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# Briefs

# **PM** to address nation on TLP issue

MAHNOOR ANSAR



Khan is expected to take the nation into confidence tomorrow (Wednesday) on

ister Imran

the secretive deal that the government had struck with the proscribed Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), sources told Geo News Tuesday. The prime minister is expected to speak to the nation about the current economic, security, and political situation in the coun-

#### try, sources said. Iran's FM tests positive for Covid

#### DNA



**Dozens killed** in Afghanistan hospital attack

The explosions took place at the entrance of the 400-bed Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan hospital

#### AGENCIES

KABUL: At least 25 people were killed and more than 50 wounded in an attack on Afghanistan's biggest military hospital on Tuesday which saw two heavy blasts followed up by gunmen assaulting the site in central Kabul, officials said. The explosions took place at the entrance of the 400-bed Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan hospital and were followed immediately with an assault by a group of gunmen, Taliban spokesman Bilal Karimi said.

Four of the attackers were killed by Taliban security forces and a fifth was captured, he said. The blasts add to a growing list of attacks and killings since the Taliban completed their victory over the Western-backed government in August, undermining their claim to have restored security to Afghanistan after decades of war. There was no immediate claim of responsibility but the operation was typical of the complex attacks mounted by Islamic State. It follows a string of bombings by the group which has emerged as the biggest

threat to Taliban control of Afghanistan. A Taliban security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least 25 people had been killed and more than 50 wounded and witnesses said at least two helicopters in the assault but there was no officially con- flew over the area as the assault went on. A firmed casualty toll. Photographs shared by health worker at the hospital, who managed residents showed a plume of smoke over the to escape, said he heard a large explosion area of the blasts near the former diplomatic zone in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of the city

Pak condemns Kabul attacks

#### SAIFULLAH

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan strongly condemns terrorist attacks near the Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan hospital in Kabul on Tuesday, which resulted in loss of so many innocent lives and injuries to many others. A statement from foreign office said, "We share the pain and suffering of the families who lost their loved ones in these mindless terrorist acts. We also convey our sympathies and support for those injured and pray for their early recovery". Pakistan reiterates its strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, it added. At least 25 people were killed and more than 50 wounded in an attack on Afghanistan's biggest military hospital on Tuesday which saw two heavy blasts followed up by gunmen assaulting the site in central Kabul, officials said.

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ISLAMABAD: Secretary of the Security Council of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Lieutenant General Victor Makhmudov calls on Prime Minister Imran Khan. - DNA

Pak, Uzbekistan sign

security protocol

Secretary of the Security Council of Uzbekistan

Lt. Gen. Victor Makhmudov and Pakistan's NSA

#### PM stresses enhanced Pak, Uzbek relationship

PM, Uzbek Secretary Security Council meet

#### STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Secretary of the Security Council (Naprotocol on establishment tional Security Advisor) of of Joint Security Commis-Uzbekistan Lt. Gen. Vicsion to enhance bilateral tor Makhmudov called on cooperation in security re-Prime Minister Imran Khan lated matters. here on Tuesday and dis-

The signing ceremony, cussed bilateral issues. held in Islamabad on Tues-National Security Advisor day, was followed by the Dr. Moeed Yousaf and seninaugural session of the

Dr. Moeed Yusuf led the respective delegations Qureshi meets with Uzbek delegation ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Uzbekistan have signed a

#### STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi met with Lt. Gen Makhmudov Victor, Secretary of the Security Council of Uzbekistan, in the Foreign Office today. The two sides discussed Pakistan-Uzbekistan bilateral relations, in particular cooperation on matters related to trade and economic cooperation, regional se-

curity and defence. The Foreign Minister emphasized

the importance of enhanced political and economic

linkages and operationalization of the Pakistan-Uzbek-

istan Transit Trade Agreement (UPTTA) recently signed

between the two countries. Highlighting the importance

of regional connectivity in Pakistan's "Vision Central

Asia" policy, he reiterated Pakistan's continued support

to the Trans-Afghan railway project and reaffirmed com-

good and he continues work ing from quarantine," Saeed Khatibzadeh told state media late on Monday, adding that the minister's agenda of visits had changed. Earlier on Monday, the foreign ministry reported that Amirabdollahian was going to India by the end of November to attend a meeting at the Indo-Iranian Joint Economic Commission. No further indications were made by Khatibzadeh on whether the foreign min ister would be able to go to New Delhi this month.

#### Jeff Bezos pledges \$2bn for nature

#### **News Desk**

GLASGOW: Amazon founder Jeff Bezos has said his Bezos Earth 6

spend \$2bn (£1.5bn) restoring landscapes and transforming food systems. He told the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow that he had grasped nature's fragility when he travelled into space. Entrepreneurs including Mr Bezos have been criticised for spending money on trips into space instead of solving problems on Earth.

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Hundreds of TLP workers released

Police said that the supporters who were booked in cases will be released by the courts after completing legal formalities

#### BUREAU REPORT

LAHORE: The Punjab Police on Tuesday released at least 1,000 workers of the Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) who were detained under the Maintainance of Public Order (MPO) during the violent protests by the

religious outfit. The release of the workers came two days after the government signed an agreement with the TLP after over a week of violent protests. Police said that the supporters who were booked in cases will be released by the courts after completing legal formalities. During the protests, the government had detained at least 2,000 TLP supporters, out of which 1,000 have been released while the directives

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maining 1,000 workers have

## Govt to withdraw appeal against Saad Rizvi's release

ABID RAZA

LAHORE: The government has started to implement a secretive agreement signed with the proscribed Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), with reports suggesting that it has released more than 800 supporters of the party arrested

across Punjab under the deal. The government had signed an accord with the proscribed outfit last Sunday, under which workers of the organisation who are not facing any formal criminal charges were to be released. The amnesty will also extend to the party's top leader, Saad Rizvi.

Implementation of the agreement started after a Monday meeting of the steering committee formed by Prime Minister Imran Khan to work out how the deal would be executed. Federal Minister Ali Mohammad Khan chaired the meeting. It was attended by Punjab's Minister for Law Raja Basharat, secretaries of the federal interior ministry, additional chief secretary of the Punjab Home Department, other officials,

as well as some members of the TLP.

ior officials were present during the meeting. While recalling telephonic conversation with the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Prime Minister Imran Khan underlined the importance of enhanced trade and economic linkages, and reiterated Pakistan's support to regional connectivity. The prime minister emphasized high-level interaction to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in all areas including economic,

trade, investment, energy, **Continued on Page 06** 

Will not attend Indian moot: Moeed "I will not go! I am not going ... a spoiler cannot be a peacemaker ISLAMABAD: National Se-

curity Advisor (NSA) Dr Moeed Yusuf on Tuesday said he would not attend a meeting in India on Afghanistan, saying "a spoiler cannot be a peacemaker." He was talking to the media after inking a Memorandum of Understanding with his counterpart from

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Commission formed under the protocol. Secretary of the Security Council of Uzbekistan Lt. Gen. Victor Makhmudov and Pakistan's National Security Advisor Dr. Moeed Yusuf led the respective delegations. The protocol covers wide-ranging security re-

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mitment for its early completion. He said that peace and stability in Afghanistan was vital to reap the benefits of regional connectivity projects for the entire region. lated matters of mutual **Continued on Page 06** T20 WC: Pakistan through to semis

DUBAI: Pakistan handed Pakistan eventually ended Namibia a one-sided defeat Namibia's bid to chase 190. in the Super 12 encounter Pakistan have registered of the 2021 ICC T20 World the second-highest total of Cup on Tuesday. They sucthe 2021 T20 World Cup. cessfully defended 189 to win The likes of Bangladesh (181/7 vs PNG) and Sri their fourth successive game in the ongoing tournament. Lanka (172/5 vs Bangla desh) follow Pakistan on Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan starred with the the tally. Afghanistan regbat, having shared a century istered the highest total stand. Pakistan will face Scot-(190/4) against Scotland. land in their final Super 12 Mohammad Rizwan contingame. Babar (70) and Rizwan ued his sublime run. The Pakistan opener remained unbeaten on 79 (50). He smashed 8 fours and 4 sixes in his scintillating knock. Rizwan now has the second-most T20I runs in a calendar year (1,661 runs

in 2021). He is likely to break the all-time record of Chris Gayle, who scored 1,665 runs in 2015. – **DNA** 

Afghan issue a threat, says **Russian FM** 

#### **News Desk**

KABUL: Russia's foreign



to prevent the spillover of terrorism from Afghanistan into other countries.

Lavrov told Russia's stateowned channel, Rossiya 24, that the main task of the Russian Federation is to prevent its Central Asian allies from becoming destabilised after the Taliban took power in Afghanistan in August. Lavrov emphasised that the stability of Central Asian countries is a priority for Russia. "The main thing for us is their stability, since we do not have borders with our Central Asian allies, there is a visa-free regime with almost everyone," Lavrov said.

#### Chaman-Spin Boldak border reopens

#### STAFF REPORT

QUETTA: The Chaman-Spin Boldak border crossing point between Pakistan and Afghanistan was reopened on Tuesday, nearly a month after the Taliban closed it claiming that traders, patients and passengers were "facing difficulties". The reopening follows an agreement reached between Pakistani and Afghan authorities a day earlier. Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl leader Qari Mohammad Aslam, who participated in the meeting, said that citizens of Qila Abdullah and Chaman in Pakistan and Kandahar in Afghanistan would be able to cross the border on the basis of their identity cards.

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## **Govt partners in favour of reforms: Fawad** Prime Minister Imran Khan will announce a "historic" mega relief package today amid rising inflation and food prices in the country

#### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Chaudhry Fawad Hussain on Tuesday said, the government's coalition partners graciously supporting the electoral reforms of Prime Minister Imran Khan, assured him of taking forward the agenda in future. "We have put forth our idea of electoral reforms which is comprised on 49-points before our coalition partners including PML-Q and MQM who will be further briefed on this in near future," he said while addressing the media in a post-cabinet briefing.

He said PM Imran Khan met the coalition partners after chairing the Federal Cabinet meeting and took them into confidence on the government's stance on Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in

the backdrop of electoral reforms. The minister said there was a consistent position of the government on electoral system which is needed to be reformed for ensuring free and fair elections and strengthening democracy in the country. Briefing the media about the decisions of the federal cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Imran Khan, he said, a detailed briefing on comparison of the commodities' prices with other regional countries was given to the forum and assured that the prices in Pakistan were lowest in the region. He said the fuel prices in Pakistan are still lowest as compare to the non oil producing countries.

The minister said wheat flour price in Pakistan was Rs 60.9 per kilogram, while in India and Bangladesh, it stood at Rs 83 and in Afghanistan that was around Rs 73. Likewise, price of gram pulse per



kg in Pakistan was Rs 146.77, while in India, it was being sold at Rs 166, and in Bangladesh at Rs 224, he said, adding price of Mash in Pakistan was Rs 245.84, while, in India, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan, it stood at Rs 244, Rs 334 and Rs 214, respectively. He said the price of

onion in Pakistan was Rs 47.14 per kg, while in India and Bangladesh, it was Rs 95 and Rs 121, respectively. The price of chicken in Pakistan was 254.92, and in India and Bangladesh, it was being sold at Rs 438 and Rs 324, respectively. He said in Pakistan, petrol price was Rs 138.73 per litter, while in India, it was Rs 258 and Rs 180 per litter rate was in Bangladesh. Fawad said the poverty level in those countries with whom the comparison was drawn was higher than Pakistan as per latest World Bank report.

Drawing inter-provincial comparison of edibles, he said in Rawalpindi, a 20 kg wheat flour bag was available at Rs 1,100, whereas in Karachi its price was Rs 1,470. Similarly, sugar price in Rawalpindi was Rs 90 per kg, whereas in Karachi it was being sold at Rs 120. He said that the price of Mong pulse was Rs 148 in Punjab

, while in Karachi, its rate was Rs 196. Gram price here was Rs 153

and in Karachi, it was 164. He lashed out at the Sindh government for failing to control prices of commodities and asked Bilawal Bhutto Zardari to rather hold a protest against inflation next time before the Sindh's Chief Minister House. The minister said the Sindh government needed to improve its governance so that people of the province could get some relief in the wake of high inflation in the province. He said the Ministries of Commerce and Information and Broadcasting gave the presentation to the Cabinet on the vacant posts available in their attached departments. Fawad said the Federal Cabinet had decided that the government would not acquire the land of the local people for construction of housing societies which used to be the policy in the past.

(79\*) added 113 runs for the opening wicket after Pakistan elected bat. Mohammad Hafeez further tormented the Namibia bowling attack. His unbeaten 32 off 16 balls powered Pakistan to 189/2.

Namibia were impressive in the first 10 overs. However, the Pakistani pacers restricted their flow of runs.

# NATIONAL



KARACHI: Deputy Speaker National Assembly Qasim Khan Suri addressing in the inaugural ceremony of "02-day National Conference on Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight for Building Peace & Sustainable Development in Pakistan". - DNA

# A better society cannot be built without justice

#### STAFF REPORT

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KARACHI: Highlighting the significance of the justice, Deputy Speaker of National Assembly, Qasim Khan Suri said that a better society cannot be built without peace and justice, and when there is justice, there will be peace in the society.

He expressed such views while addressing the "two-day National Conference on Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight for building Peace & Sustainable Development and Strengthening SDGs Task Force for Building Peace in Pakistan" held here on Tuesday. The conference was organized by Sustainable Social Development Organization (SSDO).

We have to unite to make society better; he said adding that it is our responsibility to provide the facilities to the areas from where we have been elected On Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Deputy Speaker told that the role of the provinces was im-

portant for this purpose and however, federal government was doing its best to fulfill the SDGs task.

Talking on the issue of environment, he asserted that the Prime Minister launched a project to plant ten billion trees and the world was appreciating it. The uniform curriculum has been introduced by the government to ensure quality education in the country and a curriculum will be taught in public and private schools, he informed. Moreover, the health card is being given to the people and in addition, the subsidy is being provided to support the vulnerable class of the society, he claimed.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah said that despite having majority in the house, the coalition government was formed in the Sindh province as we could work together to bring the peace here. Until 2013-14, Karachi was considered one of the most dangerous cities in the world but we all worked together with the institutions to bring

the peace. Chief Minister claimed. adding that after the peace, the development work has been started. Besides, we have passed many laws especially to support vulnerable groups including minorities in the province. On the occasion, Former Federal Minister and MNA Ahsan Iqbal mentioned that as we entered the new century, the entire world leadership had given the Millennium Development Goals program and various countries worked but some missed its targets.

