

Pakistan going through a test

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Saturday said Pakistan was going through a test

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and

everybody, including democratic forces, media and establishment would have to work for formation of a government which was reflec tive of the aspirations of the people. In a tweet on social media platform Twitter, he said democracy would not be allowed to be hijacked at the hands of vested interests. "May Allah guide us. Ameen." – APP

PML-N respects courts

ISLAMABAD: Minister for



a press conference along with PML-N leader Ataullah Tarar in Lahore on Sunday, he said members of assembly are bound to cast vote as per the direction of the party

PDM decides to file petition for full court

Aside from PML-N, PPP, and JUI-F, petitioner parties include MQM-P, ANP, BNP, and BAP, among others

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ISLAMABAD: The coalition government and parties of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) Sunday decided to file a petition to the Supreme Court of Pakistan, seeking the formation of a full bench to hear the case related to the Punjab chief minister's election. The country's top court will hear the petition filed by the PTI against the ruling of the Punjab Deputy Speaker Dost Mazari during the election of CM Punjab. At the time of the voting process, Mazari, citing Article 63(A) of the Constitution, had rejected 10 votes of PML-Q members. As a result, PML-N's Hamza Shahbaz was able to retain his post as the chief minister after defeating PTI's candidate Pervez Elahi with three votes. Unhappy with Mazari's decision and terming it "unconstitutional and illegal," the PTI had approached the apex court in this regard.

According to media, in the petition, the government and its allies will demand the formation of a full bench to hear the case

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37-member Punjab cabinet takes oath Punjab Cabinet violation of SC order: Elahi

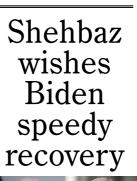
BUREAU REPORT

LAHORE, A 37-member Punjab cabinet was sworn in at a ceremony held at the Governor's House here on Sunday evening. Punjab Governor Baligh-ur-Rehman administered the oath to the ministers after their letter of appointment was read out. When Governor Baligh-ur-Rehman administered the oath, the venue reverberated with political slogans. The ministers are: Rana Muhammad Iqbal Khan, Mehr Ijaz Ahmad, Siddique Khan Baloch,

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LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif exchanging views with Secretary General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Ambassador Zhang Ming. - DNA





SCO members would continue to work together for building peace

leader. He said constituting a larger bench of the Supreme Court is necessary to ensure justice.

Speaking on the occasion, Ataullah Tarar said the ruling of the Deputy Speaker Punjab Assembly is according to the law and constitution. – APP

'Hidden forces' obstacle in way of IMF deal

DNA

LAHORE: PML-N MNA Javed Latif on Sun-



day claimed that so many "obstacles' are being put in the way of a deal with

"global money lenders" that would save the country from default that "it seems unlikely it can be fulfilled".

The remarks by the senior party leader, considered a close confidant of PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz and a loyalist of her father, Nawaz Sharif, came during a press conference in Islamabad. The agreement is subject to approval by the IMF's executive board, following which Pakistan will get \$1.17 billion, bringing the total disbursements under the programme to about \$4.2 billion.



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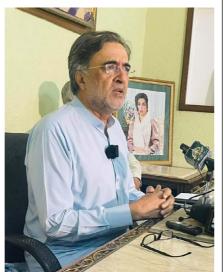
No provision of trustee CM: Kaira

Slams PTI for pushing country towards crisis

GULZAR NOSHI

LALAMUSA: Advisor to Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan Qamar Zaman Kaira called for the Apex Court to constitute a full court bench for hearing the current political and constitutional crisis in the Punjab. Addressing a press conference at Lala Musa, he said that incumbent government and its allies have their reservation over the current apex court bench which was hearing the current Punjab Chief Minister election case. Qamar expressed that the decision of full court bench would be acceptable to all political parties of the country. He criticised the role of Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf head Imran Khan who is blaming and threatening the national institutions.

The Advisor blamed that the members of PML-Q have violated the direction of party head adding he said there is no space of such thing in the constitution and rejected the term of Trustee Chief Minister. To a question, Kaira said the incumbent regime and its allies will accept the court decision.



LALAMUSA: PM Adviser on Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir Affairs, Qamar Zaman Kaira addressing a press conference. - DNA

DNA

ISLAMABAD, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif Sunday wished President of the United States Joe Biden a speedy and complete recovery from Covid-19 infection.

On his twitter handle, the prime minister posted "I wish President Biden speedy and complete recovery from corona." White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told media that president Biden was experiencing "very mild symptoms" and would continue to carry out all his duties in isolation. President Biden tested positive for COVID-19 on July 21. In a separate tweet 79-year-old president Biden said he was "doing

great" and "keeping busy". The White House said the president tested positive for Covid on Thursday and had been fully vaccinated and twice boosted.

ABID RAZA

LAHORE, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday assured Pakistan's full support in the fulfillment of the purposes and objectives of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), under his stewardship. He hoped that all SCO members would continue to work together for building peace, enhancing international solidarity and cooperation.

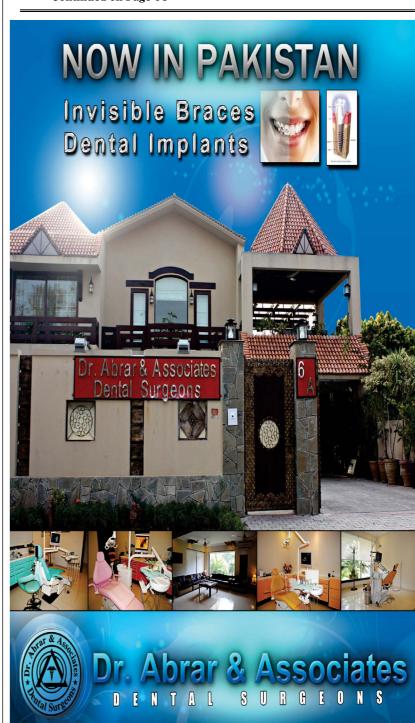
The prime minister was talking to Secretary General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Ambassador Zhang

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Corruption increased during tenure of Imran

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Saturday said corruption increased during tenure of Imran Khan as per Transparency International Report and even transfers and postings were on sale. In tweets on social media platform Twitter, he said,

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Punjab: Fawad Ch, **Marriyum barb wires** PML-N will begin 'speaking against army' in next few days, Fawad Chaudhry alleges

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: A war of words between the PTI and PML-N erupted on Sunday with PTI's Fawad Chaudhry alleging that the PML-N "has begun to speak against the judiciary, and over the next few days, it will begin

speaking against the army too." He further alleged the PML-N "feels it has made a big mistake by aligning itself with the establishment against Imran Khan" and now the party's vice- president Maryam Nawaz will "seek to push an anti-establishment narrative". "The flaw in this scheme is that the people are no longer those



of the 1990s and the competition is with Imran Khan," Chaudhry said. The PML-N leader chalked up the institutions being "stuck in a vortex" to the mistakes of their leaders.

"Had they stayed within their limits this would not have happened, but anyway, the PML-N will now target institutions," he said. Chaudhry censured the party for what he characterised as oscillating between two narratives depending on the situation. "They were brought into being by the establishment and the brothers decided that one will do pro-establishment politics, whereas the other will sell an anti-establishment narrative. When one narrative failed, they sought to push the other. This formula is also being transferred to the next generation," he alleged.

'Stop dragging the army and judiciary into politics' In response to Chaudhry, PML-N spokesperson Marriyum Aurangzeb, who is also the information minister, said that "he who abuses

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'PML-N victimized for constitution's supremacy'

BUREAU REPORT

LAHORE, Federal Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique on Saturday said the Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) leadership faced worst victimization in the name of accountability for the only reason of raising voice for the supremacy of the law and the Constitution during the previous PTI tenure. Addressing a solidarity rally at Liberty Chowk, he said not a single penny corruption was proved against any of the PML-N leadership as baseless cases were initiated against them. The PML-N leadership despite having reservations with the results of 2018 general elections, did not create any obstacle in the way of PTI government in larger national interest.

Khawaja Saad said that the united opposition by using a constitutional way, ousted the PTI government through a no confidence move in the parliament.

The minister said that the parliament was the supreme institution as it had the mandate to make or amend the laws whereas the courts were there to interpret the constitution.

The PML-N had filed a review petition in the Supreme Court of Pakistan on the matter of article 63-A and prayed for a full court bench to hear the case. He said the PTI ruled for four years and took the country at the verge of default by destabilizing its economy. The PTI was creating hurdles in the smooth working of the PML-N led government elected in the Punjab province. He said that PTI chief Imran Khan had been using derogatory remarks against the institutions. He said that the PML-N was ready for general elections however a positive environment was vital to ensure level playing field for all parties. The minister said that the PML-N wanted political and economic stability in the country and was not in favour of creating chaos. Speak-

ing on the occasion, PML-N leader Attaullah Tarar said that the mega corruption was committed during the past four years in the Punjab. The PML-N led coalition government was taking tough decisions to save the country from default which was a result of poor economic policies and incompetence of the previous PTI government. PML-N leader Rana Mashhood said that the party had faced worst circumstances in the past as well but the party leadership remain committed and loyal with the people and the country. It was the PML-N leadership which brought the country out of challenges whenever the country passed through crisis. He said that despite tough scenario created in the way of the party, the PML-N was united under the leadership of Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif and would continue to work for the welfare of the masses.



NARAN: People enjoying boat rides in Saif ul Malook lake. - APP

PM felicitates newly elected **PFUJ** office bearers

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday congratulated the newly elected office bearers of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ). Extending his felicitations to the newly elected members, the prime minister said that the election of Afzal Butt and Arshad Ansari as president and secretary general of PFUJ respectively reflected the confidence of the journalists' community in their leadership, a press release of PM Office Me-

dia Wing said. The prime minister said the government firmly believed in the constitutional freedom of media and expression and assured that they would ensure complete support in the provision of a professional environment for the journalists and media personnel and would assist in the resolution of their issues. He also expressed the hope that the newly elected office bearers would play their full role in the resolution of the issues being faced by the media people and the journalists. - APP

Admin kicks

Ch. Ansar elected President Int'l lawyers body

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KHARIAN": Chaudhry Ansar Mahmood Advocate was elected unopposed as the President of International Lawyers Association. It is an important honor to be elected president of the large and active organization of the lawyers' community, "International Lawyers Association", by the member of the Bar Association Kharian, Chaudhry Ansar Mahmood Advocate.

Prominent personalities from different walks of life of Tehsil Kharian and District Gujarat have congratulated him. Chaudhry Ansar Mehmood Advocate is a member of the Lahore High Court Bar and also holds the post of President of Muslim League



Lawyers Wing UK. He is one of the wellknown personalities of the Pakistani community living in the UK.

PBF for maintaining positive momentum in Pak-Russia trade

LAHORE: Pakistan Businesses Forum (PBF) President Mian Usman Zulfiqar said on Sunday that business community wished to maintain positive momentum in bilateral trade relations with Russia. He told the media here that bilateral trade between Pak-Russia had always been in favour of Russia. Bilateral trade reached all-time high in year 2020 with US \$758 million trade volume. Pakistan's major exports to Russia consisted of textile and textile articles (HS-50-63) which accounted for 40 per cent of Pakistan's total ex-

ports to Russia in 2020. He observed that Russian market presents an opportunity to Pakistan to increase its exports

but access was hampered by factors including those relating to banking and payment channels, a strict Russian business visa regime, the absence of direct cargo and passenger flights, very long transit shipment routes, increased freight charges in recent months, language barriers, and absence of an International Road Transport (TIR) agreement etc. - APP

Qadir Patel directs to step up surveillance to check monkeypox rus. Although the natural reservoir of

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Health Abdul Qadir Patel on Sunday said that the government decided to increase surveillance in the country in view of the WHO's statement, declaring the monkeypox outbreak a global health emergency. "All the national and provincial health authorities have been advised to remain on high alert for any suspected case of monkeypox as the government has started taking effective measures to prevent the disease," the minister said in a statement.

He said that the recommendations on the basis of international health regulations will be fully implemented in the country. The government would continue its work as per the guidelines of WHO, the added. The minister said that instructions had been issued to stakeholders, especially border health services of the Central Health Establishment for strict monitoring at all points of entry in the country. He said that an effective monitoring

Rs. 200 million for identification of landslide

mechanism had been developed on a scientific basis at all points of entry. The screening of all incoming passengers will be ensured particularly passengers coming from African countries, he added. Patel said that instructions had also been issued for strong coordination among concerned organizations while steps were being taken for awareness of the public. The role of health workers was important in this regard, he added.

