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**PM pays tribute to Prophet (PBUH)**

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan said the arrival of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in the world brought a revolution in every aspect of the human society breaking the system of oppression in the world and opening doors of welfare for the humanity. In a message on the occasion of Eid Miladun Nabi, he said, "Congratulations to all humans of the world especially the Muslims on the occasion of Eid Miladun Nabi."

**Colin Powell dies of Covid-19**

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WASHINGTON: Colin Powell, a US war hero and the first Black secretary of state who saw his legacy tarnished when he made the case for war in Iraq in 2003, has died from complications from Covid-19. He was 84. "We have lost a remarkable and loving husband, father, grandfather and a great American," the family said in a statement posted to social media on Monday.

**Somalia Envoy visits PAF HQ**

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Somalia Khadija Mohamed Al-makhzoumi visited Naval Headquarters in Islamabad on Monday and met Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi. According to Spokesperson of Pakistan Navy, they discussed matters pertaining to mutual interest, regional security situation and bilateral maritime cooperation.

## Holiday Notice

The offices of Daily Islamabad POST shall remain closed on October 19, 2021 on account of Eid Milad un Nabi, therefore there shall be no newspaper on Wednesday October 20, 2021.

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## COAS briefed on security at ISI HQ visit

DG ISI Lieutenant-General Faiz Hamid received the army chief; COAS satisfied over ISI's preparedness



SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Monday received a briefing on Afghanistan from the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), in a statement, said Director-General ISI Lieutenant-General Faiz Hamid received the army chief on his arrival at the intelligence agency's headquarters. "COAS was briefed on the internal security and ongoing situation in Afghanistan," ISPR said, where the army chief expressed his satisfaction over the preparedness of the organisation. The army chief's visit came after the ISPR on October 6 announced the appointment of Lt Gen Nadeem Ahmed Anjum - the Corps Commander, Karachi - as the DG ISI, the most coveted slot within the military hierarchy after the army chief. Gen Nadeem replaced Lt Gen Faiz as head of the country's premier spy agency in a major reshuffle that also includes the new appointments of Karachi, Peshawar and Gujranwala corps com-

**Pakistan wants enduring relations with the US**

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RAWALPINDI: Angela Aggeler, US Charge d' Affairs to Pakistan called on General Qamar Javed Bajwa, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) on Monday, the ISPR said. During the meeting, matters of mutual interest, current security situation in Afghanistan and bilateral cooperation in various fields were discussed. The COAS said that Pakistan desires to maintain the tradition of bilateral engagement and wishes for an enduring relationship with United States. The COAS also reiterated the need for global convergence on Afghanistan for avoiding humanitarian crisis and coordinated efforts for economic uplift of the Afghan people. The visiting dignitary appreciated Pakistan's role in Afghan situation, efforts for regional stability and pledged to play their role for further improvement in diplomatic cooperation with Pakistan at all levels.

manders. But the most significant appointment was the change of command at the ISI headquarters, often referred to as Aqbara.

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## Pakistan keen to broaden economic ties with Japan

PM Khan congratulates Japanese envoy Matsuda Kuninori on successful completion of his tenure



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Japan Kuninori Matsuda calls on Prime Minister Imran Khan. - DNA

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ISLAMABAD: Kuninori Matsuda, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan, called on Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday. The Prime Minister congratulated the Ambassador on the successful completion of his tenure in Pakistan and conveyed best wishes for future assignment.

The Ambassador thanked the Prime Minister for addressing a letter to the new Prime Minister of Japan, H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida, and recalled Prime Minister's engagement with the Japanese dignitaries on various issues. Prime Minister Imran Khan underscored the high importance Pakistan attached to its relationship with Japan, which was embedded in mutual trust and understanding. He reaffirmed Pakistan's strong desire to further deepen and broaden bilateral cooperation in the economic, trade, development, and investment sectors. In the regional context, the Prime Minister underscored Pakistan's vital interest in a peaceful and stable Afghanistan.

