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KYIV: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy dismissed the importance of the first grain export shipment from his country since Russia invaded, saying it was carrying a fraction of the crop Kyiv must sell to help salvage its shattered economy. Zelenskiy, speaking via an interpreter, said more time was needed to see whether other grain shipments would follow. "Just recently, thanks to the UN in partnership with Turkey, we had a first ship with the delivery of grain, but it's still nothing. But we hope it's a tendency that will continue," he told the students.

Bilawal arrives in Cambodia

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Wednesday left here for Cambodia to lead the country's delegation at the 29th ministerial meeting of the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum (ARF), being held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from August 4-6. In his pre-departure statement, Bilawal said he looked forward to attending the meeting and holding bilateral interactions with the representatives of ASEAN countries.

PDM scared of Imran's popularity

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Central Secretary Information Farrukh Habib took a jibe at the imported government for its decision to put the name of PTI Chairman Imran Khan in the ECL, saying that how a crooked ruling junta could dare to take such a decision when 24 members of its cabinet were included in the ECL. He was reacting to the coalition government's decision that they could put Imran Khan's name in the ECL.

Reference against Khan mulled

Govt warns PTI against ECP protest

Rana Says the demonstrators will be allowed to hold their protest at the nearby F-9 park or the Parade Ground

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah on Wednesday vowed that the government will not grant PTI supporters permission to protest outside the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) as it falls in Islamabad's high-security "Red Zone" area. In a press conference alongside Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, he said that the demonstrators will be allowed to hold their protest at the nearby F-9 park or the Parade Ground. "But there will be no permission for protest in [the] Red Zone and anyone who tries to enter [the area] forcibly will be dealt as per law," he warned. In a tweet, he also said that there was apprehension of "PTI miscreants attacking ECP", hence a ban had been imposed on protests in the Red Zone. Sanaullah's statement comes hours after senior PTI leader Asad Umar reminded supporters to protest outside the ECP offices in Islamabad, Lahore

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Imran announces not to enter Red Zone

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman supremo and former Prime Minister Imran Khan on Wednesday said PTI will hold protest today (Thursday) outside the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) but they will not enter the Red Zone. In an interview with a private TV channel, Imran while reacting to the ECP verdict said that the Election Commission

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Banning Imran, PTI beyond govt control

Fawad claims ECP altered funding case verdict on law minister's request

IRSHAD ALI



ISLAMABAD: Highlighting serious flaws and loopholes in Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) prohibited funding verdict, PTI Senior Vice President Fawad Chaudhry said that the banning Chairman Imran Khan and the party was none of their business. Addressing a press conference here on Wednesday, he said that Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan

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Tarar asks Imran to clear position

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Ataulah Tarar on Wednesday asked Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan to clear his position after the verdict of Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) which stamped his party for receiving funds from enemy countries like India and Israel. The 'Jewish and Indian' funded illegally to PTI for lobbying in their favour and interests, he said while addressing a press conference here, adding PTI was also a beneficiary of the donation

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister in a meeting with Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Honda Taro. - DNA

Australian HC grieved over Helicopter incident

DNA



ISLAMABAD: Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan Neil Hawkins has extended deepest sympathies for the family of Lt. Gen Sarfraz Ali and other officers of Pakistan Army who died during a flood relief mission in Balochistan. In this Twitter message the high commissioner said "Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends at this sad time".

Pakistan concerned over China-US confrontation

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan expressed "deep concern" over the confrontation of arch-rivals China and the US after House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited the Taiwan Strait, which, according to the Foreign Office,

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Pakistan highly values Japanese investment

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday underlined the importance Pakistan attached to its long-standing ties with Japan and reaffirmed the resolve to further strengthen this valuable partnership in all aspects. He stressed that bilateral cooperation must be further expanded in trade, investment, IT, renewable energy and other related fields. The prime minister was talking to Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Honda Taro who called on him. Highlighting the cordial and cooperative bilateral relations, the prime minister appreciated the support provided by the government of Japan for infrastructural and socio-economic development in Pakistan. Appreciating investments by the Japanese enterprises in Pakistan over