According to the spokesperson of the Ministry of National Health Services, the situation is being closely monitored by the health authorities and as per the report, no case of monkeypox has yet been diagnosed in Pakistan. He said that the minister for Health had also directed the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) to ensure regular monitoring of the monkeypox situation in the country alongwith the Covid-19. Monkeypox is a rare viral zoonotic disease that is caused by infection with the monkeypox vimonkeypox remains unknown, African rodents and non-human primates like monkeys may harbor the virus and infect people. The patient develops a rash within one to three days after the appearance of fever, often beginning on the face and then spreading to other parts of the body. Other symptoms include headache, muscle aches, exhaustion, and lymphadenopathy. The incubation period is usually seven

to 14 days but can range from five to 21 days. The illness typically lasts for two to four weeks. The transmission occurs via contact with an infected animal, human, or materials contaminated with the virus. The virus enters the body through broken skin, respiratory track, or mucous membranes like eyes, nose, or mouth. Other human-to-human methods of transmission include direct or indirect contact with body fluids, lesion materials, or through contaminated clothing or lines. - APP

'hotspots'

ISLAMABAD: The government would spend funds amounting to Rs. 200 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 Rs. 40 million allocations under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP 2021-22), would be completed at an estimated total cost of Rs. 412.769 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 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. - APP

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

Quetta-Bostan track

Pakistan Railways starts

rehabilitation work on

old and on certain stretches. shortly to facilitate the pasengineering speed restricsengers. The source said tions have been imposed due the establishment of Chaman Terminal in collaborato deferred maintenance and owing to resource contion with Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and track straints," he said adding that renewal Sibi-Khost section the routine maintenance of track was being carried out was also in progress To a question, he said Pakistan with available resources. To improve railway services Railways had suffered lossin Balochistan, he said the es worth over Rs 150 billion department was taking severduring the last three-and-aal steps like approval of PC-I half years' rule of the Pakifor the track's rehabilitation stan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government. and the rehabilitation of another 100-km track between He said in addition to an Ahmedwal Dalbadin on Quetamount exceeding Rs 130 ta-Taftan section. He said that 100-km rehabilitation of track between Nokundi Kohi-Taftan on Quetta-Taftan

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off operation against electricity theft

ABBOTTABAD: Wapda under the supervision of District Administration Abbottabad has kicked off operations against electricity theft and non-payment of electricity bills. A committee headed by Assistant Commissioner Abbottabad Saqlain Salim, SDO WAPDA, along with the police, conducted raids on Thanna, Totni and suspended electricity for illegal connection/use of Kunda and non-payment of bills, registered FIR and a huge amount of electricity cables were taken into the Wapda custody. Similarly, proceedings against commercial defaulters in the Abbottabad city areas under the supervision of the district administration for non-payment of electricity bills are also in progress. - APP

House collapse; 13-year-old boy dies

PESHAWAR: A thirteen-year-old boy was died when a roof of a house collapse cavedin in Muwak Kotha area, District Swabi as torrential rain continued on the second-day, Swabi Police and Officials of the Rescue 1122 confirmed the incident on Sunday.

Soon after the incident of the roof cave-in, the officials of the Rescue 1122 rushed on the spot and shifted one Abdullah to District Headquarter Hospital for medical treatment. Abdullah received serious head injuries and was kept in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) but he succumbed to his injuries. With the death of Abdullah, the overall death from the rain-related and house collapsed incidents reached five in the District.

Meanwhile, according to PDMA, one person died and two others were injured as a result of rains during the last 24 hours. As many as 23 houses were partially damaged while 14 houses were completely damaged across the province, said the report issued by PDMA on Sunday. In various areas of Chitral, there was traffic-jam due to flooding in the rain drains. Clearance operation is in progress on the road in Chitral and other districts, the officials of the PDMA said when contacted. District administration of Dera Ismail Khan along with revenue field staff is on the spot with machinery and clearing the way blocked due to rain-water and rain-flooding, the official said. All institutions are on alert at the direction of the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mahmood Khan, the official said. PDMA, he said, has already issued directives to all district administrations and related institutions of the province to be on high alert and should monitor water flow in storm drains and rivers. He said, DG PDMA said that all resources would be utilized to provide the best services to the victims. He said that PDMA is in touch with all concerned institutions besides mobilizing medical teams for emergency medical assistance and prevention of epidemics. He said PDMA's emergency operation center is fully operational and the public has been advised to report any untoward incident on an emergency number 1700.

Team save dreams visits Asma Homes Alone we can do so little; but together we can do so much"

HAYAH BAHRONI

be carried out.

, Hayah Bahroni, student of class AS at Super Nova School, F-8/1 along with my Ex-classmates of FESS who had earlier completed two projects successfully yet again achieved another milestone

We, Save Dreams, are a team of teenage girls and boys, working together towards the cause of poverty alleviation; advancement of education, human rights, equality and diversity; the relief of those in need due to reasons of youth, ill-health & disabilities, and most importantly towards making our surroundings more environmental friendly, which we wish to achieve by planting more trees, recycling, controlling pollution and raising awareness through campaigns and similar projects. We, together, wish to make our country

Pakistan become a better place to live in; by Saving Dreams. On Friday, 15th July 2022, our team consisting of 08 members namely; Hayah Bahroni, Rafia Ali, Safiyyah Cheema, Ayesha Siddique, Noor-ul-Huda, Rida-eZainab, Mohammad Ibrahim and Abdullah Siddique visited Asma Homes; a project by Muskurahat Trust headed by Madam Asma Munir Salman located in Medina Town, Islamabad. Previously the same team had visited Master Ayub's school and SR homes for social work. A teacher by profession, Ma'am Asma strongly believes that a

the lives of Pakistani population and its economy if the deserving children are given close attention and provided quality education regardless of their ethnic, communal or financial background. She's bent upon revolutionizing the

The children are homeschooled to help

them reach a level where they are ready

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the twin cities in order to enable them

to become useful members of the soci-

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etv. The children are nurtured with love, care

and attention so they may overcome their past setbacks and begin to live meaningful & purposeful lives. On our arrival at Asma Homes, we were greeted by lovely kids with big smiles on their faces.

During the visit different activities were carried out including playing charades, heads up, blind man's buff, reading books, drawing, painting etc. It was a lovely sight to see the children happily playing around enjoying their youth. The way talked thev shared

their stories were reflective of their mannerism and excellent grooming. Interviewing ma'am Asma in person was an enlightening opportunity for us. When asked ma'am Asma what made her pursue such a path of helping chil-

dren in need, she replied with a humble smile on her face: "I believe that everyone in this world is sent down by God for a particular reason and to get to that reason, while doing it, you feel happy, that yes! I was sent to do this. Just like it's said that you never get tired of doing what you love doing, similarly I realized I never got tired when I'm around these kids, rather it brings me joy".

She also has established a school for girls in Peshawar district, KPK, called Asma's Model School for Girls which was set up in the aftermath of the massive floods of 2010, aiming to provide the girls of the poor farmers and laborers of a remote village in KPK with quality education. Once asked about the goal she had in regards to this model school she said: "I aim to revolutionize the current mindsets, to 'aid' and 'empower' these deserving girls so they discover their inner potential and most importantly, make them self-reliant and contributing members of the society in the future.'

Individuals like Ma'am Asma Munir Salman are a beacon of hope in this busy world and a reason for us Pakistanis to beam with pride. Learning from her, we, Team Save Dreams, as the voice of Pakistan, promise to instill the compassion of giving to the society and helping our brothers & sisters in need. We promise to stand strong together as the bright future. Today, I, like many of those out there, would like to voice out my team's dream, my dream; which is to Save dreams.

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Admin foils bids to smuggle wheat, confiscates 30,000 bags

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi district administration foiled dozens bids to smuggle wheat and flour besides confiscating over 30,000 bags during last 10 days. According to a district administration spokesman, 20 bids to smuggle wheat and flour were foiled on Saturday as a crackdown was launched under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Rawalpindi Tahir Farooq while the admin confiscated 13,128 bags.

The crackdown was conducted on the directives of Commissioner, Rawalpindi Noor ul Amin Mengal. The food department and Rawalpindi district police impounded 20 vehicles loaded with wheat and flour which were involved in illegal transportation of wheat and flour. Deputy Director, Food Rawalpindi Division Shahid Yaqoob, District Food Controller, Rawalpindi Waheed Ahmed, District Food Controller Attock Abdul Majid and other officers took part in the crackdown. 10,183 wheat bags weighing up to 50 kg loaded on 17 vehicles and 3055

flour bags weighing up to 20 kg loaded on three vehicles were confiscated.

The Food Department and Police on Friday foiled six bids to smuggle wheat and flour besides seizing over 3410 bags. The spokesman said, the food department officials with the help of Naseerabad and Saddar Wah police confiscated six trucks loaded with 1250 flour bags, 2160 wheat bags and 13 tons fine flour. The truck drivers namely Gohar Rehman, Muhammad Rajal, Mohsin, Zohaib, Naseer and Mazhar were also arrested by the police, he added.

The Food Department and Taxila Police on Thursday foiled five bids to smuggle wheat and seized over 2440 bags. He said, the food department officials with the help of Taxila police confiscated five trucks loaded with 2440 bags of wheat. The truck drivers namely Attaullah, Ghulam Ali, Safian, Hassan and Suleman were also arrested by the police, he added. The Food Department Rawalpindi and district police on Wednesday foiled seven bids to smuggle wheat and flour besides seizing 3330 flour, 1700 wheat bags and 22 tons fine flour.

The authorities of the food department along with Naseerabad, Taxila and Saddar Wah police confiscated seven trucks loaded with 3330 flour, 1700 wheat bags and 22 tons fine flour. The drivers of the vehicle namely Qasier, Wajid, Arshad, Waheed, Manzoor, Attaullah and Muhammad Khan were also sent behind the bars, he added. Several other bids were also foiled and the admin teams confiscated thousands wheat and flour bags while several persons were sent behind the bars for violating the ban. The DC said that the Food Department Rawalpindi and district police were strictly monitoring all the exit points of Rawalpindi district to foil wheat and flour smuggling bids. The spokesman said that the authorities had been directed to strictly monitor district exit points to control wheat smuggling, adding, Deputy Commissioner (DC)

Rawalpindi Tahir Farooq had the authorities to monitor the movement of wheat round the clock and take strict action in accordance with the law against the rules violators. The spokesman said that all the exit points of Rawalpindi division were being monitored 24/7 to control wheat smuggling as the administration had set up 14 check posts at exit points of the four districts of the division to check wheat smuggling. Rawalpindi district police and the Food Department on the special directives of Punjab government had also set up five special pickets at exit points of Rawalpindi district to control wheat smuggling. According to a police spokesman, special pickets were established in Naseerabad area, Hakla Interchange, Gangu Bahadur, HMC road and Brahama Interchange. The confiscated wheat and flour would be sold in the open market on the market rate, he added. He said, the operation against wheat and flour smugglers would continue.

Reduced allocation of rental ceiling hit teachers

ISLAMABAD: The significant cuts and decrease in the allocation of funds of occupancy cost (rental ceiling) for the educational institutions working under the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) have created difficult for the teachers who are unable to pay rents from their own pockets in the prevailing inflation.

According to an official source, the payment of house rental ceiling to the teachers had been the most serious and pinching issue when the allocation has decreased over 50 pc in many cases as compared to the previous year beside a huge backlog of pending rent. Islamabad Model College of Commerce H-8/4 is the most sufferers among all the institutions. Its allocation for the current fiscal year 2022-23 has decreased 75.4 pc compared to the previous vear 2021-22. The college is allocated an amount of Rs 2,709,000. Previously it was

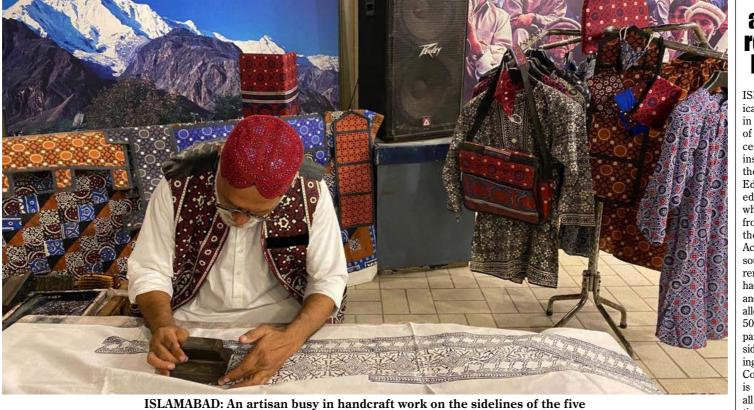
Twin cities will get resort-living development soon

ISLAMABAD: As a major boost to the federal government's efforts to lure foreign direct investment (FDI) in the country, One Homes, a leading international property developer company has acquired a 100,000 square feet piece of prime land in Islamabad and Rawalpindi to become first ever tailor-made resort style living development for overseas Pakistanis.

The development which sits at the top of a valley and enjoys front line unobstructed views over a 2500-acre national forest is expected to be a first of its kind in the capital. Talking to journalists here on the ceremony of acquisition of the land, One Homes Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer, Aqib Hassan said that the company has a very stringent criteria when acquiring land, and the company often spends years in its acquisition process. "To give you an idea on average, we profile 20 sites before any single acquisition. Then after the initial profiling stage shortlisted sites go through an extensive due-diligence process. which we have created that mirrors the legal process in the UK which enables us to deliver the same level of security and comfort to our customers buying with us in Pakistan that we give to clients buying from us in the UK or Dubai," he said. – APP

Police accelerate snap checking

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi district police, on the directive of City Police Officer, Rawalpindi Syed Shehzad Nadeem Bukhari, are conducting snap checking and search operations in different city areas to net lawbreakers. According to police spokesman, police



day Indonesian cultural exhibition that concluded on Sunday. - DNA

Fuel subsidy relief package



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– a timely measure

ISLAMABAD: The relief package worth Rs. 28 billion introduced by the present government to lessen the impact of increased fuel prices on the low income groups was indeed a timely measure to provide respite to the inflation-stricken people.

The government of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had to increase the prices of petroleum products to help the country's ailing economy owing to the ineffective past policies of the

past. The Sasta Petrol/Diesel scheme introduced for the first time in the history of the country by any government to provide Rs 2000 to the 14 million families (over all 90 million

people approximately) in wake of increased fuel prices to improve the country's economic indicators. - APP

University holds 18th convocation

ISLAMABAD: As many as 558 stu- He said that students are the fudents were conferred degrees at the 18th Convocation of the National University of Modern Languages (NUML) held here on Saturday. Deputy Chairman, Senate Mirza Muhammad Afridi was the chief guest of the ceremony. In this convocation, 558 students were conferred degrees and 39 gold medals were awarded to the graduates of different programmes. Rector NUML Major General Mu-

hammad Jaffar HI (M) (Retd), Pro Rectors, Deans, Registrar, Directors, Heads of Departments, and a large number of students along with their parents attended the convocation. Speaking on the occasion, chief guest Mirza Muhammad Afridi congratulated the students, their parents, and teachers on the successful completion of degrees in various disciplines.

ture and the asset of Pakistan, and they should play their due role for the progress and prosperity of the motherland.

