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Briefs Putin in Iran for talks with Iran, Turkey

TEHRAN: Vladimir Putin has arrived in Tehran on his second visit outside Russia since the start of the Ukraine

war, where he will hold talks with his Turkish and Iranian counterparts on lifting the Ukrainian grain blockade, the future of Syria and the chances of reviving the Iran nuclear deal. The Russian president's talks with Iran's Ebrahim Raisi and Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan will be presented by the Kremlin domestically as a sign of Putin's continuing influence in the region, after the recent visit to the Middle East by Joe Biden. The three leaders are due to meet each other bilaterally as well as together in the context of the Astana process, a dialogue set up by the three countries to resolve their differences over the future of Syria, where they each have military forces and conflicting interests. - Agencies

Zelensky fires top officials

KYIV: Only a day after two senior Ukrainian officials were d is m is sed over allegations that

Coalition govt decides no early elections

The PDM leadership also condemned Imran Khan's criticism of the institutions

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LAHORE: Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) and the coalition government after Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) landslide victory in the Punjab by-elections and Imran Khan's persistent demand for early elections, disposed of the rumours and decided that assemblies will complete their constitutional terms, and will not to hold early general elections. An important meeting was held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Lahore on Tuesday which was attended by PDM leaders and allied partners to discuss the post-Punjab bypolls situation and future strategies.

Former president and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Co-Chairman Asif Ali Zardari, Jamiat Ulema Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Chief and PDM head Maulana Fazlur Rehman, Awami National Party's (ANP) Mian Iftikhar Hussain, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) ministers and leaders including Khawaja Saad Rafique, Rana Sanaullah and Ayaz Sadiq have attended the meeting. During the meeting a consensus has been reached that present assemblies will complete their terms and the government will not announce the early general elections under any pressure from Imran khan. They have also decided to pull out all the stops to retain the post of chief minister of Punjab in the runoff election scheduled on Friday. The PDM PM wants ECP's verdict on PTI funding case

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday urged the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to announced its judgment on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's foreign funding case, saying that Imran Khan was given a "free pass" despite his criticism on state institutions. "I urge the Election Commission of Pakistan to announce long-delayed judgment on PTI foreign funding case," he said in a tweet. The prime minister mentioned that the PTI chairman Imran Khan was given a "free pass" despite his criticism on the State institutions. "For long has Imran Niazi been given a free pass despite his repeated and shameless attacks on state institutions,"

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leadership strongly condemned Imran Khan's criticism of the institutions and decided to make efforts to save the chief ministership in Punjab, said the sources.



ISLAMABAD: Per Albert Ilsaas, Ambassador of Norway to Pakistan calls on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Mr. Miftah Ismail at Finance Division. – DNA

Norwegian Envoy calls on Minister

ISLAMABAD: H.E. Mr. Per Albert Ilsaas, Ambassador of Norway to Pakistan called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Mr. Miftah Ismail at Finance Division, on Tuesday. The Federal Minister welcomed the Ambassador and exchanged views on matters of mutual interest. The



The minister says that PMLN got 40 percent votes in these by-elections

Shujaat Hamza

of Punjab had always reposed full con-

fidence in the Pakistan Muslim League



their agencies harboured "collaborators and traitors", the country's President Volodymyr Zelensky has expanded the shakeup of his security services on Monday by suspending 28 more officials. In his nightly video address, Zelensky said a "personnel audit" of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) was underway, and the dismissal of the 28 officials was being decided. – Agencies

FO rejects 'baseless' claims

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Office



the Cypher Communication received from the Embassy in Washington was 'hidden' from the Foreign Minister or the Prime Minister. He said this while responding to media questions on Tuesday. The Spokesperson said such a question simply does not arise. He said the Foreign Office operates on professional basis and it would be detrimental to cast aspersions on its working. – DNA

'CEC gets few days to resign or get ousted'

'Over five MNAs of the government are in touch with us,' claims Fawad

Khayam Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Chaudhry Fawad Hussain said on Tuesday while addressing a press conference that the chief election commissioner (CEC) got a few days to decide whether he wanted to go himself or be ousted. "Decide whether you want to go yourself or we will oust you," Fawad said, adding that there would be the PTI government in Punjab on July 22, 2022. "We can also ban the entry of Rana Sanaullah and Attaullah Tarar in Punjab on July 23," he warned. "Over five MNAs of the government are in touch with us," he claimed. "We can send 'the ventilator government' packing anytime we want," he added. "The current election commission must go now," he demanded. "Our purpose is not to send the government home. We want free and fair elections instead," he stated. "Hamza Shehbaz should resign now," he emphasised. He said that Asif Zardari never stood with Bhutto, so how he could support the PML-N, who was merely interested to protect his party government in Sindh. He lashed out at the government for making false cases against the PTI leadership during the events leading up to the Azadi March on May 25 and during the Punjab by-polls. The government made a false sectarian case against Zulfi Bukhari and tried to arrest him; attempted to



arrest a decent man, Shibli Faraz; also arrested Shahbaz Gill, where he was not even given water for over four hours, he said.

water for over four hours, he said. Criticizing Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz, Fawad demanded his resignation from the office in line with political traditions. "Hamza Shahbaz should be ashamed. His party suffered a humiliating defeat, even Maryam Nawaz and Malik Ahmad accepted it. He should have tendered his resignation immediately after it," he said. He pointed out that PTI could topple the federal government in a day if it wanted but, as five MNAs belonging to ruling coalition were in contact with his party. However, Fawad stated: "We are giving leeway to PM Shehbaz to take the

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Federal Minister highlighted Pakistan's friendly relations IS with Norway and said that both countries enjoy admirable bilateral relations. w

The Finance Minister shared about the economic policies and priorities of the present government for sustainable and inclusive growth. H.E. Mr. Per Albert IIsaas shared that both countries enjoy excellent relations and these need to be further promoted especially on economic fronts. The Finance Minister extended full support and cooperation of the present government to enhance the economic relations between both the countries.

Rupee falls

to Rs222

against dollar

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ISLAMABAD: The US dollar

continued its upward march

on Tuesday too as it touched

the highest ever Rs221 mark

with an appreciation of Rs6.80

against the Pakistani rupee

during the early morning

trade in the interbank mar-

ket. In two days, the US dollar

gained Rs11.05 against the

local currency and so far it

gained Rs39.98 since the co-

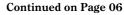
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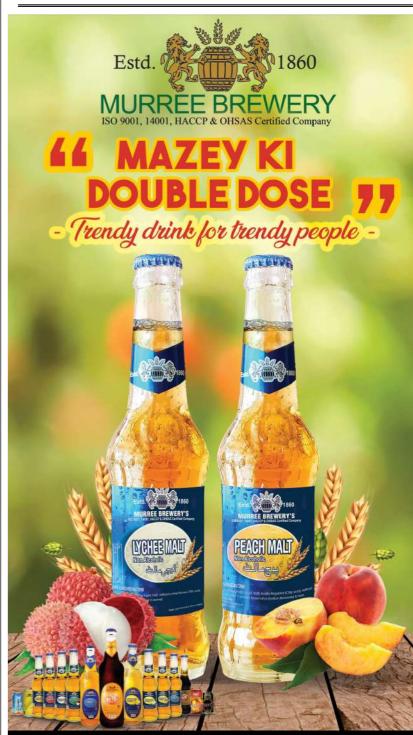
power. Earlier on Monday, the

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said that PTI chairman Imran Khan wanted civil war in the country. She said that PTI must realize that they have lost five seats out of 20 seats. The minister said that PMLN got 40 percent votes in these by-elections. She said that the PML-N would be further strengthened in 16 constituencies of the Punjab Assembly. The party would continue the journey of exemplary service to the (Nawaz). She expressed the hope that people of Punjab in the same spirit and Imran would apologize for his insulting behistorical tradition, she said in a tweet. havior towards the Election Commission Marriyum Aurangzeb said that the people of Pakistan. The minister said that PML-N





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Asim Iftikhar new envoy to France Syrus Qazi likely to be the new Foreign Secretary

Ansar Bhatti

ISLAMABAD: Muhammad Syrus Qazi, Pakistan's current ambassador to Turkey has been tipped as Pakistan's new Foreign Secretary, while the MOFA Spokesperson Asim Iftikhar Ahmed has been tipped as Pakistan's new ambassador to France. According to details, the government is considering to appoint a senior diplomat and Pakistan's ambassador in Turkey Syrus Qazi as the new boss of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the incumbent Foreign Secretary Sohail Mahmood will retire in September. In another important development the



Syrus Qazi

government has finally decided to appoint an ambassador to France. This position fell vacant when Moen Ul Haq was posted from Paris to Beijing. Moin



Asim Iftikhar was also in the run for the post of foreign secretary however he was not considered maybe because he is retiring from service in March next year.

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Islamabad **POST** Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Moderating policies vital for development

LAHORE: President Dr Arif Alvi said on Tuesday that right and timely decision-making, honest and quality leadership and continuous improvement and moderation of policies to keep them relevant to continuously changing technological and business factors were vital for the country's accelerated growth and development. The president expressed these views while addressing the inauguration ceremony of the Pakistan Chemical Expo: 2022 organized by the Pakistan Chemical Manufacturers Association (PCMA) here at Expo Center.

Addressing the ceremony, the president said that exponential changes were happening in the field of science and technology, but unfortunately, the decision-makers in the government and private sector were not fully geared to align themselves with the continuous and rapid improvements and developments being introduced in business, industrial.

agriculture and services sectors. He said that all branches of science like Chemistry, Physics, Biology and others converged during research and development to produce high-tech, high-value and optimally-tuned products in almost all sectors. He added that this necessitated the transformation of entire decision-making and implementation mechanisms of a country to adopt and implement new and ultramodern Artificial intelligence and Big Data based products and services on regular basis to remain relevant to the ever-changing market and business requirements.

He also called upon the universities to include members from top industries in their senates for fresh ideas and convene regular meetings to brainstorm and identify products and services which need to be invented and those existing products that need improvement to keep them relevant to the ever-changing demands of markets and

the sophisticated needs and preferences of the customers around the world. The president observed that Pakistan had made exemplary progress and development in the 60s and became a role model for many developing countries of the world. "We established Pakistan Steel Mills and Pakistan International Airlines and established many industries which ushered the country into an era of progress and prosperity but instead of building upon these achievements we not only slowed down but reversed many gains made by us which pushed the country into a backward direction", the president said. The president emphasized that:" We needed to identify the reasons for our national regression and by the lessons so learnt, we need to take corrective steps, pledge not to repeat the same mistake again and provide a strong basis required to push forward our country on the way to sustained progress and prosperity." - APP



Barrick Gold to start work on \$7 bln Reko Diq project in August

QUETTA: Chief Executive Officer of Barrick Gold Corporation Mark Bristow and Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo

enterprises, would create province through multiple generations. The Reko Diq mine project will be constructed in two phases, starting with a plant that will be able to process approximately 40 million tons of ore per annum which could be doubled in five years following first production from phase one. With its unique combination of large scale, low strip and good grade, Reko Diq will be a multi-generational mine with

PAJCCI considers visit

of Pakistan delegation

instrumental for

improving trade

PESHAWAR: Pak-Afghan Joint Chamber of Commerce

and Industry (PAJJCCI) has termed the visit of Pakistan

delegation to Afghanistan as instrumental in improving

According to a press statement issued here on Tues-

day, PAJJCCI has recommended several measures to

facilitate economic activity with Afghanistan includ-

ing waiver of E-Form, EIF requirement for extended

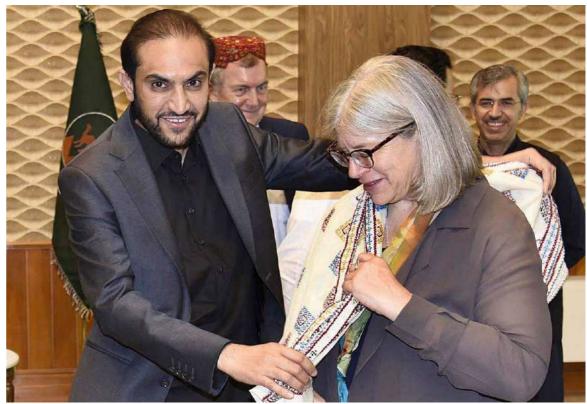
period till finalization of alternate mechanism, open-

ing up of new border crossings, increase in timings

trade, transit and investment at bilateral level.

and Pakistan state-owned a life of at least 40 years. Mark Bristow, CEO Barrick substantial value for the gold while giving details peak construction the project is expected to employ 7500 people and once in production it will create 4000 long-term jobs. Barrack's policy of prioritizing local employment and suppliers will have a positive impact on the local economy. In the negotiations Barrick and the government of Pakistan had worked to ensure that Balochistan will receive a substantial share of the benefits

generated by Reko Diq. "Balochistan's shareholding in Reko Diq will be fully about the project said during funded by its partners and the federal government,



ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister of Balochistan Abdul Quddus Bizenjo presenting traditional shawl to Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan Wendy Gilmour. - DNA

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ising, high-potential inno-

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KP enacting legalisation for children protection

PESHAWAR: Minister Labour, Shaukat Yousafzai on Tuesday informed Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly that provincial government is enacting new legislation for the protection and welfare of children. Speaking at the floor of the assembly on the recent incidents of killing of minor girls in Peshawar, it was the provincial government's responsibility to improve the child protection mechanism and introduce laws, rules and regulations to protect children from violence, abuse and exploitation.