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Japan provides \$9m for sewerage services

MAHNOOR ANSAR

ISLAMABAD : The Government of Japan has agreed to provide new grant assistance worth 1,236 million Japanese Yen (Equivalent to around 9.062 million USD / around 1,855 million PKR) for upgrading the mechanical system for sewerage and drainage services in Multan. On August 3, 2022, in the presence of

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US approves arms sales to KSA, UAE

AGENCIES

WASHINGTON: The Biden administration on Tuesday approved and notified Congress of possible multibillion-dollar weapons sales to both Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The notice of the approval comes just weeks after President Joe Biden met with the leaders of each nation in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, as he sought to improve rela-

tions between the US and the Saudis. The approval was also notified on the same day that the United Nations announced a two-month extension of the truce in Yemen, where the Saudi-led coalition and the Houthis rebel group had, until recent months, been engaged in a years-long bloody conflict that has killed thousands of civilians. According to a news release from the US State

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Implications of Election Commission's verdict for PTI

Pakistan is a unique country in the sense that here people do not follow the law, rather law follows people. It is up to the people as to how to manipulate law in their favour or against their opponents

Analysis

ANSAR M BHATTI



A mixed reaction has been witnessed both from the government and the PTI ranks after the Election Commission of Pakistan's verdict in the prohibited funding case. Both sides are seen expressing jim jams over the verdict and claiming a victory. As a matter of fact, there is some pie for each party in that verdict. The PTI should seek solace in the fact that the decision does not pose any immediate threat to it as was expected. Experts say the Election Commission did not have the jurisdiction of either canceling the registration of the party or withdrawing the election symbol. So the PTI for sure should feel itself in the safe zone albeit till the time the matter lands in the apex court.

On the other hand, the ECP decision does provide sufficient material to the government alliance to make a strong case of 'Sadiq and Ameen' under Article 62 and 63, against Imran Khan. According to government parties, Imran Khan presented a false statement in the Election Commission therefore by doing so he in fact seriously breached Article 62 and 63. They claim, former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was sent home by the apex court under the same Articles and as he had also presented a false affidavit. The experts however are of the view that there is a difference between Imran Khan's statement and Nawaz Sharif's affidavit. Imran Khan signed a simple statement of accounts given to him by the Chartered Accountants. So, if there is any anomaly in those accounts, the company that carried out the audit shall be held responsible, while in Nawaz Sharif case, he submitted his statement on an affidavit, which is a legal document and had legal implications. Nevertheless, the matter will now go to court and be decided there.

As regards the question whether the ECP decision will impact upon the popularity of the PTI, especially in the coming general elections, I think it does not hold any ground. Despite this decision

the PTI will continue to be the leading political party, particularly in the Punjab and KP provinces, provided there is some adverse verdict from the apex court about chairman Imran Khan. The government and the allied parties are all set to take the matter to the Supreme Court and reference against the PTI and Imran Khan is being fine tuned. Pakistan is a unique country in the sense that here people do not follow the law, rather law follows people. It is up to the people as to how to manipulate law in their favour or against their opponents. Law here simply behaves and feels pleasure in dancing to the tune of powers-that-be. It is up to these powers to use law in order to teach someone a lesson. We have seen it happening in the cases of former Prime Ministers Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif. Ostensibly, they were the persons more sinned against than sinning. Realistically speaking, PTI in particular and Imran Khan in general happen to be the key stakeholders in the prevalent political system. PTI, in the given political scenarios, acts as a balancing force viz-a-viz PML N, PPP and rest of the ruling parties. Obviating PTI from the political scene would badly disturb the political balance in favour of these two parties especially. So, logically

