

top court order in the Justice Qazi Faez Isa case.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif speaking in the a mention of early elections neither he made any demand for the resignation of the federal government. Analysts believe the PTI Chairman wants to strengthen his foothold in Punjab and try to deliver in KP. He now wants the government of Shehbaz Sharif to stay in power simply because the government would not be able to perform in the prevailing circumstances and thus is likely to lose masses support.

ISLAMABAD: Punjab Chief

Foreign Ministers (SCO-CFM) meeting linister Chaudhry Pervai Elahi accompanied by former federal minister Moonis Elahi called on PTI Chairman Imran Khan at his Bani Gala residence in Islamabad on Wednesday. On the occasion, Imran Khan congratulated Pervaiz Elahi on assuming the charges of Punjab chief minister. Pervaiz Elahi thanked Imran Khan for his confidence in him and PML-Q. A detailed discussion on the current political situation in the country

Bilawal

After the cabinet meeting which was held under the chair of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said there was no precedent for the curative review filed against Justice Isa, adding that "it was only filed to keep" the judge "under pressure".

Sibtain to be Punjab speaker

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fisheries Sibtain Khan for the post of speaker of the Punjab Assembly.

The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Tuesday declared the ruling of Punjab Assembly Deputy Speaker Dost Muhammad Mazari in the Punjab chief minister's election "illegal", and ruled that PTI's candidate Pervez Elahi will be the new CM of the province. Following the verdict, PML-N's Hamza Shahbaz was removed from office with immediate effect and the Puniab cabinet was dissolved.

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Indonesia exhibition attracts visitors from across Pakistan - Page 08 National Assembly. – DNA

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday addressed a session of the National Assembly during which he took a swipe at the judiciary, calling it out for its "dual standards" towards the coalition government. His comments came in response to the Supreme Court of Pakistan's decision of declaring

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Governor's rule in Punjab possible Rana says if his entry banned in Punjab then Govt may go for Governor Rule

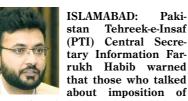
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ISLAMABAD, Minister for Interior Rana Sana Ullah, while terming the Frontier Constabulary (FC) a national asset, on Wednesday said anti-riot training would be imparted to 2,000 FC personnel during the current financial year and 5,000 next year. He said the Federal Government may impose Governor Rule if his entry was banned in the Punjab provinde. Addressing the passing-out of First Batch of FC Anti-Riot Training Course here, he said all-out facilities would be provided to the FC for making it the best professional force. After anti-riot training, he said, the FC would now provide additional

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Farrukh slams Rana over threat

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about imposition of governor's rule in Punjab should bear in mind that they must be ready to face

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Russia further cuts EU gas flows

News Desk

MOSCOW: Russia delivered less gas to Europe on Wednesday in a further escalation of an energy stand-off between Moscow and the European Union that will make it harder, and costlier, for the bloc to fill up storage ahead of the winter heating season. The cut in supplies, flagged by Gazprom (GAZP.MM) earlier this week, has reduced the capacitv of Nord Stream 1 pipeline - the major delivery route to Europe for Russian gas - to a mere fifth of its total capacity.

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in Tashkent on 28-29 July 2022. The in vitation to attend the SCO-CFM was extended by the Acting Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan, H.E. Vladimir Norov. In the CFM meeting, the SCO Foreign Ministers would deliberate upon important regional and international issues as well as approve the decisions and documents to be presented to the Heads of State at the SCO Summit in Samarkand in September 2022. The Foreign Minister will also hold bilateral meetings with a number of his counterparts from SCO member states on the sidelines. SCO's major objectives include promoting mutual confidence and good-neighborly relations among member states; strengthening regional peace,

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STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Pakistan Aybek Usmanov called on Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Both sides discussed matters related to bilateral and regional cooperation. The Foreign Minister appreciated the positive trajectory of relations in all areas particularly trade & investment and connectivity such as Trans-Afghan Railway Project. The Uzbek Ambassador Avbek Usmanov thanked Pakistan for its support on

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US pledges 16 Million vaccines for Pakistan An additional \$20 million in USAID funding is also planned

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: U.S. COVID-19 vaccine donations to Pakistan will surpass 77 million doses following an agreement to ship 16 million pediatric doses from the United States to Pakistan in partnership with COVAX. The new donation was announced at the conclusion of the first U.S.-Pakistan Health Dialogue in Washington, D.C. An addi-tional \$20 million in USAID funding is also

planned to support vaccination efforts in Pakistan. Since the start of the pandemic, the U.S. government has provided nearly \$70.4 million in direct support and \$13.8 million in in-kind support to assist the Pakistani people in the fight against COVID-19. The United States is the single largest donor of COVID-19 vaccines to Pakistan. In addition to Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, the United States recently donated four mobile testing

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Kazakhstan, Pakistan direct flights soon: Ambassador Says the CPEC represents a strategic opportunity for Kazakhstan to further transport export goods, to regional and global markets

Exclusive

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ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan Yerzhan Kistafin has said peace in Afghanistan is a prerequisite for peace in the region. While talking to Daily Islamabad POST the ambassador said it is necessary to involve Afghanistan in regional integration, especially in transport and logistics projects. In this context, the project of construction of the Mazar-I-Sharif-Kabul-Peshawar railway, where Afghanistan is of priority importance, is of particular relevance. The successful implementation of the project will open mutual access to the markets of South and Central Asia. The ambassador said, at the same time, the President of Kazakhstan calls for considering new opportunities to

strengthen transport and logistics ties in areas of common interest between Kazakhstan and Pakistan. The Head of our state emphasizes the need to expand trade, economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation between the countries. These issues were discussed in detail at the meeting of Kassym-Jomart Tokayev with Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Dushanbe on September 16, 2021. The Head of our state noted the high level of bilateral relations based on trust and mutual respect. The Pakistani side he added also

stated the importance of developing logistics capabilities that will contribute to the expansion of trade and economic cooperation between the two countries. To address these issues, as well as to expand the level of bilateral relations between our countries, the visit of the President of Kazakhstan to Pakistan is



planned in the near future. While talking about possibility of direct flights the ambassador said,

Yes, now we are actively working on the resumption of direct flights between Kazakhstan and Pakistan. As you know, in the 90s there were direct flights between our countries, however, for some reasons they were canceled and now we have a good opportunity to launch them again. 'I would like to emphasize that the opening of direct flights will strengthen our brotherly relations and will allow us to develop trade and economic ties and achieve high performance. While this program aims to link South and Central Asia, and it is also a promising potential for further regional development'.

Ambassador Kistafin said, as far as we know, the government of Pakistan is positive and promotes the Central Asia vision program and the opening of direct flights is the first and main step for further diversify infrastructure and logistics

projects. 'Moreover, the CPEC represents a strategic opportunity for Kazakhstan to further transport export goods, to regional and global markets, while strengthening trade and economic ties. Increasing the export products from Kazakhstan also provides an opportunity to enter the markets of Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East through the Pakistan seaports in Karachi and Gwadar'. To a question about the transit agreement the ambassador said,

As you know, Kazakhstan is the biggest landlocked country. Afghanistan is the main transit route between Pakistan and Kazakhstan. Currently, trade of Pakistan with our country is very limited yet.

Entering into Kazakh market will open door for Pakistan to capture Central Asian Republics and Eurasian Economic union markets and both Kazakhstani and Pakistani products can have edge in

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SCCI holds BEA, Pak-Thai trade conference 2022

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PESHAWAR, July-27: Continuing of an endeavor to woo foreign investment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and building up soft image of the country in rest of the world, Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry successfully organised a ceremony of "SCCI Business Excellence Award (BEA) and Pak-Thai Bilateral Trade and Investment Opportunity Conference 2022" in Bangkok.

Song Sang, President Thai-Pakistan Business Council was chief guest while Pakistan's Ambassador in Thailand, Sahibzad A Khan participated as guest of honor during the inaugural session of the multi-segments conference. A total 21 major business organisations were awarded gold medals in industrial, commercial, services and retail sectors while 12 business organizations were honored with trophies during these two mega events of four days, which was held in Bangkok, Thailand, according to a press release issued here on Wednesday. Besides, Hasnain Khurshid Ahmad, president Sarhad Chamber of

Commerce and Industry, Ghazanfar Bilour, former president FPCCI, Engineer Saad Khan Zahid, Chairman, SCCI Business Excellence Awards (BEA) for Year 2020-21 and Pak-Thai Bilateral Trade and Investment Opportunity Conference 2022 Abdul Ghaffar Warsi, President Pak-Thai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Rana Shahbaz Ali, Director Thai-Pakistan Business House, Muhammad Farrukh Sharif, Counsellor Trade and Investment, high officials, the SCCI's former presidents Zahidullah Shinwari, Faiz Muhammad Faizi, executive members, SCCI's Secretary General Sajjad Aziz, KPBOIT high officials, along with members, industrialists and traders were participated in the mega international events in a large number.

For the Year 2020-21, the chief guest gave away gold medals to 21 business institutions for best performance in industrial, commercial, services, construction, and retail sectors that's include UNISA Pharmaceutical Industries Limited, Gadoon Textile Mills Limited, Associated Industries Limited, Deans Industries, International Marketing Company, Zamoung Textile Company, Al Hayat Groups of Companies, NSB Bearing (Pvt) Limited, City University of Science and IT, Malik Group of Travels and Tours, Makka Agency, Shakir and Associates, Malik and Associates, R-Sheen Fashion Paradise and AYS International.

Similarly, for the year 2020-21, as many as 12 business organizations were awarded trophies for best performance in industrial and commercial sectors that's include Gadoon Textile Mills Limited, Cherat Cement Co Limited, Top Stars Industries (Pvt) Limited, Khalid Nawaz Enterprises, Daudsons Armoury (Pvt) Limited, Aziz Oil Solvent Extraction (Pvt) Limited, Sohail Associates, Sher Ali & Sons Seed Company, Jan and Sons, 091 Mall, MKB Pharmaceutical (Pvt) Ltd, and Jolly Collection. On the sideline of the conferences, the SCCI's and different chambers of commerce and industry signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs), aiming at promoting mutual trade, launching joint ventures, collaboration in various sectors, establishing close liaison between the business community and attracting foreign investment in KP.



ISLAMABAD: US Ambassador, Donald Blome meeting with Federal Minister for Commerce, Syed Naveed Qamar. – DNA



ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Chinese ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong exchanging views during a meeting. – DNA

Speakers urge for Pak-East Asia economic integration

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Institute of Strategic Studies (ISS), in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, organized a policy dialogue on "Comprehensive Economic Partnership: East Asia and Pakistan." The China-Pakistan Study Centre (CPSC) and Centre for Strategic Perspective (CSP) were organizers of the policy dialogue. The distinguished speakers of the dialogue were: Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, DG ISSI; H.E. Suh SangPyo, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea; Ambassadeor Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan;, Dr. Neelum Nigar, Director CSP; Mr. Muhammad Naseer, DG Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP); Mr. Kim Sung Jae, DG (Korea Trade and Investment Promotion Agency) KOTRA; Mr. Chang Yong Il, Managing director of Samsung Pakistan; Mr. Zhonglei Mou, Chief Operating Officer of Hyundai Nishat; Mr. Jamil Ahmad Qureshi, DG, Board of Investment, Pakistan; Ms. Huma Fakhar, CEO and Founder of MAP Services Group; Mr. Muhammad Zubair, Joint Secretary (Emigration), Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development; Mr. Aftab ur Rehman Tarrar, Managing Director of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation; and Dr. Nadeem Omar Tarar, Gandhara Chair in Cultural

Studies, Wah University. Dr. Talat Shabbir, Director of CPSC, moderated the event. He introduced the theme of the dialogue and high-

the theme of the dialogue and highlighted the prospects of Pakistan-East Asia comprehensive economic partnership. He remarked that today's dialogue analyses Pakistan's interest in East Asia and ASEAN through the prism of geo-economics and economic security in line with the policy direction of the National Security Policy (NSP) of Pakistan.

Earlier in his opening remarks, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry gave a brief overview of Pakistan's relations with the East Asian countries and commended the economic growth of the Asian tigers. Ambassador Chaudhary further said that Pakistan has strong ties with the East Asian countries and, especially, with the Republic of Korea, the cultural ties are strong and overall complement the bilateral ties. In his welcome remarks, Ambassador Suh SangPyo explained the idea of the comprehensive economic partnership between Pakistan and East Asia. He said that Pakistan and East Asia share promising economic ties. He elucidated that East Asia accounts for one-fourth of Pakistan trade and there will be many opportunities for growing together once the partnership is reached an official agreement. He spoke at length about the economic opportunities and challenges East Asian countries, particularly South Korea, face while interacting with

Pakistan. In the end, he extended his gratitude to ISSI for putting its efforts into organizing the event.

