilee celebrations were

MOUs with several countries for the exchange of writers including China. He said that the Hall of Fame has been completed in PAL and soon will be inaugurated. In addition, work was underway on Literary Museums of 72 languages spoken across the country. The seminar was presided over by Mahmood Sham, Nazir Leghari and Zahida Hina while Wusat Ullah Khan. Mazhar Abbas and Mansoor Afaq were chief guests on the occasion, said a press release issued here. - DNA

poverty alleviation through its various services focused on providing assistance to homeless, widow, and orphan, invalid, infirm and other needy persons, as per eligibility criteria approved by Bait-ul-Mal Board.

Adding she said that this initiative would focus on quality service delivery to the shelter-less employed persons, by taking care of multiple aspects including health care, safe and secure living environment, hygienic food etc. in a respectable manner. – APP

Future of tourism is promising in Pakistan

DNA

ISLAMABAD: The events of 2020 completely paralyzed the tourism industry, however we now see parts of global and domestic tourism sector starting to recover from the Covid crisis. As travel is normalising

once again, we are very optimistic that Pakistan tourism industry will bounce back to its original steady position from the pre-pandemic times. Leading



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From necessary Covid-19 adaptions to accommodating evolving consumer preferences, we are very hopeful that hospitality sector in Pakistan will recuperate from the cat astrophic events of the previous year.

Portuguese ISLAMABAD: For the first time poetry of national poet of Pakistan Allama Iqbal has been translated in Portuguese language by Marco Luccesi, the chairman Brazil Academy of letters. Chairman Pakistan Academy of letters (PAL) Dr. Yousuf Khushk told APP. He said that the book entitled 'Prelude' was the first translation of poems by Allama Iqbal in Brazil. The book would be released at the end of October. Dr. Yousuf said that Lucchesi has already translated Rumi and was now dealing with YunusEmre's translation. - APP

Ehsaas to reopen Undergraduate Scholarship portal on Sep 30

The need cum merit-based undergraduate scholarship of Ehsaas covers hundred percent tuition fee of the university and a living stipend

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Ehsaas Un-Scholarship dergraduate application portal will be reopened from September 30 for the period of two months to allow maximum deserving students to apply for the scholarship and continue higher studies.

According to an official source, the Ehsaas online portal will remain open for next two months to receive new applications for the academic year 2021-22. All students with family income of less than Rs. 45,000 a month studying ers hundred percent tuition fee of the university and a living stipend. Ehsaas undergraduate Scholarship programme will support 200.000 students from low-income backgrounds over four years. The total

The programme covers all the four provinces, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan and Islamabad Capital Territory. As part of the undergraduate scholarship policy of Ehsaas, fifty percent of awardees are girls. For already enrolled awardees, their academic performance will be tracked, and subject to satis-

factory academic progress, they will continue to receive the Ehsaas scholarship till the completion of their undergraduate degree.

tion here that the steering committee of the programme in a meeting held recently emphasized on the need for timely payments to students so that they do not

account of other expenses.



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in the undergraduate programme across any of the 129 public sector universities recognised by Higher Commission Education (HEC) will be eligible to apply for scholarship. During the last two academic years, over 142,000 needbudget is Rs. 24 billion. cum-merit based Ehsaas

undergraduate scholarships have been awarded while this also, 50,000 scholarships will be awarded to deserving students. The students will be able to apply through the online portal: https://ehsaas.

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World Tourism Day today

ISLAMABAD: World Tour-ism Day will be marked on September 27 (Monday) across the globe including Pakistan with the aim to foster awareness among the international community of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic values. World Tourism Day recognizes the importance of tourists and the tourism industry across the globe. Many events will be ar-

ranged by different departments to mark world tourism day in Capital city. The United Nations' World Tourism Organization (UN-WTO) invites people worldwide to participate in World Tourism Day on September

27 every year. Many tourism enterprises and organizations, as well as government agencies with a special interest in tourism, celebrate the event with various special events and festivities.

Different types of competitions, such as photo competitions promoting tourism, as well as tourism award presentations in areas such as ecotourism, are held on World Tourism Day. Other activities include free entries, discounts or special offers for the general public to any site of tourism interest. Government and community leaders, as tourism business representatives, may make public announcements or offer special tours or fares to promote both their region and World Tourism Day on or around September 27.

Tourism has experienced continued growth and deeper diversification to become one of the fastest growing economic sectors in the world. Modern tourism is closely linked to development and includes more new destinations for tourists. - APP

Footwear exports surge 23.7pc in 2 months

ISLAMABAD: The export of footwear from the country increased by 23.72% during first two months of Fiscal Year 2021-22 against same period of the previous year. footwear exports The rose to US\$26.787 million in July-August (2021-22) compared to the export of \$21.65 million during same period of last year. On year-on-year and monthon-month basis the footwear export soared by 51% and 3.78% in August 2021 when compared to the exports in August 2020 and July 2021, according to latest data released by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. The data revealed that during the period under review. footwear export rose to \$13.642 million in August compared to the export of \$13.145 million in July 2021 and \$9.03 million in August 2020. The detail shows that export of leather footwear rose from \$18.9 million in July-August 2020-21 to \$22.68 million in same period of current fiscal year. thus showing an increase of 20%. Similarly the export of other shoes also increased from \$2.7 million in the corresponding period of last year to \$4.1 million this year, showing an increase of 50%. – APP

Govt believes in economic development: Mushtaq Ghani

Chairman Pak World Expo Center Khurshid Barlas appreciates the efforts of the government

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Speaker Provincial Assembly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mushtaq Ahmad Ghani and Chairman Pak World Trade Expo Center Khurshid Barlas and discussed investment opportunities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the meeting.

According to the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan, it is our vision to bring and promote industry and trade investment.

He said that if the country's economy is strong then poverty and unemployment will be eradicated from the country.

Chairman Pak World Expo Center Khurshid Barlas appreciated the efforts of the government. He gave a briefing on the Invest in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Conference and in its inaugural function the Speaker Provincial Assembly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa invited Mushtaq Ahmad Ghani as special guest.

DC directs to finalize security for Chehlum WASA and RWMC to ensure cleanliness and water supply on

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RAWALPINDI: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rawalpindi Muhammad Ali has directed the authorities concerned of Rawalpindi district to finalize all the arrangements including security for Chehlum of Hazrat

Imam Hussain (RA). sils to make the street lights According to a district adfunctional for the routes of ministration spokesman, the Chehlum processions the district administration and Majalis besides installwould make foolproof seing CCTV cameras. He instructed the officers curity arrangements in order to maintain a peaceful of WASA and RWMC to enatmosphere and to protect sure cleanliness and water supply on the procession lives and properties of the citizens. routes He directed the authorities He said, the district adminthat a list of all the departistration and police would ments for security cleartake all possible steps to make the security foolproof ance should be sent to the DC office. For monitoring for Chehlum processions. Routes and schedule of proof Chehlum route, a control room was being set up cessions and Majalis would in the TMA office where a be observed, he said adding, no one would be allowed to focal person of each the deviolate the loudspeaker partment concerned would ban and those who make be on duty.

Lok Virsa to organize calligraphy classes next month

ISLAMABAD: National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (NIFTH) and Eco Records would organize a three-month long calligraphy classes under a skill development program

titled 'Level Up'. Executive Director Lok Virsa Talha Ali told APP that the last date of registration is September 30.

He said Lok Virsa has scheduled a skill development program titled "Level Up" aiming at all creatively and musically inclined minds. "Our panel instructors consists of highly skilled and well-known professionals in their respective fields," he

CTP licensing branch to ensure merit, transparency: Spokesman

RAWALPINDI: City Traffic Police (CTP) on the directives of Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Rawalpindi Rai Mazhar Iqbal is ensuring merit and transparency in licensing process.

According to a CTP spokesman, City Traffic Police (CTP) was providing all the facilities to the driving license applicants under one roof at One Window Operation.

CTP had launched an automated driving test video system for driving test here to eliminate corruption and nepotism. He informed that the officers concerned directly monitor

window operation to facilitate the citizens.

Licensing In-charge Branch Azmat Hayat told that the CTP Headquarters Licensing Branch and the Kidmat Marakaz of the district facilitated 17,516 citizens and provided different licensing services. As many as 12,897 driving learner permits were issued during last month besides 1,493 new licenses and 2,584 old licenses were also renewed.

