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developments with Russian President Vladimir Putin, a statement by the Presidential Communications Directorate said Sunday.

The two leaders touched upon developments in the Caucasus, Syria and Libya, as well as international developments.

They also reiterated the determination to further enhance Turkey-Russia cooperation in all spheres.

2021 was a successful year at UN

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UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan continued to push for the Kash-

right to self-determination in 2021 in a determined bid to advance the cause of their freedom from India's yoke, Ambassador Munir Akram has said while recounting key achievements at the United Nations on the multilateral diplomatic front. "2021 was a successful year for Pakistan's multilateral diplomacy here at the United Nations," he said in a New Year message released on Saturday.

Saglain quits as interim head coach

ABID RAZA



down as Pakistan's interim head coach with the Pakistan Cricket

Board (PCB) while a foreigner is all set to join team Pakistan. According to the details shared by PCB, Mushtaq will serve the Men in Green for the T20 World Cup, tour of Bangladesh and home series against West Indies while the foreign coach will train them for home series against Australia. A day earlier on Saturday, Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman Ramiz Raja had signaled that a foreigner will be hired as the next head coach of Pakistan Cricket team.

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Omicron to unleash new wave

So far 44 omicrons cases have been detected in the port city of Karachi

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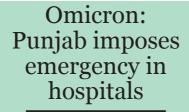
ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning and Chairman National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) Asad Umar on Sunday warned that there were clear signs that the country was going to be hit by another wave of Covid-19 pandemic as genome sequencing revealed that the Omicron variant cases started surging across the country particularly in Karachi. On Sunday, 16 more cases of Omicron var-

iant were reported in Islamabad. In his tweet, the minister wrote: "Clear evidence now of a beginning of another Covid wave which has been expected for last few weeks. Genome sequencing shows rising proportion of Omicron cases par-

mask is your best protection." "Genome sequencing showing the rising ratio is 3.8% which is alarming. proportion of omicron cases particularly in Karachi," he said while cautioning that 'wearing a mask is your best protection.' As the world struggles to breathe from the

ticularly in Karachi. Remember: wearing a

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LAHORE: The Punjab government has imposed a covid-19 emergency in all major hospitals after 170 Omicron ases were reported in the province, Punjab Health Minister Yasmin Rashin has announced.

At a press conference in Lahore on Sunday, she revealed that the overall infection rate in Punjab is 1%. "In Lahore, on the other hand, the positivity

Rashid has warned that if people stop taking precautionary measures such as wearing masks and maintaining social distancing, a new outbreak is imminent in the province.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar talking to media at Insaf House. - DNA

March 23 protest will bring govt to its end: Fazlur Rehman

Vows tol lead mass demonstrations against the government with Shahbaz Sharif

Democratic

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PESHAWAR: Pakistan (PDM) Movement Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman said that PDM s protest on March 23 will bring the Federal government to its end.



dressing a press conference on Sunday in Peshawar. Fazlur Rehman stated that the government has brought inflation, poverty and economic instability to the country. Criticizing the mini-budget, he mentioned that the state bank will go under the custody of IMF while the government will have to take the debts from commercial banks.

Addressing the conference he added that he along with Shehbaz Sharif will lead mass demonstrations against the government in Islamabad. PDM has never considered PPP and ANP its rival parties. He added that PDM is independent.

Fazlur Rehman further added that it is Nawaz Sharif's country, he should return back. Afghanistan needs peace and Pakistan should play its pivotal role in trying to bring peace to the country. Earlier a week ago, Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman had announced to reach Karachi on a

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Big hike in power tariff likely Increase in tariff will put an additional

burden of Rs 17.85 billion on consumers

KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: After increasing prices of petroleum products, the government is preparing to put more burden on masses by increasing the power tariff, electricity distribution companies have approached NEPRA to increase the tariff. According to the plea filed by the power distribution companies, the increase in power tariff has been requested in the context of the first quarter adjustment of current financial year. The increase in tariff will put an additional burden of Rs 17.85 billion on consumers while the increase will be in terms of capacity charges

and transmission losses. NEPRA will hold a hearing on January 12. The regulatory authority said that electricity distribution companies have demanded increase in electricity prices in terms of capacity charges, transmission and distribution losses

Finance bill to be finalized very soon

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance Shaukat Tarin on Sunday said the government would get finance bill passed from the National Assembly very soon after which it would be presented in Senate for final process.

Talking to a private news channel, the minister said new taxation would be adjustable and refunda-

He said the government was taking steps for the proper documentation of national economy for future taxation and productions of the different commodities.

The minister said the prices of commodities would be reduced

Sudan: Anti-coup protests continue despite tear gas

Demonstrators were shouting "power to the people" and demanding a return of the "military to the barracks"

CENTRELINE REPORT

KHARTOUM: Sudanese security forces have fired tear gas canisters at a thousands-strong rally outside the presidential palace in Khartoum demanding civilian rule.

demonstrators on Sunday marched towards the presidential palace in the 12th round of major protests since the October 25 coup launched by military leader General Abdel Fattah al Burhan Demonstrators were shouting "power to the people" and

demanding a return of the "military to the barracks". Sudanese authorities had cut mobile internet services earlier on Sunday amid calls for pro-democracy rallies in "memory of the martyrs" killed in recent protests. Web monitoring group NetBlocks said the mobile internet was cut from

mid-morning ahead of the planned protests, the first of the year. Activists use the internet for organising demonstrations and broadcasting live footage of the rallies

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Authorities order probe into protests

KHARTOUM: Sudan's Security and Defense Council ordered to speed up investigations into Thursday's mass protests in the capital Khartoum and neighboring areas which resulted in the deaths of four protesters and injuries of hundreds of others. The council held an emergency meeting at

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Efforts afoot to bring Nawaz Sharif back

Fawad says govt mulls legal action against Shahbaz as he was the guarantor

NAZIR SIYAL

SKARDU: An attractive and eye catching view of snowfall in the hilly area of Pakistan. - APP

KARACHI: Federal Information Minister Chaudhry Fawad has said that since Shehbaz Sharif was a guarantor on the bond promising Nawaz Sharif's return from abroad so the government will file a case against him and his

elder brother. He said that Prime Minister Imran Khan instructed the attorney general to adopt a legal course for PML-N supremo Nawaz's return. He said Shehbaz had submitted a declaration giving a guarantee that his brother would return back and face charges after getting his medical treatment in the UK.

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Abbasi refutes reports of Sharif's early return

ISLAMABAD: Former prime minister and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz senior leader Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has refuted news of the early return of party's supremo Nawaz Sharif to the homeland.

The former prime minister without taking anyone's name said that statements of party leaders regarding Nawaz Sharif's return are merely 'political'.

The statements have nothing to do with the narrative of the PML-N," Shahid Khagan Abbasi said and added that elder Sharif will return to the country after completion of his treatment. - DNA



Ombudsperson has given relief to many people: Nabila

She was listening to the applicants at court room of Commissioner Office. In-charge Properties Branch Hafiz Faroog and AC Revenue Tariq Gondal were also present

ISHFAQ MUGHAL

FAISALABAD: Ombudsperson Punjab Nabila Hakim Ali Khan has said that Ombudsperson had cleared 150 applications of women regarding properties since last 6 month and Ombudsperson is active to give rights to women in inheritance property.

She was listening to the applicants at court room of Commissioner Office. In-charge Properties Branch Hafiz Farooq Anwar and Assistant Commissioner Revenue Tariq Mehmood Gondal were also present. Ombudsperson said that steps are being taken to fr resolve the issues of women regarding inheritance. Talking to media persons, the Ombudsperson of Punjab said that in our society women are given the property rights of their inheritance but they are not given possession of prop-

> Police constable

dismissed

KAMRAN GUJJAR

JHELUM: Inspector Gen-

eral of Police Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan on Sun-

day dismissed a constable from service involved in

taking money from people

The IG also directed the

CCPO Lahore to take legal

action against the consta-

ble, Bilal Ahmed. The con-

stable was arrested by an

anti-corruption team from

Qila Gujar Singh Lahore

who had extorted money

from people of Jhelum

and Lahore for jobs. The

IG Punjab said officials

involved in abuse of power

and illegal activities did

not deserve sympathy and such black sheep would be

Number of major

crimes reduced by 48%

in 4 months: police

Punjab Police Sunday said

that 56,087 incidents of

murder, attempted mur-

der and kidnapping for

ransom were reported in Punjab during September

2021, which were reduced

to 29,479 in December

2021. A spokesman for

the Punjab Police said on

Sunday that in this peri-

od, the number of serious

crimes was reduced by 48

per cent.

dealt with an iron hand.

for jobs.

go round the offices. She said that with the implementation of Punjab Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act, the cases are now being resolved expeditiously.

The provincial Ombudspersin also issued orders to the concerned officers to resolve the grievances.

Punjab Ombudsperson Nabila Hakim Ali Khan presided over an awareness seminar on women's property rights and Women protection act and said that providing a conducive environment in the workplace to women was utmost necessary. Chairman Standing Committee Faiz Ullah Kamooka, ADCG Qaiser Abbas Rind, in-charge control room Mohammad Sadiq and women serving in various public and private sectors were also present. The MNA appreciated the organization of the seminar and said that immediate solution to the problems faced by women in harassment and acquisition

of property and giving them justice is the priority of the present government. Other speakers also addressed the seminar.

DC holds awami khidmat katchri On the directions of Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar, the Revenue Awami Khidmat Katchri was held at DC Complex and Deputy Commissioner Ali Shahzad listened the public complaints regarding revenue matters and directed the revenue officers for speedy solution of the applications. Deputy Commissioner said that the delay in the matters of public would not tolerated and responsible revenue officer and staff would accountable. He said that the Department of Revenue was at the forefront of public service and holding Revenue Awami

Khidmat Katchri would not only solve the problems of the people but also increase their confidence. Deputy Commissioner said that the problems of the people's under one roof are being addressed by listening to the problems related to the revenue department. He said that speedy solution of issues and grievances related to the revenue department including issuance of domicile, farad, registary, income certificate and other revenue matters are being solved on spot.

He said that officers of the revenue department including Assistant commissioners and revenue officers and ADLRs were also directed to ensure attendance in the court. Citizens can approach the concerned Tehsil Office on the first and second working day of every month for resolving revenue re-



Lodhran police traced 66 gangs in 2021

Lodhran Police registered 8344 cases arresting 11436 criminals, from 1st Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2021 taking action against fugitives 3037 criminals were arrested which includes 109 of category A, 2928 of category while 1228 court fugitives

SAQIB MUSHTAQ

LODHRAN: Lodhran Police in the year 2021 traced 66 gangs and busted 183 gang members recovering more than 40.5 million rupee worth of stolen items.

Under the command of District Police Officer Abdul Rauf Babar Lodhran Police kept themselves busy day and night to maintain peace situation by tracing the cases like kidnapping, Murder, theft, armed robbery and robbery in which criminals were arrested while to root out menace of drugs, professional criminals. Community Policing, timely justice and for public safety Lodhran Police is always ready promoting this vision in year 2021 District Police Officer Abdul Rauf Babar does not only organized open courthouse but also resolve the matters of complainants. similarly DPO Lodhran heard complaints of 5147 complainants through complaint cell

and immediately resolve them. In 2021 Lodhran Police registered 8344 cases arresting 11436 criminals, from 1st Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2021 taking action against fugitives 3037 criminals were arrested which includes 109 of category A, 2928 of category while 1228 court fugitives.

In the year 2021, 586 cases of illegal arms were registered recovering 56 Kalashnikov, 97 guns, 30 rifles, 386 pistol, 31 carbines, 27 revolver, 06 Mouzer and 4216 live rounds. In crackdown against drug dealers 1041 cas-

es were registered recovering 287 kilogram charas, 30528 liter bottles of liquor, 105 gram heroine, 180 gram opium, 9224 liter Lehan and 130 liquor brewing fur-

naces while arrested 36 intoxicants. In the year 2021, 66 gangs were traced busting 183 gang

members recovering 126 motorcycle, 01 car, 02 rickshaw, 01 Bolan, 78 cattle and almost 40.5 million rupee worth stolen items and handed over to owners.

In the year 2021, 93 cases against gambling were registered arresting 460 criminals, 166 cases of illegal gas refilling and 206 cases of LPG vehicles. 927 cases of overspeed ing were registered.

In the year 2021, in crackdown against brothels 2 cases were registered arresting 10 men and women. In violation of Amplifier and Sound Act 110 cases were registered arresting 280 criminals. On faulty security arrangements 9 cases were registered and arrested 9 offenders, in violation of tenant act 13 cases were registered. In the year 2021 on harboring fugitives 202 cases were registered and arrested 202 criminals while taking strict action against kite flying 07 and 4 cases against one wheeling were registered.

Minorities playing vital role in country

PESHAWAR: Station Director of Radio Pakistan Peshawar Syeda Iffat Jabbar Sunday said the minorities were playing a pivotal role in the development and prosperity of the country. Addressing a function held in connection with the new year at Broadcasting house Peshawar, she said minority communities including Hindu, Sikh and Christian employees of Radio Pakistan were providing valuable services in the organisation across the country.

Taking charge as the first female station director in the 86 years history of Radio Pakistan Peshawar, Syeda Iffat Jabbar was utilizing her leadership quality by showcasing the real image of the city of flower (Peshawar). Soon after taking charge as the Station Director, she is very much eager to portray a true image of the historical living city of Peshawar, called the city followers.

It is worth mentioning here that Radio Peshawar is a historical station in the Indian Subcontinent which was all India Radio before the formation of Pakistan and was established way back in 1935. The first Station Director was former Governor of the then NWSP (North West Frontier Province) late Aslam Khattak and then Radio Pakistan came in 1947. Ever since then prominent personalities have been performing the duties of the director at Peshawar station. Syeda Iffat Jabbar, the first female director of this historical station as Station Director and has taken various steps to broadcast radio Pakistan Peshawar with modern time as well as taken steps to renovate the old building of the radio station Peshawar with a new year celebration in 2022. There were many programs related to the new year besides celebrating Christmas day along with Quaid-e-Azam Day with the Christian community and other valuable listeners. Syeda Iffat Jabbar, Station Director Radio Pakistan Peshawar has personally organized a tea party inviting all the class-IV employees', security guards and HBT staff.