The keynote speaker, Ms. Mumtaz Zahra Baloch discussed the challenges that the world is facing in the post-covid era. She expresses her apprehensions on the prevailing competition between US and China which, in her view, was affecting international relations in many ways. She was also sceptical of economic growth while the world was going through a huge economic crisis in the wake of the popular protectionist trends and de-globalization narratives. In this milieu, the present policy dialogue is highly encouraging, she commented. She expressed her optimism about the outcomes that the policy dialogue would have in the short- and longterm. She assured the support of the government and put her faith in the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and the Embassy of the Republic of Pakistan for enabcing the bilateral ties.

In the first session on Trade, Dr. Neelum Nigar explained how Pakistan's "East Asia Vision" fits well into the comprehensive economic framework that was being discussed. She highlighted major exports and imports of Pakistan from East Asian countries. She provided an in-depth analysis of the economic interactions of Pakistan with South Korea. On the prospects of FTA between both the countries, Dr. Nigar highlighted some key policy options for Pakistan.

US-Pak pledge to strengthen bilateral economic, trade ties

ISLAMABAD: The United States (US) and Pakistan on Wednesday pledged to strengthen bilateral economic and trade relations and work together for the peace and stability of the region. The U.S Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome called on Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar, said a press release issued by the Ministry of Commerce here. Syed Naveed Qamar congratulated the ambassador on assuming his charge in Pakistan and underscored the importance of the decades-long relationship between Pakistan and the U.S. The role played by Pakistan in averting a humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the efforts undertaken by it to ensure stability of the region were also highlighted. The ambassador appreciated the significant growth seen in exports from Pakistan to the U.S. and expressed the hope for a deeper and wider bilateral relationship in the fields of trade and investment, digital services, science and technology, education, energy and climate. The recently held Pakistan-U.S. Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Intersessional Meeting was hailed by both sides as an important development in paving the way for future engagements. Federal Secretary for Commerce, Muhammad Sualeh Ahmad Faruqui informed that subsequent to the TIFA Intersessional, technical-level discussions have been held by the Ministry of Commerce on various market access issues between both countries. - APP

CDA to address issues of real estate sector

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ISLAMABAD: The real estate sector is playing an important role in the local economy and CDA would take all possible measures to address its key issues in order to facilitate better growth of its business activities. This was said by Naveed Elahi, Member (Estate), CDA while addressing a meeting of ICCI Real Estate & Developers Committee at Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Riaz Ahmed Randhawa, Director General (Admin) CDA also accompanied him at the occasion. Naveed Elahi said that the CDA has streamlined the property transfer procedures by abolishing unnecessary requirements in order to dispose of property related matters swiftly. He said that the condition of obtaining NOC from the Building Control Section of CDA for the transfer of properties to legal heirs under inheritance has also been replaced with an

enue NOC has been abolished and the time limit for issuance of No Demand Certificate (NDC) has also been reduced to four days. He said that the automation of Estate Management records was in process to facilitate the stakeholders. He said that the CDA has set up a monitoring portal through Ufone and 1819 complaint service to provide efficient service to the people. He said that the CDA was moving towards a system-based one window facility to deliver quick service and added that the business community should provide its input to further streamline the procedures and processes in CDA for their facilitation.

Muhammad Shakeel Munir, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry in his welcome address said that close liaison between CDA and ICCI was very important to facilitate the business community in business promotion. He said that Chairman CDA along with Pres-



ident ICCI should re-start visits of markets to address their key issues and focus on their better development. He hoped that Member (Estate) CDA would play a role to address the issues highlighted by the members of ICCI Real Estate & Developers Committee. Ch. Muhammad Masud, Convener, ICCI Real Es-

tate & Developers Committee highlighted the key issues being faced by the business community of property and real estate sector including property transfer, issuance of NDC within time, NOC requirement for property transfer to family members and urged that property transfer letter should be issued on the same day. Jamshaid Akhtar Sheikh Senior Vice President ICCI, Muhammad Eajz Abbasi, Ashfaq Chatha and other members of Committee also highlighted various issues of real estate sector including lease renewal issue of commercial and industrial properties and offered useful suggestions for their resolution.

Family of John Snorri calls on Alvi

ISLAMABAD: Family members of late Icelandic mountaineer John Snorri Sigurjonsson called on President Dr Arif Alvi here on Wednesday. During a meeting here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, the president expressed his condolence on the death of late mountaineer, who died while attempting a K2 summit push during February 2021 along with Pakistani and Chilean mountain climbers, Ali Sadpara and Juan Pablo Mohr. The family members in-

cluded widow Lina Moey, daughter and sisters of late Snorri, the President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release. On the occasion, Canadian filmmaker and adventurer Elia Saikaly was also present.

The president observed that late John Snorri was a renowned mountaineer and passionate about the sports. The Icelandic also played a very active role in the promotion of mountaineering, he added. – **APP**

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Iran supports COMSTECH activities, says Ali Hosseni

Mr. Hosseni said that Iran and Pakistan are two brotherly countries and have deep religious, cultural and historical ties and have been living together in peace and friendship for more than 7 decades

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ISLAMABAD: COMSTECH in collaboration with Inter-Islamic Network of Science and Technology Parks in Iran inaugurated two-day International advanced training course on Intellectual property, at COMSTECH on Wednesday.

The inaugural session of the training was presided by the H. E. Mr. Seyed Mohammad Ali Hosseni, the Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran. He said the goal of COM-STECH is to help in promoting of bilateral and multilateral relations of Islamic countries in the development of science and technology and scientific capacity building, the important steps have been taken and there is a long way to go.

Mr. Hosseni said that Islamic world is full of talent and human capital which needs to be tapped for the development of Islamic world. He said that Islamic Republic of Iran always supports COM-STECH activities and hosts COM-STECH Networks in the fields of intellectual property and virtual universities of Islamic world. Mr. Hosseni said that intellectu-

al property rights preserve and



protect the right to benefit from thought and creativity and transform it into economic value. He said maintaining the ownership and rights are particularly important for the development of regional trade. He suggested that the Islamic countries should consider it as one of the main prerequisites for the development of regional trade. Mr. Hosseni said that Iran and Pakistan are two brotherly countries and have deep religious, cultural and historical ties and have been

living together in peace and friendship for more than 7 decades. The Coordinator General COMS-TECH, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary said in his welcome speech that I feel proud to welcome the Chief Guest, H. E. Ambassador Hosseini. He said this advanced course is jointly being organized by COMSTECH and Inter-Islamic Network on Science and Technology Park (INSTP), Iran. He said INSTP is one the thir-

teen networks, established by

COMSTECH General Assembly. I am pleased to report here that Islamic Republic of Iran hosts three of these networks which are contributing towards the science and technology development of the OIC region.

Prof. Choudhary said that Innovation in technology is moving very fast and a credible intellectual property system is a powerful stimulus to such innovation. The protection of intellectual property rights (IPRs) greatly influences in11 criminals arrested: drug and weapons recovered

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital territory police have arrested 11 accused involved in various crimes from different areas of the city and recovered stolen valuables, drugs and weapons from their possession, a Police Public Relation officer said. According to the details, ICT Police continued crackdown against criminal elements involved in illegal activities. During the crackdown Golra police team apprehended a bootlegger namely Abdul Shakoor and recovered Nine liter liquor from his possession.

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trial sector as well in research and

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and technologists if they have the

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tect their IPRs both nationally and

internationally to translate them

into saleable products and services

He said that IPRs is now the back-

bone of global trade and business

veloping countries have paid 340

A large portion of innovation of

developing world is either wasted

policies and practices. He said

that nations and individuals build

their capacity to protect their in-

tellectual capitals and use them

for socio economic development.

The Ambassadors of Yemen, Iraq

and Sudan participated in the in-

augural session along with the

participants from Uzbekistan,

Malaysia and Iran. Over 300 par-

ticipants, including over 230 on-

line participants from some 11

countries, are participating in this

important event.

for socio-economic development.

Likewise, a Karachi company police team arrested drug peddler Mangal Khan and recovered 1740 gram hashish from his possession. Lohi Bher police team arrested two accused namely Jamshed and Rasib Baloch and recovered 1680 gram hashish and one 30 bore pistol with ammunition from their possession.

Similarly, Shehzad Town police team arrested four accused namely Shoaib, Sajid, Muhammad Yousaf and Muzafar Zia and recovered four 30 bore pistols with ammunition from their possession. Khanna police arrested an accused namely Maqsood Hussain and recovered one 9mm pistol from his possession.

Moreover, Sabzi Mandi police team arrested tow accused namely Muhammad Azad and Tufail for possessing illegal weapon and recovered one 30 bore pistol with ammunition from their possession. Noon Police arrested an accused Khair Ullah and recovered stolen

valuables from him. Cases have been registered against the nominated accused and further investigation is underway. Islamabad Capital Territory police have accelerated its efforts against criminal elements in the city to curb the crime and to save





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ence here, she said due to recent floods in the province over 5000 livestock and houses were completely damaged, whereas partially loss occurred to

Out of total 220 disconnected roads, around 185 have been restored while

was in progress. Likewise, the rains also damaged 44 bridges out

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi in a group photo with the family of the late mountaineer Mr John Snorri Sigurjonsson, who died on K2 in 2021, at Aiwan-e-Sadr. - DNA

Six suspects held during search and combing operation

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital police conducted a search and combing operation in the jurisdiction of Khanna police station, a police public relations officer said. He said that, following the special directives of IGP Islamabad Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, search and combing operations are being conducted in different areas of the city, to ensure the safety and security of the Islamabad citizens.

Following these orders, a search and combing operation was conducted in the Khanna area by local police, CTD and Quick reaction teams under the supervision of DSP CTD. During the search operation 90 houses, 70 suspects, 08 vehicles and 12 motorbikes were checked. Six suspects were shifted to the police station for verification; moreover, arm ammunition was recovered.

IGP Islamabad said that the purpose of the search and combing operations was to heighten the security in the Federal capital. All zonal officers were directed to continue these operations in their respective areas. Citizens are also requested to cooperate with police during checking. – DNA

Iran's regional policy under transformation, experts

DNA

ISLAMABAD: The Institute of Regional Studies organised a 1 day International Conference titled, Neighbourhood Iran's Policy: Understanding the Multipronged East-West Approach. Fraz Naqvi from IRS opened the Conference on the note that it was faulty to contend that Iran was only consumed with its western side, i.e., the Middle East. He said that the changing geopolitical scenario, had placed Iran in a position where

families of the people who

it had to simultaneously focus on its westward and eastward policy. The conference featured international speakers and aimed at highlighting Iran's role in its East and West. Dr. Abdolrasool Divsallar while speaking on

Iranian policy in the Persian Gulf stated that the mind-set in Tehran was mostly dominated by the security threats that Iran received while its behavior in the Persian Gulf was influenced by those security threats. He added that Iran had designed its policies in the Persian

Gulf through three means, i.e., diplomatic balancing, strategic deterrence, and countering the exclusion approach by the US along with its regional allies.

Mr. Satar Jabbar Rehman argued that the bureaucracy of the bourgeoisie was controlling Iran, which included religious leaders. The existence of the US forces in the Middle East made Iran vulnerable in security terms. He further stated that both Iran and the US were responsible for the instability in the region. The increased utilization of militias, both directly and indirectly, was

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webinar today ISLAMABAD: The National Productivity Organization (NPO) is going to organize a webinar on 'Commercial Safety Management (CSM)'

culture, and visa and travel requirements. - DNA

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Elaborating the legal per-

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Dr. Mani Mehrabi from

Iran discussed Iran's shift

towards geo-economic and

its interdependent region-

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on July 28 (Thursday). CSM's primary goal is to keep a firm afloat and ultimately to drive it to success. Other objectives of webinar include improving efficiency and quality, minimizing costs, optimizing delivery and distribution, and providing the best possible experi-

ence to your customers. The webinar will provide information about mission and vision, CSM overview, pillars of CS, risk assessment, legal aspects, company reputation, talent creation and development, and behavioral model, according to NPO document.

The webinar will be a combination of open discussions, videos, examples and presentation. The programme has been designed for senior management, middle management, team leaders, supervisors, warehouse staff and sales staff. - APP

Motorists face crackdown on tinted windows

RAWALPINDI: Traffic Wardens of City Traffic Police (CTP) Rawalpindi have been directed to accelerate the ongoing campaign against owners of vehicles with tinted glass. City Traffic Officer (CTO) Rawalpindi Naveed Irshad said that the CTP had launched a special campaign against the violators. adding that strict action was being taken against people driving tinted glass vehicles. Black papers were also being removed on the spot. Such actions were being taken in view of the law and order situation, he said. He said that all the wardens, beat in-charges, sector

in-charges and the deputy thority was also directed for immediate restoration and repair of the structures affected by the rains, she maintained. - APP

'Monsoon rains: 105 died in Balochistan' "The Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo released Rs. 92.4 million for the families of rain victims and deceased persons," she said"

ISLAMABAD: At least 105 people died, 61 injured whereas over 1000 have been displaced due to torrential rains and flash floods in Balochistan, spokesperson Farah Azeem Shah said on Wednesday. Addressing a press confer-

over 7000 houses.

work on restoration of 34

of which 38 were restored. Different types of machinery including loaders, tractors, excavators was also deployed in the field to carry out relief operation There was no loss occurred to major dams, however 1020 small dams were damaged on which

rehabilitation work underway, she maintained. Sharing details of relief measures taken by the Balochistan government, she said the provincial government continued relief operation in the rain-affected districts by utilising all available resources.