He informed that 70 duplicate licenses were issued to the applicants. As many as, 264 driving licenses of other districts were also renewed here besides endorsement of 110 licenses, he informed.

ters were set up at one to facilitate the citizens while the licensing servic-

es had also been provided at Khidmat Markaz and 15 Liaquat Bagh Center. Mazhar Iqbal said that in order to ensure merit and transparency in the driving license branch, monitoring was being conducted through computerized

cameras. He directed the officers to provide maximum facilities to the citizens and ensure the presence of Incharge licensing on the occasion of driving test. The CTP had finalized ar-

Bukhari told APP that the MCR had collected Rs 900 rangements for issuance million as building plan fee of driving licenses under one window operation and with an increase of 300 per cent in 2020-21 compared now the applicant could to last year's Rs 295 million apply for the driving liduring the same period. cense presenting original national identity card, he He said the MCR had set the target of Rs252.150 said adding, now there is no requirement of driving million on the account license file, driving tickets of Transfer of Immovaand photos of the applible prosperity(TTIP) in 2019-20, however, in the He advised the citizens to fiscal year 2020-21 it was revised at Rs 900 million. directly contact licensing Whereas Rs 1000 million branch of the Traffic Powere collected that was lice and get all required information in this regard a landmark achievement and above 300 per cent to avoid any difficulty reamount under the head of garding issuance of driving license. - APP TTIP. – APP

fare and Development Centre (WWDC) has provided skill based training to more than 4000 females in various trades during the last three years, enabling them to become self sufficient and earn livelihood for their DNA families. According to an official source, WWDC, Islamabad has been working under the Ministry of Human Rights and has been strengthened during the period of the last years. The Centre has expanded its activities and currently it is imparting 28 types of vocational and technical trainings, including One Year Diploma Courses

nology and Beauty Parlor. The source revealed that the WWDC has signed an MoU with National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC). This initiative is a part of Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Program (Skill for All) under Hunarmand Pakistan Program. The MoU is currently being implemented and with

a view to ensure women's economic empowerment females are being imparted trainings in various market-oriented skills.

in Fashion Designing, Com-

puter and Information Tech-

These include fashion designing, beautician, digital marketing, graphic designing, Information Technology and cooking (professional chef), etc. – APP

MCR collects Rs 3246.557 mln tax in FY 2020-21

RAWALPINDI: The Metropolitan Corporation, Rawalpindi (MCR) claimed to obtain a landmark achievement in tax collection by collecting an amount of Rs 3246.557 million during the fiscal year 2020-21 against the actual total income of Rs 1842.606 million in the corresponding year.

Chief Corporation Officer(CCO), MCR Ali Abass

'Kaleidoscope' workshop in full swing

ISLAMABAD: A week-long children art workshop titled 'Kaleidoscope' was in full swing at Theater walay aiming to encourage children's creativity.

Talking to APP, Director Theatre Walay Fizza Ali said it would develop their sense of colour and composition besides promoting stress-fighting activities. She said it would commune with nature in a garden environment and to inspire environmentally conscious art and to socialize in a COVID-friendly atmosphere .

She said around 7 to 12 years children could participate in the workshop as pre-registration was must and they could register themselves at the given link. She further briefed that all art materials would be provided by theater wa lay.- APP

The DC also requested the hate speech would not be allowed to visit the district religious scholars to play a role in this regard so as under any circumstances so to create a substance of that no untoward incident patience and tolerance in could occur. - APP

said. Renowned Calligraphy Instructor Muhammad Hanif will conduct the classes at Lok Virsa under level

up initiative. The course is a head start for all students to become proficient in Calligraphy qalam, brush pen Calligraphy, traditional pointed pen Calligraphy and broad edge Calligraphy.

Calligraphy is a type of visual art related to writing. It is the design of lettering with a broad tip brush or similar tool in one stroke. - APP

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the driving test through online video facility. City Police Officer, Rawalpindi (CPO) Rawalpindi Ahsan Younas had directed the authorities concerned to introduce modern facilities at the driving license branch to facilitate the driving license applicants and eliminate corruption,

he added. He said the CTP was using computerized sign testing system for sign test and now driving test has also been attached with online facility, adding, 12 counHe further said that CTP made 38 international driving licenses during August.

test of signals while driving test of the applicant is taken through video automated system, he said adding, biometric verification facility helps in identification of criminal record holders.

The CTO said that CTP was making all-out efforts

Serena Altit: a destination from the past

MUNAZA KAZMI

EY reader! Your all must סו have heard about the tales of Princess and Prince living in the far away magical lands in their hilltop beautiful palaces from your ever-loving grandma, and obviously you have yearned for seeing it yourself, however with the time those all felt just as fables. What if I may say those were not

mere imaginations but a Reality! Come with me to live a real episodeof your childhood fairy tales. In the northern territory of Gilgit Baltistan icy peaks stretch above the Hunza River. Situated on the riverbank and surrounded by glaciers and gorges, the town of Hunza traditionally served as a resting

place for travelers descending the Hindu Kush mountains into the Valley of Kashmir. Hunza is home to snow leopards, markhors, ibexes, and red-striped foxes.

Valley's natural splendor and position on the Central Asian Silk Route has attracted travelers, merchants, and mountaineers for centuries. Beyond its iconic glaciers, fertile apricot farms, and turquoise lakes, the region is also rich in cultural heritage.

In central Hunza, the 1,100 years old Altit fort is he region's oldest standing monuments and evidence of the valley's feudal regime. Traditionally home to the Mir, or king, of Hunza. The rectangular stronghold sits at the base of the Ulter Glacier and commands a view of the Hunza Valley and its tributaries-a strategic position for controlling the Trans-Karakoram trade route between South and Central Asia.

Mir until 1945. Later the fort and it's surrounding village namely AltitKhun have been restored by Aga Khan Trust for Culture. However, the fort is now converted into heritage mu-

The fort served as home to the

seum that showcase the world about the art, lifestyles and wisdom of then King, also it carries UNESCO Asia Pacific Heritage Award for Cultural Heritage Con-

servation in 2011. Serena Hotels that comes under the umbrella AKDN, enjoys have the philosophy of preserving the heritage along empowering the communities, have recently established another heritage hotelSerena Altit Fort Residence. that is a rare accommodation in the beautiful Hunza Valley which will surelytransport you into the fairytales of your grandma. The view of the majestic snow peeks, sounds of floating water, cheering of birds, exotic tastes of equally delicious looking locald-

Altit Fort. Traditional construction techniques, including use of stone, wooden beams and limestone instead of concrete, were used to allow it to blend seamlessly with the surroundings. The ishes with the feel of timeless furnishings in the rooms utilize

medieval kingdom, all combining gives you a most enchanting experience of your lifetime.

Overlookingthe clear water of Hunza River, Serena Altit Fort Residence located in the shadow of the Altit Fort adjoining the heritage village, where you would be finding the old grannies sitting in the alleys in their traditional attires. In the hotel you can tailor your

stay as per your needs, by choosing between the luxe mountain lodge Ameen House, or the Luxurv Hutssettled at the edge of the mesmerizing KhaBasi Garden.

indigenous wood and materials, hand-woven local textiles and traditional woodcarvings of the area. The common areas are appointed with heritage artefacts of the Mir's family and offer serene views of the KhaBasi garden and surroundings. These original features create welcoming spaces, that will connect you to the culture of Hunza and the beauty of the surrounding landscape.

AMEEN HOUSE **EXECUTIVE ROOM**

The splendidly appointed executive room features a king size



bed, premium bedding, sizeable that was once the picnic spot of the royal Mirs of Hunza, with work desk, large windows offering widespread views of the fascinatgorgeous garden views, and a spacious balcony with seating. It has The Ameen House, the former a roomy attached bathroom featurresidence of the son of Mir Jaing a bathtub, and a walk-in closet. mal Khan of Hunza, was built at AMEEN HOUSE STANDARD

programming.

ROOM

Featuring double or twin beds, pleasant lobby and sitting rooms with natural light and mesmerizing garden views. The common areas feature heritage artefacts from the family of Mir Jamal Khan, the last ruling Mir of

the valley amidst the comforting sounds of the gushing Hunza river below.

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Each hut features luxury beds and bedding, heating and cooling facilities, minibar, free wireless Internet, flat-screen HDTV with cable and satellite programming and an attached luxury bathroom with running hot water.

Serena Altit Fort residence features 16 beautifully appointed rooms including 1 Executive room, 4 Standard Rooms and 11 Luxury Huts. However, all rooms and huts are equipped with modern amenities designed to provide the maximum comfort and luxury, ensuring a serene experi-

ence for you every time. Moreover, in the hotel you can haveanamazing view of the snow



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I believe by having the booty from den, that offersabsolutely unique the Garden vou won't be feeling experience, stunning views of ravenous, but the only smell of the

tasty food near the lovely KhaBasi café is enough to make you driven towards. Where you end up eating a lot of yummy local and continental cuisine. With delicious food the charming KhaBasialso offerspanoramic view.

The café is run by local women, in the way having a contribution in the wellbeing of the society, however Serena works on the principle of hiring the workforce from the local community, hence it not even highlighting the top destinations of Pakistan but giving employment to the once neglected regions.

Altit Fort has been home to a flourishing women social enterprise named CIQAM;means 'greenery' in Brushaski and stands for growth and prosperity, since 2003 ever since restoration work began on the Altit Fort. The enterprise was created as a project developed under Aga Khan Cultural Services Pakistan, and co- funded by the Norwegian Embassy Trust for Culture and the World Bank.

Through this enterprise, skilledbased trainings of local women in carpentry, construction, masonry, topographic, along architectural surveys, hospitality, historical restoration and documentation have been imparted.

Serena Altit Fort Residence features furnishings like beds, cupboards and side tables constructed by the women of the CIQAM enterprise. At the same time there is a focus on eco-friendly and sustainable practices and environmentally conscious use of natural resources. In the end, take a stroll along the winding pathways of the AltitKhun village is worth a lot since you would be experiencing a glimpse into the original way of life of the Hunzakuts.

The Serena Altit Fort Residence is your gateway to experience the heartwarming uniqueness of the Hunza Vallev and an episode of your fairytale.

Defence exports

FTER having been impressed with Pakistan's defence equipment at the exhibition in Baghdad earlier this year, the government of Iraq placed an order for 12 JF-17 Thunder Block III fighter jets that are manufactured by the Pakistan Aeronautical Complex (PAC). This is a monumental step forward as it signifies that we have the technology and expertise to export high quality equipment across the world. Argentina also bought 12 of the same fighter jets, as did Nigeria. This indicates a gradual increase in our defence exports.