He said that police was using modern technology and CCTV cameras to reach criminals involved in these heinous crimes. He informed that so far profiling of 159 suspects arrested in the murder of a girl Mahnoor was completed. He said that CCTV footages from surrounding areas Railway Colony were been seen to trace clues of crime. – **APP**

Police, ulema, urged to work for peace in

of Poland to Pakistan Maciej Pisarski, along with a delegation of Polish Oil and Gas Company (POGC), called on Minister of State for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik here on Tuesday. The company's delegation was headed by its Vice President & Chief Operating Officer (COO) Robert Perkowski, and Vice President of Management Board Mr Artur Cieslik, a Petroleum Division news release said. During the meeting, minister discussed with the delegation areas

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of mutual interest and further highlighted Pakistan's interest in benefitting from Poland's technical expertise in the oil and gas sector. Poland is among the pioneers of petroleum exploration in Europe. The ambassador termed the oil and gas partnership a jewel in the crown of the Pak-Polish relationship. He reiterated Poland's interest in investment and developing the oil and gas sector in Pakistan. Musadik Malik assured to provide all possible assistance and facilitation to the Polish

Pakistan's energy security company for smooth operational activities in Pakistan, which would help pour in increased foreign investment. The delegation expressed gratitude for the minister's support. "PGNiG Group's management has always recognized the Government of Pakistan as well as its officials' support for its operations in Pakistan," Robert Perkowski said. He said the PGNiG hoped that the investment climate in Pakistan would improve and it was committed to contributing to the country's energy security. - APP

YAP Pakistan partners up with Faysal Bank that, "Obtaining the In-Prin-

oping seamless digital pavment journeys.

YAP Pakistan's primary LAHORE: After successobjective is to revolutionfully obtaining the In-Prinize the banking industry ciple Approval from the through the provision of State Bank of Pakistan for dynamic, intelligent and an Electronic Money Instieasy to use digital financial tution (EMI) license, YAP products and services. This Pakistan has now entered collaboration will enable into a strategic partnership both entities to accelerate with Faysal Bank to introin their missions of promotduce digital financial services through the Fintech system of Pakistan. Faysal Bank's Fintech Express program is focused on identifying and fostering

ing financial inclusion and digitizing the banking eco-The agreement was signed by Meharyab Niazi, CEO YAP Pakistan and Mr. Yousaf Hussain, CEO Faysal Bank Limited.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Meharyab Niazi, CEO YAP Pakistan shared

Polish company expresses commitment towards

step as we work towards a more digitally inclusive world; encouraging financial inclusion only paves way for us to reach our real goal that is to improve quality of life by providing access to essential financial services. YAP is committed to bringing digital financial services to underserved communities as a way of reducing inequality, promoting prosperity, and empowering individuals. We are thrilled to be partnering with Faysal Bank in Pakistan and hope to use technology and innovative products to create value for our customers."

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license was a critical first

on Tuesday unveiled that the development work on the Reko Dig mine project initially starting with \$ 7 billion will commence in August 2022. Addressing a joint news conference here at CM Secretariat CEO Barrick Gold and CM Balochistan said the Reko Diq copper-gold project, a partnership between the company, the provincial government

which means that the province will reap the dividends, royalties and other benefits of its 25 percent ownership without having to contribute financially to the construction and operation of the mine. CEO Barrick Gold noted that "It is equally important that Balochistan and its people should see these benefits quickly even before construction starts. – APP

at existing border crossings, reducing multiple and manual checks, adding items to PKR trading category, barter trade mechanism implementation, exploring new items for trade, and cross-stuffing.

It also suggested de-stuffing of containers, sales tax and duty draw back claims policy, setting up separate visa counters for business community at border crossings, development of infrastructure on both sides, joint tariff rationalization and effective transit trade policy and mechanism.

These and several other issues were being taken up along with recommended solution at multiple forums like Afghan inter-ministerial committee, Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan Customs, FBR, FIA, NLC and State Bank of Pakistan, the statement added. Zubair Motiwala, Chairman PAJC-CI, appreciated the decision of federal cabinet approving amendments in Paragraph 3(1) of the Import Policy Order 2022 to allow import of goods of Afghan origin against Pak rupee and without the requirement of Importers Electronic I-Form (EIF) forms for a period of one year. - APP

Muharram PESHAWAR: Mayor of Provincial Metropolis, Haji Zubair

in detail. It was decided that

strict action will be taken

against those who spread sec-

tarian content. Haji Zubair Ali

also directed Director East

(Town-II) to finalize all the ar-

rangements including deploy-

ment of security personnel,

establishment of control room

besides beefing up security

in and around the Imam-

bargahs and other religious

places before the start of

Muharramul Haram. – APP

Ali here Tuesday urged police authorities, elected representatives, ulema and elders of the area to work together and strive for peace in Muharram Haram 2022. He expressed these views while chairing a the meeting with SSP Operation Kashif Abbassi that was also attended by SP Cantt, SP Rural, SP City and Director East were also present on the occasion. In the meeting, the

measures taken to maintain a peaceful environment during Muharram were reviewed



Ashrafi issues protocols to keep law, order in Muharram It is not permissible to kill non-Muslims living peacefully in the Islamic state, but it is a sin. It is responsibility of the state to punish those who violate the Constitution and laws of land

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Special Representative for Interfaith Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi has issued protocols to keep law and order in Muharram-ul-Haram after holding a thorough consultation with the leadership of various schools of thoughts on Tuesday.

Ashrafi who is also the chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council said the protocols were being issued in the light of Paigham-e-Pakistan to avert any untoward situation particularly in the holy month of Muharram. He said the PUC was in coordination with the leadership of all schools of thought and making endeavours to implement the following 'code of conduct' at every respective forum in letter and spirit. He informed that a meeting of Muttahida Ulema Board (MUB) was also being called on July 24, in Lahore adding the leaders of PUC and MUB would pay visits in important cities in that regard. According to the main points of standard operating procedures, sectarian hatred, armed sectarian

violence and practices of imposing one's ideologies on others through force and coercion is contrary to the rules of Islamic Shariah and fanning anarchy and chaos is a national crime.

Religious scholars, Ulema, Mashaykh and Muftis of all sects decline negative thinking leading to extremism completely. It is dutiful to observe the sanctity of the Prophets of Allah, Companions and wives of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), and Ahl al-Bayt. The person who violates and blasphemes these sacred things is condemned by all schools of thought, and the law should take immediate action against such a culprit. The usage of foul and abusive language against the faithful and adherents of different religious sects is Haraam

(forbidden). The religious scholars, Ulema and Mashavkh from across the country has declared their dissociation from such elements. Using religious rites and sloganeering for private armed purposes and achieving armed

power is definitely not right and are allowed to pracas per Quran and Sunnah. It is the duty of Ulema and Mashaykh and religious scholars to educate peobetween right and wrong

tice their religious rituals in their worship places on the occasion of their festivals. The rights given to ple about the distinction non-Muslims by the Constitution cannot be usurp



while declaring someone as an infidel (Takfir) is the iurisdiction of the state. which will be determined in accordance with the Islamic Shariah. All non-Muslim citizens have full right to worship

party and organization. It is not permissible to kill non-Muslims living peacefully in the Islamic state, but it is a sin. It is the responsibility of the state to punish those who violate the Con-

by any individual, group or

land. According to Islam, it is important for everyone to respect women and protect their rights. As per Islamic Shariah, women should be given their due rights in inheritance and provision of education. The soil of Pakistan is the sacred trust of Allah Almighty, so its use for any kind of terrorism and extremism is not permissible and we all renounce any affiliation with

stitution and laws of the

all such elements. Participating in any proscribed organization's activities against the state of Pakistan or assisting or supporting it in any way is illegal and against the Shariah under any circumstances. terrorist activity Any against the government or security institutions falls under the category of sedition, which is completely forbidden in Islam. We pay tribute to the armed forces

for their precious sacrifices rendered for the security and sovereignty of the state and nation. It is the discretion of the Islamic state to initiate the aspect of Jihad. Use of power in the name of enforcement of Shariah, confrontation, sabotage, and terrorism are prohibited in Shariah.

The meeting of PUC's central executive committee was chaired by Hafiz Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi and attended by Maulana Asad Zakaria Qasmi, Maulana Noman Hasher, Maulana Muhammad Shafi Qasmi, Maulana Asadullah Farooq, Allama Zubair Abid, Allama Tahirul Hasan, Maulana Obaidullah Gormani, Maulana Muhammad Ashfaq Patafi, Maulana Tahir Aqeel Awan, Maulana Aslam Siddiqui, Maulana Aziz Akbar Qasmi, Maulana Muhammad Aslam Qadri, Qari Shamsul Haq, Maulana Mubashir Rahimi, Qari Asmatullah Muawiya, Maulana Aminul Haq Ashrafi, Sahibzada Hamza Tahirul Hasan, Sahibzada Izharul Haq, Fahad Butt, Maulana Abdul-Rauf, Qari Hafeezullah, Maulana Zubair Khatana, Maulana Aqeel Zubiri, Maulana Abdul Ghaffar Farooqi, Mufti Umar Farooq, Maulana Abu Bakr Hameed Sabri and other prominent religious scholars. - APP

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Imran Ghaznavi installed as Rotary Club President

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ISLAMABAD: Rotary Club of Islamabad Metropolitan District 3272 Pakistan, Installation ceremony was held at a local hotel. District Governor Adnan Saboor Rohaila District Secretary, Dy.Governor, District Chair Public Image, Club BOD, RCIM family graced the event.

The Newly-installed President Imran Ghaznavi in his remarks thanked the members and the management of the Club for reposing confidence in him. He assured that he will utilise all his skills to make this organisation more dynamic and relevant. The District Governor in his speech called upon the members and office bearers that they have to put in their best efforts in order to achieve targets and goals of the organisation.



ISLAMABAD: District Governor Rotary Club Adnan Saboor Rohaila installing Imran Ghaznavi as the incoming Presidnet. - DNA

Disengagement and rehabilitation pilot project implemented

ISLAMABAD: The Local Level Diservised engagement and Rehabilitation Pilot ternational partners and UN agencies across the country.

Project implemented in Swat, Karachi The project is improving capacities of and Multan has helped build resilience national and subnational institutions in local communities, especially within including civil society organisations to the vulnerable and at-risk segments of implement their respective mandates population. According to UNDP, this for rights-based development, commuis now being replicated in Quetta. Denity stabilization and inclusive service centralization, Human Rights and Lodelivery, contributing to more cohesive and peaceful communities and more cal Governance (DHL) hosts and leads the Human Rights Task Force (HRTF) responsive governance structures. At the federal level, DHL will continue and the Informal Human Rights Working Group (IHWRG) as coordination providing technical assistance to the NDMA and MoHR to ensure a rightsmechanisms aimed for improving synergies on rights-based development based approach to relief and recovery programmes being implemented by inefforts from health emergencies such

as the COVID-19 pandemic and any other disasters. DHL will continue to engage at the provincial level to support the implementation of key recommendations on rights-based COVID-19 response and recovery.

An official said that the project aims to assist in developing institutional mechanisms to strengthen effective service delivery for peace and development, and ultimately contribute towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She identified strategic areas of intervention to help manage the devolution process at federal, provincial and local levels. – **APP**

Mahira's 'Mashaadi' brings message of courage for women

ISLAMABAD: Written by film producer, ad-film director and heartthrob Pakistani actor Sheheryar Munawar, the latest release of 'Mashaadi' is a short film depicting the struggle against abuse women often face in our society.

Lighting up the screen with angelic appearance, 'Bin Roye' actor Mahira Khan has led the role of a strong woman finally confronting the abuse along with taking up the strength and courage from her family to end all kind of stereotypical narratives which are often used to cover up the malicious acts of abuse against women. According to the official Instagram post of Khan's business venture Mashion, Mashaadi 2022 is a much-needed effort to bring up the most difficult issue in a simple yet powerful manner.

"This year we are treading deeper and saying things that we at Mashion believe matters. Mashaadi, when the idea came about, we just wanted to have some fun, put out guides and information which were wedding related but, within the first year it evolved into something more than celebrating a wedding. It has become about celebrating choices, courage and life." "Here is to courage, here is to calling out abuse, here is to getting help and not being ashamed of it and more importantly to being there when someone reaches out for help. – **APP**

CPI providing protection services to 39 children

ISLAMABAD: The Child Protection Institute (CPI) was providing protection services to 39 children who were earlier subjected to child labour, Federal Minister for Human Rights Riaz Hussain Peerzada said on Tuesday. In a statement , the minister said that National Commission on the Rights of Child (NCRC) had addressed 182 complaints pertaining to child rights abuse related issues all across the country. He also said that being cognizant of its international oblígations under Uníted Nations Convention on the Rights of Child (UNCRC) to create child friendly society, the government had enforced the following laws to prohibit and discourage child labour. - APP

Govt notifies transfer, posting of officers

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Tuesday issued a notification of transfer and posting of high rank officers. According to a notification of the Establishment Division, Haider Ali (OMG/BS-18), awaiting posting in Establishment Division is posted as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in this Division. While, Sumera Rafique (OMGIBS-18), Section Officer, Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety Division is transferred and posted as Officer on Special Duty, Establishment Division with effect from 01.08.2022 to 09.06.2023, to study Economic Development at the Boston University, USA, Hubert H. Humpluey Fellowship 2022-23. – APP

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Motorbikes, three wheelers' sale decreases 4.33 percent

ISLAMABAD: The sale of motorbikes and three wheelers in the country has witnessed a decrease of 4.33 percent during the fiscal year (2021-22) as compared to the sale of corresponding period of last year. During the period under review, as many as 1821,467 motorbikes and three wheelers were sold in July-June (2021-22) against the sale of 1903,931 units in July-June (2020-21), showing a decline of 4.33 percent, according to the Pakistan Automobile Manufacturing Association (PAMA).

