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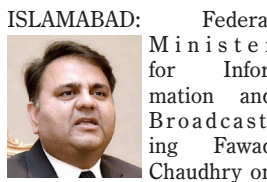
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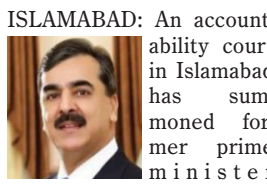
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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Fawad Chaudhry on Friday said that a proposed law to curb fake news in Pakistan has been sent to the cabinet for approval. In a series of tweets, the minister said that he has been saying since 2018, Pakistan could not move forward unless there were political reforms. "Reforms concerning judiciary and media are also necessary," Fawad added. Last week, Fawad had said the "greatest challenge" being faced by modern media was the dissemination of false propaganda through fake news. "The phenomenon of fake news emerged after a revolution in information technology (IT) and an increase in the number of media platforms," he had told a seminar.

Court summons Gilani for indictment

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ISLAMABAD: An accountability court in Islamabad has summoned former prime minister and senior PPP leader Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani for indictment in misuse of powers reference filed by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB). The accountability court judge, Azam Khan, issued the summons for the former prime minister on Friday, directing him to appear in the court on November 10 for indictment. The other accused in the reference have also been summoned on the same date. Yousaf Raza Gilani has been accused of awarding an advertisement campaign contract of Universal Services Funds worth millions to a company of his choice. The NAB had filed a reference against the accused for misuse of authority.

Holiday Notice

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Opp parties take to streets over inflation

Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly and PML-N President Shahbaz Sharif appealed to the masses and asked them to join the protest

STAFF REPORT / DNA

LAHORE/ISLAMABAD: Opposition parties have taken to the streets in various cities across Pakistan to put pressure on the government amid surging inflation in the country. After the call to protest was given by the Opposition, protesters took to the streets in Karachi, Larkana, Lahore, Sukkur, Mardan, Jacobabad, Mohmand, Ziarat, Mingora and other cities of the country. People shouted slogans against the government and rising inflation. Traffic at the Quetta-Chaman highway remained suspended for several hours due to the rally. In Karachi, the demonstration started near the Empress Market area, due to which the surrounding roads had to be sealed. In Lahore, PML-N members staged a protest against inflation at the Jain Mandir Chowk while carrying utility bills and pieces of rotis (bread) in their hands. Akin to that, party members in Muzaffargarh started a protest rally from Central Jamia Masjid to Qanwan Chowk. Members of the Jamaat-e-Islami also staged a protest in front of the

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Banned TLP protests in twin cities

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Authorities have suspended the Metro Bus service in Rawalpindi and blocked roads in Islamabad and Lahore as the government braces for protests organised separately by a banned outfit and Opposition parties in the above-mentioned cities. A day earlier, the Ministry of Interior had written to the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to suspend internet services in various areas of Lahore due to a banned outfit's protest. The provincial government subsequently suspended internet services around Multan Road, Grand Battery Stop, Iqbal Town,

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EU leaders call for tougher border controls

BRUSSELS: The divisive issue of refugees and migrants was top of the agenda as European Union leaders met in Brussels for the second day of their summit. Their meeting came amid a surge of migrants and refugees trying to cross the Belarusian border into Poland, Lithuania and Latvia from countries including Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq and Iran. Many EU leaders have accused Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko of flying in illegal migrants to send them across the

border, in an effort to destabilize the EU. Germany's federal police said last week that more than 4,300 people had entered the country from Poland after traveling from Belarus since August, compared with just 26 registered from January to July. Arriving for the talks on Friday morning with the 27 national leaders, Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda said Lukashenko was "weaponizing" migration by pushing people into bloc. He called for the EU to urgently revisit its migration policies and spoke of the need for a fence to control the border. "We also should talk about a physical fence of physical border, which is extremely needed as a short-term measure," he told reporters. "Nobody knows what will happen tomorrow. Maybe there will be three, four, five thousand migrants staying at the border at the same time or trying to cross the border in different places.