In 2014, we woke up and started thinking about sustainable goals, he claimed, recounting that long-term goal could be achieved by strengthening institutions and involving the private sector. Providing basic necessities to our people should be a national agenda, he told.

If no one talks, how they will understand each other, he asked, suggesting that our parliamentarians have to keep political and mutual differences aside. Legislation is the first job of parliamentarians

# Govt must consider linking Faisalabad with ML-1: FCCI

"Currently it has a single railway track to link it with Khanewal and Shahdara and to have access to the main railway line"

#### ISHFAQ MUGHAL

FAISALABAD: Government must take up the issue to link Faisalabad with ML1 for the safe and speedy transportation of import and export consignments to seaports and to upcountry borders for its onward dispatch to the various export destinations, said Imran Mahmood Sheikh Senior Vice President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI).

Addressing the FCCI Standing Committee on Railway, he said that Faisalabad has emerged as a major industrial, commercial, business and export hub of Pakistan. "Currently it has a single railway track to link it with Khanewal and Shahdara and to have access to the main railway line", he said and added that FCCI will consult the Government and chairman CPEC in particular to include Faisalabad in the proposed mega CPEC project of ML1. Mirza Hidavat Ullah chairman standing committee said that ML1, ML2 and ML3 railway lines have been proposed



under CPEC to link Peshawar with Karachi via Multan. He said that under this mega project 720 railway level crossings on existing railway tracks would be eliminated and replaced with 2445 small and big overhead bridges. "In some places under passes would also be constructed while its surroundings areas would be fully fenced to discourage the movement of people on railway track", he added. He

expressed concern that Faisalabad has been totally ignored in this project despite the fact that a large number of industrial units are being established in Faisalabad by Chinese individually or as joint ventures and they need direct link with ML1 for the movement of their import and export consignments. Mirza Hidayat Ullah also pointed out that a railway level crossing near Chenab Mills has been closed permanently which is causing problems for the industrialists as well as for the general public. He demanded immediate opening of this crossing in the best public interest.

Islamabad **POST** 

Wednesday, November 03, 2021

He also narrated problems faced by passengers at Faisalabad railway station and said that members of this standing committee would visit to personally discuss these problems with the Assistant Operating Officer.

Later, Vice Chairman Rana Naveed offered vote of thanks while the meeting was also attended by Mr. Faroog Ahmed. Mirza Zahid Iqbal, Shahid Nazir, Javed Akhtar, Shakeel Rehman, Malik Azam and Mr. Junaid Mahmood Baig.



## PHP Faisalabad held 357 criminals to safeguard roads

#### **BUREAU REPORT**

FAISALABAD: Punjab Highway Patrol is an effective instrument to curb crime on highways. The slogan of Safe Highways- Safe Punjab truly represents the significance of Patrolling police. Prevention of crime cardinal objective of Pun jab highway Patrol; it is said by SSP Mirza Anjum Kamal while talking to media. The performance report of PHP region Faisalabad shows that total 367 cases were registered under different sections and 357 criminals were arrested. As per detail as many as 1 Kalashnikov, 4 pistols 30 bore and 2 Pistol 9MM with 94 bullets were recovered. Furthermore, total 7 liter liquor, 110 Gram Cannabis and stolen Motorcycle was

PIAF

opposes

digital

payments

decision

ABID RAZA

LAHORE: The Pakistan

Industrial & Traders As-

sociations Front (PIAF)

has urged the FBR to with-

draw its decision of the

mandatory digital mode of

payments because it was

impossible for the trade

and industry to adopt this

new mechanism as the

only mode of payment,

calling this move a huge

blow to the ease of doing

The decision will further

hurt the already struggling

businesses in the coun-

try," said PIAF senior vice

chairman Nasir Hameed

and vice chairman Javed

Siddiqi in a joint state-

ment. The FBR has made

it mandatory for business-

es to make payments ex-

ceeding Rs250,000 only

through traditional bank-

ing channels with few ex-

ceptions such as paying

utility bills, freight charg-

es, and taxes, which would

continue to be paid in cash

banking instruments such

as cheques. The first ques-

tion is whether our digital

banking could support a

high level of payments,

he said and added that

secondly, the industry is

not ready for this. People

would start dealing more

in cash. PIAF SVC Nasir

Hameed said that post-dat-

ed cheques are given as

This is how things are

surety to sellers.

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through traditional

digital mode,

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recovered and 1 proclaimed The time and place of occurrence of crime is most offenders were also arrested. crucial to identify the crime As many as 203 cases were registered against reckless nature and pattern in that drivers U/S 279 PPC and particular area. Moreover, 203 violators were apprethe lists of stolen/snatched hended. . Moreover, 3 lost vehicles, proclaimed offendchildren were found and reers and bad elements of the united with their relatives. area are kept in the official Help rendering were exvehicles. Furthermore, the patrolling officers are contended to 1357 commuters. tinuously in contact with

PHC opposes non-party local body elections

#### DNA

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court (PHC) here Tuesday declared holding of village and neighborhood councils election under the Local Government (amendment) Act 2019 or

non-party basis in Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa was unconsti-

As many as 3 temporary encroachments were removed for free flow of traffic. Motorcycle is widely used during robbery/Dacoity, in order to prevent road robbery, total 29 Motorcycles, 1 Hi Ace and 1 tractor were impounded U/S 134 PO, 115 MVO and 550 Cr.P.C. However, talking about the patrolling mechanism to curb the crime, PRO Pa-

reduce the crime.

trolling Muhammad Rizwan Bhatti said that hotspots policy is being followed to

control room. In case of any emergency and accidents, official vehicle rushes towards the spot and responds as per SOP. Further, he said that the help line of PHP is 1124. The signboards and information regarding Helpline 1124 is displayed in all beat areas.

The road commuters should know about the helpline and call in case of any emergency and happening of mishap, he added.

A larger bench of Peshawar High Court (PHC) headed by Justice Rohul Amin Khan, Justice Ejaz Anwar Khan and Justice Arshad Ali partially allowed the writ petitions filed by Akram Khan

tutional

Durrani, Mushtaq Ahmed Khan and Himavatullah Mayar who had challenged holding of village and neigbourhood councils election on non party basis under KP Local Government Act 2019 and prayed the court to declare it illegal and un-

constitutional. The court ordered ECP for holding of village and neigbourhood councils election on party basis in Khyber

The bench also directed KP Government and Election Commission of Pakistan to issue necessary direction to the returning officers to accept nomination papers from aspirants candidates for village and neighborhood councils on party basis with effect from November 4 as per schedule notified through a notification on October 25 by ECP.

participating in the competition, whereas, observers from Egypt, Indonesia, Japan and Myanmar were also part of the event. - DNA SSP Kamal appreciates mobile education

LAHORE: Lieutenant General Syed Muhammad Adnan interacting with international army

teams during the inauguration ceremony of 3rd International PACES competition. Some

101 international players from Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, Sri Lanka, UAE and Uzbekistan were

Awareness pamphlets were also distributed to 14,101 people on important issues

as well as conducted 38

road shows, road safety

#### BUREAU REPORT

FAISALABAD : On the directions of Faisalabad Region Mirza Anjum Kamal, Mobile Education Unit released Performance Report for October, 2021 in which the team of Mobile Education Unit conducted awareness campaign in 33 educational institutions, 35 public places, 38 taxi, rickshaw, bus and truck stands, 33 commercial markets. 13 different villages, 15 hospitals and rural health centers, 22 petrol pumps, 35 goods transport, 11 union councils and 20 banks

camps and 05 workshops and seminars on various highways of Faisalabad. Awareness pamphlets were also distributed to 14,101 people on important issues such as road safety, traffic rules, smog, coronavirus, drug prevention and positive use of social media. For the promotion of Patrolling Police Helpline 1124 through cable operators while awareness was provided to the public on various highways of Faisalabad region through billboards, sign boards and pamphlets. Re-

leasing the performance report, Mobile Education Unit in-charge Sub-Inspector Muhammad Rizwan Bhatti said that it was our mission to make the citizens aware about road safety and traffic rules. SSP Patrolling further resolves that in order to provide organic food at PHP Posts, the working of Kitchen Gardening at Patrolling posts has already started. To provide relief to road users, the integration of PHP wireless control with District police to curb the crime from the Highways is very effective and bearing

New corona vaccination centre set up at LGH

LAHORE: Post-graduate Medical Institute (PGMI) Principal Prof Dr Sardar Muhammad Al-Fareed Zafar Monday inaugurated a coronavirus vaccination counter for women at Gynecology outdoor department of the Lahore General Hospital (LGH).

He said that in the light of the health vision of Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar and Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid, better medical facilities were being provided to patients and the government had allocated ample funds in that regard. He said around 300 women come to LGH every day for treatment at gynecology outdoors for which separate vaccination arrangements had been made now. 'The vaccination counters at General Hospital are open 24/7, while the special counter for women at Gyne OPD will remain open till 4:30pm,' he added.

Dr Riaz Hafeez, Dr Asif Javed, Dr Samina Tawfeeq, Dr Abdul Aziz, Dr Shabnam, Nursing Superintendent Ruqqaiya Bano, Arifa Rehman and others were also present. - APP

#### Rs 77,000 fine imposed on profiteers

FAISALABAD: The district price control magistrates imposed a fine of Rs 77,000 on shopkeepers over selling essential items at exorbitant rates on Tuesday.

According to official sources, the magistrates held 761 inspections in various markets and bazaars and caught several retailers over profiteering and over charging. They also registered cases against three shopkeepers under price control act and issued warnings to several others. - APP

## DC imposes ban on begging in Peshawar

PESHAWAR: The district administration on Tuesday imposed ban on begging within the territorial jurisdiction of Peshawar for the period of 30 days.

The action was taken in the light of directives of Commissioner Peshawar Division stating that a number of professional beggars especially those hailing from outside the district had flocked on the streets of Peshawar city causing pub-

lic nuisance and reportedly in certain cases involved in illegal activities. A notification issued by the Deputy Commissioner office said commissioner, Captain Retd) Kahlid Mahmood

in exercise of power conferred under section 144 of the criminal procedure 1898, imposed a ban on beggary with in territorial jurisdiction of district Peshawar. – APP

Pakthunkhwa. Deputy

# End impunity for crimes against journalists

Wouter Plomp, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Pakistan, said journalists should be able to report without fear, adding the Netherlands continues to strive for improving the conditions in which journalists work, both at the national as well as at the international level

#### KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: UNESCO in collaboration with the Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights, the European Union Delegation to Pakistan, the Embassy of Sweden, the Embassy of the Netherlands, High Commission of Canada, and British High Commission Islamabad, marked the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (IDEI).

In the context of increasing and emerging threats to journalists, this year's IDEI focused on the institutional gaps and response to the safety of journalists.

In addition, harassment of women journalists, and misinformation were also discussed as factors impeding their safety. Media workers, journalists, civil society, and human rights activists have constantly been highlighting the need to strengthen mechanisms ensuring safety of journalists.

Being organized as part of UNES-CO's multi-donor program on free-



dom of expression and safety of journalists, the event was attended by around 50 participants. In 2013, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution to commemorate IDEI every year to raise awareness on journalists' safety. Ms. Patricia McPhillips, Country Representative and Director of UNESCO, welcomed the partici-

pants and stressed that the threats and violence against journalists not only indicate a shrinking space for democratic discourse but also highlight the weakening of impor-

tant institutions such as the rule of law and the judicial system. In his opening remarks, H.E.

fruit at its best.

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During the event, Gharida Farooqi, a journalist, said the safety of media workers should be ensured to work independently.

Saqib Sultan, Director National Police Bureau, stressed the need for developing and strengthening mechanisms that report and monitor crimes against journalists. Human rights expert, Chaudhry Shafique, highlighted gaps in existing avenues for legal aid and institutional support for safety of journalists. Secretary Information and Broadcasting Manzoor Memom elaborated on efforts on par the government to ensure safety of Journalists.



#### SERVICES



# **Equipping youth with skills** vital for development: Alvi

#### Namaz Timings

Fajr 05:03 am
Zohr 11:51 am
Asr 03:36 pm
Maghrib 05:15 pm
Isha 06:39 pm



#### Hotels & Restaurants

Serena Hotel.....111 133 133 Marriott.....051-2826121 Monal.....0334-5421812



Airlines Turkish Airlines......8494949



#### Emergency

Rescue (Police).....15 Bomb Disposal.....15 Fire Services Rawalpindi/ Islamabad.....1122 & 16 Emergency Ambulance..1122 & Rescue Services.4451122 Motorway Police....9266044 Motorway Police..9270601-20 Women Police Stations Islamabad......9222596 Rawalpindi......9270601-20



Enquiry

Govt is focusing to expand the scope of higher education and ensure access to students across the country: President

#### **News Desk**

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday, terming intellectual excellence the key to match the pace of global advancement, said Pakistan needed to achieve an edge in applied sciences to bring in a real transformation and ensure development. Addressing at the convocation of Quaid-e-Azam University (QAU) here at Jinnah Convention Centre, the president said equipping the country's

youth bulge with knowledge and skills as per market de-

mands was essential to properly utilize their potential. President Alvi said Pakistan had the fifth largest young human resource in the world, and thus required the right direction to achieve the goals of prosperity in line

with the vision of the Quaide-Azam and Allama Iqbal. He said nations are built, not



only with resources but with President Alvi proposed to their intellectual dominance. universities in the country to also work on a 'virtual He said the government was focusing to expand the scope component' of education to of higher education and enhelp increase the number of highly-qualified graduates. sure access to students He said the Pakistani nation, across the country. However, he regretted that

in view of its immense capaonly up to 10 percent of the bilities and determination, students in Pakistan could was blessed with all the right make their way to univeringredients to rise amongst sities compared with 20 its contemporaries. He said and 16 percent in India and that the brain drain of pro-Bangladesh, respectively. fessionals in the 70s and

80s incurred a big intellectual loss to the country and urged the graduates to serve the nation and contribute towards their society.

structure with the provision of home-based work facilities and a safe environment would encourage women to continue with their careers in addition to their family commitments. He lauded the QAU for achieving the

among the top 100 universities of Asia, with its faculty ranked at 28th in the world. He said QAU had recently established a Kamyab Jawan Centre and a Business IncuFree medical camp for Transgenders

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: Another day, a one-day free medical camp was organized exclusively for eunuchs. The camp was conducted by a transgender rights activist Nayab Ali, and a team of doctors from various hospitals.