However, the sale of Honda motorcycles went up by 5.28 percent from 1292,096 units in last year to 1360,403 units during the period under review whereas the sale of Suzuki motorcycles also rose by 52.29 percent from 24,851 units to 37,846 units. Similarly, the sale of Yamaha motorbikes also went up from 19,924 units to 23,289 units witnessing an increase of 16.88 percent while the sale of Road Prince motorbikes witnessed a sharp decline of 36.34 percent from 141,230 units to 89,900 units. The sales of United Auto motorcycles also declined by 27.93 percent from 368,643 units to 265,677 units. Meanwhile, the sale of Road Prince three wheelers witnessed a decrease of 17.34 percent from 10,116 units in last year to 8,361 units during this year while the sale of Sazgar three-wheeler however rose by 0.11 percent from 15,665 units to 15,683 units. - APP

PR starts rehabilitation work on Quetta-Bostan track

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways (PR) has started rehabilitation work of 33.50-kilometer track 'through sleeper renewal' between Quetta-Bostan and Quetta-Chaman section. "The track will not only facilitate the passengers, but also connect three major cities of the province," an official source in the Ministry of Railways told APP. He said railway network in Balochistan province mainly consisted of Quetta Division having Dera Allah Yar Sibi-Quetta, Quetta-Chaman, Sibi-Khost, Spezend-Dalbandin-Taftan, Bostan-Zhob which were closed for the last 15 years.

He said there were two passenger trains namely Jaffer Express (40Up, 39 Down) and Chaman Passenger (349Up, 350 Down) operating in Balochistan while no stations had been closed during the last 15 years in Quetta division. He said the overall length of the railway track in Balochistan was 1470.36 kilometer including the closed Bostan-Zhob section. "The most of the track is more than one hundred year old and on certain stretches, engineering speed restrictions have been imposed due to deferred maintenance and owing

to resource constraints," he said adding that the routine maintenance of track was being carried out with available resources. To improve railway services in Balochistan, he said the department was taking several steps like approval of PC-I for the track's rehabilitation and the rehabilitation of another 100-km track between Ahmedwal Dalbadin on Quetta-Taftan section. He said that 100-km rehabilitation of track between Nokundi Kohi-Taftan on Quetta-Taftan section while 160.024 kilometers rehabilitation of track between Bostan-Chaman on Quetta-Chaman section would be carried out. He said tourist train's two trips had been started between Quetta-Bostan while Bolan Mail passenger train would also be operational shortly to facilitate the passengers.

The source said the establishment of Chaman Terminal in collaboration with Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and track renewal Sibi-Khost section was also in progress To a question, he said Pakistan Railways had suffered losses worth over Rs 150 billion during the last three-and-a-half years' rule of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government. He said in addition to an amount exceeding Rs 130 billion in last three years, Pakistan Railways had a deficit of around Rs 20 billion in the first half of the current financial year. To control the deficit and earn more revenue, he said the department had introduced 'Raabta'- a platform for the improvement of its financial conditions. Raabta was essentially an attempt to enhance customer facilitation via artificial intelligence. Around 60 million passengers have used Pakistan Railways annually, for which 40 percent of the tickets were sold using an outdated process without any audit, he said. To resolve this problem, Raabta allows customers to plan trips with the help of different options. Single interface customers can check train statuses, choose and purchase seats, book hotels, and order car rentals, meals, and refreshments. Raabta also allowed passengers to lodge statuses during their journeys. They can book tickets through multiple platforms including mobile appli-

cations, websites, ticket agents, reser-

vation officers, vending machines, and

handheld devices, he added. - APP

ISLAMABAD: Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Tuesday released 266322 cusecs water from various rim stations with an inflow of 274196 cases. According to the data released by IRSA. the water level in the Jhelum River at Mangla Dam was 1130.30 feet, which was 80.03 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet whereas the inflow and outflow of water was recorded a 28574 and 15000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa and Sukkur was recorded as 164716, 200981 and 165131 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from the Kabul River, a total of 43100 cusecs of water was released at Nowshera and 53222released from the Chenab River at Marala. – APP

Rs200m being spent on identification of earthquake

ISLAMABAD: The government would spend funds amounting to Rs200 million to advance an ongoing project, during the current fiscal year, to identify and compile data of the country's 'active faults' and possible landslide 'hotspot' zones aimed at minimizing the disaster risk activities. The project, initiated with Rs40 million allocations under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP 2021-22), would be completed at an estimated total cost of Rs412.769 million in a three-year period, according to an official document available with APP.

The main focus of the project, titled "Pakistan National Research Programme on Geological Hazards (Earthquakes and Landslides) - Data Acquisition along

- Data Acquisition along Active Faults and Identification of Potential Landslides Hotspot Zones," would help in identifying the earthquakes prone areas and landslide hotspots in the country. Besides, the establishment of a new network of Global Navigation Satellite Stations (GNSS - permanent as well as periodic) and a countrywide landslide inventory database would be carried out.

"The outcome will lay a solid foundation for a reliable hazard assessment and hazard zonation related to earthquakes and landslides. – APP

IICR and LFK mark Kashmir's accession

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Institute of Conflict Resolution (IICR) in collaboration with Legal Forum for Kashmir (LFK) held a webinar titled "75 years of Kashmir's accession to Pakistan: Pakistan's role and responsibilities towards IOJK" on July 19, marking Kashmir's Accessionto Pakistan Day. The webinar was organized as part of the discourse to promote the ideology of accession of the entire Jammu and Kashmir to Pakistan. The speakers of the webinar included Mr. Muzammil Ayub Thakur, President of World Kashmir Freedom Movement (WKFM); Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad Baba, Spokesperson, Muslim League Jammu & Kashmir; Advocate Bilal Shakil, Legal expert and political worker from AJK, Ms.MadihaShakil, Research scholar and HR activist from AJK; Nayeem Ahmad, Doctorate Scholar, IIUI.

While addressing the panel, Mr Mukhtar Baba said that Kashmir's Accession resolution of is as important as the Lahore Declaration. He further added that Muslim Conference being genuine representatives of the people of Kashmir made the call for complete accession to Pakistan even before the Islamic republic of Pakistan had vet come into being. He accused India of diluting the UN resolutions despite being the first party to approach United Nations for the resolution of the Kashmir dispute. Advocate Bilal Shakil expounded the importance of the accession resolution and the role played by executive members of the Muslim Conference, Sardar Muhammad Ibrahim Khan in particular for drafting such a comprehensive resolution that paved way for the freedom of AJK from the clutches of Dogra Maharaja. He added that Kashmiris are Pakistanis by conviction and by choice. He also proposed that the legal aspects of the accession res-



olution need to be explored.

Mr Muzammil Ayub Thakur while making insightful remarks said that Pakistan is incomplete without the accession of IOJK. He added that despite the passage of 75 years IOJK still lies in the clutches of the Indian Occupying Forces (IOF). He implored that Pakistan needs to up the ante, and launch proactive diplomacy and lobbying so that Kashmiris attain their legitimate right of self-determination. He also urged the Kashmiri diaspora to know about the narrative of Kashmiris and to correct the semantics and terminologies in order to better serve the cause of the suffering Kashmiris. Mr Nayeem Ahmad



explained the historical context of Kashmir's accession resolution with Pakistan. He alleged that the grave human rights violations at the hands of Indian Occupying Forces (IOF) in IOJK are due to the delay in the provision of the right of self-determination to the Kashmiris. Ms MadihaShakil demystified the apprehensions pertaining to the validity of the accession resolution. She further added that the Governments of Pakistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir must ensure all kinds of support to the oppressed people of Jammu and Kashmir, and be the voice of the voiceless people whose voices have been muzzled by 900,000 Indian Occupying Forces.

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Irfan's 53rd

Guinness **World Record**

approved ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's acclaimed martial artist Irfan

Mehsood has added another

feather to his cap after his 53rd Guinness World Re-

Briefs

NTDC to set up 500 kV grid station at Chakwal

ISLAMABAD: The National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) will construct 500kV grid station at Chakwal for which 758 kanal and 3 marla has already been acquired.

The NTDC spokesperson said that total estimated cost of the project is Rs8926.39 million including 43.76 million Euro promised by KfW, German bank. Construction of Two 500 kV transmission lines from Ghazi Brotha - Gatti and Gakkar, Rawat would also be part of the project, he said. He said the grid station would not only help in the development of industries, but also improve power supply position in Islamabad and Faisalabad Electric Supply Companies' regions.

spokesperson said The that the project would also improve voltage profile in Chakwal, Choa Saidan Shah, Gujjar Khan, Dandot, Pinanwal, Talagang, Padshahan, Chakri and the areas under the jurisdiction of FESCO. The improvement of voltage profile would be beneficial especially for the cement industries in Chakwal and it would also help generate employment and business opportunities in the area. Meanwhile, the contractor has already been mobilized for construction of boundary wall. The project could not started earlier for many years due to land acquisition issue. - APP

Orange Line Metro Bus tracks' beautification in full swing

ISLAMABAD: The beautification work alongside the tracks of Islamabad Orange Line Metro Bus Service from Peshawar Mor to New Islamabad Airport was in full swing to make it more attractive for the commuters. The environment wing of the CDA had continued work on the project even during the Eidul-Azha holidays, a senior

Inept govt plunges country into quagmire of problems

Says it's high time to say goodbye to imposed, unnatural system

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Central Secretary General Asad Umar came down hard on the inept and incompetent imported government for plunging the country into a quagmire of problems, adding the current flawed system imposed through unnatural and external intervention is very destructive for the country.

ment (CMD) here on Tuesday, Asad Umar alarmed that the imported government imposed through foreign conspiracy destroyed Pakistan's economically by creating political instability in the country. He said that the inept government miserably failed to stop the free fall of the

rupee against dollar, as the rupee fell to an alltime low against the dol-

In a statement issued by PTI Central Media Depart-

> lar for the second day in a row, which was currently



trading at Rs 221 in the interbank market, fearing it

could reach Rs. 223, which was alarming. He urged that timely decisions were needed to be taken to control the fast dwindling economic situation and rapid depreciation of rupee against the dollar.

Asad warned that irreparable damage may occur to the country if steps are not taken on war-footing basis to get rid of this imposed system because every hour of this import-

ed government was proving heavy on the country. He said that the system imposed through unnatural and external intervention was very destructive for the country; hence this system was needed to be abolished at the earliest or else the country would suffer irreparable damage.

Asad Umar stated that it is high time to take right decisions to put the country on the path of progress and development.

cord was approved of the most jump squats carrying a 60lb pack in one minute. "I broke the previous record of 40 jump squats by doing 54 in one minute carrying a 60lb pack. I'm the first player to break this record," he told APP on Tuesday. Irfan, who attempted the record in Dera Ismail

Khan in March this year, holds 28 Guinness World Records in the most pushups category and was also the record holder in Most Jumping Jacks category at the world level.

He said he was also the only athlete to break world records using 80 to 100 pounds weight. "I'm the only Pakistani athlete to break most of India's world records. I have so far broken records of nine countries including India, USA, UK, France, Philippines, Iraq, Egypt, Italy and Spain," he said. - APP

Experts urge people to take precautions

ISLAMABAD: In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, experts have stressed strict adherence to Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) amid the continued surge in the daily count of the cases. According to Kashmir media service, around 152 fresh cases of Covid-19 were recorded in the territory of which 67 from Kashmir and 85 from Jammu region. Amid the surge in cases the experts stress for CAB to avoid spread of the virus in

the community. "We know the mortality rate of hospitalisation is low but there is a dire need to adopt CAB to avoid further spread of the virus as cases are increasing very fast," said Dr Showkat Shah, a renowned Critical Care Expert. He said any person who feels any of the symptoms should go for testing and remain in isolation instead of mingling with family and friends. - APP

4 firecrackers



ISLAMABAD: CDA workers painting of Greenbelt at Abpara road. - APP

AIOU provides free education in Baluchistan, merged districts, GB

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) is providing free matriculation education to the regions with a low rate of literacy including Baluchistan, merged districts and Gilgit Baltistan to improve the situation by providing quality educational services.

ulation education to the people of Baluchistan, merged districts and GB. Moreover, scholarships and fee concession schemes have been launched to provide financial as-

campaigns ISLAMABAD:

Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) has launched campaigns throughout the year to raise awareness of human rights issues An official of HRCP said that the campaigns included demonstrations, rallies, seminars, workshops and online advocacy. The themes of these campaigns range from women's rights, children's rights and the rights of other vulnerable groups, to supporting victims of human rights violations such as torture or enforced disappearance. HRCP's campaigns also mark international days of significance that recognized by human rights organisaEhsaas Nashonuma disburses Rs310.81 million till March

ISLAMABAD: The Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) intervention of Ehsaas Nashonuma has enrolled 99,190 beneficiaries and disbursed Rs310.81 million till March during the Fiscal Year 2022, since inception.

According to an official source, the CCT intervention was designed by Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) in August, 2020 to increase the uptake of health and nutrition services of its beneficiaries.

The primary objectives of the programme is to prevent stunting in children under two years of age, improved weight gain of pregnant women during pregnancy, reduce anemia and micro-nutrient deficiencies and prevent low birth weight. World Food Programme is the lead implementing partner for Ehsaas Nashonuma. The total budget of the three-year programme is approximately Rs8.52 billion.