During the party the employees of radio Pakistan Peshawar station also appreciated her for taking all employees on board including workers of the minority community in order to run the affairs of the station in befitting manners. - APP



FAISALABAD: Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting Farrukh Habib visiting various development projects in NA-108 constituency. - APP

Businessmen condemn hike in GST, petroleum levi

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KARACHI: While condemning yet another jump in rates of

petroleum products on the eve of the new year, the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry's Businessmen Panel has called for reducing tax ratio on oil products to support the trade and industry, as the government has raised the Petroleum levy, besides increasing GST on petroleum products under the commitment

In a statement issued here on Sat-

urday, Mian Anjum Nisar, observed that with a view to improve the cash flow of businesses at this crucial time, the government will have to facilitate the industry through reduction in tax ratio on all items including the oil products, besides lowering the markup rate, as the country's economy is going through a challenging phase of post-Covid-19 pandemic. He said that at a time when GDP ratio was very nominal amidst high cost of doing business, the industry needs maximum support and relief. He said that it is unfortunate that the

per litre from Rs 13.62 per litre and on HSD is also revised from Rs 13.14 to Rs 17.14 per litre while on SKO is increased to Rs 9.86 per litre.

He lamented that that the GST on petroleum products has been increased to 4.77 percent from 1.63 percent on petrol, the HSD rate also increased to 9.08 percent from 7.37 percent. In addition, the GST on SKO and LDO were also revised upward.

BMP Chairman observed that business-friendly policies should be adopted as other neighboring countries of the region are giving to the

نیشنل پولیس اکیڈمی، سیکٹر 11-H،اسلام آباد م**لازمت کے مواقع** م**لازمت کے مواقع** مندرجہ ذیل آسامیوں پر عارضی بنیاد پر دی گئی تعلیمی قابلیت کے حامل افرادکی جانب سے درخواستیں مطلوب ہیں:

PL rate on petrol is raised to Rs 17.62

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| سندھ (آر)– 1 | | | منتخب شدہ امیدوار کو چھ بفتے کے بنیادی آئی ٹی کورس (ہعہ ایم ایس آفس) این آئی ٹی | | | |
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| ميرڻ – 1 | 11 | 18 تا 25 سال | انثرمیڈیٹ بمعہ انگریزی شارٹ بسینڈ و ٹائینگ کی رفتار بالنرتیب 40/80 الفاظ فی | 14 | سٹينو ٹائيسٹ | 2 |
| پنجاب (مرد 5 خاتون 1) – 6 | | | منٹ۔کمپیوٹر جلنے والے افراد کو ترجیح دی جائے گی۔ | | | |
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| خيبر پختونخواه – 1 | | | | | | |
| پنجاب – 2 | 02 | 18 تا 25 سال | فزکس ، میتھ ، سٹیٹس و اکنامکس میں گریجویٹ بمعہ دس بہزار | 14 | ڈیٹا انٹری آپریٹر | 3 |
| | | | key depression per hour | | | |
| پنجاب – 1 | 01 | 18 تا 25 سال | پڑھا لکھا: حکومت پاکستان سے متصلہ دینی مدرسہ سے سند یافتہ۔ | 11 | امام/خطیب | 4 |
| پنجاب – 2 | 03 | 18 تا 25 سال | الثرميذيث بمعہ ايڈمن و اکاونٹس ميں کام کا تجربہ۔ | 11 | یو ڈی سی | 5 |
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| پنجاب – 1 | 01 | 18 تا 25 سال | کمپوٹر سائنس میں انٹرمیڈیٹ یا انٹر میڈیٹ بمعہ حکومت سے متصلہ ادارے سےسافٹ | 10 | آئی ٹی ٹیکنیشن | 6 |
| | | | وئیر و بارڈ ویرمیں ایک سالہ ڈپلومہ۔ | | | |
| پنجاب - 3 | 04 | 18 تا 25 سال | میٹرک پاس بمعہ ایک منٹ میں انگریزی ٹائٹینگ کی رفتار 30 الفاظ۔ | 09 | ایل ڈی سی | 7 |
| سندھ (آر) – 1 | | | منتخب شدہ امیدوار کو تین بفتے کے بنیادی آئی ٹی کورس (بمعہ ایم ایس آفس) این آئی ٹی | | | |
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| سندھ (آر) – 1 | 02 | 18 تا 25 سال | میثرک پاس بمعہ مطلوبہ جسانی تندرستی بمطابق پنجاب پولیس رول ،پی ایس وی | 07 | كانسڻيبل ڈرائيور | 8 |
| خيبر پختونخواه – 1 | | | ڈرائیونگ لائسنسکا حامل و 3 سالہ تجربہ۔ | | | |
| ميرث - 1 | 08 | 18 تا 25 سال | میٹرک پاس بمعہ مطلوبہ جسانی تندرستی بمطابق پنجاب پولیس رول۔ | 07 | اردلی کانسٹیبل | 9 |
| سندھ (آر 2 يو2) – 4 | | | | | | |
| خيبر پختونخواه – 2 | | | | | | |
| بلوچستان – 1 | | | | | | |
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| لوکل (ایک اقلیتی آسامی) | 07 | 18 تا 25 سال | مثل پاس، پی ایس وی ثرائیونگ لائسنس کا حامل بمعہ 3 سالہ تجربہ۔ | 04 | ڈرائيور | 11 |
| لوكل (خاتون) | 01 | 18 تا 25 سال | پرائیمری پاس اور متعلقہ شعبے میں کام کا تجربہ۔ | 01 | نائب قاصد | 12 |
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| لوکل (ایک آسامی برائے سپشل افراد) | 02 | 18 تا 25 سال | پرائیمری پاس اور متعلقہ شعبے میں کام کا تجربہ۔ | 01 | مالی | 14 |
| لوکل (برائے سپیشل افراد) | 01 | 18 تا 25 سال | پرائیمری پاس اور متعلقہ شعبے میں کام کا تجربہ۔ | 01 | سینیٹری ورکر | 15 |

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1۔ درخواستیں اوپر دیرگئے فارم کے مطابق (تعلمی اسناد/سرٹیفیکیٹ کی فقول کے بغیر) ڈپٹی ڈائویکٹز ایڈمن ،نیشنل پولیس اکیڈمی، سیکٹر ایچ گیارہ، اسلام آباد تک اس اشتہار کی اشاعت کے ۔ یہ میں ہے ہیں۔ اندر پہنچ جانی چاہیں۔ مقررہ تاریخ کے بعد موصول شدہ و نامکمل معلومات والی درخواستین زیر غور نہیں لائی جائیں گی۔ 2۔ تمام آسامیوں کے لیے امیدواروں کو عمر کی بالائی حد میں موجود حکومتی ضوابط کے مطابق رعایت دی جائے گی۔ بھرتیال حکومتی کوثہ کے تحت کی جائیں گی۔ ۵۔ سرکاری ملازمین محکمانہ توسط سے درخواستیں ارسال کریں۔ 4۔ خصوصی افراد کی بھرتی حکومت پاکستان کے مجوزہ قوانین کے مطابق کی جائے گی۔ 5۔ امیدوار ہر آسامی کے لیے علیحدہ درخواست ارسال کریں گے۔ 6۔ ٹیسٹ/انٹرویو کے لئے آنے والے امیدواروں کو کوئی ٹی اے / ڈی اے نہیں دیا جائے گا۔ 7۔ سکیورٹی خدشات کی وجہ سے موبائل فون لانے کی اجازت نہیں ہو گی۔

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Report reveals 31 families control Stock Exchange

Explosive research by Dr. Nadeem ul Haque reveals boards of directors of KSE 100 index companies are mostly filled with people close to these families

DNA

ISLAMABAD: A study by the Pakistan Institute for Development Economics (PIDE) has found that 31 families dominate the Pakistan Stock Exchange and that the boards of directors of KSE 100 index companies are mostly filled with people close to these families. According to a study by PIDE Vice-Chancellor Dr. Nadeem Ul-Haq and Amin Hussain, Small Club: Distributors and Networks in the Pakistani Economic Market, has mentioned that back in 2018, when this data was collected, 31 business families were dominant in the market, the study sheds

stock market. Dr. Mahboob Ul-Haq mentioned that back in 1967, there was a monopoly of 22

families in Pakistan. After 50 years, most of the Stock Market fortune was owned or controlled by 31 families. The paper stated: "Pakistan's stock market tends to make headlines, sometimes because of record highs that make it the 'best performing market of the region', and sometimes because of the crashes. However, the degree to which it contributes to capital formation in the country is not a topic of study, while the ensuing ownership and governance structure is hardly ever made a part of public discourse. One such study concluded

and their ownership in the that 'around 64 percent of the 44 selected sample companies are controlled by prominent business groups and families of Pakistan'. This paper extends the aforementioned research to cover the top 100 companies that constitute the benchmark KSE-100 index2 at the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX).

"It also analyses the structure of ownership and sponsor control of companies constituting the KSE-100, and their impact on the functioning and transparencv of the stock market. Pakistan's corporate governance and human resource management practices are frequently questioned in the media and academic circles. A common phenomenon

is companies managed as family enterprises despite being listed on the stock exchange. The offspring of the owners tend to be absorbed into the management of these companies, which are referred to as 'seth companies', seth being the founder/owner of the company. "The objective of this paper

was twofold. The first is to shed light on corporate groups and their ownerships in the stock market. We review the ownership structures of the large conglomerates to examine the extent of diversification in the stock market. This also gives us an idea of the kind of power that large houses wield in the market, and the choices available to the small shareholder. Secondly, we look at corporate governance by looking at how company boards are structured and examine the influence of the owner and his family on the structure and professional management of the company. Prevailing accounting standards and listed entity regulations require disclosure of shareholding by directors, and shareholding significant of more than five percent held with legal persons (individuals or companies), in addition to those held with associated undertakings, banking and financial institutions, trusts, etc. Using data from disclosures in 2018, this study focuses on directorship and significant shareholding of five percent

or more for all listed enti-

ties that constitute the KSE-100 index and uses it as an indicator of 'control' and concentration of ownership in the top 100 companies. "Of course, this is after accounting for the government, multinationals and the army. The families have a fair degree of influence in the businesses because of haphazard privatization and relatively lax multinational regulations. The analysis has found fewer clusters as different clusters are linked through family associations i.e. if two members of the same family initially owned shares in companies that were previously in two different clusters, these clusters would now be linked

since the same family has

ownership in both.

ANF recovers 9,558 kg drugs: organizes 167

awareness activities

RAWALPINDI: Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Pakistan in its

counter-narcotics strikes across the country recovered 9,558

kg drugs, 27.784 kg prohibited chemical and arrested222 ac-

cused during last yearBesides that the forceconducted 167

awareness activities to educate masses against drugs. Accord-

ing to an ANF Headquarters spokesman, ANF seized 618 kg

opium, 558 kg heroin, 137 kg Amphetamine, 35 kg Metham-

phetamine (Ice), 7207 kg charras and 2.575 kg Xanax, Ecsta-

He informed that 111 drug peddlers and smugglers were

awarded sentences during this year. The organized aware-

ness activities including walks, games, sports competitions,

speech, debate competitions, lectures, seminars and work-

shops were organized in different cities including Islamabad,

Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta and Rawalpindi through

Regional Directorates of ANF Pakistan. The purpose was to

make masses especially youth aware of the hazard resulted

by drug abuse, he added. ANF KPK in a central drug burning

ceremony organized in Islamabad burnt over 5,000 kg drugs.

He said, ANF Pakistan was striving hard for its absolute elim-

ination to achieve the goal of "Drug Free Society" and "Say

sy, Alprazolam and Roche tablets during this time span.

to sacrifices of martyrs of police adding that they will always be remembered. He said "we feel proud, he assured all kind of support the children of the martyrs. The doors of my office are always open for you." CPO Rawalpindi Sajid Kayani also presented gifts to children on the occasion. - APP

RAWALPINDI: City Police Officer (CPO) Rawalpidi Sajid Kayani Sunday met with the families of martyrs at Police Lines Headquarters, informed police spokesman.

SSP Operations WasimRiaz, SP Headquarters and other

senior officers were also present on the occasion.

WasimRiaz and SP Head-

quarters listened to the

problems of the families of

the martyrs and assured

CPO paid glowing tribute

them for their solution.

Islamabad: property dealer attacked

ISLAMABAD: A group of assailants attacked a property dealer in Saddar police area of Mansehra who fortunately remained safe and protected himself in nearby forest area. According to details, Tariq Javed s/o Aurangzeb resident of Islamabad was returning home on his car (ICT DG-453) after inquiring the health of his friend in Mansehra when he was attacked near `Data Bridge' in Saddar police area. He tried to speed away but the assailants chased and opened fire on him.

He abandoned his car and took refuge behind the bushes in an area. After 20 minutes, he observed bystanders there and came out. Following the incident, he contacted Saddar police and case has been registered following his complaint.- APP

IESCO issues power suspension programme

DNA

Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Sunday issued

Islamabad

ISLAMABAD:

a power suspension programme for Monday for various areas of its region due to necessary maintenance and routine development work. According to IESCO Spokesman, the power supply of different feeders and grid stations would remain suspended for the period From 09:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Iqbal Town Aabpara, New F-9 Park, G-9 Center, I-8/2, I-10/3, G-13 / 2-1, F-11/3, T&T, Company Bagh, Nimbal, Patriata, TDCP, Upper Topa, Mangial, Shahpur, Angori, Shahdara, Golf City, Trait, I-8 Center, I-8/3, FHS, E-Block, Faizabad, Nora Road, Tamasamabad, Sarafa Bazaar, Rajaabad, Mohammadi Chowk, Bani, People's Colony, Peshawar Road, Millatabad, Kamalabad, Golra, MFM, Pind Hoon, Rata, Kashmir Road, Dhok Farman Ali, Rehmatabad-1, FECHS, Park View, National Park, Sagri, Kahuta City-II, Abrar Shaheed, Nara Motor, Shahpur, Mort, RA Bazar, New Mandra, Hamid Ihangi, LTC, Basali, Sukho, Raman, CB Khan-2, F -5 Jeddah, Zebar Shaheed, F-3 Gul Afshan, Shukrila, Mandi Bhalwal, Shamsabad, Chapran, Akram Shaheed, F-8 Civil Line, Pakhwal, F-9 Chak Daulat, Dina Three Rohtas, Hamlet, Gadari, Captain Nisar Shaheed, Bhagwal, Safdar Shaheed, Sanghoi, Nathwala, Dina-4 City, Sandal, City Sohawa, Chhapar Sharif, Galyana, Islampura, Bhoon, Ara Bazar, Mureed, Minara, Islamia Chowk, Dawlatullah, Dhadial City, Mulhal Mughals, Bhikri, Dalwal Jalap, Ahmedabad, KS Maniz, Sagarpur, Blixar, Pepli, Kot Gala, Got Shera, Media Town, Akwal, Bilalabad, Patwali, Kalial, Gulshanabad, Dhok Noor, 502 Workshop, Adiala, Askari-14, Humayun-1, Humayun, Kariala, Chauha Syedan Shah, Basharat, Priyal, Nawababad, Jalala, Shahullah Dutta, Sarai Kharboza, Shahia, Rashid Minhas, AWC Housing , Muneerabad, Kohsar Valley, Brahma, Hazro, Hatian, Ghor Ghashti, People's Colony, Mari, Shamsabad, Kachehri, Dar es Salaam, Dhok Fateh, Nika Kalan, Azeem

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Muhammad Feeders and

surrounding areas.