The chief guest said that students' must realize that role of teachers in their education journey and remember the sacrifices made by their parents to make them educated. He said that success demands hard work, and that is the only way to succeed in every field of life. Deputy Chairman said that it is the era of science and technology and role of universities has increased to equip students with modern day technologies to compete in the world.

He said, "Our youth is our greatest treasure which makes up about 64 percent of our population". Earlier, Rector NUML Major General Muhammad Jaffar (Retd) welcomed the honourable

chief guest and highlighted the achievements and contributions made by NUML in various fields of education, especially oriental and occidental languages, being one of the largest language universities in Asia. He said that NUML had 300 PhDs faculty members, and 127 teachers were sent abroad for higher studies on various scholarship programmes. Rector NUML said that the Impact Ranking 2022 published by Times Higher Education had placed NUML in the top 100 to 200 universities in terms of Quality Education; whereas all over Pakistan, out of 64 universities which participated in the ranking. NUML was ranked at 4th position.

He hoped that all the successful students would play their due role in the uplift of the country and make NUML proud. - APP

allocated 10,993,000. Thirty two teachers of this college had conducted snap-checkkeep paying rent out of their ing and search operations own pockets lowering their in different areas of Gungrisk of eviction. mandi, Sadiqabad, Bani and several other areas.

There is little amount left over to cover their basic needs after paying rent. Islamabad Model Postgraduate College H-8/2 is allocated Rs 12,181,000 in the head of rental ceiling while it was allocated an amount of Rs 20,518,000 which was also not sufficient to clear the rent. The college had cleared the rent up to October 2021. The new allocated amount is not sufficient to clear even previous year rent. Islamabad Model College for Girls (Postgraduate) F-7/4 is also facing the cut of 53 pc in the current year.

It was allocated and amount of Rs 19167000 in the year 2021-22 while this time, the allocation is Rs 9039000. Similarly Islamabad Model College for Boys H-9 was allocated Rs 22,531,000 previously. - APP

He informed that police teams were checking vehicles, motorcycles, hotels, houses and shops besides checking tenants and taking strict action in accordance with the law against lawbreakers to intensify the security of the city. He said that following the directions of the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab, Rawalpindi district police had accelerated efforts to nab those persons involved in criminal activities. Superintendents of Police (SPs), Sub-Divisional Police Officers (SDPOs) and Station House Officers (SHOs) were conducting snap checking and search operations themselves along with police teams and ensuring effective policing. – APP

SBP gives confidence to nation by rejecting Fake-News

DNA

ISLAMABAD: In continuation of an informative PodCast series launched by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), an exclusive video interview of the Acting Governor of SBP - Dr. Murtaza Syed along with the two Deputy Governors of SBP - Dr. Inayat Hussain and Sima Kamil, has been released recently. The State Bank leadership discussed the serious concerns and rumors, currently prevailing among the masses, about the economic situation of Pakistan. He also answered several questions being raised about the Central Bank and its management team.

He assured the nation that the current leadership at SBP is fully capable and fully authorized to manage all the regulatory functions. It is fully engaged with global institutions to overcome the present adversities in the international economic environment. The nation should reject the negative fake news circulating on the social-media, as a new SBP Board has also been appointed now. Analyzing the current vulnerability of the national economy, Dr. Murtaza Syed stated that: As the world is still in the process of overcoming the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the next 12 months will be very challenging for the global economy. Record increases are occurring in the international commodity prices and the Fed Reserve is tightening its policies, while all countries are worried about Geo-Political tensions. The emerging markets are facing a sharp rise in inflation, while financial pressures are growing in countries with high debt-levels. However, Dr. Murtaza has expressed his belief that: "Pakistan is not among the most vulnerable countries in the world, so its citizens do not need to panic. This optimism is based on the following, three fundamental reasons:

Pakistan has a reasonable Debt-Level at 70%

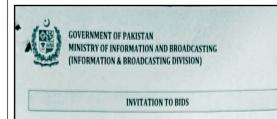
of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It is not justifiable to categorize Pakistan's 'Debt-to-GDP' ratio with Ghana (80% Ratio), Egypt (90% Ratio) and Zambia (100% Ratio), while Sri-Lanka has 120% ratio. Moreover, Pakistan's External-Debt is 40% of GDP, while Tunisia has 90%, Angola has 120% and Zambia has over 150%. Fortunately, Pakistan is relying more on its domestic debts, which are payable in our own currency and are easier to manage, as compared to external loans which are payable in foreign currencies.

Only 7% of Pakistan's External Debts are Short-Term, other countries have taken much higher Short-Term External loans, like: Turkey (30%). Pakistan has taken only 20% of its borrowings on Commercial-Terms, which are concessional loans, taken from IMF, World-Bank or friendly countries. So, it is easier for us to return these loans and all the Debt-Indicators of Pakistan are much better than the countries who have done more commercial-borrowings.

Pakistan's economy was recovering well from the Covid impact, achieving 6% growth last year, and hopefully this year too. Therefore, we can afford to slow-down our economy a little bit, so we have started working on adjusting our policies according to this strategy. Interest rates have been increased very proactively by SBP, while other vulnerable countries have not increased their interest-rates. Pakistan's budget will be difficult this year, so we are working on tightening the belt to reduce the economic-vulnerability of our nation. Over the next 12 months, the countries who have taken an IMF programme, will be much safer, compared to the states like Ghana, Zambia, Tunisia and Angola, who do not have IMF's support, and they may face bigger pressures. We have completed the current review with the IMF, and we have successfully achieved the difficult task of receiving a Staff-Level agreement from the IMF, by fulfilling all their requirements.

Now, it should be much easier for us to get an approval from the IMF Board to get the large scale funding. We will also get some additional funding and Oil-financing from friendly countries. So, the Pakistanis should dismiss all the economic fears in their minds. The Deputy Governor of SBP Dr. Inayat stated that: Pakistan has nearly 9.3 billion Dollars of Foreign Exchange Reserves. This current level of reserves is not too good and we would like to increase it to equalize 3 months of Pakistan's import-bills. However, this current level is not too low or worrisome for the nation. Pakistan also has Gold-reserves worth around 3.8 Billion Dollars. Currently, we are not in a debilitating crisis, so we do not need to pledge these gold-reserves. We must not panic. I advise the Pakistanis to reject the fake news-reports drawing a doomsday scenario for Pakistan. The Pak Rupee has depreciated very sharply, around 18 percent, since December 2021. However, 12% of this depreciation was caused as the US Fed-Reserve increased its interest rates very aggressively, to increase the value of the US Dollar. Pressures on the Pak Rupee were also created due to rising imports and demand for Dollars in Pakistan, while the supply of dollars has remained low due to Geo-Political and domestic uncertainties.

We expect the imports to slow down gradually, so this gap in Dollar-Demand and Supply will reduce. The Foreign-Exchange Market in Pakistan is functioning consistently, while SBP is vigilantly controlling this market to prevent disruptions or malpractices. Dr. Inayat further said that: Over the past few months, the global suppliers of Oil and Gas have begun demanding that; any LC opened by a Pakistani bank, must be reconfirmed by an International Bank, therefore, the importers of Oil and gas in Pakistan were facing some difficulties in their Import LC procedures. However, this situation has improved significantly now.



Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Ministry/Division, Cyber Wing, Internet Wing, IP Wing, Press Register Office and Digital Media Wing), Government of Pakistan, Islamabad invites sealed bids from well reputed firms (original manufacturers/Authorized Distributors/General Order suppliers, etc) for supply of Stationery, Computer Stationery, IT Equipment, Computer Hardware and Miscellaneous store and other items. The firms must be registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax Departments, having valid National Tax Number and on Active Taxpayers List of FBR and meet the criteria as given in Public Procurement Rules, 2004.

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Briefs

4 criminals including wanted member of gang held

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad capital territory police have arrested four criminals in cluding a wanted member of a robber gang, a Police Public Relation Officer said. He said that Islamabad capital police had categorically started a crackdown against criminal elements in order to safe the precious life and property of citizens.

According to the details, a Tarnol police team headed by SHO Tarnol got information that a robber gang involved in series of robberies in twin cities coming from Jodah road. On this information, a police team erected a picket and started checking every single car and bike. During the checking, the police team signaled a bike riding by three suspicious suspects to stop. After seeing the police team, suspects started indiscriminate firing. During the exchange of fire one accused was arrested in injured condition the other two managed to escape. The arrested accused was

identified as Muhammad Zada alias M. Khan. Police team recovered one 30 bore pistol with ammunition and one motorbike from his possession. The accused have previous record also and case has been registered against him. Further-more Khanna police arrested an accused namely Anwar Zada and recovered one 30 bore pistol with ammunition from his possession.

Four outlaws held narcotic and wine recovered

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ISLAMABAD: Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) of Islamabad Capital police apprehended four accused and recovered wine and narcotic, a police public relations officer said. He said that DIG Operations Sohail Zafar Chatha had categorically ordered all zonal officers to curb the crime in their respective areas and arrest those involved in looting innocent people. Following these directives, a CIA police team used the latest technology and human resources and arrested two members of a dacoit gang. The accused were identified as Zakar Khan and Usman Khan. The accused have been sent to jail on judicial remand for identification parade. Further-more police team arrested an accused Habib-Ur-Rehman and recovered 450 litres of alcohol from him, while a CIA police team arrested a drug peddler namely Chnras and recovered 2150 gram hashish from him. Cases against nominated accused have been registered and further investigation is underway. DIG Operations Sohail Zafar Chatha said that the safety of the lives and property of the citizens is our prime responsibility and no laxity will be tolerated in this regard.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Chairman Senate Mirza Muhammad Afridi inaugurating the mango festival at Centaurus Mall. – DNA

Muharram procession's security plan reviewed

The deputy commissioner flanked by SSP Operations, SSP Traffic, Additional Deputy Commissioner, SP City and others inspected the route of the main procession

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ISLAMABAD, Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon visited Imambargah Asna Ashri in Sector G-6/2, and reviewed security arrangements for the annual procession of ninth Muharram-ul-Haram the other day. The deputy commissioner flanked by SSP Operations, SSP Traffic, Additional Deputy Commissioner, SP City and others inspected the route of the main procession and directed the municipal officials to clean all roads and streets through which the processions would pass. He also directed to deploy sufficient police contingents at various sensitive points.

Irfan also met the management of Imambargah, discussed security arrangements and sought their cooperation for ensuring peaceful culmination of the procession. He urged the management to conclude the procession and Majalis within stipulated time frame. He instructed the police deployed at entry and exit points of Imambargah to remain vigilant and alert. Strict measures are being taken to protect the lives and properties of the people during the sacred month of Muharram ul Haram. Meanwhile, the DC urged the ulemas (re-

UN must listen to

ligious scholars) belonging to different sects to demonstrate brotherhood and create religious harmony during Muharram-ul-Haram

Talking to APP on Sunday, he said ulema were asked to extend maximum cooperation with the local administration in maintenance of peace by keeping their processions in prescribed areas. DC Memon said ulemas should abstain from delivering instigating speeches at mosques, Imambargahs and other religious places and let others spend the Muharram in a peaceful environment. "Law and order and sanctity of Muharram can remain intact only through mutual cooperation," he remarked. He said officials of capital police were directed to ensure foolproof security of Imambargahs, majalis, processions and other religious programs during the days of Muharram and keep strict eye on rioters, miscreants and those involved in disturbance of peace. He said health departments would ensure availability of required medicines, doctors and paramedical staff along with ambulances at all hospitals and health centers. All the assistant commissioners would remain in contact with ulemas and hold meetings with them to ensure law and order and other arrangements, he maintained.

CDA to procure 20 additional buses

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) would procure 20 additional buses for Green and Blue Line service within a week to meet the ever increasing rush of commuters. The decision to this effect came during CDA Chairman Aamer Ali Ahmed's visit to Blue and Green Line service stations at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) the other day. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had inaugurated the Green and Blue line metro bus services on July 7.

The chairman during his visit was informed that currently eight Blue Line buses were carrying the total load of 5,800 passengers per day. Likewise eight buses of Green Line were accommodating nearly 6,000 passengers daily. The chairman inspected various other routes and bus stops of Islamabad bus services and ensured optimum facilities to specially-abled passengers at bus stops. - APP

ICLAPA continues free treatment for Cleft lip and palate patients

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Cleft Lip and Palate Association (ICLAPA) continued the process of providing free medical treatment to the children with cleft lip and palate. If needed, an ICLAPA's team of surgeons are available to operate affected children. According to the Association's senior member Mrs. Farhat Akhtar Rehman, the surgery takes place at the Fuii Foundation Hospital and Heart International. "We welcome the affected patients to get the treatment on urgent basis free

of charge, " she added. The parents of the affected children have been asked to contact Mrs. Farhat on her cell numbers 03335157676 and 0300-5192490 to get them registered for the normal treatment or surgery. – APP

Kashmiris: Mushaal ISLAMABAD: Peace and Culture Organisation, Chairperson Mushaal Hussein Mullick has said Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Chairman Yasin Malik was battling for life in notorious Tihar jail as he was deprived of all legal, constitutional and fundamental human rights.

According to Kashmir Media Service, she was speaking at a hunger strike camp set up in front of the Islamabad Press Club the other day. Mushaal Mullick revealed that fascist Narendra Modi-led Hindutva regime had crossed all limits of barbarism to silence the most powerful voice of Kashmir's peaceful freedom struggle but they failed in their nefarious designs.

