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Biden gets booster **shot**



lier, the White House said that President Biden will receive a Covid-19 vaccine booster shot on Monday. The 78-year-old leader, who is encouraging the boosters as a new tool against the coronavirus pandemic, will "receive a Covid-19 booster shot in line with" US government health authorities' guidelines, the White House said. Biden also delivered remarks on the fight against Covid. In remarks before getting his shot, Biden encouraged eligible Americans to get their booster shots. Those aged 65 and older along with people with underlying health conditions and in high-risk jobs can get the booster shot. "The bottom line is that if you're fully vaccinated, you're highly protected now from severe illness" Biden said.

Quaid's vision came true: Fawad

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voiced concerns over anti-Muslim policies of the Indian government. In a tweet, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting said Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah had predicted eight decades ago that the Hindu imperialist government would be the greatest tragedy of India's future. He said the anti-Muslim policies of Narendra Modi and BJP, today, are a practical manifestation of this tragedy.

Ghous Ali Shah joins PTI

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mer minister of state for water and power Syed Zafar Ali Shah, and Barrister Murtaza Mahesar joined the PTI Monday. The politicians met Prime Minister Imran Khan at the Governor House on Monday, before formally announcing their decision to join the party. PM Imran Khan welcomed the new members and gifted them the party's mufflers as a welcoming gift. Meanwhile, the prime minister also met the Sindh United Party Chairman Jalal Mehmood Shah. Earlier in the day, the premier had performed the groundbreaking of the Karachi Circular Railway project during a ceremony held at the Cantonment Railway Station in the metropolis.

Announcement



Indonesia and Pakistan, in which he has suggested a number of ways to further improve tourism. His article appears on the Opinion pages today.

Pak must not be blamed for **US failure: PM**

The underlying problem was an Afghan govt structure lacking legitimacy in the eyes of the average Afghan, PM says

CENTRELINE REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan has said that Pakistan must not be blamed for the outcome of war in Afghanistan and for the losses of the United States and stressed on setting eyes on the future to avoid another conflict instead of sticking with the blame game. "Today, with Afghanistan at another crossroads, we must look to the future to prevent another violent conflict in that country rather than perpetuating the blame game of the past," he said in his article published in the Washington Post on Monday.

Imran Khan said surely, Pakistan was not to blame for the fact that "300,000-plus welltrained and equipped Afghan security forces saw no reason to fight the lightly-armed Taliban". The underlying problem, he said, was an Afghan government structure lacking legitimacy in the eyes of the average Afghan. He also expressed "surprise" over the re-

cent Congressional hearings on Afghanistan, where "no mention was made of Pakistan's sacrifices as a US ally in the war on terror for over two decades". "Instead, we were blamed for America's loss," he added. Khan recalled that since 2001, he repeatedly warned that the "Afghan war was unwinnable" and

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Center-Sindh coordination vital: PM

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NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI, Prime Minister Imran Khan Monday while urging the Sindh government to reconsider Bundle Island project, called for renewed coordination between federal and provincial governments for successful accomplishment of mega projects. "Regarding problems of Karachi, both the federal and Sindh governments will have to move again together. All this is inter- connected. Some things federal government cannot do alone while others Sindh government cannot do solely without center's support," he said.

Addressing the groundbreaking ceremony of Karachi Circular Railway project, the prime minister said the project would shift burden from Karachi's roads. Federal Ministers Asad Umar, Azam Swati, Chaudhry Fawad Hussain and Ali Haider Zaidi, Sindh Governor Imran Ismail and Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah attended the ceremony besides senior officers.

Germany's Social Democrats claim narrow election win

Social Democrats leader Scholz said the conservatives belonged in the opposition

News Desk

BERLIN: Germany on Monday braced for a period of political unpredictability after the Social Democrats narrowly

won a general election but faced a rival claim to power from outgoing Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative camp. For a country synonymous with stability af-

ter 16 years of Merkel's steady leadership, the coming weeks and months promise to be a rocky ride as both Finance Minister Olaf Scholz's SPD and the conservatives led by Armin Laschet scramble for coalition partners. The power struggle risks putting Germany out of play in the international scene for some time, even though

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Kremlin wants 'continuity' in ties with Germany

"Of course, we count on continuity in our bilateral relations," Kremlin spokesman

Dmitry Peskov told reporters MOSCOW: The Kremlin said Monday it hoped for "continuity" in Moscow's ties with Berlin, after Germany was bracing for a period of political instability in the

wake of a general election. "Of course, we count on continuity in our bilateral relations," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, adding that while there are disagreements between the countries, "we are united by an understanding that problems can and should be solved only through dialogue." - APP



KARACHI: Prime Minister Imran Khan offers Dua after groundbreaking of KCR Infrastructure Project. - DNA

Money Laundering Charges

British court acquits Shehbaz Sharif, family

The NCA had initiated a probe against Shahbaz Sharif and his family at the government of Pakistan's request

MONITORING DESK

LONDON: A UK court has ordered the unfreezing of PML-N President Shahbaz Sharif and his family's bank accounts after UK authorities were unable to find evidence of corruption, money laundering or criminal activ-

ities against them. The UK's National Crime Agency (NCA) restored

the frozen bank accounts of former Punjab chief minister Shahbaz Sharif and those of his son, Suleman Sharif, on Monday.

'Murders rose 30 percent in ÛS in 2020'

Crime Report, 77 percent of the murders in 2020 were committed with a firearm

WASHINGTON: The numper of murders in the United States rose by around 30 percent in 2020 over the previous year, to some 21,500, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said Monday. A number of large US cities had already reported

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Shahzad denies news of acquittal of Shehbaz

ISLAMABAD: Adviser to Prime Minister on Accountability Shahzad Akbar on Monday refuted reports of 'acquittal' of PML-N President Shahbaz Sharif and his son Suleman Shahbaz in a money laundering case from a London court. In a series of messages from his Twitter handle, Shahzad Akbar said the reports about the alleged 'acquittal' of Shahbaz Sharif or his son Suleman Shahbaz are incorrect and misreporting. "The investigation by the NCA against Suleiman Shahbaz and some of his family members was not initiated at the request of [Asset Recovery Unit] ARU or NAB," he said saying that it was a result of a suspicious transaction reported by a bank to NCA.

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The NCA submitted the investigation report of the bank accounts at the Westminster court in which it declared that the PML-N president and his family were not guilty of money laundering and corruption. The report said that Shahbaz and his son were not involved in money laundering practices in Pakistan, Dubai and the UK. The NCA's report said 20-year-old bank accounts of Shahbaz Sharif in Pakistan, UAE and the UK were traced but no

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ICC to resume Afghan war crime probe

However, the alleged war crimes by US forces will not be under scrutiny

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to focus his investigation in

Afghanistan on the Taliban

and Islamic State-Khoras-

an, and to "deprioritise"

alleged war crimes by US

forces. Karim Khan said

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Afghan envoy withdraws from UNGA debate THE HAGUE: The International Criminal Court's (ICC) new chief prosecutor said on Monday he wanted

News Desk

NEW YORK: Afghanistan's ambassador to the United Nations pulled out of delivering an address to world leaders at the General Assembly later Monday, a UN spokesperson said. Ghulam Isaczai, who represented president Ashraf Ghani's regime that was ousted last month, had been due to defy the Taliban with a speech but his name was removed from the list of speakers early Monday.

Pakistan proud of its relationship with Azerbaijan

Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani attends Remembrance Day event at Azerbaijan embassy; Ambassador Khazar Farhadov thanks Pakistan for support; Turkish ambassador praises bravery of Azerbaijani armed forces

Ansar Bhatti

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani has said Pakistan and Azerbaijan enjoy excellent relations adding the victory in the Patriotic War against Armenia shows resilience and bravery of the Azerbaijani people. He said President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev led the country from the front during the 44 days war. The Chairman Senate made these re-

marks on the occasion of Remembrance Day, organized by the Azerbaijan embassy. Federal Ministers, Senators and members of the civil as well diplomatic fraternity attended the event.

Sadiq Sanjrani thanked the Azerbaijan ambassador for inviting him as chief guest. He extended warm felicitations on hehalf of the Pakistan government and people on the historic victory.

He said Pakistan was one of the first countries that recognized Azerbaijan. Pakistan is proud of its companionship with Azerbaijan adding bilateral relations would continue to grow with each passing day.

Pakistan also condemns the Armenia terrorism committed against the innocent people of Azerbaijan. Pakistan sincerely recognizes the sacrifices rendered by the valiant Azerbaijani soldiers



the event at Azerbaijan embassy. – DNA

during the 44 day long war, he added. The Chairman Senate thanked Azerbaijan for its support on the issue of Indian occupied Kashmir. He also emphasized on further strengthening Pakistan-Azerbaijan parliamentary groups in order to further deepen the bilateral cooperation. Sadiq Sanjrani also congratulated President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev over the

great success in the Patriotic War. He said the exemplary cooperation between the two countries shows mutual trust. In every hour of need, the two countries have stood by each other. Paying tribute to the martyrs of Azerbaijan's war of independence, the Sen-

ate Chairman said that the Azeri forces had shown great skill and bravery in the war of independence. Pakistan supports Azerbaijan's territorial integrity as per UN resolutions. The Chairman Senate further added that

"There is an atmosphere of brotherhood among the public of both the countries. Pakistan, Azerbaijan and Turkey through a joint strategy are playing a positive role for peace and development in the region. Chairman Senate expressed his best wishes to the government, parliament, people and political leadership of Azerbaijan, Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan also attended the event.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani, Ambassadors of Azerbaijan and Turkey in a group photo with other officials. – DNA

Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadov while speaking on the occasion gave a brief account of the Patriotic War. The ambassador also thanked Pakistan for unwavering support during the war. He said people of Azerbaijan also owe a great deal to their Pakistani brothers and sisters for extending whole-hearted support. The ambassador told the audience that Pakistani flags fluttered on the streets of Azerbaijan, which showed great love of Azerbaijani people for the people of Pakistan.

The ambassador said, the Patriotic War under the leadership of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the

Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan, President Ilham Aliyev that ended with a victory of the brave Azerbaijani Army, opened a new era in the history of the Republic of Azerbaijan, established international justice and changed the realities in the region Ambassador of Turkey Ihsan Mustafa Yurdakul also spoke on the occasion and said Azerbaijani forces fought bravely to re-take its territories from the Armenian occupation. He lauded efforts of the Azerbaijani leadership towards rehabilitation and reconstruction of the liberated territories in a very short span of time.



ISLAMABAD: UK COP 26 Ambassador for Asia Ken O'Flaherty called on SAPM on Climate

PM deserves appreciation for stance at UNGA

Kamran Bangash said more than 4 million Afghan refugees were being hosted in Pakistan

STAFF REPORT

PESHAWAR: Special Assistant to the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Information and Higher Education Kamran Bangash Monday said that Prime Minister Imran Khan deserved a tribute for his bold speech at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

PM Khan also highlighted the real situation of Kashmir and Afghanistan and clearing the mindset of the West.

Talking to media after inaugurating Islamic Corner in the city's main APS Archives Library, he said as per the directive of Chief Minister Mahmood Khan, such corners would be set up in 18 libraries of the province.

Kamran Bangash said Prime Minister Imran Khan in his speech highlighted the importance of peace in Afghanistan that was prerequisite for the peace in the entire region. He said the Prime Minister also mentioned the sacrifices rendered by the Pakistan Army and the people

District

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BUREAU REPORT

FAISALABAD: The dis-

remove

encroachments

STAFF REPORT

PESHAWAR: The district ad-

ministration Monday issued

a three-day deadline to the shopkeepers of vegetable

market in the Firdous locality for voluntary removal of en-

Formal notice in this regard

was given during the visit of

Additional Assistant Commis-

sioner (AAC), Mohammad

Azhar Khan to the vegetable

market along with the officers

of the TMA Town-1 and office

bearers of the market union

The delegation met with

shopkeepers and directed

them to voluntarily remove

encroachments within a peri-

od of three days. Otherwise

on the expiry of the deadline,

the district administration

and TMA will launch a joint

anti-encroachment operation.

On this occasion, the office

bearers of the market union

assured full cooperation to

the district administration

and expressed thanks for the

three-day notice. DC Pesha-

war. Khalid Mahmood said

that on the expiry of the dead-

line, the district administra-

tion and TMA would launch a

joint operation.

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Deputy

during war on terror. He said Pakistan has lost billions of rupees due to terrorism. The PM, he said, spoke openly on environmental issues which needed cogent

steps to tackle and save the world from the effects of climate change. He said the United Kingdom's Prime Minister has praised Imran Khan's 'Billion Tree Afforestation Project'. Kamran Bangash said that India was busy in spreading negative propaganda against Pakistan, adding the nefarious designs of India would be

frustrated as Pakistan's role

in the international scenario

was being appreciated for

addressing environmental is-

sues and war on terror. He said more than 4 million Afghan refugees were being hosted in Pakistan adding that any situation arising in Afghanistan will have its effect on Pakistan. Bangash said Pakistan suffered casualties of nearly 80000 people in war on terror besides bearing the economic losses of over 150 billion dollars. A huge number 3.5 million were displaced during 2009 war on terror, he added.

Kamran Bangash said that progress was being made in all sectors in the province. Health card, farmer card and upcoming education card were being issued to the KP people that were much beneficial and welfare oriented steps of the KP government. He said the provincial government has focused on agricultural development, adding that 5, 50,000 farmers would benefit from Kisan Card (farmer). For the first time, more than 1,500 students would get a monthly stipend of Rs 1,500 that would benefit poor students, said Kamran Bangash.

Kamran Bangash said that a cabinet committee has been formed in connection with the local bodies' elections and recommendations of the committee would be shared with the Election Commission. He further said that recommendations have been made for police reform and all the recommendations would be shared with the police high ups.