About 56 trans genders were examined at the free medical camp. The medical camp was provided free medical, psychological care facilities and referral services to trans genders.

It would also help in creating awareness among the general people and relevant stakeholders. A team of doctors examined the camps for BMI (height and weight), blood pressure, random blood. hepatitis, sugar, temperature, and pulse.

Another camp will be set up in the twin cities, said Nayab. She also appreciated the Ministry of Human Rights for taking various steps for effective implementation of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2018 to ensure the betterment of Trans genders.

BAEF seed money expanded to Rs2bln

#### **Desk News** ISLAMABAD: Balochistan

on Zainab app which was launched by Ministry of Human Rights (MOHR) for government has given go missing and found children a ahead to expand the seed year ago. The app was estabmoney Awami Endowment Fund lished for missing and found Child Report by Citizens-Po-Liaison Committee (CPLC) replicating the international Amber Alert. The basic purpose of this App was to initiate a quick response for a missing child after registering any complain, said an official of MOHR. Under this initiative the District Police Officers were connected who directly contact the

quick action for tracing the

missing child. – DNA

Zainab app

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ISLAMABAD:

bation under one umbrella

to provide the graduates

with a platform for entre-

preneurship.He announced

that the disciplines of arti-



up photo with the delegation of Punjab Bar Council in Supreme Court. - APP

ficial intelligence and cyber security would be started from the next academic session. Also, on the directive of Prime Minister Imran Khan, the QAU was set to launch Sports Sciences and Media Studies, he added. The VC said the QAU had signed 70 Memoranda of Understanding with differtop rank in the country beent universities across the globe and had established sides getting several other accolades at the world stage a pension fund and student of academics. Vice-Chancelendowment fund to facillor Dr Muhammad Ali said itate both its faculty and He said an inclusive job the QAU was continuing pupils. The president on the with its tradition of academic prestige and was ranked

#### occasion gave away medals to the students on achieving distinction in their respective disciplines.Parliamentary Secretary for Education Wajiha Akram, members of faculty, and graduates of the QAU attended the event. 1093 cases registered on

1093 cases were registered concerned person to take

(BAEF) programme to Rs 2 billion to ensure the best health care facilities for maximum number of poor people who were suffering from chronic diseases. The Balochistan government had provided financial assistance to 1,426 poor patients under BAEF programme so far who were suffering from chronic diseases, said an official of Balochistan govern-

ent on Tuesday. He said

the provincial government

had also allocated Rs 3 bil-

for Balochistan

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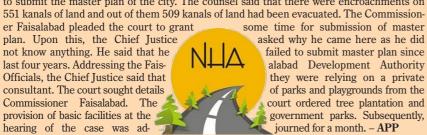
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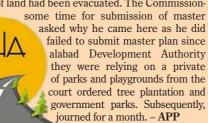
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## 135 complaints at Revenue Awami Khidmat

RAWALPINDI: Revenue Awami Khidcomplaints instructions were issued to to resolve the issues within shortest time.



**Katcheries** 

mat Katcheries received 135 complaints from all Tehsils of Rawalpindi district to resolve problems of the people at their door steps. A spokesman of district administration said 119 complaints were resolved at the spot while for 16 remaining the authorities concerned with direction

World urged to bring India to negotiation table NHMP's steps reduce road accidents

ISLAMABAD: National Highway and Motorway Police (NHMP) showed remarkable results in reducing road accidents by 46 percent, both fatal and non-fatal through a number of steps. NHMP recently launched a Performance Audit Automation System (PAAS) - a web based real time performance evaluation and assessment application - to improve performance the of Motorway Police, said a NHMP statement.

**News desk** 

NHMP has adopted contemporary gadgetry mechanisms to control traffic accidents and save precious lives through the use of modern technology on motorways and highways. it added. The new system evaluation has been introduced across the country to check the performance of Beat level in a short period as the National Highways and Motorway Police was committed to provide all possible assistance to the public.

ISLAMABAD: Senior Hurriyat leader Professor Abdul Ghani Butt has emphasized the need for the resolution of long-pending Kashmir dispute through a sustained dialogue process between Pakistan and India.

Professor Abdul Ghani Butt while addressing a condolence meeting, held to pay tribute to renowned physician Dr Mohammad Younis in Srinagar, hoped the situation in Kashmir would change for the good of people of Jammu and Kashmir and the whole region of South Asia, Kashmir Media Service reported.

He said"Kashmir is an internationally accepted dispute and ruled out peace in the region without addressing it."

To avoid a war, he urged the international community to put pressure on India to start a sustained and time-bound dialogue process between Islamabad and New Delhi to resolve Kashmir dispute.

"Only then the dream of peace and prosperity can



be achieved in the region," he added.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Mass Movement Information Secretary Shabbir Ahmed in a statement said that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has become extremely worrying.

He called upon the United Nations and its Human Rights Council to take practical steps for mitigation of the sufferings of Kashmiri people.

He expressed grave concern over the plight of thousands of Kashmiri prisoners including teenagers and children languishing in jails and detention camps in occupied Kashmir and India.

lion supplementary funds initially which were further enhanced with an additional grant of Rs 1 billion during last year. The official said the assistance was being provided to the poor and needy patients under the BAEF initiative to get them treated in the best public and private sector hospitals across the country. He said the medical board

of the province was giving approval of 200 to 300 cases in each meeting. The Balochistan government had formed a special team of doctors who were visiting the penal hospitals across the country to ensure provision of the best treatment facilities. The official said the government was receiving Rs 60 million monthly as seed money but, the need of the poor people had gone above to Rs 150 million. He said 20 to 30 million rupees were being spent on a single patient to ensure the best health care facilities. He also urged the private sector to come forward and joined hands with the government for the noble cause.

#### **IRSA** releases 92748 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD: Indus River System Authority (IRSA) Tuesday released 92748 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 60258 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in the Indus River at Tarbela Dam was 1507.53feet, which was 115.57 feet higher than its dead level 1392 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 29300 and 45000 cusecs respectively. The water level in the Ihelum River at Mangla Dam was 1180.40 feet, which was 130.04 feet higher than its dead level of 1050 feet whereas the inflow and outflow of water was recorded as 13210 and 30000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa and Sukkur was recorded as 62765, 32335 and 29775 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from the Kabul River a total of 4700 cusecs of water was released at Nowshera and 13048 cusecs released from the Chenab River at Marala. - APP



#### Complaints

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# **Chinese embassy holds short video creation contest**

The contest tilted 'My Story with China' was a collaboration with short video sharing platform "Likee"

#### STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese Embassy in Pakistan has launched a short video creation contest to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Pakistan. The contest tilted 'My Story with China' was arranged in collabora-

ing platform "Likee".

is scheduled to be held in every short video, there is a good story on China-Paki-The winners will be awardstan friendship.

Sana, a student who received a scholarship from the North University of

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China and had a studying experience of three years in China, is one of them. Sana said when she learned about this contest, all the beautiful memories she had in China flashed in her mind back immediately.

Sana said she saw the first snowfall of her life after arriving at the URUMQI Stop, the impressive and well-equipped dormitory which was only offered to the Pakistani students, the language courses, and cultural activities.

"China has been one of the strongest friends of Pakistan over the years. As a big fan of Chinese culture and a sincere supporter of China-Pakistan friendship, I feel honored to express my joy and passion towards our are expected to come.

friends across the border," she remarked and shared her intent to participate in the contest along with several other people from the community to deliver a message of the love they had towards the Chinese people. By exploring more innovative activities, the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan is working hard to inject new impetus and new elements into the China-Pakistan friendship, and attract more and more young people to devote themselves to the Inter-generational inheritance of China-Pakistan friendship. The embassy said the theme for the month of November would be "My story with CPEC", and more exciting stories

ed cash prize amounting to Rs two million in total which will be given by the Chinese companies. The selection is based on the evaluation of short video quality and audience affection. Since the launching of the event with the first theme of #MyStoryWithChina in October,

Spring Festival 2022.

merous participants.

For the first month, the to-

tal exposure of the contest

is more than 48 million,

with 4,217 participating

short videos getting more

than 33 million views and

1.85 million likes. Behind

it has struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the Pakistani people and attracted the attention of nu-

the contest spanned over a period of four months, divided into two stages: monthly In the first three months, the theme of the contest will be released on the first of each month. The final

tion with a short video shar-Divulging details of the contest, the embassy said competition and the final.

comprising Chief Justice Gulzar Ahmed and Justice Ijaz Ul Ahsan heard the case regarding the open auction of lease of petrol pumps established on public land. During the the course of proceedings, the Chief Justice expressed annoyance with the Commissioner Faisalabad. He said that the Commissioner office had sent 10 pictures and did not submit report re-

SC directs NHA to submit

report regarding highways

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the National Highway Authority

(NHA) to submit detailed report about highways in the country. A two-member SC bench

garding removal of encroachments. He said that the Commissioner Faisalabad also failed to submit the master plan of the city. The counsel said that there were encroachments on some time for submission of master asked why he came here as he did failed to submit master plan since alabad Development Authority they were relying on a private of parks and playgrounds from the court ordered tree plantation and

The citizens recorded their complaints

including issuance of domicile, Fard, reg-

istry, income certificate, execution of in-

dividual, execution of transfers and other

revenue matters. Deputy Commissioner

(DC) Rawalpindi Muhammad Ali also

held a 'Khuli Kutchery' here which was

attended among others by a large number

of citizens while on the occasion, officers

concerned including Additional Deputy

Commissioner Revenue, Usman Ashraf

and Additional Deputy Commissioner

Headquarters, Abdullah Mahmood were

also present. The DC also listened to

the complaints of the citizens and issued

on the spot orders to the officers con-

cerned. The DC received applications

from senior citizens and women on prior-

ity and issued necessary orders. - APP

# 04

# **TWIN CITIES**



### Islamabad police adopt digital system

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad police have installed modern digital system to check interaction of policemen with citizens and ensure provision of best services to them.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Qazi Jamil ur Rehman visited the digital control room set up to monitor overall police interaction with the complainants. He also had conversation with the complainants and asked about response of police. DIG (Operations) Afzaal Ahmed Kausar, SSP (Investigation) Atta ur Rehman, SSP (Operations) Syed Ali Akbar Shah and Zonal SPs were also present during this visit of Islamabad police chief.

The offices of IGP and DIG (Operations) have been also given monitoring access to police stations through this system. Both the officials may interact with the complainants during their visit to police stations while AIG (Operations) has been directed to interact with complainants for an hour on daily basis. - APP

#### Ammar Chowk underpass to be completed next month

RAWALPINDI: Chairman, Development Rawalpindi (RDA) Tariq Authority Mahmood Murtaza on Tues day said Ammar Chowk project would be completed next month as construction work on the project was being completed swiftly.

He informed that the project was conceived nearly 12 years ago but, its construction work could not be start ed. The incumbent Punjab government released funds and the project was being completed under the supervision of RDA and Station Headquarters, he added.

In view of the growing population and traffic congestion, the project had undergone some significant changes, including the ad-

# Briefs Lack of warmth towards Pak in US is regrettable: Fatemi

Ambassador Fatemi, maintained the Pakistan had played a pivotal role in not only bringing the Taliban to the negotiating table with the US but also in encouraging them to assist in evacuating US citizens after the fall of Kabul on August 15

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: "The existing lack of warmth towards Pakistan in Washington is quite regrettable," said Ambassador Tariq Fatemi. He urged deeper understanding and appreciation of Pakistan-US relations in Washington. The former adviser to the Prime Minister on foreign affairs was addressing an event on the future of Pakistan-US relations organised by the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) here on Tuesday.

Narrating the history of friendly relations between Pakistan and the US, Ambassador Fatemi stated that Pakistan had become a member of Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO)

and Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) as early as the 1950s. Since then, he maintained, the relations between the two countries had remained quite positive for a long time.

He admitted, however, that Pak-US relations had hit a rough patch since 2010. He was of the view that a powerful segment within the US decisionmaking circles was wrongly blaming Pakistan for US failures in Afghanistan during the so-called war on terror. This US school of thougt, according to Ambassador Fatemi, was mistakenly viewing

Pakistan as a dishonest ally. To the contrary, Ambassador Fatemi, maintained the Pakistan had played a pivotal role in not only bringing the Taliban to the negotiating table with the US but



also in encouraging them to assist in evacuating US citizens after the fall of Kabul on August 15. Ambassador Fatemi reiterated that the US needed to realize that Pakistan did not control the Taliban but did have some influence on them.

In addition, Ambassador Fatemi maintained that growing Pakistan-China relations had also proved to be an irritant in Pak-US relations because the US was pursuing a policy of containing China in the region.

He further stated that removing the US misperceptions about Pakistan had proven difficult because of Washington's unwillingness to listen to the Pakistan's stance with sincerity because it did not fit into the US priorities for the region.

According to Ambassador Fatemi, the Biden administration was creating a confrontational foreign policy structure in Asia in order to contain China, which could lead to a serious military crisis between the two states. He termed the

bates'

presidency of Joe Biden worse than that of Donald Trump for peace and stability in South and Southeast Asia because Trump, according to him, was erratic and irrational but Biden was deliberately and systematically creating a problematic structure in the Asia-Pacific region of which India is a major component.