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QUETTA: Ambassador of European Union Androullah Kaminara meeting with Chief Justice Balochistan High Court Hon. Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan on justice sector development in Balochistan, in view of our Rule of Law program including capacity building aspects. - DNA



LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar called on Prime Minister Imran Khan. - DNA

Forces gun down terrorist in N.Waziristan

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RAWALPINDI: Security forces killed a terrorist during an intelligence-based operation in North Waziristan's Miran Shah area, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Friday. The terrorist identified as Ahmed Ullah was gunned down after the security forces received reports of the presence of terrorists in the area, the military's media wing said. According to ISPR, during an exchange of fire with the terrorists, two soldiers - Naik Khalil, 34, resident of Kohat, and Sepoy Shakir Ullah, 21, resident of Lakkhi Marwat - embraced martyrdom. The development comes after two Federal Corps (FC) personnel and two police constables were martyred in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast in Bajaur on Wednesday night.

PM briefed about Punjab projects

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman, Chief Secretary Punjab Kamran Ali Afzal and IG Punjab Rao Sardar Ali call on Imran Khan

BUREAU REPORT

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar called on Prime Minister Imran Khan. Chief Secretary Punjab Kamran Ali Afzal and IG Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan were also present in the meeting. The Prime Minister was briefed on various administrative and development issues of the province. Update on different ongoing

PM Imran leaves for Saudi Arabia today

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan will visit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from Saturday to attend the launching ceremony of the "Middle East Green Initiative (MGI) Summit", being held in Riyadh. He will be undertaking the visit at the invitation of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz. The prime minister will be accompanied by a high-level delegation, including Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and other members of his cabinet.

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US will defend Taiwan if china attacks: Biden

NEW DESK

WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden said Thursday evening that the US would come to Taiwan's defense should China attack the island nation. Asked about coming to Taipei's defense during a CNN town hall, Biden said "Yes, we have a commitment to do that." He was likely referring to the Taiwan Relations Act, a 1979 law that has guided US relations with Taiwan. Relations have also been informed by what are known as the Three Communiques, which are bilateral agreements with China. None of the agreements explicitly state the US will come to Taiwan's defense,



but the Biden administration has repeatedly said its commitment to Taiwan is "rock solid." The Taiwan Relations Act says the US "will make available to Taiwan such defense articles and defense services in such quantity as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability."

Putin backs Taliban in its demand to unfreeze assets

WEB DESK

MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed his support Thursday for a key demand of the Taliban, urging Western countries to unfreeze Afghanistan's financial assets. Speaking at a meeting of the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi, Putin said Western countries bear "the main responsibility" for what is happening in Afghanistan. "The main responsibility for what is happening there is being borne by those countries that have been fighting there for 20 years. And the first thing they should do, in my opinion, is to unfreeze the Afghan assets to give Afghanistan a possibility to solve socio-economic problems of paramount importance," he said.

Japanese envoy ends Pakistan job on a high note

Over the past two years and ten months, bilateral defence cooperation have been steadily enhanced with the aim of stabilizing not only Pak but the entire region: Matsuda Kuninori

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan MATSUDA Kuninori has extended best wishes to Pakistan and Pakistani people as he departs the country after completing his tenure. In a message he said, "I am leaving Islamabad upon completion of my 2 year and 10 month tenure here in Pakistan. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the support and kindness I have received from all of you during this period. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the movement of people and economic activities have been substantially restricted. Through this pandemic, however, the world, including Japan, has seen a dramatic shift of working styles, and more Japanese companies have come to utilize efficient



lent human resources in Pakistan through the Internet. Pakistan, with a population of over 220 million, has great potential as a consumer market and a wealth of human resources, with over 60% of the population under the age of 30. If these are utilized efficient-

ly, it will no doubt have a positive impact on the economies of both Japan and Pakistan.

On economic cooperation, we have engaged in improving Pakistan's economic and social infrastructure, especially in the five pillars in which Japan has strengths, water and sanitation, health, education, disaster prevention, and infrastructure development for export industries. We hope that such cooperation with Pakistan will contribute to the expansion of bilateral economic relations, including the promotion of trade and investment in both directions. Moreover, over the past two years and ten months, bilateral defence cooperation have been steadily enhanced with the aim of stabilizing not only Pakistan but the entire region. The participation of Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force's de-