DC Faisalabad calls on Pakistan Ulema Council

BUREAU REPORT

FAISALABAD: Deputy Comtrict administration has fixed the retail price of missioner Ali Shehzad called on a delegation of Pakistan one kg of sugar within the revenue limits of District. Ulema Council and allied parties at DC Office. Central According to which sugar will be sold at Rs 89.75 Deputy General Secretary per kg in the open market. Pakistan Ulema Council and Commissioned Member Ittehad ban ul Mus-Ali Shahzad directed the limeen Committee Punjab Allama Tahir-ul-Hassan led Price Control Magistrates to ensure the sale of sugar the delegation and said that at fixed prices in all cases Pakistan Ulema Council is and Price list of the fix always committed to the serate would be displayed on curity and lasting peace of prominent places of the Pakistan and teaches love, shops. He said that action brotherhood and peace and all schools of thought have should be taken against the overcharges without always played an important any discrimination. role in eradicating sectarian-He asked the shop keepism which will continue. The ers that any contravention delegation includes Maulana of this order would pun-Rafiq Jami, Maulana Obaidullah Gormani, Maulana Haished under the relevant provision of the law. bib-ur-Rehman Abid, Mian Irshad Mujahid, Maulana Amin-ul-Haq, Maulana Izhar-Shopkeepers ul-Haq, Sahibzada Hamza Tadirected to hir-ul-Hassan, Maulana Ghuand harmony on the occasion of Chehlum Muharram is the most urgent need of the hour. The religious scholars and religious leaders should play their role in further strengthening the atmosphere of tolerance, love and cooperation so that no miscreant or saboteur has the opportunity to spread religious tension. He said that the religious scholars' guidance improves the people so they should continue to teach brotherhood, patience and forbearance. He said that concrete security measures have been taken in the district on the occasion of

Chehlum Muharram. However, full cooperation of scholars of all schools of thought is essential to make them successful. The DC said that ensuring observance of law is a priority and would welcome the cooperation and suggestions of religious scholars in this regard. He also appealed for vaccination and spreading the message of precautionary measures and assured all possible cooperation from the district administration. Finally, a special prayer was offered for peace and prosperity.

BUREAU REPORT

DPS team

wins U-16

c'ship

FAISALABAD: The Divisional Public School team won the Under-16 Central Punjab Schools Cricket Championship and qualified for the Provincial Level Tournament. Final match was played at Igbal Stadium between DPS and MC, Higher Secondary School Kotwali road and DPS won it by 10 wickets. Deputy Commissioner Ali Shehzad and Chairman Standing Committee for Finance Faizullah Kamooka were the special guests on the occasion who distributed trophies among the captains of winner and runner-up teams. The best batsman of the Championship was Muhammad Arsalan Riaz of DPS while Momin was declared the best bowler from DPS and guests distributed certificates and shields among them. Leader Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf Mian Nabil Arshad, Additional Deputy Commissioner Headquarters Muhammad Khalid, CEO Education Ali Ahmad Sian, Assistant Commissioners Omar Maqbool, Sahibzada Mohammad Yousuf, DSO Sajida Latif, Educationist Mohammad Akhtar Butt, Incharge Control Room Mohammad Sadiq, Focal Person Mian Nadeem Ahmed, Caretaker Iqbal Stadium Naveed Nazir and players were also present. Chairman Standing Committee appreciated the best organization of event and said that it was a successful champi-

Rangers arrest accused involved in robberies

onship at school level.

STAFF REPORT

KARACHI: Pakistan Rangers Sindh and Sindh Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) in a joint intelligence based operation arrested two most wanted accused from Korangi area.

According to a news release

on Monday, arrested were identified as Shahid Arshad and Muhammad Umar alias Umar Pathan. The accused during initial interrogation confessed killing police constable Muhammad Yasir on Ghous Pak Road, Korangi over robbery resistance. Upon their indication, two of their accomplices identified as Muhammad Waqas alias Munna and Muhammad Kashif alias Adil were also arrested and a 30 bore pistol used in the crime was also recovered from their possession. All arrested were involved in number of robberies and had been to jail also.

UNODC workshop on 'Handling of Stateless and Unflagged Vessels' begins

The event is being organized by UNODC Country Office Pakistan under its project entitled 'Strengthening Pakistan's Maritime Law Enforcement Capacity against

NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Country Office in Pakistan began a four-day roundtable workshop among maritime law enforcement agencies at the Movenpick Hotel Karachi. The workshop aims to strengthen national action against perpetrators of drugs trafficking and smuggling of contraband items through Pakistan's coastal areas and maritime domain. The participating law enforcement agencies included the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), Pakistan Customs, Pakistan Coast Guards (PCG) and the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA).

While warmly welcoming the participants at the inaugural session Sagib Khan, Programme Officer (Border Management) of UNODC

highlighted the existing and emerging trends of drug trafficking, human trafficking and migrant smuggling, and smuggling of various contraband items through Pakistan's maritime domain. He emphasized the need to improve interagency and regional cooperation, to respond to these challenges more effectively, particularly in the aftermath of recent political changes in Afghanistan. "The roundtable workshop is designed to identify challenges, gaps, best practices and lessons-learnt, for enhancing interagency coordination and interoperability in Pakistan's maritime domain. I would like to convey best wishes from Dr. Jeremy Milsom - Representative UNODC Country Office Pakistan to all of you, for fruitful discussions and positive outcome at this roundtable workshop", he said.

Country Office in Pakistan In his opening address, Feroze Alam Junejo, Collector of Customs (Model Customs Collectorate - Enforcement and Compliance) Karachi thanked UNODC for its capacity development support in Pakistan. He referred to close partnership between UNODC and Pakistan Customs, to address the most-needed capacity-building requirements in Pakistan. He said, "The Model Customs Collectorate (Enforcement and Compliance) has been actively participating in various capacity building projects of UNODC. We have made available Customs' training facilities for conducting interagency specialist training in Karachi. The Pakistan Customs stands ready to closely coordinate various operational responses along with our counterpart law enforcement agencies. I hope that this 4-day exercise would lead to useful discussions to deal with un-flagged and

stateless vessels in the maritime domain, more effectively" he said.

The roundtable workshop is being facilitated by an international expert from UNODC's Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP).

Extensive legal and technical discussions will be held among the four Pakistani maritime law enforcement agencies, around the existing and emerging challenges of illicit trafficking and smuggling and how to address those through an integrated response in the maritime domain.

The event is being organized by UNODC Country Office Pakistan under its project entitled 'Strengthening Pakistan's Maritime Law Enforcement Capacity against Illicit Trafficking and Transnational Organized Crime' - funded by the Government of



Maximum relief in prices of essentials PTI agenda

He directed the authorities concerned to monitor supply of food items and keep strict check on hoarding and profiteering

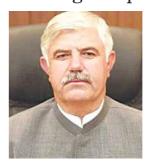
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PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mahmood Khan on Monday said provision of maximum relief to people in prices of essential commodities was the top most agenda of PTI government. He directed the authorities

concerned to monitor supply of food items and keep strict check on hoarding and profiteering as well as taking strict action against those involved in hoarding.

He made these remarks while presiding over a high-level meeting to review prices of the essential food items here. Provincial Minister for Food Atif Khan, Chief Secretary Dr. Kazim Niaz, Secretary Food Khushal Khan and other concerned high ups attended the meeting.

The meeting was given a detailed briefing about the availability of food items, prices



and steps being taken to mon-

The meeting reviewed the latest prices of essential food items, their availability situation, implementation prices fixed by the government and implementation of the decisions taken in the previous meeting.

The meeting was informed that during the last week prices of four food items decreased including wheat flour, sugar, onion and garlic while the prices of nine items remained unchanged including Basmati rice, beef, mutton, ghee, pulses and others.

They briefed that supply of wheat flour and its prices remained stable across the province while to control the prices of sugar since September 1st to 23rd, a total of 2145 units were checked and fine amounting Rs. 1, 50000 were imposed on overpricing.

To stabilize the prices of all essential commodities from September 1st to 23rd a total of 2379 units were inspected and 186 First Information Reports (FIRs) were lodged for over pricing and 268 units were sealed.

It was informed that 105 FIRs were lodged and 195 shops had been sealed due to unavailability of government fixed price lists.

The meeting was apprised that since September 1st, a total of 403 complaints had been registered on Pakistan Citizen Portal regarding overcharging, while actions had been taken on 294 while the remaining were being addressed as per timelines

'Steps underway to improve traffic'

ABID RAZA

LAHORE: On the directions of Inspector General of Police Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan, steps were underway to improve traffic management system.

The scope of the e-pay system has been extended to smaller districts of Punjab, said DIG Traffic Sohail Akhtar Sukhera here on Monday.

He said the e-pay system pilot project was successfully underway in major cities of Punjab and the system was also being implemented in remaining districts for convenience of citizens.

The citizens were no more required to stand in long queues in front of banks for payment of challans and other fees, he maintained. Sohail Sukhera said the e-pay system would enable citizens for online payment of traffic challan and payment of fee for learning driving license by easy paisa, online banking and ATM machine.

Commissioner Peshawar visits isolation centre

STAFF REPORT

PESHAWAR: Commissioner Peshawar Division, Riaz Khan Mehsud and Deputy Commissioner (DC) Peshawar, Captain (Retd) Khalid Mahmood Monday visited Quarantine Centre, Duranpur where they expressed anguish over unhygienic conditions.

During visit, Divisional Commissioner and DC Peshawar also met with quarantined persons and inquired about facilities provided by the government to them.

After the complaints of unhygienic conditions, they expressed anguish and summoned the Incharge of Sanitation to his office and ordered cleaning of the whole building in three shifts to improve cleanliness conditions and replacing of bed sheets on daily basis besides releasing weekly Corona tests report as soon as possible to allow healthy persons to join their families.

FESCO offers jobs to children of deceased officials

CEO says that tradition for providing jobs to the children of deceased officials who died during performing their official duty would be continued in future because such employees are shining stars of the company

ISHFAQ MUGHAL

lamullah Khan and others.

Welcoming the scholars, the

Deputy Commissioner paid

tribute to their positive atti-

tudes and sincere efforts and

said that maintaining unity

FAISALABAD: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) Engr. Bashir Ahmed said that tradition for providing jobs to the children of deceased officials who died during performing their official duty would be continued in future because such employees are shining stars of the company, he was addressing a ceremony held here at FESCO Headquarters for distribution of appointment letters among children of the deceased employees.

He said that company has lot of expectations on new recruitment so they should devote their abilities for betterment of company & customer services. He directed the newly appointed



employees to perform their duty honesty.

He further said that their ap-

pointment is the result of their parents' hard work and dedication with their official duty so they should also follow the foot-

ed Faisal Hayat as Accounts Assistant, M Zeeshan UDC,

step of their parents.

Gate Clerk, Bilal Yaseen Commercial Assistant, Zain Hassan UDC, Wasim Shahzad Store Clerk, M Sami Helper M&T, M Waqas ALM, Bashart Ali LS-II, Aqib Jawad JSK, M Muzammil UDC, Khushi Muhammad ALM, Arslan Ashraf ALM, Uzair Ahmed UDC, M Mustansar Iqbal Commercial Assistant, M Arslan Mehmood SSO-II and Khurram Mashi as Sanitary Worker.

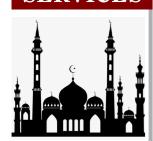
Faisal Nadeem Gate Clerk, Wa-

sif Asghar SSO-II, Sohail Akram

Accounts Assistant, Sana Munir

Later CEO Engr. Bashir Ahmed distributed the appointment letters among 20 children of deceased employees. Chief Engineer Operation M. Farooq, Director General (HR&A) Nasar Hayat Maken, Add DG (HR) Ather Ayub Ch. and Director (PR) Tahir Sheikh were also present at this function.

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Govt, UNDP launch DMDP for youth skills development

Digital Media Development Programme will bridge the gap between the students, Government of Pakistan and the digital media industry by training the youth

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ISLAMABAD: Digital Media Development Programme (DMDP), a flagship initiative of the Government of Pakistan was inaugurated by Digital Media Wing (DMW), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in partnership with the United Nations Program Development (UNDP), yesterday. Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Imran Khan was the chief guest for the ceremony and formally launched this initiative.

for the ceremony and formally launched this initiative. Pakistan's digital media community has been growing rapidly, with over 100 million internet users, 185 million mobile subscriptions and over 50 million people active on social media. Against this backdrop, DMDP is strategically designed to leverage the digi-

tal landscape. This will empower the youth of Pakistan in enhancing their digital skills and gain employment opportunities.

The Digital Media Development Programme will bridge the gap between the students, Government of Pakistan and the digital media industry by training the youth. In the first batch, 100 capable interns will be selected placed at federal ministries and departments for three months to enhance their skills.

The Programme has partnered with the world's leading social media organizations and digital media industry experts, including YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter to give workshops to young Pakistani interns. With UNDP's support, the students will also get monthly stipends upon suc-



cessful completion of tasks. During the internship period, the interns will also be guided to conduct digital media seminars in their respective universities to engage the youth of Pakistan. The interns will also work on a project to address issues such as fake news that

Pakistan faces in this particular industry.

Speaking at the event, the Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan said, "The Pakistani Youth should never underestimate their abilities and set a very high goal for themselves to achieve. You should never give up in the face of failures, and the hurdles are there only to make you stronger. Choose objectives that are bigger than yourself and serve a higher purpose. Further, he said that he is delighted to see this initiative that will involve the youth of Pakistan in furthering Pakistan's narrative. He stressed the importance of truth and said that those who remain truthful in their life are respected."

Regarding UNDP's support to the internship programme, the UNDP Resident Representative Knut Ostby quoted, "UNDP is pleased to support the Government of Pakistan in this effort to empower youth by providing very relevant digital skills and on-the-job training to young men and women in government offices. This kind of professional exposure will be an important step to enhance youth's future career prospects."