Iraq's delegation in Pakistan, led by Major General Muhammad (pilot) Majeed Mahdi Mahmood, is negotiating a deal through which \$664 million could potentially be funnelled into the country. Hopefully, we can harness this potential and materialise it. This inflow of money will certainly help our struggling economy but it will also allow for the PAC to conduct research and development that is targeted towards improvement and innovation in the defence sector. We have the potential to expand our capabilities to other weaponry beyond just fighter jets. Within the next few years, we could be exporting more equipment to a larger portion of the world.

Most of this development is courtesy of the technological transfers made to Pakistan by China. It has helped increase our capacity to produce advanced gear that meets international standards. We now have the avenue to explore the production of tanks, combat drones and other artillery that can be used domestically as well. In fact, the millions of dollars we are saving through utilising locally produced equipment can be reinvested into the industry to strengthen our own defence strategy.

As we move forward, we must explore the untapped markets that are available through improving upon our offering to the international community. Becoming a significant exporter of defence technology could be a game changer for us.

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Population time bomb

HE Imran Khan administration deserves credit for raising issues like the country's unhealthy population growth rate, stunted children, malnutrition, etc, at the highest level. Addressing the Kissan Card distribution ceremony in Dera Ismael Khan the other day, Prime Minister Imran Khan once again warned of widespread hunger, even famine, if crop production in the country did not match its population growth; which it doesn't at the moment and will not unless pretty drastic measures are taken.

Now, just to keep our population fed and healthy, we have to import a lot more food than we would have had to if its growth rate weren't so high. And we also have to imprint a lot more fuel, medicines, and other things just to meet our needs. That runs into a lot of extra expenditure, of course, and bloats our current account deficit to unaffordable levels, especially in the current economic environment. In times of turmoil, like the ongoing bout with the pandemic when the economy is forced to shut down occasionally, the high population number puts a lot of additional burden on the exchequer when the government must sprinkle subsidies and stimulus packages over the lowest earning groups just to keep them fed and healthy.

It's already pretty shameful, and downright unforgivable, that we have come from an agri-surplus country to one which has to import a bulk of its food. And since the population has been growing at an out-of-control rate all this time, the problem becomes that much more magnified. The government's focus on this area, therefore, is appreciated. And it also explains why the ruling party has made agriculture such a priority for this fiscal year's budget. Improving productivity by embracing mechanisation, latest technology and modern seeds will make us produce more for our own consumption and give the trade balance some breathing space. At the same time, the government will also have to initiate a vigorous campaign that will make people realise the extremely urgent necessity of reducing our population growth rate. Dense population also means more poverty, so there's a lot to gain from such policies. But unless both these things are done in tandem, the results will disappoint.

UAE-Israel ties built on assumptions

James Dorsey

Mr. Netanyahu's successor, PM Naftali Bennett, has put those hopes to bed. He has unequivocally rejected the notion of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel, refused to negotiate peace with the Palestinians during his term, and suggested that the improvement of social and economic conditions would satisfy Palestinian aspirations YEAR of diplomatic relations between the United Arab Emirates and Israel has proven to be mutually beneficial. The question is whether the assumptions underlying the UAE's initiative that led three other Arab countries to also formalise their relations with the Jewish state will prove to be correct in the medium and long term. UAE Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed laid out the strategic assumptions underlying his establishment of diplomatic relations, as well as its timing, in a conversation with Joel C. Rosenberg, an American-Israeli evangelical author and activist, 18 months before the announcement. Mr. Rosenberg's recounting of that conversation in a just-published book, Enemies and Allies: An Unforgettable Journey inside the Fast-Moving & Immensely Turbulent Modern Middle East, constitutes a rare firsthand public account of the Emirati leader's thinking. Mr. Rosenberg's reporting on his conversation with Prince Mohammed is largely paraphrased by the author rather than backed up with quotes. The UAE's interest in building good relations with American Evangelicals as part of its effort to garner soft power in the United States and project itself as an icon of religious

tolerance, and Mr. Rosenberg's willingness to serve that purpose, add credibility to the author's disclosures. Mr. Rosenberg's reporting, wittingly or unwittingly, has laid bare the potential longer-term fragility of the relationship that is evident in Prince Mohammed's timing for the UAE's recognition of Israel as well as the assumptions on which the Emirates has argued that relations would contribute to a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. What emerges is that the UAE and Israel have a geopolitical interest in cooperating to contain Iran and militias in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Yemen that are associated with the Islamic republic. They also reap economic benefit from the formalisation of a relationship that has long existed de facto. When it comes to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, however, the implication is that public support for the relationship could prove to be fickle even though comment on social media in a country that tightly polices freedom of expression was dominated by supporters of the Emirati government. Prominent Emirati political analyst Abdulkhaleq Abdulla described the public backing as "a show of support for the government rather than a show of support for 'normalization' (with Israel) as such." Mr. Abdulla was speaking in May as Israeli warplanes bombarded the Gaza Strip in a conflict, sparked by protests in East Jerusalem, with Hamas, the Islamist group that governs the territory. He noted that "no matter what your national priorities are at the moment or regional priorities are at the moment, when stuff like this happens, the Palestinian issue comes back and hits you." It was this sensitivity that persuaded Prince Mohammed that the door would close on establishing diplomatic relations with Israel without a solution to the Palestinian problem if then Israeli Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu were to go ahead with his plans to annex parts of the West Bank occupied by Israel during the 1967 Middle East war. "The only way to stop Netanyahu from grabbing what the Emiratis saw as Palestinian land was to go full Godfather and make Bibi an offer he couldn't refuse," Mr. Rosenberg wrote referring to Mr. Netanyahu by his nickname. A proposal by the Trump administration that the UAE and other Arab states sign a non-aggression and non-belligerency pact with Israel without establishing diplomatic relations with the Jewish state gave Prince Mohammed the opening to push his plan. "MbZ was open to the idea, but he now realized it would not be enough to pull Netanyahu away from his desire to annex large swaths of the West Bank. The only way to get what he wanted, MBZ recognized, was to give Netanyahu what he wanted most - full peace, full recognition, full normalization. But MbZ would have to move fast" to pre-empt the Israeli prime minister Mr. Rosenberg summarised, referring to Prince Mohammed by his initials. Quoting then Emirati minister of state for foreign affairs, Anwar Gargash, rather than Prince Mohammed, Mr. Rosenberg regur-

gitates hopes publicly expressed by Emirati officials that the establishment of diplomatic relations would reinvigorate moribund Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. The establishment of diplomatic relations promised to be "a 360-degree success, one that goes beyond trade and investment," Mr. Rosenberg quoted Mr. Gargash as saying. Emirati economy minister Abdulla Bin Touq said the UAE hoped to boost trade with Israel to US\$1 trillion over the next decade. Emirati officials were further banking on the fact that strong cultural and people-to-people ties - absent in Israel's initial peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan in the 1980s and 1990s - would put flesh on a skeleton of Arab-Israeli relations and ensure that Israel refrains from acts like annexation that would upset the apple cart.

Mr. Netanyahu's successor, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, has put those hopes to bed. He has unequivocally rejected the notion of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel, refused to negotiate peace with the Palestinians during his term, and suggested that the improvement of social and economic conditions would satisfy Palestinian aspirations.

That could prove to be a risky bet given a shift to the right in Israeli public opinion, the growing influence of conservative religious segments of society, and the ment, he could open the door for other Arab countries to see the benefits and follow suit," Mr. Rosenberg wrote. Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco were quick to follow the UAE's example. Some 300 Iraqi tribal and religious leaders, activists and former military officers called last week for diplomatic relations with Israel in a gathering in the Iraqi Kurdish city of Erbil.

"Just as we demand that Iraq achieve federalism domestically, we demand that Iraq join the Abraham Accords internationally. We call for full diplomatic relations with Israel and a new policy of mutual development and prosperity," said Wisam Al-Hardan, a spokesman for the group and onetime tribal militia leader that aligned with the United States to fight al-Qaeda in 2005. Mr. Rosenberg noted that "as more Arab states normalized relations with Israel, MbZ and his team believed it could create the conditions under which the Palestinians could finally say yes to a comprehensive peace plan of their own with Israel.'