Farah Shah praised the initiative of the provincial



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She noted that Kech, Turbat Lasbela and Jhal Magsi were the most affected areas. Roads were disconnected, however, after provision of helicopter by the Pakistan Army and the provincial government the relief operations were being carried out on war footing. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), district adminisments were pursuing the relief and rescue operations in the rain-affected areas to rent emergency situation,

she added. The Balochistan spokesperson categorically stated that the provincial government would not compromise on relief and rehabilitation of the catastro-

'The government is trying its best to provide all possible relief to the rain-hit people by shifting them to safer places," she said, adding the civil administration was making all out efforts to provide tents, ration and medical facilities to the affectees. The National Highways Au-

superintendents of police (DSPs) had been directed to take strict action against the violators without any discrimination. - APP

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Shabbir Shah scripting new history of resistance

ISLAMABAD: The Jammu and Kashmir Democrate ic Freedom Party (DFP) has said that by facing the continued illegal detention with resolve, its Chairman, Shabbir Ahmad Shah, was scripting a new history of resistance against India's Illegal Occupation of Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

The DFP in a statement issued in Srinagar saluted Shabbir Ahmad Shah's resolve to lead the ongoing freedom movement, despite facing political victimization of the Indian government. It said in his 67 years of his life, Shabbir Shah had to spend 36 years in prisons, detention and interrogation centers within and outside the Kashmir Valley because of his political beliefs.

"Shabbir Shah has become icon of the ongoing movement by completing 36 years in prison from time to time and five consecutive years of captivity in the notorious Tihar jail," it said, Kashmir Media Service reported. The statement maintained that being a strong advocate of Kashmiris' right to self-determination, Shabbir Shah had always sought a peaceful settlement of the Kashmir dispute in line with UN Security Council resolutions. It said he never accepted India's illegal hold on Kashmir and he never

changed that ideology. The DFP said Shabbir Shah had chosen the path of struggle as his way of living and he was steadfastly writing a new history of political resistance. It said, despite suffering from multiple acute ailments, Shabbir Shah stood firm and undeterred on his stance while enduring the unendurable in the prison. It deplored that the jail authorities were not providing the DFP chief the necessary medical facilities which he needed urgently. The DFP said his health condition had deteriorated in the prison during the past five years. It urged the world human rights bodies to take cognizance of the matter and play their due role to ensure safety and early release of Shabbir Shah and other Kashmiri prisoners languishing in different jails of IIOJK and India. - APP



ISLAMABAD: Delegation of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation calls on Federal Minister Shazia Marri at BISP Headquarters. - DNA

Noam Chomsky warns South Asians about their future Pakistan should start the journey to free itself from colonial legacy clutches

MAHNOOR ANSAR

ISLAMABAD: For Pakistan to start a new journey on the right track, first of all, it has to get itself free from the clutches of colonial legacy and institutions, said Professor Noam Chomsky - an American linguist, philosopher, cognitive scientist, social critic, political activist and also known as "the father of modern linguistics." Chomsky was in the 'PIDE Debate' conversation with Dr. Abdul Jalil, Professor of Economics at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad.

When asked about his views on the reasons behind Pakistan's sad state of affairs; on the economic front in particular, and where should be the starting point for Pakistan to reset with the current circumstances.

Chomsky started by mentioning multiple factors: country-specific, impeding growth, pluralism, openness within the society, and of course, development. Pakistan, over the decades, has been pushed

rationality. In parallel, it is in constant conflict with India. So, these are the biggest roadblocks for Pakistan on the road to development. Nonetheless, these things are not only Pakistan-specific. The United States is also feeling the heat of religious extremism in recent years very unusual for a western country. This phenomenon is also gradually squeezing the space for cultural and intellectual development in the US.

According to the Press Release issued by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Noam Chomsky mentioned that Pakistan is in a complicated position, as it has one foot in China and the other in America/West. Still, it can move with a degree of independence. However, Pakistani and India have to move towards a point of accommodation and constructive cooperation, and there is no other way. This may sound utopian now, but it may happen. It has happened in the past. Take, for instance, the case of France and Germany. Both, for centuries, massacred each other. Now both are cooperating. The conversation between Professor Noam

Chomsky and Dr. Jalil is part of the series of podcasts that PIDE regularly generates, with experts from around the world on various economic, governance, and public policy issues. Chomsky believed that there is an inherent ambiguity when talking about intellectual honesty and responsibility. First of all, we should know what our moral responsibility as human beings is. Secondly, what service is expected of them within the existing power systems? I would mention Henry Kissinger here. He clearly identified that a polity intellectual's role is to formulate the ideas of the powerful in a clear and applicable form. In simple words, it means to be a stenographer for power. In contrast, there is a moral responsibility to be truthful and honest, certain values we should uphold. and so on. If you look at the history of intellectuals, almost all of them happened to be on the first side. They were in the chambers of power instead of being the critics. Those who had and have questioned have suffered and were dismissed to the margins, enunciated Professor Chomsky.

itself free from the clutches of colonial legacy and institutions. Look at the history. To quote a few examples, Egypt at one time was equivalent to the US in terms of resources and development. The same is true for some parts of Africa, which were at par with Japan. Later, these two were colonized, extractive institutions were plugged in, and the rest was history.

On the other hand, the US escaped English control and its institution, becoming a vibrant state and society. Secondly, there is a need to tackle religious extremism. Thirdly, Islamabad and New Delhi have to chalk out a cooperation framework to move forward towards a point where there is convergence on most of the mutual domains of concern. I impress upon a sense of urgency here, as South Asia will be an unlivable region a few years down the lane. Temperatures are already rising, glaciers are melting, poverty and vulnerability are a serious concern, and water wars may soon erupt between the two. So, better for them to cooperate and complement rather than compete with each

Nation indebted of martyred troops: Alvi

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday said the nation would remain indebted to those who laid down their lives for the security of the homeland. In his message on the martyrdom anniversary of Captain Muhammad Sar-

war (Nishan-e-Haider), the president paid tribute to the brave son of the soil.

He said Captain Muhammad Sarwar sacrificed his life in Kashmir in 1948 while defending the country.

"Captain Muhammad Sarwar Shaheed bravely and gallantly fought the enemies of the country," he said. The president prayed for the elevation of ranks of the soul of Captain Muhammad Sarwar and of all other martyrs. – APP

Israr Tareen inaugurates most modern testing labs

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Defence Production, Muhammad Israr Tareen Wednesday inaugurated the most modern testing labs for standardisation of commercial and military electronic and communication equipment. The minister visited the National Radio Telecommunication Corporation (NRTC), Haripur and inaugurated the latest testing facility, a media release said. On this occasion, Israr Tareen lauded the role and vigorous efforts made by NRTC Engineers for enhancing its capabilities for advancement in technology, innovation and expansion of NRTC capabilities for indigenous manufacturing of electronic equipment.

During the visit, Managing Director NRTC, Brigadier Muhammad Asim Ishaque briefed about major communication and security equipment being manufactured indigenously at NRTC which were being extensivelv used by Pakistan Armed Forces, Law Enforcement Agencies, Federal and Provincial Governments along with export to many friendly countries. The minister was further briefed about the latest technologies be-

Apex Court verdict creates perplexity, says Sherry

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change and Vice President Pakistan Peoples Party Senator Sherry Rehman on Wednesday said the Apex Court's decision has created confusion rather than clarity in the powers of the party chief and parliamentary leader. The minister took to the Twitter to share her thoughts on the Supreme Court verdict on the Deputy Speaker of the Punjab Assembly's ruling for elections of the Chief Minister of Puniab. Sherry wrote. "Political parties have limited representation in the Parliament. The court has given the powers of the party chief to the parliamentary leader and made the party chief subordinate to the parliamentary leader." She queried how could a party have a separate head in the country and a separate head in the parliament. The minister elaborated that the coalition parties were demanding a full bench of the Apex Court to clear this ambiguity. "Judiciary is respected but people are raising questions due to two separate verdicts in one case. - APP

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ISLAMABAD SERENA

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raia Pervaiz Ashraf addressing the inaugural Session of National meet on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals organized by Parliamentary Task Force on SDGs. - APP

SAARC CCI felicitates Elahi on assuming charge of CM Punjab

ISLAMABAD: President SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry Iftikhar Ali Malik on Wednesday warmly felicitated Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi on assuming the portfolio of Chief Minister Puniab. In his message, he said business community was proud of Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi for being elected democratically by strictly adhering to norms of democracy, supremacy of constitution and rule of law. Iftikhar said he always firmly believed in promotion of democracy besides strengthening of national cohesion, integrity, safeguarding sovereignty and defending the security and frontiers on top priority. He said now entire business community pinned high hopes that ever increasing trade deficit would be clipped to stabilise the crumbling national economy on sound footings. Malik said the only way to address this core issue was to offer another excellent package of incentives to boost the exports manifolds and added that ease of doing friendly business was also a major key factor for sustainable economic growth. He observed Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi with rich diversified experience as chief minister and speaker would contribute towards economic development and do away with red-tape and de-regulations, besides tax reforms focusing on promotion of tax culture in every sphere of life. Iftikhar Ali said all stakeholders must be taken into confidence to tailor viable result-oriented prudent economic policies to accelerate growth and speed up industrialisation across the country. - APP

other. Otherwise, South Asia may not sursmart city projects. vive for long, warned Chomsky.

Gwadar FZ to begin exports next year

ISLAMABAD: In a major development, exports have been set in motion for the first time in Gwadar Free Zone under the backdrop of exemption from all sorts of taxes and custom duties in the Free Zone for a period of 20 years, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday. Along with exports to foreign countries, Gwadar Free Zone (GFZ, both South and North) have also kick-started supplying trade articles and manufacturing items for the local market of Pakistan. Both phenomenal steps aligned with E-Custom (Web based one custom WeBOC) system aim to help Pakistan realize its dream to become a high-performing export-oriented country in international trading landscape Agvon, an enterprise incorporated in Gwadar North Free Zone that deals in fertilizer import and processing claims to export 20,000 tons of potassium sulphate to Pakistani and international markets. It is expected to start its production facility by the start of next year. For this purpose, Agvon has already acquired 10 acres of land and the manufacturing setup is under construction. Moreover, another industry operating in GFZ, HK Sun Corporation will export its consignment to the tariff area in Pakistan. "As per this module, functionalities pertaining to import and export from Gwadar and vice versa that have been introduced include import from abroad to GFZ through transshipment via both Karachi and Gwadar Port, export to tariff area and abroad from GFZ.

Additional modalities are expected to be introduced in the coming week as stated by a document of Pakistan Customs," says a GFZ official.

He said that export from GFZ to tariff area and abroad and vice versa through WeBOC will provide an impetus to the industrialization drive and enhance commercial activities in Gwadar and region. "It will accelerate logistic services as well", he added. - DNA

During the briefing, the role of NRTC being the worldclass information communication technology (ICT) and electronic equipment manufacturer and solutions provider both in the public and private sectors was also highlighted. - APP

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Govt providing special subsidy on basic food items

ISLAMABAD: The government is providing special subsidy on basic food items at utility stores for the facilitation of the poor segments of the society. According to the Spokes person Utility Store Corporation (USC), subsidized items sugar, ghee and flour were available in abundance at all utility stores across the country, special subsidy was being provided on it.

He said that the sugar was being provided at 70 rupees per kg, ghee at 300 rupees per kg and a 10 kg bag of flour at 400 rupees.

While a discount is being given on rice and pulses as well. He said that ample supply of subsidized items had been ensured at all stores across the country, there was no shortage of anything. For the convenience of the people, the supply of these items has been increased at the stores, to avoid rush, the number of counters at big stores has also been increased. The management of Utility Stores Corporation is always striving to provide the best services to the public. – APP

IRSA releases 84764 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD: Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Wednesday released 84764 cusecs water from various rim stations with an inflow of 94618cases. According to the data released by IRSA, the water level in the Jhelum River at Mangla Dam was 1141.45 feet, which was 91.45 feet higher than its dead level of 1.050 feet whereas the inflow and outflow of water was recorded a 44064 and 10000 cusecs respectively.