He added that Pakistan had always wanted cordial relations with India but that it was the intransigence of the Indian leadership that had compelled Pakistan to adopt a reciprocal adversarial posture towards it. Ambassador Fatemi shared that Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah had envisaged cordial relations between India and Pakistan on the lines of the rela-

She encouraged investors to

explore the housing sector

of Pakistan which offered tre-

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PML-N responsible for damaging democracy

ISLAMABAD: Special As-sistant to Prime Minister on Capital Development Authority (CDA), Ali Nawaz Awan on Tuesday criticized that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) was responsible for damaging national institutions and democracy structured by their hypocrisy politics.

"Corrupt leaders like Nawaz Sharif come to power to satiate their personal desires without doing any welfare service to the country", he said while talking to a private news channel.

He said public had always expressed unwavering confidence for Prime Minister Imran Khan's sincere leadership to make Pakistan a welfare state.

He said Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz had lost its credibility due to the corruption, adding, PML-N damaged democracy by giving priority to their vested interest.

He urged the opposition parties to refrain from negative politics and discuss issue of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) reforms and other state matters in parliament with through peaceful dialogue in the best interest of public. - APP

Five senior **BS-21** officers to retire by 2022

ISLAMABAD: The Federal government on Tuesday notified the retirement of five senior officials of BS-21 grade who were going to complete their service tenures in the upcoming vear 2022.

In a notification issued by the Establishment Division, Qazi Shahid Pervez, a BS-21 officer of Pakistan Administrative Service, presently posted under Government of Sindh, would be retired from Government Service on 27-01-2022, on attaining the age of superannuation.

Khaqan Babar, a BS-21 officer of Pakistan posted as Additional Secretary, Pri-

vatisation Division, would

culminate his service on

30-08-2022, on attaining

the age of superannuation.

Sved Taugir Hussain Shah,

a BS-21 officer of Pakistan

Administrative Service,

presently posted as Na-

tional Project Director /

Senior Policy Advisor, RE-

MIT Project, UNDP, would

get retired from Govern-

ment Service on 24-12-

2022; on attaining the age

Zafar Iqbal, a BS-21 officer

of Pakistan Administrative

Service, presently posted

as officer on special duty

(OSD), Establishment Di-

vision, would stand retired

from Government Service

on 30-09-2022, on attain-

ing the age of superannu-

Lieutenant (R) Ejaz Ahmed

Khan, a BS-21 officer of

Pakistan Administrative

Service, presently posted as Additional Secretary,

Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-

Baltistan Division, would

complete his Government

Ten new

Covid cases

reported

ation.

of superannuation.



ISLAMABAD: A group photo of Director Generel Pakistan sports board col(r) Asif Zaman with President RIPJA Sajjad Haider Gen Secretary Raja Mudassar SVP Jahangir Chaudry and other officials in reception host by the later in honor of Rwp Isb Photo Journalist Association. - DNA

## Federal Board announces SSC-I annual results 2021

A total of 11, 6190 students appeared in the SSC Part annual

# NUML organises awareness excursion at trail 5

A group of 50 students of NUML Rawalpindi participated in the activity held on Tuesday and later they go for hiking to highlight the importance of physical training in daily life

tions between Canada and the US. Secy BOI encourage investors to explore housing sector

ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary Board of Investment (BOI), Fareena Mazhar on Tuesday encouraged Investors to explore housing sector of Pakistan, which offered tremendous 'Tax-Based Re-700,000 units, while only about half of this demand was currently being met.

Eligible developers and builders would be exempted from withholding taxes on purchase of building materials, she said.

The Board of investment, under the leadership of Secretary Board of Investment (BOI), Fareena Mazhar held an investment Seminar on "Construction and Housing for Sustainable Develop-(NAPHDA). – APP ment" in Dubai, said a press

release issued by BOI here. While discussing the opportunities in housing sector, Fareena shared that Pakistan's annual demand of housing was estimated to be about

dition of twin underpasses, under grounding of H.T and L.T cables and addition of a new service line and reinforced earth panel.

Steps would also be taken to make the surrounding area clean and green, he informed.

During the construction work, the authorities concerned took all possible steps to ensure that people had the least difficulty and did not to worry about restricted mobility.

Despite Covid-19 pandemic and the harsh monsoon season, FWO was making all out efforts to complete the project within shortest possible time frame. – APP

#### Pak expects \$500 mln meat export earnings

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan hopes to export meat and meat preparations worth \$500 million by the end of the current fiscal year (FY22) after getting access to the Jordanian and Indonesian halal meat markets, officials said.

The veterinary and animal health directorate of Jordan's agriculture ministry allowed three Pakistani meat processing facilities to export bovine, sheep, goat and camel meat to the Arab country last month. Officials say they are also in talks with the authorities in Jakarta as Indonesia plans to open its market to Pakistani halal meat as well.

"We believe, we will be able to export \$500 million of meat by June 2022,' Dr. Kausar Ali Zaidi, di rector general agriculture at the commerce ministry, said in an interview with Arab News. "Much of our exports go to GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) countries, followed by Malaysia, Central Asia and now Jordan.

"Our exports to Indonesia are expected be around \$150 million during the remaining months of the fiscal year," he informed. Pakistan's overall exports of meat and meat preparations during the last fiscal year stood at \$333.4 million, which was about 10 percent higher than the previous year. - APP

#### examinations 20201, out of which 11, 3720 passed the exams

ISLAMABAD: Board and Secondary Education (FBISE) on Tuesday announced the result of Secondary School Certificate (SSC-1) Annual Examination 2021.

A total of 11, 6190 students appeared in the SSC Part annual examinations 20201, out of which 11, 3720 passed the exams.

The ratio of successful candidates was 99.76 percent. According to the Federal Board, the result gazette was issued errors and omissions excepted, as a notice only.

The Board reserves the right of rectifying errors or omissions in the result at any time. Every care has been taken to ensure accuracy and correctness. Nevertheless, if any error omission is noticed, the Board may be informed immediately for necessary action to rectify the same.

The Board does not hold itself responsible for any omission or mistake of printing, etc while announcing this result.

The FBISE stated that Failure/Absent candidates are eligible to appear in 2nd Annual Examination 2021, if otherwise eligible. Those candidates who want to improve their SSC-I result may also re-appear in 2nd Annual Examination 2021. The Result Cards of regular

candidates were being dis-patched through PDF files Federal of Intermediate to the Heads of their respec-

tive institutions and those of Ex/Private candidates within country were being sent on the cell no given by them in their admission forms and those of overseas candidates were being sent to Head of Institutions from

where they appeared. Soft images of result card(s) for the students of the Gilgit-Baltistan and Skardu was at par of the students stated above.

This year Sixteen (16) Unfair Means (UFM) Cases were reported. A judicious procedure was adopted to decide the cases and personal hearing was allowed to all the concerned. All cases have been decided and the Notification on the decisions taken in the cases is placed at the end of the gazette.

All those candidates whose result has been with held for want of fee/eligibility etc are advised in their own interest to resolve these discrepancies immediately enabling this office to declare

their result. However, result of some candidates have been indicated as R.L. (Result Later on) which will be declared on completion of requirements on the part of the candidates/Board, it added. – APP

life. Students

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) society of the National University of Modern languages (NUML), Rawalpindi Branch organized a tree plantation and cleanliness drive at Trails 5 on Margalla Hills to endorse Prime Minister's clean green Pakistan initiative. A group of 50 students of NUML Rawalpindi participated in the activity held on Tuesday and later they go for hiking to highlight the importance of physical training in daily

divided into groups to plant trees in the



designated area of the trail and cleared the track from garbage. On the occasion a faculty member Ms. Ayesha Shakoor address the students and highlighted the importance of the activity

and role of youth in the development of Pakistan. She said that basic purpose of this excursion to aware the senior students about their social responsibilities and make them

CDA launches large-scale operation against land mafia

#### SHAHEEN HANIF

ISLAMABAD: On the special directive of the management of the Federal Development Agency (FDA), the staff of the Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday conducted operation against an illegal constructions on government land at Chontra at the foot of Margalla Hills. A large contingent of district administration officers and Islamabad Police were present on the occasion to assist the CDA staff.

During the operation, an illegal market consisting of 42 shops with porches was completely demolished in Chontra vil-



lage besides 50 rooms, 21 four walls, 13 gates, 1 hall, 25 DPCs, 26 bathrooms. 19 kitchens and 17 ground water tanks were demolished with the help of heavy machinery

As a result of this operation, about 115

kanals of government land were relinquished to the influential land mafia. On this occasion, the CDA administration has said that illegal constructions for the

protection of forests will not be tolerated

munity as they needed a stable

exchange rate for long-term busi-

ness and investment planning. He

urged that the government should

take urgent measures to stabilize

Muhammad Faheem Khan, Vice

President ICCI said that Pakistani

industries were importing almost

70 percent of raw material for man-

ufacturing activities and decreasing

value of rupee would further push

up their production cost making our

exports more uncompetitive in the

He emphasized that the government

should support the private sector in

setting up raw material producing

industries in the country to reduce

dependence on their imports that

would help in reducing trade deficit

the value of the rupee.

international market.

as well.

under any circumstances.

RAWALPINDI: As many as 10 more covid positive patients were reported during the last 24 hours in the district, including five from Rawalpindi Cantt, two from Rawal Town and one each case from Potohar town Gujar Khan and

Islamabad. According to the daily situation report issued by the District Corona Management centre on Tuesday, 18 coronavirus confirmed patients were admitted to three city facilities.

Among these 18 patients, 12 admitted in the Institute of Urology, five in Benazir Bhutto Hospital and one in Bilal hospital.

The report updated that two patients were on ventilators in critical condition, eight stable and eight on oxygen support.

Around 3,262,452 people including 43,875 health workers, had so far been vaccinated against the fatal disease out of the total eligible population of 4,225,634. - APP

## **ICCI calls for measures to overcome trade deficit** A group of 50 students of NUML Rawalpindi participated in the activity held on Tuesday and later they go for hiking to highlight the importance of physical training in daily life

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: Shakeel Munir, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) expressed great concerns over the rising trade deficit of the country that has posted a rise of over 103 percent during the first four months of the current fiscal year and called upon the government to take urgent remedial measures to curb this dangerous trend as the increasing trade deficit would put more pressure on exchange rate and cause further depreciation in the value of rupee unleashing a new wave of high inflation in the country. Shakeel Munir said that the trade deficit of Pakistan had reached an alltime high of over USD 37 billion in

financial year 2018 creating multiple

problems for the economy and the current government had brought it down with great efforts to around USD 23 billion by 2020. However, the trade deficit was

again on the rise, which was not a good sign for the economy. He said it was unfortunate that being an agricultural country, Pakistan was importing wheat, sugar, pulses and many other food items, which also contributed to the rising trade deficit.

He emphasized that the government should extend full support to the private sector in promoting import substitutions in the country in order to reduce dependence on imports and improve exports

ICCI President said that in an environment of rising trade deficit, the growth of the economy would



remain uncertain amid fears of further deterioration in the fiscal and current account imbalances and it was high time that the government should take urgent measures to reverse this unhealthy trend. He said that to sustain the strong

economic growth, the government should increase private investment and focus on exports promotion. He further said that the government should ensure availability of long-term financing to the private sector to help expand export capacity of firms that would help in promoting exports.

Jamshaid Akhtar Sheikh, Senior Vice President ICCI said that the value of Pakistani rupee has tumbled to over Rs.170 against a dollar, which showed that our currency has lost its value at an alarming rate.

He said it would put more pressure on the country's capacity to finance its foreign debt obligations going forward.

He said that eroding the value of rupee was also disturbing all future plans of the business com-

Service on 07-08-2022, on attaining the age of superannuation. - APP

# G20 Summit

HIS weekend was highly consequential for the fight against climate change, as the leaders of the 20 major economies of the world gathered in Rome, Italy, to discuss the goal of limiting global warming. The G20 group-made up of 19 countries and the European Union-is a good feeler of what to expect for the highly anticipated Glasgow Climate Conference, which will host what are essentially make-or-break UN climate talks, to be held from 31 October to 12 November.

In terms of how impactful the G20 summit was, the reviews are mixed and mostly tinged with disappointment. There was one big development that could be a good starter for the Glasgow Conference-the G20 leaders committed to the key goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and pledged action on the use of coal. This is definitely an improvement from the Paris Agreement, which was disregarded by the Trump administration, which set the goal to limit global warming to below 2 degrees. The fact that the countries have collectively come to an agreement on 1.5 degrees is an achievement, considering that even this was controversial a few years back, and many believed that limiting global warming to that extent was an impossibility.

However, it would be far-fetched to say that any major breakthrough occurred this weekend. The summit fell short of honoring the activist demand of pledging to aim for a target of zero emissions. If this promise is not secured, then the earlier promise of "1.5 degrees" becomes just lip-service, since 1.5 degrees cannot be achieved until the G20 countries, which are responsible for 80% of the world's emissions, do not pledge to slash global emissions nearly in half by 2030 and to "net-zero" by 2050.

The G20 summit thus was disappointing in its contradictions. However, the collective spirit it manifested is appreciated and it is hoped that the upcoming Glasgow Conference will lead to more action, along with the words.

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# Secretive Agreement

NCE again, the government has announced the agreement of a deal with the Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) following week-long deadly clashes between police and the protesters in different cities of the Punjab province which claimed the lives of at least five police officials and injured more than 250 others.

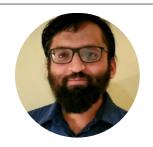
No details regarding the agreement have been shared however as Mufti Muneeb-ur-Rehman stated that the particulars of it will be disclosed at a suitable time. The Mufti did add though that the positive outcomes of the deal would appear within a week or 10 days. These statements do not inspire much confidence and the secretive nature of the agreement understandably raises questions. There is no denying that it is a good thing that the issue was brought to a close without any further violence playing out, however the opposition along with the rest of the country must be taken into confidence. This is especially important considering how the protests resulted in loss of life and property and upended citizens' lives for weeks.

Some sources report that the government has assured the TLP leadership that it would unfreeze the accounts and assets of the proscribed outfit and take steps to lift the ban. It is also being reported that the government will not pursue minor cases against the TLP leadership and workers, but the cases registered under the Anti-Terrorism Act would be decided by courts.