A total of 50 Ehsaas Nashonuma Centres across 14 districts are being established countrywide at the district and tehsil level to provide health services and conditional cash transfers under two years old; Rs1500 for a boy child and mother and Rs2000 for a girl child mainly to prevent children from stunting growth issue. – APP

LSMI production increases 7.1 pc in last 11 months

ISLAMABAD: The overall output of Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMI) during 11 months of fiscal year 2021-22 witnessed about 7.1 percent growth as compared to the production of the corresponding period last year.

The LSMI output increased by 9.9 percent during the month of May, 2022 as compared to the same month of last year, meanwhile, it grew by 0.04 percent as compared with April 2022, according to the the provisional quantum indices of LSMI released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

The data was compiled for May 2022 with base year 2005-06, on the basis of latest figures supplied by the source agencies, it added During the period from July-May, 2021-22, the output of industries including textile increased by 2 percent, food, beverages and tobacco 15.4 percent, coke and petroleum products 1.3 percent as compared to the corresponding period of last year. Meanwhile, the pharmaceuticals production during the period under review grew by 13.3 percent, chemicals 9.3, automobiles 25.5 percent, whereas, output of iron and steel products increased by 21.7 percent. The other LSMI which observed positive growth during the period under review included fertilizers by 2.7 percent, leather products 2.3 percent, paper, board 8.9 percent while wood 125 percent. The sectors showing decline during July-May 2021-22 as compared to the corresponding period of last year included non-metallic mineral products 3.8 percent, electronics 7.6 percent, engineering products 5.7 percent, whereas the tions everywhere. - APP output of rubber products decreased by 17.3 percent. – APP

HRCP starts about human rights issues

official of the authority told APP on Tuesday.

He said the teams of environment wing was planting trees at suitable places, besides decorating the project with seasonal flowers of different colors. Similarly, underpasses was decorated while depicting country's history and culture, he said adding that an app was also being introduced for purchase of online tickets and to provide information with regard to timing of buses. Meanwhile, CDA administration have expressed satisfaction on average daily ridership on Orange Line Metro Bus route as large number of people were utilizing the facility. According to the Project director Qazi Umar an average daily passenger load for 15 buses was 20.000 per day. He mentioned that faiz Ahmed faiz junction for orange and red line were the busiest stations whereas police foundation mauve area stop was least used. - APP

Funeral prayer for cop offered

ISLAMABAD: The funeral prayer for head constable Khuda Bukhsh who died of cardiac arrest was offered here on Tuesday at police lines headquarters.

Senior officers of Islamabad police, law enforcement agencies and other personnel attended the funeral prayer. Deputy Inspector General headquarters Malik Awais Ahmad laid the floral wreath and offered fateha. Later the dead body was sent to his native village Khushab. Khuda Buksh was posted at Prime Minister House where he met severe cardiac arrest during duty. He was rushed to the hospi-

tal but could not survive. Speaking on the occasion Inspector General of Police, Islamabad Dr Akbar Nasir Khan said the federal capital police stood with the bereaved family and will take care of in every possible way. He also ordered the concerned officers to process all the dues as soon as possible of the deceased constable. It may be mentioned that Interior Minister Rana Sana Ullah after assuming the office paid special focus to the payment of compensation to the families of martyrs which had faced an inordinate delay. - APP

Prof. Dr. Zia Ul-Qauyum, Vice-Chancellor AIOU has said that AIOU is providing all possible assistance in the provision of quality education to the poor social stratum of population, especially people belonging to Balochistan, merged districts region and Gilgit Baltistan. He has instructed all regional directors to initiate massive awareness campaigns throughout the country about university scholarships, fee concessions and financial assistance schemes so that no one is deprived of education owing to a lack of financial resources. It is pertinent to mention here that university is playing its due role in the process of national progress and development by providing free matric-

sistance to the poor and the needy. Furthermore, prisoners, transgenders and children of martyrs are also provided free education-

al facilities to secure their bright future. AIOU has framed a comprehensive policy to provide financial assistance to the poor and deserving yet brilliant students. Application assessment committees have been established at the regional offices to recommend deserving cases after necessary verification. Fee concession will be provided from the funds allocated for this purpose. In order to utilize these schemes, deserving candidates are required to contact their respective regional offices to get admission in the programs offered during the ongoing first phase of autumn 2022 semester. - DNA

dealers held

RAWALPINDI: Police have arrested four firecrackers dealers and recovered huge quantity of firecrackers from their possession during operation here on Tuesday According police spokesman, Ganjmundi police in a raid arrested the accused who were identified as Abid, Numan, Javed and Shahrukh. Police have registered separate cases against the accused and further investigation was in progress. - APP

Imran's only fault was he gave priority to interest of Pak

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Nusrat Khan has said that PTI members have shown their conscience by resigning from the National Assembly. In a statement, he said that the imported government would soon find out that the opposition leader Imran Khan was more dangerous than Prime Minister Im-

know that the people

have risen against it and will send it home. The PTI leader has said that its such a pity that a person who is facing cases of looting billions of dollars has been made the Prime Minister of the country.

Monsoon rains affected women. children in coastal areas: NDMA

ISLAMABAD: The abnormal monsoon rains have heavily impacted the coastal provinces of Sindh and Balochistan alongwith the hilly northern region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa that resulted in maximum deaths of women and children in various incidents across the country. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) situation report revealed since the onset pre-monsoon rains from June 14 till date, almost 238 people have perished and 187 got injured in different hazards due to heavy downpour in various areas

The alarming death toll revealed that as many as 46 women, 55 children, 82 males perished so far whereas the rains injured 58 females, 35 children and 94 males in different rain-hit areas. The maximum deaths were recorded in Balochistan where a total of 75 people died in different

incidents including 23 women, 29 children and 23 men followed by Punjab where 55 people died, 48 people expired in Sindh, where the country's largest metropolis of Karachi got inundated by the monsoon rains, including a woman, 11 children and 36 men died in the province. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

(KP) province, some 47 deaths were recorded in various incidents of inundation, roof collapse, house damage due to rains and others including 17 women, 12 children and 18 men, almost eight deaths were recorded in Gilgit Baltistan (GB) four women, three children and a male got perished, four deaths were recorded in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) where three men and

and 13 males, in Sindh 16 people were reported iniured in different incidents including three women, seven children and six men. In AJK, eight injured were reported four each man and women whereas three males were reported injured in GB. The infrastructure damages recorded 3,374 houses damaged during rains including a woman died in different incidents. The least deaths 2,365 partially damaged and were reported in the feder-1,009 fully damaged, 1,504 al capital where a man died livestock perished also 11.5 due to drowning in the nulkilometers road network

lah during monsoon rains. The maximum injured were reported in Punjab where some 66 people received different types of injuries during different incidents including 24 women, five children and 37 men, 52 people got injured in Balochistan including 11 women. 10 children and 31 men. and almost 42 people got injured in KP that comprised of 16 females, 13 children

damages alongwith 22 bridg es and five shops damaged in various parts of the country. The relief activities carried out by the NDMA, provincial, state and district disaster management authorities (PDMA, SDMA, DDMA or GBDMA) continued throughout the country. The NDMA and King Suleiman Relief Fund provided 250 food packs and 200 plastics mats provided to Killa Saifullah, 250 food packs were provided to Washuk District alongwith 3000 food packs (95 Kg each) has been provided by NDMA/ KS-RELIEF at districts Quetta, Lasbella, Khuzdar, Pishin, Killa Abdullah and Killa Saifullah which accounts for 500 food packs delivered at each district. Moreover, 3,000 food packs were being provided to GB and Balochistan includ-

ing 1500 food packs each by

NDMA and KORT. - APP

ran Khan. Nusrat Khan said that since independence, Pakistan's problems could not be solved because the interest of foreign powers were protected more than the country. The PTI leader said

that Imran Khan's only fault was that he gave priority to the interest of Pakistan and only Pakistan The present so-called government should

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What Biden got right on his trip

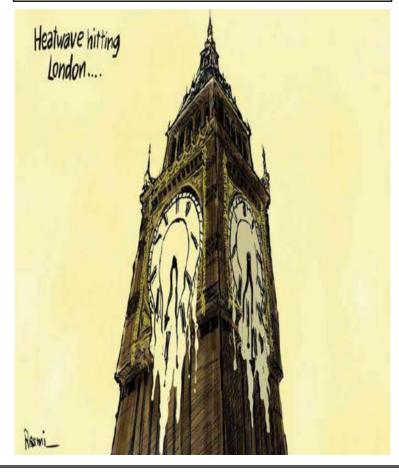
uJoe Biden campaigned and won as the antithesis to Donald Trump. To deliver on that promise in foreign policy, in his first year as president, he tried to offer "something for everyone," as Anne-Marie Slaughter has argued: tough talk on China for the realists; a recommitment to NATO, to the Paris Agreement on climate, and to the World Health Organization for the liberal internationalists; an end to the forever wars; and, for the idealists, a willingness to speak up for human rights. The last item on this long list, his attempt to return to a values-based foreign policy after the often incoherent and destructive "America First" presidency of Mr. Trump, has proved to be the toughest for Mr. Biden to get right. Beginning with his inauguration speech, to last year's "Summit for Democracy" and his statements in support of Ukraine, Mr. Biden has returned repeatedly to the idea of "democracy versus autocracy" as an organizing principle for American foreign policy.

In an essay in The Washington Post on Saturday, Mr. Biden portrayed the trip as a mission to shore up peace in the region through diplomacy. "A more secure and integrated Middle East benefits Americans in many ways," he wrote. There are a few factors he didn't mention: Inflation is soaring; gas prices are alarming; his popularity is plummeting; and midterm elections are looming. On Friday, Mr. Biden met with the de facto Saudi ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, whose kingdom Mr. Biden, as a candidate, suggested should be a "pariah" over the horrific murder of the journalist Jamal Khashoggi in 2018. Mr. Biden's administration last year released an intelligence report that laid the killing at the feet of the crown prince. Now, Mr. Biden, with this visit, is trying to reset relations with the kingdom to shore up the alliance against Russia and, more important, to pump more oil. In Saudi Arabia on Saturday, Mr. Biden is expected to meet with nine Arab leaders - those of the six countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates) plus Jordan, Egypt and Iraq, whose major ask will be more military support against Iran. This is not a pretty picture of diplomacy in action - an American president making nice with autocrats, with few opportunities to make meaningful progress on behalf of democracy. America's greatest strength in the world has always been its combination of high ideals and a readiness to engage with almost anyone when it served to advance peace and American national interests. This doesn't mean the kind of amoral pandering to dictators practiced by Mr. Trump. Rather, it means building on areas of agreement, however small, that can be used to move toward a more peaceful, free and open world. While there is a natural impulse to look for grand gestures on every presidential visit abroad, there are other places and other issues where this administration needs to advance a broader and more ambitious agenda - especially climate change, Ukraine and China. This is not the moment for bold new Middle East policies. Mr. Biden is doing the right thing by treating the region's issues as part of a bigger picture.

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Political shifts

he danger posed by heatwaves in Europe should be taken more seriously. On the continent, the headlines are about forest fires. In the UK, the story is about the country grinding to a standstill. Both views mask a deadly truth. High levels of heat are a killer, one seen retrospectively in the data on excess deaths and hospital admissions. It was only in 2008 that statisticians concluded that as many as 70,000 people died as a result of a heatwave in Europe in 2003. By foolishly telling people to "enjoy the sunshine" Dominic Raab, the UK's deputy prime minister, proved that there is no challenge he would not rise to. Any leading politician who thinks this trade-off is right - especially during what could be record-breaking heat in Britain - is not fit to be prime minister. However, this may not be the biggest problem the world faces. Joe Biden had a plan to put the United States on to a path that was an improvement on Donald Trump's antagonism, but it was not good enough. The United Nations warns that limiting global heating to 1.5C is necessary to avoid the worst of the climate crisis's impacts. But Mr Biden put the US on track to 2C. However, even this modest target was opposed by Republicans and centrist Democratic politicians. Last week, Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia, who took more campaign cash from the oil and gas industry than any other senator, sunk Mr Biden's climate agenda. The US accounts for less than 5% of the current global population but is responsible for a fifth of greenhouse gases. That the world can burn itself to the ground because West Virginia's economy runs on fossil fuels is yet more proof of how anachronistic US democracy is becoming. Pursuing net zero policies will not stall economic growth or fuel inflation. But it will lead to political realignments. That ought to be a warning for voters in Britain. Mr Biden's plan was for investment in green technologies. However, in states such as West Virginia, voters seem suspicious about economic transformations after industrial jobs disappeared and never came back. They cling to what they know: oil, coal and gas. In Britain, Boris Johnson won in 2019 with an electoral coalition that included former Labour heartlands seized in part by the idea that they could be levelled up by potentially switching from carbon intensive industries at a greater risk from cutting emissions to net zero by 2050 - through decarbonisation. Some of Mr Johnson's potential successors unscrupulously signalled that this might mean taxing rich southerners - who are disproportionately represented in the Tory membership that decides the leadership - to pay for the north's transformation. Hence the hints that net zero targets could be dropped or delayed. It is the mark of an unprincipled rogue to say anything to get ahead. Britain does not need a leader who will fail to rise to the existential challenge of the climate emergency.