Matsuda pays farewell visit to COAS Bajwa

RAWALPINDI: Japan's ambassador to Pakistan Kuninori Matsuda on Friday paid a farewell visit to the Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa at the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi, a statement released by the Inter-Services Public Relations said. According to the military's media wing, during the meeting, the two leaders discussed matters of mutual interest, bilateral cooperation in various fields, the overall regional situation and peace and stability in Afghanistan. The COAS thanked the foreign dignitary for his services and appreciated his contributions for fostering strong ties between the two countries and extending support towards defence/security cooperation and stance on the Afghan situation, the statement added. The ambassador appreciated Pakistan's role in the Afghan situation, including the successful evacuation operations, and pledged to keep working for better relations between the two countries. - DNA

stroyer in multilateral maritime military exercise, AMAN21 organized by the Pakistan Navy for the first time in February this year is

the best example. The ties between the Japan Self-Defense Forces and

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Kosovo to expel 2 Russian diplomats

PRISTINA: Kosovo has ordered the expulsion of two Russian diplomats for allegedly "endangering national security," the Balkan country's president said Friday, accusing Russia of trying to destabilise the region. President Vjosa Osmani said in a statement that she asked the foreign ministry "to declare two officials of the Liaison Office of the Russian Federation in Kosovo 'persona non grata.'" She attributed the decision to their alleged "harmful activities that risk endangering national security and the constitutional order" of Kosovo. Osmani provided no further details. - Agencies

Briefs

Arab coalition strikes Sanaa

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AL-MUKALLA: The Arab coalition carried out a series of airstrikes on Thursday against military sites in Houthi-controlled Sanaa. Coalition spokesperson Brig. Gen. Turki Al-Maliki said the coalition launched airstrikes on a number of military locations in Sanaa believed to host explosive-laden drones and ballistic missiles, thus "foiling deadly attacks" on civilian targets inside and outside Yemen. Al-Maliki said the airstrikes were launched in response to Houthi attacks on Saudi airports, power stations and other public infrastructure. "If the Houthi militia continues with its grave violations of targeting civilians, civilian objects and infrastructure, the militia should brace for broader and more comprehensive airstrikes in accordance with international humanitarian law," Al-Maliki said in a statement. On the ground in Yemen, fighting intensified outside the central city of Marib on Thursday, a day after the UN Security Council condemned the Iran-backed Houthi militia's military operations in Marib province. Residents and local military officials said fierce fighting between government forces and the Houthis in the district of Juba, south of Marib, left dozens of combatants dead as the militia stepped up its ground attacks and drone and missile strikes on government-controlled areas in the province. The fighting began on Wednesday when the Houthis attacked government troops in Juba in an attempt to break through to the city of Marib. - APP

Friday prayers resume in Tehran

WEB NEWS

TEHRAN: Mass Friday prayers resumed in Tehran after a 20-month hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, state TV reported. The prayers at Tehran University, a gathering of religious and political significance, came as authorities warned of a sixth wave of the coronavirus, which has so far claimed 124,928 lives in Iran and afflicted more than 5.8 million. On Saturday, schools with less than 300 students are also due to reopen. Also starting on Saturday, government employees, except those in the armed forces, will be barred from work if they are not vaccinated at least with a first dose, according to a government circular released earlier this week. The government says more than 28.2 million people have so far received a second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

National tally reports drop in Covid spread

ISLAMABAD: The national tally of Covid-19 pandemic on Friday reported one of 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 (NCO) 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 39,200 tests were conducted across the country with 567 more people tested positive for the contagious disease. There were 1,704 Covid infected patients under treatment in critical condition in various Covid dedicated healthcare facilities of the country. The National Covid positivity ratio during past 24 hours was recorded 1.44%. The Covid positivity ratio is the percentage of actual positive cases appearing in every 100 tests performed to identify infected individuals. - APP

Romanian envoy acknowledges professionalism of Pak Army

Ambassador Nicolae Goia says 77 year later, Romania is today a powerful state allies and partners can rely on

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ISAMABAD: Ambassador of Romania to Pakistan Nicolae Goia has acknowledged the excellent professional level of the Pakistani Army and the good relations existing between the military and the ministries of defense of our two countries. The high level of interaction between the embassy and prominent commanders of the Pakistani Armed Forces have identified a large number of fields where we can strengthen and diversify the cooperation. Ambassador Goia expressed these views while speaking on the occasion of the Armed Forces Day of Romania. He further said, it was a real privilege for him and colonel Leonard VEZA, Romanian Defense Attache to warmly welcome all guests in joining the celebration of Romanian Army's Day. On 25th of October 1944, Romanian Army had liberated the last inch of our homeland territory from alien occupation. The sacrifices of more than 700,000 military who paid the ultimate price during the four years of fierce battles, made Romania the fourth contributing power in defeating Fascism in the WWII. He said, 77 year later, Romania is today a powerful state allies and partners can rely on, a pillar of stability and security provider in our region and worldwide, with an Army operating at highest professional standards, being ready and fully prepared to contribute to the protection of European and democratic community