The chairperson said people of Kashmir set up hunger strikes camps worldwide to express solidarity with their beloved leader. Mullick said that despite using all inhuman and unlawful tactics, the JKLF chairman refused to surrender and compromise on the birth rights of Kashmiris.She urged the UN to listen to the voice of Kashmiri people. – **APP**

Nayeem Khan deplores world's indifferent towards Kashmi

ISLAMABAD: Illegally detained senior leader of All Parties Hurriyat Conference, Nayeem Ahmed Khan, has deplored the indifferent attitude of the international community towards the sufferings of the oppressed people of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir. According to Kashmir Media Service, Naveem Ahmed Khan in a message from New Delhi's infamous Tihar Jail said the people of IIOJK had been facing the worst Indian state terrorism for the last over seven decades but the world was watching as a mute spectator. He pointed out that the criminal silence maintained by the United Nations and world human rights organizations on the grim situation of IIOJK had emboldened India to continue with its brutalities

Nayeem Khan called for implementation of the UN resolutions to settle the Kashmir dispute without any further delay to save the Kashmiri people from the Indian wrath, Kashmiri Hurrivat leader, Yasin Malik, is on a hunger strike in Tihar Jail against the denial of justice and fair trial to him by the Indian kangaroo courts. Yasin Malik, who was sentenced to life imprisonment by an Indian court on May 25, this year, in false cases registered against him, started his hunger strike on Friday morning. - APP

on the Kashmiris.

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UNODC training on 'basic investigation skills' concludes

ISLAMABAD: UNODC Criminal Justice and Legal Reforms Programme in collaboration with Balochistan Levies Force has successfully completed the 2nd batch of training on "Basic Investigation Skills" for Investigation Officers of the Balochistan Levies Force. According to a press statement Saturday, the training was held from 18-22 July 2022, at the Levies Headquarters in Quetta comprising of 30 Investigation Officers while the training for the first batch was held from 27 June to 1 July 2022 for 34 Investigation Officers. Following the last training session on Basic Investigation Skills, UNODC will commence training the same Investigation Officers on "Advanced Investigation Skills" to build on their initial knowledge and skills acquired through the initial training. This landmark initiative aims to bring professional effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of services by building on core competencies such as crime scene manage ment, learning of advanced laws, investigation skills, handling of gender-based violence cases, community policing, and forensics evidence gathering.

The training was broken down into modules to enhance the understanding of best practices and application of skills for effective and efficient investigation, interrogation, and interviewing of victims, witnesses, and suspects. The training programme also focused on stress management, professionalism, and a positive behavioural change while assuming duty. In his concluding remarks Mr. Qadir Bakhsh Pirkani, Director General Balochistan Levies Force stated, "We are thankful to UNODC for this training.

Court Order

In the Court of Nadeem Masood Barth Tehsildar Guirat Title: Zahid Rubbani Versus Muhammad Ijaz etc. Notice to:

Muhammad Ijaz, Abdul Rehman sons, Khalida Parveen Daughter of Abdul Rasheed Caste Qureshi Mohallah Resident of Qasim Abad City Gujrat, Mehmood 4.Shahid Hashmi S/O Abdul Aziz Hashmi Caste Qureshi Resident of Mohallah Sardar Pura, City Gujrat Application for

Separation of Land with Possession

Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above mentioned defendants are not served in ordinary way. It is therefore proclaimed under order 5 ule 20 CPC that if the said defendants will not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in court at 8 AM on 27-07-2022, otherwise case will be decided ex party.

ANF recovers over 40 kg narcotics

RAWALPINDI: Anti-Narcot ics Force (ANF) and ANF Intelligence on Sunday conducted three operations and managed to recover over 40 kg narcotics besides netting three accused including a woman. According to an ANF Headquarters spokesman, in an operation conducted near Motorway Toll Plaza Islamabad, ANF recovered 27 kg heroin and three kg suspected chemical from a car and arrested Shahbaz

Ali and Humera Naveed. In another raid conducted at an office of private courier company, ANF foiled a bid to smuggle Ketamine to America and recovered 1800 grams Ketamine tactfully concealed in boxing gloves. The parcel was booked by Muhammad Razaq resident of Faisalabad. Third operation was conducted in Lee Market Karachi and ANF managed to recover 11.500 kg charras concealed in gear box of a Suzuki Bolan. An accused namely Abdul Kamal was arrested during the operation. Separate cases have been registered against the accused while further investigations are under process

seems too gigantic to be beyond the grip of any single political force. Therefore, the financial pundits urge the political leadership in the country again and again to join hands for evolving consensus strategy for economic revival and boosting exports since trade deficit had remained a challenging task for successive governments over the decades. Inheriting it from the previous government, the present PML-N led coalition government is serious moving forward to take on the gigantic task of overcoming trade deficit for sustainable economic development. Minister of Finance and Revenue, Miftah Ismail has also acknowledged that import substitution had not been in line with modern trade principles and highlighted the importance of enhancing export base for Pakistani products. "We have to increase our exports in the global market by mak-

versifying both the dimensions; producing cheaper and quality products and explore new markets for export of Pakistani goods," the minister said as he referred to fresh initiatives taken by the government to strengthen exports in European and African markets. He said, the EU delegation recently visited Pakistan and reiterated its commitment to promote trade and economic relations between Pakistan and the European Union. "Trade and GSP plus was particularly discussed during meetings with the delegation to enhance country's exports." There is no denying the fact that successive governments throughout the past had taken several measures to deal with the issue, however no productive outcome could be witnessed. The PML-N led coalition government soon after assuming power took fresh measures to control trade deficit that had widened to around US\$48.259 billion during the fiscal year 2021-22, according to latest data of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

The government is adopting both traditional and non-traditional approaches under the Import Compression Strategy and had recently banned import of around 750 items, particularly luxury items for the first two months of the current fiscal year. Under the decision, imports of cars, mobile phones, cosmetics, cigarettes, food products, some garments and many other luxury items were banned. Under this decision ban has been imposed on import of items like pet food, weapons and ammunition, and suitcase, sanitary ware, fish and frozen fish, bathroom ware, toiletries, heaters, blowers, sunglasses, kitchen ware, aerated water, frozen meat, juices, pasta, ice cream, cigarettes, shaving goods, preserved fruits, tissue papers, furniture, shampoos, cars, confectionary, luxury mattresses and sleeping bags, jams and jelly and cornflakes.

The strategy worked as the imports were constrained to almost US\$2.609 billion during the first eighteen days of July 2022, indicating that there would not be more than \$5.5 billion imports throughout the month. This is a positive development, showing decline of almost US\$2 billion against the imports of \$7.5 billion recorded in June 2022.

"European Union is a major trading partner of Pakistan and there are many opportunities for Pakistan to increase its trade volume with EU,' said Commerce Secretary Muhammad Sualeh Ahmad Faruqi and informed that exports to several EU countries including Italy, the Netherlands and Spain had already been on rise.

Successive governments also held several conferences and seminars in African countries under 'Look Africa' initiative over the years to promote trade. Currently. Pakistan's annual trade volume with African countries is approximately US\$4.20 billion, which is far below than its potential. In addition, negotiaUnited Kingdom (UK), the third largest global trading partner of Pakistan, to boost bilateral economic and trade relations and increase bilateral trade to £seven billion by 2025. "United Kingdom (UK) and Pakistan have discussed to further strengthen economic ties between the two countries and double their trade to £seven billion by 2025, Counselor and Group Head (Economic and Trade), British High Commission Mahesh Mishra told APP.

Since, the bilateral trade between Pakistan and United Kingdom was recorded at £3.5 billion during last fiscal year, Mahesh Mishra said, as United Kingdom is also the second largest investor in Pakistan in development sector, "We desire to explore more avenues for joint ventures and investment in the country." Meanwhile, President of Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Irfan Sheikh reiterated to contribute in the government efforts for bridging the trade deficit. "We need concrete measures to control deficit and promote and protect local industry for laying down sustainable base for country's economy." He also highlighted the importance of trade diversification mentioning to the information technology as a lucrative sector to help boost country's exports. Since all segments of society are worried about present economic situation, it is high time for political forces and economic experts to join hands for evolving a long term and sustainable economic policy to steer country out of crisis and secure the future of coming generations.

Court Order

Court Notice In the Court of Muhammad Abbas Sherazi Civil Judge Gujrat

Title: Muhammad Akram Versus Muhammad Yaqoob etc. Notice to:

1. Muhammad Yaqoob S/O Ghulam Rasool Cast Jatt Resident of Kot Ranjha, 2. Muhammad Asif Son of Muhammad Bashir caste tailor Residents of hajiwala Tehsil and District Gujrat 3.Zafar iqbal son of ghulam nabi caste jutt Residents of Sargodha.

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permanat injection. Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above mentioned defendants are not served in ordinary way. It is therefore proclaimed under order 5 rule 20 CPC that if the said defendants will not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in court at 8 AM on 04-10-2022, otherwise case will be decided ex party.

It is time to think beyond political affiliations The challenge seems too gigantic to be beyond the grip of any single political force "The government is working on dishoes, chandeliers and lighting, headtions were currently underway with the

SHAMS ABBASI/APP

ISLAMABAD,:When the political bigwigs are busy in massive politicking, country's economy is struggling against local and international challenges with the trade deficit and rupees value downing to every lowest. Although the incumbent government is striving hard to level the country's imports with exports and enhance remittance volume to control ever-increasing trade deficit, the challenge

ing our products competitive," he remarked and mentioned to the government steps aimed at bridging the gap between imports and exports.

phones, decoration pieces, sauces and ketchup, home appliance, cosmetics, crockery, luxury leather apparel, musical instruments, saloon items and chocolates in retail packing, travelling bags

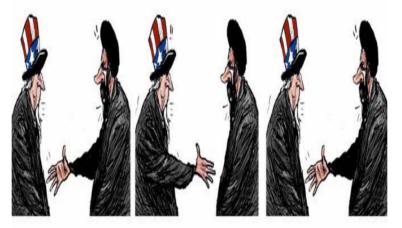
Climate change is not negotiable

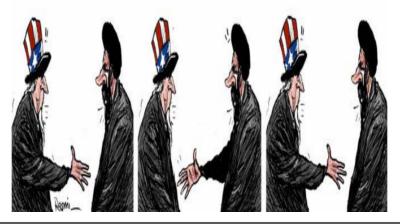
r. Biden made bold promises to America and the world in his early months in office, designed to honor, at long last, America's commitment at the Paris climate summit in 2015 to keep global temperatures from rising 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels. That is the threshold, scientists believe, beyond which wildfires, floods, biodiversity loss, rising seas and human dislocation become significantly more devastating - and just a few tenths of a degree hotter than the world is today. Mr. Biden matched his ambitions to these goals: a 50 to 52 percent cut in American emissions from 2005 levels by 2030, and net zero emissions by 2050. Along the way, he said, he would eliminate fossil fuel emissions from power plants by 2035. This was anathema to Mr. Manchin, who has strong ties to West Virginia's coal industry and has received generous campaign contributions over the years from oil and gas interests. Without congressional backing, Mr. Biden has fewer tools to achieve his goals, which now seem out of reach. His best course is to take the same regulatory path President Barack Obama was forced to follow after the Senate's last colossal climate failure – a cap and trade bill that passed the House in 2009 but died in the Senate the following year. Using his executive authority, Mr. Obama secured big improvements in automobile efficiency and ordered reductions in power plant emissions, which didn't take effect, although the power companies managed to achieve them on their own by burning cleaner natural gas and closing inefficient coal-fired plants. Mr. Biden is obviously in a tough place on drilling, given the political peril of high gas prices and their toll on American household expenses, plus the possibility that Vladimir Putin's hold on Russian oil and gas supplies could drive them even higher. The environmental community is beyond nervous about the potential for more drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska. Meanwhile, there are other protective measures that are still available to the president, including reforms of climate-intensive farming practices and nature-based solutions to climate change, which would involve putting large areas of land and water off limits to commercial activity. That, as they say, is not nothing, but it's nowhere near enough to meet Mr. Biden's pledge to the world. For that, we will need a huge infusion of federal money, which in turn means a concerned and engaged Congress. The threat posed by climate change to Americans' lives and livelihoods is urgent and severe, and it requires significantly more commitment from those who are elected to protect them.

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Education outlook of Pakistan

MUHAMMAD OMAR IFTIKHAR

iring competent teachers is the first and only rule that will bring Pakistan's education system out of its quandary. Where private educational institutions in the metropolis hire qualified teachers, the public sector schools and colleges in rural areas present a dark reality. Either they are ghost schools or the teachers are not available at all. The students have no idea how to study. The educational system in the rural areas of all provinces needs to be streamlined at the earliest. We cannot waste students' time just because qualified faculty is not available. If the children and youth of today are unable to broaden their mental horizons then it will remain stagnant for years to come. It is the responsibility of the concerned authority to ensure all public schools, colleges, and universities operating in all provinces have the required resources.

These include infrastructure, capital, financial, capacity building, and human resources in the form of management, teachers, staff, and others. Pakistan has already lost decades of evolution and innovation because of a lack of good governance. It is high time we focus on promoting education in letter and spirit. The children of today need to be aware of the latest trends in society. They must be taught and made aware of the basic and advanced concepts about various subjects. Skills development, furthermore, must also be taught in the schools in rural areas. The same should be followed in private schools operating in the country's metropolis. The Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training must present a five-year plan that strategizes how education should be promoted across Pakistan. If the single national curriculum is not implemented then alternatives must be suggested. We have already spent 75 years without constructive growth in education. We cannot afford to spend another decade with such a lack of direction.