The release of water at Kala bagh, Taunsa and Sukkur was recorded as 174112, 254125 and 258625 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from the Kabul River, a total of 65300 cusecs of water was released at Nowshera and 94618 released from the Chenab River at Marala. - APP

IT,CS experts assemble at HEC MoPD & SI roundtable The Minister was addressing a roundtable on 'Building Human Capital for Digital Revolution' organized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Industry, and academic diaspora

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Mr. Ahsan Iqbal has called upon the IT experts from academia, industry, and government organizations to jointly work for a holistic development of Pakistan's IT sector. The main thrust of this roundtable was to build human capital for digital revolution in Pakistan by bridging the gap between industry needs and curriculum taught, which ultimately enhance employability of IT graduates, along with help boost IT exports and reduce critical software and systems import bill.

The Minister was addressing a roundtable on 'Building Human Capital for Digital Revolution' organized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Industry, and academic diaspora. The brainstorming session was primarily aimed to garner views of IT experts from academia and industry to

align the IT and Computer Science curricula with industry needs and come up with a pathway for growth of the country's IT sector.

It was attended by a large number of IT professionals, including faculty members and Project Directors of National Centers of Excellence, as well as heads and representatives of local and international IT companies. The speakers made suggestions on how to ensure industry-readiness of the university graduates, build IT and CS faculty capacity to abreast with latest developments and knowledge, strengthen academia-industry linkages, make HEC and National Computing Education and Accreditation Council's regulations more effective, and promote applied research. Forum also suggested to inculcate the applied aspect of IT and CS degree through industry exposure early in graduation and FYP (final year project) must be industry problem-solving oriented.

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal directed for constituting a joint academia-industry working group to define a future of action, assign responsibilities, and set timeframes for various tasks and projects of IT sector all-inclusive development. "We need to ensure that our digital workforce should be a problem solver," he urged. He also emphasized that the Pakistani youth need to be motivated to identify the problems of respective field and put in run of the mill to solve by fully exploiting the IT potential. He underpinned the universities need to not only impart education but also inculcate skills to enable the youth to learn latest techniques, be well-groomed, and have best entrepreneurial and communication skills, which would enable them readily employable.

Highlighting the importance of making progress on the IT frontiers for the country's prosperity, he said that there is a need for uninterrupted execution of plans and policies. He stated that no country can make progress unless it witnesses political stability and continuity of policies. He stressed the need for frequently organizing such sessions and bringing together the academia, industry and IT professionals to keep abreast of the latest trends and develop-

ments in the sector and prepare the country's youth for a digital revolution.

Acting Chairperson/Executive Director HEC Dr. Shaista Sohail affirmed that HEC is cognizant of the ever-changing needs of IT and Computing Sciences education. She stressed the need for keeping a watchful eve on the ever-changing market dynamics and improving the entire ecosystem around IT/CS sector. She held out assurance to the roundtable participants that HEC will always standby and support the IT experts from academia and industry in their efforts to align the curricula of Computing Sciences and related fields with their and the domestic and global market requirements. She enlighten the forum on the mandate of HEC about development of curricula and highlighted the role of National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) and National Curriculum Revision Committees (NCRCs). She said HEC is committed to facilitating all the stakeholders to bring about the change required to keep pace with the world in the IT/ CS sector.

Police arrest 11 gamblers

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi district Police have arrested 11 gamblers and recovered Rs 40,180 stake money, 10 mobile phones and valuables from their possession here on Wednesday, a police spokesman said. He informed that Pirwadhai police conducted a raid and arrested 11 gamblers namely Ghulam Adeel, Aftab, Ramazan, Mehmood, Shabbir, Samiullah, Qaiser, Dawood, Sajjad, Ijaz and Zeeshan.

A case has been registered against all of them while further investigation is under process. – APP

Truss v Sunak

NHE most depressing observation during Monday night's BBC debate between Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss was made before either prime ministerial candidate had spoken. "It is a huge decision," said the host, Sophie Raworth, of the choice facing around 160,000 Conservative party members. "Hardly any of us has a say." Whoever wins the increasingly bad-tempered fight to succeed Boris Johnson in No 10 will be the third successive Tory leader to ascend to the highest office without the inconvenience of a general election. The party membership - older, whiter, more male and more rightwing than the nation at large – holds Britain in its thrall once again. The consequence, as Mr Sunak and Ms Truss seek to outflank each other on the right, is a contest marked by nostalgic posturing and a lamentable lack of seriousness in relation to key challenges

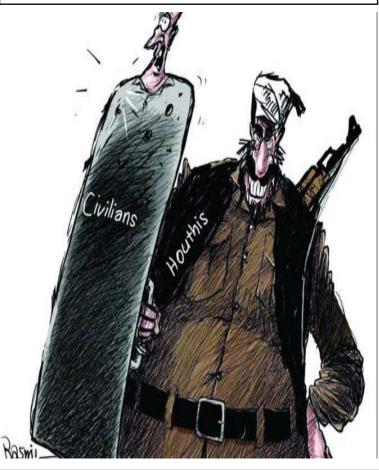
As both candidates seek to present themselves as the reincarnation of the party's Thatcherite tradition, each has implausibly accused the other of unconservative leftwingery. Mr Sunak has alleged that Ms Truss's commitment to massive and immediate tax cuts amounts to socialism. Ms Truss, in Monday's debate, compared the former chancellor to Gordon Brown. Neither claim stands the remotest scrutiny. Mr Sunak is determined to prioritise inflation and deficit-cutting, even at the expense of living standards; Ms Truss promotes the discredited dogma that tax cuts, benefiting primarily the well-off, will automatically fuel growth.

The inadequacy to the times of performative Thatcherism was laid bare by the vacuity of much of the BBC debate. The collective challenge of meeting net zero obligations - highlighted last week by the Cop26 president, Alok Sharma - was reduced to boasts about the Sunak family's zeal for recycling and Ms Truss's personal thriftiness. This week's disturbing report from the House of Commons health and social care select committee, which reported "the greatest workforce crisis" in the NHS's history, was not deemed worthy of attention. Meanwhile, Brexit features only as a contested badge of ideological purity, as Ms Truss seeks to erase the original sin of backing remain, and both candidates make meaningless pledges to unlock mythical benefits. The impression is of a governing party that after 12 years has reached a state of intellectual exhaustion, and aspirant leaders who have returned to default ideological settings. Ms Truss is combining this retro mood music with Brexity boosterism, and an insurgent style that targets Treasury orthodoxy alongside the old enemy in Brussels. Faced with colossal challenges, Britain desperately needs strong, strategic and pragmatic government. But the country remains beholden to the psychodramas, repetitions and nostalgia of a Tory party running on empty. The only consolation for the rest of us is that this dismal private contest for No 10 will surely be the last of its kind before a general election. That cathartic moment cannot come soon enough.

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Monsoon season

HERE appears no sign of relief as Pakistan's largest city continues to be battered by the vicious monsoon season. If issuing flash flood warnings could knock up a series of guardian angels, Climate Minister Sherry Rehman did a fine job by ringing the alarm bells on Sunday but sadly, words-however powerful-remain just words. As many as 15 have died in the latest downpour, wherein rain recorded in a matter of hours overweighed not just days but entire months' worth. Neighbouring Balochistan is silently being washed away under the ferocious might of weather disasters. The already struggling province was caught off-guard when the rains started and going by the skyrocketing death rate, is still quite exposed. The daily routine remains suspended because of irreparable damage incurred to bridges, roads and other linkages. So miserable is the situation on the ground that the Sindh government preferred to shut down Karachi and Hyderabad than risk a greater number of casualties. However, complacency is still the order of the day because the authorities would rather let dead bodies float around in muddy floodwater than get their hands dirty with civic programmes that actually matter. No qualms about the 30-year-record being broken in the country's

south but simply waving hands in helplessness is no viable strategy. That World Bank's repeated word to the wise about infrastructure in Pakistan, especially Karachi. being highly vulnerably to any climate-induced changes has fallen on deaf ears speaks volumes about our priorities. Unless those in power snap out of their pursuit for catchy headlines and front page pictorials, effective reactions to fallen bridges or inundated roads would always take centre-stage. Investing energies in the not-so-exciting drainage system or coming up with a lasting flood map does not win votes and thus, is often pushed to the dusty corners. Over 140 rainwater harvesting systems across the state of New York are a splendid success story that store as much as 1.5 million gallons a year. Bangkok's phenomenal 11-acre park serves the same purpose; with extra brownie points: preventing flooding after powerful storms. More than time and money, such innovative solutions need the political will to bring about a change. Something that cannot be found in cities decried as orphans far and wide.

Child detentions highlight cruelty of Israeli occupation

Yossi Mekelberg

Many in Israel would hasten to dismiss these arguments, claiming that he should not have been involved in terrorism in the first place and, hence, deserves his 12-year sentence, which was later reduced to nineand-a-half years on appeal. Yes, we would all love to

rights, but should always seek to empower and uphold them." Arresting and applying criminal law to Palestinian children as young as 12, and detaining them at times with adults, is a travesty. For those who suffer from life under occupation, resisting it is a badge of honor, mostly through legitimate forms of protest, but sadly also at times by acts of militancy against civilians, as was the case with Manasra. In this tragic environment, rights and wrongs are seen very differently and get muddled. Nevertheless, when children commit an act of violence, this should still be treated with due regard to the cognitive development of a child, not an adult

All cases of the detention of minors are a cause of deep worry, but Manasra's is particularly disturbing as he has been detained for a long time and suffers from serious mental health issues. As the UN experts said in their press release: "Ahmad's imprisonment for almost six years has deprived him of childhood, family environment, protection and all the rights he should have been guaranteed as a child.

In 2015, Israeli security forces arrested 13-year-old Manasra and his 15-year-old cousin Hassan Khalid Manasra in relation to the stabbing of two Israeli citizens in the Israeli settlement of Pisgat Ze'eve in East Jerusalem.

Asking for compassion to be shown to the younger cousin might be misconstrued as an expression of approval of the stabbing of innocent people, especially in this case where one of the victims was a 13-year-old Israeli riding his bicycle. Yet, the details of the case are important in order to understand why keeping Manasra in jail is inhuman and a perversion of justice. His age when he was involved in the attack, the crime for which he was sentenced, and his mental state are obvious reasons for leniency, but so also is the fact that it was his cousin who carried out the stabbings before being shot dead by police. Moreover, before police arrived on the scene the young Manasra was hit by a car, and then viciously assaulted and almost killed by a group of Israelis. In the aftermath of his arrest, according to some videos circulating online, he was ill-treated during his police interrogation, not to mention that the interview was conducted without the presence of a lawyer or any support from family members or social workers. Amnesty International reports that Manasra has been diagnosed with schizophrenia, and is suffering from psychotic delusions and severe depression with suicidal thoughts; hence, jail is no place for him. Spending his teenage years, and now his early adulthood, behind bars and at times in solitary confinement can only exacerbate his problems. Many in Israel would hasten to dismiss these arguments,

claiming that he should not have been involved in terrorism in the first place and, hence, deserves his 12-year sentence, which was later reduced to nine-and-a-half years on appeal. Yes, we would all love to see children of his age go to school, fulfill their potential, and enjoy a happy life with family and friends on their way to adulthood, like any other teenager in a normal country. But nothing about life in the West Bank and Gaza is normal, especially for children who see family members and friends killed, maimed and detained by the forces of the occupation.

No one in their right mind would like to see or would endorse children getting involved in violence or becoming easy targets for extremist indoctrination, and ending up dead, badly injured or detained. Nevertheless, the manner in which Manasra is being treated is fueled by a desire for revenge and shows not the slightest degree of compassion for an individual who is clearly unwell.

At any given time there are between 150 and 200 Palestinian children held by Israel in detention centers and prisons. Most of the detainees have not been convicted of any wrongdoing, but are being held in pre-trial detention. Figures suggest that since 2015 more than 9,000 children, some under 10 years of age, have been detained. In other words, they have already been punished, in what must be a terrifying experience of being arrested by heavily armed soldiers, handcuffed and blindfolded, then put in the back of a van, before being thrown into a detention center. Israel might believe that this kind of treatment punishes and deters those detained and others who might contemplate joining the resistance, but this is clearly not the case: It only fuels anger and hatred. Calling for Manasra's release is not to belittle the pain and hurt caused to the victims of the attack in which he took part, even if he was the lesser culprit. It is about showing humanity, compassion and forgiveness despite his erring as a child, especially one who was subjected to the brutality of passers-by in the aftermath of the stabbing, as well as by those in charge of law and order. Not only has he already been punished, first illegally by a mob, then by harsh interrogation and years in jail, but even if he were to be released today, his road to recovery and any semblance of normal life would be long and arduous. Releasing Manasra would indicate the strength of Israel's society, not its weakness. There must surely be someone in a position of authority who understands this, and is sufficiently wise and compassionate to do the right thing.

Myanmar regime's brutality began long before the coup

Dr. Azeem Ibrahim

The violence perpetrated by the Tatmadaw has deep roots. The same tactics have been part of its genocidal campaign against Rohingva and other ethnic minority groups for years. Now that they are employed against most of the country, old enemies and former allies...

throw in 2021 of the civilian

San Suu Kyi, remnants

of her party, the National

League for Democracy, and

armed groups it is linked

to under the umbrella Peo-

ple's Defense Force, have

been leading a tenacious

resistance against the junta.