Geopolitical, strategic competition of major powers

Dr. Muhammad Akram Zaheer



Indo-Pacific countries, such as Saudi Arabia, have also not backed coalition efforts against Russia. Such neutrality and indifference is a growing problem in international affairs and undermines counterterrorism efforts. There is a growing sense in the West that a new Cold War is going to be start but most of the world does not see things that way

nonetheless, soft options power has also become more available and less expensive for states to gain a clear competitive power advantage. However, as the strategic competition has become more pronounced, states have been looking for opportunities to use their geographical potential for their interests. Russian invasion in Ukraine is the most devastating event for the post-Afghan War

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is going through a

tear down the old world order. China and Russia believe the United States is playing the role of an arrogant player. This thinking has emerged in many parts of the world, including China. The People's Republic of China places all responsibility for the violence and destruction in Europe on Washington. Russia supports Chinese principle and affirms that Taiwan is a part of China and opposes any form of Taiwan's independence. Russia's aggression against Ukraine has shown that the world should take seriously what Xi and Putin are saying, especially when they speak in their own language. Both countries are determined to destroy the US alliance by force whenever it would be possible. Xi and Putin means that the US alliance has been formed over their opposition and they will oppose it. Statements by top Chinese diplomats should not be dismissed as mere propaganda. This is a clear warning to Washington to abandon its strategy in the Indo-Pacific, and Beijing reserves the option of resistance. From this point of view, Russia's invasion of Ukraine sets an example. Beijing has also warned small countries such as Ukraine to stay away from US plots. According to Beijing, sympathy for Ukraine is good but it is not good to be used as a pawn in Washington's efforts to maintain geopolitical dominance. These messages are also being heard in those countries that remain neutral in international politics. Russia and China continue to oppose any attempt by foreign powers to undermine security and stability in their respective territories. That why China and Russia also oppose further NATO expansion and have called on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to abandon Cold War ideological methods. China and Russia also oppose the formation of a bloc in the Asia-Pacific region and remain wary of the negative effects of the US Indo-Pacific strategy on peace and stability in the region. The two countries also express deep concern over the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom, which provides deep cooperation between its members in the areas of strategic stability, especially in the nuclear field. Both

Beijing and Moscow believe that such measures contradict the security and sustainable development goals of the Asia-Pacific region and it will increase the risk of an arms race in the region, which also poses a serious threat to nuclear non-proliferation. Opposition to President Xi and Putin's Biden administration's new Australia-British-US (AUKUS) initiative has led to violations of non-proliferation treaties. This opposition is also echoing in the West. On the other hand, Australia, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan are committed to supporting Ukraine. Most Southeast Asian nations have supported NATO, Ukraine and the United States. The Philippines and Indonesia also voted in favor of condemning Russia but India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam did not.

Indo-Pacific countries, such as Saudi Arabia, have also not backed coalition efforts against Russia. Such neutrality and indifference is a growing problem in international affairs and undermines counter-terrorism efforts. There is a growing sense in the West that a new Cold War is going to be start but most of the world does not see things that way. China is a bigger threat to Asian countries than Russia, but in the absence of a comprehensive US-led diplomatic campaign, Washington cannot support Taiwan in the Taiwan crisis. Many analysts believe that if China invades the Democratic Republic of Taiwan, many countries will remain on the coast. Such a campaign by Beijing to tarnish Taiwan's international image could be dangerous as if a dispute and erupts, it may signal Taiwan's diplomatic isolation that Taiwan is the only province China will bring back. China also has strong economic ties with every country. The United States will need to defend Taiwan, and it often uses its diplomatic and other tactics to keep it at bay. Many countries and US allies do not necessarily agree with all Chinese statements about Taiwan and justify their neutrality. US diplomacy should highlight that China is backtracking on its commitment to peace and endangering the stability of law and order in the region while it is committed to maintaining peace under the Taiwan Relations Act. Washington needs to make sure that it does not distance itself from countries or regions that oppose China and Russia. However, the United States has also given China and Russia the opportunity to wield considerable influence in key regions such as the Persian Gulf. The lack of a US trade vision for Southeast Asia and the lack of a security system are obstacles to form a bloc. But Washington only sees how quickly military aid can be delivered and how quickly the right weapons system can get into the right hands in a crisis. Washington does not need to provoke China, but the two states must make promises and work for peace. There are lessons to be learned from Ukraine's failed deterrence efforts. It should be noted that the prevention of war in Ukraine has failed. The United States has no military ties with Ukraine, so it could not help Ukraine directly except through rhetoric. Although the United States has armed Ukraine with disproportionate weapons that could destroy Russia's major weapons system but it has not been able to stop Putin from going to war. On the other hand, Taiwan is also under threat from China and a similar approach will not work to stop China because the United States is not militarily engaged with the island. The United States must build Taiwan's military so that it can work together as an ally to counter the various threats of repression. But that requires careful coalition management, as Washington has been practicing with other potential coalition partners. China relies on global markets for everything from technology and energy to food and agriculture, major metals, minerals and capital. In fact, China's dependency on the global economy did not stop it from trading with Russia. Washington will have to maintain strong ties with all major suppliers in China. In short, President Xi is using the war in Russia and Ukraine to forge a "new era" that will either destroy or weaken the US alliance. Putin has taught the world that the aggressive statements and threats can wreak havoc. Washington must also review itsstrategyand highlight the growing threats posed by Beijing to peace and security in Asia in order to protect thousands innocent people from the effects of war. It will take time for these two countries to come down from the mountain of arrogance to stand side by side. Though it is difficult to do so but they have to doto protect Asia from war and its consequences.

eopolitical is defined as a strug-[,] 5 gle for the control of geographical entities with an international and global dimension, and the use of such geographical entities for political advantages. It may include territorial acknowledgements, border, trade agreements, war treaties, climate agreements and more. Debates on modern strategic competition consider states as key actors in the international context where competition takes place. The competition between states is ideological and mainly through state capabilities. Strategic competition has many levels and operational dimensions, but when we talk about global competition, two issues are very important, military power and economic power. It also suggests that states balance each other by using their economic strength. Hard power has also not dropped its significance

new era of geopolitics. The world needs a new strategic approach to ensure unity to prevent future aggression. History has shown that aggression is like a contagious disease that is difficult to control, especially when it

starts to spread. Vladimir Putin is not alone in seeking to destroy the world order that was imposed to maintain peace in the world, but also the General Secretary of the Communist Party Xi Jinping has outlined and predicted his vision. Supporting Putin's aggression could advance China's geopolitical and political interests. The president is convinced that Putin will succeed, but the unanticipated resistance of the Ukrainian people, the courageous leadership of Vladimir Zelensky and the Western response are also astonishing. Zelensky is satisfied that key European countries oppose President Xi's aggressive deterrent design. China is also trying to transform the US coalition system into a "partnership" network. However, to create a new world order, The United States have to

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Information warfare in big data

Nadir Ali



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mass causalities, but the damage it adversary information, incan do to one's critical infrastrucformation-based ture, such as nuclear power plants in case of a country or critical data processes. or in case of others, is a matter of the concern. Similarly, Big Data can term information be used to destroy the information warfare is widely used in the conalso it could be used for illegal acdistivities such as, suicide bombingcourse, but it is thathow terrorist can use big data. often misunder-Thus, these technologies are very stood. The goal of comprehensive and friendly if the usage of these technologies in a information warfare is to destroy proper way thenbig data plays a the enemy's warfvital role to make changes in the ighting capability society. However, by the help of without firing a big data, it is very easy to analyze someone behaviour but very hard to extract what is truth in this post-Information wartruth era, and one can easily build fare does not use fighter a narrative to manipulate the people and disseminate fake informaplanes, missiles, or nukes to wage tion among the targeted audience. war. The weap-Because there is no counter check ons in informato ensure that either that given data or information is reliable with tion warfare are computer virusexact facts and figures or not and where does this information comes from.Simultaneously, big data is a vast amount of information accom-

panied with a vast philosophy and a wide range of kinds. Instead of merely having enough information, it's a comprehensive echo system. Big Data may be used to destroy information as well as for unlawful activities like suicide bombing, Trojan horses, phishing. While on the other hand, these technologies are extremely comprehensive and user-friendly - when properly implemented – bigdata may play a significant part in societal transformation. The primary difficulty is big data - whichhas become a popular subject in 2017. It also needs to upgrade the whole infrastructure such as, personal computers, laptops, and other devices where data is accessed via various sites such as social media and the internet are not new - butbig data infrastructure is. Similarly, Algorithm development is all about the picture that someone have in their head and how someone intend to put it into action. If state have the appropriate policies in place and a clear goals, then these improvements will lead to success. It all

comes down to the object someone is processing when it comes to algorithm design and failure. More significantly, states needs to have well-defined goals and policies as well. Thus, a normative framework is supplied at the national level within the policy on a certain subject or area because Pakistan do not yet have a big data policy, it is impossible to identify what specific Norms the Pakistani government is attempting to attain in this field. Therefore, Transparency, accountability, and inclusivity are all qualities that exist in Pakistan. However, in terms of the legal framework, there is no single legislative instrument or act that addresses the big data issue and the Data Protection Privacy Act (DPP). The personal data protection law is one proposal or measure that is presently in the works that is extremely controversial, and different drops are being debated.

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PM wants ECP's verdict

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on PTI

funding case

he said. He stressed that the impunity given to Imran Khan had "hurt the country". The Election Commission of Pakistan had reserved its judgment on June 21. PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz on Monday had linked Imran Khan's criticism of the Election Commission of Pakistan with his "fear of being exposed" in the foreign funding case. Maryam's remarks came after Imran Khan demanded Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) . Raja's Sikander Sultan resignation over his alleged favouring of the PML-N in polls, including the by-elections in Punjab on Sunday.

'CEC gets few days to resign or get ousted'

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right decision on general elections." "We can boldly ask President Arif Alvi to ini tiate a vote of no-confidence against the current government but we are giving it a chance," he said. Brushing off the notion that the interim setup would need more than three months to deal with the deteriorating economy, he added that economy was not the responsibility of the caretaker government. He said PTI wanted an interim government for three months, as the elected government would deal with the economy. Stressing that the ECP was biased against PTI, he added that it changed voter lists to ensure that PTI loses the Punjab by-elections. Talking about the increase in the value of the dollar, he said that the dollar was stable three months ago, large scale manufacturing had increased. He said that now. despite the IMF agreement, confidence in the market and currency was not restored, as the dollar has be-

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: Sastaticket.pk is ecstatic to congratulate Airblue management for adding Skardu to its network. The airline embarked on its first flight on the 7th of July, 2022. This is another achievement not only for the airline but also for Pakistan, as it will help in the socio-economic growth of the nation. This initiative taken by airblue was very crucial for the development of the economy of Pakistan as it will also help in attracting tourists to the beautiful valley of Skardu. Airblue is considerate of the current condition of the world and, due to the outbreak of the pandemic, has vigilant planning and is following all the protocols and SOPs necessary. And Sastaticket.pk plans to be with the management of Airblue airline with every step moving forward and supporting the airline.

During the press, ShazilMehkri, CEO of Sastaticket.pk, gave his heartfelt gratitude to the management of Air blue, commenting, "We, at Sastaticket, would like to congratulate the airblue management for successfully adding Skardu to its growing network. This addition will continue the strong momentum in domestic tour-

day. Abdullah completed his century off 238 balls as Pakistan needed 148 more runs to win before the fourth day ended. Meanwhile, Babar scored his 22nd fifty, also completing his 3000 runs in Test cricket. He was removed by Prabath Jayasuriya after scoring 55 runs. Abdullah was in charge after Pakistan lost two crucial wickets in sec-

Set to chase 342 runs by hosts Sri Lanka, Pakistan had to suffer two major blows dullah (112*) and Mohammad Rizwan as opener Imam-ul-Haq and experienced (7*) will resume batting on the last Azhar Ali fell prey to Sri Lankan spin-



ners. Imam got stumped off Ramesh Mendis while Azhar was deceived off Jayasuriya and gave simple catch in slips. Skipper Babar gave a helping hand to well-set Abdullah who was not out for 77 off 173 balls. Babar played some early strokes to score a quick 26 off 46 deliveries. Abdullah and Imam provided solid momentum to Pakistan after they were set to chase 342 runs to win opening Test. The two openers scored 87 runs together before Mendis removed Imam to provide first breakthrough to the hosts who made a strong grip on the match thanks to Dinesh Chandimal's last wicket contribution. Resuming at an overnight score of 329-9, Sri Lanka managed to add just eight runs as Naseem Shah was quick enough to pick up

the last wicket of Prabath Jayasuriya. Inform Chandimal remained not-out for 94 off 139 balls. With a lead of 341 runs, Sri Lanka set Pakistan to chase 342 runs on last two days of the match. Imam and Abdullah started off well for Pakistan, tackling spinners strongly from both ends. Sri Lankan spinners, who destroyed Pakistan's batting in first innings, found it difficult this time as Imam

and Abdullah looked up with some solid

planning. Abdullah read the pitch so

well as he completed his fifth Test fifty

to stabilize himself on the spin-friendly

track. However, Imam looked a bit shaky

and provided a chance to Jayasuriya who

picked him up in 29th over.

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Karachi Stadium

STAFF REPORT

KARACHI: England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)'s dele-

gation visited National Stadium here to overview facilities for

the upcoming tour of England to Pakistan. The security del-

egation includes Richard Snowball, Robert Lynch, John Carr

and Reg Dickason. The members of the security delegation

visited entrance and exit points, ground, main building, and

stands. Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)'s security official gave

briefing to visiting delegation. The visitors also traveled from

the routes of the Airport to hotel and hotel to stadium to look

at the arrangements. In the evening today, the delegation

will leave for Multan and later on to Lahore and Rawalpindi.