IIUI invites applications for diploma courses in four languages ative writing, busi 3 pm to 5 pm (Mon

ISLAMABAD: The International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) has invited the applications for getting admission in diploma and certificate courses in four languages including English, Urdu, Persian and Chinese. According to a university official, the eligible candidates have been asked to submit applications by January 17.

light on corporate groups

Six to two month long diploma, certificate in elementary, advance level courses have been offered separately in four above mentioned languages, an official said.

es from Rs 21,000 to Rs 10,000. The skills in cre-

EPA approves 10

mega projects of capital last year

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency

(Pak-EPA) has issued environmental approvals to 10 mega

projects of the federal capital after due fulfilment of codal

The projects included housing societies, malls, roads, etc.,

whereas public hearings of an additional 11 projects were

scheduled to be held in January and February 2022, an offi-

cial of the environmental watchdog told APP while elaborat-

As part of Pak-EPA's EIA/IEE Regulations 2000, prior to

commencement of any project in Islamabad Capital Territory

(ICT), a detailed report must be submitted to Pak-EPA de-

tailing the environmental impacts of the project and mitiga-

tion measures to be taken, she added. The Pak-EPA while imposing ban on single use polythene bags during the press-

ing times of COVID-19 pandemic, imposed fines worth Rs

560,000 for violation of ban in the said time. During the same

year, the Agency confiscated more than 500kg polythene

plastic bags that were illegally sold in the market. - APP

formalities and holding of public hearings during 2021.

ing the Agency's performance in last year.

WAL ISLAMIC English, listening, speaking, reading, grammar were being who

imparted to those, wanted to improve their English, Urdu, Persian and Chinese languages. Separate classes for both females would be held from Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 11:30 am; after noon classes for male students have been scheduled to be held from 6 pm to 8 pm. Likewise afternoon classes for females would be held from

fee for sixmonth long diploma English guage (elementary and advance level) is Rs 21,000. The fee for three month English Language Certification course is Rs 12,000. The preparatory courses for two months long (Graduate Record Examinations) GRE/ (Graduate Management Admission Test) ,GMAT, (Graduate Assessment Test) GAT are

details,

While two months long OET (occupational English Test) fee is Rs 14,000 and the fee for preparatory course for IELTS (International English Language Testing System) is fixed as Rs 10,000. six month Diploma in Chinese Language fee is Rs 12,000 while three month certificate in Chinese language is available at Rs 12,000. Similarly, six and three months diploma courses in Urdu language fee is Rs 21,000 and Rs 12.000 respectively. Further details could be obtained by visiting www.iiu.

edu.pk or by calling 051-9257916; 0344-5007338 (Women Campus).



ISLAMABAD: CDA staff busy in development of H-8 Tehreek-e-Pakistan Park. - DNA

Globalization, free flow of cyber info major challenges: Scholars

from globalization and plethora of untamed information on internet through proper guidance of the Muslim youth. Sharing their thought-provoking views, they highlighted that through creation of adequate awareness about the Seerah and Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him), the Muslims youth should be educated to glide through the current age challenges. In the second part of the dialogue with Prime Minister Imran Khan held by National Rehmatul-lil-Alameen Authority, on the topic of 'Riyasat-e- Medina, Islam, society and ethical revival', they dotted down certain collective efforts by the Muslim countries to brace the negative impacts of modernity upon the Muslim youth. The prominent scholars included Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah, Dr Timothy Winter/Abdal Hakim Murad, DrSeyyed Hossein Nasr, DrRecepSenturk, Dr Osman Bakar, Shaykh Hamza Yusuf and Dr Chandra Muzaffar. They responded to various questions raised by the prime minister about the unbridled availability of social media material, corruption, rising sexual abuses against women and children and other contemporary challenges posed to the Muslim youth and society. Taking part in the discussion, DrSeyyed Hossein Nasr, University Professor of Islamic Studies at the George Washington, US, said alluded to the impacts of the modernistic trends upon the Muslim youth which could be felt much more than ever. The youth should be taught that spirituality was a real phenomenon while the mundane attractions were temporary. "Today, the world is more precarious and dangerous for the youth," he said, adding that the Muslim youth should be guided through the teachings which were authentic and pertaining to the current challenges. - DNA

ITP expedites action against law violators

ISLAMABAD: Following the special directives of IGP Islamabad Muhammad Ahsan Younis, ITP expedited action against traffic law violators in order to ensure smooth traffic flow and to make capital city accidents free. SSP Traffic Rai Mazhar Iqbal directed all zonal DSPs and beat inspectors to take stern action against drivers violating rules including seat belt violators, motorcyclists without helmets, lane discipline violators, and especially heavy vehicle drivers who are violating their designated route and time. While issuing special instructions to the officers and Jawans, he said non-discriminatory action should be taken against the violators of traffic rules, maintain a polite attitude with citizens. disrespect to the citizens will not be tolerated at all. He further said that in charge beat inspector will be responsible for his area, strict departmental action will be taken against those who are negligent and performing their duties not well, while rewards will also be given to the officers and jawans who have performed well and doing their duties efficiently. - DNA

PCFA celebrates 70 years of Pak-China diplomatic ties

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DNA

ISLAMABAD: All Pakistan-China Friendship Association (PCFA) in partnership with Embassy of China in Pakistan held a well-attended online award ceremony for the participating students and winners on 'CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) and Pakistan-China Friendship'. According to Gwadar Pro, it was also aimed to celebrate 70 years of the establishment of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations and friendship.

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bond everlasting, they noted. In her keynote speech, Pang Chunxue, minister counselor of the Chinese embassy in Pakistan, congratulated the Pakistani youth on the vivid illustration of the friendship between Pakistan and China, and she said that these colourful paintings were indeed a wonderful gift to the celebration of the 70 vears of Sino-Pakistan diplomatic relations. More cultural exchange and cooperation will bring this friendship to new heights, she hoped. CPEC, she added, was playing a significant role in promoting people to people activity and is reflective of high quality growth of the BRI. CPEC has achieved good success and made tremendous contribution to the socio-economic development of Pakistan, to regional connectivity, with the joint efforts of both the countries.

Monday, January 03, 2022

Int'l World Braille Day to be marked on Jan 4

ISLAMABAD: International

World Braille Day will be

marked on January 4 across

the globe including Pakistan

day focuses in helping blind

and visually impaired peo-

izations (NGOs) around

the world use this day to

create awareness about the

challenges faced by visually

impaired individuals and to

encourage businesses and

governments to create eco-

nomic and social opportuni-

NGOs and disability organ-

izations hold competitions

and public outreach events.

Braille is a code that uses

bumps and indentation on a

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by touch. Visually impaired

people read and wrote us-

ing the Haüy system which

embossed Latin letters on

thick paper or leather. This

was a complicated system

that required much training

and only allowed people to

read, not write. - APP

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Non-governmental

Briefs

PAL, PACP to unveil book

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) in collaboration with Performing Arts Circle Pakistan (PACP) would organize a new book launching ceremony titled "Zinda Lamhaat" (A Soldier's Memories) on January 6. A statement said that the book was written by Brigadier (r) Nauman Ul HaqueFarrukh's.

Minister for Science and Technology Senator ShibliFaraz is likely to preside over the launching ceremony. Eminent scholars Director General National Language Promotion Department Prof. Dr. Rauf Parek and Chairman PAL Dr. Yousaf Khushk would also be present as guests of honor. The event would be held at the Conference

Hall of Academy. The book titled "ZindaLamhaat - A Soldier's Memories", is a collection of light-hearted memories & incidents from Brigadier (r) Nauman Ul HaqueFarrukh's career of over 40 years with the Pakistan army.

Prof. Munir Fayaz, Ayesha Masood Malak, Hameed Qaiser, and Dr. FakhraNasreen will speak on various aspects of the book. - APP

PNCA to organize an art show on Jan 05

ISLAMABAD: Nomad Art Gallery in collaboration with Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) would organize opening ceremony of an art show titled The Golden Hour' on January 5.

According to PNCA, Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training and National Heritage Shafqat Mahmood likely to be the chief guest on the occasion.

The Art show will feature artwork of fifteen artists from across the country exploring the Northern Areas through their creative originality and technical skills in their chosen mediums.

The artwork of fifteen artists including Ali Sajid, Arif Ansari, Ajab Khan, Taria Mahmood Bashir Haider, Sadia Arif, Shahzad Siyal, Danish Khan, Shaima Umar, Muhammad Hafeez, Farooq Siyal, Abid Zaman, Qazi Amanullah, Sanobar, and Tahir Bilal would displayed under the umbrella Studio Ali Sajid and National Artists Association

of Pakistan. The exhibition will continue till January 10 from 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. – APP

PNCA starts registration for music classes

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) has started registration process for music learning classes.

The professional artists would impart training to participants for Guitar, Keyboard/Paino, & Rubab.

Renowned music instruc-Sherry Bakhshi (Guitar) Yawar Bakhshi (Keyboard) and Ijaz Ahmedp (Rabab) will conduct music learning classes, said a press re-

lease issued here. PNCA believes in giving the musicians and artists the platform they need to grow and the inspiration they seek to realize their

unique potential. - APP

4-day winter Bazeecha workshop starts

ISLAMABAD: Four-day kids winter Bazeecha workshop will be held at Hunerkada College of Visual and Performing Arts from January 3-6. Amina Shah, director of Hunerkada, said Bazeecha workshop was made a permanent feature and continue throughout the year given the interest and enthusiasm of children and parents. She said that most of the teachers were below the age of 20.

"Hunerkada is one of the oldest art institute that offers degree and short-term courses in Fine Arts and Design, and it has produced over 300 graduates in last decade, she said."

It has also trained more than 3,000 young enthusiasts in its short courses, she added. - APP

Sania inaugurates first ever ginger harvest in Pakistan

Dr. Sania said, "Ginger can emerge as a major crop and can be a game-changer for the farming community. Agri is profoundly linked to poverty alleviation in Pakistan"

DNA

CHAKWAL: Senator Dr. Sania Nishtar, SAPM was a chief guest at the Ginger Harvest Workshop to inaugurate the first ever ginger cultivation in Balkasar area of Chakwal. The harvest celebration was organized by Agrionics Farms. This was the first ginger harvest piloted in Pakistan. The crop was grown in eleven months. Being an essential ingredient of Pakistani cuisine, ginger is high in demand, but unfortunately it is not grown here, and all the crop is imported to meet the domestic needs. At the event, participants learnt from experts about the sustainable production and management of ginger and how to properly harvest this crop. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sania said,

"Ginger can emerge as a major crop and can be a game-changer for the farming community. Agriculture is profoundly linked to poverty alleviation in Pakistan. Government, private sector, research institutions, innovators and farmers can work together to build synergies and develop agri-value chains.

Justice Bandial to be next Chief

Justice of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Justice Umar Ata Bandial of Supreme Court

will take oath as next chief justice of Pakistan next month

as incumbent CJP Justice Gulzar Ahmed will hang his robe

on February 1, 2022. As many as seven senior judges of

the judiciary including Justice Gulzar Ahmed will retire

this year. These will include five apex court judges and

Justice Umar Ata Bandial will take the oath of the CJP of-

fice on February 2. The Supreme Court judges retire after

reaching the age of 65 years while the high court judges leave

the office at 62 years. After Justice Gulzar's retirement on

February 1, the next will be Supreme Court's Justice Qazi

Muhammad Amin Ahmad who will retire on March 5, Justice

Maqbool Baqir on April 4, Justice Mazhar Alam Khan Man-

dokhel on July 13 and Justice Sajjad Ali Shah on August 13.

Lahore High Court's Justice Sardar Ahmad Naeem will hand

his robe on June 30, 2022, and Justice Chaudhry Masood Ja-

hangir will retire on December 2. There was one seat of judge

vacant at the Supreme Court while 12 seats were vacant at

CPI inflation rises

12.28% in Dec (YoY)

ISLAMABAD: The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based

monthlyinflation increased by 12.28% on year-on-year (YoY)

basis during themonth of December 2021 against the cor-

responding month of last year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

(PBS) reported Saturday. The average CPI-based inflation

rate during the period July-December 2021-22 over same pe-

riod of the preceding year was recorded at 9.81%. On month-

on-month (MoM) basis, it declined by 0.02% when compared

toprevious month (November), according to PBS data. Ac-

cording to breakup figures of PBS, the Urban CPI record-

ed am increase of 12.74% on year-on-year basis while it was

increased by 0.3% on month-on-month basis. On the other

hand, the CPI inflation Rural, increased by 11.61% on year-

on-year basis in December 2021 as compared to same month

of the preceding year. On month-on-month basis, it declined

by 0.5% in December 2021 as compared to November, 2021.

Top few commodities (urban) which recorded decrease

in December compared to same month of the preceding

year included tomatoes (28.90%), chicken (14.34%), eggs

(8.19%) and condiments & spices (2.63%). – **DNA**

two justices of the Lahore High Court (LHC).

the Lahore High Court at the moment. - DNA



This will lead to greater impact for poverty alleviation, livelihoods creation, economic

growth and foreign trade boosting. Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman Paki-

stan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), Muhammad Najeebullah, Director Vegetable Research Institute, Faisalabad and other experts were also present on the occasion. Participants were provided with information on how to successfully grow and harvest ginger in the country. Experts presented research-based information about the agricultural benefits of growing ginger locally. After knowledge-sharing, all participants went to the field for the formal inauguration and demonstrations.