UNDP, through its Youth Empowerment Programme, has already been providing digital skills trainings, entrepreneurship trainings, internships and employment opportunities to the youth in Pakistan through its various interventions since 2018. With DMDP, a more collaborative and agile digital ecosystem will be created, where all stakeholders will be working towards a common goal of transforming Pakistan's digital landscape for the betterment of the country.

FIA to grab fake vaccine certificate generators

SHAHEEN HANIF

ISLAMABAD: Director General Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Sana Ullah Abbasi on Monday said that an action has been initiated against individuals generating fake Covid vaccination certificates along with provincial departments.

Addressing a press conference, he said that the step was taken as per guidelines of National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) and over 41 people have been arrested and FIRs have been registered.

He said that people who

He said that people who got certificates from these people were under probe by the FIA and the agency has called many of them and calling others as well. He said that their vaccination certificates have been cancelled and the FIA has been working with a complete tracking system to trace these people who were committing crime that could lead to death.

Search operation launched in Kacha Stop

HEC, LUMS hold consultation

workshop

DNA

ISLAMABAD: The National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE), HEC in collaboration with the Lahore

University of Management

Sciences (LUMS) organized

a two-day consultative work-

shop on 'National Twinning

of Higher Education Institu-

A large number of Vice

Chancellors from across

Pakistan attended the event

and expressed their views

on an innovative concept of

'National Twinning of HEIs

to increase teaching effec-

Following its focused and

highly engaged discussions,

the forum brought about the

first-ever national agenda on

'National Twinning of HEIs'.

where the Vice Chancellors

agreed to collaborate in five

significant areas. These areas

include: a pedagogy course

for all PhD programmes; a

national certificate of teach-

ing required for new or junior

faculty; a shadowing/mentor-

ing exchange programme to

work in a learning/teaching

centre; development and de-

livery of exemplary online

courses; and, capacity build-

ing of teaching and learning centres. On the occasion,

Rector NAHE Dr. Shaheen

Sardar Ali and Vice Chancellor LUMS Dr. Arshad underlined the potential

areas for collaboration under the concept of 'Nation-

Dr. Shaheen Sardar Ali

elucidated the plan for con-

ducting a series of NAHE

collaborative conferenc-

es, wherein smaller group

panel discussions will be

hosted in all the provinces.

The discussions will focus

on the themes, including

Leadership Development,

Scholarship of Teaching and

Learning (SoTL) and Peda-

gogical Partnerships, etc.

The first of this series will

be held in Islamabad in De-

al Twinning of HEIs'.

tiveness of HEIs.'

tions (HEIs)' at LUMS.

STAFF REPORT

RAWALPINDI: Police on special directives of City Police Officer (CPO) Rawalpindi on Monday launched a search operation in Kacha Stop and adjoining areas in the jurisdiction of Westridge Police station to ensure law and order and net the outlaws, said a police spokesman. He informed that heavy police contingent, Elite Force, Special Branch personnel and Ladies police under the supervision of SHO Westridge conducted operation in the area and searched 40 houses besides checking 55 persons.

According to Superintendent Police, Potohar, the search operations were being conducted to net criminals and proclaimed offenders and ensure law and order. He informed that the operations were regularly being conducted under National Action Plan in different areas.

Welfare of deceased artist' families demanded

ISLAMABAD: The artists' community on Monday urged the authorities concerned to pay attention to 'Artists Welfare Fund' with the objective to provide financial help to those performers' families who laid down their lives in the line of duty. Talking to APP, stage artist Rauf Mirza said,"The purpose of the welfare fund was to help the artists and their families in times

of crisis.'

It was also set up to provide financial aid to the artists who were inactive due to old age, adverse health conditions, or otherwise handicapped from accident or disease; as a financial assistance to their families after death, he added. He said sometimes community got the advantage to avail the opportunity but mostly their requests were not entertained as per the criterion set under the Fund and were left unat-

tended. - APP

Govt to facilitate business community

ZUBAIR AHMAD

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi Monday said steps were being taken to facilitate the businessmen and the industrial sector by providing them an enabling environment to expand economic and commercial activities in the country.

He said the government was conducting intensive trade diplomacy and trying to obtain access to new and better markets for local traders and industry through Free Trade Agreements and Preferential Trade Agreements to encourage and strengthen the Small and Medium Enterprises.

The president made these remarks while talking to a delegation of the Jhang

Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry (JC-ST&SI), which led by JC-ST&SI President Liaqat Ali Malik called on him

here at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

JCST&SI Senior Vice

President Muhammad

Adnan Sarwar, Vice President Abdul Quyoum, and

executive members attended the meeting.

Liaqat Ali Malik briefed the president about the role of JCST&SI in creating job opportunities and appreciated the government for approving an industrial estate for the businessmen of Jhang. Talking to the delegation, the president said reforms had been initiated to improve the busi-

try and attract foreign investment.

He said the government was making concerted

ness climate of the coun-

efforts to help the industrial sector by reducing the cost of production to enable businessmen to compete in the interna-

ISLAMABAD: Isphanyar Bhandara presenting coffee table book "Gems and Jewels" Religions of Pakistan

to the president of Islamic republic of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi at the presidency Islamabad. - DNA

tional markets. The president said the government was encouraging the youth to establish their own businesses and, in that regard, Rs100 billion had been allocated under the Kamyab Jawan

Programme. He urged the chambers of commerce and industries to play their role in encouraging the traders to pay taxes and support the government's endeavours with regard to the documentation of economy. The president appreciat-

mentation of economy.
The president appreciated the role of JCST&SI in the country's economic development and assured the delegation of his support to help address their problems.

MDCAT to continue as per schedule

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: Medical Commission (PMC) on Monday said that the MDCAT exams will continue as per the schedule and all results will be subject to the post-exam analysis, any corrections required, and after rechecking. The decision was made by the PMC's Medical and Dental Council in its deliberation on the meeting held by the PMC President with the student delegation. According to PMC's decisions, the council, after detailed deliberations on the issue, concluded that the 2021 MDCAT exam is being conducted strictly as per the syllabus and structure prepared by the National Medical and Dental Academic Board. It added, the exam system is functioning properly and the interim results are correct, subject to the post-exam analysis and the final results to be

Speakers express thoughts on WEHD

Arij Ghaznavi

ISLAMABAD: National and international speakers express their though on World Environmental Health Day (WEHD), the international dialogue was organized by The human security Institute (THIS) on Monday. In the event, the diverse array of speakers emphasized on the importance of environmental health security for a better and progressive Pakistani community.

The participants included Dr Sohail Yousuf, Chairman Department Environmental Sciences QAU, Dr M Irfan Khan Dean Environmental Sciences IIUI, Dr Andrew Mathieson Australian National University, Dr Vivien How University Putra Malaysia, Ms Lucy Irungu Founder Interlink of Peace and Human Security, Dr. Rubina Waseem Assistant Professor Strategic Studies NDU, Ms Humaira Syed Director Asia Chapter Team Asunaro Japan and Mr Munawar Mahar Faculty Member International Relations NUML joined as guest speaker.

NUML joined as guest speaker. While talking about environmental health, COVID impacts were given priority due to the most engraved issue of the time. It was highlighted in the event that Environment-Health nexus in the context of water and food in Pakistan is critical as it's a security agenda for Pakistan. Ms Lucy from Kenya emphasized that the existing environmental health policies may not adequately address the security-related issues. Dr Rubina Waseem talked about the challenges Pakistan is facing amid COV-ID 19 and to way forward, she explained the importance of working in collaboration for a better future.

Razak addresses sellers at Daraz's seller summit

I want to thank both the Pakistan government and our sellers for helping to advance the operating environment for the Daraz platform over the past 12 months, says Razak

Khayyam Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's leading e-commerce platform, Daraz, hosted its annual Seller Summit on Sunday, with over 100,000 sellers from around the country attending the virtual event.

Addressing the summit, Daraz

Addressing the summit, Daraz CEO Bjarke Mikkelsen said that the past 12 months have been challenging for everyone, but despite the impact of COVID-19, he believes that the e-commerce platform is in its strongest position yet for sellers to scale their businesses.

"I want to thank both the Pakistan government and our sellers for helping to advance the operating environment for the Daraz platform over the past 12 months. We have been working hand-in-hand with the government to ensure that there is both a legislative and taxation framework that will allow the e-commerce industry to flourish. "At the same time, our sellers have collectively taken on the challenge to enhance the customer experience and build greater trust on the platform by improving product quality, service and their overall interaction with customers."

Talking about the seller experience, Mr Mikkelsen added, "In the next 12 months, we will work to improve the seller experience further, and this will see us focus on three key areas. The first initiative will focus on making seller statements more transparent and payments faster. Secondly,



we will put a greater emphasis on providing access to tools that will allow sellers to scale their business, and finally, we want to improve the returns process to ensure no unnecessary cost-burden is carried by the seller."
As the growth and sophistication of the e-commerce landscape in Pakistan continues to evolve, Daraz announced several other initiatives to enhance the seller experience after already reducing the payment cycle from 14 to 7 days earlier in the year. These include an improved quality control process, speeding up the sign-up process, enhancements to Daraz University and establishing a Seller Community platform.

Additionally, Abdul Raza Dawood, adviser to prime minister for Commerce and Investment, also joined and appreciated Daraz for the efforts it has made to grow the eCommerce industry of Pakistan and assured that government will continue

its support for the platform.
Head of Alibaba.com APAC, Stephen Kuoc, also spoke at the summit about Alibaba's B2B performance. "Based on our latest forecast, our B2B online business will grow by up to 20% in Pakistan, and this opens up a huge market for exporters.

"Recently exports in Pakistan

"Recently exports in Pakistan have gone up to 339 billion PKR making Pakistan one of our most important markets. Our platform connects buyers and sellers from more than 100 countries globally, and together with Daraz, we want to provide full local support to businesses to allow them to shift seamlessly online." With the summit over, sellers now turn their attention to 11.11 – Pakistan's biggest online shopping sale.

NUST team

implements EMMS at

Fazal Steel

ISLAMABAD: The inaugural ceremony for the commis-

sioning of "EnergEyer"- an intelligent Energy Monitoring and Management Sys-

tem (EMMS) was held at

the MATCAST plant of Fazal

EnergEyer is a collabora-

tive project of the National

University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) and

Fazal Steel under the active

technical support of the

United Nations Industrial

Development Organization

NUST Pro-Rector Research,

Innovation and Commercial-

isation, Dr Rizwan Riaz, as

a chief guest, unveiled the

plaque at the ceremony at-

tended by representatives of NUST, UNIDO, and the

Fazal Group of Companies.

Expressing his views, the

chief guest thanked FSL

Group of Companies for

investing in and facilitating

the project that would help

bring the advanced technol-

He also appreciated UNIDO

and Fazal Steel for joining

hands with NUST to suc-

cessfully undertake this

initiative of paramount sig-

He also looked forward to

forging meaningful partner-

ships with FSL in the future.

The principal investigator

of the project from NUST

School of Chemical and

(SCME), Dr Iftikhar Ah-

mad said EnergEyer was

specially developed by the

NUST team for process in-

dustries by incorporating

the concepts of Artificial

Intelligence (AI), Wireless

Communication, and Cloud

Computing in the conven-

tional Energy Management

System (EMS), to manage

the energy losses in the industry. –**APP**

Power

generation of

Tarbla dam

decreased

TARBELA: The water level

of Tarbela Dam reservoir

Monday has reduced to

1515.72 feet while power

production also declined to

According to the Tarbela

dam spokesperson, water

inflow and power produc-

tion once again started

reducing and today it was

4020 megawatts where 16

power generations units out

of 17 were working with full

capacity and one power unit

The water inflow in the Tar-

baila Dam reservoir which

remained 75000 cusec feet

and outflow was 110000

It was also disclosed that

today no water was released

for Pehur High-Level Canal

(PHLC) to supply water for

some areas of KPK for irri-

3283 megawatts.

was shut down.

Engineering

Materials

ogy to the fore.

(UNIDO).

Steel (Pvt) Ltd (FSL).

Briefs

Lok Virsa to start cultural projects

ISLAMABAD: Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage-Lok Virsa (NIFTH) would initiate culture promotion projects in Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) with the aim to preserve, enhance and strengthen cultural traditions and heritage of the scenic region of GB. This was decided under a meeting held with Executive Director Lok Virsa and Secretary Tourism and Culture Department of Gilgit-Baltistan on Monday, Executive Director NIFTH Talha told APP.

Talha was of the view that it necessarily required to pay attention for expanding the project including augmenting the number of arts councils of GB which were the real curator and promoter of art and culture along with preparation of a culture policy for GB.

"Gilgit-Baltistan is inherited by people from different sects with rich cultural background and they have diverse culture, customs and traditions totally unique in the world. Pakistan manifests itself in local traditions, music and local dresses," he added.

He said the famous trio band music played in this region was very popular in most of the other regions due to the rhythm of its loud music, and men dancing in their typical way whereas there were some variations in lyr ics from region to region. Instruments commonly used in Gilgit Baltistan were Dadang (drum), Damal and Surnai while some other instruments like Sitar, Gabi (flute) Rubab and duff represent the musical style and taste of different areas. - APP

SC rejects pleas seeking Presidential system

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court on Monday maintained the Registrar Office's objections on petitions seeking introduction of Presidential system in the country and declared them inadmissible.

A three-member SC bench headed by Justice Umar Ata Bandial and comprising Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Khan and Justice Munib Akhtar heard the petitions filed by Advocate Ahmed Raza Kasuri. During the course of proceedings, Kasuri urged the court to direct the prime minister to announce a referendum to introduce a presidential system in the

Upon this Justice Bandial said that the apex court did not have the authority to replace a political system in the country.