This delegation will make a report and send it to ECB after

which venues for seven T20Is will be finalized. After 2005,

England will be visiting Pakistan for the first time. Remem-

ber, England canceled their tour last year followed by New

Zealand's withdrawal from the Pakistan tour at the eleventh

Mahoor thanks

POA for sponsoring

badminton team

LAHORE: Olympian badminton player Mahoor Shahzad

thanked Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) for spon-

soring them for Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2022.

Speaking to Geo News after the badminton team was re-included in Pakistan's contingent for CWG, Mahoor

said national players should not face such attitude.

"We are thankful to POA for sponsoring us," said Ma-

hoor. "But, I think such attitude towards national ath-

letes must be unacceptable. We already get very few

international events, if we are dealt with like this, it

will decrease our confidence," he added. - DNA

hour citing security threats.

Turkey threatens to 'freeze Finland, Sweden NATO bids

Islamabad **POST**

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

News Desk

TEHRAN: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Monday that he would freeze the bids from Finland and Sweden to join the NATO alliance if they do not keep the promises they made to secure Turkey's support last month. The bids from Sweden and Finland - who decided to join NATO after decades of neutrality following the Russian invasion of Ukraine - were initially blocked by alliance member Turkey over claims that the Scandinavian countries were supporting "terrorism." The three countries signed an agreement at a NATO summit in Madrid in July, which saw Ankara lift its veto in exchange for pledges from Stockholm and Helsinki on counterterrorism and arms exports. Erdogan, however, has renewed his threat of vetoing their accession if he believes the two bidding countries are not implementing their agreements. He added that Sweden is currently "not showing a good image." Public support for joining NATO shot up in both Sweden and Finland after Russia invaded Ukraine. Their announced bids were initially warmly welcomed by NATO and most of its members, but Turkey threw up a roadblock to what many had considered would be a speedy process. Ankara has accused both countries of supporting Kurdish militants and providing a safe haven for those who have fled Turkey. It has requested the return of individuals that Ankara has called "terrorists." Erdogan has previously said that part of the agreement was for Sweden to extradite 73 people to Turkey to face trial. Sweden has denied agreeing to any such measures. The Scandinavian country has taken in people fleeing from persecution in Turkey. Many of Erdogan's opponents - including lawmakers, human rights activists and journalists - have ended up in prison often on what are generally consid-

'Give me 20 minutes with Kohli, I will help him out'

ered trumped-up charges.

Babar Azam supports Abdullah as Pakistan need 120 runs to win

DNA GALLE: 22-years-old Abdullah Shafique scored his second Test century as Pakistan marched towards 342 runs target against Sri Lanka in the opening Test. Abdullah alongside skipper Babar Azam scored 101 runs off 238 balls as Pakistan scored 222-3 at stumps on day 4. The Green Caps now need 120 runs to register a record chase here at the Galle Stadium. Ab-

ond session and closed their score on

147-2 at Tea on day 4.

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to working with Airblue airline in growing domestic air travel in Pakistan." The leading ticket portal wishes to stay side by side in every step moving forward and provide full support to the Airline for its expanding network as this is also a step taken for the socio-economic growth of the nation and will open doors of opportunities for many other sectors in Pakistan. Book your airblue Islamabad to Skardu air tickets at Sastaticket.pk with ease and comfort of your home. Sastaticket. pk has been created to empower the Pakistani traveler with instant bookings and comprehensive choices. It aims to deliver value by offering a range of travel products with the highest standard of service along with cutting edge technology. Based in Karachi, Pakistan, Sastaticket.pk is a one-stop shop for all travel-related services. A leading consolidator of travel products, Sastaticket.pk provides reservation facilities for domestic and international flights, domestic and international hotels, and holiday packages. With dedicated customer support operating 24/7 and offices in 3 cities across Pakistan, Sastaticket.pk



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Rupee falls to Rs222 against dollar

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US dollar had gained a whopping Rs4.30 increase against the Pakistani rupee to reach Rs215.25 in interbank trading. The greenback had closed at Rs215.20 on Monday with an increase of Rs4.25 in interbank trading. It also merits mention here that the US dollar has appreciated Rs11.05 against the Pakistani rupee in the interbank market during the last two days. The economic experts said that the Pakistani rupee was under pressure due to the current political situation in the country. After reaching a peak of Rs211.93 on June 22, the dollar started declining for a brief period and fell to a low of Rs204.56 on July 4. Mettis Global Director Saad

Bin Naseer said the rupee was seeing a decline due to "panic buying [of the dollar] from banks in the interbank market". He said that "panic is setting in the financial markets following fears of change in [the] government in Punjab and Centre" after the by-polls on the province's 20 seats. The by-elections saw the PTI register a thumping victory against the PML-N, which leads the ruling coalition. He went on to say that the downgrading of Pakistan's outlook from stable to negative by the Fitch rating agency further increased panic in the market.

Imran wants civil war in country, says Marriyum

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strongly believed in fair, transparent, and impartial elections and following democratic norms, and yesterday's election was its practical demonstration. She said that Imran Khan blackmailed the NAB chairman to grill his opponents in his era. The minister said that Imran Khan wants ECP CEC Sultan Sikandar Raja to act like former Chairman NAB Javed Iqbal, who acted on his illegal orders

France sizzles with extremely high temperatures

PARIS: France endured sweltering temperatures for the second time in the last month as a heatwave broke records in several cities Monday, according to the official weather service Meteo France. Extreme peak heat was recorded on the western side of the country. By evening, temperatures rose to an absolute maximum of 42.6C (108.7F) in the town of Biscarrosse in Nouvelle-Aquitaine and 42.4C (108.3F) in Cazaux, Occitanie. Both towns are located in southwestern France, which has been battling enormous fires since last Tuesday.

Exceptionally, in western France's Brittany region, the city of Nantes witnessed a high of 42C (107.6F) and the town of Saintes in Charente-Maritime 41.1C (106F) for the first time since 1949. Several other locations beat the previous heat record, according to Meteo France, including La Roche-sur-Yon, Cholet, Niort, Saint-Nazaire, Angers, Lanmeur, Saint-Brieuc, Brest and Chassiron. Fifteen departments on the Atlantic coast, including Charente, Charente-Maritime, Cotes-d'Armor, Dordogne, Finist re, Gers, Gironde, Ille-et-Vilaine, Landes, Loire-Atlantique, Lot-et-Garonne, Maine-et-Loire, Morbihan, Deux-Sevres and Vendee have been placed on red alert and citizens asked to be vigilant due to the maximum temperatures. Additionally, 69 departments are listed on the orange list. The heatwave is likely to abate on Tuesday and Wednesday in most parts of the country, said Meteo France. In June, France experienced the early onset of a heatwave for four days, with absolute temperature records set at 43C (109.4F). - Agencies

16-year-old Eisha is eyeing to scale the Broad Peak

DNA

KARACHI: Eyeing to reach new heights, Pakistani female climbers are moving forward towards their goals on different peaks of over 8-thousand meters. Naila Kiani and Samina Baig are currently on K2 and aiming to become first Pakistani woman to scale the 2nd highest peak of the world at 8611m while 16-year-old Eisha Sajid is eyeing to scale the Broad Peak to become the youngest climber to scale an 8-thousander inside Pakistan. Naila, a Dubai-based Pakistani, confirmed to Geo News via satellite communication that she has reached the camp 2 on K2 and will move towards Camp 3 on Wednesday. She also confirmed that Samina Baig is ahead of her and has already reached the Camp 3. "We are staying just above Camp 2 and little below the lower C3 and will move further tomorrow," she said. Naila hoped for her summit by 22nd or 23rd July. She added that whoever reaches



on top - either her or Samina it will be an honor for Pakistan that first time a Pakistani woman has managed to scale K2. Karrar Haider, secretary of Alpine Club of Pakistan, added that Naila is accompanied by Sirbaz Ali and Wajid Nagri. Meanwhile, a young and first-timer, 16-year-old Eisha Sajid has also started her expedition on The Broad Peak.

The young mountaineer, who is on

her first ever attempt, is currently on camp 1 after completing C2 rotation. "We are currently at camp 1 and will leave for camp 2 tomorrow Inshaallah," she posted on her Instagram account. If Eisha manages to successfully scale the Broad Peak, she will surpass Shehroze Kashif as youngest climber to summit an 8 thousander in Pakistan. Shehroze was 17 when he summitted the same mountain in 2019.

Gavaskar added. Shahzad

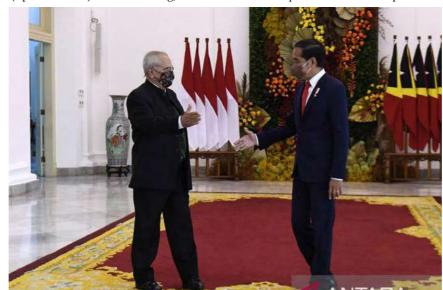
Indonesia, Timor-Leste to boost trade ties

JAKARTA: Indonesia and Timor-Leste have agreed to continue to raise the value of bilateral trade between the countries, Indonesian President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) stated after attending a bilateral meeting with President of Timor-Leste José Ramos-Horta. "Considering the current trend of trade affairs (between the two countries) that continues to show positive development, I believe that it can continue to be improved," Jokowi stated during a joint press conference along with Ramos-Horta at the Bogor Presidential Palace, West Java Province, on Tuesday. The Indonesian president remarked that at the meeting, discussions focused on bilateral economic cooperation.

Furthermore, he highlighted the commitment of Indonesian state-owned enterprises (SOEs) and private companies to become involved in the development activities in Timor-Leste, especially in the infrastructure sector. He also encouraged the two countries to immediately conclude their bilateral investment treaty. Jokowi stated that the value of Indonesia's investment in

Timor Leste had reached US\$818 million (Rp12.3 trillion) in the banking, oil and

gas, as well as telecommunications sectors. "We also spoke about the completion of



border negotiations, and I emphasized the importance of resolving the two remaining segments of the two countries' land border soon," he stated. Moreover, at the bilateral meeting, the delegations of both nations inked four memoranda of understanding on agriculture, cross-border transportation, standardization and metrology, as well as trade cooperation. President Ramos-Horta is scheduled to stay in Indonesia for eight days. He arrived at the Bogor Presidential Palace at 9:54 a.m. Western Indonesian Standard Time (WIB, UTC+7) and was greeted with a series of official welcoming ceremonies. Before conducting the bilateral meeting, the two state leaders planted an agarwood tree (Aquilaria sp.) in the backyard of the palace and engaged in brief talk on the palace veranda. It was Ramos-Horta's first visit to Indonesia after being inaugurated as the 7th president of Timor-Leste on May 20, 2022. Earlier, President Jokowi assigned Coordinating Minister of Political, Legal, and Security Affairs Mahfud MD to attend the inauguration ceremony of the president of Timor-Leste. ANTARA

SPORTS DESK

DEHLI: India's legendary cricketer Sunil Gavaskar asked for 20 minutes with Virat Kohli to help the former Indian captain gain his form back. Speaking to Indian media, Gavaskar highlighted difficulties faced by Kohli while playing on an off-stump line. "Give me 20 minutes with him [Virat Kohli], I would be able to tell him the things he might have to do. It might help him, I am not saying it will help him but it could, particularly with regards to that off-stump line," said Gavaskar. "Having been an opening batter, having been troubled by that line, there are certain things that you try and do. If I get 20 minutes with him, I might be able to tell him," he maintained. Gavaskar feels that Kohli needs some time to gain back his form. "I think we just have to wait and see when he comes back, whether it helps or not helps. As I said, he is allowed a few failures, look at his record for India, 70 international hundreds. I mean, he has got runs in all formats of the game, in all conditions,'

Qureshi wins gold in Asian **Bodybuilding**

MONITORING DESK

ISLAMABAD: Shahzad Qureshi (C) posing with his Gold medal and trophy with Fazal Ilahi (R). In the 54th Asian Bodybuilding Championship, Pakistani bodybuilder Shahzad Qureshi grabbed the gold medal by beating his Indian counterpart Naresh in the master-class 80kg+ category. In a video message, Shahzad said that he is very happy and cannot explain the moment when he was receiving the gold medal and Pakistan's national anthem was playing. On the other hand, Umar Shahzad of Pakistan bagged Silver medal in Junior 70kg+ category. In this category, India's Suresh Bala Kumar bagged Gold whereas his compatriot Chingkhingganba Athokpam won Bronze.

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Briefs **Indian rupee** breaches 80 per dollar.

hits new record low MUMBAI: The Indian ru-

pee fell to more than 80 per US dollar for the first time on record Tuesday, as the greenback extended its rally and foreign capital outflows intensified.

The rupee 80.0600 against the greenback soon after trading started, Bloomberg data showed. High inflation and rising interest rates in the United States coupled with fears of an impending recession in the world's biggest economy have fuelled a broad dollar rally in recent weeks as investors turn increasingly risk-averse.

Tighter US monetary policy has exacerbated outflows from emerging markets such as India, where foreign investors have withdrawn a net \$30.8 billion in debt and equity this year. Data released last week showed US consumer price inflation hit a fresh four-decade high in June, exceeding market forecasts and stoking expectations of another large Federal Reserve rate hike next week. - APP

Kazakhstan reports 1,450 Covid cases

DNA

NUR-SULTAN: 1,450 new coronavirus cases have been reported across Kazakhstan in the past 24 hours, which raises the country's COVID-19 tally to 1,319,494, Kazinform has learned from the interdepartmental commission for the prevention of COVID-19 spread. Of them, 502 are in Nur-Sultan, 589 - in Almaty, 31 - in Shymkent, 24 - in Akmola region, 4 - in Aktobe region, 69 - in Almaty region, 43 - in Zhetysu region, 32 - in Atyrau region, 6 - in East Kazakhstan region, 2 - in Abai region, 51 - in Zhambyl region, 5 - in East Kazakhstan region, 40 - in Karaganda region, 13 - in Ulvtau region, 2 in Kostanay region, 13 - in Kyzylorda region, 6 – in Mangistau region, 11 - in Pavlodar region, 2 - in North Kazakhstan region, and 5 - in Turkistan region.