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## AZERBAIJAN DAY

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Restoration of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Asad Qaiser, Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadov, Turkish Ambassador Mustafa Yurdakul and Senator Talha Mehmood cutting the cake on the occasion of 30th Anniversary of Restoration of Independence of Azerbaijan Day. - DNA

**Azerbaijan's Independence Day celebrated**

Asad Qaiser says ties between two countries excellent

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: The 30th anniversary of Independence of Azerbaijan was celebrated in Islamabad on Monday. Speaker National Assembly Asad Qaiser was the chief guest on this occasion. He, along with the Ambassador of Azerbaijan and other diplomats have cut the cake. During the meeting, the Speaker National Assembly extended greetings to Azerbaijani ambassador on his Independence day. He said that both countries enjoy excellent relations adding Pakistan whole-hearted supported Azerbaijan in the patriotic war against Armenia. The Azerbaijan ambassador Khazar Farhadov thanked Pakistan for support during the Patriotic war and said relations between the two brotherly countries are growing with the each passing day.

## Shahbaz lashes out at govt over inflation

Says there is no comparison between PTI's governance and Riyasat e Madinah

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Shahbaz Sharif said Monday the PTT-led government has snatched people's right to live, as he lashed out at it over rising inflation. The Opposition leader, addressing the floor of the National Assembly, said: "Every child in the country is bearing witness to the worst government in the last 74 years."

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## Opp. holding protests 'just for the sake of it'

KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Fawad Chaudhry on Monday criticised the Opposition and said that the Opposition was holding anti-government protests "just for the sake of it". The minister, speaking to the press, shed light on civil-military relationships and said that Prime Minister Imran Khan and the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa often hold meetings, therefore, a routine meeting was held today too. "All the matters have been resolved," he said. Fawad also talked about Opposition's criticism of the growing inflation in the country and said that, in Sindh, only the prices of wheat have been hiked but other essential items are being sold at reasonable prices.

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## Army soldier martyred

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RAWALPINDI: A soldier was martyred on Monday as security forces exchanged fire with terrorists in North Waziristan's Spinwam area, the military's media wing said. The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), in

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## Iran to host multilateral conference on Afghanistan

FMs of Iran, China, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Russia to hold talks in Tehran

CENTRELINE REPORT

TEHRAN: Tehran will host a meeting of Afghanistan's neighbours plus Russia next week, the country's foreign ministry has confirmed, with the October 27 event witnessing the presence of all six foreign ministers. During a press conference on Monday, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh announced that in addition to Iran and Russia, the meeting will be attended by China, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, who all have land borders with Afghanistan. According to Khatibzadeh, the meeting will continue discussions

## FM Qureshi, Iran FM discuss Afghanistan

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi received telephone call from Foreign Minister of Iran Dr. Hossein Amir Abdollahian. During the call, the two Foreign Ministers exchanged views on the regional security situation, particularly Afghanistan. Foreign Minister Dr. Abdollahian invited Foreign Minister Qureshi to participate in the second Ministerial meeting of the neighboring countries of Afghanistan, to be held in Tehran next week, stressing that Iran fully supported Pakistan's initiative for a regional approach on Afghanistan. Foreign Minister Qureshi thanked his Iranian counterpart for the invitation and expressed the hope that the meeting would impart further impetus to the regional approach on the situation in Afghanistan. He emphasized that close coordination was essential to help Afghanistan on path to peace, stability and development.

that the countries had during a virtual meeting held in early September. "The six countries will be focused on how they can help form an inclusive government in Afghanistan with the presence of all ethnic groups, and how they can help shape a future of peace and security in Afghanistan," said Khatibzadeh. Since the Taliban took control of Kabul in mid-August, there has been a debate in Iran on whether the group has changed its ways since it was in power more than 20 years ago. But Iran's official position is that it wants an inclusive government and stability in its eastern neighbouring state, something Tehran considers vital for its national security.