of values. The proximity of the Eastern border of the Euro-Atlantic space makes Romania both a gate-locker and a strategic opener of the roads. The multiple threats to the global security, terrorism above all, make cooperation between all peace loving countries in the world in confronting the menaces of extremism of all kind, more critical and necessary than in other moment of the history. As a responsible member of the European Union my country is contributing fully to the EU endeavor to cope with the great transformations and challenges for the future of the European project. In a probably most complicated world than ever before, my country had fully demonstrated its capacity to become and added value to the process of attaining the fundamental objectives of the Eu-

ropean Union as well as building confidence in the capacity of the Union to overcome all the difficulties and emerge even stronger and more united. Living in the critical time of COVID it is absolutely imperative to have unity and cohesion of all member states of the EU in order to fight a crisis the mankind never had encountered in the past. We are confident that as such as difficult the situation appears to be, by the synergetic efforts of all nations we will finally manage to have our lives back. Presently, Romania's Army takes part in various international peace keeping, combatting terrorism and humanitarian missions in the most difficult and sensitive regions of the Planet. We are proud that two Romanian officers are currently serving in UNMOGIP, he added. While concluding his speech



the ambassador said, as we celebrate Romanian Army's Day, I hope for an even stronger partnership between Romania and Pakistan to benefit of the tremendous opportunities and potential that lie ahead.

On this auspicious occasion I also would like to convey to the Pakistani people and all the women and men serving in the Pakistani Army a sincere message of friendship as well as warm wishes of peace and prosperity.

CAR officers move NAB against top bosses

PESHAWAR: Some four senior officers of the Commissionerate Afghan Refugees, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have filed a joint application in the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) against the alleged corrupt practices, maladministration, nepotism, maltreatment, and blackmailing of their top bosses, seeking their strict accountability under the law. The application, filed by four deputy directors, including two females and two assistant directors, has named the Commissioner, Chief Finance Officer (CFO) and a project director of the Commissionerate Afghan Refugees KP, Peshawar as accused. Talking to media here Friday after filing the complaint, Deputy Director Sitafullah Khan and Assistant Directors Khalid Rehman and Muhammad Hammad said the three top bosses of the commissionerate committed mega financial corruption involving billion of rupees in the funds meant for the welfare of Afghan refugees, who have been taking refuge in KP for over three decades. The applicants requested the NAB to investigate the utilization of budget granted by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to the KP commissionerate during the last 20-years. - APP

Pak-Turkey to launch joint film venture

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator Faisal Javed Khan Friday said that Pakistan would launch a joint venture with Turkey to produce movies and dramas based on Islamic culture, heritage, social values, history and achievements of Islamic heroes. Talking to a private news channel, he said that in collaboration with brotherly neighbour country Turkey, Pakistan has planned to flourish its entertainment industry with highlighting the Islamic values, culture and historic heroes' life-based stories to guide future generations. He said Muslim world has a large number of heroes and there was a need to disseminate information about them so that the youth could be able to learn their true Islamic values. - APP

Pakistan HC Colombo celebrates Eid-e-Milad

COLOMBO: Pakistan High Commission, Colombo, Sri Lanka, celebrated Eid Milad-un-Nabi on Friday with traditional fervor and reverence by organizing a special event at the High Commission in collaboration with Pakistan Friendship Association. Members of the Pakistani diaspora and friends of Pakistan participated in the event. The event started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Acting High Commissioner, Tanvir Ahmed, who spoke about the significance of the holy occasion. He also shed light on the various aspects of the blessed personality of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). - DNA

Russian president holds 1st meeting with Israeli premier

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MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin hosted Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett at his residence Bocharov Ruchey in Russia's Black Sea resort of Sochi on Friday. This is the first meeting of the two leaders since Bennett assumed the office of Israel's prime minister in June. Opening the meeting, Putin hailed Russian-Israeli ties as "unique," saying Israel is home to the largest Russian-speaking community abroad. He said the volume of trade and economic relations is "modest," but they are on a positive trajectory. Putin expressed the hope that

Bennett's government will pursue a policy of continuity in bilateral ties, as Moscow developed "quite businesslike and trusting relations with the former government." The Russian leader suggested exchange opinions on Syria, and the situation in the region in general, saying there are issues but also "points of contact and opportunities for cooperation," especially in the fight against terrorism. Bennett agreed that Russian-Israeli relations are "special because of common past, present, and future." He recalled the Soviet role in World War II, and vowed "to convey to future generations the feeling of gratitude towards Russia."