That may prove to be over-optimistic. Addressing the United Nations General Assembly this week, President Mahmoud Abbas warned that the Palestine Authority would withdraw its recognition of Israel and press charges against Israel in the International Criminal Court if Israel did not withdraw in the next year from the West Bank and East Jerusalem and lift the 14-year-long blockade of the Gaza Strip. The assumption underlying Prince Mohammed's hopes that Palestinians as well as Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon for that matter, would ultimately fall into line, creates a false equation between most Arab states and those bordering on Israel or under Israeli occupation. Most Arab states like the UAE have existential issues with Israel that need to be resolved, which makes public opinion the potentially largest constraint on recognition of the Jewish state. There is no doubt that for Palestinians the issue is nothing but existential. The same is true for Jordan that has historic connections to the West Bank and whose population is more than half of Palestinian descent. Similarly, Lebanon and Syria host large numbers of Palestinian refugees. Syria, moreover, has its own issues with Israel given the latter's occupation of the Golan Heights since 1967. Improving the social and economic conditions of the Palestinians are unlikely to satisfy their minimal needs or those of Israel's immediate neighbours. Not to mention what the accelerated prospect of a de facto one-state solution to the Palestinian problem would mean for an Israel confronted with the choice of being a democratic state in which Palestinians could emerge as a majority or a Jewish state that sheds its democratic character and claim to be inclusive towards its citizens. – Dr. James M. Dorsey is an award-winning journalist and scholar and a Senior Fellow at the National University of Singapore's Middle East Institute.

fact that some 600,000 Israelis who populate settlements built on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem make a two-state solution de facto impossible. That would leave a one-state solution as the only solution. For that to work, Palestinians would have to buy into Mr. Bennett's approach that is informed by the concept of "shrinking the conflict" that seeks to marginalise the Palestinian problem, put forward by Micah Goodman, an Israeli academic who chose to build a home in a West Bank settlement. "Twenty per cent of Israelis are on the extremes, for either withdrawing from the territories or annexing them," Mr. Goodman says. "The remaining 80 percent who don't want to rule over the territories or relinquish them don't have a way to talk about the conflict, so they just don't think about it. Which is the tragedy of the Israeli center." Shrinking the conflict, rather than solving it, is what Mr. Goodman calls "replacing indifference with pragmatism." He suggests that initiatives such as the creation of corridors between Palestinian enclaves on the West Bank and a border crossing to Jordan "up to the level that the Palestinians feel they are ruling themselves, without the capacity to threaten Israel" would tempt Palestinians to buy into his concept. Mr. Goodman's plan would ensure, in his words, that Palestinians "don't get anything like the right of return, a state or Jerusalem." Prince Mohammed appears, based on Mr. Rosenberg's account of his conversations with the UAE leader and other Emirati officials, to have adopted the approach. "MbZ believed that by breaking the mould and making peace with Israel without giving the Palestinian leadership veto over his freedom of move-

Central Asian region Russian focus on the

Dr. Muhammad Akram Zaheer



The Russian measures and security agreements with regional States demonstrate that Russia is also worried about post United States withdrawal Afghanistan situation. It shows that Russian anxiety and its lack of trust on the capability and potential of regional states

D USSIA has significant influence in Central Asia region through its soft power. Russian mass media, TV, film, theaters are very popular in the region. Some Central States like Russian political model and legislation trends. The central Asian Countries have also passed bills against extremism, blasphemy and extremism that are identical to Russia.Present Russia is growing influence in Central Asian States because it wants to promote security, military and technical cooperation to modernize their armed forces.

Today, United States and NATO are moving back to their home from Afghanistan. The security situation of Afghanistan is alarming to the neighboring countries particular Pakistan and Central Asian states. The Central Asian state had begun to embrace Afghanistan as a regional economic partner and involved in infrastructure projects. In September 2020, Mullah Abdul Ghani made a statement that Taliban would never attack on their neighbors of Central Asia. Central Asian states have also been focusing on peace process and reconstruction in Afghanistan. Therefore, Russia has been concerned about Afghanistan's uneven and indefinite security situation which is possible threat to the regional stability.

United States withdrawal from Afghanistan reinvigorated Russian consideration in Cenrelations with the regional states particular Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan under the framework of Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO). These countries also have signed additional agreements to ensure stability in the region. Tajikistan has also signed an agreement to establish joint air defense system that may counter air attack from Afghanistan. Mr. Shoigu the defense minister of Russia had also discussed security matter with the counter part of Uzbekistan and sign an agreement to fight against terrorism. Both the countries also have prepared a Strategic Partnership Program for 2021-2025.

On April 2021, Russia organized joint military exercise with Tajikistan to build a scenario of joint reaction on the border with Afghanistan. Military exercises have also taken place on the border of Uzbekistan and Afghanistan by Russian and Uzbek armies in Late December 2020. The exercises were framed to counter the serious threat from the international terrorist activities in the region. Russia realized that the stability in Afghanistan is due to presence of international forces and drug trafficking. The terrorist groups like Al-Qaida and ISIS come to Afghanistanfrom the other countries because they think Afghanistan is a safe asylum for them.

The Russian measures and security agree-

tral Asia. Russia has multifaceted defense ments with regional States demonstrate that Russia is also worried about post United States withdrawal Afghanistan situation. It shows that Russian anxiety and its lack of trust on the capability and potential of regional states. The withdrawal of United States from Afghanistan may lead to possible terrorist attack on the regional states borders. In that circumstance Russia may assume her responsibility to protect their borders with Afghanistan.In this way, Russia wants to present itself as a regional and global leader. Putin administration focuses on regional security as well as on to improve socioeconomics.Russia also wants to form largest reprioritize its national and security interest in the region. Moscow thinks that post withdrawal of USA from Afghanistan, a vacuum of influence and porosity of border may empower criminal and fundamentalist structure, something that threaten the security of region and indirect Russian. Central Asian States are also following Kremlin to secure from any fundamentalist structure and terrorist activities.

> Summing up, in the contemporary time, Moscow has well-maintained special political and security relations with Central Asian States, chasing both old and new cooperation. It can be confidently, said that Central Asia region is still very important for Russia and it may grow and expand over time.

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Taliban says don't want any conflict

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"The Taliban government will not force anyone to leave the country because their policy is to unite the people of Afghanistan.³

Addressing the traders of the country, Muttaqi said that this section of society is responsible for the economic development of the country. "There are no restrictions for traders nor is there a market for bribes," said Muttaqi, adding that ministers are within the reach of traders whenever they require any assistance.

Taliban lauds Pakistan's...

FROM PAGE 01 He said war had ended in Panjshir and "we do not desire war with anybody". Time had come that the Afghan nation should work

for progress and prosperity of Afghanistan, he added. After peace in Afghanistan our priority was to expand trade with other countries, he told.

President urges players to focus on their performance

The President appreciated the Maragalla Golf Club for maintaining a lush green environment by constantly planting trees. He also shared memories of Karachi club

ISLAMABAD: President DrArifAlvi Sunday while expressing his confidence in the capabilities of national sports teams, stressed upon players to focus on their performance in the field, so as to bring further laurels to the country.

Addressing a closing ceremony of DTA 14th Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Amateur Golf Cup here at the Margalla Greens Golf Club, the president observed that sports always contributed to healthy activities, develop urge for competing and excelling while maintaining maximum performance.

The president also hoped that sports like golf would be promoted in the country, adding sports helped in learning different things about life. The ceremony was attended by Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi and a large number of civil and military dignitaries and participating golfers. Referring to the national cricket

team, the president said the national players had experienced an era of bias in the past. The



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi in a group photo with the winners of the 14th Chief of Naval Staff Amateurs Golf Championship 2021. - APP

current Pakistan cricket squad had visited the United Kingdom during Covid-19 pandemic, he said while citing the cancellation of foreign teams' visit of Pakistan. He said the prime minister had rightly urged the national team to

focus on performing in the field which was vital. The president further observed that Pakistani nation was blessed with capabilities and talents. The national teams, he said, by keeping up their performance, dignity and self ego, would

bring more success to the country. The president also narrated a historical incident of the cricket world when West Indian star Vivian Richards pummeled England legendary bowler Bob Willis with his superb batting. The president

appreciated the Maragalla Golf Club for maintaining a lush green environment by constantly planting trees. He also shared his memories of Karachi golf club.

He said the human beings are in the habit of looking for greenery and crave for getting a glimpse of natural scenery wherever they went. The president congratulated the prize winners for their well earned success and commended the high standards of sports displayed by all the participants.

The president, later, gave away trophies and awards among the winning players in the amateur, senior amateur and ladies categories. Major Saleem of Quetta Golf Club was given the winner's trophy for clinching the title.

Pakistan Navy has always actively pursued the cause of nurturing various sports activities and raise overall standards of sports at the national and international levels. The four-day long CNS Amateur Golf Cup is an annual feature of PGF and Pakistan Navy sports calendar. - APP

Avenfield flats bought through looted money

Islamabad **POST**

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FROM PAGE 01 As a result, he said the country had to pay US \$ two billion in interest to a company which was in agreement with the then government to construct the motorway. He also mentioned a story published in a leading national daily on December 4, 2002 stating that the cost of Lahore-Islamabad motorway had exceeded to US \$ 60 billion. The total income of motorway till 2002 was Rs 450 million only, he added.

Lashing out at Prime Minister Imran Khan's critics who said that he was against the construction of motorways in the past, Fawad said PM Imran was never against the development of road infrastructure, but the corruption which was committed in the name of such projects.

"There is no concept of development without road infrastructure because communication [linkages] are everything, but if you start building roads to promote your business as it was in case of Sharif family then there would be no development in the country," he said, adding "The motorways are remarkable and must be built." He reiterated PM Imran Khan's stance about corruption and said corrupt practices at local level did not cause major damage to the country, rather it was the 'systematic' corruption of a Prime Minister and his cabinet members which ruined the nation.

Fawad said the same did happen in Pakistan where from 1947 to 2008, the total debt stood at Rs six trillion, but it were both the Sharif and Zardari families which took it to Rs 27 trillion in only ten years. The incumbent government had to return US \$10 billion in the last three years to repay the loans taken by the past governments, he added. The minister said the country still had to repay massive amount of debt which was piled up due to the corruption of those two families in all the economic sectors of the country. The two families laundered the money which they had looted from the national exchequer; he said citing the example of Shehbaz Sharif who used bank accounts of his lower staff to stash Rs 25 billion dirty money abroad. The minister said when the country borrowed money for debt retirement, it eventually resulted into inflation, weak economy, expensive rates of utilities like electricity and gas. To a query, he said contracts worth Rs one trillion for road projects were made during different tenures of PML-N government. The present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan was striving hard to root out such mafias that had been weakening the country. About the corruption cases of Sharif family, he said the government was pursuing them vigorously to take them to logical conclusion. He lamented Shehbaz Sharif for criticizing the government on inflation and said it was him and his family who were a reason behind all the economic woes in the country.