He said there were several political parties in Pakistan so why did the petitioner feel the need to move the court over a political issue. Kasuri said that he was the only person alive who was among the authors of the 1973 Constitution. – APP

'Children getting education in prisons

ISLAMABAD: A report of the Ministry of Human Rights (MOHR) on Sunday underscored that the Punjab Prisons was educating and providing basic facilities to children up to the age of six years in various jails accompanied by the women prisoners

The Ministry's Report highlighted that the facilities available to children accompanying women prisoners included religious education, recreational facilities such as availability of toys and board games, as well as basic amenities such as air coolers and electric water coolers during summer season.

The report revealed that Television sets were also available in female wards. where the children were provided iron beds and special meal plans for proper wellbeing and nourishment

of the children. At Central Iail Rawalpindi, a perceptual room was available for children with a television and computer systems that was helping them in seeking education and keeping them abreast with developing trends, it added. - APP

Air University, NTP sign MoU on World Tourism Day

"No doubt, our youth is very active in showcasing attractive and beautiful sites on various social media platforms"

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: Air University, in order to mark the World Tourism Day, has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a renowned tourism organization, National Tourism Pakistan (NTP), to extend mutual cooperation in various areas related to tourism and hospitality. World Tourism Day is being celebrated every year by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) with a purpose to raise awareness on the role of tourism within the international community and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political and economic values worldwide.

Vice Chancellor Air Marshal (Retd) Javaid Ahmed, in his worthy remarks, stated that Pakistan is endowed with a rich civilization and tourism sites. "Several countries on the world map are earning a huge amount of revenue only through tourism," he said, while appreciating the state policies of the current regime for promotion of tourism. "Pakistan has many historical, religious, cultural, archeological, and adventurous sites that could attract a large number of tourists from around the globe," he expressed.

"No doubt, our youth is very active in showcasing attractive and beautiful sites on various social media platforms," Executive Director NTP Zeeshan Shahzad stated, adding

SHAHEEN HANIF

ISLAMABAD: Professor

Patrick G. Steel, Depart-

ment of Chemistry and Bio-

physical Sciences Institute,

Durham University, UK,

delivered third lecture of

COMSTECH-NTD Network

joint lecture series on Mon-

day. COMSTECH, in collab-

oration with the global net-

work for neglected tropical

diseases - NTD Network

- has launched a virtual lec-

ture series for researchers

across the Muslim world,

to build capacity to appro-

priately address Neglected

Prof. Dr. M. Igbal Choud-

harv. Coordinator General,

the speaker. He said, ne-

glected tropical diseases

are a major health and

economic burden in OIC

introduced

COMSTECH

Tropical Diseases (NTDs).



that many blogs, vlogs, and youtube channels are projecting a positive image of Pakistan at the international level." However, he further emphasized the need for a centralized national tourism portal to benefit the entire tourism industry.

Director Student Affairs Fazaila Ali, who signed the MoU on behalf of the Air University, emphasized that the tourism industry has a big potential to provide employ-

member states. The control

and elimination of NTDs

require both a scale-up and

integration of global mass

Professor Patrick G. Steel

talked about the disease's

genetic basis, current re-

search work and future

prospects to treat and con-

trol Leishmaniasis and Cha-

gas disease. He also talked

treatment

diseases.

ment opportunities to the youth. According to her, Air University is committed to explore new horizons for the best interest of its students and the society. She further highlighted that Air University is one of the leading universities which is offering a four year degree programme in Tourism and Hospitality Management.

The participants, during the open discussion, endorsed that the

COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in having a massive socio-economic impact on the telecom industry overall. However, there is also a constant rise in domestic tourists to various tourist sites in Pakistan. On the occasion, Vice Chancellor Air University Air Marshal (Retd) Javaid Ahmed, Registrar Air Cdre (Retd) Abdul Wahab Motla, Director QEC Air Cdre (Retd) Ahmed Hassan, Director Academics Air

Naveed Ashraf and Farah Yasin.

Vice Marshal (Retd) Tariq Matin, Dean AUSOM Dr. Mueen Aizaz Zafar, Director Student Affairs Fazaila Ali, Assistant Director (P&AA) Sabah Uddin Qazi, Placement Officer Gulnaz Batool and Assistant Officer Misbah Shahid represented the Air University whereas the delegate of NTP, led by its Executive Director Zeeshan Shahzad, was comprising of Prof

COMSTECH. Islamabad makes covid vaccine NTD Network mandatory for students hold webinar

The government has decided to form mobile vaccination teams which will be sent to educational institutions across the capital city

programmes, along with new tools and **Z**UBAIR AHMAD technologies to tackle these

ISLAMABAD: The district administration of Islamabad has made coronavirus vaccination mandatory for students between the ages of 15 and 18 years after advice and Operation Centre.

be overseen by the depu-

about the current tech-They will be administered niques being used by the the Pfizer shot free of cost. scientists in the field. The government has decid-The NTD Network - funded to form mobile vaccinaed by UKRI's Global Chaltion teams which will be lenges Research Fund sent to educational insti-(GCRF) - is a consortium tutions across the capital of academic researchers city. All private and public from South America, Asia, schools and colleges have and the UK, seeking new been instructed to coopertherapeutic solutions to ate with the authorities. Leishmaniasis and Chagas The vaccination drive will

ty commissioner and assistant commissioner of Islamabad. "Our aim is to immunise 100% population of Islamabad," Deputy Commissioner Hamza

Shafqaat said. Students can also visit a vaccination centre near their house for the Covid jab. They have to carry their birth certificate, issued by NADRA, or passport at the time of immu-

nisation. There's, also, no need to send an SMS to 1166 to register for the shot. You can just walk into any centre. Previously, NCOC announced some SOPs for the vaccination of students between ages 15 and 17. Immunocompromised students between 12 and 17 years will be administered the Pfizer vaccine

They will be required to provide medical documents as proof of being immuno compromisedThe general public age

group for vaccination has been lowered to 17 years. Pfizer vaccine will be administered to students under the age of 18 years For people below the age of 18 years, the Child Registration Certificate (B- Form) number will be used for registration in NIMS (National Immunisation Management Sys-

tem). Are covid vaccines safe for students? According to research, children between 12 and

15 years of age can only be administered Pfizer-BioNTech's Comirnaty and Moderna's Spikevax vaccines.

The WHO has concluded that the Pfizer/BionTech vaccine is suitable for use by people aged 12 years and above.

"Children aged between 12 and 15 who are at high risk may be offered this vaccine alongside other priority groups for vaccination. Vaccine trials for children are ongoing and WHO will update its recommendations when the evidence or epidemiological situation warrants a change in policy," WHO notes in a document available online.

Air Link to use IPO to bolster export

DNA

ISLAMABAD: A senior executive of Pakistan's premier cell phone distributor and manufacturer. Air Link Communication Ltd. said that the company will utilize the funds raised through IPO to expand its production base for enhancing export of Chinese smartphone brands assembled and manufactured in Pakistan.

According to Gwadar Pro, the Air Link executive, who wished anonymity, was commenting on the recent news that the company had exported 1,500 4G handsets to Dubai as a debut in the smartphone export market. In the end

of August, Air Link raised Rs6.43 billion in Pakistan's largest-ever private sector IPO (initial public offering).

"The exported sets included all four Chinese brands, TCL, iTel, Tecno, and Alcatel, which we assembled at our Lahore facility," the executive told Gwadar Pro over the phone from the company's head office.

About the scope of smartphones exported from Pakistan, the executive said, "We plan to use the IPO proceeds to expand our production base to further enhance our exports in line with the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan and the goals set under the second phase of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).'

gation. - APP IHC adjourns Zardari's case

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday adjourned hearing till November 4, on a petition seeking disqualification of Asif Ali Zardari as member parliament for concealment of his assets.

Chief Justice Athar Minallah remarked that why not the Parliament prepared a mechanism of accountability of its members. There were already a large number of pending cases of poor people before this court, he said.

The court said that it would issue an order pertaining to the subject on next hearing. It instructed the lawyers to satisfy the court that why it should hear such cases.

The petition had been filed by Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI)'s Leader Khurrum Sher Zaman challenging the eligibility of former president Asif Ali Zardari as member Parliament.

The petitioner's lawyer Fasial Chaudhry Advocate informed the court that he also wanted to submit power of attorney in case regarding the qualification of Federal Minister for Information Chaudhary Fawad Hussain

The court observed that why it should hear the case when the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) was already probing the matter. The chief justice said that he was not talking about case merit as he has yet to study it, adding that why the court should hear cases against elected representatives. When the public was electing such leaders, then why the court should interfere into the matter. - APP



inaugural session of the orientation programme for the MLAS of AJK Assembly at PIPS. - DNA

ICCI delegation visits Balochistan

The delegation was representing various sectors including real estate & construction, IT, pharmaceuticals, steel, solar energy, edible oil, marble & granite and flour milling During its visit, the ICCI deleing dairy items are coming from

KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) leading a large delegation visited Turbat, Baluchistan in order to explore the business and investment opportunities for its members in the Special Economic Zone that has been planned for the area.

The delegation was representing various sectors including real estate & construction, IT, pharmaceuticals, steel, solar energy, edible oil, marble & granite and flour milling. Turbat is a huge area in which a new Special Economic Zone has been planned that offers lucrative incentives

for investment.

gation met with Naseer Khan Kashani, Chairman, Gwadar Port Authority, Maj. Gen Ahmad Bilal, Inspector General Frontier Corps (North) and other relevant authorities to discuss with them the possibilities of business and investment for private sector in Turbat and Gwadar. The delegation was informed that the District Administration of Kech and the private sector are launching a Special Economic Zone, which is located on the crossroads of CPEC & Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO). The Government of Pakistan has recently announced opening of new crossing sites at Pakistan Iran Border to increase bilateral border trade, which will supplement the efforts to generate socio-economic activities in Southern Baluchistan by establishing processing, packaging and manufacturing units. The said Special Economic Zone comprises Energy Park, Minerals & Materials Park, Metals Park, Food Park and Technology Park. The SEZ is likely to be functional in the next 6 months. It will open



new avenues of prosperity and development in the area. Speaking at the occasion, Sardar

Yasir Ilyas Khan, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry thanked Chairman Gwadar Port Authority and Maj. Gen Ahmad Bilal, IGFC (North) for providing a comprehensive briefing to the ICCI delegation about investment opportunities in SEZs in Balochistan. He said that in terms of area, Balochistan is the largest province of Pakistan with a lot of natural resources, therefore, it should be given more focus for business and investment promotion in order to harness its natural resources for the better economic development of the country and uplift the living standards of its poor people. He said that currently most of the products includ-

Balochistan, therefore, the Pakistani business community has a huge opportunity to supply local products to the people of these areas at competitive prices. He emphasized that the government should provide more incentives and security to the business community for JVs and investment in SEZs of Baluchistan so that with the better growth of business and investment activities, this province could achieve more progress & prosperity and play a far more effective role in the development of the national economy.

Iran to Turbat and other areas of

He assured that ICCI would play a role to highlight the investment opportunities available in SEZs in Baluchistan to attract maximum

investment in them.

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Another dengue outbreak

S the country struggles to keep up with one pandemic, the remnants of a previous epidemic threaten to rear their ugly head. Dengue, an infectious mosquito-borne disease, has been having increasingly frequent outbreaks in Pakistan, with epidemics in 2011, 2017 and 2019. Unfortunately, there are signs of another deadly outbreak this September. Across the country, there have been several diagnoses of dengue fever. In Lahore, there have been a total of 73 new positive cases, with 60 reported in one day. The total number of dengue positive cases this year reached 824 in Lahore and 992 in other parts of the Punjab province. More than 20 patients have been confirmed positive for dengue fever on Saturday from the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi. KPK is another danger point-the 2017 dengue epidemic, which mainly targeted Peshawar, still haunts the province. Alarm bells went off then when Peshawar reported 213 new cases of the fever in the last 24 hours.

However, whereas the world was woefully unprepared for the coronavirus pandemic, this time we are all too familiar with dengue outbreaks. The successive governments have had years and example upon example to keep mechanisms in place to curb the spread of dengue fever and kickstart an anti-dengue drive immediately. Considering our previous experience of hundreds of deaths due to this disease, and that our health infrastructure is already strained due to the coronavirus pandemic and cannot bear any more burden, the government cannot afford to delay taking vigilant action to curb the spread of dengue. The government is responding—the anti-dengue drive which was initiated by the district administration is already in full swing under which surveillance is being carried out at various points in the provincial capital. Yet considering our vast experience in this, the response is still too slow. The situation should not have been allowed to get this bad. The government needs to tap into the procedures and resources already in place.

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Expanding CPEC

HE federal government has announced the Karachi Coastal Comprehensive Development Zone (KCCDZ) project under the umbrella of CPEC where direct Chinese investment worth \$3.5 billion has been promised to urbanise the area entirely. The economic potential for this is immense, just like the promise of our maritime trade taking off after its completion. For the benefits to materialise, the government must ensure the process is smooth all the while ensuring security, meeting deadlines and taking charge of the humanitarian implications of revamping the coastline.

Karachi may become an even larger port that has the ability to cater to international needs through KCCDZ's diversified facilities-strengthening our blue economy as a result. A water treatment plant aimed at reducing pollution and improving the quality of marine life near and around Karachi will be made. The port will also become accessible to the main city through a connecting bridge, further linking it to the economic center of the province. All this is bound to open up an array of opportunities for Pakistan.

However, before absorbing ourselves with visions of success, there are a few problems that must be addressed. Half a million people would have to be relocated into a suitable area that is fully equipped for everyday life before the project begins. These people must be informed about this reality well before time, given a comprehensive plan as to where they will be resettled, whether a housing scheme will be built and how affordability will be ensured. Secondly, any incident like the Dasu attack is unacceptable especially if China is still open to diversifying CPEC projects. The government must go above and beyond to prevent jeopardising our partnership with China through ensuring the security of all those involved.

Lastly, we must remain diligent with our payables to investors because otherwise, delays become inevitable as investors lose confidence and discourage progress on the project as we observed while paying partial payables of \$1.4 billion last week. These are just a few concerns that are well within the capacity of our government to resolve. Taking a proactive approach now will lead to a smoother process for the well-needed initiative to urbanise Karachi.