there are hardly any chances of PTI to be dissolved as a political party, despite the fact the government alliance would try its best to seek its dissolution through a court order. The allied parties during their August 3, 2022 session decided to put Imran Khan and other key figures on the Exit Control List (ECL), taking refuge in the ECP decision. There were no such orders or observations in the ECP decision however the government decided on its own to take this step. The purpose is obviously to bring the PTI leadership under pressure, but this trick may not work well and is likely to prove counterproductive. Another decision taken at the meeting pertains to filing of reference against the PTI chairman Imran Khan under Article 62 and 63. Here, the government seems to have a case albeit the PTI lawyers are confident no harm will come to their chairman in this particular case. All said and done, under the emerging scenario, the fate of early elections seems to be hanging in balance. It appears as if the PTI would now focus on fighting this reference first. The case holds utmost importance for the PTI because the future of Imran Khan is linked to this case. As long as the ECP verdict remains there, the fate of

the PTI chairman will be in limbo. The verdict had to be either stayed by the court or decided in favour of PTI. Only then the PTI can consider itself in the comfort zone. Experts believe the reference may be decided within 15 days once it lands in the court while there are some jurists who believe it is going to be a long drawn battle. Imran Khan, on his part, needs to seriously look into the events that led him and his party to this pass. One thing he and his party need to understand precisely that they simply cannot exist in isolation. If they want to do politics and grab important positions, they have to learn how to work with the outer world, especially the super powers including America and China. One likes it or not, the USA is a reality and you have to co-exist with it. When you have a trusted and mutually beneficial partnership then for sure you can also push your partner to do more. Imran Khan is still the only hope of millions. Undoubtedly, he is the one who can lead this country towards self-reliance. But for that he is required to do some soul searching as to what went wrong during his four-year tenure. If he is able to rectify shortcomings of the past, he can surely pose formidable challenges to his opponents.

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Govt warns...

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and Peshawar tomorrow (August 4) against the commission's verdict in the prohibited funding case. On Monday, PTI chairman Imran Khan had also called on supporters to rally outside the electoral body's headquarters to demand Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja's resignation. In press conference, the interior minister said that peaceful protest was everyone's right in a democratic society. "We have allocated two spots for them. But if they indulge in violence, action will be taken." Referring to PTI's "Azadi March" in May, he alleged that the party had brought armed activists and ministers with them. "If this time they undertake any adventure, they will be dealt with force," he warned. Sanaulah also said the ECP's verdict had proved that Imran was a "foreign agent" and PTI a "foreign-aided political party". "He took money to pollute Pakistan's politics and infused hatred in it," he said, vowing that the federal cabinet would take a decision against him tomorrow. "This foreign agent will be dealt with," the minister promised. In response to a question, he explained that there was "credible evidence" against Imran and his party on the basis of ECP's conclusions. "We are analysing the jurisdiction of the departments.

Imran...

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of Pakistan (ECP) levelled foolish allegations against PTI. He said that the commission compiled two reports, one of them declaring PTI a foreign-funded party was included at the behest of 'someone'. "Affidavit was signed for declaring the ownership of the assets and another for confirming the party accounts. Shaukat Khanum has a budget of Rs18 billion. Am I an accountant to see the whole budget? I was given a briefing about the accounts which I will definitely confirm," he added. Taking a swipe at CEC Sikandar Sultan Raja, the PTI chairman said "ECP was involved in the conspiracy with the 'imported government' against PTI as the institution was deliberately delaying the funding reports of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan People's Party (PPP)."

Pakistan...

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the past many years, the prime minister assured that the government would make all possible efforts to help further scale up such investments. He also stressed the importance of high-level exchanges between the two countries. The prime minister highlighted the dire situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK) and underscored the need for peaceful resolution of the dispute for durable peace, security and prosperity in South Asia. The Japanese parliamentary vice-minister for foreign affairs expressed sympathy and condolence over the human and material losses caused by floods in Pakistan. Reaffirming Japan's commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations with Pakistan, he thanked the prime minister for his personal efforts in deepening Pakistan-Japan cooperation.

Tara asks...