Ukrainian Oleksandr Usyk Covid-19 beats Anthony Joshua positivity rate falls...

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FROM PAGE 01 new recoveries surpassing fresh cases reported daily. Among the active cases, 4,267 patients are under critical care. The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) urged people to get the second dose of Covid-19 vaccine and follow safety protocols as these are the only remedy against the potentially deadly coronavirus.

Russia says in contact with Pak, US, China

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LONDON: Oleksandr Usyk is the new unified heavyweight world champion after dethroning Anthony Joshua with an incredible performance in London. The Ukrainian put on a masterclass in front of 65,000 fans inside Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, outclassing Joshua over 12 rounds, and hurting the defending champion on numerous occasions. The scorecards - 117-112, 116-112, 115-113 - were all for Usyk and there was a mere shrug of the shoulders from Joshua as the second defeat of his professional career was confirmed. Having seen a fight with fellow Briton Tyson Fury collapse last summer, Josh-

Pakistan out from

Asian c'ship event

KARACHI: Pakistan Table Tennis contingent has received

a late Non-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Pakistan

Sports Board (PSB) and are now out of ITTF Asian Table

Tennis Championship's team event in Doha, Qatar. Earlier,

Pakistan Table Tennis Federation couldn't arrange a flight

for contingent on time as there were no available. They will

now leave on September 29. They will now only participate

in singles and doubles events. They will start their cam-

The championship is scheduled to start on September 28

The players who were named in the NOC are; Mohammad

Rameez, Fahad Khawaja, Mohammad Shah Khan, Moham-

mad Asim Qureshi, Mohammad Bilal Yasin, PerniyaZaman,

HaiqaHasan, SanamYasin, Sana Muzaffar, and Ayesha Khan.

Ahmed Nawaz Khan will head the Pakistan contingent

alongside female coach AsmaShahzadi. - DNA

paign from October 1 after finishing their quarantine.

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ua opted to face his WBO mandatory challenger and former undisputed cruiserweight champion Usyk instead. It appeared the easier fight for Joshua, but boxing's triumphant return to stadium nights was soured for the home crowd by a truly exceptional performance from the challenger. Speaking to media, Joshua's promoter Eddie Hearn suggested his fighter may have suffered a broken eve socket and would need to go to hospital. "I don't know if he has broken his eye socket, it doesn't look great," he said. "He said he couldn't see after the ninth round, obviously he was getting tagged a lot as well." A devastated Joshua left the ring immediately after the decision but later posted a short message on Twitter,

saving: "Keep positive even if the world's crumbling in front of you! London I love you & thank you each and every time!" Joshua was relaxed and cheerful as he approached the ring, but concentration was etched on his face from the first bell. Usyk's abilities quickly became apparent, the 34-yearold full of feints and pace from the off, moving Joshua around the ring at will as the defending champion settled into a surprisingly passive role. A few warning shots from Joshua fell short in the early rounds, Usyk either catching them with a glove or spinning away. It would become the pattern of the fight as Usyk made Joshua miss and executed a perfect gameplan of his own. A left cross from Usyk rat-

tled Joshua in the third round, and prompted a noisy response from the crowd. Joshua rode the danger, failing to respond, but making it to the bell safely. Usyk was now brimming with confidence and the London crowd tried in vain to rouse their man into life. A low shot from Joshua brought a complaint from Usyk and Joshua fired off another, perhaps sensing a weakness in his opponent. Round five was Joshua's best to that point, but Usyk remained in control and the Briton continued to miss his attempts to land any meaningful shots. Finally, in the sixth round, Joshua landed his right hand, sparking a response form Usyk, who widened his stance and appeared ready to trade. Joshua backed

Balochistan claims one-sided victory over Southern Punjab

The 18-year-old Abdul Wahid Bangalzai scored his first fif-

ty of the T20 career. He remained unbeaten on 58 off 55

(five fours and a six). Wicketkeeper Bismillah Khan also

Earlier, Amad Butt and Yasir Shah bagged three wickets

each to bundle Southern Punjab out for 101 in 17.5 overs.

All-rounder Umaid Asif took two wickets while Kashif

Only three SP batters reached to double-figures. Zeeshan

Ashraf scored 18 at the top while captainSohaibMagsood

made 24. All-rounder scored 19. It was SP's third consecutive loss in the competition. – DNA

3 dead in US train

Bhatti and KhurramShahzad claimed a wicket each.

RAWALPINDI: Balochistan have registered their first win of the ongoing National T20 Cup at Pindi Cricket Stadium. The Imam-ul-Haqled side defeated Southern Punjab by seven wickets.

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"Empire Builder train 7/27

cording to reports.

chasing a 102-run target in 17.2 overs.

played a good knock, scoring 28 off 29 balls

former president Hamid Karzai and Abdullah Abdullah, who headed the ousted government's negotiating council with the Taliban

Lavrov said the interim gov ernment announced by the Taliban does not reflect "the whole gamut of Afghan societv – ethno-religious and political forces - so we are engaging in contacts. They are ongoing."

The Taliban have promised an inclusive government, a more moderate form of Islamic rule than when they last ruled the country from 1996 to 2001 including respecting women's rights, providing stability after 20 years of war, fighting terrorism and extremism and stopping militants from using their territory to launch attacks. But recent moves suggest they may be returning to more repressive policies, particularly toward women and girls.

Sudan says thwarts Ethiopian incursion

KHARTOUM: The Suda nese army said Sunday its forces had repelled an attempt by Ethiopian troops to push deep into the disputed Al-Fashqa border area.

"The armed forces resisted an incursion by Ethiopian troops and forced them to retreat," Al-Taher Abu Haja, media adviser to the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, told Anadolu Agency. "The army will not allow the Ethiopian forces to enter Al-Fashqa again after reclaiming the

territory," he said. With a 1,600-kilometer (994-mile) shared border. Sudan and Ethiopia are engaged in a conflict regarding al-Fashqa Triangle, a decades-long disputed border without rigid demarcation that was renewed in November.

While Khartoum said on Dec. 31, 2020 that it imposed its control over the Sudanese territory where Ethiopian militias were present, Addis Ababa accuses the Sudanese army of controlling the Ethiopian region, a claim denied by Khartoum. – \mathbf{APP}

off, wary of a firefight. And Joshua's fears were realised in the seventh as Usyk responded brilliantly to stun him with a left hook to the chin and send him stumbling backwards. Joshua staved on his feet, surviving the round but now in a dire predicament.

Usyk was comfortably ahead on the scorecards and Joshua struggled to close the gap. The huge weight advantage was nowhere in evidence, with Usyk keeping the fight at range and urgings from Joshua's corner to move forward appearing to fall on deaf ears.

Volkanovski retains title in UFC

LAS VEGAS: Alexander Volkanovski retained his UFC featherweight title at UFC 266 after a thrilling five-round battle with rival Brian Ortega in Las Vegas. Australia's Volkanovski, 32, made a strong start through the opening two rounds of their title fight at the T-Mobile Arena. But American Ortega, 30, turned the tables midway through round three when he dropped the champion with a big left hand then looked to chase for a submission. Remarkably, Volkanovski managed to firstly escape a mounted guillotine choke then Ortega's best submission, a triangle choke, before hammering the challenger with ground strikes to finderailment in Montana

remains unknown but the New York Times, citing Amanda Frickel, the disas-WASHINGTON: At least ter and emergency services coordinator for Hill County, three people were killed and others injured Saturday Montana, said more than 50 in a train derailment in the people were hurt.

The Liberty County Sher-US state of Montana, aciff's Office confirmed the casualties. According to an derailed five cars near Jop-Amtrak statement, five cars lin, MT. There are approxiderailed. "Amtrak is workmately 147 passengers and ing with the local authorities to transport injured passen-13 crew members onboard, gers, and safely evacuate all with injuries reported," the other passengers," it said. US' largest railroad operator Amtrak said in a state-"Additional details will be ment. The number injured provided as available."

Azerbaijani-Kyrgyz FMs talk bilateral **Issues**

NEW YORK: Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bavramov met with his Kyrgyz counterpart Ruslan Kazakbayev within the framework of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, Trend reports citing the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry. The parties at the meeting noted the successful development of ties in bilateral and multilateral formats, exchanged views on the prospects for their expansion.

They also expressed mutual satisfaction with the expansion of the bilateral legal framework, the strengthening of cooperation in the political, economic, humanitarian, scientific and educational, tourism, agricultural, cultural and other spheres. In addition, it was emphasized that fruitful cooperation is being carried out within the framework of international organizations. The parties discussed current issues on the international agenda, including the situation in the regions. Bayramov also informed his Kyrgyz counterpart about the situation in the liberated territories. Kazakbayev asked Bayramov to convey to the head of the Azerbaijani state a congratulatory letter from the President of Kyrgyzstan on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. - APP

Tunisians protest President Saied's 'power grab'

Tunisia's largest political party, Ennahdha, decried Saied's moves as "a flagrant coup against democratic legitimacy", and called for people to unite and defend democracy in "a tireless peaceful struggle"

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TUNIS: Hundreds of protesters have rallied in Tunisia's capital to protest against President Kais Saied's move to seize governing powers. Demonstrators gathered on Sunday in the centre of Tunis along Habib Bourguiba Avenue under a heavy police presence to demand his resignation, chanting, "The people want the fall of the coup.'