It remains to be seen what the exact contours of the agreement are, however one hopes that the state did not concede more space than it should have to avoid setting a dangerous precedent. There were no straightforward solutions here and using indiscriminate force was never an option from both a political and legal perspective. Dialogue is unfortunately an imperfect solution here because victimisation only gives further fuel to movements like the TLP. Many are also understandably concerned about mainstreaming the TLP politically and while this may be problematic in some regards, one cannot discount the electoral success the group has achieved over the past few years. This is a complex issue to tackle from the state's perspective and the hope is that this is the last time the TLP takes to the streets in a violent and disruptive fashion to push for its demands.

# What does the rise of Daesh-K mean for Afghan-Pak co-op?

**Ibrahim Moiz** 



This daunting mountainous region of eastern Afghanistan and northwest Pakistan has been characterized by its historical autonomy from both states. State control was often exercised on the Pakistani side by a colonial-style "indirect rule" ABUL is hesitant to antagonize the "Pakistani Taliban" lest it supports the self-styled caliphate, yet the same group poses a threat to Islamabad. The Taliban reconquest of Afghanistan in summer 2021 was widely saluted in Pakistan, where both latent and overt sympathy for the group has existed for a quarter-century. It brought the rare prospect of friendly governments in the two neighbours, a friendliness that seems the more necessary because of their slew of shared economic and political concerns. But this bonhomie is complicated by events in the borderlands, a region that has historically tended to elude the control of successive Afghan and Pakistani governments. This region featured first a long-running Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), or "Pakistani Taliban" insurgency against Pakistan, much of

which then dissipated into Daesh's regional "Khorasani" wing and turned on the Afghan Taliban movement. Though both Pakistan, in 2014, and the Taliban, in 2020, claimed victory over these challengers, both insurgencies continue to pose an oft-bloody irritant not only to their own security but also continuing cooperation. The Taliban, in their campaign against Daesh, find it difficult to antagonize that surviving section of the "Pakistani Taliban" who did not join the self-styled caliphate. Yet, that same group continues to threaten Pakistan, thus posing a latent tension in tensions between Islamabad and the Taliban emirate in Kabul. Before the Soviet invasion

This daunting mountainous region of eastern Afghanistan and northwest Pakistan has been characterized by its historical autonomy from both states. State control was often exercised on the Pakistani side by a colonial-style "indirect rule", which was not initially unpopular since it lent a large degree of tribal autonomy but would come under increasing stress over the decades. There was a similarly loose accord with local clansmen on the Afghan side. Conflict - partly stoked by Afghan ruler Daud Khan's attempts to build Pashtun irredentism as a political vehicle – occasionally flared up, but more often than not the local actors were less proxies than shrewd actors: for example, the short border conflict of the early 1960s largely involved Kabul backing the claimant of Bajaur agency against his incumbent Pakistan-backed rival.

ment. This insurgency - led by both Taliban commanders as well as Hizb and Salafi adventurers - succeeded in expelling the Americans from the east by the early 2010s. The war also affected Pakistan. Even as bin Laden was fleeing Afghanistan, Sufi Muhammad, a Malakand preacher, entered in an attempt to fight the Americans that was rebuffed with bruising casualties. Within a few years, however, Sufi's son-in-law Fazlullah Hayat led the takeover of the Swat valley in the late 2000s. This extraordinary turnaround partly resulted from Pakistani dictator Pervez Musharraf's attempt to balance an open commitment to the United States with tacit support for the Taliban; Islamabad squared the circle by instead mounting large manhunts for Al Qaeda members in such northwestern agencies as Waziristan under an increasingly brazen American aerial campaign. The borderlands today

# How US-Pak alliance in 'WOT' hijacked itself

**Abdul Basit** 



The Taliban's return to power in Afghanistan has emboldened Pakistani extremist groups. Some of

enabler and abettor, or worse, the sponsor of extremism. This clichéd characterization of Pakistan in the Western discourses undermined the efforts to evolve an indigenous security narrative against extremism. For instance, the US drone strikes in the former Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), now merged with Khyber Pa-

khtunkhwa province, violated Pakistan's territorial sovereignty and strengthened the extremists' narrative that the Pakistan Army was doing America's bidding. Especially, the civilian casualties in the US drone attacks in the ex-FATA region undermined the writ of the Pakistani state. Hence, the evolution of an indigenous security discourse remained hostage to Pakistan's conflict-prone alliance with the US. As opposed to Western discourse - which portrays Pakistan as a security threat - the fact of the matter is that Pakistanis are the main victims of militant violence emanating from the country. In the last two decades, as many as 80,000 Pakistanis have lost their lives to terrorism, in addition to incurring a whopping \$150 billion in economic losses. However, the situation has evolved significantly in the last twenty years. Therefore, without factoring in the local contexts and nuances of a complex and diverse threat landscape, the monocausal explanations blaming state policies alone for all that is wrong in the Pakistani society is over simplistic and reductionist. While owning this uncomfortable reality, the underlying purpose of devising an indigenous security discourse in Pakistan should be to initiate a bold debate in the country following the US exit from Afghanistan. In retrospect, the WOT had a paradoxical impact on Pakistan's diverse threat landscape. On the one hand, it made the threat landscape more complex, lethal and pervasive. For instance, in the last twenty years, the number of militant and insurgent groups has increased in Pakistan. Extremists have permeated all segments of Pakistani society. Unlike the conventional view that extremists and terrorists are drawn from Pakistan's peripheral tribal areas and primarily educated in madrassas, recent trends have underscored the ingresses of extremism in Pakistan's educated, urban middle and upper-middle classes as well. On the other hand, the WOT compelled Pakistan to reorient the training manuals, strategic doctrines and threat perceptions of its security forces from conventional warfare against India to fight asymmetric conflict against a plethora of non-state violent actors in the ex-FATA region and Balochistan. Also, Pakistan established a well-defined institutional infrastructure to deal with extremism. For instance, Pakistan has created the National Counter Terrorism Authority in 2009, the country's premium CT body, and Counter Terrorism Departments in the police department at the provincial levels along with passing new laws to facilitate the fight against militancy. One step back The Taliban's return to power in Afghanistan has emboldened Pakistani extremist groups. Some of them have already become aggressive in their activism, bordering on vigilantism and violence, demanding a Taliban-style theocratic rule in Pakistan. In a way, the Taliban victory in Afghanistan is redefining Pakistan's conflict-prone relationship with a range of religious and radical groups. In the age of social media, Pakistan would find it difficult to gloss over the dichotomies and paradoxes which emanate from its convoluted identity crisis. As long as the jury is out on what was the purpose of Pakistan's creation, an Islamic or a moderate Muslim state, the country will recurringly witness Shariah movements such as Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan or Tehreek-e-Nifaz-e-ShariatMuhammadi, trying to violently redefine the country's national character in line with their narrow worldviews. Consequently, Pakistan' efforts against extremism will move in circles unless the question of national identity is not addressed holistically. The US withdrawal from Afghanistan is both a challenge and an opportunity for Pakistan. The efforts to reverse the tide against rising extremism will require a generational effort under a whole-of-state-and-society approach. In this generational effort, youth, which is 64 percent of Pakistan's population and is expected to rise to 230 million by 2030 and 280 million by 2050, should be the core focus.

#### **Post-American invasion**

By that point, the sweeping American dragnet - heavy-handed and often blatantly ignorant of local dynamics - had alienated much of the region. This included Hizb leader Kashmir Rahmatyar, who had welcomed the American invasion at first but changed his mind once the dragnet targeted him. It also included his Salafi rivals; Jamilur-Rahman's nephew Rauhullah Wakil returned to Afghanistan after the Taliban's ouster, only to be imprisoned by the Americans for years. The upshot was that by the mid-2000s an insurgency had established itself in the Af-

Since then, Daesh in Afghanistan, led by ShihabSadiq, has followed the same strategy of NurWali in Pakistan and other defeated groups elsewhere - compensating for territorial sparsity with high-profile assassinations and bomb attacks, and thus proving a major headache for the already isolated Taliban emirate that has returned to Kabul. In turn, the Taliban find it difficult to alienate such potential allies as Wali, whose abstinence from joining Daesh makes him a potential ally. But Wali's hostility to Pakistan remains undimmed - he is as much a headache for Islamabad as Shihab is for Kabul. Thus, much as Pakistan once found itself torn between the United States and the Afghan Taliban, the Taliban emirate finds itself torn between Pakistan and the "Pakistani Taliban". Economic hardship and international isolation seem to render the former a more promising counterpart, especially given that Pakistani insurgents only occasionally honour their proclamations of fealty to the Taliban emirate. On the other hand, that same lack of reliability means that the Taliban will be reluctant to yield Daesh a potential collaborator by alienating NurWali. In the tortuous calculations of Islamabad-Kabul relations, Wali has managed to advance from the pe-- Source: TRT WORLD

#### them have already become aggressive in their activism, bordering on vigilantism and violence, demanding a Taliban-style theocratic rule in Pakistan

FTER the US withdrawal from Af-Å ghanistan and the Taliban's return to power, Pakistan should move away from the Western counter-terrorism (CT) discourse, which has spawned during the last two decades of the so-called "War on Terror" (WOT). In its place, Pakistan should forge an indigenous security narrative to create much-needed public ownership to confront extremism.

Terrorism in Pakistan predates the WOT and it did not end with the US exit from Afghanistan. On the contrary, due to the  $WO\bar{T}$  and a host of other factors, including Pakistan's dichotomous CT and regional policies, terrorism and its underlying causes have worsened. Today, radical and extremist outfits are more entrenched in Pakistan's political landscape than at any point in its history. To reverse the extremist tide, Pakistan should take a long view of the problem, for which an indigenous discourse with strong public ownership is essential.

Concurrently, Pakistan will also have to address its national identity crisis that potentially opens the room for radical and extremist groups to (re)define its national identity in line with their self-styled narrow worldviews. Arguably, a doctrinal shift in internal security policies would only provide a temporary respite, as witnessed in the past, but addressing the perennial question concerning Pakistan's national identity is necessary for a long-term solution.

Without popular support, reversing the rising tide of extremism would remain an uphill task in Pakistan. In 2015, following the massacre of 153 schoolchildren and staff members in Peshawar by the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, a consensus, enshrined in a 20-point road map called the National Action Plan (NAP), was devised to fight extremism. However, the implementation on the NAP has dissipated in the last few years.

So far, Pakistan's internal security policies have confronted extremist groups through kinetic measures. Now Pakistan should devise the much-needed non-kinetic approaches to address the root causes of extremism and radicalism.

#### The blowback of narratives

The security discourse that developed in the shadow of the WOT either treated extremism in Pakistan as an outcome of its alliance with the US or the negative spillover of the Afghan conflict. To be precise, Pakistan provided logistical support to the US and NATO forces stationed in Afghanistan and granted basing rights of the Shamsi and Shahbaz airbases to the US in Balochistan and Sindh provinces for drone operations.

Furthermore, the post-9/11 Western discourses, barring some exceptions, stereotypically viewed Pakistan as a security threat, an

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# Sudan & UAE: Pulling Sudanese strings

#### **James Dorsey**

The president's determination to straddle the fence became an even greater irritant after the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt as well as Bahrain in 2017 declared an economic and diplomatic boycott of Qatar because of its alleged support for Islamists

UDAN is the exception to the rule in the United Arab Emirates' counterrevolution-ary playbook. In contrast to Egypt or Yem-Ø en, where it went out of its way to help roll back the achievements of popular revolts, the UAE was happy to see the back of Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir. Mr. Al-Bashir was toppled in April 2019 by the country's military as mass anti-government protests demanded regime change. The military ensured that the transitional power-sharing arrangement that was negotiated with political and civil society groups was slanted in its favour. The UAE and the United States agreed at the time that it was time for Mr. Al-Bashir to go. But they likely disagreed about what should succeed him. The United States pushed for transition to a civilian-led democracy. UAE leaders have repeatedly dismissed democracy as a suitable model of governance. That hasn't stopped the Biden administration, which suspended US\$700 million in aid to Sudan in the wake of last week's coup, from relying on the UAE to pressure the country's military leaders to restore the transitional structure. In response, the UAE is believed to have persuaded the military to release deposed prime minister Abdullah Hamdok, who initially had been detained by the putschists. "We're really focused on engaging the Emiratis, who have a relationship with General Burhan, to use that engagement - to use their credibility with General Burhan - to, in the short term, get those who were picked up" released, a US official said. He was referring to Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, the commander-in-chief of the Sudanese military who grabbed power last week. Saudi Arabia and the UAE, mollified by Mr. Al-Bashir's dispatch of thousands of Sudanese soldiers to bolster the Gulf states' intervention in Yemen, long supported his regime with investments and financial support worth billions of dollars. Yet, they increasingly resented Mr. Al-Bashir's failure to act on promises to break with his Islamist support base and its backers, Turkey and Qatar.

The president's determination to straddle the fence became an even greater irritant after the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt as well as Bahrain in 2017 declared an economic and diplomatic boycott of Qatar because of its alleged support for Islamists. Mr. Al-Bashir's refusal to play ball led the UAE to halt fuel supplies and financial aid to Sudan in 2019, which in turn worsened the economic crisis that was fuelling the mass anti-government protests. The cut-off was the Gulf state's first step towards supporting regime change even if it favoured a replacement controlled by the military rather than political groups and politicians. That is likely one major reason why the UAE, as well as Egypt, have so far stopped short of condemning last week's military coup that eliminated Mr. Hamdok's civilian component of the transitional governance structure. As an ardent opponent of UAE-supported Sudanese military dominance in key sectors of the economy, Mr. Hamdok was a

The Emirati foreign ministry stressed in a statement in the wake of the coup "the need to preserve the political and economic gains that have been achieved... It is keen to see stability as soon as possible in a manner that achieves the interests and aspirations of the Sudanese people in development and prosperity," the official WAM news agency reported. Those aspirations are, in the UAE's mind, represented by Generals Al-Burhan and General Mohamed 'Hemdeti' Hamdan Dagalo, the head of the notorious Rapid Support Forces (RSF) with long-standing ties to the UAE and Saudi Arabia. The two men have successfully projected themselves as anti-Islamist bulwarks. The Emiratis signaled early on their support for the toppling of Mr. Al-Bashir in contacts in 2019 with elements of the opposition and armed forces at a moment that the military and paramilitary were mulling the removal of the president in a power grab. UAE officials assumed that the military and the RSF would emerge as the dominant force in a new Sudan. Then Sudanese intelligence chief Salah Gosh visited imprisoned opponents of Mr. Al-Bashir at about the same time to solicit their support for a military-managed change. Mr. Gosh reportedly told the jailed leaders that he had just come from Abu Dhabi where he was assured that the UAE would support the removal of Mr. Al-Bashir by restarting fuel deliveries and offering financial aid to a new government. Mr. Al-Bashir rejected a UAE-backed face-saving

thorn in the side of the armed forces.

resolution of the crisis that would have allowed him to stay in power for a transitional period that would be followed by elections. The deal would have required the president to surrender the leadership of his National Congress Party and not to seek re-election. The UAE and Saud Arabia were quick to pledge US\$3 billion in aid when the military finally removed Mr. Al-Bashir from office in April 2019. In return, Sudanese military leaders, including General Hemedti, were quick to pledge that they would reverse Mr. Hamdok's decision to withdraw Sudanese troops from Yemen.