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received from Romita Shetty, who was an American businesswoman of Indian origin. The PTI chief, he said was a champion of U-turns who promoted the culture of name-in politics and had always done the politics of chaos, allegations and lies. Tara chided PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry on his remarks on ECP's verdict that the judgment was announced in a 'hurry'. He said PTI wanted to linger the case further after a lapse of eight years. PTI kept knocking the door of courts seeking stay in his party's foreign funding case as they knew about irregularities in party funds. - APP

CDA-DWP meeting approves various new Capital projects

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Dated 3rd August, 2022: 58th meeting of Capital Development Authority DWP was held at CDA Headquarters under the chairmanship of Chairman CDA. The meeting was attended by officers from relevant departments. Several projects were presented for approval in the meeting, which were approved after a detailed deliberation. According to the details, the Nilor Heights revised project was approved in the CDA-DWP meeting. One component of the Nilor Heights project is low-cost and the other is high-end. The high-end category will cost Rs. 7000 per square feet. The project is being completed through FWO which was approved by the Federal Cabinet. Similarly, the Islamabad bus service project for the entire city of Islamabad was also approved in the meeting. It will cost Rs 7240.62 million. This project will help in fulfilling future traveling needs in Islamabad. In this regard, 8 different routes were approved. Moreover, the meeting approved the creation



of Margalla Hill Sanctuary Park Islamabad after addressing the reservations of the Planning Commission. The project will be carried out in collaboration of IWMB for the care and protection & preservation of flora and fauna. It will be managed by IWMB. The meeting also approved PC-II to hire consultants for establishment of Capital Medical College in Capital Hospital Islamabad.

RCCI inks MOU with WCCI Malir

DNA

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) and Karachi Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry Malir inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide women a platform to improve their networking and excel in the field of entrepreneurship. The MOU signing ceremony was held

at chamber house which was attended by President RCCI Ch Nadeem A Rauf along with Group Leader Sohail Altaf, Senior Vice President Asim Mahmood Malik and Vice President Taltat Awan and representatives and members of WCCI Malir. Ms. Nazli Abid Nisar, Founder & President Karachi Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry Malir signed and exchanged MOU documents with RCCI President Nadeem Rauf. President RCCI assured all kinds of

support and cooperation to facilitate and empower women members. He said RCCI, being a proactive business facilitation entity, always took the lead for women entrepreneurs to get into the mainstream of the economy. Under the agreement both organizations will provide all kinds of support and cooperation to facilitate and empower women members a platform to connect in Business-to-Business (B2B) and Business-to-Consumer (B2C) meetings.



Commissioner Multan reviews Muharram security arrangements

SAQIB MUSHTAQ

LODHARAN: commissioner Multan Division Engineer Aamir Khattak along with Regional Police Officer Multan Raja Rafat Mukhtiar visited Lodhran district to review the arrangements for Muharram. Commissioner Multan Division along with Regional Police Officer Multan made a detailed inspection of the routes of main processions of Tehsil Lodhran including Darbar Baba Rafiq Shah Bukhari, Main Bazaar, Railway Chowk, Railway Road. He also inspected the point of the procession ending at Darbar Rafiq Shah. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Yasir, District Police Officer Abdul Rauf Babar Qaisrani, Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Azuba Azim, Additional Deputy Commissioner General Ahmed Faraz Awan along with DSPs and officers of other district departments were also with him. Earlier, Commissioner Mul-

tan Division Engineer Aamir Khattak and Regional Police Officer Multan Raja Rafat Mukhtiar also held a special meeting with the members of District Peace Committee, organizers of Majlis and tazia licensees in the committee room of District Police Officer's office. Commissioner Multan Division Engineer Aamir Khattak said that all the relevant departments should play their active role to establish peace and order during Muharram. He further said that the atmosphere of peace, brotherhood and religious harmony should be promoted during the days of Ashura. He further said that Islam teaches us peace, brotherhood, forgiveness and religious harmony. He said that in Lodhran district, scholars of all schools of thought and Masalik have an ideal unity among themselves and it is our responsibility to keep this cooperation more stable. Regional Police Officer Raja Rifat Mukhtiar while addressing the members of the peace committee and organizers of the meet-

ings said that all resources are being used to maintain peace and order. He further said that the scholars should play their key role for the establishment of peace during the days of Ashura. He said that scholars should promote peace, love, brotherhood and tolerance in the society. He instructed the organizers of the processions to strictly observe the routes and working hours of the processions. He said that a district control room has been established for the monitoring of Muharram 2022. He said that proper provision of night vision cameras and lighting has been ensured in the sensitive meetings and processions held at night hours. will be made. In the meeting, prominent religious scholar Maulana Muhammad Mian, Muhammad Akram Kanju and other members of the District Peace Committee assured their full cooperation from the district administration for the establishment of peace and order during Muharram.