Defense reform may be the key to US-Saudi relations

James M. Dorsey

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form, the Biden administration has an opportunity to engage the Saudis on critical national security matters while safeguarding US strategic interests and honoring American values," said political-military analyst and former Pentagon official Bilal Y. Saab. "It's a wise form of US assis-

tance that isn't

ward would determine the success of the defense and other change programmes. "What Riyadh lacks in Vision 2030 is not strategies or ideas-it has plenty of those-but processes that help get them from point A to point B. It's the same problem with the defense transformation plan," Mr. Saab argued.

"The trick for well-intentioned American advisers involved in the Saudi defense transformation plan is to get the Saudis to stop treating it as an end in itself and get them to work on essential processes they desperately need to defend the kingdom today and adequately plan for the future," he added. The overhaul of the defense and national security architecture. the most radical military reform since the creation of Saudi Arabia in 1932, aims to enable the kingdom to defend itself, absorb and utilize US weapons systems, and make meaningful military and defense contributions to regional security," Mr. Saab said. If successful, the reforms would offer "invaluable lessons for US military assistance across the region." So far, "the kingdom has been the model of dysfunctional US-Arab military cooperation, representing everything that has gone wrong in US-Arab defense ties," Mr. Saab, who at the Pentagon had oversight responsibilities for US Central Command that operates in the Middle East, noted. "For far too long, Washington has sold the Saudis and other Arab partners expensive weapons they either didn't need or know how to use and sustain properly, never bothering to assist them in developing their armed forces so they could ably assume their own national-security duties," Mr. Saab asserted. Over the years, Saudi expenditure on the acquisition of arms, among the highest in the world, juxtaposed with the kingdom's inability to perform on the battlefield and defend itself, made it the butt of jokes and ridicule. The Saudi failure was one driver of past widespread empathy

with jihadists who, with 9/11 and until the defeat of the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, appeared able to achieve more with less. To be sure, Gulf states have progressed since the days when they were unable to field a military response to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of Kuwait and needed the international community to come to their rescue. Saudi Arabia has since fielded and sustained a military force in Yemen for the past seven years but has been unable to reverse the territorial and strategic advances of the Houthi rebels or prevent one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Mr. Bin Salman, who has gained complete control of all of Saudi Arabia's defense and security forces since coming to office, has been driven in his national security reforms by the lessons of the war in Yemen, Houthi and/or Iranian attacks on oil and other critical infrastructure in the kingdom as well as the United Arab Emirates, and the US failure to respond robustly to those incidents. "Instead of breaking or downgrading defense ties with the Americans, the Saudis wisely chose to more effectively partner with them and seek their advice on how to create a better-functioning defense establishment. Washington answered the call," Mr. Saab said. But Mr. Saab cautioned that while "this change in the US attitude toward defense relations with Saudi Arabia and Saudi self-defense is monumental, necessary, and overdue," it was only one part of the equation. "The Saudis still have to execute, and given the broad scope of their defense reforms, the journey will be long and arduous," he said. Mr. Bin Salman set the tone for the reforms by noting, "when I enter a base in Saudi Arabia, I find the ground is made of marble, walls are ornamented and finished with high quality. When I enter a base in America, I see no ceiling; the ground is neither furnished with carpets nor made of marble, but only concrete and practical."

The state of Saudi defense was abysmal before the launch of the reforms in 2017."Saudi Arabia had no ability to formulate a coherent national-defense strategy nor any effective operational and tactical guidance for its armed forces. Vision existed only in the minds of one or two Western-educated royals close to the king, and there were no clear procedures to ably communicate strategic and policy direction to the military," Mr. Saab said. The Saudis lacked systematic defense analysis and strategic planning to prioritize missions and capabilities and identify requirements, which would have helped them avoid buying expensive equipment they did not need. Analysis and planning world have also enabled them to monitor, assess, evaluate, or improve the readiness levels of their troops. Similarly, Saudi ground and air forces could not communicate with one another, which made coordination all but impossible. Saudi air and missile defense may be where the kingdom has progressed the most. It has intercepted hundreds of Houthi missile and drone attacks, even if some have defeated Saudi defenses. "Many of Saudi Arabia's defense problems... still exist. What's encouraging, though, is that the Saudis, under MBS's (Mohammed bin Salman's) leadership, now recognize these deficiencies and seem, for the first time, determined to address them in partnership with the United States and to a degree with the United Kingdom.," Mr. Saab said. Atmospherics and public posturing may be one thing, the nitty gritty of US-Saudi cooperation another. In the ultimate analysis, cutting through the noise to focus on what is happening in the real world may be the best measure of the future of US-Saudi relations. And that may be a more optimistic picture than meets the eye.

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presence on the ground. It is perhaps the only way to reset the currently tense relationship by gradually rebuilding trust between the two sides," Mr. Saab concluded in a detailed study amid debate about the future of US-Saudi relations and controversy over a visit to the kingdom by President Joe Biden earlier this month.

Mr. Biden's visit may have helped persuade Saudi Arabia to divert to Europe oil shipments destined for Asia but did little to restore Middle Eastern confidence in the reliability of the United States as a global leader and security guarantor. If anything the visit served to rehabilitate Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's reputation, tarnished by the 2018 killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi with little in return in terms of, for example, human rights in the kingdom. Drawing a comparison to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's Vision 2030 economic reform and diversification plan, Mr. Saab argued that the development of implementation mechanisms that are refined as plans move for-

Is the Unipolar World over?

Elman Valiyev

It is absurd for the political arena to return to its former state. Russia will try to strengthen its surroundings further. Either by beauty or by force. I have no doubts that the Eurasian Union will try to establish a new union along with the CSTO. We can call this new union an analogue of the USSR. For Russia, Crimea would not be relinquished, and Odessa has the same approach

ince 1991, the world continued as a bipolar system (between the Soviet Union and the United States). The Cold War, which lasted 46 years, was a world war. With the collapse of the Soviets, America

control of the Pole, but it could not keep it. The world has already transitioned to multipolarity. China and Turkey occupy an important place in this pole. States will eventually go to war again for unipolarity. Russia

has a strong coalition against it in this war. Russia's possession of nuclear weapons will not make it hegemon again. After all, this weapon is not only in the hands of Russia! America is in power for now, but it won't be able to keep it stable forever. There

is no stability within NATO. There

are many forces with conflicting in-

terests. If America used to help pro-

tect Greece from communism, now

was able to take it sees this state as an obstacle to Turkish power. Britain's status as an island nation both benefits and harms it. It is very advantageous in terms of defense.

> The fact that Hitler was defeated here is a proof of this. In the multipolar world system, I can say that Israel is in the first place. What makes Israel so powerful is its MOS-SAD. Iran also plays an important role in this system. One of the main reasons for Iran's survival is its strategic position, energy resources and interests. If Iran is still standing despite so many sanctions, it cannot be underestimated. One of Europe's big problems is energy. It has been dependent on Russia in this field for years. Europe is very wary of Russia because of the energy problem, and even turns a blind eye to its many illegal activities. Since he did not turn a blind eye this time, he must have found new alternatives or believed in America's promises. Only the Middle East can afford Europe's alternative to Russian energy.

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ings further. Either by beauty or by force. I have no doubts that the Eurasian Union will try to establish a new union along with the CSTO. We can call this new union an analogue of the USSR. For Russia, Crimea would not be relinquished, and Odessa has the same approach. Moldova is worried. Although the strategic position of Moldova is not very important on the border with Ukraine, it is important for the Transnistrian region! Finland and Sweden will apply for NATO membership. Some of the Central Asian countries will not celebrate May 9 at all. Russia intends to establish an alliance with any party that does not reject it. China, Belarus, Iran, Afghanistan (Taliban regime), Armenia, Serbia, some Central Asian states, some Middle Eastern states (especially the Assad regime) will stand by Russia in the new war. Israel is clearly acting in favor of Ukraine. The second cold war has already begun.

However, this time's ideology focuses on the energy struggle as well as the struggle. Small states are unlikely to maintain their sovereignty in the new power struggle. The West is very strong in this struggle. They will do everything in their power to turn Russia and China into a completely weak figure.

After Russia, it will be China's turn. China has also begun to throw away its levers. China is not satisfied only with mastering the North China Sea, it also establishes regular relations with Eurasia, Central Asia, Africa, and even recently with the North Caucasus China is no longer content with economic policy, but is also expanding in the military field. Serbia has acquired China's HQ-22 long-range air defense system. With that, Serbia became the first European country to use weapons sold by China. America cannot turn a blind eye to this. He must have prepared a plan for China. The Covid-19 plan has been deciphered. Taiwan card can be a good tool for America but it might not be useful after the Russian invasion in Ukraine because America could protect Ukraine from the Russian Aggression.

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37-member Punjab...

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Muhammad Kazim Pirzada, Chaudhry Shafique, Malik Nadeem Kamran, Yawar Zaman, Col (retd) Ayub, Chaudhry Iqbal Gujjar, Mansha Ullah Butt, Tanvir Islam Sethi, Jehangir Khanzada, Rana Mashood Ahmad, Mian Mujtaba Shuja ur Rehman, Khawaja Imran Nazir, Bilal Yasin, Malik Saif ul Malock Khokhar, Fida Hussain Watto, Rana Ijaz, Uzma Zahid Bukhari, Khalil Tahir Sindhu, Ghulam Qasim Hunjra, Rana Muhammad Tariq, Zaheer Iqbal, Zeshan Rafique, Sania Ashiq, Syed Hassan Murtaza, Syed Ali Haider Gillani, Bilal Asghar Warriach, Qasim Langah, Malik Asad Khokhar, Ahmad Ali Aulakh, Sibtain Bukhari, Saba Sadiq, Ashraf Ansari, Imran Khalid Butt and Rana Liagat Ali.

Violation of SC order: Elahi The speaker of the Punjab Assembly Ch. Pervez Elahi has said the formation of the Punjab cabinet is a clear violation of Supreme Court orders. He added, the apex court on Friday had categorically stated that Hamza Shehbez shall act as a trustee chief minister and shall not take any decisions other than routine petty affairs. Ch. Pervez Elahi made it clear the formation of the Punjab Cabinet thus was in clear violation of court orders. He feared a contempt of court notice may be served on the violators.

PDM decides

to file...

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in relation to the election

of the province's CM, the

revision petition of the Su-

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tion (SCBA), and related pe-

titions together. Aside from

PML-N, PPP, and JUI-F,

petitioner parties include MQM-P, ANP, BNP, and

BAP, among others. In this

regard, Law Minister Azam

Nazeer Tarar said that there

was no mala fide intent in-

volved in the demand to

form a full bench.

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All-round batting display puts Lanka in strong position

DNA

GALLE: An all-round batting performance helped Sri Lanka get in a strong position as bad light forced early stumps on day one of the second Test against Pakistan here at the Galle International Stadium. Dinesh Chandimal delivered with the bat again as he scored his third consecutive half-century. The right-handed batter scored 80 runs in 137 balls to help the hosts reach 325.

However, after tea, the touring party retaliated by taking three wickets. Skipper Dimuth Karunaratne looked good at the start and played a decent innings of 40 runs but was sent back to the pavilion by Yasir Shah. Angelo Mathews, who was making his 100th Test appearance, scored 42 runs in 106 balls before getting out to Nauman Ali.

The last wicket of the day was of Dhananjava de Silva, who was bowled by young pacer Naseem Shah after scoring 33 runs in 61 balls. Niroshan Dickwella 42 (43) and Dunith Wellalage 6 (9) are at the crease and will continue play on the second day.

Earlier, the hosts were off to a good start as Oshada Fernando scored 50 runs in 70, but the opening batter was sent back to the pavilion by all-rounder Mohammad Nawaz. In the 24th over, Kusal Mendis was sent packing after a run-out by Salman Ali Agha. Meanwhile, the hosts' skipper Dimuth is at the crease, facing the visitors' bowlers brilliantly. In the absence of Shaheen Shah Afridi, Pakistan pacers struggled to get the better of the Sri Lankan batters with the new ball as Dimuth and Oshada played real-

ly well. In the first Test, Pakistan managed to pull off a record chase of 342 runs to beat

Sri Lanka. Spinner Nauman Ali has replaced Shaheen Shah Afridi, who sustained a knee

injury during the opening Test, while Fawad Alam has taken Azhar Ali's place.

National U-19 cricket Championship begins today

LAHORE: Twelve sides of six Cricket Associations will be again in action when they lock horns in the National U19 Championship (three-day event) in Karachi from 25 July to 23 August. The 12 sides have earlier featured in the National U19 Cup (one-day tournament) that was won by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Whites beating Central Punjab Blues by five wickets in the final on 8 July. Six Blues squads have been placed in Pool A, while six Whites squads are in Pool B. The matches are scheduled to take place at UBL Sports Complex, Rashid Latif Academy, NBP Sports Complex, TMC Ground, KCA Stadium and Hanif Mohammad HPC Ground. The final of the tournament will be played between

the top team from each group from 20 to 23 August at the UBL Sports Complex. The PCB also confirms the

ta), Sajjad Ali (Loralai), Adnan Iqbal (Khuzdar), Arbaz Khan (Lasbela), Basit Ali (Naseerabad), Ejaz Ahmed (Killa Abdullah), Ghazi Khan (Loralai), Israrullah (Naseerabad), Muhammad Qasim (Quetta), Muhammad Uzair (Naseerabad), Muhammad Yousaf (Loralai), Shahid Ali (Sibi), Sham Raiz Khan (Pishin), Yasir Khan (Quetta) and Zohaib Khan Shanzaib (Loralai).

Reserve players: Abu Bakar (Lasbela), Arslan Khan (Lasbela), Gohar Khan (Lasbela), Obaidullah (Quetta) and Saved Yasir Shah (Pishin). Coaching staff: Raj Hans (head coach),

Aslam Sheikh (assistant coach).