Out of the view of much of

the world, the military has

razed villages, murdered

dissidents, and conducted

a campaign of brutality and

savagery in its bid to take

total control of the country.

For months, evidence of

military crimes has trick-

led from Myanmar. These

include claims that when

opponents of the coup took

to the streets, soldiers were

instructed to treat those

holding phones and cam-

eras as combatants, and to

shoot photographers the

moment they attempted to

A BBC investigation, pub-

lished this week, involved

the confessions of members

of the armed forces. They

attest to a military culture

steeped in viciousness. One

defecting soldier, Maung

Oo, described attacks on

villages and monasteries in

May this year, saying: "We

were ordered to round up

all the men and shoot them

dead. The saddest thing was

we had to kill elderly people

A corporal, Aung, told the

BBC that in one attack on a

village, "we also had an or-

der to set fire to every large

and decent house." Descrip-

tions of a "scorched earth"

approach and retaliatory

violence are shocking, but

should come as no surprise.

This is the same policy

pursued and pioneered by

the Tatmadaw in other con-

flicts, most notably against

Since 2017, when the army

began its most recent at-

tempts to drive the Rohing-

va. a Muslim minority and

long-time second-class citi-

zens of Myanmar, out of the

country, its tactics have not

changed. Then and since,

the military entered Ro-

hingya villages in Rakhine

state, razing buildings, kill-

ing indiscriminately, com-

mitting sexual violence and

looting. These attacks were

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protesters,

see children of his age go to school, fulfill their potential, and enjoy a happy life with family and friends on their way to adulthood...

CALL last week by a group of UN human rights experts urging the Israeli government to release Ahmad Manasra, a 20-year-old Palestinian who has been languishing in Israeli prisons since he was 14, brought to light that within the broader picture of the harshness and cruelty of Israel's occupation and blockade of Palestinian lands and people, there are elements that are even darker and crueller.

Under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, a child means every human being under the age of 18. However, this might challenge the justice systems in many countries regarding the age at which criminal responsibility should be set. Moreover, the UN body working for children in danger, UNICEF, rightly argues that "youth justice processes and practices should never operate to undermine children's

Courtesy: Arab News

OR over a year, mem-bers of the Tatmad-aw. the M Rohingya out of the country as possible, precipitating a major refugee crisis - the military, have been fighting consequences of which are a civil war against the counstill evident. try's people. After the over-

Ironically, the military's 2017 campaign against government led by Aung the Rohingya was carried out while Suu Kyi and the NLD were in government, and was either minimized or justified by her and by many NLD politicians. Suu Kyi's Facebook page even declared sexual violence against the Rohingya, a known tactic of the military, an epidemic of "fake rape." In the war since 2021, as the BBC investigation reveals, the military has also carried out a campaign of sexual violence. Defecting soldiers deny that they were involved, but claim that it was pursued by the military as vengeance for villages' apparent support for the PDF. The BBC spoke to some of the women who were attacked, and they attest to the violence they suffered. The military's seizure of power has forged new alliances. Members of minority ethnic groups, including in Shan and Rakhine states, who had been violently attacked while the NLD was in government, now ally with and train the PDF in its

> battle with the Tatmadaw. Rohingya and other ethnic groups were classed as "terrorists" by the military after 2017, with the label used to justify violence against them, even as the international community, and international courts, began to investigate and indict the regime for commission and complicity with acts of genocide. Now the military, in denying the BBC report, once again declares that, contrary to evidence, it has never attacked civilian populations. Instead, a spokesman said that all it has done is fight "terrorists" - the same terrorists who until recently were in the military's approved government.

> The violence perpetrated by the Tatmadaw has deep roots. The same tactics have been part of its genocidal campaign against Rohingya and other ethnic minority groups for years. Now that they are employed against most of the country, old enemies and former allies are uniting to oppose the brutality of the military, as it attempts once again to consolidate power on the back of instrumentalized violence. - Courtesy: Arab News

Is an indictment of Donald Trump in the works?

Fawaz Turki

"Our institutions are not in robust health and are ill-equipped to withstand the intense turbulence that would result from prosecuting the political champion of millions of people. The case would drag on for years, with perhaps multiple appeals reaching to the Supreme Court

O president throughout the 246-year history of the American Republic has ever been indicted of a federal crime, yet in today's America millions of Americans now believe – given that more and more powerful proof of violations of federal law by Donald J. Trump continues to emerge from the historic hearings held by the Jan. 6 select committee in the US Congress - that the former president should be indicted and sundry legal experts speculate that he would be.

Let's face it, indicting, prosecuting and finally convicting a president in a court of law is a traumatic experience for a nation to endure, the kind that can gnaw away at the collective psyche of a people like a raw wound - and continue to do so for a generation or more after the fact.

And beyond the trauma, there is the danger, as in the case of the of the United States, of further polarisation in a society already more polarised today than it had ever been, even during the anti-communist hysteria of the McCarthy era, the political and civil unrest of the Sixties and the Watergate scandal, the latter spanning its own equally historic hearings in Congress that finally resulted in the resignation of President Richard Nixon, who was later escaped by a hair criminal charges after his successor in the White House granted him a presidential pardon – much to the chagrin of many an American at the time.

No charges, of course, have yet been filed against Donald Trump by the Justice Department, the only branch of government authorised by law to do so. The select committee, which held its 8th and last summer hearing last week, cannot file criminal charges, though it can – and most likely will in this case – refer its findings to the US Attorney General for consideration. Yet a road map for un unprecedented act in American history may already be getting drawn: Charging a former president with criminal intent, in this case, sedition. Social critics in the media appear divided over the wisdom of such an act, with some arguing that the question is not whether Trump "deserves" but whether he "should" be indicted. And the answer they give is that he should not - and not because he's innocent but because of the heavy cost in political and social turmoil the court proceedings would exact on the country.

Richard Lowry, editor of National Review, wrote a piece in Politico soon after the select committee had completed its first hearing where he claimed that, while the conduct of the former president of the United States was "atrocious" and likely "unlawful", members of the congressional panel would make a mistake to pressure the Justice Department to pursue an indictment.

"If you believe that an indictment of the most likely candidate to run against Joe Biden in 2024 by the [incumbent] president's own Justice Department would be considered anything but a political travesty by about half of the country, you haven't been paying attention", opined Lowry.

"Our institutions are not in robust health and are illequipped to withstand the intense turbulence that would result from prosecuting the political champion of millions of people. The case would drag on for years, with perhaps multiple appeals reaching to

the Supreme Court. It would ensure a political and legal melodrama that would keep Trump front and centre even if he decides to retire to a quiet life of golfing at Mar-a-Lago'

Other critics, who want to see Trump in court – along with every schmo wearing a tacky, red MAGA hat who vandalised the US Capitol, scared the bejesus out of legislators, ran after Vice President Mike Pence with intent to inflict grievous harm on him, and in search of House Speaker Nancy Peloso, with similar intent, all the while hollering in the hallways of the citadel of American democracy, "Nancy, where are you, Nancy?" – have a different take on the issue: Show the man and the mob he had incited to riot no mercy, and the devil with consequences. Crime warrants punishment.

In an opinion piece in Time magazine, Barbara McQuade, former US Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Chuck Rosenberg, former US attorney and Drug Administration chief, wrote, also in June, "At the time that Trump allegedly engaged in these offences, he was the president of the United States, constitutionally bound to take care that the laws be faithfully executed. Instead, he pushed baseless lies and conspiracy theories that badly damaged our democracy in order to advance his personal and political interests. And because the United States holds itself out as a model of democracy, his own conduct violated not only his duty to the American people, but also his obligation as leader of the free world".

Other critics still, like James Doyle, columnist for Crime report, has argued that in fact Donald Trump should not be tried at all - not because he's "above' the law but rather because he's "beneath" it". If Donald J. Trump ends up in a court of law, sitting at the defence table, flanked by his lawyers, waiting for judgement by a jury of his peers, it will be a judgement call about the nature - and perhaps even the fate - of American democracy itself. And given the putatively leading role the US plays in the global dialogue of cultures, the nature as well as the fate of that democracy should be of concern to the rest of the world, including that part of it Arabic-speaking people inhabit.

- Courtesy: Gulf News

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market competitiveness. In other hand, Pakistan can be like golden gate for our products to enter seaports of Karachi, Kassim and Gwadar. Currently both country's authorities are working on the Draft TTA. We expected to signing of that by the end of this year. 'For a country like Kazakhstan, trade agreements especially with less distant countries can prove to be beneficial. Nevertheless, without establishing banking channels and currency exchange issues, exporters and importers will remain hesitant for entering into this market. Nowadays Embassy working to solve all issues. These measures aims to help business environment work easily'.

While talking about the cultural cooperation Ambassador Kistafin said Almaty hosted the International "Al-Farabi – Iqbal" forum organized jointly by the International Turkic Academy, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University and the COM-STECH during May 26-27. The forum conducted plenary sessions on "Iqbal's Philosophy: Past, Present, and Future", "The Global Impact of Iqbal's Philosophy and Poetry", and "The Chal-lenges of the 21st Century and Technology".

'At present time I can constant that both countries have lack pieces of information about each other. And such events are essential in the current time for understanding and establishing strong cooperation. I would like to especially thank Iqbal Chaudhry Coordinator General of COMSTECH and Senator Walid Iqbal, the grandson of great Pakistani poet Allama Iqbal, for making that conference a great success'. He said, 'we are working on showing Kazakh movies on your channels; trying to organize a good collaboration to record a musical duet between musicians from our countries. Taking this opportunity I would like to mention that we are looking for a Sitar player for that event and be glad to invite a Pakistani musician'. Nultural cooperation in our framework contributes to the creation of a positive outlook and stimulates the expansion of various interactions. All these efforts lead to a strengthening of mutual understanding. Our task is to create a strong core for various cooperation between Kazakhstan and Pakistan and the cultural field is one of the main basis for that, he added. About his recent trip to Baluchistan he said, Yes, it is true that he happened to be the first Kazakh ambassador to visit Baluchistan province. 'During my visit I met with the Acting Governor of the province besides visiting some of leading universities there. I am sure in the coming days Baluchistan will be the most developed areas in the region'. The deep Sea Gwadar port, he added, CPEC and presence of abundance of natural resources have enhanced the importance of the province. We are looking forward to exploring avenues of cooperation in the Baluchistan province, Ambassador Kistafin concluded.

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Pervez Elahi the new chief minister of Punjab and removing PML-N's Hamza Shahbaz from the office, calling the ruling of the deputy speaker of the Punjab Assembly during the CM's election "illegal". Moreover, the SC had also rejected the coalition government's petition to form a full court to hear the case. The prime minister said that justice should be equal for everyone, and added: "I respect the judiciary but one has to speak the truth on the floor of the National Assembly. The judiciary cannot treat me differently from someone else."

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was held during the meeting, followed by consultations on cabinet formation in Punjab. The meeting also pondered over inducting 25 ministers in the Punjab cabinet in the first phase. Dr Shahbaz Gill was also present in the meeting. Meanwhile, in a tweet posted on Wednesday, Imran Khan said "I want to thank the nation for coming out spontaneously last evening in support of the SC decision upholding Constitution & the Law. Tonight I will address our people at 10:00pm giving them our way forward for a sovereign Pakistan." Pervaiz Elahi had been sworn in as new Punjab chief minister at President's House at about 2:00 am last night.

Indonesia, Japan agree to intensify multisectoral ties Kishida and Jokowi are also encouraging more intensive co-op on decarbonization

efforts and energy sector to create a zero-emission Asian community

JAKARTA: Indonesia and Japan agreed to boost various forms of cooperation in the maritime, investment, environment, and energy sectors during a state visit conducted by Indonesian President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) to the East Asian country.

"To strengthen peace and security in the maritime area surrounding Indonesia, I have conveyed to President Joko Widodo that Japan will further support the improvement of (Indonesia's) maritime capabilities," Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida remarked while welcoming the Indonesian president at his office in Tokyo, Japan, as quoted from a statement received here on Wednesday.

The prime minister said his side's support was also apparent from the implementation of a review on the cooperation for the granting of patrol boats being conducted currently. "We also welcome the memorandum of cooperation on the maritime security sector that has been signed," he affirmed. In addition, the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force will participate in the Garuda Shield multilateral joint military exercise held in Indonesia in August 2022, he stated. "Hence, we expect that the two countries'

security cooperation, including (knowl-



edge) exchanges in the defense sector, can be increased," he remarked. Furthermore, Indonesia and Japan agreed

to collaborate in the infrastructure sector. "I have conveyed to President Joko Widodo that we are processing (to provide) a loan worth approximately 43.6 billion (US\$318.3 million) for the (development of) disaster mitigation facilities and the completion of the Peusangan Hydropow-

er Plant," Kishida revealed. Kishida and Jokowi are also encouraging more intensive cooperation on decarbonization efforts and the energy sector to create

a zero-emission Asian community. "We (the Japanese government) also laud many Japanese companies that are starting to invest a lot in Indonesia for the development of energy, automotive industry, food, as well as start-up sectors," the prime minister stated.