Chairman PAC briefed Dr. Sania on the success of ginger cultivation project and its potential to boost Pakistan's farming sector. "This variety of ginger has been successfully grown and field tested and can yield up to approximately 8 to 10 tonnes per acre in this area" he said. Other experts shared that Pakistan is an agri economy field to progress as it should be but now it has started its journey towards self-sustainability. With help of drip irrigation, sprinklers and shading fabric, it was the first ginger farming project that turned out commercially successful.

170 profiteers arrested

RAWALPINDI: Under a special campaign launched by Rawalpindi district administration against profiteering and hoarding, fines amounting to over 1.4 million were imposed while170 violators were arrested. According to a district administration spokesman, strict measures were being taken against profiteers and hoarding.He informed that 170 profiteers were arrested in the district during special campaign launched in December against the violators.

11 First Information Reports were also lodged besides imposing fines amountingto over Rs 1.4 million on the rules violators.He said the Assistant Commissioners had been directed to continue their raidsto control the prices of food items. He informed that the administration was conducting raids against hoarders and profiteers and strict action in accordance with the law was being taken against the violators. He said fines were imposed on the violators in seven tehsils of the Rawalpindi district during December. The administration had constituted teams to check profiteering, hoarding and rate lists of daily use items while on the recommendations of the teams, several cases were also registered. - APP

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ISLAMABAD: A view of massive traffic jam at Muree Road. - APP

Pakistan, India swap lists of nuclear facilities, prisoners

The Indian government

has also provided a list to Islamabad of 355 Pakistani prisoners in Indian jails. Of these, 288 are Pakistani nationals while 73 are fishermen

ing a 31-year practice, Pakistan and India on Saturday exchanged a list of their nuclear installations under a bilateral agreement that prohibits the two sides from attacking each other's atomic facilities. According Foreign Office Spokesperson this exchange has been made, in accordance with the Agreement on Prohibition of Attacks against Nuclear

Installations and Facilities

anuary 1991. The two countries exchanged the list of nuclear installations and facilities covered under the agreement on the prohibition of attack against nuclear installations between Pakistan and India.

This was done simultaneously through diplomatic channels in Islamabad and New Delhi.

The Indian Ministry of External Affairs also handed over the list of Indian Nucle-

signed on 31 December to a representative of the 1988 and ratified on 27 Pakistan High Commission

> Pakistan has provided a list of 628 Indian prisoners languishing in Pakistan jails to the Indian High Commission in Islamabad. The lists included 577 fishermen and 51 Indian nationals.

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KHANPUR: A young girl enjoying parasailing at Khanpur Dam,

which is located at an hour drive from Islamabad. - DNA

Lok Virsa, museum attracts large number of visitors

ISLAMABAD: National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage -Lok Virsa Heritage Museum is attracting a large number of visitors particularly students of various educational institutions from across the country. Executive Director Lok Virsa Talha Ali told APP that the museum is up-graded and renovated which was presenting history and living traditions of people of the country both from the main stream and remotest regions.

educate and edify present and future generations, adding that most museum in the country were archaeological which were a throwback from colonial times. The Executive Director said that the Heritage Museum

is the first state museum of ethnology in the country which presents the history and living traditions of the people. According to Lok Virsa, the museum has a covered area of 60,000 sq. ft. featuring exhibit halls, making it the largest museum in the country.

The entry fees for the local adults are Rs. 50, students Rs. 20 and foreigners Rs. 800. While entry is free for children under seven years of age. The museum remain open from Tuesday to Sunday 10 am to 7 pm On Friday, 10 am to 7 pm with 12:30 pm to 2 pm break. While on Monday

institute in capital city that offered degree and shortterm courses in Fine Arts Talha Ali said that main objective of the museum is to and Design and has produced over 300 graduates in last decade. It has also trained more than 3,000 young enthusiasts in its short

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Pak – a promoter of religious, spiritual tourism

UN chief Antonio Guterres said the opening of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor was a practical example of Pakistan's desire for peace

ISLAMABAD: India's Hindu Yatrees had become frequent visitors to important temples in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab. In addition to 87 Hindu pilgrims from India who arrived in Pakistan on December 18 to perform religious rites at Katas Raj Temple, another 200-member worldwide Hindu delegation would be arriving in Pakistan on January 1.2022 through Dubai and Wagah border, to go to their sacred locations and historic sites together with Samadhi of Shri Param Hans Ji Maharaj/Teri Temple in Karak, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. After opening of Kartarpur Gurdwara, the facilitations extended for Hindu pilgrims showed that Pakistan was a minority friendly country and believed in promoting a culture of peace, tolerance and harmony. Pakistan had already opened a 1,000-year-old Hindu temple in eastern city Sialkot for "worship" for the first time since partition. Meanwhile, Hindu yatrees who vis-

ited the Krishna Mandir in Lahore appreciated the steps taken by Pakistan's Evacuee Board for the care and renovation of their Gurdwaras. In January 2021, a 126-yearold Shiv temple in Pakistan's Sindh province opened for worshippers after renovation and its administrative control were handed over to local Hindu organization.

Pakistan issued visas to more than 90 Indians to visit two prominent Hindu temples in December against the backdrop of ties between the two countries being at an all-time low. A group of 44 Indian yatrees visited ShadaniDarbar in Sukkur, a temple that was more than three centuries old, to mark the 312th birth anniversary of Shiv AvtariSatguruSantShadaram Sahib. 47 Indian yatrees/ pilgrims visited Katas Raj temple, also known as Qila Katas, in Chakwal district of Punjab.

Pakistan remained committed to preserving sacred religious places and extending all possible facilitation for the visiting pilgrims of all faiths. Pakistan had decided to relax its mutually laid limit with India of 10 days advance intimation before the arrival of Sikh pilgrims to visit Kartarpur in November 2021 as a sign of respect for the religious

sentiments of the Sikh Yatrees given India's last-minute decision to open the Kartarpur Corridor. Minority Rights Group International (MRG) noted that opening the Kartarpur Corridor was a symbol of peace and respect between religions and deserved applause.

UN chief Antonio Guterres said the opening of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor was a practical example of Pakistan's desire for peace. Pakistan was a moderate and tolerant society and warmly wel-

comed tourists of other faiths. Pakistan was a safe country for tourists especially for spiritual and religious tourism.

There were ancient and historical religious sites of other faiths for tourists and government of Pakistan was fully committed to protect and preserve them. Pakistani people were friendly to tourists and government fully support besides facilitating the

foreign visitors. Pakistan was promoting religious vibes in the region by facilitating various ethnic communities. Pakistan had opened different religious sites in the country to allow minorities to perform their religious obligations. Pakistan was the only country in South Asia where minorities were living in a peaceful way protected by the government. There were certain quarters in the region that deliberately and continuously tried to malign Pakistan over flimsy grounds vis-vis minorities issue.

'Ode to the Modern Masters' continues

ISLAMABAD: 'Ode to the Modern Masters' continue to attract large number of people at Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA). According to PNCA, collection includes art pieces by the internationally renowned names like Sadequain, Shakir Ali, Abdul Rehman Chughtai, Zahoor ul Akhlaq and many others which is a great asset of our country. The exhibition is a great initiative of PNCA, Ministry of Heritage and Culture Division has presented a collection of sculptures, ceramics, engraving and drawings by famous artists including Akram Dost Baloch, Abbas Shah, Amin Gulgee, Anjum Ayaz, Elizabeth Dadi, Fauzia Aziz Minallah, David Alesworth, Jamil Baloch, Mian Salahuddin and Rabia Zuberi from the Permanent Collection of PNCA. - APP

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Pandora papers

HE Prime Minister's Inspection Commission (PMIC) looks to be proceeding well on the Pandora Papers inquiry. This is good to hear considering the noise that was made with the Panama Papers by the ruling party during the last government's tenure.

With no official word received before this so far, the lack of information surrounding this investigation was getting worrying. The PMIC has now announced that 80 percent of the work is complete, and although the details are still scant, 240 of the individuals out of 700 Pakistanis named in the papers are currently being scrutinised. It is hoped that the PMIC will be able to tell us a little more than this soon however, or else this investigation might be seen as eyewash by the government's detractors.

The PMIC is so far keeping its cards close to its chest; but there has been an indication of the names mentioned in the ICIJ report not being necessarily guilty. Offshore companies on their own do not imply wrongdoing—at best they may be used for innocuous reasons, but their use in illegal activities such as money laundering and tax evasion cannot be ignored. This was sadly a distinction that got lost in the narrative surrounding the Panama Papers in 2016 and the coverage surrounding the revelations.

Back then the PTI was in opposition, which is why the onus is now on the ruling party to indicate that it truly stands behind the principles it claims to support. The PMIC must wrap up the investigations as quickly as possible, but the process undertaken must be fully transparent and verifiable. This is the only way to ensure that the government's own key functionaries named within the report are not absolved without good reason. This is a big test for the government's anti-corruption narrative—can it investigate its own members as diligently, or is the consistent onslaught by government ministers about offshore wealth nothing more than populist rhetoric?

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Improving business ties

N January 23, the Sri Lankan trade minister is expected to visit Pakistan along with representatives from 40 to 50 companies to explore avenues of cooperation and collaboration with the business community of Pakistan. This is an important visit that can pave the way for improving trade and investment ties between the two countries, and also for tapping into the potential of the tourism sector.

This can be a great opportunity for us to broaden business ties with a country with whom we share healthy relations on a bilateral level. We also need to leverage the advantage we possess, especially considering how strong our pharmaceutical and textile industries are. The current government wants to transition towards an export-oriented economy and there is a lot of scope here. During 2020, our exports to Sri Lanka stood at \$324.7 million while imports were recorded at \$78.9 million. The actual trade potential is much higher than what the current statistics reveal and we should tap into it by pursuing initiatives and agreements with Sri Lanka.

The economic relations and free trade agreement can prove to be beneficial for both the countries given how our trade with India is currently suspended. It is imperative that we take proactive steps to further strengthen bilateral relations in diverse sectors including education, health and sports besides enhancing people-to-people ties.

In fact, Pakistan must make special efforts to make amends for the tragic Sialkot incident. Sri Lanka handled the tragedy with a lot of grace and has always chosen to support us in difficult times, especially when it comes to touring Pakistan for cricket. Given the sharpening divides in the region due to the US-China conflict, we must value our partners in the region and further our coordination and cooperation with them.

Qatar, like Saudi Arabia and UAE, cleanses its textbooks

James Dorsey

The UAE and Saudi Arabia, in contrast to other competitors for religious soft power and leadership of the Muslim world, like Turkey and Iran, have already significantly revised their school textbooks, although analysts suggest that issues remain

ATAR has begun to cleanse its school-books of supremacist, racist or derogatory references as well as celebrations of violent jihad and martyrdom, according to a recently released study.

The revision of textbooks in the final year leading up to Qatar's hosting of the 2022 World Cup is designed to keep the Gulf state in the beauty pageant for the beacon of moderate Islam. Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Indonesia are Qatar's major competitors.

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Recognition of Qatari efforts to clean up textbooks takes on added significance, with the World Cup shining a light on the country's problematic human rights record and migrant labour system. Critics admit that Qatar has made significant progress in improving the legal environment for workers but charge that implementation is lagging.

The Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (Impact-se) concluded in an 85-page report that "substantial improvements have been registered in the new textbooks prepared for the first semester of the

current academic year

Impact-se is an Israeli NGO that focuses on textbook analysis to prevent the radicalisation of schoolchildren.

Writing in the introduction David A. Weinberg,

the Washington Director of the Anti-Defamation League, cautioned that Qatar still has "a long way to go when it comes to removing hateful content and consistently teaching tolerance, and yet the improvements that have occurred over the last two academic years in Qatar are still a pleasant surprise. Mr. Weinberg, whose writings focus on state-enabled anti-Semitic incitement in the Middle East, noted that the latest Qatari textbooks, in contrast to Kuwaiti and Egyptian materials that are still in use, no longer describe Iews as 'treacherous.' Despite having an established track record in identifying trends and problematic content, Impact-se slips into tricky political territory by essentially equating in its Qatar report all anti-American and anti-Israeli texts with Middle Eastern supremacism and racism.

Similarly, the report toes Israeli government policy by blurring the lines between anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism, and criticism of Israeli policy.

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Nevertheless, the Qatar report is significant for reasons beyond the rivalry for religious soft power and leadership of the Muslim world. The long-overdue overhaul of textbooks in Qatar,

like elsewhere, sensitizes populations to notions of tolerance and equality. It also helps eliminate stifling and repressive ultra-conservative social mores that complicate economic diversification and job creation and frustrate youth aspirations for greater control of their lives and more individual, less ritualistic experiences of religion.

Textbooks are one measure of the degree of a country's religious tolerance. Pushing for regional organizations to set standards is another. The latter is where Middle Eastern religious soft power rivals falter.

With textbooks in countries like Turkey and Kuwait maintaining or even expanding supremacist, racist and intolerant content, none of the religious soft power contenders have sought to persuade regional organizations like the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) that groups the six monarchies in the Gulf or the 57-nation Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to adopt resolutions that would advocate textbook review. Those groupings have further failed to set the elimination of discriminatory, anti-Semitic, anti-pluralistic language and content in educational texts as a standard.

To be fair, the 2016 Marrakech Declaration that

affirmed the rights of minorities in Muslim-majority countries urged "Muslim educational institutions and authorities to conduct a courageous review of educational curricula that addresses honestly and effectively any material that instigates aggression and extremism, leads to war and chaos, and results in the destruction of our shared societies."

Co-organized by Moroccan King Mohammed VI and Abdallah bin Bayyah, a UAE-backed Moroccan Islamic scholar, the conference was attended by hundreds of government official, religious figures, and academics whose names were not

As a result, whatever pressure there is on Muslim-majority states to revise textbooks emanates from Western pressures as well as requirements related to geopolitical objectives, competition for religious soft power, and efforts to reform and diversify economies. That is what has driven changes in Qatari, Saudi, and Emirati textbooks. Even if they set standards adopted by regional groupings, countries like Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Qatar's notion of moderation would remain problematic. They interpret Islamic law as stipulating the duty to absolutely obey the ruler, which contrasts starkly with the concepts of religious tolerance that they put forward.

