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Ch. Fawad regrets Opp. decision

SAIFULLAH

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Chaudhry Fawad Hussain said on Friday that the opposition's decision to boycott the parliament's National Security Committee meeting was regrettable. In a tweet, Fawad said that for the first time in seven decades, a government was presenting its security policy to the parliament. The minister said that this was not a political issue but a matter of national security. He appealed to the opposition to reconsider its decision and attend the meeting in a serious manner. A day earlier, the joint opposition decided on Thursday to boycott the in-camera briefing on the national security issues slated to be held on December 6. Irked by the ruling party's way of bulldozing bills during the joint session of parliament.

Economy on right path: Tarin

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ISLAMABAD: Adviser to Prime Minister on Revenue and Finance, Shaikat Tarin Friday said, the country was facing escalation in import bill and inflationary pressure due to surge in prices of imported commodities. "The inflation and import bill are connected and have same cause and that is international commodity prices," the adviser said while addressing a press conference. The adviser said the country was witnessing inflationary pressure due to rise in international prices of commodities which it was importing, citing that the prices of fuel, LNG, coal, steel and edible oil rose in international market and have impact on inflation in Pakistan. Comparing the imports of October 2021 and November 2021, the adviser said that the import bill went up from \$6.3 billion in October to \$7.5 billion in November, showing around \$1.2 billion difference.

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Blasphemy Allegations Mob lynches Lankan man; burns corpse

The incident took place on Wazirabad Road in Sialkot, where the workers attacked export manager of a factory

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SIALKOT: A mob in Sialkot tortured a Sri Lankan man, who was working as a manager at a local factory, to death over blasphemous allegations before burning his body on Friday, police said. Sialkot District Police Officer Umar Saeed Malik identified the man as Priyantha Kumara. The Punjab IG said that police first received information of the incident at 11:26am and officials reached the scene at 11:46am. "We are probing the facts and also looking at the police response, whether there was any sort of delay," he said, adding that the incident was "sensitive and unfortunate". Meanwhile, the Sri Lankan foreign ministry said that it expected Pakistani authorities to "take the required action to investigate and ensure justice". The incident took place on Wazirabad Road in Sialkot, where the workers of private factories attacked the export manager of a factory -

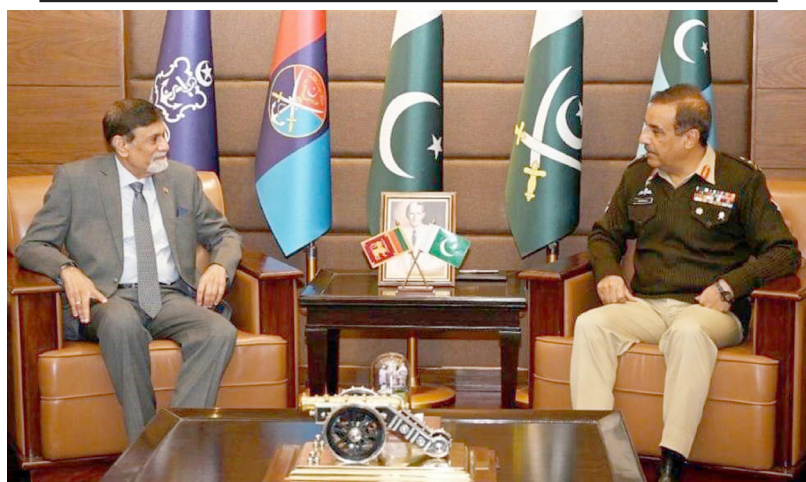
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Sialkot incident's perpetrators defame Islam

ABID RAZA

LAHORE: Special Representative of Prime Minister on Interfaith Harmony and Middle East, Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi said that he, on behalf of all schools of thought and Muthahida Ulema Council, strongly condemned the barbaric incident of Sialkot in which a Sri Lankan was tortured to death by factory workers. The perpetrators of this heinous crime did not make any service in the name of Islam but defamed Islam as well as damaged the laws pertaining to blasphemy and desecration of religions and they also brought bad name for