Kishida said the courtesy call he had paid to the president in Jakarta in April 2022 and the visit conducted by Jokowi to Japan on Wednesday (July 27, 2022) reflected the close relations between the two countries. Kishida and Jokowi also discussed the latest developments in the Indo-Pacific region, concrete collaboration in realizing the ASE-AN outlook on the Indo-Pacific, as well as cooperation ahead of the 2022 G20 Summit. During the visit, the president was accompanied by Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto, Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Investment Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, Foreign Affairs Minister Retno Marsudi, State Secretary Minister Pratikno, State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Minister Erick Thohir, Investment Minister Bahlil Lahadalia, as well as Indonesian Ambassador to Japan Heri Akhmadi.

Bad light interrupts as Pak battle to save match

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Addressing the public, through a televised speech, Khan said that [coalition governthey "disrespected the ment] public" by considering them as "sheep and goats' on which they tried imposing "corrupt people." The former prime minister recalled that when PTI gave announced Azadi March on May 25, "they [coalition government] made all efforts to create hurdles for the families that came out to support the "Haqeeqi Azadi." "Today I want to thank the people and the Almighty that despite all the circumstances the people came out rather than staying at home because of the fear," he said, adding that he is glad that the people of Pakistan have started becoming a nation now.

GALLE: Pakistani opener Imam-ul-Haq complained about lack of vision followed by umpires calling off play on day 4 of the second Test due to bad light.

Imam alongside skipper Babar Azam was rebuilding Pakistan's innings after the visitors lost Abdullah Shafique earlier. The duo scored 47 runs together to help Pakistan score 89-1 followed by stumps.

Imam (46*) and Babar (26*) will resume Pakistan's runchase on day 5, with 419 runs behind the target.

Abdullah's early dismissal forced Pakistan to walk out at Tea with 71-1 on the scoreboard, needing 437 more runs to win. In search of wickets, under control Sri Lanka got rid of Abdullah who went down the pitch for a big hit but misread the delivery to end up giving a catch. Dunith Wellalage took a well-judged

catch off Prabath Jayasuriruns to win second Test here on Wednesday. ya to remove Abdullah who scored fighting 160 runs in

Dhananjaya (109) stood firm the previous game to win after his well-set partnership with skipper Dimuth Abdullah scored just Karunaratne was broken be-16 runs including three fore Lunch. The right-handremove the well-set batter. After Dhananjaya's wicket, skipper Karunaratne de-

clared their innings. Karunaratne and Dhananjaya drove Sri Lanka to a commanding position at Lunch on fourth day.

The left-right-hand combination added 126 runs in morning session before Karunaratne was removed by Nauman Ali. Abdullah Shafique took a blinder at short leg as the skipper had to walk off after scoring 61. Sri Lanka walked off at 297-7 on Lunch. Dhananjaya was leading the charge despite losing his well-set partner Karunaratne. The right-handed batter remained not out for 84 runs as Sri Lanka went for Lunch with a strong lead of 444 runs. Dunith Wellalage got out after scoring 18 runs and it brought in number nine batter Ramesh Mendis. He remained not out for eight at lunch. Nauman Ali and Mohammad Nawaz bagged a wicket each in the first session.

Neymar to be tried over irregularities

MADRID: Neymar is due to face trial in October over alleged irregularities in his transfer to Barcelona, judicial sources said on Wednesday. The Brazilian international, his parents and former Barcelona presidents Sandro Rosell and Josep Maria Bartomeu will be tried for alleged corruption related to the forward's move from Santos to Barcelona in 2013. Rosell and Bartomeu will also face fraud charges in the trial which is scheduled to take place from October 17 to 31. Neymar left Barcelona for Paris Saint-Germain in 2017 for a world-record 222 million euros, but it is his move from boyhood club Santos to Barca which has caused controversy.

The case stems from a complaint by Brazilian group DIS, the former owner of a percentage of the player's rights. Barcelona officially said the transfer cost 57.1 million euros (\$63.6 million), with 40 million euros going to Neymar's family and 17.1 million to Santos, but Spanish prosecutors later said it actually cost at least 83.3 million euros. DIS, which received 6.8 million of the 17.1 million euros paid to Santos, have alleged that Barca and Neymar joined forces to hide the real amount of the transfer. The prosecution has requested a two-year prison sentence for Neymar, but he has insisted he was only focused on football and that he blindly trusted his father, who is also his agent.

Bartomeu took over the Barcelona presidency from his good friend Rosell, after the latter resigned in January 2014 as he faced charges of corruption over the trans-

boundaries. Skipper Babar Azam joined Imam-ul-Haq at the crease and both the batters fought hard to pass the session. Dhananjaya de Silva scored his ninth Test hundred as Sri Lanka set Pakistan to chase 508

the match for Pakistan.

ed batter stood with tail enders to help Sri Lanka post 360-8(d) in second innings, taking a lead of 507 runs. Dhananjaya misread the call on the other end and Yasir Shah threw on the target to smash stumps to fer. In 2020, Barcelona said they had been cleared by the Court of Arbitration for Sport over claims of fraud. A document in 2020 showed Neymar owed more unpaid tax than any other individual on a Spanish authorities' blacklist. The tax office refused to say whether Neymar's presence on that list was linked to his transfer from Santos to Barcelona. Neymar has also been in trouble with Brazilian tax authorities, being fined for tax evasion in Brazil.

Ronaldo doesn't fit 'philosophy': Kahn Russia...

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On Tuesday, EU countries approved a weakened emergency plan to curb gas demand after striking compromise deals to limit cuts for some countries. hoping lower consumption will ease the impact in case Moscow stops supplies altogether.

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security and stability; and creating a framework for effective cooperation in the political sphere, trade and economy, culture, science and technology, education, energy, transportation and connectivity, tourism, and environmental protection

BERLIN: Bayern Munich chief executive Oliver Kahn said on Wednesday that making a move for Cristiano Ronaldo in the transfer market would not fit the club's "philosophy". Manchester United striker Ronaldo reportedly wants to leave the club he rejoined last year, although new Red Devils manager Erik ten Hag has insisted the five-time Ballon d'Or winner is not for sale.

Ronaldo arrived back at Old Trafford on Tuesday ahead of talks with Ten Hag over his future. But Europe's top clubs, including Bayern, have not been scrapping for the Portuguese star's signature. "We discussed this topic - otherwise we wouldn't be doing our job properly," Kahn told German daily Bild. "Personally, I think Cristiano Ronaldo is one of the greatest-ever footballers. But we came to the conclusion that, despite the esteem that we hold him in, he wouldn't have fitted our philosophy at the moment."

The 37-year-old Ronaldo only has one year left on his contract with United, but is reportedly desperate to play in the Champions League. Man United struggled last season and could only qualify for the Europa League after finishing sixth in the Premier League.

Bayern saw Robert Lewandowski leave for Barcelona earlier this month and Tottenham coach Antonio Conte has complained that the Bavarians have been trying to entice England captain Harry Kane to move to the Bundesliga champions. "Harry Kane is an excellent striker who is under contract with Tottenham," said former Bayern goalkeeper Kahn. - DNA



MINSK: Pakistan ambassador to Belarus Sajjad Haider meets Karanik Vladimir, Chairman (Governor) of Grodno Regional Executive Committee. Both sides discussed a range of topics for mutual collaboration. – DNA

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support to the Islamabad Police and Rangers for the maintenance of law and order in the Federal Capital. The minister said the government would also provide funds for the training of 5,000 FC personnel next year. After amendment in the law, the FC could also perform the duties of maintenance of law and order, he said.

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public wrath, which would be unbearable. In his strong-worded reaction on Wednesday, he slammed the Federal Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah for his irresponsible statement threatening that work on imposition of governor's rule started. Farrukh warned that the public's rule has been established in Punjab now; hence those who wanted imposition of governor's rule would not sustain public anger even for two hours.

Juventus, Barcelona draw 2-2 in US friendly

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LOS ANGELES: Ousmane Dembele and Moise Kean scored two goals apiece as Barcelona and Juventus fought to an entertaining 2-2 draw in their US pre-season friendly in Dallas on Tuesday. French winger Dembele fired Barcelona ahead after 34 minutes at the Cotton Bowl, wriggling past Juventus players Juan Cuadrado and Sandro before beating Juve goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny to make it 1-0. But Juventus hit back five minutes later with Colombian wing-back Cuadrado making amends with a pinpoint low cross that found Kean who tapped in past Barcelo-

na goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

Barcelona were soon back in front again, however, and once again the goal came as Dembele punished poor defending. Cuadrado was again at fault, with Dembele skipping past the South American's covering tackle and then cutting past Manuel Locatelli to shoot past Szczesny for a 2-1 lead.

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start to the half, it was Juventus who scored next with Kean tucking away a rebound after deft approach play by Denis Zakaria and Locatelli on 52 minutes. Barcelona came closest to the breakthrough goal, and hit the woodwork twice in a matter of seconds on 68 minutes. Raphina rattled the crossbar with a curling free kick and from the rebound Ansu Fati's curling shot from the edge of the area cannoned back off the post.

That was as close as either side came to breaking the deadlock, while Barcelona's new signing Robert Lewandowski struggled to make much of an impression before being substituted midway through the second half.

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laboratories through USAID to Pakistan's National Institute of Health worth a total of \$4.6 million. These labs will strengthen Pakistan's ability to diagnose COVID-19 and other communicable diseases, especially in remote and underserved areas. Previously, the United States provided Pakistan with more than 1.2 million N95 masks, 96,000 surgical masks, 52,000 protective goggles, one million COVID-19 rapid diagnostic tests, 1,200 pulse oximeters, and 200 ventilators for 64 Pakistani hospitals - all of which has helped save lives and protect people across Pakistan. The U.S. government also trained over 30,000 women health workers across Pakistan on home-based care for COVID-19 patients and established a national network of disease surveillance and response units and teams providing an infrastructure to combat the current pandemic and building resiliency for the future.

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all forums adding his country greatly valued ties with brotherly Pakistan. Both sides determined to further solidify bilateral relations.

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EU foreign policy chief urges revival of Iran nuclear deal

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BRUSSELS: The EU foreign policy chief on Wednesday urged parties to the Iran nuclear deal to accept his latest proposal to revive the agreement. In a guest opinion piece in Britain's Financial Times, Josep Borrell argued that it is high time to restore the Iran nuclear deal in today's current "turbulent times." Over the past 15 months of negotiations. "space for additional significant compromises has been exhausted," he argued.

Borrell said his latest proposal offers "the best possible deal" since it addresses the question of "sanctions lifting as well as the nuclear steps needed to restore" the treaty. Concluding an agreement now would bring significant economic and financial dividends for Iran once the US sanctions are lifted, he said. It would also "strengthen regional and global security" by contributing to non-proliferation if Iran returns to compliance with the deal, he added. The Iran nuclear deal - officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) - was signed in 2015 by Iran, the US, China, Russia, France, the UK, Germany, and the EU. Under the agreement, Tehran committed to limit its nuclear activity to civilian purposes and in return, world powers agreed to drop their economic sanctions on Iran.

Bomb blasts in southern Somalia kill at least 20

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MOGADISHU: At least 20 people including a senior official were killed and several wounded in double explosions in Somalia on Wednesday, a police officer said. The officer in the town of Merca, Lower Shabelle told Anadolu Agency by phone vierca bombing killed more than 13 people, including the town's mayor, Abdullahi Ali Wafow, plus security guards and civilians. Several others who were wounded were taken to hospitals for treatment. Merca, 90 kilometers (55 miles) from the Somali capital Mogadishu, is a major town that houses several African Union peacekeeping mission contingents. The attack took place near the Merca administration headquarters. Abdiasis Mahamed Laftagareen, president of the Southwest State, condemned the suicide bombing and the killing of the mayor, calling him "one of the best civil servants" in the Horn of Africa country. Terrorist group Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility, saying one of its bombers had carried out the attack.