Turkiye, Iran need to fight against terror groups

The Astana process was launched in 2017 to restore peace in Syria, which has been ravaged by a civil war since early 2011 when the Bashar al-Assad regime cracked down on pro-democracy protesters with unexpected ferocity

DNA

TEHRAN: Turkiye and Iran need to continue to fight terrorist groups in solidarity, as they stir up trouble for both countries, the Turkish president said in the Iranian capital Tehran on Tuesday.

"The PJAK, PKK, PYD, YPG, and FETO terrorist organizations are troublemakers for both Turkiye and Iran. We need to continue the fight against them in solidarity," Recep Tayyip Erdogan told a press conference alongside his Iranian counterpart Ebrahim Raisi, citing a list of offshoots or allies of the PKK, a terror group that has taken some 40,000 lives, and the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), the group behind the defeated coup in 2016.

"As you know, we have now included them in NATO records," he added, referring to a recent memorandum on Sweden and Finland's membership bids. "They are troublemakers that disturb the peace in whatever country they are in. Therefore, we need to continue our struggle against them in solidarity." Earlier co-chairing the



7th meeting of the Turkiye-Iran High-Level Cooperation Council to enhance bilateral cooperation, the two leaders signed eight agreements in the areas of trade. social security, and sports. Erdogan said he believed that the countries will boost their bilateral trade volume to \$30 billion.

"Unfortunately, we faced a serious setback due to the COVID-19 outbreak. As of now, we have reached \$7.5 billion. I believe that the two countries will reach \$30 billion again. "It is possible to accelerate this process with the steps that we will take in the defense industry. This can be accelerated with

steps to be taken in both oil and natural gas," he added. Later in the day, Erdogan, Raisi, and Russian President Vladimir Putin will meet for the 7th Trilateral Summit Meeting in the Astana format to discuss the latest developments in Syria, and the fight against terror groups, particularly the PKK and



of the 2017 Astana process. The

2017 to restore peace in Syria,

which has been ravaged by a civ-

Bashar al-Assad regime cracked

On the signing of the eight agree-

Twitter: "I believe that our visit

will give a new impetus to our rela-

tions." "As President Mr. Raisi has

stated, our fight against terrorism

"I hope that our in-depth discus-

nomic, commercial, cultural and

all other fields will be beneficial

for Turkiye and Iran," he add-

ed. Iran and Turkiye on Tuesday

agreed to extend their gas supply

contract for another 25 years and

set an ambitious trade target of

\$30 billion. The agreements came

during a meeting between Iranian

President Ebrahim Raisi and his

Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Tehran.

BRUSSELS: The European Union kicked off accession negotiations with North Macedonia and Albania on Tuesday. EU Commission head Ursula von der Leyen hailed the "historic moment" at a joint news conference with Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala, Albanian Premier Edi Rama and North Macedonia's PM Dimitar Kovacevski. Von der Leyen praised the rule of law and anti-corruption reforms undertaken and resilience demonstrated by the two countries, terming it a "success" of their leaders and people. The govts of North Macedonia and Albania did not implement the reforms just for EU accession, but because they are "good for your countries and are already delivering a better quality of life for your people," she said. Representing the turning presidency of the Council of the European Union, Fiala congratulated the two countries for "this milestone." "We all be stronger by your (European) career, your choice," he noted, saying the two countries' European commitment has been tested over the past months due to Russia's war on Ukraine that started on Feb. 24. Albanian PM Edi Rama expressed gratitude to Germany's former Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron for their diplomatic efforts, as well as to "the Albanian people who never gave up to dream, to pursue the European path." - DNA

Women play crucial role in tourism

ANTARA

JAKARTA: Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy Sandiaga Salahuddin Uno accentuated the notable role of women in the tourism and creative economy sectors at the W20 Summit. At the opening of the W20 Summit at Lake Toba. North Sumatra, Tuesday, Uno affirmed that women had a role as the backbone of the tourism and

creative economy sectors. "Women are the backbone of the tourism and creative economy sectors. They are the great supporters of community welfare as well as the guardians of cultural

heritage," Uno remarked. The W20 is one of the engagement groups within Indonesia's G20 Presidency that forms the women's empowerment network to encourage the adoption of G20's commitment in women's issues. He later highlighted that globally, women constituted 54 percent of the workers in the tourism and creative economy sectors. In Indonesia, the number of female workers in this sector reached 55 percent. Uno also highlighted the significant role of women by citing the example of Renny Manurung, a business owner of Dame Ulos from North Sumatra.

According to Uno, since 2014, Manurung had been acting as a bridge between the Ulos cloth industry and buyers from outside the island and also to various parts of the world. "Manurung also does it to respect her ancestors. Ulos is part of the Batak tradition, and it cannot be separated. She is only one of the examples of the role of women in the tourism sector and the creative economy," Uno stated.

3-way fight for Sri Lanka presidency: parliament

COLOMBO: Three candidates were nominated Tuesday to replace former Sri Lankan president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who fled the country and resigned last week over the island's worsening economic crisis.

The winner will take charge of a bankrupt country that is in talks with the IMF for a bailout as its 22 million people endure severe shortages of food, fuel and medicines. The parliament announced that acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe will face former education minister Dullas Alahapperuma, who has the backing of the main opposition, and leftist leader Anura Dissanavake in a secret ballot on Wednesday. The three were formally nominated by legislators in a session that lasted under 10 minutes at the tightly guarded parliament building. Moments earlier, opposition leader Sajith Premadasa announced on Twitter that he was withdrawing from the race in favour of the 63-year-old Alahapperuma, a dissident member of Rajapaksa's SLPP party. "For the greater good of my country that I love and people I cherish, I hereby withdraw my candidacy for the position of President," Premadasa said. Political sources said the two had struck a deal overnight for one to be president and the other PM and to work to form a unity government to navigate the country's worsening economic crisis. - APP



Supreme Leader of Iran. - DNA

13 inmates killed in fresh fight in Ecuador prison

QUITO: Thirteen inmates were killed and two others injured on Monday in yet another bloody fight in a notorious Ecuadoran prison, law enforcement officials said. "Unfortunately, central command reports 13 (inmates) dead and two injured," the South American country's prison authority SNAI said on Twitter. The incident took place at the same Bellavista prison in the town of Santo Domingo de los Colorados, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) from Quito, where 44 inmates were killed in a bloody brawl in May. Prison officials, aided by the military and the police, were able to regain control of the facility, SNAI said. - APP

Potential for recession real in many countries

ANTARA

JAKARTA: The potential for a recession due to rising benchmark interest rates, tightening liquidity, and rising food and energy prices, which have triggered a crisis of their own, is very real for many countries. Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati made the remarks at the online launch of the IsDB Group's Member Country Partnership Strategy (MCPS) for Indonesia for the period 2022-2025 in Jakarta on Tuesday. "I hope that in this case, Indonesia will be able to continue navigating other additional challenges for our economy and now in the global economy," she said. Indonesia has prepared strategies to address many structural problems, including the quality of human resources, infrastructure, productivity, and competitiveness, she noted.

Handling human resource issues through education, research, and innovation, as well as in terms of health is not an easy task and will take some time, she said. This would require consistency in the medium to long term.

The second strategy the nation is focusing on is reforming the health system as the pandemic has opened up other aspects that need to be addressed in the health system, Indrawati disclosed. "Indonesia is one of the few countries in the world that has successfully managed the pandemic, if you measure it across all indicators. However, we still need to improve our health management," she pointed out.

Baku-EU energy MoU underlines Southern gas Corridor's strategic role

News Desk

BAKU: European Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson has said that the new memorandum of understanding on strategic partnership in the energy field signed between Azerbaijan and the EU underlines the strategic role of the Southern Gas Corridor in Europe's diversification efforts, Azernews reports. She noted that Azerbaijan has already increased the natural gas deliveries to the EU, adding that this trend will continue, with up to 4 billion cubic meters of additional gas this year, and volumes expected to more than double by 2027. "But our cooperation goes beyond that, accelerating the deployment of renewables and addressing methane emis-

sions; these steps will both increase security of supply and help achieve our climate goals," she said.

The signed memorandum includes a commitment to double the capacity of the Southern Gas Corridor to deliver at least 20 billion cubic meters to the EU annually by 2027. This will contribute to the diversification objectives in the RE-PowerEU Plan and help Europe to end its dependency on Russian gas. Based on the strengthened energy cooperation, Azerbaijan is now already increasing deliveries of natural gas to the EU, from 8.1 billion cubic meters in 2021 to an expected 12 bcm in 2022. "As stated in the MoU, the EU and Azerbaijan share the ambition to accelerate the development and deployment of renewable energy generation and transmission capacity to fully reap the synergies between the EU's clean energy transition and Azerbaijan's strong untapped renewable energy potential, in particular in the offshore energy sector," European Commission's statement reads. The two parties also acknowledge the importance of the Global Methane Pledge and recognize that making the natural gas supply chain as efficient, environmentally and climate-friendly as possible is a collective responsibility.

The MoU supports the creation of schemes to collect natural gas that would otherwise be vented, flared, or released into the atmosphere. Our cooperation will also be crucial to support Azerbaijan's accession to the Pledge," the statement reads. On July 19, Azerbaijan and the European Commission signed a memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation in the energy field. The document was signed by Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

Pak urges 'effective' response to Food, Fuel & Finance challenges

"We are facing an existential economic emergency in the global South," Ambassador Akram said

NEW YORK: Pakistan has called for building a "coherent and effective" response to the immediate challenges of food, fuel and finance that have adversely impacted the poorest countries and people, extending inequality among and within nations. Participating in a discussion on the objective of preserving multilateralism, Ambassador Munir Akram said that the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and conflicts were the "greatest challenges" the world was confronted with.

"It is time to utilize the international mechanisms of the UN system to build a coherent and effective response to the immediate challenges of Food, Fuel and Finance and revive the hopes for the realization of the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)," the Pakistan envoy told a high-level segment of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on Monday. Elaborating on the impact

of those challenges on poor countries, he said poverty

has grown – for the first time in decades; millions of jobs lost; inflation is rampant; the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda are receding from reach, adding that sixty countries are close to economic collapse. "We are facing an existential economic emergency in the global South," Ambassador Akram said.

The UN, under the leadership of the Secretary-General - and of ECOSOC - did make valiant efforts, during the pandemic and after, to mobilize an effective international response, citing some debt relief and funding through IFIs (Internation-Financial Institutions). al "Yet," Ambassador Akram said, "international solidarity has proved lacking."

Noting that vaccine inequity had prolonged the pandemic, he said the developing countries were not offered the financial space and liquidity to recover from the economic impacts of the Covid crisis. They have become the principal victims

of the supply chain shocks and of runaway inflation, as their plight has been exacerbated by the food and fuel disruptions of the Ukraine war and related restrictions. "Now," he added, "they will also pay for the rise in global interest rates." Insufficient political attention has been paid to building effective coherent actions to provide

better living standards to all through international cooperation, the Pakistani envoy said. "Multilateralism cannot be 'proofed' for the future if it is unable to respond to the current existential crises confronting the global South," Ambassador Akram said, pointing out that the actions needed to meet the situation had been identified in the declarations adopted at the just-concluded High-Level Political Forum (HLPF). "What we need is international solidarity to implement the objectives and commitments

which ECOSOC has adopted

in these important Declara-

tions," he added. - APP

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Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader

Pakistan

Briefs **Pakistan to** highlight Kashmir issue at all forums



Zaman Kaira on Tuesday said that brave Kashmiris passed a resolution in Srinagar for accession to Pakistan 75 years ago on July 19. In his message regarding Kashmir's Accession Day to Pakistan, he said that for the right of self-determination, Kashmiris have sacrificed their life, property in the last seven decades.

The commitment of Kashmiris to Pakistan is eternal, Qamar said adding that India cannot break strong ties of Kashmiris with Pakistan under any circumstances. The burial of martyrs in the green crescent flag is an open expression of the commitment of Kashmiris to Pakistan, Qa mar Zaman Kaira said.

He said, Kashmiris hoist the flag of Pakistan on every street and intersection of Occupied Kashmir. Kashmiri youth are determined like their forefathers for the right of self-determination and accession to Pakistan, Qamar Zaman Kaira said adding that all Indian tactics to break Kashmiris' resolve for self-determination will fail. Pakistan will continue to support Kashmiris at all forums of the world, the adviser said. - APP

459 fresh Covid cases reported: NIH

ISLAMABAD: Health officials on Tuesday said that 459 new Coronavirus cases reported throughwere out the country during the last 24 hours. As per data shared by the National Institute of Health (NIH), the case positivity ratio is 2.80 percent while 163 patients were in critical condition. One death was reported from the Coronavirus in the last 24 hours while 16,419 Covid-19 tests were conducted across the country. Meanwhile, Minister for National Health Abdul Qadir Patel appreciated the efforts of all stakeholders healthcare staff, vaccination teams, and administration working across Pakistan despite multiple challenges. He advised all provinces and regions to administer booster doses on a priority basis to further improve protection against COVID-19 transmission. He said that in view of the global pandemic situation the Central Health Establish ment (CHE) should stringently monitor the health status of incoming passengers at points of entry. He added that CHE will be strengthened to enhance its functionality. The minister emphasized the importance of precautions including social distancing and mask-wearing, especially in crowded places. He also highlighted the need to strictly follow the guidelines for the management of markets. - APP

"Pakistan's population to double in next 30 years"

The British envoy made these remarks during a ceremony to commemorate the World Population Day

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: British High Commissioner on Tuesday observed that Pakistan's population was going to double in the next 30 years putting a huge burden on its resources that demanded proper response to address the pressing issue. The British envoy made these remarks during a ceremony to commemorate the World Population Day, a collaborative event was conducted here in a joint effort of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Pakistan, British High Commission, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination (NHSRC), and Population Programme Wing (PPW), the event revolved around the theme"A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all," a news release said.