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RAWALPINDI: High Commissioner of Sri Lanka Vice Admiral Mohan Wijewickrama pays a courtesy call to General Nadeem Raza, NI (M), Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee at Joint Staff Headquarters. - DNA

"Day of shame": PM, COAS condemn incident COAS directs all out support to civil administration to arrest perpetrators

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan Friday said that the "horrific vigilante attack" on a factory in Sialkot and the burning alive of Sri Lankan manager was a "day of shame for Pakistan." On Twitter, the prime minister said that he was overseeing the investigations and all those responsible would be dealt with the severity of the law. "I am overseeing the investigations & let there be no mistake all those responsible

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Shahbaz, Maryam condemn 'horrific' Sialkot incident

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LAHORE: Opposition Leader in National Assembly Shahbaz Sharif has condemned the Sialkot incident. "Utterly horrific & shocking incident in Sialkot today. Such actions must be condemned &

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ISLAMABAD: Chief guest Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Shah Farman, Ambassador of Romania Nicolae Goia and others cutting cake to celebrate the National Day of Romania. - DNA

'Pak Serbia embassy staff not paid salaries'

Due to nonpayment of salaries for last three months it has become almost impossible for the staff and their families to even survive; account hacked so message fake, says MOFA

CENTRELINE REPORT

BELGRADE: The Pakistan embassy staff in Belgrade, Serbia has complained to have not been paid for last three months. Due to nonpayment of salaries for last three months it has become almost impossible for the staff and their families to even survive. This message from the staff was posted on the official Twitter account of the embassy. The staff members claimed in the message that they were under huge pressure from the schools in which their children were studying. Due to nonpayment of salaries they were unable to pay schools fees. "Is this the new Pakistan we had wished for and for how long we would continue to suffer", the message further said. Meanwhile, the Spokes person of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Friday that the social media pages of the Pakistan Embassy in Serbia have been hacked therefore message posted on these networks do not belong to Pakistan embas-



The clarification posted by MOFA on Pak Serbian embassy Twitter account

It is interesting to note that the clarification about the hacking of the Twitter account was published by the Pakistan Embassy in Serbia soon after the staff messages were published. Therefore, if the account was hacked then how the Embassy could post the clarification on a hacked account, people were seen asking this question from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. According to some sources, Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka has also raised similar complaints through a letter No MISC/1-4/2021, Dated November 3, 2021, in which the Head of Chancery had drawn attention of the MOFA that due to non availability of funds, staff was unable to pay school fees of children. Similar complaints were lodged by the staff of few other Pakistani missions as well and after the timely intervention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the issue was resolved amicably. There are also certain instances where the Pakistani diplomats were blamed for not paying salaries to their servants, especially the maids.

Belarus envoy calls on COAS



STAFF REPORT

RAWALPINDI: Ambassador of Belarus Andrei Metelitsa called on Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa at GHQ on Friday. According to a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), matters pertaining to mutual interests, potential in defence cooperation, regional security, current situation in Afghanistan & collaboration /

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UAE signs deal for 80 French Rafale fighter jets

This is an outcome of the strategic partnership between the two countries," French presidency

DUBAI: The United Arab Emirates has agreed to buy 80 French-made Rafale fighter jets, officials said on Friday during a visit by French President Emmanuel Macron. "This is an outcome of the strategic partnership between the two countries," a statement from the French presidency said, adding that the UAE also agreed to buy 12 Caracal helicopters. France's Macron meets UAE's 'MBZ' at start of Gulf tour Meanwhile, French President Emmanuel Macron met Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed on Friday at the start of a two-day Gulf tour with some lucrative deals set to be signed including several for Rafale fighter jets. Macron was greeted at the leadership pavilion at Du-



UAE's Expo site for talks with Sheikh Mohammed, known as "MBZ", after which they are expected to announce a series of contracts and agreements.