Reviving tourism amid the pandemic

Adam M. Tugio



As the health situation is gradually improving, I expect travelers between the two countries will start coming to explore the appealing tourist destinations on sites. The Indonesian tourism industry is well geared to welcome and serve the Pakistani tourism sector for an enjoyable experience of adventure and hospitality

OURISM is a great way to explore new destinations, learn about culture and history, and break out of our routine lives by tapping into the world of adventure. At another level, tourism also plays a critical role in helping nations build their economies. To raise awareness about the role of tourism at the international level, every year September 27 is celebrated as the World Tourism Day. Over the years, tourism has been one of the fastest growing industries

in the world. In addition to the opportunities for recreation and cultural exchange, tourism industry has emerged as a big source to generate employment opportunities, grow service sector and help earn foreign exchange. The tourism sector unlike other industries incorporates many industries, including lodging, transport, attractions, travel companies, and more. Hence, tourism is a remarkable phenomenon that spurs the overall economic growth worldwide. Traveling both internationally and domestically has become increasingly common all over the world. As a result, both leisure travel spending and business travel spending have seen consistent growth over the last many years. Prior to the pandemic, Travel & Tourism (T&T) including its direct, indirect and induced impacts accounted for 1 in 4 of all new jobs created across the world, 10.6% of all jobs (334 million), and 10.4% of global GDP (USD 9.2 trillion). Meanwhile, international visitor spending amounted to USD 1.7 trillion in 2019 (6.8% of total exports, 27.4% of global services exports).

T&T direct contribution to GDP for Indonesia was USD 21.8 billion in 2019 while its total contribution to employment sector was at 10.1%. In Pakistan's case total T&T contribution to the national GDP was USD 7.9 billion and accounted for 5.5 % of total employment.

The pandemic has brought a significant in tourist sector. The sharp drop in visitor numbers is having severe economic and social consequences both inside and outside the tourism industry. As a result, the topic for this year's World Tourism Day, "Tourism for Inclusive Growth" is appropriate in the sense that it strives to assist those involved in the tourism sector in every possible manner. Many nations are ready to reopen their borders to overseas tourists after a successful vaccination campaign. The CHSE (Clean, Health, Safety, and Environment) certification program has helped to adopt new health protocols. There is great optimism and confidence globally about recovery in the tourism sector and many countries are now gearing up to reopen tourist destinations as the vaccination campaign is getting into full swing.

To begin, one of the important strategies for reviving tourism is to promote domestic tourism in places or locales where the heath situation is under control. In many economies the domestic tourists could replace a considerable portion of international visitors, if fully mobilized. The situation is unprecedented, and the coming months will show how successful governments will be in tapping domestic tourism to fill the void left by international travelers.

Simultaneously, efforts must be made to improve hard infrastructure in order to reach touristic destinations and amenities facilities in order to provide visitors with

a pleasant and pleasurable stay. Let us not overlook the power of word-of-mouth marketing as a powerful instrument for promoting certain locations.

Second, in the recovery phase, countries can negotiate so-called travel bubbles to encourage international visitors. Establishing bilateral travel bubbles is an interesting option to revive tourism. The growing number of travel agreements is a testament to this. To revive tourism successfully, governments together with travel and tourism sectors should prepare phased tourism recovery plans, in which travel bubbles can be a stepping stone to a fully open regime. During the recovery phase, governments need to rebuild tourist confidence and encourage innovation and investment for a resilient and sustainable tourism sector.

Third, consumer behaviors have changed as a result of the pandemic, and the significance of having a strong social media presence has grown. To secure a stronger position for recovery, Destination Management Organizations (DMOs) should engage with influencers and operate across multi-channel platforms.

Social media traffic has dramatically increased as consumers have utilized this as a tool to escape stringent lockdown restrictions. Certain changes are likely to become long-standing, as individuals will be more dependent on this to alleviate anxieties, and influence ers should be a key consideration in travel recovery strategies. International surveys have suggested that younger groups will be the first to resume international leisure tourism, once restrictions are lifted. The social-media influencers, many of whom are drawn from these key demographics, will play a pivotal role in restoring that confidence and contributing to the recovery of the tourism industry at large. This smart marketing through social media influencers will complement conventional approach with participation to international T&T Fairs. Fourth, growing articulation between tourism and creativity has been encouraged by the search for alternative models of tourism development and the expanding creative economy. Adding creativity to tourism will become even more common diversification strategy, particularly in the field of cultural tourism.

The role of calendar of events in tourism destination development should also be noted. Today, it is not surprising that events have the power to affect the formation of a destination's image and can help with promoting, positioning, and branding it across the globe. A fruitful integration of event management into touristic activities will win success and attract numerous customers to the target destinations.

Fifth, one major trend that travel agencies and the tourism industry will have to adapt to in the future is

the increasing global interest in environment friendly travel. Nowadays, a growing number of tourists have begun recognizing the negative impact their trips can have on affected regions. As a result, more and more global travelers believe in the importance of sustainable travel and green travel choices.

People also prefer to avoid in-house congested areas in post-pandemic situations, thus open air and back-tonature activities or eco-tourism might become a new trend for tourism attractions.

Finally, visual storytelling has been a big part of the tourism industry's toolkit. Visual imagery can say so much more than words alone, and under present scenario many travel brands from individual hotel chains to entire destination marketing initiatives will have to take their storytelling to new heights for the travel and tourism sector recovery from the negative impacts of the COVID pandemic.

I recently visited Taxila and Lahore Museums and was highly impressed by the grandeur of the monuments there. I strongly felt the need of promoting and highlighting the Gandhara civilization not only through visual and performing arts but also essentially through the virtual reconstruction using computer-based simulations to bring these marvelous heritage sites to the wider international audience. Taxila could become a new holiest site for Buddhist pilgrimages to pay respect and devotion to Gautama Buddha like Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib for Sikh community. Pakistan has the capacity to do so since it has talentedand creative

workforce in the IT development industries. Both Indonesia and Pakistan with roughly half a billion combined population offer great opportunities for the growth of bilateral tourism and only needed synergized modern marketing methods and visa facilitations to match its true potential. Interestingly, the two countries have a lot of interesting social and cultural similarities to share. Moreover, both are gifted with enormous natural beauty, rich diverse heritage and unbeatable hospitality. From scenic natural beauty to unique culture and traditions, from delicious cuisines to creative minds, from indigenous art to attractive life style, the similarities are abundant and captivating. They serve as a binding element to strengthenthe cul-

tural bridge between the two nations. As the health situation is gradually improving, I expect travelers between the two countries will start coming to explore the appealing tourist destinations on sites.

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Pakistan. Views expressed here are personal.

Indian conspiracy against Pakistan debunked

Muhammad Akhter



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ODAY, in the world of automation, propaganda is considered as the most lethal weapon. In this regard, no action is taken by the international community against the countries those poses a serious threat to the regional and global peace and security in Cyber Sphere. However, many countries are creating so many problems through propaganda and Circulating fake news. Additionally, India is one of the most notorious country that uses mainstream and social media to spread fake news with intent to discredit Pakistan's efforts and sacrifices for peace and stability in the region.

On the one hand, Afghanistan's instability in the region is a major and serious issue at the moment, which is being addressed not only by countries within the region, but also by forces outside the region in an effort to somehow regularize Afghanistan as soon as possible. While, on the other hand, despite all this, a country in the region is not shying away from pursuing its nefarious intentions even in these circumstances. This is the same India that never misses an opportunity to defame Pakistan. In the recent past, India has used and continues to use all sorts of tactics to destabilize Pakistan, from spreading false news and information for carrying out acts of sabotage. As far as spreading false news and information is concerned, the report of the EU Disinformation Lab in this regard is eye-opening in which (NGOs) used to negatively influence the views of the United Nations and the European Union on Pakistan. India also used the name of Louis B. Sohan, an international human rights scholar, after his death. In the name of Professor Sohan, who died in 2006, these things were spread only to tarnish Pakistan's image that had nothing to do with him. A fresh episode in this regard took place by India last month due to which the New Zealand cricket team abruptly gone backtohome without loring the each eduled meet ch

playing the scheduled match. In order to thwart the New Zealand cricket team Tour to Pakistan, a fake Facebook account was created by India in the name of a spokesperson of the banned outfit towithdraw the team from touring Pakistan. According to the Federal authorities' of Pakistan, the account from which the threat was made was fake and made in India. Furthermore, On August 19, 2021, a post was made from this account in the name of Ehsanullah Ehsan in which it was said that if the New Zealand cricket team came to play in Pakistan, the people of ISIS could target it. Interestingly, two days after this post, on August 21, 2021, the bureau chief of the Indian newspaper "The Sunday Guardian" Abhinandan Mishra published an article in which it was said that the New Zealand cricket team could face a terrorist attack in Pakistan. Now it is pertinent to mention here, that the article was based on a fake post by EhsanullahEhsan. Moreover, Abhinandan Mishra, who is the bureau chief of the newspaper has strong ties with former Afghan Vice President Amrullah Saleh.

According to authorities, on August 24, 2021, the wife of New Zealand opener Martin Guptill received a threatening e-mail from naming a banned outfit with an e-mail ID saying that Martin Guptillwill be killed in Pakistan. Meanwhile, only one email has been generated from this email account so far. This email ID was created on Proton Mail, a secure mail service, so no details are available. In this connection, Pakistan has contacted Interpol and requested to provide the details of this email ID and how this email was created.Later, on September 18, 2021, Interpol Wellington informed Interpol Islamabad about a post in the name of Hamza Afridi which was published at 6:25 New Zealand time and according to Pakistan the time was set at 11:25 pm on September 17, in which the New Zealand cricket team was threat-

ened that they had made a mistake by visiting. It should be noted, a review of the e-mail revealed that it was sent from a device in India, which was relocated to Singapore via VPN.The device from which this e-mail was sent has 13 more IDs containing all Hindi names and was created under the names of Hindi film industry, drama and music. Only one name, Hamza Afridi, was different from the one used to indicate that the email was generated from Pakistan. The mobile device used for e-mail was launched in India in August 2019. The mobile SIM was registered in the name of Om Prakash Mishra on September 25, 2019, its user has also been confirmed. Om Prakash Mishra used Hamza Afridi's fake ID from Mumbai Maharashtra.

Hence, it is finalized thatabove mentioned all information makes sound clear that India is behind the threat to the New Zealand team and is doing all this to discredit and destabilize Pakistan in the world. The International Cricket Council (ICC) and other international bodies should take concrete action against India on the basis of this information, otherwise it would create problems not only for Pakistan but also for other countries in the region to achieve its nefarious goals.

However, in my opinion, this Indian ambition to defame Pakistan needs to be included in the agenda of the current annual session of the General Assembly so that world leaders are fully aware of Indian conspiracies to undermine regional and global peace and security and made them able to come up with a solid plan of action. In conclusion, international bodies should keep in mind, that in these circumstances' they are also primarily responsible as they did not taken any concrete action against India in the past, despite all the evidence and proofs.

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Briefs

Pak must not be blamed for US failure: **PM Imran**

From Page 01 pointed that given their his tory, Afghans would never accept a protracted foreign military presence. Even an outsider including Pakistan could not change this reality, he added. The prime minister said unfortunately, the successive Pakistani governments after 9/11 sought to please the US instead of pointing out the error of a military-dominated approach. "Desperate for global relevance and domestic legitimacy, Pakistan's military dictator Pervez Musharraf agreed to every American demand for military support after 9/11. This cost Pakistan, and the US, dearly," he said. Imran Khan said the people

the US asked Pakistan to target, included the groups trained jointly by the CIA and Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence to defeat the Soviets in Afghanistan in the 1980s. "Back then, the Afghans were hailed as freedom fighters performing a sacred duty. President Reagan even entertained the Muiahideen at the White House," he said. The prime minister pointed out that after the defeat of the Soviets, the US abandoned Afghanistan and sanctioned Pakistan, leaving behind over five million Afghan refugees in Pakistan and a bloody civil war in Afghanistan. "From this security vacuum emerged the Taliban, many born and educated in the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan," he said. Post 9/11, he said, the US

needed Pakistan again, "but

this time against the very actors we had jointly supported to fight foreign occupation". He mentioned that the Mujahideens of the past were declared terrorists overnight, adding that militant groups declared war against Pakistani state after Pakistan supported the US war on terror. He said General Musharraf offered Washington logistics and airbases, allowed a CIA footprint in Pakistan and even turned a blind eye to American drones bombing Pakistanis on their soil. "For the first time ever, our army swept into the semi-autonomous tribal areas on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, which had earlier been used the staging ground for the anti-Soviet jihad," he said. He mentioned that for locals, the US was an "occupier" of Afghanistan just like the Soviets, deserving of the same treatment. As Pakistan was now America's collaborator, he said,

"we too were deemed guilty and attacked". "This was made much worse by over 450 US drone strikes on our territory, making us the only country in history to be so bombed by an ally," he said, "These strikes caused immense civilian casualties riling up anti-American (and anti-Pakistan army) sentiment further". He said the militant groups declared war against the Pakistani state after its support to the

US war on terror. "The die was cast", he said. "Between 2006 and 2015, nearly 50 militant groups declared jihad on the Pakistani state, conducting over 16,000 terrorist attacks on us". He mentioned that Pakistan suffered over 80,000 casualties and lost over \$150 billion in the economy, besides driving 3.5 million citizens from their homes. He said the militants escaping from Pakistani counter-terrorism efforts entered Afghanistan and were then supported and financed by Indian and Afghan intelligence agencies. "Pakistan had to fight for its survival," he stressed and quoted in this regard a former CIA station chief in Kabul who in 2009 wrote that the country was "beginning to crack under the relentless pressure directly exerted by the US". Yet the US continued to ask us to "do more" for the war in Afghanistan, he added.