When Ryan Bohl taught in an Emirati public school a decade ago, religion played a minor role compared to the notion of national identity and

One of several Westerners hired by the UAE to replace Arab teachers suspected of being sympathetic to the Muslim Brotherhood, Mr. Bohl described Emirati classrooms as "following the autocratic method, very similar to the ruler and the ruled."

It's in classrooms, Mr. Bohl said, "where those political attitudes get formed, reinforced, enforced in some cases if kids, like they do, decide to deviate outside the line. They understand what the consequences are long before they can become a political threat or an activist threat to the regime. It's all about creating

a chill effect." Religion may play a more prominent role in Qatari and Saudi schools, but impregnating youth with the notion of obedience is similarly woven into the Emirati fabric of public education.

Comparing his experience teaching in an Emirati public school with instructing youth in a Qatari private school, Mr. Bohl noted that "Qataris can't criticize their own, but they're more willing to criticise their neighbours."

Contemporary Taliban regime and neighbors

Dr. M Akram Zaheer



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FGHANISTAN is a landlocked and resource less country that always victims of external influences and faces challenges to its sovereignty and traditions. Sometime, it enjoyed its beneficence due to competition among regional and international powers. Moreover, it has suffered and it served as a classic buffer state between Czarist and British empires. During the cold-war it became a battle field between Soviet Union and United States. Almost one third population of Afghanistan went to exile and millions were killed in the war. Post disintegration of Soviet Union, Afghanistan was also near to disintegrate due to civil war that was sponsored by regional and international powers. During 1990s, Afghanistan hosted war between radical Islamist and Western thoughts and their followers. Post 9/11, Afghanistan once again was under the bombardment of The United States and NATO. At that moment, Taliban moved to countryside and challenged to foreign forces. The strategic approaches of Afghanistan's neighbors are always remained the subject of readjustment and revision. No regional power wants that the other state gain preponderance influence in Afghanistan. In addition, each state always has been collecting potential links to be secured itself from the fractionalizing and incapacitating situation of Afghanistan.

As the United States announced to withdraw from Afghanistan the neighboring countries started to become ready of contending with its consequence. The uncertainty has increased at all the borders of Afghanistan and its neighboring states has started to contain Taliban and to boost defensive and preventive measures to contain the uncertain and uneven situation of Afghanistan. Talban are overplaying and have controlled Afghanistan. Since the June 2021, seven border crossing points out of fourteen are under control of Taliban particularly along with the border of Iran and Pakistan. Many people and Afghan soldiers have fled to neighboring Tajikistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan.

Few weeks ago, President Ashraf Ghani stated in Uzbekistan that Afghanistan was literally being disconnected from the region. As Taliban are controlling border crossing points, there is no other choice for neighbors to engage Taliban as a de-facto authority. Therefore, the regional policy for Afghanistan may be driven by narrower, more fundamental interest, insuring border secure, protection of kin or affinity groups, minimize the inflow of refugees and free flow of goods. Taliban's control on many crossing points of border may reflect strategic insight of Taliban. Although the Doha accord stops Taliban to attack on provincial capitals but the accord did not forbid Talban to control border crossing points as well as the whole Afghanistan. The capturing border cross point provided alternative way to assert as a state and to expand political and diplomatic leverage over Ex. Afghan government and neighboring states, at the same time follow the agreement with Washington. Taliban's activities in all over the country created the perception that Taliban's takeover is inevitable. This affected the Afghan armed forces,

and people could opt to stand with Taliban. Regional states were not comfortable with the growing domination of Taliban in Afghanistan. Therefore, the neighboring countries have no alternate choice and they have to engage de-facto power of Taliban. Although they supported Afghan government but they were increasing their outreach to Taliban. Many Afghan Shi'a Muslim fighters were part of Islamic revolutionary guards, they continued travel to Afghanistan. They could resist to Taliban's advancement in predominant areas of Afghanistan. Iran has been supporting to Taliban against United States and NATO forces, now it see Taliban more dangerous radical force than ISIS. After the departure of United States from Afghanistan, Tehran can tend against Taliban, And Tehran may also support Taliban for respectable treatment of Afghan Shi'a minority.

Tajikistan has soft corner for Taliban because it does not Taliban as an extremist or terrorist group. Tajikistan has also announced that it has prepared to host almost one lac refugees. On the other hand, Tajikistan has organized military exercises to counter terrorist activities and deployed reservist on the Afghan-Tajik border. In August 2021, it will host Russia and Uzbekistan to participate in military exercise to encounter terrorist acts. Moscow has also agreed to help Tajikistan for the construction of defensive outpost on Afghanistan-Tajikistan border. Russia has also been intense to see American withdrawal from Afghanistan.

The uncertainty and instability of Afghanistan are creating opportunities and threat to Uzbekistan. The president Mirziyoyev has struggled to open his country to the region and to build relationship with United States. To achieve both the objective Uzbekistan has hosted intra-Afghan talk. Uzbekistan is also offering itself as an anchor for regional economic activities and Central-South Asia connectivity. All these are possible if meaningful peace and stability is established in Afghanistan.

A delegation of Taliban has visited Turkmenistan two times since 2020 and made dialogue with government officials. During the first visit of Turkmenistan Taliban has affirmed their support for regional connectivity projects, particularly Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India gas pipeline. Regional states are may be influence of their ethnic kinsmen. Northern part of Afghanistan is a composition of multiethnic groups and they can mitigate concern about non-Pashtun minorities groups of Afghanistan.

Pakistan has always been struggling for peace in Afghanistan. Few weeks ago, Pakistan had to organized intra-Afghan talk but Kabul scuttled these efforts. The terrorist attack on Chinese workers renewed the sense of urgency with which China-Pakistan beheld the need of negotiation to establish peace and harmony in Afghanistan. In the wake of this attack, China-Pakistan asked for comprehensive ceasefire and to joint action for prevention of Afghanistan from sliding towards full scale of civil war. Soon after this, a delegation of Taliban has visited Beijing and discussed changing security situation in Afghanistan. Actuality, China is worry about the security vacuum which is going to be created post US withdrawal from Afghanistan. China, Pakistan and Iran also wanted US withdrawal from Afghanistan but after peace and political settlement. Late 2000s, Pakistan's relations with Taliban were not good because the emergence of anti-state Pakistani Taliban and growing independence of Afghan Taliban. Now the tables have turned and COAS of Pakistan has stated that Pakistani and Afghan Taliban are two sides of the same coin. It is clear that the victory of Taliban will provide energy to Talibanization in Pakistan. Pakistan needs Taliban to counter Indian influence in Afghanistan but it is not clear that Taliban will do that. Pakistan should move forward with deep thinking because Pakistan will never afford to go against a power that has strategic momentum in Afghanistan.

In summing up, if Taliban have taken over the whole country it may lead Taliban to create their own fact and can enforce their own terms and conditions in Afghanistan. The country may also end up to resembling more of an emirate than democratic. Then the donors and multinational companies and groups will not support Afghanistan of Taliban. This situation may lead the country in to isolation and free from foreign aid. Then

Afghanistan may be a net loser.

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We all have a role in fighting this virus

Sara Al-Mulla

Many countries are designing detailed roadmaps for how to mitigate viral transmission, while broadcasting crucial public health information on how people can prevent infection and transmission

T is lamentable that after two years we are still battling an insidious COVID-19 pandemic as the virus travels far and wide, constantly mutating, and wreaking havoc across the global community. Nations have been critically tested, having to recalibrate their policies and regulations on a regular basis. With the emergence of the virulent omicron variant, many governments are reintroducing the suite of solutions adopted in the early stages of the pandemic, such as lockdowns, social distancing, and travel restrictions. However, such interventions are unsustainable in the long term and have been detrimental to people's general wellbeing.

It is becoming increasingly important for health authorities to emphasize the need for personal responsibility to avoid infection and transmission of the virus as an added layer of intervention. Since the onset of the pandemic, public health campaigns related to COVID-19 have been prudent, pervasive, and persuasive. The roster of

recommended public health measures included wearing masks, regular hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting personal spaces, social distancing, testing, quarantining, and vaccination. But infection rates are still soaring as many individuals neglect such public health guidance.

Many countries are designing detailed roadmaps for how to mitigate viral transmission, while broadcasting crucial public health information on how people can prevent infection and transmission. For instance, the Australian prime minister urged individuals to exercise personal responsibility to protect themselves and others, rather than fall back on a "culture of control and mandates" imposed by government agencies. The Singapore government is carefully transitioning toward easing movement restrictions by implementing safe management measures designed to boost vaccination rates, ensure compliance with sanitization procedures, and control crowd sizes in high-traffic areas. Its public messaging continuously cautions people to be vigilant and to exercise social responsibility. Previous disease outbreaks in Japan and South Korea, including the 2003 SARS and 2009 swine flu epidemics, have ingrained a culture of collective responsibility toward the wider community through basic protective practices, such as mask-wearing and personal hygiene.

These are indeed prudent approaches, since no rulebook can be effective without the compliance of those to whom it applies. The COVID-19 pandemic has riddled our lives with countless moral decisions in which we are required to act responsibly, sensibly, and altruistically when it comes to interacting with our families, colleagues, elderly relatives, or vulnerable individuals. In such a novel situation to most of us, we are forced to constantly reevaluate our actions so we can be deemed "responsible." Many people have struggled with increased anxiety, stress levels, depression, and mental health challenges caused by the

many lockdowns and restrictions imposed during the pandemic.

It is important for policymakers to gain valuable insights from behavioral theory on how best to encourage desired behavior among the general population. Interesting areas to explore within behavioral theory include breaking down public health messages into clearer and easier actions, reducing the efforts related to testing or vaccinating, designing rewards or sanctions based on desired behavior, capitalizing on social networks to exert pressure on non-compliance, encouraging people to consider others when making decisions, and identifying certain barriers to adopting public health measures.

ing public health measures. The UK's Behavioural Insights Team - the "nudge unit" - has published interesting research on how to change people's behavior in response to the pandemic. In an experiment on boosting vaccination rates in Colombia, designing direct messages that elicited trust from healthcare professionals on the general benefits of the vaccine versus its rare side effects were favorably received. It was estimated that an additional 2.4 million Colombians would get vaccinated if such a concept were applied to the entire adult population. In another UK trial on understanding the barriers to getting vaccinated, researchers found that many individuals were deterred from receiving the vaccine by practical inconveniences such as their inability to spare more than 30 minutes to travel to their appointment, inability to book an appointment online or by phone, and inability to travel safely to a vaccination site.

We should continue campaigning for personal responsibility, with the support of relevant government policies that encourage us to do so. By acting responsibly, we can rest assured that our actions will have positive effects in steering the course of the pandemic to an end.

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- Courtesy: Arab News

Briefs

Record cargo shipped through Suez Canal last year

CAIRO: Egypt's Suez Canal Authority said the key waterway netted record revenues last year, despite the coronavirus pandemic and a six-day blockage by giant cargo ship the Ever Given. Connecting the Red Sea and the Mediterranean, the canal accounts for roughly 10 percent of global maritime trade and is a source of much-needed foreign currency for Egypt.

In 2021, some 1.27 billion tons of cargo were shipped through the canal, earning \$6.3 billion dollars (5.5 billion euros) in transit fees, 13 percent more than the previous year and the highest figures ever recorded, Suez Canal Authority (SCA) chief Osama Rabie said. - Web Desk

March 23 protest will...

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two-day visit. According to JUI-F central spokesperson Aslam Ghauri. Maulana Fazlur Rehman became chief guest at the Sindh chapter leadership meeting on December 24 which was presided over by PDM provincial convener Allama Rashid Soomro. The provincial meeting of PDM Sindh was held at the residence of Shah Awais Noorani in which important decisions was taken regarding the long march towards Islamabad on March 23. -DNA

Omicron to unleash...

From Page 01 impact of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, Lahore has also started to feel the heat from this latest virus.

As many as 44 Omicron variant cases were reported in Lahore during the last 24 hours taking the toll in the city to 77.

Of the total 594 coronavirus cases throughout Pakistan 148 were in Lahore including the 44 Omicron infections with a positivity ratio in the city standing at 3.80 percent.

Only a day before, a micro smart lockdown had been imposed in Karachi's Gulshan Iqbal area after 11 members of a family had tested positive for the Omicron variant. Deputy Commissioner East issued a notification for slapping smart lockdown in Block 7 of Gulshan Iqbal.

Eleven members of a family were tested Omicron positive which resulted in their self-quarantine at their home in Gulshan Igbal. The infected members including three women and three men belonging to the same family had contracted Omicron variant Covid-19 in Kara

chi's District East. All the people have now been quarantined at their homes while authorities have also collected samples from the people who came into their contact to prevent their further spread of the virus. The infected coronavirus patients are aged between 26 to 77 years old.

So far 44 omicrons cases have been detected in the port city of Karachi.

As per reports, officials of the Sindh Health Department said they had sent the samples of 20 people infected with COVID-19 to the Dow University for confirmation of the Omicron variant and after analysis, the Dow University confirmed that 11 people of the family, who came in contact with a female member of their family from Lahore, were infected with the Omicron

Experts and health authorities warned and urged people to take precautionary measures, wear masks and get vaccinated with booster dose, if required.

In November, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr Faisal Sultan warned that Pakistan could face the fifth wave of coronavirus in winter as people had stopped using facemasks.

In an interview with a private TV channel, Dr Sultan said that the government achieved vaccination targets to some extent. "Millions in the country still need to be vaccinated against coronavirus," he said, adding that these people were at most risk.

Huge fire brings down roof at South Africa parliament

The cause of the fire was not yet known, but an investigation was opened

AGENCIES

CAPE TOWN: A massive fire in South Africa's houses of parliament in Cape Town caused the roof of the old National Assembly building to collapse on Sunday as the blaze continued to rage after eight hours.

No casualities have been reported in the fire, which has also spread to the wing housing the current National Assembly, where parliament sits.

"The roof of the Old Assembly building has collapsed and is gone," Jean-Pierre Smith, Cape Town's mayoral committee

stood since November 2016.

with Zach LaVine leading on 35.

New Orleans Pelicans.

Stephen Curry

breaks own three-

pointer record

SAN FRANCISCO: Stephen Curry broke his own NBA

record for consecutive three-pointers as he led the Gold-

Curry scored a three-pointer for the 158th successive

game, breaking his previous record of 157 which had

He made 28 points as his side overcame an eight-point

deficit to win, having earlier thrown away a 16-point lead.