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**Briefs**

**Russia suspends NATO mission after staff expelled**

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MOSCOW: Russia will suspend the activities of its diplomatic mission to NATO and close the alliance's offices in Moscow in response to its expulsion of eight Russians in a row over spying. The moves, announced on Monday by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, are set to plunge relations between Moscow and the transatlantic security body to new depths when they take effect at the start of next month. "Following certain measures taken by NATO, the basic conditions for common work no longer exist," Lavrov told reporters in Moscow. "In response to NATO's activities, we suspend the work of our permanent mission to NATO, including the work of the chief military representative, starting from November 1, or maybe it will take a couple more days," he said. Lavrov also announced that NATO's military liaison and information offices in Moscow would be closed, saying accreditations would be recalled at the beginning of November.

**CTD kills 3 terrorists in Pakpattan**

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PAKPATTAN: Punjab Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) killed three terrorists in Pakpattan and arrested four Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) terrorists in 22 intelligence-based operations (IBOs) operations across Punjab. The CTD conducted an IBO in Pakpattan and killed three terrorists. One of the dead was named as Manzoor Ahmed while two others were yet to be identified. The CTD team also recovered two hand grenades, a Kalashnikov, 1,100gm explosives material and other arms from the terrorists' possession. Counter-terrorism department teams also conducted operations and arrested terrorists Ghafar from Sahiwal and Abdul Raheem Maki from Chiniot and Rahim Akbar from Rawalpindi, Hassan Raza from Tehreek-e-Jaffaria Pakistan from Multan. The CTD officials said that Rahim Akbar and Hassan Raza were trying to spread sectarian divisions. The CTD teams also recovered hateful sectarian literature from their procession. Punjab CTD lodged FIRs against all the arrested terrorists and launched further investigation into the matter.

**PM Imran, COAS visit NCOC**

SAIFULLAH

ISLAMABAD: PM Imran Khan and General Qamar Javed Bajwa Chief of Army Staff (COAS) visited NCOC on Monday. DG NCOC Major General Asif Mahmood Goraya apprised the forum on latest Covid-19 situation, measures in place to contain the spread of disease, vaccine administration including future Covid-19 management strategy. PM appreciated efforts of NCOC and all federating units for synergised response during pandemic for ensuring the safety & wellbeing of the people of Pakistan. PM directed all stakeholders to maximise efforts for mandatory vaccination drive and enforcement of requisite NPIs. Later PM presented NCOC memento to Lieutenant General Hamood Uz Zaman Khan, on his retirement, for outstanding services rendered as National Coordinator at NCOC playing an instrumental role in the nation's fight against Covid 19 through flawless management of resources and seamless coordination among all stakeholders.

**More Chinese agricultural technologies to help Pakistan**

"China-Pakistan cooperation in cultivating rice, corn, soybean, sugarcane and other crops has yielded fruitful results and play the important role in promoting development of our bilateral relations and deepening friendship between our people"

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BEIJING: Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Zhao Lijian on Monday said that as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) entered the second phase, there will be more Chinese agricultural technologies flowing into Pakistan. "China-Pakistan cooperation in cultivating rice, corn, soybean, sugarcane and other crops has yielded fruitful results and play the important role in promoting development of our bilateral relations and deepening friendship between our people," he said. Addressing the launching ceremony of "Kisan (farmer) Portal" for the farmers under Pakistan Citizen's Portal in Islamabad, Prime Minister Imran Khan said that Pakistani farmers have to learn new techniques to boost productivity like China. Prime Minister Imran Khan stated that CPEC has included the agriculture sector in its umbrella and there is also a training programme. CPEC will boost the agriculture sector. Agriculture is part of CPEC (second phase). In response to PM Imran Khan remarks, Zhao Lijian said, "As the CPEC enters the second phase, there will be more Chinese agricultural technologies flowing into Pakistan which

means huge potential in our agricultural cooperation."