Balochistan U19 Whites: Mohammad Siddique (Captain) (Chaman), Abdul Haseeb (Gwadar), Abdul Saboor (Pishin), Akhtar Altaf (Turbat). Dunya Khan (Loralai), Ehsanullah (Loralai), Hikmatullah (Loralai), Huzaifa Gul (Quetta), Jahangir Khan (Loralai), Mohsin Ali (Lasbela), Mohammad Aqdas (Quetta), Qurban Ali (Pishin), Siraj Mehboob (Panjgur), Syed Hanzala (Chaman) and Tanveer Khan (Loralai). Reserve players: Imran Zahid (Turbat), Inamullah (Quetta), Majid Ali (Sibi), Perviz Ahmad (Sibi) and Usman Ghani (Quetta). Coaching staff: Habib Baloch (head coach), Mazher Dinari

(assistant coach). Central Punjab U19 Blues: Obaid Shahid (Captain) (Lahore), Afzal Manzoor (Nankanasahib), Ali Raza (Sheikhupura), Ali Asfand (Faisalabad), Arham Nawab (Faisalabad), Ayub Khan (Mandibahauddin), Azan Awais (Sialkot), Farhan Yousuf (Lahore), Hammad Liaqat (Lahore), Mohammad Maaz (Faisalabad), Mohammad Maooz (Lahore), Mohammad Zeeshan (Faisalabad), Muhammad Waqas (Faisalabad), Tayyab Arif (Sialkot), and Zoraiz Wafa Gill (Mandibahauddin).

Reserves: Ameer Hassan (Sialkot), Moosa Azeem (Sialkot), Saria Khan (Mianwali), Shaban Saeed (Jaranwala) and Zain- ul-Abideen (Gujranwala). Coaching staff: Muhammad Ashraf (head coach), Aamir Sajjad (assistant coach). Central Punjab U19 Whites: Hafiz Usman Nadeem (Captain) (La-

PHF draws plan to revive hockey

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) has chalked out plans to put hockey back on track by establishing Schools of Excellence in various provinces across the country, to bring young talent to the fore. Hockey was once the pride of the nation but the game started declining and lost the place owing to various reasons. However, PHF is making concerted efforts for the revival of the game.

"The key objective of PHF was to enhance participation and elevate hockey to high-performing sport, increase professionalism and implement effective governance with high degree of transparency and build a recognised powerful image of hockey," a PHF official told APP. "PHF also aims to develop innovative and exciting events and present hockey as a commercially marketable product," he said.

He said PHF would establish a School of Excellence at federal level in order to polish the talent identified and trained by the provincial schools of excellence. "It will train young boys of 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21 years. When a player trained in the School of Excellence will attain the age of 21, he will be qualified to participate at international level," he added. The road map to the revival of hockey would see the Federal School of Excellence followed by Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan Schools of Excellence. "The provincial schools of excellence will be getting players from regional and district hockey associations and clubs," the official remarked. "The training in the School of Excellence will continue all 365 days of the year. When the training of under 13 boys will be completed, the place will be occupied by boys of 15 years of age," he said. He said after the completion of training of U-15 athletes, the players of 17 years would get their turn in the school of excellence. "When U-17 boys will complete training, U-19 boys will undergo training and finally the camp of the national side will start functioning", he said and added that this way the training cycle would never cease and continue to function round the year. - APP

PM reaffirms Pak support to SCO...

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Ming who called on him, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The prime minister also reaffirmed Pakistan's strong commitment to the principles of the SCO Charter and the "Shanghai Spirit." He highlighted the current global challenges manifested in the high fuel and food prices and the resultant food insecurity as well as economic and financial difficulties for a large number of countries including SCO members.

Appreciating the comprehensive development agenda of SCO, the prime minister emphasized that the core purpose of the Organization remained the growth and prosperity of the SCO region and how well the SCO leaders were responding to the aspirations and ambitions of their people to have better standards of living. He underlined Pakistan's priorities and national development goals as well as important areas of interest within the SCO framework of cooperation – including trade and economy: connectivity & transport; poverty alleviation; energy; agriculture and food security; climate change; security; information technology; digitalization; and cultural and

people-to-people linkages. The prime minister underlined the need for developing appropriate funding mechanisms to promote intra-SCO trade as well as development initiatives. Stressing the enhancement of transport and communication links, the prime minister underscored the importance of the connectivity agenda and, in this regard, also highlighted that the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) could serve as a useful model in its facilitation. The prime minister also shared his perspective on a number of specific regional and global security issues as well as SCO's role in promoting stability in the region and beyond. In this context, he appreciated the work of SCO-RATS where Pakistan, together with other member states, was playing an active role in countering common

security challenges. The SCO secretary general

formation of a full court with any kind of mala fide intent. This case will have far-reaching consequences on future politics," said the law minister, adding that 220 million people's votes

should not be violated. "MPAs are liable to vote on the instructions of the party chief. The matter is so serious that the decisions given in 2015 and 2018 will also be violated." said Tarar. The court should hear the full court's demand seriously, urged the minister. "Last time, 25 of our votes were removed. This decision was made by the judges included in the same bench," said Tarar.

Punjab: Fawad Ch...

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and threatens institutions should not portray themselves as their representative". She said that Imran Khan "will not be allowed to play the game of establishment and anti-establishment to return to power" and no one will be allowed to mess with the Constitution and the law. Aurangzeb said that Khan "admitted that he took the help of institutions and agencies to run the government for four years"

"We will not allow the murder of justice with this bullying, these threats and insults. The narrative of Nawaz Sharif and Muslim League (N) is and will remain in line with the constitution," she continued, adding: "Stop dragging the army and judiciary into politics." She alleged it is Imran Khan who is targeting the institutions and that he seeks to remove their leadership. "Imran Khan's narrative of a foreign conspiracy abroad has been buried and now a narrative of establishment and anti-establishment has begun," Aurangzeb alleged. The PML-N leader called upon the Election Commission to decide on the foreign funding case soon, the verdict for which was reserved last month. "Imran Khan wants an NRO in the foreign funding case through bullying, intimidation, chaos, riots and hooliganism," she claimed. The minister called for a full court bench to hear the case related to the election of the chief minister of Puniab.

12 squads for the tournament. Performances of players in the recently concluded Cricket Associations Divisional U19 Tournament were also taken into consideration. The performers from last year's National U19 tournaments who are still eligible to feature in the age-group event were also considered for the forthcoming tournament.

Squads: Balochistan U19 Blues: Ikramullah Tareen (Captain) (Quet-

hore), Abdul Rehman (Faisalabad) Ahmad Bilal (Faisalabad), Akash Hayat (Faisalabad), Ali Razzaq (Lahore), Ali Zoraiz Asif (Lahore), Faraz Ahmad (Sheikhupura), Hassan Ali (Faisalabad), Kaif Ali (Gujranwala), Mohammad Ibtisam Rehman (Sargodha), Moiz Rana (Lahore), Samama Riaz (Faisalabad), Syed Hassan Gillani (Sialkot), Usman Shahid (Lahore) and Waqas Abbas (Faisalabad). - APP

Alcaraz becomes youngest top-five player since Nadal

SPORTS DESK

LONDON: After advancing to the Hamburg Open, Spanish voungster Carlos Alcaraz, who is 19-year-old, will become the youngest player to enter the top five of the ATP rankings since Rafael Nadal in 2005. Alcaraz defeated the Slovak Alex Molcan 7-6 (7-2) 6-1 and will compete for the championship on Sunday against Lorenzo Musetti. The winner of the Miami Open and Madrid Open has prevailed in his previous five Tour finals.

"I have a lot of confidence for the final and hope to make it six-for-six," said Alcaraz after his latest clay win. "Lorenzo is playing really well. It's going to be a great final." When Nadal first rose to fifth in the world, he had less than a month till he turned 19 years old. Alcaraz, who defeated Nadal in Madrid and has trained with the 22-time Grand Slam winner, is a tremendous fan of the player. When the new rankings are revealed on Monday, he will surpass Casper Ruud of Norway. Musetti, 20, defeated Francisco Cerundolo 6-3 7-6 (7-3) to advance to his first Tour final. Following his first-round elimination at the Swedish Open, the world number 62 stated he was taken aback by the form that has earned him a match with the top seed in Hamburg.



GLGIT: Director General Islamic Research Institute International University Islamabad Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq in a group photo with team captains during Kit distribution ceremony of Zalmi Madrasa Cricket League Gilgit-Baltistan under the Umbrella of Paighaam-e-Pakistan & with the collaboration of Govt. & Sports Board of Gilgit-Baltistan for the students of Madaris of Pakistan. - APP

State of emergency after 'explosive' fire

News Desk

CALIFORNIA: More than 6,000 people living outside the Yosemite National Park in California have been ordered to evacuate amid a fast-moving wildfire as drought and high temperatures continue to fuel dangerous blazes in the western United States. Governor Gavin Newsom on Saturday declared a state of emergency in Mariposa County as the Oak fire, which began a day earlier, spread over 4,800 hectares (11,900 acres). That came as firefighters were making progress on a separate blaze - the Washburn fire - inside Yosemite that had threatened a grove of cherished ancient giant sequoia trees.

The Oak fire was the largest so far this year in the state, and comes amid a particularly active wildfire season, which scientists say has become increasingly more destructive over the last 30 years due to climate change. More than 400 firefighters were battling the latest California fire, using helicopters, other aircraft and bulldozers to bring the flames under control. It described

the Oak fire's activity as "extreme with frequent runs, spot fires and group torching". By Saturday morning, the blaze had consumed 10 residential and commercial struc-

tures, damaged five others and was threatening 2,000 more structures, Cal Fire said. The blaze prompted numerous road closures. "The fire is moving quickly. This fire



was throwing embers out in front of itself for up to 2 miles [3km] yesterday," said Daniel Patterson, a spokesman for the Sierra National Forest. "These are exceptional fire conditions," he said. The cause of the fire

was under investigation. "Explosive fire behavior is challenging firefighters," Cal Fire, the state fire agency, said in a statement Saturday. There have been a total of 37,774 wildfires in the US this year, covering about 2.24 million hectares (5.5 million acres), the highest number in both categories since 2012, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. As of Saturday, there were 95 active fires, covering about 913,400 hectares (2.26 million acres) in 15 US states. Last week, the centre also warned of extreme conditions for three blazes in Texas and one in Wyoming. There have been a total of 37.774 wildfires in the US this year. covering about 2.24 million hectares (5.5 million acres), the highest number in both categories since 2012, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. As of Saturday, there were 95 active fires, covering about 913,400 hectares (2.26 million acres) in 15 US states.

expressed his sincere gratitude to the government and leadership of Pakistan for arranging his visit before the upcoming SCO Council of Foreign Ministers and Heads of State meetings in Uzbekistan. The secretary general lauded Pakistan's constructive contributions to SCO's work and activities across all domains and thanked the prime minister for the guidance provided with regard to SCO's priorities and endeavours in the future. He also highlighted the invitation to the prime minister to attend the SCO summit in Samarkand in September 2022 to which Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif responded that he was looking forward to participate in the summit.

The prime minister also warmly felicitated the secretary-general on taking up his important assignment.

SCO is an 8-member trans-regional multilateral Organization, based on the "Shanghai Spirit" which stands for mutual trust and respect, equality, respect for diverse civilizations, and pursuit of shared development. In the two decades, since its establishment, SCO has become a major international platform representing 41% of the world population with a 23% share in global GDP. The four-day visit of the SCO secretary general provided an important opportunity for consultations at the highest level and greater understanding of Pakistan's expectations from the Organization.

Corruption increased...

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"Imran Niazi suffers from a memory loss & needs a few reminders. One, as per Transparency International report, corruption increased during his rule. Even transfers/ postings were on sale in addition to big scams." "Two, the people are paying the price of how he mismanaged the economy," he said adding, "three, Imran Niazi deeply hurt the global prestige & standing of the country and its relations with friendly countries. Four, he has lost a sense of balance in his lust for power, which is evidenced by his habitual recourse to lies. propaganda & blatant twisting of facts."

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SL president says nonviolent protests can continue

a statement, describing

a meeting with Colom-

bo-based envoys. "The Dip-

lomats were also briefed on

the measures being taken

to ensure that non-violent

protests were allowed to

proceed within the city

without endangering prop-

erty or lives." Friday's raid

drew condemnation from

the United Nations and

Western envoys who urged

the government to exercise

restraint, saying the use of

force could further destabi-

lise the island nation suffer-

ing its worst economic crisis

in seven decades. Wickrem-

esinghe took office follow-

ing victory in a parliamenta-

ry vote after his successor,

Gotabaya Rajapaksa, fled

the country and resigned af-

ter mass protests triggered

by his mishandling of the

Indonesia

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COVID-19

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JAKARTA: The Jakarta ad-

ministration is considering

economy.

WHO triggers highest alert on monkeypox

Egypt's small farms play big role but struggle to survive

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AGENCIES COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's new President Ranil Wickremesinghe told diplomats this week that non-violent protests against his government will be allowed to continue, including in the commercial capital Colombo, his office said in a statement on Sunday. In a pre-dawn raid on Friday, hundreds of security pertrigger the highest alert possible. sonnel dismantled part of an anti-government protest camp outside the presidential secretariat, raising fears of a wider crackdown by Wickremesinghe who was sworn in a day earlier. "President Ranil Wickremesinghe has reaffirmed Sri Lanka's commitment to upholding the rights of peaceful, non-violent assembly," his office said in

GENEVA: The World Health Organization on Saturday declared the monkeypox outbreak, which has affected nearly 17,000 people in 74 countries, to be a global health emergency - the highest alarm it can sound. "I have decided that the global monkeypox outbreak represents a public health emergency of international concern," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said at a press conference. He said a committee of experts who met on Thursday was unable to reach a consensus, so it fell to him to decide whether to

"WHO's assessment is that the risk of monkeypox is moderate globally and in all regions, except in the European region where we assess the risk as high," he added. Monkeypox has affected more than 16,800 people in 74 countries, according to a tal-

ly by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published on July 22. Washington welcomed the WHO's declaration as "a call to action for the world community to stop the spread of this virus". "A coordinated, international response is essential to stop the spread of monkeypox, protect communities at greatest risk of contracting the disease, and combat the current outbreak," said Raj Panjabi, senior director for the White House's global health security and biodefence division. A surge in monkeypox infections has been reported since early May outside the West and Central African countries where the disease has long been endemic.