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#### Dozens killed in Afghanistan hospital...

FROM PAGE 01 followed by a couple of minutes of gunfire. About ten minutes later, there was a second, larger explosion, he said. He said it was unclear whether the blasts and the gunfire were inside the sprawling hospital complex. Islamic State, which has carried out a series of attacks on mosques and other targets since the Taliban's seizure of Kabul in August, mounted a complex attack on the hospital in 2017, killing more than 30 people.

#### Hundreds of TLP workers...

FROM PAGE 01 been sent to the respective deputy commissioners. They will be released today as well, it was reported.

It has also been decided to withdraw a review appeal filed by the Punjab government in the Lahore High Court (LHC) against its order for the release of TLP chief Saad Rizvi.

The district administration of Islamabad has also issued orders to release the detained activists of the TLP. All the arrested workers will be released after a formal notification is issued in this regard.

The government on Sunday successfully reached an agreement with the outlawed Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan party, putting an end to a 10-day protest. The pact came after around two weeks of clashes that left at least eight policemen dead and scores injured on both sides.

#### Pakistan, Uzbekistan sign...

FROM PAGE 01 interest and establishes coordination mechanism between Pakistan's National Security Division and the Security Council of Uzbekistan under their respective heads. During the inaugural session, both sides discussed various aspects of the newly formed joint commission and the way forward for making the commission effective and mutually beneficial. The evolving situation in Afghanistan and the need to remain constructive ly engaged was also discussed. The second session of the Joint Security Commission will be held in Uzbekistan next year.

# SA register emphatic win over Bangladesh

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ABU DHABI: South Africa have registered an emphatic six-wicket win over Bangladesh at the Sheikh Zayed International Stadium in Abu Dhabi. Proteas bowled out Bangladesh for just 84 and chased down the total for the loss of six wickets. They are placed at second on Group 1's points table and will play England on Sharjah on November 6 in Sharjah. Bangladesh have now lost four straight matches in the competition.

South African pacers rattled Bangladesh's top-order after skipper Temba Bavuma opted to bowl first. Kagiso Rabada struck thrice inside the powerplay. He bagged wickets of Mohammad Naim (9)and Soumya Sarkar (0) on two consecutive balls while Mushfiqur Rahim (0) departed in the sixth over. Anrich Nortje and Dwaine Pretorius joined the act, dismissing Mahmudullah (3) and Atif Hossain (0) respectively. Bangladesh didn't



recover from early blows and lost wickets
in regular intervals. Only opener Liton
Das (24) and MahediHasan (27) entered

the double-figures. Rabada and Nortje picked three wickets each while Tabraiz Shamsi bagged two. In return, Proteas lost Reza Hendricks in the first over as pacer Taskin Ahmed trapped him in front (4). Wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock fell to spinner MahediHasan as he tried to take advantage of the powerplay. He scored 16

off 15 balls, powered by three fours. Taskin returned to bowl his third over and removed in-form Aiden Markram for a duck. South Africa managed to score 33/3 in the powerplay. Skipper Bavuma paired with Rassie van der Dussen in the middle and the duo steered the majority part of the chase. Van der Dussen walked back courtesy of a brilliant catch by Shoriful Islam. The right-hander made 22 in 27 balls which included two fours.

Meanwhile, David Miller hit a four off MahediHasan and finished the chase in the 14th over. Bavuma remained unbeaten on 31 off 28 balls. Taskin Ahmed impressed with his pace and finished with figures of 2/18 for Bangladesh. Kagiso Rabada was awarded Player of the Match for his brilliant spell of 3/20.

#### Will not attend Indian...

FROM PAGE 01 Uzbekistan on the formation of a multifaceted Joint Security Commission (JSC). "I will not go! I am not going ... a spoiler cannot be a peacemaker," Moeed Yusuf said when asked whether he planed to go to India on the invitation of Ajit Doval to participate in a conference on Afghanistan.

India plans to host a national security advisor-level meeting on Afghanistan in New Delhi in the second week of November. The format of the meeting will be similar to the regional security conference held in Iran in 2019 and will be the first of its kind to be hosted by New Delhi, reports in the Indian media said.

Besides the host India, other proposed invitees are Pakistan, China, Russia, Iran, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Indian NSA Aiit Doval will chair the meeting to be organised by the National Security Council Secretariat. Pakistan has repeatedly spoken of the role of India in Afghanistan as a spoiler and even issued a dossier of working of the Indian intelligence with the Afghan National Directorate of Security in carrying out terrorist activity in Pakistan and providing a safe haven for the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Islamic State, Baloch Liberation Army and several other similar organisations. Dr Moeed also regretted the silence of the international community over India's massive human rights violations and state-sponsored terrorism in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and expansionist plans.

#### Yahoo withdraws from China

CALIFORNIA: Yahoo Inc. has pulled out of China, citing an "increasingly challenging business and legal environment." "In recognition of the increasingly challenging business and legal environment in China, Yahoo's suite of services will no longer be accessible from mainland China as of November 1," the company said in a statement on Tues-



**KARACHI:** Vice Admiral Ovais Ahmed Bilgrami, Commander Pakistan Fleet along with Jahangir Khan opens 15th CNS International Squash Championship 2021. – DNA

## Tottenham appoints Conte as new manager

LONDON:Tottenham have appointed former Chelsea and Inter Milan boss Antonio Conte as their new manager until summer 2023. The Premier League club sacked NunoEspirito Santo on Monday after just 17 games, with Spurs eighth in the table. Tottenham says there is "an option to extend" 52-year-old Conte's deal with them.

"I am extremely happy to return to coaching, and to do so at a Premier League club that has the ambition to be a protagonist again," said Conte. The Italian returns to London after winning the Premier League in his first season at Chelsea (2016-17) and the FA Cup in his second before being sacked in 2018. He then led Inter Milan to their first Serie A title in 11 years before leaving the club in May.

If years before leaving the club in May. Conte had been in charge for two years and Inter said it was a mutual decision to end his contract with one year remaining. The former Juventus and Italy coach was then in talks with Tottenham in the summer about becoming Jose Mourinho's successor. But negotiations were halted before Spurs appointed ex-Wolves boss Nuno at the end of June, with the Portuguese boss, 47, lasting just four months. "I can't wait to start working to convey to the team and the fans the passion, mentality and determination that have always distinguished me, as a player and as a coach," said Conte. "Last summer our union did not happen because the end of my relationship with Inter was still too recent and emotionally too involved with the end of the season, so I felt that it wasn't yet the right time to return to coaching. – **APP** 

#### Qureshi meets with Uzbek...

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The Foreign Minister appreciated signing of the Protocol between the two sides on establishment of Joint Security Commission (JSC) earlier in the day. He said that the newly created Commission will promote cooperation in security and defence areas.

In the regional context, the Foreign Minister stressed the need to remain positively engaged with Afghanistan through continued relief and humanitarian assistance and efforts to build economic sustainability.

The Secretary of the National Security Council of Uzbekistan appreciated Pakistan's role in regional peace and stability including positive contribution to a peaceful and stable Afghanistan, and assured to remain in touch on the issue.

#### PM stresses enhanced Pak, Uzbek..

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security and education sectors. In the regional context, Prime Minister Imran Khan underscored the importance of a peaceful and stable Afghanistan and timely completion of regional infrastructure projects. The prime minister reiterated his invitation to the Uzbek President to visit Pakistan at his earliest convenience.

#### 15TH CNS Int'l squash c'ship starts

KARACHI: 15th Chief of the Naval Staff International Squash Championship commenced at Roshan Khan Jahangir Khan Squash Complex, Karachi. Foreign players from four different countries besides Pakistan are participating in the International event. Commander Pakistan Fleet Vice Admiral Ovais Ahmed Bilgrami graced the occasion as Chief Guest and declared

the championship Open. During Chief of the Naval Staff International Squash Championship, 24 players will prove mettle of their skills, which include 15 international players from Egypt, Hong Kong, Kuwait, USA and 9 players from Pakistan. Earlier, Tournament Director, Commodore Kamran Ahmed in his opening remarks apprised the audience that Pakistan Navy is conducting Chief of the Naval Staff Open Squash Championship for last two decades. - APP

Serena holds reception in honor of mountaineer Sirbaz

ISLAMABAD: Serena Hotels hosted a high-profile reception to honor Pakistani Mountaineer Sirbaz Khan, who has become the first Pakistani in history to summit 9 of the world's highest 14 peaks measuring over 8000 m. The mountaineering supernova has on a prolific climbing streak this year, having summited four peaks namely Mt. Daulagiri (8196 m), Mt. Everest (8,848 m), Gasherbrum II (8,035 m) and Mt. Annapurna (8,091 m) in quick succession. He has also summited Mt Lhotse, Manaslu, Nanga Parbat, K-2 and Broad Peak in the past. Sirbaz is on a Mission14, a quest to become the first Pakistani mountaineer to summit all 14 highest peaks of the world. The reception included Government and corporate heads, diplomats and media officials. "Making an international name in mountaineering will help uplift and bring development to the remote parts of the Northern Areas. I dedicate my success to the support of the whole team including the high and low altitude porters, cooks, helpers and everyone from mountaineering community," said Sirbaz, as he thanked Serena Hotels for its support.

Serena Hotels has been supporting Sirbaz's expeditions under its Adventure Diplomacy initiative, that aims to foster adventure sports in the country and provide a supportive environment for the nation's talented sportspeople to flourish.

"Pakistan has tremendous talent, and Serena Hotels believes in giving this talented people a platform for recognition and support so they may unlock the potential," said Mr. Aziz Boolani in his remarks on the occasion. Mr. Boolani drew attention to the fact that the Northern Areas of Pakistan are blessed with some of the highest mountains of the world as well as beautiful Alpine terrain, that draws hundreds of mountaineers around the world, yet it is lamentable that Pakistan doesn't have any training institute for mountain careers. "Professional Sherpas and Mountain guides have to be flown in from neighbouring Nepal which triples the cost for the mountaineers while bringing no benefit to our locals," he said. He said Pakistan needs to set up a mountain careers training institutes that are affiliated with international bodies. "Serena Hotels would like to explore the possibility of creating an Adventure Diplomacy Group, with Sirbaz at the forefront, to help Pakistan train internationally certified Mountaineering Guides with the support of stakeholders," he said. – DNA

# IAEA chief lauds Pak for pursuing clean energy goals

Malik Amin Aslam is in Glasgow and is leading Pak delegation at the UN climate summit amid intense diplomatic negotiations over the next two weeks by almost 200 countries reaching a consensus over approaches to slow intensifying global warming and adapting to the climate damage already underway

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ISLAMABAD: Director General of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael Mariano Grossi called on Prime Minister's Special Assistant on Climate Change, Malik Amin Aslam in Glasgow city. The both sides discussed various areas of cooperation for promotion of nuclear energy as clean energy in Pakistan, according to press release issued here on Tuesday by the climate change ministry. The meeting was held at the Pakistan Pavilion on the sidelines of the two-week UN

climate summit that began on Sunday. Malik Amin Aslam is in Glasgow and is leading Pakistan's delegation at the crucial U.N. climate summit amid intense diplomatic negotiations over the next two weeks by almost 200 countries reaching a consensus over approaches to slow intensifying global warming and adapting to the climate damage already underway. During the meeting the PM's aide underscored that nuclear power, as a zero-carbon source of energy, had an indispensable role to play in support of global efforts to combat and mitigate the effects of climate change. He also briefed the IAEA's director general on Pakistan's ambition to attain the goal 60 percent of the clean green energy share in the country's mix by 2030. Malik Amin added that Pakistan's efforts to mitigate Green House Gases (GHGs) emissions included the use of nuclear energy for power generation. Malik Amin also informed the IAEA director general that the country's revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), a carbon reduction framework, under the Paris climate pact 2015 envisaged avoidance of around 50 million tons of CO2 equivalent on annual basis by 2030, mostly by replacing coal-fired power plants with renewable,



clean energy projects.

The SAPM also welcomed IAEA's engagement in the global discourse and efforts to combat the climate crisis in line with its primary mandate to promote peaceful uses of nuclear technology worldwide. The Director General IAEA praised the Prime Minister Imran Khan's Eco-System Restoration Initiative, which included a programme to plant 10 billion trees across the country. He acknowledged Pakistan's accomplishments in the peaceful uses of nuclear technologies for coping with the adverse impacts of the global warming-caused climate breakdown. During the meeting, the IAEA official lauded Pakistan's successful development of a high-yield climate resilient cotton plant by dint of the use of nuclear techniques. Recalling IAEA's long-standing relationship with Pakistan, Grossi also stated that he was looking forward to visit Pakistan in the near future. "Pakistan is among countries which are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and at the same time an energy deficient country. Our efforts to expand the share of nuclear power in the national energy mix will help the country address this twin challenge," the IAEA director-general remarked. He acknowledged that the operational nuclear power plants in Pakistan were, in fact, contributing to global efforts for the reduction of GHG emissions.

day. Visitors to Yahoo's website in China are now redirected to a brief statement announcing the closure. The company said it "re-

The company said it "remains committed to the rights of our users and a free and open internet."