Brushing aside much of the 2014 constitution. Saied gave himself the power to rule by decree on Wednesday, two months after sacking the prime minister, suspending parliament, and assuming executive authority. About 2,000 people attended the rally in front of the iconic National Theatre, historically home to all the major demonstrations in Tunis. "I'm really, really angry," said SoumayaWerhani, a 30-year-old student amid the roar of the crowd and the sweltering heat. "We are demonstrating to denounce the president's decisions to stop the constitution and his coup against state institutions." About 20 global and Tunisian human rights groups issued a statement on Saturday condemning the move as a "power grab".

The signatories argued the decree, which strengthens the powers of the president's office at the expense of those of the prime minister and parliament, is "implicitly abrogating the constitutional order in ... a first step towards authoritarianism".

BelgassenBounara waved a copy of the 2014 constitution that Saied plans to rewrite. He came from Tataouine, in southern Tunisia,



a poor region forgotten by the state. The large swaths of the population, who see his computer salesman said he came to demonactions as necessary to address a crisis of strate because "Saied wants to get rid of the political paralysis, economic stagnation and constitution and our democracy. He is taka poor response to the coronavirus pandeming us back into dictatorship," Bounara told ic. On the other side of the street, a small Al Jazeera. Sunday's protest was the second but vocal group of Saied supporters chanted, "Kais Saied is good." "The decree is nothing since Saied dismissed the government and suspended parliament on July 25. important, the Tunisian people want a clean, However, Saied's move has the consensus of honest president who doesn't steal from the

people," artist Mohamed Khaled told Al Jazeera. "It's stressful. People just want to fill their shopping bag and eat.' Cherif El Kadhi, a former parliamentary officer, told Al Jazeera the demonstrations were a sign that Saied's actions are loathed as much as they are accepted. "These protests I think will continue to gain momentum depending on the economic situation," he said. "It's quite clear Tunisians are fed up with the political elite 10 years after the revolution," which is why they have put their trust in Saied, a former law professor, he added. However, discontent could lead to more protests in the coming weeks and months, he said. Ennahdha is itself grappling with internal dissent after 113 senior party members

announced their resignation on Saturday.

ish the round. After Ortega received a lengthy inspection from the doctor between rounds the fight was allowed to continue into the fourth round. Ortega managed to take the action to the canvas once again early in the round but, despite locking up another choke, Volkanovski gave a thumbs-up to referee Herb Dean before escaping and resuming his striking onslaught on the ground. - DNA

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Vietnam logs 9,706 new Covid cases

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HANOI: Vietnam reported 9,706 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday, including 9,682 locally transmitted and 24 imported, according to the country's Ministry of Health.

The new infections brought the country's total tally to 746,678, with 18,400 deaths, the ministry said. Most of the community cases were detected in southern localities, including 4.046 in the epicenter Ho Chi Minh City, 3,629 in Binh Duong province, and 996 in Dong Nai province. As many as 516,449 patients have recovered, up 10,590 from Friday, while nearly 37.6 million doses of COV-ID-19 vaccines have been administered nationwide, according to the ministry. As of Saturday, Vietnam has registered a total of 742,174 locally transmitted cases since the start of the current wave in late April, the ministry said.

SCO membership can help Iran evade sanctions

The expansion of regional cooperation and convergence especially with neighboring states is one of the most important priorities of the 13 administrations in Iran

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RASHT: Iran's permanent membership in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) can open a new horizon for the Islamic country to nullify the US-imposed sanctions and improve its economic situation, a political expert believes.

Ruhollah Puresmaili told Iranian state media on Saturday that following the takeover of power by the administration of President Ebrahim Raisi and a switch in the Islamic Republic's foreign policy, new avenues for improving the political and economic condition of the country have been opened, which can develop the livelihood of the Iranian people.

The expansion of regional cooperation and convergence especially with neighboring states is one of the most important priorities of the 13 administrations in Iran, Puresmaili noted.

The member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization reiterated that they are not allowed to accept permanent membership of observer states, who are under international sanctions, but they have reached the conclusion that they can pro-

Iran ready for outcome-oriented talks

Hossein Amirabdollahian said on Saturday that despite the US misdeeds as well as European inaction, Iran is committed to diplomacy and ready for outcome-oriented talks that will protect the interests and rights of the Iranians

On the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, Amirabdollahian attended a meeting of a group of researchers, academics, and senior representatives of the US think tanks last night. While describing the foreign policy of the new Administration of the Islamic Republic of Iran during the meeting, he answered the ques-

mote Iran as a full member in this juncture because they have a new interpretation of Tehran's foreign policy, the analyst added. President Raisi's pragmatic viewpoint towards the Eastern world has persuaded the main SCO member states to vote for permanent membership of Iran in the organiza-

NEW YORK: Iranian Foreign Minister tions on various topics, including the foreign and regional policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the future of its nuclear deal

Pointing to Iran's determination to adopt a foreign policy based on prioritizing its neighbors and Asian countries, Amirabdollahian described Iran's views on regional issues, including the situation in Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, Bahrain, and other regions during the meeting.

He reiterated that although the new government in Iran has prioritized the development of relations with its neighbors and Asian countries, it will also maintain a balance in its foreign policy. – DNA

tion, he argued.

Pointing to Iran's significance for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, he said that the Islamic Republic is an integral part of the economic and energy corridor in the region and the whole world particularly in the eyes of the SCO member states.

According to the international relations expert, China as the emerging economic power of the world requires Iran in order to reinvigorate the ancient Silk Road.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization consists of one-third of lands, 42 percent of the population, 25 percent of gross domestic products, 21 percent of oil reservoirs, and 46 percent of gas reserves in the globe, he said.

The change of Iran's status in the SCO can also pave the way for improving security cooperation among member states, he added, noting that it can help resolve regional crises especially recent developments in Afghanistan.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization is an effective regional and intra-state organization, which was established by leaders of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan in 2001.

The Islamic Republic has been an observer member in the SCO since 2005. Iran accepted as a permanent member in the SCO by eight main members in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on September 17.

The SCO is able to facilitate peaceful relations among member states and protect their security and interests.

UK records another 31,348 corona cases

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LONDON: Another 31,348 people in Britain have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total number of coronavirus cases in the country to 7,631,233, according to official figures released Sunday.

The country also recorded another 122 coronavirus-related deaths. The total number of coronavirus-related deaths in Britain now stands at 136.105.

These figures only include the deaths of people who died within 28 days of their first positive test. The latest data came as England's Deputy Chief Medical Officer Jonathan Van-Tam said that COVID-19 still posed a risk to the country.

He urged the public to listen to health experts, saying: "If your gaming PC develops a fault, don't take it to a plumber and ask them to fix it."

On Friday, official figures showed that the country's coronavirus reproduction number, also known as the R number, fell slightly to between 0.8 and one. The R number indicates the average number of people each COVID-positive person goes on to infect.

India records 28,326 new Covid cases

NEW DELHI: India's COVID-19 tally rose to 33,652,745 on Sunday, as 28,326 new cases were registered during the past 24 hours across the country, showed the federal health ministry's latest data.

Besides, as many as 260 deaths due to the pandemic since Saturday morning took the total death toll to 446.918

Most of the new cases and deaths were reported from the southern state of Kerala. There are still 303,476 active COVID-19 cases in the country as there was a rise of 2034 active cases during the past 24 hours. The number of active cases has been on the rise for the past two days, after falling for several davs in the country. A total of 32,902,351 people have been successfully cured and discharged from hospitals so far, out of which 26,032 were discharged during the past 24 hours. - APP

Saira Peter's performance stuns audience

KONYA: Pakistan first sufi opera singer Saira Peter has captivated the hearts of audience at International Mystic (Music) Festival in Konya, Turkey, where she performed to pay tribute to Maulana Rumi, the great Sufi poet.

The unique colours of Saira's own sufi compositions, particularly a qawwali of Maulana Rumi's poetry in Persian and Turkish, dazzled listeners, instantly increasing her fanbase, who quickly uploaded her performances onto Turkish social media, said a press release issued here on Sunday.

The British composer Paul Knight from London joined her on stage on piano, whilst her husband Stephen Smith provided harmonium accompaniment.

She sang sufi and spiritual



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed spends Sunday, fishing at Freedom House. – APP

Turkish language attracts Arab students

> ISTANBUL: Aiming to improve Turkish language skills among Arab students in Turkey, a group of Yemenis took the initiative to establish the Lisan Club, a voluntary initiative affiliated with the Academic Committee of the Yemeni Students Union in the country.

Ahmed al-Amri, the club's head, told Anadolu Agency that it was established in April in the Selcuklu district of Konya province, south of the capital Ankara. The club has organized online lessons for a period of two months, as well as in-person classes, to improve the Turkish skills of Arab students amid restrictions imposed to stem the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. - APP

(Urdu, Farsi, Turkish, English, French, Latin, Italian), many composed by her, as well as a range of western and Pakistani classical styles, including her recently released aria 'Marvi's Marsiya' from upcoming sufi opera 'Marvi's Tears'. She also sang sufi poet Shah Abul Latif Bhittai's kalam 'Morey Mann Main Aas' in Urdu, and 'Resplendent' in English, the latter a translation of Latif's Sindhi poem 'Tou Habib, Tou Tabib'.