Rudy Gobert top-scored for the Jazz with 20 points and

19 rebounds. Elsewhere, DeMar DeRozan scored a

game-winning buzzer-beater for the second successive

night - making him the first player in NBA history to do

so - as his Chicago Bulls edged out the Washington Wiz-

ards 120-119. After receiving the ball with 3.3 seconds

left on the clock, DeRozan landed his three-point effort

to cap his 28 points - one of four Bulls to reach 20 points

Giannis Antetokounmpo made his second triple-double

of the season as the Milwaukee Bucks extended their

winning streak to six games with a 136-113 win over the

The five-time All-Star finished with 35 points, 16 re-

bounds and 10 assists, while James Harden notched his

third triple-double in four games in the Brooklyn Nets'

120-116 defeat by the Los Angeles Clippers. – **Agencies**

en State Warriors to a 123-116 win over the Utah Jazz.

member for safety and security, told reporters.

The cause of the fire was not yet known, but an investigation was opened. President Cyril Ramaphosa told reporters at the scene an arrest had been made. "Someone has been held right now and is being questioned," he said. The historic building houses a collection of rare books and the original copy of the former Afrikaans national anthem "Die Stem Suid-Afrika" ("The Voice of South Africa"), which was already damaged.

"The entire building has suffered extensively smoke and water damage," Smith said, adding "the fire has not been contained". It started at around 0300 GMT Sunday in the parliament complex's oldest wing. which was completed in 1884 and has rooms covered in wood where parliamentarians once sat.

It then spread to newer parts of the complex which are currently in use. "Firefighters are currently trying to control the fire in the New Wing, where the fire has affected the National Assembly Chamber," parliamentary spokesman Moloto Mothapo told an online press conference. The imposing red and white building was still shrouded in a thick cloud of black at midday. A team of firefighters who were

first to arrive at the scene battled the flames for several hours before being forced to retreat and call for reinforcements. Some 70 firefighters were later

deployed, some using a crane to spray water on the blaze. Former Cape Town mayor and current minister Patricia de Lille warned it would still be several hours before the fire was

Inside the rooms, fine showers of grey ash fell from the ceiling to the floor, which was already littered littered with debris. Emergency services feared the fire could spread swiftly through the old rooms, which are decorat-

brought under control.

ed with wood, thick carpets and curtains. Images broadcast on television had earlier shows giant flames leaping from the roof. The area around the fire in the upmarket neighbourhood was

quickly cordoned off.

The cordon stretched to a square where flowers were still displayed in front of the nearby St. George's Cathedral, where anti-apartheid icon Archbishop Desmond Tutu's funeral took place on Saturday.

After a simple, no-frills mass, with a cheap coffin - according to the famously modest Tutu's instructions - his ashes were interred in the cathedral on Sunday.

Authorities order probe...

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the Republican Palace in Khartoum, chaired by Chairman of the Sovereign Council Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, to discuss the security developments in the country. The council, which groups representatives of the sovereign council and leaders of the security and military bodies, expressed regret over the casualties during Thursday's protests, and vowed to hold those who triggered the clashes between protesters and security forces accountable. – **DNA**

Sudan: Anti-coup...

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Sudanese security forces had deployed in large numbers on Sunday, setting up road blocks in the capital Khartoum.

Soldiers in armoured vehicles mounted with heavy machine guns were seen posted at strategic road crossings.

Sudan has been gripped by turmoil since military leader General Burhan launched a coup and detained Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok. Hamdok was reinstated on November 21, but mass protests have continued as demonstrators distrust veteran general Burhan and his promises of seeking to guide the country toward

full democracy. Activists have kept up a more than two-month-long campaign of street demonstrations against the army's takeover.

They were met with a crackdown that has seen at least 54 people killed and hundreds injured in protest-related violence, according to the pro-democracy Doctors' Committee group.

The rallies have been repeatedly broken up by security forces firing rounds of tear gas, as well as charges by police wielding batons and shooting bullets into the air. Burhan denies the takeover was a coup, and on Friday, a close advisor warned that "the demonstrations are only a waste of energy and time" which will not produce "any political solution".

GETAFE: Real Madrid's Luka Modric tries to control the ball during a league game against Getafe FC. – DNA

Messi tests positive for Covid-19, club PSG says



SPORTS DESK

PARIS: Lionel Messi is one of four Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) players to have tested positive for Covid-19, the club said in a statement on Sunday.

enth Ballon d'Or title.

The other three players are Juan Bernat, Sergio Rico and Nathan Bitumazala. All players are "in isolation and are subject to the appropriate health pro-

tocol," the team said. PSG is scheduled to face Vannes in the French Cup's round of 32 on Monday.

France registered 232,200 new cases of Covid-19 on Friday, the highest daily number registered across Europe since the beginning of the pandemic, according to data from the country's Health Ministry

Since joining PSG from Barcelona in August, Messi has scored just one Ligue goal, though he has netted five in five Champion League matches. Back in November Messi won his sev-

It was a a record-extending win for Messi, who now has two more titles than his arch rival Cristiano Ronaldo. Although comparatively it might be considered a relatively down year at club level for Messi, the 34-year-old Argentine played a vital role in helping Argentina win the Copa América title

earlier this year. He also finished as the Spanish league's top scorer and scored two goals as Barca won the Copa del Rey. Messi previously won the Ballon d'Or award in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015,

Ralf Rangnick 'desperately' wants Cavani to stay

MANCHESTER: Manches- first day that, for me, he is ter United interim manager Ralf Rangnick says he "desperately" wants striker Edinson Cavani to stay at Rangnick. Old Trafford until the end of the season. Cavani, who joined United on a free transfer from Paris St-Germain in 2020, signed a contract extension with the club until June 2022.

The Uruguay international has been linked with Barcelona and Juventus in the January transfer window. "He knows that I will definitely not let him go," said

Rangnick. Cavani, 34, came off the bench to score a second-half equaliser in United's 1-1 draw at Newcastle last week and partnered Cristiano Ronaldo up front during the 3-1 win over Burnley three days later.

"I told him from the very

a highly important play-"He is prob ably the only one who can

play as a striker back to goal and face to goal. "And, as I said, his profes-

sionalism, his work ethic is iust amazing and I told him that I desperately want him to stay until the end of the season. He knows that. He also knows how highly I rate him and how highly I respect him. "We will definitely need Edi. I would rather have another Edi on top of that but for me it's clear that Edi has to stay."

Another of Rangnick's attacking options looking for a move away from the club is Anthony Martial. – **APP**

Efforts afoot to bring...

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Fawad said though Nawaz was no longer suffering from any health conditions. yet he was not coming back. Then it is justified that the government will take action against the guarantor, Shehbaz, for submitting a false declaration

He was talking to media outside the residence of PTI MNA Alamgir Khan in Karachi where he came to condole the death of his father on Sunday.

"Shehbaz Sharif submitted an affidavit regarding his brother's return and now Nawaz Sharif is not returning to Pakistan," he said adding that action would be initiated against the opposition leader over submitting a fake affidavit. The minister divulged that

the Supplementary Financial Bill, 2021 commonly known as the mini-budget would be approved by the Parliament between Jan 15-20. He touted that the government had the support of all the allies and the PTI itself was united too. He said no ally had raised any objection on the mini-budget. On rising inflation in the

country, Fawad said it was due to the price hike in the international market. He was of the view that Pakistan was selling the most inexpensive Urea when compared to its price in the global market.

Fawad Ch said that the facility of Sehat Card had been launched in the entire Lahore division, adding that in the next 45 days all families in Punjab would be eligible to get medical treatment with a ceiling of Rs1 million. "With this revolutionary step, the people can minus the health expenditures from their budget as the government is bearing all these expenditures," minister said.

Fawad said that economic stability is returning to Pakistan due to prudent economic policies of the government. He said the government is paying special attention to the agriculture sector and record production has been achieved in five crops.

He said that he had also advised the Sindh government to launch the Sehat Card initiative in the province.

Hasnain grabs three wickets on BBL debut

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani pacer Mohammad Hasnain started his Big Bash League (BBL) journey with a bang as he bagged three wickets in his maiden over in the tournament against Adelaide Strikers. Hasnain dismissed Matthew Short, Jake Weatherald and Jonathan Wells in the third over of the match to jolt the Strikers' run-chase of 173 runs. The batting side struggled to get going early on as they were reduced to 25/3 after they couldn't cope up with Hasnain's pacey deliveries aided by a touch of late swing.

According to ndtv.com, batting first, Sydney Thunder showcased remarkable power-hitting skills to post a big total of 172 runs in their allotted 20 overs.

Opener Matthew Gilkes starred with the bat to play a classy knock of 93 runs off 57 balls. However, Strikers' bowlers roared back in the game and didn't let any other batter dictate terms to restrict the side well below the 200-run mark.

Peter Siddle and Wes Agar were the pick of the bowlers with three wickets each. In reply, Strikers could only manage 144 in the 20 overs, losing the game by 28 runs. Harry Nielsen top scored for the Strikers with a score of 39 runs but failed to take the team past the finishing line. Hasnain ended with figures of 3/20 in his four overs. – APP

league: Alex Hales ISLAMABAD: English cricketer Alex Hales believes Pakistan Super League (PSL) was a high quality league saying the quality bowlers in the tournament

has made the extravaganza extremely competitive.

2022 Pakistan Super League also known as PSL 7 was scheduled to begin from January 27.

Karachi would host 15 matches at National Stadium while Lahore will host 19, with the finals to be played at the

Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore. "PSL is a really high quality league, the quality of local players, especially bowlers, is really high making the league extremely competitive. In this league you don't know which 4 teams will qualify until the very last day and that makes it even more exciting, he said in a statement issued here.

Hales said he was looking forward to join Islamabad United again in the sev-



PSL is a high quality

enth edition of Pakistan Super League (PSL). "I played my first PSL match in Pakistan for Islamabad United back in PSL 4. Conditions in Pakistan are really good, I really enjoy the ball coming on

to the bat, these are very different conditions to other Asian venues," he said. He said PSL was a really high quality league, the quality of local players, especially bowlers, is really high making the league extremely competitive. "In this league you don't know which

4 teams will qualify until the very last day and that makes it even more Hales said he loves the freedom Is-

lamabad United gives to its players. "There is a plan and the team backs its players. I have always been a fan of Asif Ali, have seen how much Islamabad United trusts him hence it was no surprise to me when he lit up the T20 World Cup.'

Hales said his role here as a senior pro was to guide the new local talent on how to manage expectations and above all how not to worry too much if things were not going your way. – APP

US flight cancellations hit new holiday peak

Airlines have been struggling with staffing problems with crew quarantining after contracting Covid, adding to travellers' woes, heavy snow has hit the central US

News Desk

WASHINGTON: Flight cancellations in the US have hit a new peak in a Christmas season hit hard by the Covid pandemic and bad weather. Nearly 4,400 flights around the world were cancelled on Saturday, more than 2,500 of them in the US. air traffic site FlightAware reported. Airlines have been struggling with staffing problems with crew quarantining after

contracting Covid. Adding to travellers' woes, heavy snow has hit the central US.

From the US cancellations, more than 1,000 are from Chicago's O'Hare and Midway airports.

"Today's cancellations are driven by Omicron staffing and weather-related issues. We did pre-cancel flights in anticipation of inclement weather. We've been contacting passengers early if their flights are cancelled to give them time to rebook or make other plans," United Airlines said in a statement.

Sunday, when many people often return home from their Christmas holidays, is likely to bring further disruption, with more snow and heavy winds forecast.

"It's too long and there's no space to spend the time, get something to eat, it's a long time here," one traveller stuck at O'Hare airport told ABC news in Chicago. Since 24 December, more than 12,000 flights have been cancelled in the US.

Airlines have been trying to woo crew with extra pay to tackle the staff shortages. But unions say workers fear contracting Covid or having to deal with angry passengers. The US is facing a surge in Covid cases powered by the Omicron variant.

New York City has seen record cases despite high vaccination rates. The virus has hit everything from the police force to

Broadway shows, although there has not yet been a significant hike in hospitalisations. The city's new mayor, Eric Adams, took office on Saturday after low key New Year celebrations.

In his first speech, he said the city would not be "controlled by crises"

"This pandemic has not only impacted us physically, but emotionally, and I'm going to really encourage people in this city to just find that inner peace, no matter what we're going through," he said. "We have been through tragedies before. This is a resilient city and a resilient country and I want to bring that energy."

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Briefs

PIAF greets Mian Anjum for victory in **FPCCI** polls

DNA

LAHORE: The Pakistan Industrial & Traders Association Front (PIAF) has felic itated Businessmen Panel (BMP) Chairman MianAnjumNisar for the historic victory of his group in the elections of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry for 2022. PIAF senior vice chairman Nasir Hameed and vice chairman Javed Siddiqi in a joint statement said that the Businessmen Panel (BMP) has clinched the victory in the annual elections of the country's apex trade body, retaining almost all the main seats for third year in a row through a tough battle with the United Business Group (UBG).

Nasir Hameed congratulated Irfan Iqbal Sheikh for his election as FPCCI president, who bagged 189 votes whereas his opponent got just 159 votes.

He said that BMP victory with thumping majority clearly reflects the confidence of business community in judicious policies being followed by this group leadership. He hoped that the BMP would now push the government to initiate long-term economic planning for the betterment of business community of Pakistan, as they have the ability to change the fate of Pakistan and transform it into a prosperous country.

He added that on the association seats Nadeem Qureshi, ShabbirHussain, Engineer M A Jabbar and Shaukat Ali Omerson, all from the BMP, were elected while on Federal capital area seat Amin UllahBaig of BMP, on Punjab province seat Khalil Ahmed of BMP and on KPK seat Umer Masood Ur Rehman of BMP were elected, which is a huge success for the Businessmen Panel and deserve appreciation for their efforts

Indonesia bans coal exports in January

world's biggest exporter of coal used in electricity generation, on Saturday said it has banned January exports of the fuel in a move aimed at safeguarding its domestic power supply.

Rising demand for electricity in the country risks widespread blackouts unless more supplies are diverted to power stations, the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources said in a statement. Indonesia exports the majority of its coal but mandates that producers must set aside minimum amounts to supply the nation's power plants.