Foreign tech companies have long walked a tightrope in China, forced to comply with strict local laws and government censorship of content. Chinese authorities maintain a firm grip on internet censorship in the country and require companies to censor content and keywords deemed politically sensitive or inappropriate. The company's withdrawal coincided with the implementation of China's Personal Information Protection Law, which limits what information companies can gather and sets standards

for how it must be stored. Chinese laws also stipulate that companies operating in the country must hand over data if requested by authorities, making it difficult for Western firms to operate in China as they may also face pressure back home over giving in to China's demands. Yahoo was lambasted by lawmakers in the US in 2007 after it handed over data on two Chinese dissidents to Beijing, eventually leading to their imprisonment. - Agencies

#### Netflix launches mobile games

SAN FRANCISCO: Netflix on Tuesday released a set of mobile games playable for free by subscribers of the global streaming service as it strives to be the go-to venue for entertainment.

Two of the games are based on the hit Netflix horror series "Stranger Things" and the remaining three are basic card or skill games, according to the Silicon Valley based company.

"We're excited to take our first step in launching Netflix games on mobile to the world," the company said in a release. "We want to begin to build a library of games that offers something for everyone." The games that went global on Tuesday had already been available in Italy, Poland, and Spain. All of the titles are tailored for play on Android-powered smartphones or tablets and are accessible through Netflix accounts. - APP

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# **BUSINESS / WORLD**



# Kazakhstan claims deal with

#### ALMATY: Kazakhstan said it had reached a deal with Facebook that would give it access to an internal system for reporting content, weeks after its parliament debated a law to block some social media.

Facebook

In what it said was a joint statement with Facebook, Kazakhstan's information ministry said late on Monday that the social media giant had given it "direct" access to a channel for reporting "harmful content" to the company, "with a focus on child protection".

"Kazakhstan is the first country in Central Asia to have access to the system.' the ministry said, claiming it would "increase the efficiency and overall effectiveness of the work carried out to counter the spread of illegal content" on Facebook and Instagram.

Authorities in Kazakhstan have been accused of using children's safety as a pretext to restrict criticism on social media in the ex-Soviet state. Facebook's parent company Meta disputed that a joint statement was issued and said Kazakhstan was granted the same access to its "Content Reporting System" as other countries.

"We have a dedicated online channel for governments around the world to report content to us that they believe violates local law," Ben McConaghy, a spokesman for Meta, told AFP in an email. – APP

#### Occupation of Crimea has created 'eco-bomb'

#### **News Desk**

KYIV: Russia's occupation of Crimea and part of Donbas has created "ecobombs" in the center of Europe, Ukraine's president said Monday. Volodymyr Zelensky was

speaking at the 26th edition of the United Nations Climate Change Conference, or

# **Briefs** Sheikh Jarrah residents reject SC's compromise on evictions

Palestinians who lost homes, properties and lands in the same conflict do not have the right to recover them. Israel captured East Jerusalem along with the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in the 1967 war

#### DNA

JERUSALEM: OCCUPIED Palestinian families in a tense Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of East Jerusalem have rejected an offer that would have delayed their eviction by Jewish settlers. The families' plight helped ignite protests and clashes earlier this year that eventually led to the 11-day Gaza war. In a statement on Tuesday, the four families said their decision springs from "our belief in the justice of our cause and our right to our homes and our homeland."

The proposal floated by Israel's Supreme Court earlier this month would have made them "protected tenants" blocking any eviction and demolition order for at least the next 15 years, according to Ir Amim, an Israeli rights group that closely follows developments in the city. But it would have forced them to acknowledge the settlers' ownership of the properties, which could weaken the families' case going forward.

The four families are among dozens in East Jerusalem who are threatened with forced eviction by Jewish settler organizations in several cases that are at various legal stages. The settlers are making use of an Israeli law that allows them to claim properties that were owned by Jews prior to the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation.



Palestinians who lost homes, properties and lands in the same conflict do not have the right to recover them. Israel captured East Jerusalem along with the West Bank and

the Gaza Strip in the 1967 war. The Palestinians want all three territories to form their future state and consider East Jerusalem their capital. Israel annexed East Jerusalem

shortly after the 1967 war and considers the entire city to be its capital, a claim not recognized by most of the international community.

"The people of Sheikh Jarrah re-

jected the settlement proposal," the family member and social media activist Mohammed al-Kurd tweeted, referring to the East Jerusalem neighborhood

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On October 25, Sudan's

top General Abdel Fattah

al-Burhan dissolved the

cabinet as well as the rul-

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Sovereign Council, which

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#### AGENCIES

KHARTOUM: Sudan's deposed Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok said on Monday the reinstatement of his government, dissolved in a military coup, could pave the way to a had been heading Sudan's solution in the country, the information ministry said, as international mediation progressed to end the po-

#### Gunmen abduct six in Nigerian capital

ABUJA: Gunmen abducted six people early Tuesday from a university near the international airport serving Nigeria's capital Abuja, police said.

The dawn attack at the staff quarters of University of Abuja in Giri raised fears of safety around the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, some 20 kilometres (12 miles) away.

'Six persons were allegedly abducted into the forest by the criminals on sighting the security operatives,' police spokeswoman Josephine Adeh said in a statement, adding that the gunmen have not been identified.

Armed men known locally as bandits have increasingly targeted schools and universities in recent months in Africa's most populous nation of some 210 million inhabitants. The university said on its Facebook page that four staff and their children were abducted.

A senior lecturer who requested anonymity said the bandits "came at about 2 am (0100 GMT) in large numbers, operated for about two hours before the police arrived."

He told AFP that staff had expressed worries about a lack of adequate security around the university, saying it was a "porous environment... surrounded by mountains." – APP

NASA announces SpaceX launch delay

WASHINGTON: NASA has announced a rare, health-related delay in its SpaceX rocket launch of four astronauts to the International Space Station, the second postponement of the mission in a week, citing an unspecified medical issue with

one of the crew. NASA said on Monday the issue was "not a medical emergency and not related to COVID-19," but the space agency declined to elaborate on the nature of the problem or say which astronaut was involved.



COP26, in Glasgow, Scotland. Noting that Ukraine was one of the first countries in Europe to sign the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change, he said his country's goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 65% by 2030. Zelensky stressed that to overcome global warming, a "global warming" is required in international relations, where confidence decreases a little more every year, noting that agreements become meaningless for some if they consist of only words.

Recalling that the country received unfulfilled security guarantees in 1994, Zelensky said "two ecological bombs fell on the center of Europe Donbas and occupied Crimea."Zelensky noted that Crimea, with its unique flora, has turned into a Russian naval base and some areas of conflict-ridden Donbas have become strewn with mines, which pose a threat to the whole world.

#### Ex-US envoy meets Myanmar junta chief

YANGON: Former United States diplomat and hostage negotiator Bill Richardson met Myanmar's junta chief on Tuesday, the military said. as the country passed nine months under a regime that has detained a US journalist. Myanmar has been in turmoil since the February coup ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kvi. Security forces have launched a bloody crackdown on dissent that has killed more than 1,200 people, according to a local monitoring group. Junta chief Min Aung Hlaing received former UN ambassador Richardson in the capital Naypyidaw, where they "exchanged views and discussed... COVID-19 vaccine assistance from the US to Myanmar", a military-run news website said.

Richardson is in Myanmar on a "private humanitarian mission", his organisation the Richardson Center said in a statement announcing his departure.

The military website made no mention of American journalist Danny Fenster, who was detained in May and has since been charged with encouraging dissent against the military and unlawful association. – APP

ISLAMABAD: Saudi ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf Bin Said Al-Maliki calls on Federal Minister for Aviation, Ghulam Sarwar Khan. - DNA

## Ukraine denies **Russian** military build-up on border

KIEV: Ukraine has denied Monday that "no additional reports of a Russian milideployment" of Russian tary build-up near its eastforces had been observed ern border that raised fears near the border. It said the published videof a new escalation in fighting with pro-Moscow sepos could be an "element of aratists. Social media vidspecial informational and psychological actions" and eos in recent days showed Russian military trains and showed a planned movetruck convoys moving tanks ment of troops after a Rus-

Ukrainian border.

they were concerned.

and missiles in the counsian military exercise. try's southwest near the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Tuesday Pentagon spokesman John he had discussed the con-Kirby told reporters Monflict with US President Joe day that Washington was Biden on the sidelines of monitoring the situation the COP26 climate conferand The Washington Post ence in Glasgow. quoted US officials saying

"The US continues to support territorial integrity and But Ukraine's defence minreforms in Ukraine," Zelensky wrote on Twitter. – APP istry said in a statement late

## Azerbaijan to normalize ties with Armenia based on int'l law field maps for the rapid develterritorial integrity within its

DNA

BAKU: Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov has said that Azerbaijan can normalize relations with Armenia on the basis of respect for the principles of international law, in particular sovereignty, territorial integrity, and inviolability of borders.

He made the remarks at a meeting with the delegation led by Estonian-Azerbaijani InterParliamentary Group Chairman Sven Sester on November 1.

Sester underlined Estonia's unequivocal position on respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan. He emphasized the importance to provide mine-

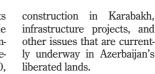
opment of the liberated lands. The chairman added that they will visit the liberated territories to familiarize themselves with the situation and the reconstruction carried out by Azerbaijan.

Bayramov thanked Estonia for supporting Azerbaijan's



international borders. He briefed on the problems stemming from the trilateral statements of November 10, 2020, and January 11, 2021, as well as the threat of landmines in

the region. The parties discussed the demining activities, the re-



Bayramov noted the high-level cooperation between the countries.

He stressed that next year will mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The minister underlined the importance of expanding trade and economic cooperation between Azer-

baijan and Estonia. In turn, Sester noted the importance of expanding bilateral relations within international organizations, as well as the development of bilateral relations between the two countries

The launch, originally set for Sunday but then postponed until this Wednesday because of unsuitable weather conditions, has now been rescheduled for Saturday night, NASA said.

The last time NASA delayed a scheduled launch over a medical issue involving the crew was for a Space Shuttle Atlantis flight in 1990 when mission commander John Creighton fell ill. The countdown was halted for three days until he was cleared to fly, according to NASA.

That delay was followed by two additional weather-related postponements.

The SpaceX-built vehicle set to fly this weekend, consisting of a Crew Dragon capsule perched atop a two-stage Falcon 9 rocket, is now set for liftoff at 11:36pm on Saturday (03:36 GMT on Sunday) from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. – APP

#### Iconic Syrian singer Sabah Fakhri dies in Damascus

DAMASCUS: Syrian singer Sabah Fakhri, considered one of the most famous in the Arab world, died in Damascus on Tuesday at the age of 88, his son told AFP. "He died a natural death in Damascus. His heart stopped beating," said Anas Fakhri, lamenting his father's passing as a "huge loss for Syrian art."

Born in the northern province of Aleppo and hailed as one of Syria's greats, Fakhri was known for his masterful delivery of traditional Svrian songs that combined Ara-

bic poetry with music. The short stout man modified and popularised the Qudud Halabiya - a traditional form of Aleppine music that combines lyrics based on the poetry of Al-Andalus with old religious melodies collected mostly by musicians from the northern Syrian city.

"He was a living legend and legends do not die," his son said. "He will continue to be the legend of Syria and Aleppo." A symbol of the golden age of Arabic song, Fakhri was able to keep his audience in suspense for hours by tirelessly repeating the verses of classical or contemporary Arabic poems. - APP

## **Enhancing Pak-China ties through cuisine** The event was arranged to showcase the culture of Pakistan through its

delicious cuisine, colorful handicrafts, folk music, and warm hospitality, and music from Pakistani artists played in the background

#### DNA

BEIJING: A Food and Cultural Festival was held here at the Pakistan House to strengthen cultural ties between Pakistan and China through Pakistani cuisine.

According to report published by China Economic Net, Pakistani cuisine is considered as one of the tastiest cuisines in the world based on a long historic tradition and cooking excellence. Therefore, to strengthen cultural ties between Pakistan and China through Pakistani cuisine,

Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque told China Economic Net that this is a very special day as everyone is celebrating the beautiful color of autumn in Beijing and "we are celebrating the art of Pakistan and the friendship of China and Pakistan"

"Pakistani Seekh kababs and Bar B Q are famous not only in Pakistan but also in China. Pakistani Biryani is the most-liked food by Chinese friends here. We also have very famous Lassi (vogurt) and here you can see a long queue of Chinese and foreign friends at Golgappa stall."

Asif Jalil, the owner of Little Lahore - a very

famous Pakistani cuisine in Beijing - said that traditional desi dishes including Chicken Biryani, Samosas, and Golgappa. All these Pakistani food are very famous in China now and the Chinese people are developing Pakistani food taste. "One could discover the flavors of Pakistan with Pakistan's food and culture promotion here," he mentioned.

The event was arranged to showcase the culture of Pakistan through its delicious cuisine, colorful handicrafts, folk music, and warm hospitality, and music from Pakistani artists played in the background. In addition, books were presented to highlight the notable achievements of Pakistanis through history ran during the event.

Shahid Afraz Khan, a Pakistani citizen based in Beijing told China Economic Net that Pakistani food is unique in its taste and it's one of the representations of Pakistani culture; that's



why Chinese people are taking so much interest in Pakistani cuisine

"Participants of today's food festival took lots of interest in Biryani, chicken Haleem, Naan along with various other Pakistani tasty foods. The Pakistani embassy took a great initiative to introduce a delicious and full variety of Pakistani food to Chinese and other foreign guests. It seems that in the future, the culture of Pakistani food will become more popular across China", he added.

Zhang Shixuan known to Pakistanis as Intakhab Alam, a famous Urdu Chinese poet told China Economic Net that he visited Pakistan for many times and tasted Pakistani food which is his favorite. He said, "where there is Pakistani food, I will be there." He appreciated Pakistani chefs for making famous Pakistani recipes for this food festival.

The event coincided with the 70 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Pakistan. It was aimed at promoting people-to-people contacts and cultural understanding between both countries.