"I don't want to reveal the Christmas present" before the meeting, UAE presidential adviser Anwar Gargash told journalists in the build-up to the talks in Dubai. Macron arrived in the early hours of Friday for a brief Gulf tour where he will also visit Qatar, host of next year's World Cup, before travelling to Saudi Arabia on Saturday. The UAE, which celebrated its 50th anniversary on Thursday, is expected to order dozens of Rafale jets to replace its Mirage 2000 aircraft acquired in the late 1990s. The Emirates is the fifth biggest customer for the French defence industry with 4.7 billion euros from 2011-2020, according to a parliamentary report. - Agencies

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Turkey keen to launch joint ventures in Pakistan

“More projects are in the pipeline as Turkish businessmen are very near and dear to the Pakistani business community,” he said

ISHFAQ MUGHAL

FAISALABAD: Turkey is keen to launch joint ventures with the Pakistani private sector which would be beneficial for both countries, said Mr. Ihsan Mustafa Yurdakul Ambassador of Turkey in Pakistan. Talking to the FCCI (Faisalabad Cham-

ber of Commerce and Industry) President, Mr. Atif Munir Sheikh, he said that a Turkish company had already launched a joint venture in collaboration with Interloop for the manufacturing of cheese in Pakistan. “More projects are in the pipeline as Turkish businessmen are very near and dear to the Pakistani business community,” he said.

He also appreciated the strategic location of Faisalabad and said that M-3 and Allama Iqbal Industrial Estates were ideal for the establishment of new industrial units with Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). He said that manufacturers could also export their surplus products to China and Central Asian states where demand for cheese was increasing with every passing day.

He said that productive B to B meetings would be arranged with the interested Turkish groups so that both sides could understand the market potential of each country.

President FCCI emphasized win-win situations during bilateral trade and asked the Turkish Embassy to convince Turkish investors to set up dyes and chemicals manufacturing plants as a joint venture in Faisalabad.

He said that being a textile city we are importing huge quantities of dyes and chemicals which could be manufactured in Pakistan to cater to its projected needs.



Prices of essential commodities re-fixed

BUREAU REPOT

FAISALABAD: The District Price Control Committee meeting was held at DC office under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Ali Shehzad, in which consultation with wholesalers, retailers, traders and consumer representatives has re-fixed the wholesale and retail prices of various essential commodities. During the meeting, reviewing the current market prices of various essential commodities and fluctuations in their availability rates, the prices of various essential commodities for the general markets were unanimously fixed. According to the detailed Basin would be sold at Rs 126 per kg in wholesale while the retail price was Rs 132 per kg. Similar-

ly, gram white(mota) Rs 175 per kg and Rs 182 per kg respectively White gram(break) at Rs 160 and Rs 166 per kg, black gram(mota) at Rs 120 and Rs 126 per kg, black gram(break) at Rs 114 and Rs 119 per kg, pulse gram(moti) at Rs 123 and Rs 128 per kg. Pulse gram break Rs 118 and Rs 124 per kg, Pulse mash washed foreign Rs 242 and Rs 248 per kg, Pulse mash unwashed foreign Rs 218 and Rs 224 per kg. Pulse Masoor will be sold at Rs 174 and Rs 179 per kg, pulse masoor(break) at Rs 187 and 193 per Kg. Rice super basmati (old) at Rs 118 and Rs 123 per kg. Ari rice Rs 55 per kg, milk at Rs 95 per kg, yoghurt at Rs 100 per kg, meat at Rs 950, Beef Rs. 450 per kg, flour 20 kg bag at Rs.1100,10 kg bag at Rs. 550, open flour at chaki would be sold at Rs 62 per Kg. Roti Rs. 7 per kg

weighing 100 grams, khameri roti 8 rupee, naan 120 gram price 10 rupee and coal would sold Rs. 80 per Kg. The prices of fruits and vegetables will be auctioned in the daily markets while the prices of poultry products will be provided by the Livestock Poultry Association to the Secretary Market Committee at 7 am daily in consultation with the Livestock Poultry Association. Deputy Commissioner Ali Shahzad said that price control magistrates were active in conducting raids in the markets and there would be no concession from illegitimate profiteers. He directed the PCMs to ensure the price list at every shop. He asked the consumers to register complaint regarding over price at Toll free number 080002345 it would be resolved quickly.