Imran Khan recalled that a year earlier, in 2008, he met then-Senators Joe Biden, John Kerry and Harry Reid (among others) to explain this dangerous dynamic and stressed the futility of continuing a military campaign in Afghanistan. Even so, political expediency prevailed in Islamabad throughout the post-9/11 period, he said. He said former president Asif Zardari as "undoubtedly the most corrupt man to have led the country" told the Americans to continue targeting Pakistanis because "collateral damage worries you Americans. It does not worry me."

Dr. Fahmida Mirza opens **PSB National Athletics Meet**

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PESHAWAR: Federal Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (IPC) Dr. Fahmida Mirza Monday inaugurated the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) National Athletics Meet-2021 amid a colourful ceremony held here at the Tartan Track of the Qayyum Sports Complex. Director General Punjab Sports Board Adnan Arshad Aulak, Director General Sports KP Asfandyar Khan Khattak, Director Fe-

Miss Bushra Khan, Captain Ashraf, President Pakistan Cycling Federation Syed Azhar Ali Shah, Asian Gold medalist athlete Asad Iqbal, players from Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were also present on the occasion. Each team comprises 20 girls athletes and 20 boys male Games Miss Rashida athletes to be competing Ghaznavi, Director Operin the Athletic Meet organation Syed Saglain Shah, ized jointly by the Pakistan Director Development Sal-Sports Board and Directorate General Sports KhyeemRaza, Director Games ber Pakhtunkhwa. More

Syed Jaffar Shah, Miss

Amina, Miss Saira Khan,



ceremony started with the recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by the national anthem and march past of all the participating 280 athletes of the six participating teams.

Dr. Fahmida Mirza said that Sports culture will be promoted in all educational institutions. "Our children will go to the National and International events and with hard work of the coaches with players, hopefully, the youth of Pakistan will make their country famous again," said Dr. Fahmida Mirza.

'Today, I personally met the Chief Minister of Khyber Mahmood Pakhtunkhwa Khan and I am very happy that the KP government is spending huge funds on sports besides billions of rupees allocated for developing international standard sports infrastructure," Dr. Fehmida Mirza said.

The sports has suffered a lot due to corona, she said, adding, "We are bringing a sports national policy in which most of the focus will be on our children." "Pakistan is a blessing we

have to appreciate it but due tunkhwa. - APP

Social... From Page 01

Germany's

the upcoming COP26 climate summit will be demanding action from the world's biggest powers. Europe's largest economy will also hold the presidency of the G7 club of rich nations next year, and will need a govern-

ment capable of setting the

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The Inter-Provincial U16

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and international levels. Dr.

Fahmida Mirza said that the

KP government is doing an

ideal job for the promotion

of sports and so far if any

government in the country

is making practical and sin-

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sports, it is undoubtedly the

government of Khyber Pakh-

mida Mirza said.

From Paris, French minister for European affairs Clement Beaune stressed that France "has an interest to have a strong German government in place", urging "swift" action from German parties. European markets nevertheless heaved a sigh of relief, climbing after the tight results, predicting that a government led by either the SPD or the CDU would bring continuity in economic policy.

Preliminary official results showed that the centre-left Social Democrats (SPD) narrowly won the vote at 25.7 percent, while Merkel's centre-right CDU-CSU bloc sunk to a historic low of 24.1 percent. The Green party placed third at 14.8 percent, its best result yet but still short of expectations. Scholz, 63, said the conservatives belonged in the opposition.

'Murders rose 30...

From Page 01 an increase in the number of homicides last year but the FBI figures provided the first picture of the situation nationwide. It was the steepest rise in the number of murders since the FBI began collecting data in the 1960s,

that of the 1980s. The number of murders last year rose sharply from June, with no part of the United States was spared

but the total number of such

killings still remained below

- although the southern state of Louisiana continued to have the highest murder rate in the country. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, 77 percent of the murders in 2020 were committed with a firearm. up from 74 percent in 2019. Experts have not provided a clear explanation for the rise in the number of murders last year but have pointed to the destabilizing impact of the Covid pandemic and a rise in gun sales. federal, state, county, city,

university, college and tribal agencies had submitted data to the crime report. ICC to

resume..

From Page 01 he had asked judges to allow him to re-launch the probe put on hold last year at the request of Kabul's then-government while it said it would investigate war crimes itself – following the Taliban takeover in August. "Recent developments in Afghanistan and the change in the national authorities, represent a significant change of circumstances." Khan. who took over as prosecutor in June at the Hague-based court, said in a statement. "After reviewing matters carefully, I have reached the conclusion that, at this time, there is no longer the pros-

British court acquits...

pect of genuine and effective

domestic investigations.'

From Page 01 evidence of corruption,

money laundering or criminal activities were found. The NCA had requested the UK court for an extension when it first began probing the case, stating that it needed more time to complete the probe against Shahbaz in multiple countries. The agency then wrote a letter to Shahbaz Sharif, calling upon the PML-N leader to share details of his accounts with them otherwise, they would legally scrutinise the accounts by obtaining a production order.

Shahzad denies...

Aziz Ullah Jan, Muhammad Tariq Khan, AD Zakir Ulthan 280 players are par-Speaking on this occasion, lah, Coaches Shah Faisal, ticipating in this event. The WAPDA, NBP to meet in final of CNS Hockey Tournament



DNA

KARACHI: WAPDA beat Pakistan Navy whereas NBP defeated MPCL to qualify for the 3rd Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) All Pakistan Hockey Tournament here at the Abdul Sattar Hockey Stadium on Monday.

In the first semi-final, WAP-

DA outclassed the Navy after

a one-sided contest by 3-0.

Aleem Usman, Mubashir Ali, and Atiq Arshad scored a goal each for WAPDA. On the other hand, NBP'S captain Abu BakarMehmood scored two goals against MPCL in the second semi-final to hand his team a spot in the final. In a high-clash final today, WAPDA and NBP will lock horns at 3:30 pm whereas Navy and MPCl will clash in the third position

abortions for 'non medical purposes'

China restricts

Foreign Desk

BEIJING: China has issued new guidelines restricting the number of abortions performed for "non-medical purposes". The State Council, China's cabinet, published the new rules on Monday. The country has already enacted strict measures aimed at preventing sex-selective abortions, and health authorities also warned in 2018 that the use of abortion to end unwanted pregnancies was harmful to women's bodies and risks causing infertility. The State Council said the new guidelines would aim to improve women's overall access to pre-pregnancy healthcare services.

National Health Commission data showed that between 2014 and 2018, there had been an average of 9.7 million abortions per year, rising about 51 percent from the 2009-2013 average despite a relaxation of family planning policies in 2015. The data did not specify how many abortions were for medical reasons. It was not immediately clear whether Monday's new measures were designed at addressing China's declining birth rate, which think-tanks and policy researchers have identified as one of its major social policy challenges in the coming decades.

Although China remains the world's most populous nation, the latest census showed population growth from 2011 to 2020 was the slowest since the 1950s, and was expected to slow even more within a few years.

CP takes revenge from

KPK with a victory

Kontaveit beats Sakkari in Ostrava for third career title



OSTRAVA: World number 30 AnettKontaveit picked up her second title of the season with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Greece's Maria Sakkari in the final of the Ostrava Open on Sunday. The unseeded Estonian had not dropped a set all week before powering past fourth seed Sakkari to claim the biggest title of her career and her third overall. "When you're winning matches, it definitely gives you confidence," said the 25-year-old, who has won 12 of her last 13 matches. "I feel like I am definitely playing better than I was in the middle of the season, and I think good things can come of it." Kontaveit won her first title at 's-Hertogenbosch in 2017 but then had to wait over four years before returning to the winner's enclosure in Cleveland in August. - APP

Sania – Zhang win women's doubles title

OSTRAVA:I ndia's Sania Mirza and her Chinese partner Zhang Shuai won the women's doubles title at the Ostrava Open WTA Tennis Tournament, beating Kaitlyn Christian and Erin Routliffe in straight sets on Sunday. Indian ace Sania bagged her first WTA title in 20 months as she and Zhang beat Kaitlyn Christian of the United States and Erin Routliffe of New Zealand 6-3, 6-2 in an hour and four minutes. Sania had won her last WTA title at the Hobart International in January 2020, partnering Nadia Kichenok. No.2 seeds Sania and Zhang has never teamed up be-

fore last week Luxemwhere they fell in the quarter-finals to eventual cham-Greet Minnen Alison van Uyt





Moeen Ali retires from Test cricket

WEB DESK

MANCHESTER: England's off-spinner Moeen Ali has announced retirement from Test cricket, ARY News reported. According to Moeen, the decision to retire from Test cricket will give him more space to play as much white-ball cricket as he can. "I'm 34 now and I want to play for as long as I can and I just want to enjoy my cricket, "Test cricket is amazing, when you're having a good day it's better than any other format by far, it's more rewarding and you feel like you've really earnt it," he said. "I will miss just walking out there with the lads, playing against best in the world with that feeling of nerves but also from a bowling point of view, knowing with my best

ball I could get anyone out, "I've enjoyed Test Cricket but that intensity can be too much sometimes and I feel like I've done enough of it and I'm happy and content with how I've done," he added. Ali, 34, made his Test debut back in 2014 and went on to represent England in 64 Test matches. He took 195 Test wickets including 5 five-wicket hauls and scored five Test match centu-

DNA RAWALPINDI: Central Punjab (CP)'s bowlers outclassed Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) to hand their team solid revenge in National T20 Cup.

KPK were bowled out for 128 while chasing 172 runs as CP wrapped 43 runs victory in the eighth match of the tournament.

Set to chase the target, KPK's SahibzadaFarhan resisted with his 34 runs knock followed by Mohammad Wasim with as many runs in the contest. Farhan smashed three boundaries and a six whereas Wasim struck three boundaries

and as many sixes. Wahab Riaz bowled a splendid spell taking three wickets and conceding 21 runs in three overs. Faheem Ashraf, EhsanAdil, Hasan Ali, HussainTalat, and QasimAkram shared a

wicket apiece. Earlier, Hussain smoked 51 runs off 26 balls with the help of five boundaries and three sixes to push his team to score 171-6 in 20 overs. Opening batsman Ahmed Shehzad scored 40 runs off 36 balls including four boundaries and a six. Mohammad Akhlaq and Shoaib Malik made 24 runs each for CP. For KPK, Shaheen Shah Afridi bagged two wickets while Arshad Iqbal, Wasim, Asif Afridi, and Israrullah took a wicket each.

CP, KPK fined RAWALPINDI: Central Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have been fined PKR 40.000 and PKR 25.000, respectively for maintaining a slow over-rate in the ongoing National T20, a spokesman of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)

said on Monday. Central Punjab were three overs short in the match against Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Sunday at the Pindi Cricket Stadium, while Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were two overs short of their target in their match against Southern Punjab on Saturday. Both teams were charged under Article 2.22 of the PCB

Code of Conduct for Players and Players Support Personnel that deals with minimum over-rate offences. Central Punjab captain Babar Azam pleaded guilty to the

charge proposed by on-field umpires Ahmed Shahab and AftabGillani and accepted the sanction leveled by match referee Igbal Sheikh. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa captain Mohammad Rizwan also

pleaded guilty to the charge proposed by on-field umpires Ahmed Shahab and Imran Jawed and accepted the sanction leveled by match referee Iqbal Sheikh. In two separate incidents, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Shaheen

Shah and Southern Punjab's Azam Khan have been fined 40 per cent and 25 per cent of their match-fees, respectively for breaching the PCB Code of Conduct for Players and Players Support Personnel during their teams matches against Southern Punjab and Balochistan, respectively in the National T20 at Pindi Cricket Stadium. Both players were found to have violated Article 2.8 of the

PCB Code of Conduct (Level 1), which reads as: "Showing dissent at an Umpire's decision during a Match." - APP

EU, NATO call for de-escalation in northern Kosovo

"This is crucial for reaching a comprehensive and legally-binding agreement on normalization of their relations, which is necessary for both to advance on their respective European paths," Borrell said

AGENCIES

BRUSSELS: The European Union and NATO Sunday called on Kosovo and Serbia to de-escalate the situation in north Kosovo over a license plate row between the two sides. "Serbia and Kosovo need to unconditionally de-escalate the situation on the ground, by immediately withdrawing special police units and dismantling of roadblocks. Any further provocations or unilateral and uncoordinated actions are unacceptable," said EU High Representative Josep-Borrell in a statement.

"Kosovo and Serbia must find solutions to defuse the situation and

agree on the way forward. The EU will actively support these efforts. Both Kosovo and Serbian leaders are fully responsible for any risks to the safety and well-being of local communities is on both Kosovo and Serbia," he said. "The EU-facilitated Dialogue con-

tinues to be the only platform to address and resolve all open issues between the Parties, including those related to freedom of movement and license plate, and I strongly urge Kosovo and Serbia to use it." Borrell said. He added, "Both chief negotiators

coming to Brussels in the coming days is a first positive step. It is crucial that they come with a mandate to discuss the way forward

and find sustainable solutions that are in the interests of the citizens. "We repeat that we expect both Kosovo and Serbia to return to fostering an environment conducive to reconciliation, regional stability and cooperation for the benefit of their citizens. "This is crucial for reaching a

comprehensive and legally-binding agreement on normalization of their relations, which is necessary for both to advance on their respective European paths," Borrell said.

"I am in close touch with NATO Secretary General, whom I thank for the excellent cooperation between KFOR and EULEX. KFOR plays a key role in supporting regional stability in the Western Balkans," he added.

According to media report, a vehicle registration office in Kosovo was set on fire on Saturday. Serbia does not recognize its former province's independence declared in 2008 and forces drivers from Kosovo to buy temporary plates when entering the country. Now Kosovo has decided to do the same.