The event was attended by a large gathering of Chinese guests from different walks of life, diplomats, members of the Pakistani community, and media representatives.

litical crisis. In a move widely con-Hamdok spoke during a meeting at his home, where he is under effective house arrest, with the

ambassadors of the United States, Britain and Nor-

demned Burhan declared a state of emergency and detained Sudan's civilian leadership, including Hamdok and members of his government.







# **Briefs Leaked SMS** sharpens Aus-France subs row

# US, EU announce global pledge to slash methane

#### DNA

PARIS: France on Tuesday accused Australia of using "very inelegant methods" after a text message sent by President Emmanuel Macron to Australian leader Scott Morrison was leaked in an apparent bid to imply that he knew about the collapse of a major submarine deal earlier than he maintains.

Media in Australia and Europe reported on the SMS which the French leader sent to Morrison two days before Australia announced that it had torn up a decade-old multi-billion-dollar contract with France to build a new fleet of submarines

France, which reacted furiously to the cancellation, has always said it had been blindsided by the announcement, and Macron added to the furore at the weekend by accusing of Morrison of lying to him.

But the revelation of the text message Tuesday can be seen as suggesting Macron was less surprised by the cancellation than he has admitted. "Should I expect good or bad news for our joint submarine ambitions?", reads the SMS sent to Morrison 48 hours before the official contract cancellation announcement which was made at a news conference.

#### CIA head meets Russian security chief

MOSCOW: US Central Intelligence Agency director William Burns met the head of Russia's powerful Security Council for talks in Moscow on Tuesday, the council's press service said. Burns and Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev

AGENCIES discussed "Russian-Amer-

More than 80 countries have signed up to the initiative, first proposed by the US and the EU in September

#### **News Desk**

GLASGOW: The US and the EU have announced a global partnership to cut emissions of the greenhouse gas methane by 2030. EU Commission chief Ursula von der Leven and US President Joe Biden made the announcement at the COP26 summit on Tuesday. The Global Methane Pledge aims to limit methane emissions by 30% compared with 2020 levels.

It is one of the most potent greenhouse gases and responsible for a third of current warming from human activities. More than 80 countries have signed up

to the initiative, first proposed by the US and the EU in September.

The main focus of efforts to curb global warming is carbon dioxide (CO2), which

is emitted as a result of human activities such as generating power and clearing forests. But there has been a growing focus on methane as a way of buying extra time to tackle climate change. Although there's more CO2 in the atmosphere and it sticks around for longer, individual methane molecules have a more powerful warming effect on the atmosphere than single CO2 molecules.

And while one of the key goals of COP26 is to get countries to commit to achieving net zero by 2050 - meaning not adding to the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere - both leaders stressed that they needed to act now

"We cannot wait for 2050," EU Commission chief Ursula von der Leven told the summit. "We have to cut emissions fast." She said cutting methane was "one of the most effective things we can do to reduce near-term global warming", calling it "the lowest hanging fruit"

US President Joe Biden echoed her words, calling methane "one of the most potent greenhouse gases there is".

The pledge covers countries which emit nearly half of all methane, and make up 70% of global GDP, the US president said. The speed with which the world has moved to tackle methane emissions gives real hope that the world is finally waking up to the massive threat posed by warming gases. Just last August the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reported that methane was responsible for a significant proportion of the 1C of warming the world has already experienced.

In September, the EU and the US brought

the global pledge into being, and have persuaded some significant emitters to join the club.

The thrust is to cut emissions by 30% by 2030. The main focus in the short-term will be the fossil fuel industry. Most of the curbs can be achieved at little or no cost. The potential benefits are huge - scientists believe it could help the world avoid 0.3C of warming by 2040.

At a time where every fraction of a degree matters, that is a major saving that could help keep the 1.5C threshold in play.

But there are some significant clouds on the horizon. Major emitters like Russia, China and India are not part of the pledge. All the commitments are voluntary - there is no big stick. Despite this, most observers see the pledge as a good step for the world and a boost for the conference.

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None of the public hospitals

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The court directed both the

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tended by a delegation from

the US Mission to Pakistan

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and Mark Tervakoski, the

Director of the U.S. Embas-

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the Chief Minister, Sindh,

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for the establishment of a

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which will help to sustain

the PMIS across prisons in

Sindh. He also appreciated

the support from the U.S.

Government and UNODC

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ly trained staff for prisons.

DNA ISLAMABAD: The Modiled fascist Indian govern-ment has ordered the deployment of an additional 5,000 troops of the Indian paramilitary forces to strangulate voice for free-

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dom in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. According to Kashmir Media Service, Indian media reported that the decision to deploy an additional 50 companies in the occupied territory was taken in the wake of volatile situation

in the Kashmir Valley. An Indian Home Ministry official while confirming the deployment said, "The security situation in the wake of the latest civilian killings in Kashmir is very challenging. An additional 50 companies of the paramilitary forces are being deployed to help J&K police maintain

law and order." Of the 50 companies, 30 are being deployed in Srinagar alone, the official added. It is worth mentioning here that Indian military establishment has already set up hundreds of camps and concrete bunkers in all streets and lanes of Srinagar city and other towns and villages of the valley to harass and terrorize people to weaken Kashmiris economically and force them into vacating their hometowns.

#### Opposition not taking interest in prosperity

ISLAMABAD: Minister of

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State for Informaand Broadcasting Far-rukh Habib on Tuesday

said that the Opposition was not taking any interest for the development and pros perity of the country but they were working for their vested interests.



ISLAMABAD: Secretary of the Security Council of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Lt General Victor Makhmudov called on Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi at Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Furqat Sidikov is also present. – DNA

Turkey arrests 43 in major FETO **PIA airlifts** 15mn doses of Sinovac vaccines terror probe

STAFF REPORT

ican relations", it said in a terse statement.

Burns' visit to Moscow was not previously announced and the Security Council released no further details. There was no immediate comment from the US embassy in Moscow or officials in Washington.

The meeting comes with Russia's ties with the West at their lowest levels in vears, strained by a wide

range of disagreements. Western nations have imposed a series of sanctions on Russia over its 2014 annexation of Crimea, alleged election interference, cyberattacks and the poisoning of Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny. – APP

#### India a dangerous country for minorities

Chaudhry Moham mad Sarwar on Tuesday termed the series of seventeen

Indian state of Tripura as a gross violation of religious freedom and said that India had become a dangerous country in the world for mi-

United Nations and other international Human Rights organizations was condemnable. Pakistan will continue to raise its voice against the oppression of Indian Muslims, he added.

Governor Punjab The shared a video of the attacks on mosques in a tweet, and said that there had been a surge in attacks by the RSS terrorists on mosques and Muslims in India. He said the terrorism against Indian Muslims was state-sponsored, adding that Muslims were no longer safe in India. The oppression on Indian Muslims was utterly condemnable, he said.

Chaudhry Mohammad Sar war said that Muslims as well as other minorities were not safe in India. He said that minorities were being killed with impunity, their places of worship were attacked and they do not have the freedom to practice their religion. – DNA

ANKARA: At least 43 people have been arrested after prosecutors in Turkey issued warrants for 100 people suspected of having links to the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), judicial authorities said on Tuesday.

The suspects are believed to be senior FETO operatives who were part of the terror group's efforts to infiltrate Turkey's Gendarmerie General Command, according to a statement by the Ankara public prosecutor's office. The individuals were identified through joint operations by the Turkish police and National Intelligence Organization (MIT).

Raids in 40 different provinces and the capital Ankara have led to the arrests of 43

In a separate operation not connected to the major FETO probe, Turkish forces arrested four suspects in the northwestern Edirne province. The FETO suspects, who include a former prosecutor, were caught near the town of Karpuzlu in Ipsala district while trying to flee to

ment added.

Greece, according to security sources. FETO and its US-based leader Fetullah Gulen orchestrated the defeated coup of July 2016 in Turkey, in which 251 people were killed and 2,734 injured.

suspects so far, the state-

The Turkish government accuses FETO of being behind a long-running campaign to overthrow the state through the infiltration of Turkish institutions, particularly the

military, police and judiciary. At least 13 injured in blast in **Balochistan's Kharan** 

QUETTA: At least 13 people Minister Mir Abdul Qudoos were injured, including four Bizenjo condemned the atcritically, in a blast in Batack and expressed grief for lochistan's Kharan district on those injured. In a statement, he said that Tuesday, Station House Officer (SHO) Mohammad Qaanti-state elements wanted to disturb the province's peace. sim said. The four critically "Our courage will not be injured patients were shifted to Quetta while nine others dampened by the cowardly were taken to the District activities of terrorists. The Headquarters Hospital, he people of the province are said.Qasim said the explosion standing with security forces occurred shortly after a vehito end the chaos caused by

cle of security forces passed terrorism." he added. through the area. The bomb He instructed that the best was fitted in a motorbike, treatment be provided to the he added. Balochistan Chief injured. – APP

BEIJING: As many as five special flights of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) have transported 15 million doses of Sinovac vaccines from China to Pakistan dur-

ing the last five days. The special flights - PAK-6857, PAK-6858, PK-6856, PK-6852 and PK-6853 took off from Capital International Airport, Beijing to Islamabad between October 29 to November 2 with around 15 million doses of Sinovac vaccine to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, PIA Country Manager, Qadir Bux Sangi told APP here on Tuesday. He informed that the nation al flag carrier had so far airlifted over 100 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines.

In a tweet, Pakistan Ambassador to China said that China had played a vital role in Pakistan's vaccination campaign against the novel coronavirus and had so far provided the latter with 110 million doses of vaccines, making the backbone of Pakistan's inoculation drive.

Pakistan was the first country in the world, which received a coronavirus vaccine from China as a donation. The first donation of Sinopharm vaccine was delivered to Pakistan in February 2021. Following the first batch, Pakistan has received millions of coronavirus vaccines from China. Pakistan has so far received 130 million doses of corona vaccine. Of these doses, 100 million were purchased while five million were donated by China. Pakistan has received 25 million doses of the vaccine from Covax.

DNA HYDERABAD: The United

Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United States Mission to Pakistan jointly handed over the formal control and implementation of the Prison Management Information System (PMIS) to the Prison Department, Government of Sindh, through a special ceremony hosted in Hyderabad on 2nd November 2021. The PMIS has been intui-

tively designed to replace the redundant manual file system with a Central Data Centre to drive functionality and interoperability across all prisons in Sindh. In addition, the ceremony was accompanied by the inauguration of the Prisons Staff Training Academy in Hyderabad, which is con-



Khalistan movement: Sikhs raise voice

The religious persecution of Sikhs still continues under the rule of premier Narendra Modi, where the community faces violation of human rights

ISLAMABAD: From the Golden Temple massacre in 1984 to the present situation of minority rights, the memory of Sikhs in India is etched with a series of The Operation Bluestar to target

Sikhs at their holiest temple in Amritsar is a gory tale - written by the then India prime minister After 37 years, the religious perse-

cution of Sikhs still continues under the rule of premier Narendra Modi, where the community faces violation of human rights. The Sikh voice against the Indian atrocities and discrimination is getting stronger with each passing

day to save their coming generations from ethnic cleansing. Thousands of Sikhs, who gathered at London's Queen Elizabeth Hall to vote for the Khalistan Referendum on October 31, have vowed to expand the movement for free-

dom. Dupinderjit Singh, leader of the Sikhs for Justice Movement said the referendum was a strong call for freedom and marked the genocide of Sikhs under the rule of India. He mentioned that in line with

the directions of the Referendum Commission, the Sikh community would continue the activity in the rest of the world

He said during the elections in the Indian Punjab, the Commission would hold a parallel referendum and would present the demand for freedom with the United Nations and other countries.

Manmeet Kaur, a Sikh journalist told APP that persistent acts of target-killings and desecration of holy sites in India was the main reason behind the Khalistan movement.

She said the Sikh community in Pakistan was enjoying complete religious freedom compared with their counterparts in India, where the incidents of attack on Gurdwaras (Sikh temples) was a norm. – APP

### Hindutva troll issues rape threat to Kohli's daughter

NEW DELHI: Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli faced hateful trolling after he recently denounced the abuses hurled against his Muslim teammate Mohammed Shami following India's defeat to Pakistan. Calling the haters 'spineless' people, Kohli said that attacking someone over their religion is 'the most pathetic thing that a human being can do'. Ever since he made the statement denouncing communal abuses, Kohli has been at the receiving end of hateful trolling on Twitter by Hindutva trolls on social media. Some are even issuing rape threats to his 10-month-old daughter, Vamika.

On the other hand, some Hindutva groups claimed that the account that has openly threatened Kohli's daughter is of a Pakistani. However, fact-checker and Co-founder of Alt News, Mohammed Zubair confirmed that the Twitter user who goes by username '@Criccrazygirl' is a Hindutva troll from Hyderabad city of India. - DNA

The government was ready to discuss every issue with opposition including ordinance of National Accountability Bureau (NAB), and reforms of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), he added.

Talking to a private news channel, the minister said that head of the state should be impartial from all political affairs.

He said that according to the new ordinance of the NAB, the President freely use the discretionary powers to terminate the Chairman NAB at anytime.

To a question, the minister said that all the corrupt elements had problems with NAB ordinance to run away from the accountability and safe their illegal assets.

The government was focusing to use Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), he said adding giving right of vote to Overseas Pakistanis was top priority of the incumbent regime. - APP

#### Talks with Taliban govt necessary: Tahir Ashrafi

PESHAWAR: Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Religious Harmony and Middle East and Chairman Pakistan Ulma Council, Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi here Tuesday said that keeping in view changing of global perspective, talks with Taliban government is necessary to establish peace in the region. He said this while addressing conference held here in memory of Maulana Samiul-Haq, former Ameer Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam and head of Defense of Pakistan. Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi said that

stability in the region is essential for establishment of the peace and progress of both countries.

He said nefarious designs of anti state elements trying to create chaos by promoting sectarianism in Pakistan would never be fulfilled.

Ashrafi paid glowing tribute to the services rendered by Maulana Sami-ul-Haq and said that he proud of 35 years of association with Maulana Sami-ul-Haq. – DNA



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