The decision comes against a backdrop of surging demand, as post-pandemic economic growth across the world drives electricity needs that cannot be met from less-polluting alternatives. The International Energy Agency last month said global demand for coal, the world's biggest source of greenhouse gases, hit a record in 2021 and would be sustained into 2022, threatening plans set out at last year's COP26 climate change conference to cut emissions. – **APP**

Kazakhstan increases export of wheat

NUR SULTAN: Kazakhstan exported 4.02 million tons of wheat from January through September 2021, which is by 18.1 percent more than in the same period of last year. Trend reports citing Kazakhstan's statistics. According to the statistics, Kazakhstan exported 430,819 tons of wheat in September 2021, which is by 17.8 percent less than in the same month of last year and by nine percent more than in August 2021. Kazakhstan exported 48,856 tons of corn from January through September 2021 while 1,434 tons in September 2021, which is by 90.3 times and 4.8 percent less than from January through September 2020 and September 2020, respectively. Moreover, Kazakhstan exported 30,569 tons of barley in September 2021, by 58.3 percent less compared to the same month of 2020. Some 710,430 tons of barley were exported during the first nine months of 2021, which is by 4.8 percent more than in the same period of last year. - APP

US Capitol riot investigation body prepares to go public

"The full picture is coming to light, despite President Trump's ongoing efforts to hide the picture," said Wyoming Republican Liz Cheney, the committee's vice chairwoman and one of its two Republican members

AGENCIES

WASHINGTON: US House investigating Capitol siege on January 6 last year, is preparing to go public. The committee has interviewed more than 300 witnesses, collected tens of thousands of documents and traveled around the country to talk to election officials who were pressured by Donald Trump.

In the coming months, members of the panel will start to reveal their findings against the backdrop of the former president and his allies' persistent efforts but also to make a clear to whitewash the riots and reject suggestions that he helped instigate them.

The committee also faces the burden of trying to persuade the American public that their conclusions are fact-based and credible.

But the nine lawmakers seven Democrats and two Republicans - are united in their commitment to tell the full story of Jan. 6, and they are planning televised hearings and reports that will bring their findings out into the open. Their goal is not only to show the severity of the riot,

connection between the attack and Trump's brazen pressure on the states and Congress to overturn Joe Biden's legitimate election as president.

"The full picture is coming to light, despite President Trump's ongoing efforts to hide the picture," said Wyoming Republican Liz Cheney, the committee's chairwoman and one of its two Republican members. While the fundamental facts of Jan. 6 are known, the committee the extraordinary savs trove of material they have

collected - 35,000 pages of records so far, including texts, emails and phone records from people close to Trump - is fleshing out critical details of the worst attack on the Capitol in two centuries, which played out on live television.

They hope to fill in the blanks about the preparations before the attack, the financing behind the Ian. 6 rally that preceded it and the extensive White House campaign to overturn the 2020 election.

They are also investigating what Trump himself was doing as his supporters fought

their way into the Capitol. Even as the committee works, Trump and his allies continue to push lies about election fraud while working to place similarly minded officials at all levels of state and local government.

"I think that the challenge that we face is that the attacks on our democracy are continuing - they didn't come to an end on Jan. 6," said another panel member, Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., also chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. Still, the lawmakers hope

they can present the pub-

lic with a thorough accounting that captures what could have been "an even more serious and deeper constitutional crisis," as Cheney put it.

"I think this is one of the single most important congressional investigations in history," Cheney said.

The committee is up against the clock. Republicans could dishand the investigation if they win the House majority in the November 2022 elections. The committee's final report is expected before then, with a possible interim report coming in the spring or summer.

EU flag removed from Arc de Triomphe

PARIS: France removed Sunday a temporary installation of the European Union flag from the Arc de Triomphe monument in Paris after right-wing opponents of President Emmanuel Macron accused him of "erasing" French identity. The giant blue flag was raised in place of the French flag on New Year's Eve to mark France's turn at the rotating presidency of the EU Council, which it will hold for the next six months.

The arch, a monument to war dead, and other landmarks including the Eiffel Tower and the Pantheon, are also being illuminated with blue lights for the remainder of this week. But Macron's right-wing rivals for presidential elections in spring seized on the removal of the tricolor flag, calling it an affront to France's heritage and its veterans.

"Preside over Europe yes, erase French identity no!" tweeted Valerie Pecresse, the conservative candidate who polls indicate could be the main challenger to Macron in the upcoming vote. She urged him to restore the French flag, saying, "We owe it to our soldiers who spilled their blood for it." Le Pen, who had vowed to

Far-right candidate Marine file a complaint with the State Council, France's highest court for administrative matters, called the removal of the EU flag "a great patriotic victory," claiming on Twitter that a "massive mobilization" had forced Macron to backpedal. - DNA

Bangladesh's int'l trade fair kicks off at Chinese-built new venue

DHAKA: The 26th edition of the Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF), The largest annual commercial and trade event in Bangladesh, kicked off Saturday at a mega Chinese-built new venue. fair, which is being held at Bangabandhu Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center (BBCFEC) outskirts of the capital Dhaka, will last for one month. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the event virtually from her official Ganabhaban residence in Dhaka. Speaking at the ceremony, Hasina expressed her hope that the fair would well demonstrate the South Asian country's potential to entrepreneurs, traders, industrialists, exporters, buy-

ers and visitors. She declared ICT products and services the Product of the Year for 2022 and urged Bangladesh's business people to make efforts to diversify their products to boost export and business growth. "You have to move ahead through developing own brand," she noted. Previously the fair was held at the west side of Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), which is also known as Bangladesh-China friendship conference center in Dhaka. – APP

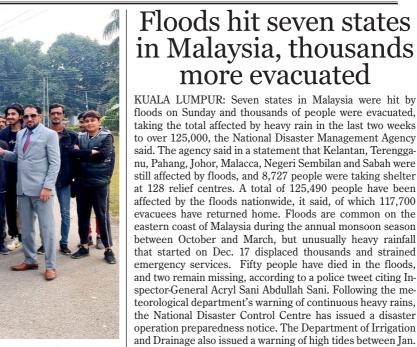
Kenya's economy grows 9.9 pct in Q3

NAIROBI: Kenya's economy grew by 9.9 percent in the three months to September 30, compared to 10.1 percent in the second quarter of 2021, the government statistics agency said on Friday. Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) said that the economic recovery from the effects of COVID-19 pandemic continued in the third quarter as a result of the gradual easing of containment measures instituted to curb the spread of the disease. "There was a slowdown in

the performance of agriculture, forestry and fishing activities in the third quarter of 2021," KNBS said in its latest statistical release.

According to the data agency, the agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors are estimated to have contracted by 1.8 percent in the third quarter of 2021. "The dismal performance of the sector was evident in the significant decline in fruit exports, cane deliveries, tea production and coffee exports," KNBS added.

The statistics agency noted that unfavorable weather conditions experienced in most parts of the country impacted negatively on the production of food crops during the quarter under



JHELUM: Cantonment Board Jhelum holds awareness walk on cleanliness campaign. CB starts solid waste management program to clean up the city and dispose of waste. - DNA

Pakistan, China can have joint-film production, says Moin ul Haque

BEIJING: Ambassador of Pakistan to China, Moin ul Haque said that Pakistan's film industry was experiencing a revival and there was a good scope for cooperation including joint productions between Pakistan and China in which the State Production Base of China Film tion could play an As a part of the Group Corporaimportant role. Embassy's deavors to promote collaboration between Pakistan and China in areas of film and media, Ambassador of Pakistan, MoinulHaque visited the State Production Base China Film **Group Corporation** Huairou District, Beijing. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador said that screening Pakistani movies this year as part of the celebratory events to mark the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries has generated a lot of interest for collaboration in the film industry. The Ambassador was received by Mr. Lei Zhenyu, Chief Engineer and Manager, and other officials. He was given a tour of the Base and also briefed on

Dutch police scuffle with anti-lockdown protesters

WEB DESK

AMSTERDAM: Riot police have tried to break up a crowd of several thousand who had gathered in the Dutch capital to protest against Covid-19 lockdown measures and vaccinations. The protesters on Sunday violated a ban on holding public gatherings during the latest wave of coronavirus infections.

The protesters, in addition to ignoring an order not to hold a march, mostly did not wear masks and broke social distancing rules as well.

a main thoroughfare, play- marched across the grass ment ordering the closure ing music and holding yel- to clear the area, sending low umbrellas in a sign of the demonstrators into Restaurants, hairdressers, opposition to the govern- nearby streets ment measures

Amsterdam mayor FemkeHalsema issued ordinance in emergency empowering response, police to clear the central Museum Square.

The local government had outlawed the protest, saying police had indications some demonstrators might be planning to attend "prepared for violence.'

The municipality later issued an emergency order

Thousands walked along square, and riot police cember 19, with the govern-

A small group of demonstrators briefly clashed with riot police as officers worked to clear the crowd from Museum Square. At least one person was detained.

Before officers moved in. protesters unfurled a banner that read, "Less repression, more care". A group held a sign that said: "It's not about a virus, it's about control" on one side and "Freedom" on the other. The Netherlands went into

a sudden lockdown on De-

effort to prevent a fresh wave of the Omicron variant

2-5, and cautioned residents on the west coast in Peninsula

of the coronavirus. The highly contagious Omicron variant could overwhelm the country's already strained healthcare system.

of all but essential stores.

gyms, museums and other

public places were all closed

Public gatherings of more

than two people are prohib-

ited under the current set of

Like other European coun-

tries, the Netherlands im-

posed the measures in an

until at least January 14.

restrictions.

Pakistan NAVY ship Tabuk visits Oman during overseas deployment

TABUK visited Port Dugm, Oman as part of Regional Maritime Security Patrols in North Arabian Sea. PNS TABUK is part of 25th Destroy er Squadron of Pakistan Navy Fleet and is equipped with latest weapons and sensors to perform maritime operations in multi-threat environment. Upon arrival at Duqm, the ship was received by Defence Attaché of Pakistan at Oman and officials from Royal Navy of Oman (RNO). During the visit, Commanding Officer of PNS TABUK Captain Muhammad Umair called on Central Naval Area Commander of Royal Navy Oman (RNO) and Director of commercial and port operations of Dugm. During the interactions,

its various facilities and services. - DNA



matters of mutual interests were discussed and enhancement of bilateral ties in all spheres was re-affirmed. Commanding Officer on behalf of Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi conveyed good wishes for the people of Oman in general and the RNO in particular. The port visit to Duqm, Oman is expected to further enhance existing close diplomatic ties and cordial relations between the two countries. - DNA

Pakistan records 32 % growth in exports to Canada

CANBERRA: Pakistan's bilateral and political relations with Canada are healthy and cordial which are impacting positivey on our bilateral trade relations which have seen a healthy 32 per cent growth in our exports to Canada in the first 9 months of the calendar year 2021. This was said during an online public forum-cum-katchehry arranged by Pakistan High Commission in Canada and hosted by Consul General of Pakistan Toronto Mr. Abdul Hameed here in Canada on the last day of the year 2021. Pakistan's Chargé d'affaires in Canada Mr. Shahbaz Malik, Consul General of Pakistan Vancouver Mr. Janbaz Khan and Consul General of Montreal Mr. Ishtiak Ahmed Akil also addressed the online forum. Addressing the forum, Mr. Abdul Hameed prayed for a contin-

ued welfare of the Pakistani expatriates in Canada and North America in the year 2022, and assured them full cooperation and assistance in prompt provision of consular services. He also highlighted the diplomatic, political, educational and commercial engagements and exchanges between Pakistan and Canada which culminated in recent visit by Deputy Foreign Minister of Canada to Pakistan to attend the 4th round of bilateral talks between both the countries. - DNA

Uzbekistan as SCO chair: Goals and priorities

Mirziyoyev proposed the establishment of an expert forum on information security and to introduce the position of the SCO Goodwill Ambassador. Other priorities include the adoption of a program for industrial cooperation, the preparation of an agreement on cooperation in the field of tourism

Foreign Desk

MOSCOW: Uzbekistan, as part of its chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, plans to hold more than 80 international events, develop a program for boosting trade inside the region and step up the engagement of member countries in the area of security in 2022.

As a priority, Uzbekistan will seek to invigorate economic cooperation and raise the alliance's security potential. Tashkent intends to expand the SCO agenda including new items, such as the creation of

opment of digital technologies and innovation. In light of the ongoing pandemic, the reinforcement of cooperation in the health area will remain a pressing goal. The country has developed a special roadmap and concept for its chairmanship. "There is no doubt that all the events under the chairmanship of Uzbekistan in the SCO will be held at the highest level," AbdulazizKamilov, the nation's foreign minister, said. The next meeting of the SCO Heads of State Council will be held on September 15-16 in Uzbekistan, which,

according to Kamilov, rais-

mechanisms for the devel-

es an opportunity to unlock the organization's potential in a new way strengthen its role and significance. At summit Dushanbe September

2021, Uzbekistan's ShavkatMirzi-President vovey outlined the priorities and tasks of the chairmanship. These include efforts to raise the potential and authority of the organization, ensure peace and stability in the region, reduce

poverty and ensure food security. Uzbekistan called putting together plan the development of intraregional trade, which will include measures to eliminate trade barriers, align technical regulations and digitalize

for infrastructure development across the SCO area. In connection with the tensions in Afghanistan, Mirziyoyev noted the need for a unified approach to the situation in this country, and also suggested holding regular high-level meetcustoms procedures. Mirziings in the SCO-Afghanyoyev proposed the estabistan format, expressing lishment of an expert forum his readiness to organize on information security and the first of them in Tashkent. According to Uzto introduce the position of the SCO Goodwill Ambassabekistan's coordinator for

SCO affairs, Rakhmatullador. Other priorities include the adoption of a program Nurimbetov, the country for industrial cooperation, has already begun preparations for this meeting, the preparation of an intergovernmental agreement and it is expected to be on cooperation in the field held this year. Uzbekistan took over the of tourism and a program

chairmanship of the organization from Tajikistan on September 17, 2021, following a meeting of the SCO Heads of State Council. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister AndreyRudenko said Russia expects that Uzbekistan, as part of its chairmanship, will successfully take on the challenges facing the organization. Uzbekistan has chaired the SCO three times: in 2004, 2010 and 2016.



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66 cases brought to legal conclusion: Chairman NAB

Chairman directs all the officers of NAB to consider the eradication of corruption as their national duty and perform it with determination, merit, hard work

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Justice Javed Iqbal Chairman NAB has said that from out of 179 mega corruption cases, 66 cases have been brought to a logical conclusion as per law.