Overall, 98 percent of infected people were gay or bisexual men, and around a third were known to have visited sex-onsite venues such as sex parties or saunas within the previous month. Tedros has previously expressed concern that stigma and scapegoating could make the outbreak harder to track. Saturday, he said the out- public health implications," Tedros told break was "concentrated among men who have sex with men, especially those with multiple sexual partners" which meant it "can be stopped with the right strategies in the right groups".

He urged all countries to "work closely with communities of men who have sex with men, to design and deliver effective information and services, and to adopt measures that protect" the communities affected. On June 23, the WHO convened an emergency committee of experts to decide if monkeypox constitutes a so-called Public Health Emergency of International Concern -- the UN health agency's highest alert level. But a majority advised Tedros that the situation, at that point, had not met the threshold. The second meeting was called on Thursday with case numbers rising further, where Tedros said he was worried. "I need your advice in assessing the immediate and mid-term

the meeting, which lasted more than six hours. A viral infection resembling smallpox and first detected in humans in 1970, monkeypox is less dangerous and contagious than smallpox, which was eradicated in 1980. Ninety-five percent of cases have been transmitted through sexual activity, according to a study of 528 people in 16 countries published in the New England Journal of Medicine - the largest research to date.

The European Union's drug watchdog on Friday recommended for approval the use of Imvanex, a smallpox vaccine, to treat monkeypox. Imvanex, developed by Danish drugmaker Bavarian Nordic, has been approved in the EU since 2013 for the prevention of smallpox. It was also considered a potential vaccine for monkeypox because of the similarity between the monkeypox virus and the smallpox virus.

Pakistan in well-placed position to facilitate SCO members: Zhang

BEIJING: Pakistan is well placed position for facilitating the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) members in improving regional connectivity as the Central Asia countries are land-locked, and Pakistan is ideally located to provide shorter sea access to these countries, Secretary General of SCO Zhang Ming said. He said, "this will facilitate trade among SCO member states and even beyond", China Economic Net (CEN) reported.

In an answer to "what is the impact of SCO on Pakistan's economy", he remarked that the transport corridors stand to benefit all the member states, leading to a win-win cooperation. "SCO is a multi-dimensional organization in terms of its scope and functions, Pakistan can benefit greatly from it," he added. During his stay in Pakistan, the Secretary General met Ministers of Commerce, Climate Change, Information Technology and Maritime Affairs to discuss a wide range of aspects on how Pakistan can contribute and benefit from SCO. Pakistani officials are also positive about Ming's maiden visit to Islamabad.

While highlighting the importance of this visit, Director General, Foreign Ministry of Pakistan, Muhammad Mudassir Tipu said that the visit of Secretary General SCO to Pakistan is of great significance. It will provide an important platform for Pakistan to promote socio-economic cooperation within a very rich region with an enormous potential to grow and expand. "It will also help explore ideas and approaches to expand CPEC and BRI across the region and promote greater connectivity", he added. Faisal Afridi, Chairman JW Group (partner with Haier & MG) in Pakistan also hoped that SCO Secretary General's visit to Pakistan can play an instrumental role in rejuvenating regional economies. Pakistan's location strad-

SINDIYUN: Egyptian smallholders grow nearly half of the country's crops, a lifeline role increasingly important after grain imports were stalled by war in Ukraine - but they are struggling to survive. Despite their crucial role providing food for the North African nation's 103 million people, smallholders are cash-strapped and indebted, frequently selling their harvests at a loss.

"The farmer is dead. trampled," farmer Zakaria Aboueldahab told AFP, brewing tea on his rented plot of wheat and onions in Qalyubia, 30 kilometres (18 miles) north of Cairo. 'I'm trying to sell my onion harvest but I can't find a market," he said, the remnants of his crop scattered across the soil. "I just want to break even. I don't know how I'm going to pay rent". His onions would sell in Egypt: but financing, marketing and infrastructure hurdles create massive gaps between supply and demand. According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), small farms are the "primary producers" of food for domestic consumption in Egypt. Farmers cultivating less than three feddans (1.2 hectares, three acres) -- an area the size of a football pitch - till 35 percent of arable land. Yet they produce some 47 percent of Egypt's field crops, the FAO calculates. Larger farms focus more on exports -- a dynamic that came to a head when Russia invaded Ukraine.

Greece deliberately eroding Lausanne peace treaty

MONITORING DESK

ANKARA: The terms and conditions of the Lausanne Peace Treaty, particularly

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KC-EU's Chair Ali Raza Syed expresses solidarity with Yasin Malik

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BRUSSELS: Chairman Kashmir Council Europe (KC-EU) Ali Raza Syed has expressed solidarity with Chairman Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Yasin Malik who is on an hunger strike in the Indian notorious Tihar jail. Yain Malik was sentenced to life imprisonment by an Indian court on May 25 this year on the fake charges against him.

In a statement issued from Brussels Ali Raza Syed said that Yasin Malik who is deprived of all legal, constitutional and fundamental rights and even denied of the fair judicial trial by the ri Iournalists Indian government, is currently batand as well as tling for life in the Indian prison. the Kashmiri

Yasin Malik started his hunger strike on Friday morning against the denial of justice and fair trial to him by the Indian kangaroo courts. As per a JKLF statement, Yasin Malik had written to the Indian government for a physical appearance before the court in order to response to the false cases registered against him. He also requested for cross examination of witnesses himself and said that he would sit on hunger strike if his request was not ac-

the International community including United Nations and international human rights organizations to pressurize India

to accept legal demands of Yasin Malik sitting on the hunger strike. Ali Raza Syed asked the international community including European Authorities to use their good office to pressurize India for early and unconditioned release of Yasin Maliik. Chair of KC-RU also called for unconditional release of rights activists including Khurram Parvez and Mohammad Ahsan Unto, Kashmi-

political activists detained in the Indian prison. These Kashmiri figures remain in detention under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) in Tihar, the one of the most overcrowded and unsanitary prisons in the country for raising rights violations in Indian-administered Kashmir. KC-EU has already launched a campaign in Europe for release of the Kashmiri prisoners a few months ago. Ali Raza Syed the people of Kashmir in raising their voices against the Indian brutalism in occupied Kashmir particularly they

highlighted the terrible incidents of Indian state terrorism in the occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Chair of KC-EU said, India can not achieve its evil objectives including concealing war crimes and inhuman acts in occupied land of Jammu and Kashmir.

He added, people of Kashmir offered their sacrifices for the right to self determination and would not compromise on this basic political right. Ali Raza Syed further said, day of 5th Au-

gust is also upcoming soon as the Modi government revoked special status of Jammu and Kashmir on 5th of August 2019. And 15th of August is also falling very soon as it is independence day of India but the people of Kashmir are deprived of the independence.

The day would be celebrated by the people of Kashmir as the black day. He said, we shall continue to expose the nasty and immoral appearance of the Modi-

to conduct a mass COVID-19 swab test due to crowds of teenagers performing the Citayam Fashion Week at a zebra crossing near the Dukuh Atas MRT Station in Central Jakarta. Deputy Governor of Jakarta Ahmad Riza Patria said here Sunday that he was worried that the crowds would contribute a surge in COVID-19 cases in the city as many of the youngsters did not wear masks. "Indeed, there has been an increase (in cases) over the last two weeks. Due to the fact that many of them do not wear masks, this situation may expedite the (transmission) of COV-ID-19," he remarked.

Furthermore, the Jakarta Provincial Government is also planning to relocate the venue for this Citavam Fashion Week. The deputy governor noted that the creative activity made the pedestrians and vehicle riders difficult to cross the Tanjung Karang Street of Dukuh Atas area since the fashion show took place on the crosswalk around the Dukuh Atas Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Station. "Hence, the street needs to be closed because of the large crowds," he said. - ANTARA

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regime involved in the crimes against humanity in Jammu and Kashmir.

dling across South, West, and Central Asia also makes Pakistan a pivot for regional integration. - APP

Hundreds evacuated from Greek resort as Lesbos fires rage

News Desk

ATHENS: Hundreds of tourists and residents were evacuated on Saturday from a popular resort on the Greek island of Lesbos as a wildfire destroyed homes in the beachside village of Vatera. The fires sent up thick clouds of smoke blotting out the sun as they drifted over the sea while blazes raged metres away from homes, forcing people to flee while others tried to protect their houses from the embers. Greece was facing the first day of a heatwave on Saturday that is expected to last 10 days. Temperatures were set to rise to 42 degrees Celsius (107 degrees Fahrenheit) in some regions, sparking concerns over more wildfires. The fire on Lesbos island broke out at 10:00 am local time (0700 GMT) on Saturday and is blazing on two fronts, heading towards Vrisa village and another inside Vatera. Police said 450 people were evacuated from two hotels and 92 houses in Vatera.

The Greek coast guard said earlier it evacuated nine people including five foreigners from a beach in Vatera. Firefighters deployed seven firefighting planes and a helicopter to fight the surging

blaze. West Lesbos mayor Taxiarchis Verros ordered the evacuation of the busy beach resort as a precautionary measure, acting on the advice of the fire brigade, Athens News Agency reported. At least two houses were ravaged by the fire, state TV ERT said.

On Saturday, for a third day firefighters were tackling a wildfire raging in the Dadia National Park, known for its black vulture colony, in the northeastern region of Evros. Fire brigade spokesman Yiannis Artopoios said on Saturday afternoon that the fire in Dadia was "exceptionally difficult". According to ERT TV, the fire was approaching the village of Dadia by late Saturday afternoon. Some 320 firefighters and 68 fire engines have been battling the fires in Evros, alongside a large number of volunteers. However, their efforts were hampered by the dense smoke and lack of wind, combined with high humidity during the night, which hindered the effort to fight the fire from the air. A wildfire in mountains near Athens on Wednesday damaged homes and forced hundreds of people to evacuate after gale-force winds earlier this week.

Pope's Canada trip to make amends for school scandal run by the Church, where they were cut off

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WEB DESK

VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis heads to Canada on Sunday for a chance to personally apologise to Indigenous survivors of abuse committed over a span of decades at residential schools run by the Catholic Church. The head of the world's 1.3 billion Catholics will be met at Edmonton's international airport by Canadian Prime

Minister Justin Trudeau after the flight from Rome. The 10-hour flight constitutes the longest since 2019 for the 85-year-old pope, who has been suffering from knee pain that has forced him to use a cane or wheelchair in recent outings. Francis' Canada

visit - which he has called a "penitential pilgrimage" of "healing and reconciliation" - is primarily to apologise to survivors for the Church's role in the scandal that a national truth and reconciliation commission has called "cultural genocide". From the late 1800s to the 1990s, Canada's government sent about 150,000 First Nations, Metis and Inuit children into 139 residential schools

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from their families, language and culture. Many were physically and sexually abused by headmasters and teachers. Thousands

of children are believed to have died of disease, malnutrition or neglect. Since May 2021, more than 1,300 unmarked graves have been discovered at the sites of the former schools. A delegation of Indigenous peoples travelled to the Vatican in April and met with the pope

- a precursor to Francis' six-day trip. In the community of Maskwacis, some 100 kilometres (62 miles) south of Edmonton, the pope will address an estimated crowd of 15,000 expected to include former students from across the country. "I would like a lot of people to come," said Charlotte

Roan, 44, interviewed by AFP in June. The member of the Ermineskin Cree Nation said she wanted people to come "to hear that it wasn't made up". Others see the pope's visit as too little too late, including Linda McGilvery with the Saddle Lake Cree Nation near Saint Paul, about 200 kilometres east of Edmonton.

been deliberately eroded by Greece, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Sunday. Speaking in a message on the occasion of the 99th anniversary of the treaty, Erdogan said: "With the Lausanne Peace Treaty, our land borders were drawn, capitulations were abolished, the rights of the Turkish minority remaining in Greece were secured, and the non-military status of the Greek islands close to our coasts was confirmed.' "However, in the recent period, the conditions recorded in the treaty, especially the rights of the Turkish minority, have been ignored or deliberately eroded by Greece," he emphasized. Turkish officials have blamed Greece for escalating tensions in the Aegean as well as in bilateral ties recently as disagreements on the status of islands, maritime zones and the Turkish minority in Western Thrace continue. "As Turkey, we will respond to each unfair and illegal attempt by Greece both on the table and on the field as we have done so far," Defense Minister Hulusi Akar said on Saturday, after Greece decided to close four more primary schools belonging to the Turkish Muslim minority in Western Thrace for the continuing school year.

Brexit blamed as UK faces Channel port logjam

FOREIGN DESK

LONDON: Unions, port officials and the French authorities blamed Brexit on Saturday as thousands of holidaymakers faced long delays trying to reach Europe via the English Channel port of Dover. But UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss laid the blame squarely on Paris, telling her French counterpart Catherine Colonna that "the French authorities have not put enough people on the border."