After her 80 minute performance, which culminated with long applause and a standing ovation, a long queue of well-wishers gathered for selfies.

Saira Peter was honoured to receive a special shield from Madam Esin Bayru Celebi, a direct descendent of Maulana Rumi and a tradtional 'ney' (Turkish reed flute) of Rumi from Yasar Sancan, Assistant Manager Konya Ministry of Tourism and Culture. It was fascinating to observe a new form of cultural exchange taking place between Pakistan and Turkey. - APP

PFC to participate actively in Dubai Expo: Mian Kashif

LAHORE: Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) is all set to ensure active participation in Dubai Expo commencing from October 1 to display world-class hand crafted vast range of Pakistani furniture.

Talking to a delegation of furniture exporters led by the Chaudhary Muhammad Ashfaq Kamboh here on Sunday, the PFC Chief Executive Officer Mian Kashif Ashfaq said that Dubai Expo would not only attract international buyers and investors but also help explore foreign markets for Pakistani furniture

He said the UAE (United Arab Emirates) furniture market was expected to reach around AED 11,000m in terms of revenue by next year. Although PFC would face tough competition both

from unorganised sector and organised furniture markets, it tries to capture its share by showing top class collection of luxury brands of Pak handmade furniture suitable to every clients. The PFC chief said the rise

in number of online market players catering to the demand for wooden products and accessories was also expected to have an impact on furniture markets. He said the Dubai Expo would also provide opportu-

nities to young designers and architects to study the new trends in furniture industry. The furniture council, he added, firmly believed in Pakistan's economic potential and investment opportunities, and would continue to work towards a sustained economic and social uplift of the country. – APP

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MOSCOW: General Nadeem Raza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee visited Russia to witness Exercise Peace Mission-2021 in the ambit of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

Chairman JCSC also attended meeting of the Chiefs of General Staff of the Armed Forces of SCO member states where forum disinternational and cussed regional geo-political environment with emphasis on Afghanistan situation. Activities of transnational terrorist organizations in various regions of the world were also discussed. Chairman JCSC while addressing the forum stated that Pakistan will continue to work with SCO to advance the shared objectives of peace, progress and stability in the



Gen. Nadeem Raza highlights

Pakistan's role in global peace

region, and beyond. Chairman JCSC also highlighted the unparalleled contributions of Pakistan Armed Forces towards global peace and immense sacrifices in war against terrorism. General Nadeem Raza said that peace in Afghanistan is a collective responsibility and

region will complete biggest beneficiary. On the sidelines, Chairman JCSC also had bilateral engagements with General Valery V. Gerasimov, Chief of General Staff, Russian Federation and General Li Zuocheng, Chief of Joint Staff, PLA China.

ICSC said that Chairman Pakistan attaches great importance to furthering bilateral defence cooperation with Russia and China and believes that these countries would develop meaningful and long-term strategic relationship through enhanced cooperation.

Azerbaijan reports 1,099 new cases

BAKU: Azerbaijan on Sunday reported 1,099 new COVID-19 cases, taking its total to 479,814, according to the country's Task Force under the Cabinet of Ministers on COVID-19 prevention and control.

Data from the Task Force showed that 2,404 more patients have recovered in the past 24 hours, taking the total number of recoveries to 449,047.

Meanwhile, 18 people died in the last 24 hours, raising the death toll to 6,433.

As of Saturday, the country had administered a total of 8,293,590 doses of COV-ID-19 vaccines, according to the Task Force. – APP

Kremlin releases photos of Putin's Siberian fishing trip

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MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin spent several days hiking and fishing in Siberia in early September, the Kremlin said on Sunday as it published pictures of the president on the holiday.

A caption under one of the 20 pictures published on the Kremlin web site said the president stopped for a few days in Siberia after a working trip to Russia's Far East in early September.

Several days later, in the middle of September Putin said he would have to spend "a few days" in self-isolation after dozens of people in his entourage fell ill with COVID-19. He had to cancel his trip to Tajikistan for a security summit.

Putin has cultivated a macho image, appealing to many Russians, and has



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healthy.

previously been pictured riding a horse barechested and in sun glasses, as well Defense Minister Sergei as carrying a hunting rifle and piloting a fighter jet. This time, his outings

The Kremlin published photos of Putin standing in a river and catching a

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Shoigu, his usual holiday companion. Putin. 68, has had two shots of Russia's Sputnik were more mundane. V vaccine. The Kremlin has said he was feeling





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The foreign minister attended the opening session of the 76th session of the UNGA and addressed the Council on Foreign Relations on September 21 in which he spoke about Pakistan-US relations as well as the situation in Afghanistan. On September 21, the foreign minister attended the D8 Council of Ministers Forum.

He had an extensive media interaction and addressed the Pakistani-American community in New York, a press release said.

During his visit, the foreign minister met High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the European Commission, Josep Borrell. The two leaders had an indepth discussion on Pakistan-EU relations, including the strategic partnership. Afghanistan related cooperation and way forward were also discussed.

Pak seeks individual trade deals with Gulf countries

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will pursue individual trade deals with Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Oman, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Commerce Ab-

Briefs Security Forces kill terrorist

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RAWALPINDI: The Se

curity Forces on Sunday

conducted area clearance

operation in Dossali,

North Waziristan District

on reported presence of

A terrorist during ex-

change of fire with the

Security Forces got killed,

said an Inter Services Pub-

lic Relations (ISPR) news

The Forces also recovered

weapon and cache of am-

munition from the area

during the clearance op-

In a separate incident,

the army said on Sunday

that Terrorists targeted

Security Forces's post in

Mach, Balochistan. Fron-

tier Corps troops respond-

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embraced shahadat while

two other soldiers were in-

"Pakistan Army remains

committed to defeat such

cowardly acts by exter-

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elements," a statement

said. Terrorists will not

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Three dead, dozens injured after US train derailment

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WASHINGTON: At least three people were killed and dozens more injured when a US train derailed Saturday afternoon in northern Montana, with rescuers rushing to safely evacuate everyone on board. Around 141 passengers and 16 crew members were traveling from Chicago towards the Pacific coast when eight of the 10 cars came off the tracks at around 4 pm (2200 GMT).

"We are deeply saddened to learn

local authorities are now confirm- Amtrak said it had sent emering that three people have lost their lives as a result of this accident," rail operator Amtrak said, adding that there were also "reported injuries". It was not immediately clear what caused the incident. Footage posted on social media showed people waiting by the

tracks, luggage strewn next to them, with train carriages seen listing off the rails and at least one toppled onto its side. The National Transportation and Safety Board said it was launching a "go-team" to investigate the derailment.

gency personnel to the scene to assist local authorities in the evacuation effort. Montana's Disaster and Emergency Services coordinator Amanda Frickel told the New York Times that "well over 50 people had been injured".

She said teams of rescuers were at the scene and multiple hospitals - as well as medical helicopters were on standby.

Authorities were not releasing further details for the time being, she said, adding: "Everybody who is alive has been extricated from the wreck." The Empire Builder train derailed in a remote area near Joplin, Montana, a town of around 200 people near the border with Canada.

Montana Senator Jon Tester said he was monitoring the derailment. "My thoughts are with all the passengers, crew, and first responders on the scene," he added.

Amtrak said it was canceling some trains on Saturday between the states of North Dakota and Montana, and abridging two Empire Builder train services on Sunday, with no substitute transit available.

The US rail network suffers from chronic underfunding and fatal accidents sometimes occur. In 2018, two people died in South

Carolina when an Amtrak train traveling on the wrong tracks collided with a stationary freight train, in a crash later blamed on safety oversights. A year earlier, an Amtrak pas-

senger train traveling on a new route for the first time derailed in Washington state, killing at least three people as cars plunged off a bridge onto a busy highway at the height of morning rush hour.

Israel kills four **Palestinians**

News Desk

RAMALLAH, West Bank: Israeli forces killed at least four Palestinians during a raid in the occupied West Bank on Sunday, the Palestinian Health Ministry said. Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, in a statement, said Israeli forces had mounted an operation against "Hamas terrorists who were about to carry out imminent terrorist attacks".He made no mention of casualties and an Israeli military spokesperson had no immediate comment on the raids.

Israeli officials have long voiced concern that Hamas, which runs the Gaza Strip, intends to gain strength in the West Bank and challenge its rival, the Western-backed Palestinian Authority (PA). The PA Health Ministry said three Palestinians were killed in the West Bank village of Biddu, northwest of Jerusalem.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadov meets Abdul Waheed, Director Plans, NLC. Both sides discussed transport goods from Pakistan to Azerbaijan & Turkey. This new project will tremendously contribute to further increase and strengthen trade relations among countries. - DNA

don and search operation (CASO) in Bandipora district In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) on Sunday. According to Kashmir Media Service, the troops launched the CASO in Watrina village on the outskirts of Bandipora town. The operation was going on till last reports came in. – APP



Govt believes in Iraq issues warrants

Mahmood Qureshi has returned to Pakistan



Swiss voters say big 'yes' to same-sex marriage

AGENCIES

GENEVA: Nearly twothirds of Swiss voters backed the introduction of same-sex marriage in a referendum held Sunday, with campaigners calling it a historic moment for gay rights in Switzerland.

The government's plans to introduce "marriage for all" were challenged by opponents, who successfully triggered a referendum.

But some 64.1 percent of voters in the wealthy Alpine nation supported the move, on a 52 percent turnout.