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Termed China and Pakistan as all weather strategic cooperative partners, he remarked that the agricultural cooperation is an integral part of CPEC an important pilot project of Belt and Road Initiative. "We will continue to uphold the Silk Road spirit of peace and cooperation, openness, inclusiveness, mutual learning and the mutual benefit," he said. China would remain in close communication with Pakistan in the work to form efficient practical cooperation mechanism to promote socio economic development and improve people's well being to build an even closer China-Pakistan community with shared future in the new era, he said. It may be mentioned here that Minister for National Food Security and Research Syed Fakhar Imam has also stated that Pakistan has to adopt Chinese technology for abundant agriculture-food. "Pakistan can be successful like China by adopting their technology and discipline," he remarked while speaking as chief guest at an event in connection with World Food Day (WFD) jointly organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MNFS&R) in Islamabad.



GUJRANWALA: Lieutenant General Syed Asim Munir hands over command of Gujranwala Corps to Lieutenant General Muhammad Aamer, Corps Commander Gujranwala during a Corps Change of Command Ceremony. – DNA

**Pakistan condemns extrajudicial IIOJK killings**

"Equally condemnable is the RSS-BJP combine's ploy to demonize Kashmiri Muslims, by stirring up communal tensions"

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Monday strongly condemned the continuing extrajudicial killings in staged encounters and fake cordon-and-search operations, as well as arbitrary detentions and crimes against humanity by Indian occupation forces in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement, the Foreign Office spokesperson said, the deteriorating security and human rights situation in the occupied territory was a matter of grave concern for the international community. "We also strongly condemn India's ongoing propaganda to malign the indigenous and just struggle of the people of IIOJK for their right to self-determination by raising the bogey of terrorism," he said. He said Pakistan had also been alerting the international community about India's track record of orchestrating false-flag operations to undermine the Kashmir freedom movement. "Equally condemnable is the RSS-BJP combine's ploy to demonize Kashmiri Muslims, by stirring up communal tensions." He said Pakistan called on India to halt its state-sponsored terrorism, refrain from propaganda against Kashmiris, lift its suffocating military siege and let the people of IIOJK exercise their right to self-determination as promised in various UN Security Council resolutions.

**Sheikh slams PML-N leaders over attacking state institutions**

KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed on Monday warned Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) central leadership to stop slandering the country's institutions publicly, terming it a dangerous game to get petty political gains. "Defeat was their fate and they would face same in future as well, as they were doing all this for the desire of getting power," Sheikh Rashid said addressing a press conference. He said that unfortunately Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) was trying to malign state institutions for petty political gains but it would fail to do so, he said. He advised the leadership of PML-N to stop defaming institutions in public or using inappropriate language. "By discussing the country's institutions at public places, PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz was "digging her

political grave". He said that the present opposition had no vision to understand the prevailing regional situation and they had selected the wrong time for holding rallies and protests. He said that the present government would complete its five-year term. He also expressed his confidence that the PTI government would also return for the next tenure. He said that the present government had secured Pakistan from default and sanctions due to the effective policies of Prime Minister Imran Khan. He said that opposition parties were in a state of disappointment and stress as against their wishes, the present government was successfully running the state affairs. Sheikh Rashid said, "The opposition has been saying since December last year that PTI is going to lose power, but it should clear any misunderstanding about the government. Prime Minister Imran Khan is so lucky to have got such incompetent and ineffective opposition." He said that the issue of inflation was connected with the changing international economic situation as no one in the government wants inflation in the country. He said that the government was taking sincere steps to control inflation and making a change in the life of the common man. He said that on-arrival visas for Afghanistan had been stopped as an online visa service had been started for Afghanistan to address all related issues and making this process more transparent and smooth. He said the government had decided to



and ineffective opposition."

waive off the visa fee. The minister said that in order to ensure foolproof security and controlling crime rate, 1,000 additional personnel were being inducted in Islamabad Police while the government was going to launch its new air patrolling unit form next Friday. He said that the government had started International Border Management System (IBMS) at the Torkham and Chaman border which was for the first time in the history of Pakistan while further points will be added also. He said with this the government will use modern technology to get exact data and for maintaining complete records of all entry and exit movements at the Pak-Afghan border. He said that the borders of Torkham and Chaman had been placed on the biometric system now while the remaining borders will also be added to the system. He said that Prime Minister is likely to inaugurate a new 150-bed hospital in the federal capital.