FAISALABAD: Chairman FPMC Waleed Arshad Dogar chairs a BOD meeting. – DNA

FWMC BoD meeting held

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FAISALABAD: The 55th Board of Directors meeting of Faisalabad Waste Management Company was held under the chairmanship of Chairman FPMC Waleed Arshad Dogar. CEO FPMC Kashif Raza Awan, Technical Directors Romana Tabassum, Shafaqat Ali, representatives of Local Govt and Finance departments Aslam Nadeem and Iftikhar Ahmad, GM Operation Emad Iqbal Gull, Manager Finance Ahsan Nadeem, Senior Manager Operation Ejaz Bandesha and other members also participated. During the board meeting the audit of 2019-20, procurement of waste containers and matter of appointment of chief financial officer were approved. Chairman FPMC also decided to segregate the waste at transfer stations for tried to raise the revenue of FPMC and for this purpose the trial would be started at transfer station near treat bakary. Chairman FPMC said that the services of Company should be highly as per the expectation of people and negligence would be not tolerated.

China packaging machinery Digital Expo 2021 held

More than 40 China domestic high-quality enterprises were selected to participate in the exhibition. The exhibition gathered professional buyers from Pakistan, India and other South Asian countries online

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LAHORE: The “China Plastics and Packaging Machinery (Pakistan) Digital Expo”, hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China, was successfully held from December 1 to 3.

More than 40 China domestic high-quality enterprises were selected to participate in the exhibition. The exhibition gathered professional buyers from Pakistan, India and other South Asian countries online. The exhibits covered plastic machinery, rubber machinery, packaging machinery, related auxiliary equipment, various supporting equipment and raw materials, and so on. The exhibition was widely promoted in South Asian countries in a diversified way, and professional buyers were invited to visit and purchase in the exhibition through precise attraction. In this way it helped enterprises to realize online exhibition and negotiation, making up for the “break point” caused by the suspension of offline exhibition due to the epidemic. This exhibition offered a new solution for traditional business trade in a new way and further strengthened the supply and procurement docking and aggregation, helping China domestic enterprises to grasp



orders, expand market and increase confidence without leaving home. During the exhibition, the supply and procurement sides realized instant interactive communication by means of graphics, online text communication, audio and video, which greatly enhanced the exhibition display effect and matchmaking efficiency and was widely praised by enterprises. The digital exhibition closely followed the market demand of plastics and packaging machinery in China and South Asia, effectively helped Chinese foreign trade enterprises break through the epidemic barrier, created a zero-distance, low-cost and high-efficiency digital communication platform for foreign trade enterprises. This has further promoted the economic and trade cooperation between China and South Asian countries to ensure steady, long-term and solid economic and trade cooperation between China and South Asian countries.

Mujahid warned about threat to Hurriyat leader

ISLAMABAD: President Kashmir Youth Alliance, Dr Syed Mujahid Gilani Friday warned about possible life threat to Hurriyat Leader Dr Muhammad Qasim Fakto as he was facing some serious health issues but deprived of health facilities and no one was allowed to meet him. He said that Dr. Qasim Fakto had been kept in solitary bounds since last few days in the prisoner’s block of Udampur Jail, which had caused great concern to his family. Hurriyat Leader Ashraf Khan Sahrai, who was martyred during Covid 19, was also kept in the same block, he added. He was addressing a press conference here at National Press Club with Hurriyat Leader Sheikh Abdul Mateen, Secretary General Kashmir Youth Alliance Razi Tahir, Naveed Ahmed, Palwasha Saeed, Dr Abdullah Khalil, Dr Aamir Zada and others. Dr Syed Mujahid Gilani urged the International bodies, human rights institutions to raise their voice and play effective role for the prisoners of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

Abdul Mateen Sheikh said that “the Indian government is victimizing Hurriyat leaders including Dr Muhammad Qasim Fakto, Aasia Andrabi for their political ideology and struggle for the right of self determination”. The imprisonment of Hurriyat leaders reflected the extremist mindset of the Indian government, he added. – APP