"It is a historic day for Switzerland, a historic day when it comes to equality for same-sex couples, and it is also an important day for the whole LGBT community," said Jan Muller of the "yes" campaign committee. Switzerland is the world's 30th country to adopt samesex marriages, and was one of the last remaining western European nations yet to do so. The Netherlands was the first in 2001.

Justice minister Karin Keller-Sutter said the first same-sex marriages should be able to take place from July 1 next year.

"Whoever loves each other and wants to get married will be able to do so, regardless of whether it is two men, two women, or a man and a woman," she said. "The state does not have to tell citizens how they should lead their lives." A majority in all 26 cantons voted yes - even the most conservative. Support was strongest in Basel City at 74 percent.

"The Swiss have dropped a massive 'yes' into the ballot box," Olga Baranova, a spokeswoman for the "yes" committee, told AFP.

She was at a restaurant in the Swiss capital Bern hosting the "yes" campaign's celebrations - decked out in balloons in the rainbow colours - where drag artist Mona Gamie sang Edith Piaf's "Hymn to Love" to rapturous applause. "Today does not change my

country," Baranova said.

UN agency warns of 'imminent' famine in Afghanistan

be respected," she said.

its last troops, ending Wash-

"The women of Afghanistan

have made clear over years

that they want their educa-

tion, they want their health

care, and that they're also

ready, willing and able to

design programs and to be

able to lead in their commu-

Taliban leaders have tried

to portray the group as

more moderate than when

it last ran Afghanistan from

nities," she said.

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ington's 20-year war there.

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KABUL: Afghanistan is at risk of "imminent hunger' with winter approaching and services disrupted by the return to power of the Taliban. a UN official warned in an interview with AFP. Natalia Kanem, director of

the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), said via video that the situation in the country was dire. "It would not be an exagger-

ation to say" that at least a third of Afghanistan's population of around 33 million is affected by "imminent

hunger," Kanem warned. Harsh winters, disrupting the ability to transport supplies to isolated areas of the mountainous country, plus the coronavirus pandemic will aggravate an already complicated situation, she added.

"There is a lot of anxiety over how we're going to deliver health care, where the next meal is going to come from," Kanem told AFP from the UNFPA headquarters in New York. The doctor from Panama warned that women and girls would bear the worst of it.

"It is urgent, for women spect women's rights within and girls in particular who the framework of Islamic were already suffering. This Sharia law, but many remain is one of the countries with sceptical.

But not a single woman the highest death during childbirth and pregnancy was appointed to the provirates. "We cannot undersional government and the militants seem to be increscore enough that even during a transitional period, mentally stripping away Afwomen and girls have hughans' freedoms

man rights and these are to Kanem notes that in a country ravaged by decades of conflict, many women, Kanem repeated calls made by the international comparticularly in areas most munity to the Taliban, who affected by violence, are the sole breadwinners. swept to power last month as the United States withdrew

"We're all anxiously hoping that there will be regularity and ability of delivery of goods" to people in small communities where many of the UNPFA's staff are women, she said.

"We have said that we want to be able to maintain a functioning health system. "(It's) pretty challenging right now with the airport having been closed, with certain professionals who have left the country," Kanem added.

She warned that if the 1996 to 2001. Then, women were banned from school health system breaks down, or work and only allowed that's going to spell "complete disaster," but added to leave home with a male that for the most part the They have promised to agency's family health cenchange, saying they will retres have remained open.

for people seeking ties with Israel

News Desk

DUBAI: Iraqi's Supreme Judicial Council issued warrants on Sunday for the arrest of people who attended a conference that called for the normalization of ties with Israel in autonomous Kurdistan. The council mentioned in a statement carried by the Iraq News Agency (INA) that the names of three individuals whom it issues arrest warrants against for calling normalizing ties with Israel. They are Wissam Al-Hardan, Mithal Al-Alusi, and a ministry employee Sahar Al-Taie.

"Legal action will be taken against the rest of the participants once their full names are known," the council statement added. The conference drew a chorus of condemnation Saturday

from the federal government in Baghdad who rejected the conference's call for normalisation and dismissed the gathering as an "illegal meeting." The conference "was not representative of the population's (opinion) and that of residents in Iraqi cities, in whose name these individu-

statement said.

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KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Chaudhry Fawad Hussain Sunday said

the government fully believed in the fundamental and democratic right to freedom of expression.

Free, active and dynamic media was essential for strengthening democracy and promoting democratic values, Fawad Hussain said in a congratulatory message to newly elected office bearers of Hazara Journalists Association (HJA). He said the government was taking all possible steps to protect the rights of journalists and media

He hoped that the newly elected office bearers of HJA will play their role in resolution of the problems of the journalist community as well as highlight Pakistan's positive image in the international com-

munity.

The minister congratulated newly elected President Taimur Jadoon, General Secretary Luqman Shah, Chairman Waqar Abbasi, Chief Patron Waqar Fani, Finance Secretary Shakir Abbasi, Vice Presidents Omar Hayat, Haji Waheed, Joint Secretary Chainghez Jadoon, Nawaz Ahmed, Information Secretary Arshad Khan Tanoli.

He also congratulated the members of the HJA Governing Body on assuming their new responsibilities.

dul Razak Dawood said on Sunday, as talks with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) remain stalled.

The GCC, which includes those three countries plus Qatar, Kuwait and Bahrain, started free trade talks with Pakistan in 2004. It has not implemented a free trade deal since 2015.

Dawood told Reuters that Pakistan hoped bilateral negotiations for preferential trade deals with the three Gulf Arab states would start in the next 6-12 months.

"We feel it is far better to do individual (deals) at the moment rather than with the GCC as a bloc," he said in Dubai.

A preferential trade deal typically gives certain products preferential access such as by reducing or removing tariffs.

Dawood said the negotiations would cover a limited number of goods and would not be as comprehensive as a free trade agreement, though over time the deals if secured, could be expanded. He did not say which goods Pakistan would seek to include.

PIA staff sets example of honesty

SHAHEEN HANIF

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) staff set an example of honesty by returning US 9,200 to a passenger, who left his bag in the plane.

The passenger traveled from Islamabad to Karachi's Jinnah International Airport on PIA flight PK-369.

The dollars, found by the PIA staff, are worth more than Rs1.5 million. The passenger forgot his bag full of valuables on the plane. Upon remembering, the passenger immediately informed the PIA officials about forgetting the bag. The staff searched and returned the passenger's bag which comprised of American currency, passport, and other commodities. PIA CEO Air Marshal Arshad Malik lauds PIA staff for setting an example of honesty. The passenger showed his delight in getting his luggage back and expressed his thanks to PIA by saying "the

PIA staff and management

provided excellent service."

'Attack on Chinese nationals planned in Iran' According to Pakistani officials, two local children were killed and a Chinese national injured in last month's Gwadar attack, which came a few weeks after another strike that killed nine Chinese workers at a hydroelectricity dam

AGENCIES

KARACHI: A suicide bomber who targeted Chinese nationals in the Pakistani port city of Gwadar last month came from Iran, counterterrorism police in the southwestern Balochistan province said, adding that the mastermind behind the attack was a resident of Chahbahar in the neighboring country.Earlier in August, Pakistan's Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed had said that the Gwadar attack was carried out by a young suicide bomber who ran toward a vehicle carrying Chinese citizens as it neared a fishermen's colony before detonating himself.

The Chinese diplomatic mission in

Islamabad also issued a statement soon after the incident, seeking "practical and effective measures" to ensure the safety of its workers

in Pakistan. THE counter terrorism department of the Balochistan police said it had arrested three members of the Balochistan Liberation Army, a proscribed separatist outfit that claimed responsibility for the Gwadar attack after one suspect shared details of the incident during the investigation.

"He ... disclosed that Rasool Bux, resident of the Sheeran Chahbahar area of Iran, is the mastermind of the attack," the department said in a statement. It added: "Arif s/o (son of) Dur Muhammad alias Dura disclosed

that his brother Ahmed transported the suicide bomber from the Ramin area of Iran. He (Arif) received the suicide bomber on his arrival on (the) night (of) 10/11 August and provided a place for him to stay near (the) customs warehouse.'

A counterterrorism department spokesperson said its officials "along with a sensitive law enforcement agency" conducted an intelligence-based operation in Balochistan's Turbat city and arrested three militants suspected of facilitating the attack.

"On 21 September 2021, Counterterrorism Department Balochistan had got credible source information that one terrorist of ... The Baloch Liberation Army was present at Turbat Bazar," the statement said.

"He intended to carry out terrorist activity on the General Public, LEAs (law enforcement agencies) and Govt Installations. On this information, (a) raid was conducted, and one Terrorist namely Shoaib s/o Izzat Ali R/o (resident of) Gwadar was arrested. Another raid was conducted on his pointation, and two more arrests were made with the recovery of explosive material." The department's officials said the arrested individuals also told interrogators that Rasool Bux, the alleged mastermind of the Gwadar attack, had transported four other militants who had targeted Gwadar's Pearl Continental Hotel in 2019.

A spokesperson said more raids were being planned to arrest remaining members of the network. According to Pakistani officials, two local children were killed and a Chinese national injured in last month's Gwadar attack, which came a few weeks after another strike that killed nine Chinese workers at a hydroelectricity dam in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The Chinese diplomatic mission

in Pakistan condemned the incident in Gwadar and offered its condolences to the victims' families. It also described the security situation in Pakistan as "severe" in a statement, asking its citizens "to be vigilant (and) strengthen safety precautions."

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