Resolving economic challenges requires proactive approach

From the platform of PAJCCI, we will continue to provide technical input to both govts in areas of policy making

PESHAWAR: Chairman Pak-Afghan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PAJCCI) Zubair Motiwala on Wednesday said in order to achieve the trade potential and produce tangible results, they needed to use proactive and pragmatic approach towards ongoing economic challenges especially in the context of PAK-AFG trade quantum and relationship. He was speaking at the focus group discussion arranged by the Center for Research & Security Studies in collaboration with PAJCCI. The chairman further said, "Governments have their own priorities and it takes time for them to take initiatives; private entities must be agile in connecting with their neighboring trade partners especially in Afghanistan." Motiwala said presently Pakistan needed coal for meeting energy needs and private importers took initiative to bring

coal from Afghanistan; serving the needs of both the countries. Pakistani commodities and consumables had 95% share in Afghan imports which were down to 65%, last 35% share to China, Iran and India due to lack of coordination and slow approach towards sustainable trade policy viz-a-viz Afghanistan and the Central Asian Republics (CARs), he added. Motiwala established that there was a serious need to revise Pakistan's approach towards trade with Afghanistan and CARs focusing strongly on bilateral trade which was efficient and cost effective for both countries. Leaving space for other regional countries had negatively impacted the trade volume and balance, he said, adding, "We share 2800 KM border with Afghanistan; both have necessary infrastructure at operational border crossings however

this is being rendered unproductive due to lack of coordination at governmental level whereas private entities are also lagging behind." He strongly urged private organizations to take lead and increase bilateral trade within existing framework while providing input to resolve operational and policy matters to respective governments. "From the platform of PAJCCI, we will continue to provide technical input to both governments in areas of policy making, removing trade barriers and pursuing matters of TAD, SRO on cross stuffing, adding items to PKR trading category, matters of sales tax and duty draw back claims in case of land routes, cash counters at borders, APTTA revision, capacity building of Afghan human resources." Co-Chairman PAJCCI and head of Afghan delegation Khan Jan Aloko-

zai thanked all PAJCCI executive members, especially Zubair Motiwala for his continued efforts in resolving issues and support to increase trade with Afghanistan. He also appreciated government of Pakistan and its entities for their efforts in trade facilitation especially Pakistan Customs at Torkham in reducing congestion and priority clearance of perishable items. He said that efforts must be made to implement barter trade mechanism by both governments, joint border and national committee formation for proactive coordination in regards to any policy changes and new initiatives. The meeting was attended by PAJCCI executive members, Afghan delegation, DG Transit Trade, TDAP, representative of KPT and bonded carrier companies along with other custom officials and CRSS team. - APP

Japan...

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the Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, H.E. Mr. HONDA Taro, on a visit to Pakistan, a signing ceremony for the assistance was held at the Ministry of Economic Affairs in Islamabad. H.E. Mr. WADA Mitsuhiro, Ambassador of Japan, Mr. KINOSHITA Yasumitsu, Chief Representative of JICA, H.E. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Minister for Economic Affairs, Mr. Mian Asad Hayat Din, Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs, and other officials from both countries attended this ceremony.

US approves...

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Department, the agency approved a possible sale of PATRIOT MIM-104E Guidance Enhanced Missile-Tactical Ballistic Missiles (GEMT) and related equipment to Saudi Arabia for an estimated \$3.05 billion. "This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a partner country that is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Gulf region," the State Department said of the sale. Shortly after taking office, Biden announced the US would end its support for Saudi's offensive operations in Yemen, "including relevant arms sales." However, the administration has continued to sell arms to the kingdom for what it says are defensive purposes.

Pakistan...