LAHORE: Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadov and his his wife enjoy Riskshaw ride during their recent visit to Lahore. – DNA

US CG visits Hub, explores opportunities for US businesses

KARACHI: The United States (US) Consul General Mark Stroh traveled to Hub, one of the largest industrial cities of Balochistan, to explore opportunities for U.S. technologies and businesses in the province and strengthen U.S.-Pakistan economic ties. The Consul General toured the 1,292 megawatts (MW) HUBCO power plant, which is Pakistan’s first and largest independent power producer (IPP), and met HUBCO leadership to discuss plant operations, according to a communique on Friday. Consul General Stroh then visited Ismail Industries, which produces high-calorie nutritional supplements that are given to vulnerable pop-

ulations to treat or prevent malnutrition in Pakistan and Afghanistan through the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). Later, Stroh visited the Gatron-Novatex plant, which exports polyester filament yarn and PET resin to the United States. “I am pleased to have had the opportunity to visit Hub and continue to explore the achievements and opportunities in the decades-long U.S. relationship with Pakistan,” commented Consul General Stroh. “There is vast potential for increased trade and investment between our two countries, and our partnerships in climate change, health, and education promote our mutual prosperity.” – APP

Pakistan has potential for speedy growth

The President FPCCI invited the investors of Saudi Arabia to explore Joint ventures in these special zones. Pakistan will facilitate Saudi investors by providing them one window operation

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan desire to further strengthen its trade ties with Saudi Arabia as both countries have great scope to promote trade in many areas. Pakistan has strong strategic, diplomatic and economic relations with Saudi Arabia and cannot forget the financial assistance of Saudi Arabia in the form of oil on credit, construction of educational institutions and on Kashmir cause; this was stated by Mian Nasser Hyatt Maggo, President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) in a meeting with Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia in Pakistan held at Saudi Embassy in Islamabad, along with Qurban Ali, Chairman Capital Office & Mirza Abdul Rehman Chief Coordinator FPCCI. Mian Nasser Hyatt Maggo, President FPCCI while quoting the statistics, he informed that the share of Pakistan in Saudi Arabia’s trade is just 1 percent; while in Pakistan’s trade is approximately 7 percent stated that Saudi Arabia is an important trading partner of Pakistan and the joint business council between the national chambers of both countries can play a vital role in enhancing the trade and business activities. He urged on accelerated efforts for activation of trade and economic promotional activities through this platform. He also

underlined the need of exchange of trade delegations, holding of B2B meetings, trade exhibitions and business forums etc. He also emphasized on enhancement and strengthening people to people contacts. The President FPCCI further highlighted various potential areas for investment in special economic zones of Pakistan under CPEC project.

He invited the investors of Saudi Arabia to explore Joint ventures in these special zones. Pakistan will facilitate Saudi investors by providing them one window operation. Qurban Ali, Chairman Capital Office & Mirza Abdul Rehman Chief Coordinator FPCCI also emphasized on the enhancement of bilateral trades and investment

and suggested opening of Saudi Arabia EXIM bank branch in Pakistan for trade facilitation. Mirza Abdul Rehman & Qurban Ali highlighted the potentials of bilateral trade in different sectors and also requested multiple entry visa to the genuine businessmen on the recommendation of FPCCI within shortest possible time. In his remarks, Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia underscored the need of the removal of trade barriers and the promotion of trade through the direct route. He stated that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia both possess huge natural resources which can be utilized for enhancement of bilateral trade relations. He also informed that there is huge potential in rice, textile, sea food, sports goods, agro-based products and there is a need of direct interaction between the traders of both countries in these commodities. He said that Saudi Arabia wanted to see Pakistan as a growing economy as it is a very important country for the whole Muslim Ummah. He said that Pakistan has lots of potential for speedy economic growth that should be highlighted more effectively to attract foreign investors. He urged that the media should focus on projecting the positive things of Pakistan to change wrong perception about it. He said that wrong perceptions about Pakistan in the foreign world needed to be changed to unlock its real economic potential.



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