In response, ethnic Serbs in Kosovo blocked the border with trucks, and two government offices in the capital Pristina have been attacked Serbia has put its army troops in regions near Kosovo on higher alert, said the reports. Meanwhile, NATO Secretary

General Jens Stoltenberg Sunday

message Sunday. NATO KFOR's mandate remains to ensure a safe and secure environment & freedom of movement for all, he added. About 4,000 troops from the NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR), provided by 28 countries continue to work towards maintaining a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement for all citi-

zens and communities in Kosovo.

tion of the situation in the north

"It's vital both Belgrade & Pris-

tina show restraint & return to

dialogue," he said on his Twitter

of Kosovo.

said he spoke by phone with AleksandarVucic president of Serbia and AlbinKurti prime minister of Kosovo and called for de-escala-

From Page 01 He said that certain funds

were transferred by Suleman Shahbaz from Pakistan to UK in 2019 which were declared as a suspicious transaction by the UK authorities and the NCA secured an asset freezing order (AFO) from the court against these funds. However, he said that recently NCA decided to stop investigating these funds and therefore agreed to release these funds through court.

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UK to issue 5,000 temporary visas

ANKARA: The British government has announced that it will issue temporary visas to 5,000 heavy goods vehicle (HGV) drivers and 5,500 poultry workers until Christmas 2021 to ease supply chain problems.

According to a statement by the Department for Transport on Saturday, 5,000 HGV drivers will be able to come to the UK for 3 months in the run-up to Christmas in order to provide "short-term relief for the haulage industry".

Some 5,500 poultry work ers will also be added to the visa scheme to "avoid any potential further pressures on the food industry during this exceptional period."

"Up to 4,000 people will soon be able to take advantage of training courses to become HGV drivers," the statement added.

McGregor-Smith, president of the British Chambers of Commerce, said the measures were inadequate, adding: "This announcement is the equivalent of throwing a thimble of water on a bonfire." British Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said refineries in the country had "plenty of petrol", adding that he had checked with the six refineries and 47 storage centers in the country. Shapps added that if necessary, British soldiers can be assigned to drive fuel tankers. - APP

French photographer in hot water over Macron vacation shot

AGENCIES

PARIS: French police are investigating a photographer for violation of privacy over a picture showing President Emmanuel Macron in swimming trunks on holiday in the Mediterranean, prosecutors confirmed to AFP.

"An investigation is under way," the Paris prosecutor's office said on Sunday evening, confirming a report by Europe 1 radio.

The picture was one of a set of paparazzi shots published by the Voici gossip magazine in August 2020 that reportedly angered the 43-year-old president. Some showed Macron, who was holidaying at the Bregancon fort belonging to the French state on the French Riviera, relaxing with his wife Brigitte and other family members on a boat in his swimming trunks.

Others showed him riding a jet ski, bare-chested but for a life jacket.

One of the jet ski pictures was later included in an exhibition of shots of French presidents on holiday hosted by a Parisi an art gallery. Macron's office refused to comment on the affair, but Europe 1 said he and Brigitte had filed a criminal complaint for invasion of privacy. The photographer behind the shots, Thibault Daliphard, told AFP he had been summoned to appear at a police station near his home in southern France on Tuesday. -APP

Sep 27 turning point in Azerbaijan history: FM

"On that day, in response to Armenian provocations, Azerbaijan launched a counter-offensive operation using its right to self-defence"

DNA

BAKU: Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov has described September 27, 2020, as a turning point in Azerbaijan's history. He made the remarks at a meeting of the Turkic Council foreign ministers. "On that day, in response to Armenian provocations, Azerbaijan launched a counter-offensive operation using its right to self-defence," Bayramov stated. The minister emphasized that the 30-year Armenian occupation of the Azerbaijani territories ended within 44 days. He stressed that Azerbaijan highly appreciates the solidarity shown by the Turkic Council members states during the 44-day Second Karabakh War, and during the post-war rehabilitation on the liberated lands.

Bayramov also invited the meeting participants to honor the memory of the martyrs of the Second Karabakh War with a minute of silence.

Thus, the memory of Azerbaijani martyrs was honored with a minute of silence at the meeting. Moreover, addressing the meeting Turkish FM Mevlut Cavusoglu noted that today marks the anniversary of the start of the 44-day war, as a result of which the country's territories were liberated from occupation. "We respectfully honor the memory of the martyrs of Azerbaijan, who gave their lives for their motherland," said Cavusoglu.

As a sign of deep respect for the soldiers and officers who gave their lives for Azerbaijan's territorial integrity, September 27 is marked as Remembrance Day under President Ilham Aliyev's relevant decree. The decree was signed on December 2, 2020. A



number of events are planned to be held on Remembrance Day. The memory of the martyrs has been honored in the religious sites operating in Azerbaijan. The Azerbaijani public visits the graves of martyrs in the second Honorary Alley in Baku and offers prayers for their souls.

The streets of Baku are decorated with Azerbaijani flags on Remembrance Day. In addition, Azerbaijan's national flag will be projected on a number of buildings, including the Heydar Aliyev Center and the Flame Towers in the evening. The Heydar Aliyev Foundation's public association Regional Development will hold commemorative events.

A Moscow-brokered ceasefire deal that Baku and Yerevan signed on November 10, 2020, brought an end to six weeks of fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The Azerbaijani army declared a victory against the Armenian troops. The signed

Baku urges int'l probe into Armenian aggression

BAKU: Human Rights Commissioner (Ombudsman) Sabina Aliyeva has called on international organizations to investigate facts of human rights violations committed as a result of Armenia's aggressive and occupant policy against Azerbaijan.

Sabina Aliyeva made the remarks in a statement made on the occasion of the first anniversary of the outbreak of the Second Karabakh War on September 27.

"I call on international organizations to investigate the facts of human rights violations committed as a result of the aggressive and occupant policy, including war crimes in severe violation of the right to a life committed by the Armenian military and political leadership that is non-compliant with UN Security Council Resolutions 822, 853, 874 and 884, UN General Assembly

agreement obliged Armenia to withdraw its troops from the Azerbaijani lands that it has occupied since the early 1990s.

The peace agreement stipulated

The ombudsman further called on Armenia to respect

rent pandemic," she stated.

Azerbaijan's internationally recognized territorial integrity, to refrain from provocative actions aimed at threatening the life and health of the civilians, as well as at gross violations of fundamental human rights. "I further call on international and regional organizations, foreign ombudspersons, and National Human Rights Institutions to respond to the human rights violations committed by Armenia in the region, to make joint efforts for peace and global solidarity," Aliyeva added. – DNA

Resolutions 'Situation in the Occupied Territories of

Azerbaijan' adopted in 2006 and 2008, that ignores the

appeals of the UN, the World Health Organization and

other influential international organizations on the cur-

the early 1990s. Before the the return of Azerbaijan's Armenian-occupied Kalbajar, Aghdam signing of the deal, the Azerbaiand Lachin regions and withdraw jani army had liberated around its troops from the Azerbaijani 300 villages, settlements, city centers, and historic Shusha city. lands that it has occupied since

Mahmood Qureshi meets British Pakistani leaders from Kashmir



LONDON: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi meeting with UK based Kashmiri Leaders at Pakistan House London. - DNA

DNA

LONDON: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi who is on an official visit to the UK met with eminent British Pakistani leaders and community representatives hailing from Kashmir at the Pakistan House on September 26, 2021. Lauding the positive role being played by the Pakistani Kashmiri community in highlighting Indian human rights abuses in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir

(IIOJK), the Foreign Minister apprised them of the steps being taken by the Government of Pakistan to advance the Kashmir cause, and raise awareness about the humanitarian and human rights situation in

HOJK In this regard, the Government of Pakistan, relying on credible international sources, had recently compiled a Dossier detailing over 3,000 war crimes perpetrated by the Indian occupation forces.

Foreign Minister Qureshi lauded the recent debate in the British Parliament, laying bare once more, Indian atrocities in IIOJK.

He encouraged the British Pakistani community to play its role in bringing to light the human rights and humanitarian abuses

He assured the Kashmiri leadership that Pakistan will continue to lend the Kashmiris' just struggle for self-determination, full political, moral and diplomatic support till the realization of their inalienable right in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions, and the wish es of the people of IIOJK.

BMP has now narrow escape to survive in FPCC

DNA

KARACHI: Spokesman of the United Business Group (UBG) Gulzar Feroz on Monday said BMP days are numbered in FPCCI as it has now narrow escape to survive. He said that the unlawful, unauthorized and immoral stay of Nasir Hayatt Magoon for eight months in FPCCI as its president is to end soon. He said that Nasir Magoo has exhausted all his energies throwing dust in the eyes of concerned quarters to prolong his illegitimate stay causing a great deal of damage to FPCCI

national levels. Gulzar Feroze said that BMP and Nasir Magoo are emanating frustration by issuing false, fictitious, baseless, contrary to the actual facts statements and making another attempt to hide the realities. It is utterly surprising that BMP which was against the DGTO is now proving their loyalty and favouritism with him, the spokesperson added. UBG spokesperson Gulzar

Feroze said the record also

on the national and inter-

had filed a suit 2021 (-758) High Court Sindh against DGTO alleging various charges which include his being biased, mala-fide, unfair, involved in misconduct, exercising his powers beyond his jurisdiction, having prejudice mind. Interim order of DGTO dated of March 2021 for scruti-

reveals that Nasir Magoon

ny of record of FPCCI ballot was also challenged in the said suit as his exercise of jurisdiction of power was termed illegal. It was prayed by Nasir Magoon in the said suit to appoint any other officer to act as Regulator as he (Nasir Magoon was afraid of the decision under subsection 3 (f) of section 14 of TOA which empowers DGTO to annul the results of any election of trade body within 14 days.

The said petition of Nasir Magoon was rejected by the Hon'ble High Court under section 30 of TO Act on 19-05-21. The suit filed by Nasir Magoon was not maintainable as the entire mechanism is provided in TO Act for adiudication of election dispute which was already sub-judice before the DGTO.

Turkey produces new electric bus models

WEB DESK

ANKARA: The Turkish bus manufacturer Karsan has introduced its new electric bus model family, e-ATA, at its factory in Bursa, Yeni Shafak newspaper reported on September 27.

The e-ATA series have been produced in line with the ecological standards to meet the needs of crowded cities and offered in three different models with a length of 10, 12, and 18 meters.

The models can be ordered with seven different battery packs from 150 kWh to 600 kWh, which provides 450 kilometers driving range, the report added.

"There is interest from municipalities such as Istanbul, Ankara, Eskisehir, zmir, Mersin and Kocaeli. We will even do it at the Road Show soon. So I don't think it will take too long. I think we will be able to see it in the coming years, months," CEO of the Karsan Company Okan

Commenting on the conversion from diesel to electric buses, Bash predicted that 35 percent of vehicles sold in 2024 and at least 50 percent by 2030 will be all-electric. "In order to support this transformation, big cities such as Paris, London and Hamburg now require zero emission vehicles in new bus purchases. Karsan, on the other hand, predicted this transformation and made all its plans accordingly five years ago," he added. In his words, Europe will need 100 percent big electric buses such as the e-ATA series in the near future.

One dead in strong quake on Greek island of Crete

ATHENS: A strong earthquake struck the Greek island of Crete early Monday, killing a man who was working in a church that collapsed and injuring nine others, the civil protection agency said.

The quake, measuring magnitude 5.8 according to of Athens, struck at 0617 GMT, 23 kilometres (14 miles) from Heraklion, the capital of Greece's largest island. The quake sent panicked residents rushing into the streets and damaged old buildings.

The man died in the farming town of Arkalochori which was particularly badly hit, said Spiros Georgiou, spokesman for the civil protection agency.

He said nine people were slightly injured.

Images on ERT public television showed old buildings that had collapsed in Arkalochori and surrounding villages near Heraklion. "It's an earthquake that we

did not expect, for the moment there are aftershocks of 4.5", said seismologist Efthymis Lekkas, quoted by the ANA news agency. The minister for civil pro-

tection Christos Stylianides, accompanied by Lekkas and other experts were to visit the site later Monday, ERT said. Greece is located on a number of fault lines, and is sporadically hit by earthquakes. - APP

Pakistan hosts UNGA's event on women

DNA

NEW YORK: On the side-lines of 76th UNGA, Government of Pakistan hosted the high-level event on "Uplifting women and girls through access to education, financial inclusion and economic empowerment" in collaboration with United Nations' Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA).

Ambassador Munir Akram, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UN in New York formally opened the event. Senator Dr. Sania Nishtar, SAPM was the keynote

The event aimed to emphasize that in order for countries everywhere to thrive and build back better, women and girls must be given the same opportunities to grow, learn and contribute to the workforce as their male counterparts.

Ambassador Munir Akram, in his welcome remarks highlighted that gender equality is central to the well-being of societies and communities. He referred to the COVID induced poverty that has impacted women and girls both as frontline workers as well at home. He emphasized that to build back better, women and girls must be given the same opportunities to grow, learn and contribute to the workforce as their male

counterparts. Keynoting the event, Dr. Sania said, "Wom-

en contribute nearly half the population of our country and as a government, we are deeply conscious that their contributions, their talent, skills, capabilities and leadership acumen stand to contribute significantly towards national development. There has been a progress in gender related indicators such as political representation where women have 25% representation in our Parliament."

At the event, Dr. Sania was joined by Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary General, DESA; Mirjana Spolijaric Egger, ASG and UNDP Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia; Anita, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Women. Other eminent speakers on the panel were-

Pascale A. Allotey, Director, United Nations University, International Institute for Global Health; Maki Hayashikawa, Director of the Division of Education 2030 Support and Coordination at UNESCO; Anita Zaidi, President of the Gate's Foundation Gender Equality Division; and Sharmeela Rasool, Country Representative UN-Women Pakistan. Ameena Zia, Adj. Professor of Political Science at Virginia Technical University and UN NGO Representative -ECOSOC moderated the panel discussion. Giving snapshot of where government of Pakistan is on the women and girls agenda, Dr. Sania stated, "Our government pronounced the "50% Plus Benefits" policy for women in the framework of Ehsaas.