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has serious implications for regional peace and stability. In a statement, Foreign Office Spokesperson Asim Iftikhar Ahmad said Pakistan reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the "One-China" policy and supports China's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The statement comes after China furiously condemned the highest-level US visit to Taiwan in 25 years as Pelosi hailed the self-ruled island as "one of the freest societies in the world" and pledged American solidarity.

Banning...

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Raja pronounced a reserved verdict in PTI prohibited funding case after meeting with the PDM leaders before the verdict. He said that the unconstitutional and illegal decision was announced on the request of Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar, adding that the ECP gave the decision in a haste, which completely acted as a tool of PDM. Fawad stated that a different verdict was published on the website, adding that the decision was not the same before, as the decision contained the signature of election commission members from Sindh against whom a reference has also been filed.

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Jennifer Jones
Rotary International President
2022-23

Jennifer is the Founder and President of Media Street Productions Inc., a 25-year-old, award-winning media company in Windsor, Ontario. She is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland. Her talents have strengthened Rotary reach and impact, through many roles including as Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, RI Vice President, and co-chair of the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign, raising funds alongside Bill and Melinda Gates and their Foundation. Jennifer is a leader in cultivating "experiential fundraising" opportunities such as Rotary's Polio Golf Day with Jack Nicklaus in Jupiter, Florida, USA, which raised over \$5.25 million for polio eradication in one day, and the innovative, virtual COVID-19 #RotaryResponds event that raised money for COVID-19 relief projects and showcased Rotary's response across the globe. Working alongside political figures, celebrities and global leaders, she uses her voice to raise awareness and hundreds of millions of dollars to eradicate disease, support peace and provide clean water and sanitation in developing areas of the world. Her skill as an expert storyteller inspires hope and promise and motivates people to take action. She has received many honors and recognitions including Rotary's Service Above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service, the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award – a first for a Canadian.



Adnan Saboor Rohaila
District Governor
2022-23

It is an honour for the Rotary District 3272 Pakistan that Rotary International President has chosen to visit Pakistan at an event which shows how Rotary International is focused on eradication of Polio and acknowledges the efforts of Rotarians of our area which administratively comprises of the geographic areas of Punjab, Islamabad, KPK as well as Former FATA. In his honour the Rotarians of Pakistan and district 3272 are getting together in Islamabad to meet their International Leader at an Intercity Meeting today in Serena Hotel Islamabad where people from different walks of life shall be participating. This supplement is not only a welcoming gesture to our visiting guest but also an awareness project to reach to the people and masses and share with them what is Rotary International and what is it doing? This supplement contains useful information about projects, history, statistics and much more. For any further information please visit our website www.rotary.org.

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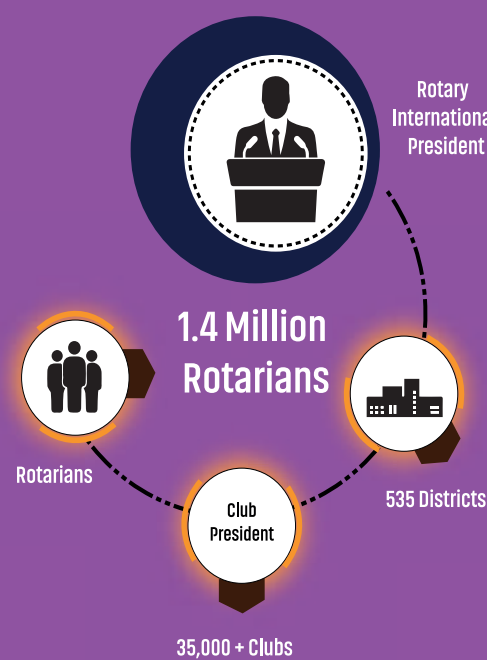
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Briefs

'India crossing all boundaries of violation in Kashmir'