TLP protesters kill two policemen

DNA

LAHORE: Two policemen were killed and many more got critically injured when protesting members of a banned outfit pelted stones on them in Lahore. According to details, two policemen Ayub and Khalid got martyred when the protesters of banned outfit Tehreek-e-Labak Pakistan attacked the police. Many policemen also got injured during the attack who were shifted to the hospital where their condition is said to be critical. According to a spokesperson

of Lahore police's operation wings, the members of the banned outfit also threw petrol bombs on police. According to the spokesperson, the protesters attacked the police when they tried to refrain them from destroying the public and government properties. The spokesperson added that the protesters attacked the police with sticks and also pelted stones on them. The spokesperson said the policemen are standing their ground in order to keep the writ of the state and showing restraint and tolerance in response to the violent protesters.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan Khazar Farhadov met with Mushahid Hussain Syed, Chairman of Defence Committee of Senate of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. - DNA

Indian troops in Kashmir use rape to punish communities

DNA

NEW YORK: Reaffirming its support for the full and equal participation of women in UN peacemaking, conflict prevention and peace-building efforts, Pakistan Thursday called for protecting females in situations of conflict and foreign occupation. "Women and girls in these situations are extremely vulnerable to sexual violence, including the use of rape as a weapon of war," Ambassador Munir Akram said in statement submitted to the UN Security Council, which held a debate on women,

peace and security. The Pakistani envoy said that there was documented evidence that Indian occupation forces in Kashmir use rape as a means of targeting the Kashmiri women, whom they often accuse of being sympathizers of freedom fighters. In perpetrating rape and sexual violence, Ambassador Akram pointed out, the Indian occupation forces aim to inflict punishment and humiliation on the entire community. "This is corroborated by the two reports of 2018 and 2019 of the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, the inter-

national media and human rights organizations." In his remarks, the Pakistani envoy also emphasized that women must facilitate the Security Council in addressing the root causes of conflict and in creating an enabling environment for them to rise to their fullest potential to contribute to peace. "This could be achieved by protecting women against all types of violence," Ambassador Akram added. While remaining committed to advancing the gender perspective in UN peace operations, he said Pakistan had taken practical steps in the field: In

2019, dispatch its first all-female community engagement team to Africa; Increasing number of Pakistani women peacekeepers serving as doctors, nurses and police officers in some of the most challenging environments; Achieved 50 percent female participation across our community engagement platoons serving in various United Nations peacekeeping missions; and, A female Pakistani police officer appointed this year as the police commissioner in the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS).

China pleased over CPEC achieving new outcomes

BEIJING: Expressing pleasure over progress of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Wang Wenbin Friday said that this flagship project has achieved new outcomes and entered a stage of high quality development.



We are glad to see that CPEC has achieved new outcomes and entered a stage of high quality development, he said while responding to a question asked by APP during his regular press conference held here at the International Press Center (IPC). He also referred to National Development Reforms Commission (NDRC) briefing in which a spokesperson of the Commission gave an update on the new progress of the CPEC development. In his remarks, Wang Wenbin said that the Chinese side was glad to see that CPEC has

achieved new outcomes and entered a stage of high quality development and added. This is a demonstration of China-Pakistan friendship, and also an example of promoting the prosperity and development of countries along BRI. He said that Chinese will work with Pakistan to implement the important consensus reached between the leadership of the two countries and build the CPEC into a demonstration project for BRI's high quality development and to boost the building of an even closer China-Pakistan shared community. Earlier, Meng Wei, a Spokesperson of the NDRC during a press briefing said that the CPEC has entered a new phase of high-quality development after making significant achievements in a wide range of areas over the years. The CPEC has made significant progress, as expressways, vocational schools and power plants funded by China have been put into operation in Pakistan. The NDRC spokesperson also remarked that as a major pilot project of the Belt and Road Initiative, the CPEC will accelerate Pakistan's socioeconomic development in multiple areas, including energy and transportation. - Agencies

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