The situation has added to the bad blood between London and Paris in the wake of Brexit, scotching hopes of a reset after Boris Johnson said earlier this month he was stepping down as premier. "We need to see action from them (the French) to resolve the terrible situation which travellers, including families, are facing," said Truss, who is currently fighting to succeed Johnson as prime minister. But Paris has rejected claims that the gridlock was caused by under-staffing and

Colonna in her tweet took a more sanguine view of their conversation, describing the talks as "good" and welcoming the "cooperation" to reduce the delays. Colonna also underlined the "need to improve facilities at the Port of Dover."

Tweeting the front page of Britain's right-wing Daily Telegraph which had the headline "Truss tells France to fix holiday chaos", France's Transport Minister Clement Beaune said the French authorities were "mobilised" to ease movement. But in a jab at London, the former Europe minister added: "France is not responsible for Brexit". Border checks and extra paperwork for freight traffic were reintroduced when Britain left the European Union last year, ending free movement for people and goods in the bloc. of lorries at Dover have been seen since then but this summer is the first with unrestricted travel for the public since the lifting of all Covid restrictions. French lawmaker Pierre-Henri Dumont, whose constituency includes the French

Channel port of Calais, called the travel chaos "an aftermath of Brexit". "We have to run more checks than before," he told BBC television, predicting it would happen again.

Port of Dover chief executive Doug Bannister initially blamed a lack of French border agency staff for the logjam which saw some holidaymakers wait six hours or longer to catch their ferries. But he conceded there were now "increased transaction times" post-Brexit. The port was confident of handling the demand at peak periods, he added. Brexit figurehead Johnson made "taking back control" of UK borders a rallying call for his "leave" campaign in the 2016 vote on EU membership. Since becoming prime minister, he has found that more difficult, with record numbers of migrants crossing from northern France in small boats. Lucy Moreton, from the ISU union that represents borders, immigration and customs staff, said the tailbacks were a "reasonably predictable" result of Brexit. "This is the time that it's chosen to bite," she told the BBC.

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Briefs Army soldier martyred

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RAWALPINDI: Fire exchange took place between troops and terrorist, in general area Draban, Dera Ismail Khan District, on Sunday, according to ISPR. Own troops effectively engaged the terrorist's location. However, during intense exchange of fire Lance Naik Mujeeb Ur Rehman (age 31 yrs, resident of Lakki Marwat) having fought gallantly, embraced Shahadat.

Sanitization of the area is being carried out to eliminate any terrorists found in the area. A day earlier, security forces killed three and apprehended four terrorists during two intelligence-based operations (IBOs) in North Waziristan district, according to a statement issued by the military's media wing. The Inter-Services Public Relations statement said a high-value terrorist commander, along with three other militants, was captured in an injured condition in the first operation. It added that three terrorists were killed in a second operation.

2 Palestinians killed in Israeli West Bank raid

Agencies

JERUSALEM: Two Palestinians were killed overnight during an Israeli army raid in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus, the Palestinian health ministry said early Sunday. The ministry said Muhamad Azizi, 25, was killed by a bullet to the chest while Abdul Rahman Jamal Suleiman Sobh, 28, was shot in the head.

Sindh govt announces public holiday

Indonesian cultural exhibition concludes at a positive note

Ambassador Adam Tugio terms the event a great success; a large number of visitors thronged to Lok Virsa to witness the exhibition

STAFF REPORT/DNA

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Indonesia Adam Tugio has stressed the need to promote and strengthen existing cultural relations between the two brotherly countries. He said his government was considering inviting Pakistanis hailing from various walks of life including the media people in order to further strengthen people-to-people relations. Ambassador Tugio made these remarks while speaking to media people at the concluding ceremony, which brought the five-day cultural exhibition to an end. A large number of people thronged to the exhibition to quench their cultural thirst.

The exhibition titled "A night at Lok Virsa Museum: The confluence of civilization between Pakistan and Indonesia" was inaugurated by the Indonesian Ambassador Adam Mulawarman Tugio amid presence of diplomats and art and history lovers, on July 20, 2022. The ajrak and batik booths, where shawl



makers from both countries described the tough grind of making the ajrak, re-

mained a centre of attraction among the visitors. A miniature model of Borobudur, the largest Buddhist temple in the world, built by a Pakistani craftsman also pulled the crowd from twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad. The show also featured daily live musical performance from renowned musicians who kept mesmerizing the audience by playing world famous tunes with indigenous Pakistani instruments including Tabla, Rabab and Bansuri. A large number of citizens flocked to the exhibition featuring a collection of photographs and videos shedding light on inter-regional connectivity and cross-cultural influence on both countries. Maheen Mirza, a student from National De-

fense University, said she was quite amazed to find many cultural similarities with the Pakistani art pieces and cultural depictions."I was unaware of the similarities between culture, history and religion between the two countries before visiting the exhibition," she remarked. Irsa Bin Mairaj,

a foreign visitor who was keenly observing the temple model, said he was amazed to know that the miniature was made by a Pakistani craftsman.It reflected that Pakistani people had great potential in artwork that can scale up the design of such a difficult model with perfection, he added. Hooriya Shiekh, another visitor taking photos while draping the Indonesian Batik at the display booths Sindhi Ajrak and Batik, termed both the crafts an excellent example of fusion of the two cultures.

She hoped that the exhibition besides introducing the similarities of cultures between the two countries would ultimately bring the people closer. An Indonesian woman who holds the stalls of Batik explained the difficult process of Batik making and said it was a technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to the whole cloth, originated from the island of Java which took at least 4-5 days to finish a single piece. "The technique shows similarity with famous Sindhi Ajrak and signifies cultural affinity between Indonesia and Pakistan," she added. (With additional input from the APP)

Pak-Uzbek to increase bilateral trade: envoy

Agencies

ISLAMABAD, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Pakistan, Aybek Arif Usmanov on Sunday said the Pakistan and Uzbekistan intend to increase the bilateral trade volume upto US\$1 billion in the coming two years. The current bilateral trade between the two countries is \$180 million, which is expected to reach \$1 billion in the next two years by the mid-2024, Ambassador of Uzbekistan, Aybek Arif Usmanov told a state run news agency here.

In response to a question, he said that the implementation of Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) between Pakistan and Uzbekistan is going on and bilateral trade will get development through it. The Ambassador said that negotiations will be held every year to review the PTA between the two countries to make it further more productive for both sides. He further said that the two countries used to have online discussions in this regard, in which the process of discussion on Terrif rationalization continues. He said that at this time mutual trade barriers and customs issues were major issues in both countries and for resolving these issues both of the countries are working on a mechanism? In response to another question, he said that a transit trade agreement has been signed between Pakistan and Uzbekistan in this last vear, which has a very important role in promoting mutual trade. Related to this, the transport and logistics sector is also important, in which the governments of the two countries are in negotiate for improvement. The Ambassador said that on March 28 of the same year, a tripartite transport and logistic conference was held in Uzbekistan in which the transport and communication ministers of Pakistan, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan participated and many problems were resolved through mutual discussions.

Rights group seeks arrest of ex Sri Lankan president

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WEB DESK

COLOMBO: A rights group documenting alleged abuses in Sri Lanka has filed a criminal complaint with Singapore's attorney general, seeking the arrest of former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa for his role in the South Asian nation's decades-long civil war. The International Truth and Justice Project (ITJP) said Rajapaksa committed grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions during the civil war in 2009 when he was country's defence chief, according to a copy of the complaint. The South Africa-based ITIP argued that

The South Africa-based ITJP argued that based on universal jurisdiction the alleged

filed is (based on) verifiable information on both the crimes that have been committed, but also on evidence really linking the individual in question, who is now in Singapore," Alexandra Lily Kather, one of the lawyers that drafted the complaint, told Reuters by telephone from Berlin. "Singapore really has a unique opportunity with this complaint, with its own law and with its own policy, to speak truth to power." Rajapaksa could not be reached for comment through Sri Lanka's High Commission in Singapore. He has previously strenuously denied allegations he was responsible for rights abuses during the war. In response to questions from Reuters,

Pakistan, China soon to deal in RMB/PKR

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China are closing in to deal in Renminbi (RMB) and Pakistani Rupees (PKR) as Pakistan faces financial challenges. Federal Minister for Board of Investment (BOI) Chaudhry Salik Hussain told Gwadar Pro that the talks between Pakistan and China were ongoing to finalize the matter. "We can soon be dealing in RMB along with the US dollars. Both options can be utilised (side by side)," he added. Earlier, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif directed the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to hold meetings with the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) and Bank of China for use of RMB/PKR for bilateral trade between China and Pakistan. Prime Minister Shehbaz gave the instructions to SBP during a meeting with the Chinese businessmen held on May 30 this year. RMB is the official currency of China and one of the world's

reserve currencies. It is also the eighth most traded currency in the world. For the promotion of trade in the Chinese currency, a pilot project encompassing the introduction of 'RMB pricing' will be introduced in the first phase. In the second phase, RMB settlement and fi-

nancing policies will be focused on. The exchange rate for the currencies of both countries will be set in the China Foreign Exchange Trading System (CFETS) and in authorized banks declared as cross-border currency markets in China and Pakistan, according to the official details. China and Pakistan share strong economic ties. Pakistan has largely imported machinerv. transport equipment, iron, steel, varn. and textiles from China. Meanwhile, China imported textile yarn, resource-based products, and fabrics from Pakistan. Chaudhry Salik Hussain said that Pakistan and China will soon find a way out on the use of RMB/ PKR. He maintained that this would boost trade ties between the two friendly nations.

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KARACHI: In view of the heavy rains in Karachi and its aftermath in the form of urban flooding, the Sindh Government has decided to announce a public holiday on Monday, July 25. Taking to Twitter, Sindh government spokesperson Murtaza Wahab wrote that aside from Karachi, there will be a public holiday in Hyderabad too because of the rains.

"Due to heavy rainfall which is expected to continue even tomorrow, Sindh Government has decided to declare Monday, the 25th of July as a public holiday in Karachi and Hyderabad Divisions," tweeted Wahab. The spokesperson said that a notification regarding the public holiday will be issued shortly. Earlier, the provincial government spokesper son, who is also the KMC administrator, had said that the government is aware of the situation that has emerged after the rains that hit the province and added that Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah will take a decision after holding consultations on the situation.

abuses were subject to prosecution in Singapore, where he fled after months of unrest over his country's economic crisis. Rajapaksa submitted his resignation in Singapore, a day after fleeing on July 13. Anti-government protesters had stormed the offices and official residences of the president and the prime minister.

"The criminal complaint that has been

a spokesperson for the Attorney-General's Chambers said it had received a letter from the ITJP on July 23. "We are not able to comment further on this matter," the spokesperson said. The country's foreign ministry has said Rajapaksa entered the Southeast Asian city-state on a private visit and had not sought or been granted asylum.



LAHORE: Chairman Muttahida Ulema Board Punjab and Special Representative of Prime Minister of Pakistan for Interfaith Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi addressing a press conference at 90 sharara. – APP

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Iran nuclear deal is 'still possible', says Macron

News Desk

PARIS: French President Emmanuel Macron told his Iranian counterpart Ebrahim Raisi that reviving the landmark 2015 deal on Tehran's nuclear capabilities was "still possible" but must happen "as soon as possible." Macron also "expressed his disappointment" at the absence of progress after the suspension of talks in Vienna and underlined the need for Iran to return to the accord and implement its nuclear commitments. according to a French presidency statement. The French leader's telephone call with Raisi comes as negotiations in Vienna between Iran and world powers including the US have stalled since March. The 2015 deal aimed to prevent Iran from developing the capability to acquire an atomic bomb in exchange for lifting sanctions that have hobbled its economy. But former president Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew the US from the

accord in 2018 and reimposed sanctions, leading Tehran to begin rolling back on its commitments. In June, Qatar hosted indirect talks

between the US and Iran in a bid to restart the diplomatic efforts in Vienna, but discussions were interrupted after _____ two days

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demned the unconstructive positions and actions of the US and European countries" during his two-hour conversation with Macron on Saturday. Last week, an Iranian official said Tehran had the technical capacity to make a nuclear bomb but clarified that it had not decided to make any.

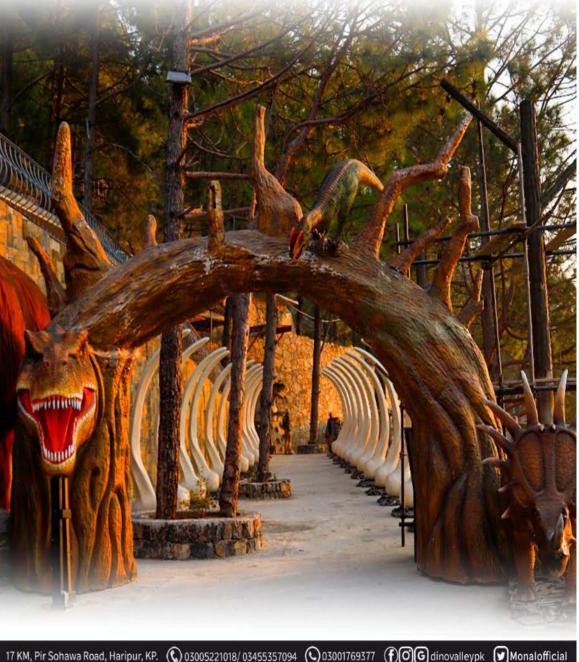
The Iranian foreign ministry said there was "no change" in its nuclear policy, referring to an Islamic ruling that forbids "arms of mass destruction." Macron also "reiterated his deep concern" about four French citizens "arbitrarily held" in Iran during his call with Raisi.

They include Benjamin Briere, sentenced to more than eight years in jail for spying, and French-Iranian

researcher Fariba Adelkhah, who received a five-year prison term in May 2020 for endangering national security. The two other detainees are trade unionists held since May 11 and accused of threatening Iranian security.



Pakistan's First Ever Dinosaur Themed Park



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