NAB has not only apprehended 'untouchables' for the first time in its history but NAB is pursuing the cases against the corrupt elements in the esteemed courts on the basis of solid evidence and during the current tenure of NAB administration, between October 2017 and November 30, 2021, 1194 accused were convicted by the Honorable Accountability Courts.

NAB is determined to bring logical conclusion of mega corruption cases like money laundering, fake account, assets beyond known sources of income, cheating public at large, housing societies and Modaraba cases by utilising all its resources as per law. Out of 179 mega-corruption cases, 66 had already been brought to a logical conclusion, while 94 mega-corruption cases are still under trial in the

UK corona

cases top 13 mln

LONDON: Britain has reported an-

other 162,572 corona-virus cases in

the latest 24-hour period, bringing the

total number of corona-virus cases in

the country to 13,100,458, according

Britain also reported a further 154

corona-virus-related deaths. The total

number of corona-virus-related deaths

in Britain now stands at 148,778, with 11,918 COVID-19 patients still in hos-

pital. The data on Saturday did not include Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland due to differences in reporting schedules over the New Year weekend. The latest figures came as British Health Secretary Sajid Javid said further restrictions must be a "last re-

sort" and Britain will now have to "live

The health secretary, writing in the Daily Mail, said England "welcomed in

2022 with some of the least restrictive

"Curbs on our freedom must be an ab-

solute last resort and the British peo-

ple rightly expect us to do everything

in our power to avert them," he said.

"So I've been determined that we

must give ourselves the best chance

of living alongside the virus and avoid-

ing strict measures in the future."

Javid added that it was "inevitable

that we will still see a big increase" in

COVID patients over the next month,

warning that the pandemic is "still far

Health card fully available in Lahore: Fawad

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Infor-

mation and Broadcasting Chaudhry

Fawad Hussain on Sunday said the

health card facility has become fully

available in Lahore division. The min-

ister said in next 45 days all the fami-

lies of Punjab province would be eligi-

ble for treatment up to Rs one million

annually through health card, he said

in a series of tweets. He said with this

revolutionary programme the health

expense of public would no longer be

part of their budget, rather the govern-

Fawad said under this initiative every

citizen would be eligible for the medi-

cal facility without any discrimination

including rich, poor or middle class ex-

cept people of Sindh. The provincial

government of Sindh was not providing

this facility to its citizens, he said adding,

except that the whole population of the

country would be benefited through it.

Liquor poured into

Kabul canal

News Desk KABUL: A team of Afghan intelligence

agents poured around 3,000 litres of liq-

uor into a canal in Kabul, the country's spy agency said on Sunday, as the new

Taliban authorities crack down on the

sale of alcohol. Video footage released by

the General Directorate of Intelligence

known for their austere brand of Islam,

are stricter in their opposition to it.

ing it during a raid in the capital.

ment wold take it's responsibility.

from over." - Agencies

alongside" the virus in 2022

measures in Europe."

to official figures released Saturday.

learned accountability cases. He said that corruption is the biggest obstacle in the way of development

and prosperity of the country. NAB is focal organisation of Pakistan under United National Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). NAB is pursuing the policies of 'accountability for all' aiming to make Pakistan corruption free. NAB is the role model for

SAARC anti corruption forum.

NAB has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with China to oversee China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects being completed in Pakistan. NAB has introduced a Combine Investigation Team (CIT) system to benefit collective wisdom of supervisory officers so that the corrupt elements could not go scot free. NAB has established a forensic laboratory having facilities ofdigitsl forensic, question documents and finger prints' analysis. The performance of NAB has improved with those measures.NAB has devised a comprehensive Quantified Grading System to improve performance.

As soon as Justice (retd) Javed Iqbal

Jahangir, Farooq

agree to work together

KARACHI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI's) estranged leader Jahangir Ta-

reen met Farooq Sattar during his stay in Karachi and discussed the po-

litical situation of the country and governance issues. "Tareen and Sattar

also decided to hammer out a national agenda for solution of problems and

working together to achieve it," sources said. Farooq Sattar's meeting with

Shehbaz Sharif was also came under the discussion. The two leaders also

"Seeing Sindh especially Karachi in this condition is painful," Tareen said.

"Economic problems have aggravated. All people have to come forward for na-

tional security and stability," he said. Farooq Sattar said that he was ready to

meet to any person on any fora and place. "I have held meetings with Ishratul

Ebad and Shehbaz Sharif for the sake of welfare and progress of people," Sattar

said. "I am ready to share my agenda of national development with all persons,"

he added. Dr Farooq Sattar, an ex-convener of the MQM, in October last year

called on former Sindh governor Dr Ishratul Ebad in Dubai. In their meeting,

they had agreed to play a constructive role in the politics of the country, particu-

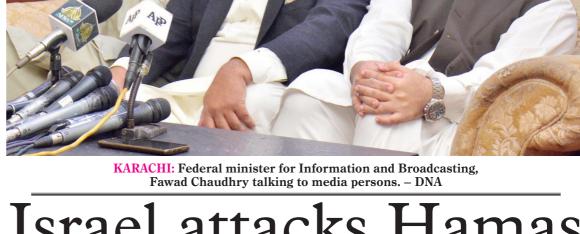
larly in Karachi, besides forming a political front, media reports said. - DNA

decided to remain in touch in future, according to sources.

assumed office, he fixed a period of 10 months to conclude a case. According to timeframe, complaint verification should be completed in two months time, inquiry and investigations in four months each. NAB has also set up Witness Handling Cells in all regional bureaus. As a result of this move, NAB is pursuing its cases in the courts on the basis of solid documentary evidence. The overall conviction rate in NAB cases is 66 percent.

NAB Chairman has directed all NAB officers to redouble their efforts to make Pakistan corruption free.

He directed all the officers of NAB to consider the eradication of corruption as their national duty and perform it with determination, merit, hard work and transparency. Credible national and international organizations like Transparency International, PILDAT, World Economic Forum, Mashaal Pakistan, etc have expressed full confidence in NAB's initiatives. According to the results of a survey conducted by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, 59 percent Pakistanis expressed their satisfaction over the NAB's performance.



Israel attacks Hamas positions in Gaza

Israeli air attacks hit 'rocket manufacturing site, military posts' in the besieged Gaza Strip

News Desk

GAZA: Israel's military said it launched air attacks on Hamas positions in the Gaza Strip, a day after rockets fired from Gaza landed in the Mediterranean Sea. The Israeli military said the attacks late on Saturday hit a rocket manufacturing facility and a military post for Hamas.

"As fireworks lit up the skies to celebrate NewYear2022 around the world, a different type of fire came from Gaza-terrorist rocket-fire toward Israel," the Israel military said in a tweet on Sunday. "In response, we just struck Hamas sites in Gaza, incl. a rocket manufacturing site & military posts used for terrorist activity.'

from Gaza on Saturday were meant to hit Israel, but Gaza-based groups often test-fire missiles towards the sea.

Hazem Qassem, a spokesman for Hamas, told Al Jazeera that some of the areas targeted by the Israel strikes include agricultural lands.

"Our resistance will continue to perform its duty to defend our people and liberate our land and sanctities," Qassem said. "We will stick to our right of resistance until achieving the goals of our people with liberation and return." There were no reports of casualties from Saturday's attack. No sirens were sounded and Israel's Iron Dome rocket interception system did not deploy, the army said in a statement. Apart from a single incident in September, there has been no cross-border rocket fire since a ceasefire ended an 11-day war between Israel and Hamas in May. The ceasefire, brokered by Egypt and other mediators, has been fragile. Hamas says Israel did not take serious steps to ease the blockade it imposed on Gaza with Egypt's help when the group seized control of the coastal enclave in 2007. More than 260 Palestinians, many of them civilians and children, and 13 Israelis were killed in the May assault on Gaza, during which Israel carried out relentless air raids across the coastal enclave, prompting Gaza fighters to fire rockets towards Israeli cities.

Israel keeps Gaza under blockade, tightly restricting movement out of the territory that is home to two million Palestinians. Egypt also maintains restrictions on the enclave. Both cite threats from Hamas for the restrictions.

Muslims suffering from Islamophobia in India

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: Rising wave of hate crimes against Muslims is being witnessed in Modi's India as Muslims suffer from hate speeches, physical attacks and Islamophobia in the country. A report released by Kashmir Media Service Sunday said said that recently Hindu leaders called for genocide of Muslims at hate speech conclave in Haridwar, adding attacks by Hindu extremists against Muslims and other minorities have intensified under Modi-led fascist Indian government.

It said, hate speeches, crimes against Muslims and other minorities are motivated by Hindutva ideology. The RSS-BJP leaders are using hate speeches to demonize Muslims and other minorities in India, it deplored. The report said, discriminatory measures against Muslims are clear manifestations of Islamophobia in India as Hindu religious leaders are asking Hindus to take up arms against Muslims. It added that seventy-six lawyers of the

Indian Supreme Court have written to Chief Justice of India, NV Ramana and sought suo motu cognisance to be taken of the hate speech and calls for eth-

nic cleansing at two religious events held recently in Delhi and Haridwar. The report maintained that five former chiefs of staff of the Indian armed forces and over a hundred other people, including bureaucrats, journalists and prominent citizens, had written to the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister, Narendra Modi seeking immediate action against Hindu right-wing members for inciting violence.

The recent calls were made in Uttarakhand's Haridwar and Delhi, where the group gave open genocide calls against Muslim citizens of India.



MULTAN: State Minister for Information & Broadcasting Farrukh Habib offering Fateha with MPA Malik Javed Ansari on the sad demise of his brother. - DNA

Registered family heads to get Sehat Cards

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid on Sunday said that only head of a family registered with Nadra will get Sehat Insaf Card, which will cover the whole family. Addressing media men in Lahore, Yasmin Rashid urged the family heads to get themselves registered with the National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) to avail the health insurance. The minister informed that a help desk has been established in the offices of assistant commissioners (ACs) in every tehsil in this regard. She said the people who have not received health cards yet are the ones who did not get themselves registered.

She said all medical facilities covered under the card will be indoor including treatment of major diseases. Dr Yasmin said all details regarding it are available on the dedicated mobile application. The minister said about 133 public and private hospitals in Lahore Division are on the health card panel. On December 14,

tors of his assassination will be con-

signed to the "landfill of history" after

Iranian officials are planning multiple

events to mark the second anniversary

of Soleimani's assassination and the

On Monday, an event is being organ-

ised in the capital Tehran, which is ex-

pected to be attended by top govern-

missile launches against US bases.

"they pay their worldly dues".

2021, Prime Minister Imran Khan had announced the commencement of a programme to provide health insurance for all Punjab citizens. As many as 30 million families in Punjab will benefit from the Naya Pakistan health programme. Every family will be able to get treatment of up to Rs1 million from any private or government hospital in a year.

Punjab is the second province to offer the public health insurance after the scheme was successfully launched in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In her presser, Yasmin Rashid also announced 25,000 jobs besides also announcing that Sehat cards would be provided to the entire population in the province until March 2022. She said that people not having NIC would not be able to avail health facilities from Sehat card while B-form of their children will also be necessary to ensure health facilities for the entire family.

'We have also developed an application named Naya Pakistan National Sehat Card from where details regarding the health facilities could be accessed easily," she said.

5 dead, 21 injured in Moscow bus accident

MOSCOW: Five people were killed and 21 were injured in a bus accident south of Moscow in the early hours of Sunday, Russian authorities said.Russia's Federal Road Traffic Inspection agency said the accident took place at around 5:45 am local time (0245 GMT) in the Ryazan region. "As a result of the accident five people died. 21 were injured," the agency said on Telegram, adding that two of the injured were under-age.

It said the injuries were of "various severity." The agency said the bus could have hit a pillar by a railroad bridge. The accident took place on a highway near the village of Voslebovo around 270 kilometres (170 miles) south of Moscow, the agency said. There was a total of 49 passengers onboard, according to authorities. - APP

Iran for UN action over Soleimani killing

Request comes amid a week of events planned by Iranian officials on second anniversary of Soleimani's killing on January 3

TEHRAN: Iran has called on the United Nations to take formal action against the United States for the assassination of its top general two years ago. Iran says Qassem Soleimani, the then-commander of the elite Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), was in Iraq's missiles fired from a US drone.

In a letter to the UN General Assembly published late on Saturday, the legal department of Iran's presidential office called for "all legal initiatives in its power, including issuing a resolution" to condemn the US government and discourage similar moves in the future. The letter said

US governments have, for years, displayed an "excessive unilateralism" them the power to violate international laws and agreements.

The missive comes shortly ahead of the second anniversary of Soleimani's killing on January 3.

who ordered the killing, said at the time that Soleimani was "the world's top terrorist" and "should have been terminated long ago".

Iraqi commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis and several others were also killed in the attack.

killing in July 2020 concluded in a report that Soleimani's assassination was "unlawful" and "arbitrary" and violated the UN charter.

Last year, Iran requested Interpol "red notices" against dozens of US officials, including Trump who also had an arrest warrant issued by an Iraqi court. Soleimani's killing brought Iran and the US to the verge of war.

The IRGC launched 12 missiles at two US bases in Iraq in the largest ballistic missile attack ever against the Americans. No casualties were reported but more than 100 US service members were reported to have suffered traumatic brain injuries.

On Sunday, Iran's Supreme Leader

Ending a week of ceremonies will be an exhibition of Iran's missile capabilities on Friday. In Iraq, thousands gathered on Sunday to mark Soleim-

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ani's killing. - APP

gence official said in the footage the agency posted on Twitter on Sunday. It was not clear when the raid was carried out or exactly when the alcohol was destroyed, but a statement issued by the agency said three dealers were arrested during the operation. Selling and consuming alcohol was banned even under the previous Western-backed regime, but the Taliban,

(GDI) showed its agents pouring alcohol stored in barrels into the canal after seiz-"Muslims have to seriously abstain from making and delivering alcohol," an intelli-

capital Baghdad on a diplomatic mission when his convoy was destroyed by in their actions that has granted

Former US President Donald Trump,

The UN rapporteur for extrajudicial

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who had promised "harsh revenge" for Soleim-

ment and military officials. President Ebrahim Raisi and other top figures are expected to address the televised event.

ani, said in a speech that the perpetra-Published by Ansar Mahmood Bhatti, Printed at Rohani Art Press, Islamabad