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Covid-19 positivity plummets below 4%

SHAHEEN HANIF

ISLAMABAD: The national tally of Covid-19 active cases on Monday was recorded 50,651 with 1,757 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 1,765 people recovered from the disease during the last 24

Thirty-one corona patients died during past 24 hours. 29 of whom were under treatment in different hospitals and two of them perished in their respective quarantines or homes, according to the latest update issued by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC).

Most of the deaths occurred in Sindh followed by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Out of the total 31 deaths occurred, 12 of them died were under treatment on ventilators. There were 4,033 Covid infected patients under treatment in critical condition in various Covid dedicated healthcare facilities

National Covid positivity ratio during past 24 hours was recorded 3.6 percent. The maximum ventilators were occupied in four major cities including Sargodha 60 percent, Peshawar 37 percent, Lahore 49 percent and Multan 86 percent.

Fuel pumps run đry in UK

AGENCIES

LONDON: Fuel pumps ran dry in parts of Britain on Monday as panic-buying drained tanks the government tries to tackle a shortage of lorry drivers with a dramatic post-Brexit immigration policy U-turn.

Other stations across the British capital and southeast England simply posted signs stating that "no fuel" was available and apologised for pumps be-

ing out of use. The Petrol Retailers Association claimed that almost half of the UK's 8,000 fuel pumps had run out of petrol on Sunday, as desperate drivers including key workers formed long queues to fill up. London's Mayor Sadio Khan said public transport and emergency services had stocks in reserve but hospital and care workers, as well as taxi drivers, were struggling to find fuel to go to work. The government maintains it has enough fuel in stock but not enough lorry drivers to deliver it, with critics blaming an exodus of truckers from Europe after Brexit.

PML-N leader denounces 'fake' video

DNA

LAHORE: After footage purportedly showing Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Muhammad Zubair engaging in sex acts with an unidentified woman went viral, the former governor of Sindh categorically denied his involvement terming it to be a "new low in politics" along with claiming the video is "fake and doctored".

"Whoever is behind this has done an extremely poor and shameful act. I have served my country with honesty, integrity and commitment. Will continue to raise my voice for betterment of Pakistan," Zubair wrote on Twitter. Earlier in the day, the mobile footage, which allegedly shows the PML-N leader in a bedroom with a blurred out woman spread like wildfire on social media with #ZubairUmar becoming the top trend on Pakistani Twitter.

Azerbaijan remembers martyrs of Patriotic War

Azerbaijan is ready to normalize relations with Armenia, on the basis of strict observance of the principles of the international law, in particular sovereignty, territorial integrity, and inviolability of international borders

DNA

BAKU: One year ago on September 27, the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan began responsive measures to counter another military provocation from the Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia.

These measures were undertaken within the framework of the right to self-defense. They were in full compliance with the international humanitarian law in order to prevent another military aggression from Armenia and to provide for the security of the civilian population. This marked the beginning of the 44-day Patriotic War.

The Patriotic War put an end to Armenia's nearly 30-year-long policy of aggression. Azerbaijan ensured its territorial integrity, and the fundamental rights of nearly one million displaced Azerbaijanis were restored. Azerbaijan alone ensured the implementation of the relevant UN Security Council resolutions of 1993.

The end of the occupation of the Azerbaijani territories revealed the full extent of the illegal activities undertaken by Armenia for decades. This includes extensive mining; the deliberate destruction and misappropriation of Azer-

AGENCIES

WASHINGTON: US Deputy

Secretary of State Wendy

Sherman will travel next

month to Pakistan and India,

bitter rivals that have clashed

on the way forward in Afghan-

istan, the State Department

Sherman, after CIA chief Bill

Burns, will be one of the first

high-level officials under Pres-

ident Joe Biden to visit Paki-

stan, which has long irritated

the United States over its

relationship with the Taliban.

Sherman will meet senior

officials in Islamabad on Oc-

tober 7-8 after an earlier visit

to New Delhi and Mumbai on

October 6-7, when she will

meet officials and civil soci-

ety leaders and address the

US-India Business council's

annual "ideas summit," the

announced Monday.

Taliban takeover

State Department said.

The trip comes as India,

one of the top allies of the

Western-backed Afghan gov-

ernment that collapsed last

month, urges the world to pay

closer attention to Pakistan's

Pakistan was the primary

through covert support.

role in the turmoil.



baijan's historical, cultural and religious heritage; plundering of natural resources: destruction of infrastructure; and other violations of international law. Evidence of Armenia's numerous war crimes was also revealed. In order

its breaches of international humanitarian and human rights law. Azerbaijan filed inter-state applications against Armenia in the European Court of Human Rights and International Court of Justice.

reconstruction works in the liberated territories and taking consistent steps to ensure the safe and dignified return of nearly one million of displaced Azerbaijanis, as well as the reintegration of these lands. The Government is also ensure lasting peace, security, and prosperity in the region in accordance with the Trilateral Statement of November 10, 2020.

The Patriotic War under the leadership of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan, President Ilham Aliyev that ended with a victory of the brave Azerbaijani Army, opened a new era in the history of the Republic of Azerbaijan, established international justice and changed the realities in the

Azerbaijan is ready to normalize relations with Armenia, on the basis of strict observance of the principles of the international law, in particular sovereignty, territorial integrity, and inviolability of international borders. We call on Armenia to respect these fundamental principles to ensure peace, security, and prosperity in the region and comply with its international obligations.

We commemorate with deep respect and esteem the memory of all our Martyrs who died for the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan on September 27, which is celebrated as the Commemoration Day in our country by the order of the President of the Republic of

The Government of Azerbaijan to hold Armenia accountable for is carrying out restoration and taking all necessary measures to Azerbaijan. State Dept No. 2 to Govt to expose conspirators visit Pakistan after behind NZ tour cancellation

Special directions had been issued to NADRA to have a check on fake Coronavirus vaccine certificates

KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior Sheikh Rashid Ahbacker of the 1996-2001 Talmad on Monday said that the government would soon exiban regime, and has been pose those elements involved accused by US officials of keeping the insurgents alive in the conspiracy behind the cancellation of the New Zealand cricket team tour to Paki-Pakistani Prime Minister stan as the investigation was Imran Khan, in an opinion in the final stages.

piece published Monday in Addressing a press confer-The Washington Post, called his country a "convenient scapegoat." "In Afghanistan, ence, he said that the summary for approval of on-arrival vithe lack of legitimacy for an sas to citizens of 15 countries was being sent to the cabinet outsider's protracted war was including the USA, Canada, compounded by a corrupt and inept Afghan government, France, and Iran as earlier seen as a puppet regime withcitizens of 50 countries were eligible to get on arrival visas. out credibility, especially by He said that the cases of cyrural Afghans," he wrote.

ber-crime were increasing and the Ministry of Interior had received around 100,000 complaints during his tenure. Keeping in view the situation the government had decided to immediately release a fund of Rs 2 billion to upgrade this wing for appointing technical persons to get results.

He said that special directions had been issued to National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) to have a check on fake Coronavirus vaccine certificates.

He added unfortunately some elements were trying to disrespect the Pakistani identity card, passport, and vaccination which was a preplanned conspiracy. The minister said that 15 new



security entries had been planned for further safety of passport while CNIC was also being reviewed.

He assured that CNIC, passport, and vaccination would be fully secured.

Sheikh Rashid said that civil armed forces had been provided to the provinces while a command and control office would remain open round the clock to support the admin-

istrations on the occasion of Chehlam. Mobile service would be suspended on the recommendation of local administrations, he added.

The minister said that the International Border Management System (IBMS) had been installed at Torkham and Chaman border to have data of incoming and outgoing people.

He said that the NADRA had issued COVID-19 vaccine certificate to 7.5 million while the government had completed the vaccination of 76.1 million citizens across the country. The minister said that the ministry had decided to start work on e-passport to avoid all issues related to the passport.

More than 60 killed in clashes for Marib

DUBAI: Sixty-seven Yemeni rebels and pro-government troops have been killed as fighting intensifies for the key city of Marib, military and medical sources said Monday.

"Fifty-eight Huthi insurgents and nine loyalists were killed in fighting and air strikes in the provinces of Marib and Shabwa in the past 24 hours," military sources told AFP, in figures that were confirmed by medical sources. - APP

Khuzdar-Kuchlak Road's dualization hailed

DNA

ISLAMABAD: In another step towards the prosperity of Balochistan, National Highway Authority (NHA) is launching the dualization work of Khuzdar-Kuchlak Section of National Highway (N-25), Gwadar Pro reported on Monday.

"Alhamdulillah another milestone achieved. One of the most needed and important roads in Balochistan,' Chief Minister Balochistan Jam Kamal Khan tweeted. According to Home Minister Balochistan Meer Zia ullah Langau, CM Kamal Khan has laid the foundation for "Emerging Balochistan", and the dualization of Khuzdar-Kuchlak Section of N-25 is the fulfillment of the Government's commitment to the people of Balochistan. 'We will build a prosperous and emerging Balochistan,'

Mr. Langau added. NHA, Ministry of Communications, has invited e-bidding for the project and is providing an online platform to carry out procurement activities and to ensure efficiency, transparency and accountability in the process. The eligible contractors are taking part in the bidding

tember 27. Earlier in May, Central Development Working Party Meeting (CDWP) had approved 15 projects including 'Dualization of Khuzdar Kuchlak' section of N-25 with a length of 330.52 km. The project will cost Rs. 81,582,219 million.

which will be closed on Sep-

People from different walks of life in Balochistan hailed the "most needed" connectivity project that would usher in a new era of development in the province.

50 pilots terminated over fake degrees

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Aviation Minister Ghulam Sarwar Khan on Monday said that they have terminated the services of 50 pilots after scrutiny found degrees possessed by them as fake.

"We had launched an inquiry against 262 pilots over suspicious credentials and 50 of them were terminated after a probe found them guilty," he said while responding to queries during the National Assembly session regarding the fake pilot license scandal. He further shared that 73 people were recruited in the national flag carrier during the incumbent tenure and all recruitments were based on merit and given after following all procedures. He said that previously

jobs were given in the aviation sector based on political affiliations and fake degrees and they have terminated the services of such officials. Sharing details of flight operations, Ghulam Sarwar Khan said that two flights were operating between Karachi and Sukkur while Dalbadin airport has also been made operational.

On Jan 29, a pilot and five officers of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) were arrested by the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in fake pilots' licence scandal. The FIA corporate crime circle completed its investigation into the issuance of fake licences.



LONDON: Pakistan High Commissioner to the UK, Moazzam Ahmad Khan, Chair of House of Commons Select Committee for Defence Tobias Ellwood MP, Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Henry Smith MP and Chair of House of Commons Select Committee for Foreign Affairs Tom Tugendhat MP at the Pakistan High Commission. -APP

European envoys celebrate World Tourism Day mon people and preservation

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: On Monday, the envoys of the EU Member States stationed in Islamabad celebrated the World Tourism Day in a unique way by sharing photos of their favourite tourist destinations ranging from North to South of Pakistan collected in video for social media platforms to highlight the significance of tourism.

Ambassador of the European Union to Pakistan Androulla Kaminara said, "Pakistan is blessed with rich cultural heritage and enormous natural beauty. It has full potential to be main attraction for the regional as well as international tourism leading to more eco-

of their cultural heritage." Every year the World Tourism Day is celebrated on 27 September to mark its importance. Tourism stimulates economy creating jobs, preserves and promotes cultural heritage, establishes bonds and leads of social cohesion and harmony.

Tourism is considered one of the main drivers for social and economic development. It is also a key player in global trade as well as main source of income for many developing nations. Growth in tourism is linked to diversification and therefore also stimulates competition at the destinations generating further economic activities and many associated sectors like hotels, food and communications.

EU, US urge Iran to allow UN watchdog access

At a Vienna meeting of the IAEA board of governors on Monday, the EU said it urged Iran to allow access "without any further delay", expressing its "deepest concern"

AGENCIES

VIENNA: The EU and the US on Monday urged Iran to allow inspectors access to a nuclear site, while Tehran argued the facility was exempt from a recent agreement with the UN watchdog. The Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said on Sunday it had been denied "indispensable" access to the TESA Karaj centrifuge component manufacturing workshop near Tehran contrary to a Sep-

tember 12 agreement with Iran.

Iran's ambassador to the IAEA Kazem Gharibabadi on Monday rejected the charge.

"During the discussions in Tehran and Vienna, Iran indicated that... equipment related to this Complex are not included for servicing," he tweeted, referring to IAEA work on its surveillance equipment.

Sunday's IAEA statement "isn't accurate and goes beyond the agreed terms," he added. At a Vienna meeting of the IAEA board of governors on Monday, the EU said it urged Iran to allow

access "without any further delay",

expressing its "deepest concern". "This is a worrying development," a statement said.

The US likewise said it was "deeply troubled" and urged access "without further delay". "If Iran fails to do so, we will be closely consulting with other board members in the coming days on an appropriate response," Louis Bono, the US representative to the IAEA, said without giving further details. Earlier this month, discussions of a resolution at the board of governors censuring Iran were dropped, according to diplomats, after the IAEA and Tehran agreed on limited but continued access for the agency.

The agreement came days after the nuclear watchdog had decried a lack of cooperation from Tehran.

But in his latest report on Iran to members Sunday, IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi said that agency inspectors had been allowed access to "all necessary locations" except the TESA Karaj workshop from September 20-22.

The news comes amid stalled EU-brokered negotiations to re-

scaling back Iran's nuclear programme in exchange for sanctions relief. That deal started to fall apart

vive a 2015 landmark agreement

in 2018 when the US withdrew from it and reinstated sanctions. Iran in turn again started to ramp up its nuclear activities. Talks began in April in Vienna between Tehran and the remaining five parties to the 2015 deal aimed at bringing Washington back. But that dialogue has been stalled since June, when ultraconservative Ebrahim Raisi won Iran's presidential election.