ISLAMABAD: Members of RCCI had a meeting with Former PM Imran Khan in line with campaign for Charter of Economy. Imran Khan agreed to sign a Charter of Economy to be prepared by RCCI. - DNA

Turkish-US negotiations on F-16 deal 'going well': FM

"The F-16 negotiations are going well. The (US) administration's approach on negotiations is very positive," FM Mevlut Cavusoglu said in a televised interview

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ANKARA: Despite challenges in ties, Türkiye's top diplomat on Wednesday said that negotiations are "going well" with the US on an F-16 fighter jet deal. "The F-16 negotiations are going well. The (US) administration's approach on negotiations is very positive," Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said

in a televised interview. After its unfair suspension from the F-35 program, Türkiye has sought to broker a deal with the US for the sales of F-16s and upgrade kits for earlier models of the fighter jet. To help address existing issues between the two countries such as US support for the terrorist group YPG/PKK, sanctions, and the extradition of the ringleader of the Fetullah Terror-

has been established and that the first meeting at the ministerial level was already held in New York. Cavusoglu also stressed that

the "negative atmosphere" seen at the US Congress in recent years has dissipated. An approximately \$6-billion deal would include the sale of 40 newly built F-16V fighter jets and modernization kits for 80 F-16 C/D models that the Turkish Air Forces has in its inventory. In early May, reports appeared on some US news outlets claiming that several lawmakers favor the deal Türkiye paid \$1.4 billion for the fighter jets, but Washington took Ankara out of the program in 2019 because Türkiye purchased the Russian S-400 defense system after its efforts to acquire US Patriot missiles were rebuffed. The US claimed the



its armaments because it would not be integrated into the alliance's systems.

Ankara also repeatedly proposed setting up a commission to resolve the matter. "This (bilateral) cooperation also has strategic impor-

aware of the role Türkiye has taken on recently, and let's hope this awareness is not a temporary one," Cavusoglu added, likely referring to Türkiye's key role in brokering a recent deal on Ukrainian grain shiments.

are continuing and that "a sudden move would come," echoing President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's warning that such an operation will come unexpectedly.

Reminding that the US and Russia the US and Russia failed to keep their promises against terrorist organizations in Syria, Cavusoglu said they are not sincere in their fight against terrorism. In 2019, Russia expressed its commitment to remove the PKK/YPG terrorist organization from the Tal Rifaat and Manbij areas in northwestern Syria after reaching an agreement with Türkiye during Ankara's Operation Peace Spring. Moscow had also promised that the terrorists would be removed from areas up to 30 kilometers (18.6 miles) from the Turkish border un-

also pledged to Türkiye that the PKK/YPG terror group would withdraw from the Operation Peace Spring zone. But neither Moscow nor Washington kept their promises. Responding to a question on the US Central Command openly voicing sympathy for PKK/YPG terrorists, Cavusoglu said it is unacceptable and added that "It is an indication of the insincerity of the US in the fight against terrorism. Terrorist is terrorist."

The US Central Command (CENTCOM) on Sunday praised three PKK/YPG terrorists that were killed in northern Syria on Friday. CENTCOM also extended condolences to the terrorists' families. Türkiye has long criticized US support for the terrorist YPG/PKK. While the US claims it fights Daesh/ISIS terrorists

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WASHINGTON: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met Tuesday with the family of Shireen Abu Akleh, a veteran journalist who was shot dead in May while covering the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for the Al Jazeera news outlet. "Today I met with the family of slain Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, whose fearless journalism earned her the respect of audiences around the world. I expressed my deepest condolences and commitment to pursue accountability for her tragic killing," Blinken said on Twitter.

He also shared pictures of the meeting. Abu Akleh, a 51-year-old Palestini-

an-American, was shot dead on May 11 while covering an Israeli military raid near the Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank.

While Palestinian officials and Al Jazeera accused Israel of killing the reporter, Tel Aviv denied any responsibility. Earlier in July, the family had harshly criticized the results of an investigation where the US avoided remarks that held Israel responsible for her killing.

"We, the family of Shireen Abu Akleh, write to express our grief, outrage and sense of betrayal concerning your administration's abject response to the extrajudicial killing of our sister and aunt by Israeli forces on May 11, 2022, while on assignment in the occupied Palestinian city of Jenin in the West Bank," family members said in a long letter to US President Joe Biden. It underlined that the journalist, who was also a US citizen, was killed by an Israeli-fired bullet to the head, despite wearing a protective helmet and a blue bulletproof vest that was marked "press."

North Macedonia approves NATO Nordic bid

Bulgaria set for early elections

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SOFIA: Bulgaria is on course for early elections this autumn after the Bulgarian Socialist Party (BSP) failed to form a government in what was the third and final attempt to resolve an ongoing political crisis.

Georgi Svilenski, parliamentary group leader for the BSP, said the party will inform President Rumen Radev on Thursday, who is expected to dissolve parliament and set a date for the polls, most likely in October.

The elections will be the fourth in two years for Bulgaria, which has been marred by political instability since Prime Minister Kiril Petkov's government was toppled in a no-confidence vote last month.

Svilenski's announcement came after a parliament vote on a governance plan drawn up by the BSP, Petkov's We Continue the Change (WCC) and Democratic Bulgaria was shelved. The vote was opposed by the coalition of the former ruling party GERB and the Union of Democratic Forces (UDF), along with the Movement for Rights and Freedoms, There Is Such a People (ITN) and Vuzrazhdane.

ist Organization (FETO), the group behind a 2016 defeated coup. Cavusoglu said that "strategic mechanism"

Russian system was a security risk, but Türkiye maintained that the S-400 would pose no threat to NATO or

tance for NATO," he said, as both countries have been alliance members for many decades. "They are also

Asked about a possible new operation against terror groups in northern Syria, Cavusoglu said preparations

area adjacent to the Operation Peace Spring zone. Likewise, the US' then-Vice President Mike Pence had

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with the help of its YPG/ PKK allies, Türkiye says using one terror group to fight another makes no sense.

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SKOPJE: North Macedonia's parliament on Wednesday ratified Sweden and Finland's accession protocols to join NATO. Both bills ratifying the protocols got the consent of 103 deputies in the 120-seat parliament. Speaking after the vote, Parliament Speaker Talat Xhaferi told of the difficulties North Macedonia faced during the NATO membership process. "I wish the two friendly countries, Finland and Sweden, the fastest possible journey, success, and coordination in this great family, NATO," he said.

North Macedonia, the youngest member of NATO, became part of the alliance in March 2020, after Greece blocked it for years due to its former name, Macedonia. Sweden and Finland were invited to join NATO after Türkiye lifted its veto on their membership following the signing of a trilateral memorandum on June 28. But Turkish officials have said that if the countries fail to abide by the agreement, Türkiye could still block their membership bids. All members of NATO have to approve of any newcomers.

Croatia opens controversial Peljesac Bridge

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BELGRADE: Croatia on Tuesday officially inaugurated the Peljesac Bridge, which was built to connect its northern and southern portions separated by a narrow strip of land belonging to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Croatian President Zoran Milanovic, Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic and many high-ranking officials attended the ceremony.

The 2.4-kilometer (1.5mile) long, 55-meter (180foot) high bridge is part of a wider project called "Road Connectivity of South Dalmatia" which was prepared within Croatia's 2014-2020 transport development strategy.

The entire project, including access roads, cost 525 million (\$531 million), of which 357 million was secured as a grant from the European Union.

PCJCCI plans dairy products export to China The PCJCCI president mentioned that China was willing to explore more opportunities in Pakistan's dairy industry. From 2011 to 2022, China's dairy imports rose at a

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exporter and producer of dairy LAHORE: Pakistan-China Joint Chambers of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) has planned dairy products export to China, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday. The cooperation between China and Pakistan in the dairy industry and China's demand for high-quality dairy products will provide a contemporary path of development for Pakistan's dairy industry, said Wang Zihai President PCJCC

at a think-tank session held here

at the PCJCCI Secretariat.

SL parliament approves state of emergency

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COLOMBO: The Sri Lankan parliament approved on Wednesday a state of emergency imposed by then acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe last week. "The Proclamation on the state of Emergency announced by the Acting President under the Public Security Ordinance was passed by a majority of 57 votes ... 120 votes were cast in favor of it and 63 votes were cast against it!" the parliament's official Twitter page said. Wickremesinghe announced the measure on July 17 "in the interests of public security, the protection of public order and the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community.

The South Asian island nation has been under a state of emergency several times since April, when mass protests started against the government's handling of the economy. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa resigned earlier this month after fleeing to Myanmar and then Singapore when anti-government protesters took to the streets of Colombo and occupied his official residence and offices. His brother, Mahinda Rajapaksa, stepped down as prime minister amid mass protests in May. Wickremesinghe succeeded Gotabaya as the new president while senior lawmaker Dinesh Gunawardena has been picked as the new prime minister. Crippled by a shortage of foreign exchange reserves after the collapse of its tourism-dependent economy, the country of 22 million people has defaulted on all its foreign debt. It has been unable to pay for food, fuel, and other essentials, with a fuel shortage leading to prolonged daily power cuts. Schools have been closed and state employees asked to work from home. The government is negotiating with the International Monetary Fund for a bailout package, but no deal has been struck yet. - DNA



ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister-Elect, Chaudhary Pervaiz Elahi called on President Dr Arif Alvi before oath taking ceremony, at his chamber at Aiwan-e-Sadr. - APP

Azerbaijan, Lithuania discuss health co-op

BAKU: Azerbaijan and Lithuania have discussed cooperation in the health and medical science sectors, Azernews reports. The discussion took place during a meeting between Azerbaijan's Health Minister Teymur Musayev and Lithuanian Ambassador Egidius Navikas. During the meeting, the minister emphasized the dynamic development of friendly relations between the two countries. Pointing to the successful cooperation in many areas, including health and medical science, Musayev noted that there is great potential for sharing experiences between national public health institutions and expanding cooperation in the pharmaceuticals sector. "In addition, in order to improve the efficiency of healthcare in our countries there are all the

necessary tools for interaction in the field of medical education, including the exchange of modern methodological and scientific-practical information in the field of continuous professional education of medical specialists," he said. In turn, the ambassador noted the importance of high-level reciprocal visits in expanding bilateral relations.

Recalling that in May 2022, a memorandum of cooperation was signed between the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences and the Azerbaijan Medical University, he emphasized that this document will contribute to the expansion of medical cooperation between the two countries. Moreover, expressing support for the reforms underway in Azerbaijan's healthcare system, Navikas said that Lithuania is willing to contribute to modernizing the system of medical education in Azerbaijan in accordance with internationally recognized methodologies and standards. The sides discussed the current state of cooperation and the potential for its development in the field of health and medical sciences. - DNA

products in South Asia. If we adopt the techniques and technology used by China, Pakistan could advance in this industry." The PCJC-CI president mentioned that China was willing to explore more opportunities in Pakistan's dairy industry. From 2011 to 2022, China's

dairy imports rose at a compound annual growth of 12.3 per cent, and the demand was still expanding. Milk powder, liquid milk, high value-added dairy products such as whey, cheese, butter and cream

He maintained: "We have learned

that Pakistan is the most important

compound annual growth of 12.3 per cent, and the demand was still expanding are also in high demand in the Chinese market. On the occasion, PCJCCI Senior Vice President Ehsan Choudhry said that currently, China's dairy imports mainly come from New Zealand (40.44 per cent), the Netherlands (17.15 per cent) and Australia (7.38 per cent). He suggested Pakistani government support this industry to boost export and domestic production, especially to control the adulteration of loose milk.

He asserted that the local farmers are facing many problems, such as lack of education and facilities for storage, transpor-

tation, and cold storage. He said the government should come forward to train and educate them with the modern technology. In this way, Chinese consumers' demands for high-quality dairy products will be satisfied.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's economic development, industrial upgrading and industrial chain extension can be expected in the process.

PCJCCI Vice President Sarfaraz Butt said that animal husbandry is one of the pillar industries in Pakistan. Specifically, Balochistan, where Gwadar Port under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is located in, is with unique advantages of breeding beef cattle and dairy cows. He added that the construction of

epidemic-free area in Gwadar Port is progressing in an orderly way. If the industrial chain of China can be extended to Pakistan, it is expected to achieve win-win outcomes for both countries. Joint Chambers Secretary General Salahuddin Hanif said that Pakistan is among world's top five milk producers. with over 60 million tons of milk production each year. Such ventures and exports could definitely

add value to Pakistan's economy.







Biden tests

negative for **Covid, ends**

isolation

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ident Joe Biden has tested

negative for COVID-19 after coming down with the coronavirus last week and is

ending his isolation period

Indonesian exhibition attracts Briefs Mohsin Butt visitors from across Pakistan

appointed as new FIA director general

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ISLAMABAD: The federal cabinet issued Wednesday a notification for replacing the director general of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA). According to the notification, the federal cabinet approved the appointment of Mohsin Butt as the FIA director general. Mohsin Butt is a grade-22 officer of the Police Service of Pakistan (PSP). Moreover, the federal cabinet

also approved the appointment of Muhammad Tahir Rai as the National Coordinator of National Counter Terrorism Authority (NAC-TA). Tahir Rai was serving as the FIA director general Furthermore, the agenda for the appointment of the governor of State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) was delayed. The prime minister had constituted a six-member committee for the appointment of the SBP governor.

Ukraine says work at grain ports resumes after deal

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KYIV: Ukraine says work has started at three ports aimed at forming "green corridors" to allow grain exports. A spokesperson for the Odesa military administration said naval teams will build routes out of southern ports in Odesa, Chornomorsk and Pivdennvi.