**Police official martyred in blast**

QUETTA: One police official was martyred and 13 were left injured after a blast took place near Balochistan University at Quetta's Saryab Road, the counter-terrorism department (CTD) said Monday. Three pedestrians were also injured in the blast, which took place near a police mobile, CTD officials said. The bomb was planted on a motorcycle, according to the CCTV footage of the incident. Rescue officials have shifted the injured people to the Civil Hospital Quetta and Bolan Medical Complex Hospital to provide them with the necessary treatment. Meanwhile, Minister for Interior Sheikh Rasheed summoned a report on the blast, as he expressed his condolences to the family of the martyred police officer. "We will not allow terrorists to disrupt the peace in Balochistan [...] the federal government will provide all necessary resources to the provincial government," he added. – APP

**SC grants bail to Zahir Jaffer's mother**

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court on Monday accepted the bail plea of Asamt Adamjee, mother of Zahir Jaffer, the prime accused in murder of Noor Mukadam, against surety bonds of Rs 1 million. The court also disposed of the bail of Zahir Jaffer's father Zakir Jaffer over withdrawal of bail application. The court turned down the request of Zahir's parents to strike down the Islamabad High Court's (IHC) order in which it had rejected the bail pleas of Zahir's parents. A three-member SC bench comprising Justice Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Qazi Muhammad Amin Ahmed heard the case. The father and mother of the accused had filed two separate pleas in the top court through their counsel. During the course of proceedings, the bench observed that the role of Zahir's mother in the case was secondary. Justice Bandial observed that prima facie, there was apparently no serious evidence available against the accused's mother in the crime. – APP

**Covid tally continues decline**

ISLAMABAD: The national tally of Covid-19 pandemic on Monday reported the lowest positive cases during past 24 hours amid decline in national positivity ratio, disease trend and death rate. The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) in a tweet on its official handle shared the latest disease statistics. The nerve centre of the country in its fight against the pandemic wrote that some 39,902 tests were conducted across the country with 663 more people tested positive for the contagious disease. – APP

**US 'very concerned' over China's hypersonic test**

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GENEVA: The United States is "very concerned" about China's hypersonic missile tests, US disarmament ambassador Robert Wood said Monday, after reports that Beijing launched one with a nuclear capacity in August. On Saturday, the Financial Times reported that China had launched a hypersonic missile that completed a circuit of the planet before landing, missing its target. "We are very concerned by what China has been doing on the hypersonic front," said Wood, who next week steps down from his post in Geneva after seven years. Hypersonic missiles, like traditional ballistic missiles, can fly more than five times the speed of sound (Mach 5). But they are more manoeuvrable than their ballistic counterparts and only need a low trajectory in the atmosphere, making them harder to defend against.

China on Monday insisted on Monday that the test was a routine one for a spacecraft rather than a missile. But Wood said Monday that Russia also had hypersonic technology and while Washington had held back from developing a military capacity in this field, they now had no choice but to respond in kind. The United States is already working on adding hypersonic missiles to its arsenal. Darpa, the US army's scientific wing, recently announced successful tests of what it called a HAWC missile (Hypersonic Air-breathing Weapon Concept). The missiles uses oxygen in the atmosphere as part of its fuel. It is also developing a hypersonic glider, known as ARRW (pronounced "arrow"), but its first major test in April ended in failure. China unveiled a hypersonic medium-range missile, the DF-17, in 2019, which can travel around 2,000 kilometres and can carry nuclear warheads.

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