While addressing the event, British High Commissioner, Christian Turner said, "The business-as-usual approach needs to stop. It is important to talk about family planning. The UK is the largest donor on Family Planning in Pakistan and has been supporting the country since 2012. Delivering Accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan (DAFPAK) is a £90 million programme that has so far reached 7 million family planning users mostly from marginalised communities. The UK remains committed to support Pakistan." While addressing the World Population Day

event via a video testimonial, President Dr

Indian oppression has failed to stop Kashmiris' resistance: PM Shehbaz

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said the Indian oppressive state apparatus had failed to stop the journey of resistance, sacrifice, and defiance. "The Kashmir's Accession to Pakistan Day is a reflection of Kashmiris' pledge to continue their struggle till the idea of accession becomes a reality," he said in his message on Kashmir Accession to Pakistan Day. Kashmiris across the globe are marking the Kashmir Accession to Pakistan on July 19 as a resolution for accession was passed on this historic day in Srinagar. The prime minister paid tributes to the persistent struggle of Kashmiris. We salute Kashmiris' courage," he said. PM Sharif said after the passage of the resolution for accession to Pakistan, the people of Azad Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan fought a big struggle for freedom. "The struggle and sacrifices of Kashmiris initiated in 1947 still continue and the 0.9 million Indian occupational troops have not succeeded in bringing down the passion of Kashmiris," he said. He said Kashmiris from generation to generation had been rendering immense sacrifices to get their right to self-determination. - APP



Arif Alvi expressed concern over the constant population growth and the meager resources available in Pakistan. He said that the government needs to exercise all options to sensitize the public about negative implications of population growth not only on human health, especially of mother and child, but also on economic as well as social life of people. Minister for Health. Abdul Qadir Patel remarked that

Pakistan's population is likely to double in the next 30 years. He stressed that all partners and stakeholders including civil society organizations and NGOs should come together and join hands with the government to address this growing issue.

DG Population, Population Programme Wing (PPW), Dr. Sabina Durrani commented that parents have the right to freely and respon-

to every challenge and issue facing Pakistan right now. It is necessary that we dedicate adequate funding for accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan to reap the benefits of demographic dividend" said Dr Shabnam Sarfraz, Member Social Sector & Devolution, Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan. She also remarked that for a progressive and prosperous Pakistan, it is important that we provide equal opportunities for men and women in education, employment, and entrepreneurship. Country Representative UNFPA Pakistan, Dr. Bakhtior Kadirov called for focusing on every person; on ensuring our world can support our needs & those of future generations, on human rights & on leaving no one behind.

Singer, philanthropist, and brand ambassador for Family Planning in Pakistan, Shehzad Roy encouraged the government to ensure that before a married couple visits the Nikkah registrar to get their marriage certificate, they should be obligated to pass a basic reproductive health course so that they have adequate knowledge about family planning and birth spacing before they begin their married life. "This would not only encourage people to adopt family planning measures but also create awareness in women about their basic rights", Shehzad added.

Shah Mehmood Qureshi has rejected speculations about his son Zain Qureshi's intention to become Chief Minsibly decide the number and spacing of their ister Punjab. The PTI Vice Chairman Shah Mehmood children to fulfill the fundamental rights of Qureshi addressing the metheir children and family by maintaining a dia representatives at the Balance or Tawazun between their family size and resources. "Population is a denominator Supreme Court clarified that PTI's candidate for CM Punjab is Chaudhry Pervaiz Illahi. Speculations about Zain Qureshi wanting to become CM are false, he added. He added that Zain Qureshi is not even interested in a ministry, his duty is to safeguard the ideology of PTI. Qureshi's son Zain Qureshi

ISLAMABAD:

had won the by-polls in provincial seat PP-217 from Multan on July 17. He had beaten PML-N candidate Salman Naeem, who had won the election as an Independent candidate in 2018 against Shah Mehmood Qureshi. PTI clinched victory by securing 46,963 votes in Punjab by-polls in PP-217 Multan constituency. Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) candidate Muhammad Salman was the runner-up with 40,104 votes. The voting for the Chief Minister's election in the Punjab Assembly would be held on July 22, 2022.

More monsoon rains expected in coming days: PMD

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast more monsoon rains in different parts of the country during this week which could cause flash flooding in the urban areas and trigger landslides in vulnerable areas.

The strong monsoon currents are likely to penetrate in upper and central parts of the country from July 20 (Wednesday) and

China agrees to more cooperation

BEIJING: China agreed to coordinate economic policies with the European Union, liberalise trade and investment, and further open up its financial sector, but was silent on an investment deal frozen by disputes over human rights, geopolitics and the war in Ukraine. In the ninth round of the trade and economic dialogue between the EU and China on Tuesday, Chinese Vice Premier Liu He and European Commission Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis held "pragmatic", "candid" and "efficient" discussions, the Chinese commerce ministry said in a statement.

"The two sides will strengthen communication and coordieconomic policies, global food and energy security and other fields, and jointly promote global economic and financial stability," the Chinese ministry said of the virtual talks. The last round of such talks took place two years ago, also led by Liu and Dombrovskis, focusing on a landmark investment pact. By the end of 2020, Brussels and Beijing had concluded the deal, following seven years of talks, but have not since ratified it.

"The two sides will actively promote trade and investment liberalisation and facilitation, increase mutual openness, promote fair competition, protect intellectual property rights, and constantly optimise the business the Chinese ministry said, making no mention of the frozen agreement. In March 2021, Beijing imposed sanctions on EU politicians, think-tanks and diplomatic bodies in response to Western sanctions against Chinese officials accused of mass detentions of Muslim Uyghurs in China's Xinjiang region. Beijing denies any wrongdoing. The sanctions and counter-sanctions led the European Parliament in May

SC to see whether ECP can implement Article 62-1F

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice Umar Atta Bandial on Tuesday said the Supreme Court has to see whether the Elec tion Commission can apply Article 62-1F. His remarks came during the hearing of an appeal in Faisal Vawda disqualification case. A three-member bench headed by Chief Justice Umar Atta Bandial heard the appeal filed by Faisal Vawda. The Supreme Court ordered the lawyers to prepare arguments for the scope of the implementation of Article 62-1F. The Chief Justice said that the invoking the Article 62-1F is a very serious issue. Vawda's lawyer requested an early hearing on the appeal, which was rejected by the court. The Supreme Court postponed the hearing of the case due to the non-availabil-

ity of Nisar Khoro's lawyer. However, the court has ordered all the parties' lawyers to prepare arguments for the implementation of Article 62-1F of the Constitution.

Elahi moves SC against PML-N leaders over fears of defections, abductions

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Q Leader and Punjab Assembly Speaker Pervaiz Elahi has moved the Supreme Court of Pakistan against PML-N leaders, Rana Sanaullah, Hamza Shahbaz Sharif, and Marriyum Aurang-zeb, over fears of PTI and PML-Q MPAs either defecting from their parties in favor of Hamza Shehbaz or going missing on the day of Punjab chief minister election.

Elahi, who is also a candidate for the Punjab chief minister slot, has invoked the original contempt of court jurisdiction of the SC under Article 204, referring to earlier apex court order passed on July 1.

The top court at the beginning of this month had largely upheld a Lahore High Court verdict for holding a runoff election in Punjab Assembly for the chief minister slot and ordered that the election be held on July 22 in a peaceful and impartial manner.

Elahi, in his petition, has referred to statements issued by PML-N leaders after the July 17 by-election, especially a press conference held on Monday by Hamza Shahbaz Sharif and Marriyum Aurangzeb.

Elahi claims that Hamza Sharif "in the reckless and unconstitutional and unlawful manner threatened to remove members belonging to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-In-saaf (PTI) and its allies." The PML-Q leader also cited a statement by Federal Interior Minister Rana Sanullah, who - speaking at a TV show - had hinted at "five to seven" PTI MPAs being "swayed".

Elahi says Sanaullah's statement "abuses, interferes with and obstructs the process of the Court as the same is to be considered as an obstruction to the implementation of the Court's order.'

021 to halt ratification of the for both China and the EU. Then, in early 2022, China suspended imports from Lithuania, an EU member, after the small Baltic nation let Taiwan open a de facto embassy in Vilnius. Beijing regards Taiwan, a democratically ruled island, as its own territory. "(China and the EU) agreed to jointly ensure the safety and smoothness of trade channels," the Chinese ministry said. - APP



ISLAMABAD: Naval Chief Admiral Muhammad Amjad Niazi exchanging views with Turkish Ambassador Mehmet Pacaci. - DNA

UK's Sunak tops Tory MPs' latest vote as race narrows to three

LONDON: Britain's former finance minister Rishi Sunak again topped the latest vote by Conservative MPs to choose a new prime minister, as another candidate was eliminated to leave three contenders in the race.

Sunak garnered 118 votes, followed by former defence minister Penny Mordaunt on 92 and Foreign Secretary Liz Truss on 86, with longshot candidate Kemi Badenoch trailing on 59 and therefore eliminated from the contest. The vote means that Britain will get either its first

British Asian prime minister or the third female leader

in the country's history. Sunak, whose resignation helped to topple outgoing leader Boris Johnson, fell two votes short of the number needed to guarantee a place among the final two, who will battle it out over the summer before party members choose the winner. He is all but guaranteed to make the final cut in Wednesday's last round of voting by MPs.

But the race to join him further tightened, with Truss making up five votes on Mordaunt -- the one-time bookmaker's favourite. Truss is now only six behind, and will hope that the right wing of the party swings behind her following the departure of Badenoch, a favourite of the grassroots members.

A YouGov poll published before the vote showed that Badenoch would beat the remaining candidates with the all-important members, and that Sunak would lose to them by wide margins. - APP

India should comply with border agreements: China

"The two sides agreed to maintain security and stability on the ground in the Western Sector and to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels and work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at earliest," he added

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BEIJING: Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Zhao Lijian on Tuesday said that Chinese side always conducted normal activities in the border areas in accordance with the relevant agreements signed between China and India and asked the Indian side to comply with the relevant agreement. "I would like to stress China always conducts normal activities in the border areas in accordance with the relevant agreements signed between China and India. At the same time, we always ask the Indian side to comply with the relevant agreements,"

he said during his regular briefing held here.

About the military level talks between the two countries, he said during the 16th round China-India Corps Commander Level Meeting the two sides reviewed progress made during the last meeting on March 11 and continued

discussion on the relevant issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western in a constructive and forward looking manner. He said that the two sides had candid and in-depth exchanges of views



view with the guidance provided by the state leaders to work for the resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest. "The two sides agreed to maintain the security and stability on the ground in the Western Sector and to stay in close contact and

maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels and work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest," he added. Responding to media reports regarding flying of Chinese aircraft close to contested border areas, the spokesperson said he was not aware of the specifics.

Meanwhile, according to a joint press release published on the website of China's Ministry of National Defense, the 16th round of China-India Corps Commander Level Meeting was held at Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on the Indian side on Sunday. During the meeting, the two sides continued discussions for the resolution of the relevant issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western Sector of China-India border areas "in a constructive and forward-looking manner," the press release said.

likely to spread to the other parts of the country from July 21 (Thursday). Under the influence of this weather system, more rainwind/thundershower with scattered heavy falls are expected in Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Murree, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Sialkot, Narowal, Lahore, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Sheikhupura, Faisalabad, Jhang, Mianwali, Khushab, Sargodha, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahauddin, Swat, Mansehra, Kohistan, Abbottabad. Haripur, Peshawar, Mardan, Swabi, Nowshera, Kurram, Kohat from July 20-26 with

occasional gaps. rain-wind/thunder-More shower with isolated heavy falls is expected in Bannu, Lakki Marwat, Dera Ismail Khan, Sahiwal, Okara, Bhakkar, Layyah, Multan, Khanewal, Pakpattan, Vehari, Rajanpur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Rahimyar Khan and Khanpur from July 21-26 with occasional gaps.

Lahore court sends Dua Zahra to shelter home

DNA

LAHORE: A Lahore court on Tuesday sent Karachi teenager Dua Zahra to a shelter home following a court order. Dua had made headlines across the country after she had mysteriously disappeared from Karachi but it was later discovered that she had run away from her home to marry 21-year-old Zaheer.

On Tuesday, Dua appeared before a magistrate's court and claimed that her life was in danger as her parents were threatening her. She also claimed that they used to physically abuse her in the past. On the other hand, Jibran Nasir, the counsel for Dua's father, said that Zaheer and his accomplices can "go to any length" to save their own lives. "Please see the application submitted in name of Dua Zahra. She says my relations with my husband Zaheer aren't good, I have separated from my husband and have no protection from parents, hence I need to go to Darul Aman," said Nasir in a tweet along with a picture of Dua's application submitted to the court.

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