Once the routes are established, "caravans" of ships led by Ukrainian naval vessels will sail through the Black Sea, Serhiy Bratchuk said. Kyiv and Moscow struck a deal to allow the



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ISLAMABAD: The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in collaboration with Lok Virsaorganized a four- day successful photo-exhibition titled "A Night at Lok Virsa Museum: The Confluence of Civilizations between Indonesia and Pakistan," which drew a largenumber of crowd from all walks of life. According to

Macron says Russia

'one of last imperial

colonial powers'

COTONOU: French President Emmanuel Macron, on

a visit to Benin Wednesday, branded Russia "one of

the last imperial colonial powers" for its invasion of

Ukraine. "Russia launched an offensive against Ukraine.

It's a territorial war, the likes of which we thought had

disappeared from European soil," Macron said on the

second leg of a trip to Africa to reset France's re-

lations with the continent, where many nations are

former French colonies. "I speak on a continent that

has suffered colonial imperialism," he said at a press

"Russia is one of the last imperial colonial powers"

as it decided to "invade a neighbouring country to

defend its interests," he said. Russia sent troops into

Ukraine on February 24, sparking a war that has killed

thousands and displaced millions. The French leader

is on a tour of three African countries - Cameroon,

Benin and Guinea-Bissau. In Cameroon on Tuesday, he

said the archives on French colonial rule in Cameroon

conference with Benin President Patrice Talon.

Lok Virsa management, around 7,286 people visited the Museum from 21 – 24 July 2022 to enjoy the cultural exhibition with their families and children. The photo exhibition emphasized on historical connections, religious backgrounds, and aimed at strengthening cultural ties between the two Muslim brotherly countries Indonesia and Pakistan. Visitors were entertained by the live demonstrations at the Batik and Ajrak stalls. Women



and children participated in drawing Batik designs on a white piece of cloth with a batik tool called "Canting" and hot wax. Ajrak stall also received a lot of appreciation from visitors for live stamping and making creative designs of Pakistani traditional art.

The exhibition also featured a 3D model of the Borobudur temple. People were eager to learn more about the history of the Boro-

cess that took 75 years to complete. Such displayinspired visitorswho expressed their optimism that Pakistan has potential to attract many tourists around the world to visit remnants of the Gandhara Civilization. The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia

intends to take this exhibition to various cities in Pakistan in the near future to promote cultural ties and strengthen brotherhood

at the White House, his physician said on Wednesday. Biden remains fever-free and is no longer taking acetaminophen (Tylenol), Dr. Kevin O'Connor said in a memo released by the White House. He tested negative on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Biden will speak to reporters in the White House Rose Garden at 11:30 a.m. ET (1500 GMT). The president has had mild symptoms including cough, sore throat and body aches since his initial positive test last Thursday. "His symptoms have been steadily improving, and are almost completely resolved," O'Connor said. Biden, who is 79, will wear a mask for 10 full days when he is around others, the physician said, mindful of potential exposure to Secret Service personnel and White House staff who are in close proximity to him.

Turkey says Sweden. Finland not fulfilling NATO deal

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ANKARA: Sweden has not yet extradited suspects Turkey seeks over terrorism-related charges, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Wednesday. "They must fulfill their responsibilities, or we'll block their NATO bids," Cavusoglu said, according to state broadcaster TRT World. Cavusoglu also claimed, "terror propaganda in Sweden and Finland continues."

Sweden and Finland applied for NATO membership in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine but were faced with opposition from Turkey over claims that the Scandinavian countries were supporting "terrorism." Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan has accused them of being a haven for Kurdish militants. Ankara dropped its objectionsin June after the Nordic states to "address Turkey's pending deportation or extradition requests of terror suspects expeditiously." On Wednesday, Cavusolgu said the deal is currently being processed by his ministry. "If obligations are fulfilled, it will be sent to the president and he will send it to Parliament. Of course. Parliament will decide, but it cannot be sent right now," he was quoted as saying by pro-government Daily Sabbah.

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stakeholders in the Middle East process are invited to participate in exploring effective ways and means to politically resolve the Palestinian issue," Geng Shuang, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations (UN), told the UN Security Council briefing on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, CGTN reported on Wednesday. Geng underscored that the Mid-

dle East peace process is "still at a standstill" and relevant UN resolutions have not been implemented for a long time, and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people have been continuously violated. "The question of Palestine is the core of the Middle East issue that bears on regional peace and security. It should not be marginalized, much less forgotten," he said. Geng called for reversing the situation on the ground, noting that Israel continues to expand its settlement activities in the occupied territories, thus continuing to squeeze the living space of Palestinian people and undermining the continuity of the occupied Pales-

tinian territory and the prospect of an independent and sovereign Palestinian state. "We urge Israel to abide by international law, implement Security Council Resolution 2334, and immediately stop all settlement activities," he said. Geng highlighted the importance of achieving common security as well. Since the beginning of this year, violent incidents have occurred one after another in occupied territories and it is disturbing that clashes happened in Gaza, he said.

The security of Israel and Palestine is interdependent and indivisible. The two sides should uphold the common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security concept, and find a way to live side by side in peace," he said. "Seeking absolute security by using one's advantageous position can only lead to greater security dilemma." "Advancing the two-state solution brooks no delay," said Geng. "The question of Palestine has dragged on for more than 70 years. Piecemeal crisis management is no substitute for a comprehensive and impartial solution.

grain exports last week. Under the deal, which was brokered by Turkey and the UN. Russia agreed not to target ports while grain was in transit, while Ukraine pledged to guide cargo ships through waters that have been mined. However, the agreement

was thrown into chaos less than 24 hours after the deal was signed, when two Russian missiles targeted a port in the city of Odesa.

Russia said the attack targeted a Ukrainian naval ship docked in the harbour.

Ukraine's President Volody myr Zelensky said the strike showed that Moscow cannot be trusted to stick to the deal and accused the country of "barbarism".

And on Wednesday morning, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko warned that the deal could collapse if obstacles to Russian agricultural exports are not removed, the Interfax news agency reported.

Iran grants activist Morad Tahbaz bail

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TEHRAN: Environmental activist Morad Tahbaz, 66, has been released from prison on furlough, his lawyer said, and has returned to his home in Tehran. Mr Tahbaz was told he would be released as part of a deal that saw Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe finally return home. But when Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe was freed in March, Mr Tahbaz was released from prison for just 48 hours. His daughter Roxanne, who lives in the UK, said she was glad he has been granted furlough "to allow him to receive the medical attention he urgently needs".

Ms Tahbaz has urged the UK government to continue to fight for his "unconditional release," and accused ministers of failing to keep a dialogue open with her on what action was being taken. She said: "My father is a UK-born national and he should have been on the flight with Nazanin four months ago. Home is not in Iran, home is with his children." Mr Tahbaz was arrested in 2018 and accused of working as a spy by the Iranian government.

would be opened "in full" and asked historians to shed light on the period's "painful moments" French colonial authorities brutally repressed armed

Cameroonian nationalists before the country's independence in 1960. Tens of thousands of supporters of the Union of the Peoples of Cameroon (UPC) party died at the hands of French colonial troops and of the first post-independence president, Ahmadou Ahidjo. - APP

WHO says more than 18,000 cases of monkeypox globally

LONDON: There have been more than 18,000 cases of monkeypox reported globally from 78 countries, with the majority in Europe, the World Health Organization said on Wednesday. The WHO declared the outbreak a global health emergency on Saturday. So far, 98% of cases outside the countries in Africa where the virus is endemic have been reported in men who have sex with men, the WHO said. WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus urged that group to consider reducing the numbers of new sexual partners and swapping contact details with any new partners.

"This is an outbreak that can be stopped... The best way to do that is to reduce the risk of exposure," Tedros told a news conference from Geneva. "That means making safe choices for yourself and others." Monkeypox is in the process of being renamed, to avoid the name being "weaponised" or used in a racist way, WHO emergencies director Mike Ryan said. The U.N. agency is recommending vaccination for high-risk groups, including healthcare workers, and men who have sex with men with multiple sexual partners. It cautioned that it takes several weeks after getting the second dose of vaccine to be fully protected, so people should take other precautions until that point. Around 10% of patients have been hospitalized in the

current outbreak and five have died, all of them in Africa, the WHO said. Monkeypox has been a globally neglected public health problem in parts of Africa for decades, but cases began to be reported outside countries where it is endemic in May. It generally causes mild to moderate symptoms, including fever, fatigue and painful skin lesions that resolve within a few weeks. - DNA

BEIJING: China has called for a more influential international peace conference to address the Palestinian issue. "China calls for a larger, more authoritative, and more influential international peace conference, in which permanent members of the Security Council and all



ISLAMABAD: Wada Mitsuhiro, Ambassador of Japan called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail at the Finance Division. - DNA

Iranian, Pakistani civil aviations lock horns Iranian DG CA says PIA spokesperson statement of incident not true

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TEHRAN: The Director General of the Civil Aviation Organization's Accident and Incident Investigation Bureau denied the claim of the spokesperson of the Pakistan Airlines Company about the incident of two flights being adjacent to each other in the sky of Iran. Hassan Rezaeifar said in an interview with IRIB: The events in the country's space are usually reported to the Civil Aviation Organization and are investigated in a specialized working group.

He added: The reports are announced either through the airlines or the air traffic control center of the country, and the news that was published about the incident of the Pakistani plane is not true, and this news was informed by the spokesperson of Pakistan Airlines in an unusual and not-professional manner.

Rezaifar said the responsibility of investigating this incident lies with the Civil Aviation Organization of Iran, which should be reported to the Civil Aviation Organization of Pakistan. The Director General of the

Civil Aviation Organization's Accident and Incident Investigation Office added: After receiving this news, appropriate measures were taken to receive the documents of the country's air traffic control center, and the issue will be investigated in the Air Traffic Accidents Working Group of the Civil Aviation Organization's Accident and Incident Investigation Office, and any conclusions will be drawn. Before the report of this committee, any information is not valid.

Rezai Far added the preliminary examination of the airspace documents of the country shows that the claim of the spokesperson of the Pakistani airline company is not correct, and for this reason, the report of the pilot of the Pakistani flight number 211 should be checked to find out the reason for the incorrect withdrawal of the permission of the Iranian flight control unit and what was his mistake. According to Rezaei Far, based on the international regulations of responsibility for investigating events; Iran's accident and incident investigation agency has to announce the conclusion with documentation, and other theories are not valid without proofs.

Rezai Far emphasized: There is a good coordination and relationship between the two civil aviation organizations of Iran and Pakistan, and the only claim of the spokesperson of an airline company will not be the criterion of any issue between the two authorities. Minister of State Participates in Developing-Eight(D-8) Council of Ministers Meeting Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ms. HinaRabbani Khar, called for creating a Private Sector Coordination Facility to boost economic cooperation amongst the Developing-Eight (D-8) countries. The Minister of State spoke virtually to the 20th Session of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers, hosted

by Bangladesh today in a hybrid format. The Minister of State called for creating a conduciveenvironment for trade through facilitative legal frameworks, and equal opportunities for investment and business. She underscored that Pakistan's vision of geo-economics had socio-economic growth, connectivity, and development at its core. Through cooperation and partnerships, the D-8 countries can realize their true economic potential. The Minister of State highlighted that Pakistan's location afforded critical overland and maritime connectivity to key regions of Asia - Central Asia, South Asia, the Middle East and China - that made Pakistan geo-politically among the most pivotal states in the world. We were confident that through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), this geo-political asset will rapidly turn into a geo-economic dividend, she underlined. The Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, in his capacity as the Chair of the Council of Ministers, presided over the meeting. Foreign Ministers of Türkiye and Iran, and Minister of State of Nigeria, alongside senior officials from Egypt, Indonesia and Malaysia, also participated in the meeting. The Council meeting was preceded by the 45th Session of the D-8 Commission which adopted a series of major decisions building on the progress achieved. One of the key decisions taken by the Council was to fully operationalize the Preferential Trade Agreement by 31 October 2022 with a view to achieving the intra-D-8 trade target of US \$500 billion agreed

under the Decennial Road Map 2020-30.

Bar councils demand regulating CJP's powers over benches

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ISLAMABAD: In a joint declaration, the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) and the Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) Wednesday demanded that the constitutional provisions related to the discretion of the chief justice of the Supreme Court be amended. This joint declaration of theirs came after a meeting in which the representatives of the SCBA and the PBC discussed matters related to the rules regarding selection of judges for benches

to hear cases. The representatives of the bar councils showed reservations over the hastily convened judicial commission meeting, and they also expressed concern over the yesterday's decision of not forming a full court.

'The power of the Chief Justice to fix cases and constitute benches should be regulated. The bench formation should be the prerogative of the five senior-most judges," the bar councils said in the joint declaration. "The Supreme Court's rules should be amended for the formation of a different bench to hear the review petition. The bar councils do not have any personal interest, nor are they affiliated with any party," they stated.

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