FAISALABAD: Deputy General Secretary Pakistan Ulema Council Allama Tahirul Hassan Markazi said that India was crossing all boundaries of violation of human rights in Kashmir, he said that India had deployed terrorists in Indian illegally occupied Jammu & Kashmir to brutally crushing the freedom movement. He added that Kashmir was an integral part of Pakistan and Pakistani nati on would continue its support for Kashmiri brethren at all fronts. Although India waged war in occupied Kashmir for the last 7 decades, yet this war could not crush the voice of Kashmiri people and they would soon get their legal and fundamental right, he added. - APP

Exports to China likely to touch \$4 billion mark

BEIJING: Pakistan's exports to China have registered 11% increase in the first half of this year and with this momentum it is likely to reach \$4 billion by the end of this year. Pakistan's export to China crossed \$1.918 billion in the first half of this year, up 10.97 percent from \$1.728 billion in the same period of the previous year, which continue to increase on yearly basis, shows the official data from the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC). - APP

Govt to extend all-possible help to AJK flood victims

The Ministry of Kashmir Affairs would provide all possible cooperation to AJK government in this regard, Kaira said

MUZAFFARABAD: Advisor to the Prime Minister on Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Affairs Qamar Zaman Kaira on Wednesday said the federal government was ready to extend all possible cooperation to the Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) government to help the flood victims. "Quick and easy payment of relief funds to the victims will be ensured and all-out efforts will be made to protect the people," he said during a one-day visit to Muzaffarabad after a briefing given by State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) about damages and measures taken for mitigating floods due to monsoon rains. Kaira said climate change had become a potent challenge to the world including Pakistan and the government was ready for all kind of cooperation to prevent losses caused by floods. The Ministry of Kashmir Affairs would provide all possible cooperation to AJK government in this regard, he said, adding that the ministry had also been working to allocate to separate budget for relief assistance to flood affectees. Kaira said the AJK government should inform the center of its needs to combat climate change as the prime min-



ister had given special directives to ensure immediate response in this regard. "All-out efforts will be made to protect the Kashmiri brethren. There is a need to de-

velop an early warning system to predict natural disasters so that timely measures can be taken." On the occasion, Kaira also distributed relief cheques among flood victims. He also prayed for the military officers and soldiers who embraced martyrdom during relief operations. The advisor also directed to complete the tender process for the construction of houses for Kashmiri refugees soon. "Settling Kashmiri refugees is the top priority of government and concrete steps are being taken to increase their living allowance. An all-party conference of AJK was called to formulate a plan of action on Kashmir issue," he said. He also praised the refugee brothers who gave a warm welcome to him even in these difficult conditions caused by floods. He said the every Pakistani wanted to see Kashmir liberated from the occupied forces, and the whole nation was with them in their struggle for freedom. "Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has highlighted Kashmir issue at all international forums, while Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has also been speaking extensively about it at every platform in the US, Europe, Asia, and elsewhere in the world," he added. - APP

IHC to take up PTI's plea on Aug 4

DNA
ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Wednesday fixed the PTI's petition against acceptance of the resignations of 11 MNAs by the speaker national assembly for hearing after the removal of the objections of registrar office. Acting Chief Justice Aamer Farooq would take up the case for hearing tomorrow [August 4]. The PTI had attached the authority letter and also made its 123 MNAs as respondents in the case following the instructions of the registrar office. The petitioner Asad Umar had challenged the phase-wise acceptance of resignations of PTI's 11 MNAs by the speaker national assembly. The plea said that PTI's all 123 members should be de-notified as they had given resigns from the assembly. It further said the speaker NA had no powers to keep pending the resignations of other members. The registrar office had raised objections against the petition and instructed the petitioner to remove the same.

Army Chief meets families of martyred Army officers

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Wednesday visited the families of army officers who were martyred in the helicopter crash in Baluchistan, and offered Fateha for their departed souls. COAS called on the family members of late Lieutenant General Sarfraz Ali, Commander 12 Corps, Balochistan, Brigadier Khalid and Colonel Laeq Baig Mirza. Lieutenant General Sarfraz Ali and Brigadier Khalid embraced martyrdom in a helicopter crash on Sunday night while the officers were on flood relief operation whereas Lieutenant Colonel Laeq Baig was martyred by the militants in Ziarat a couple of weeks ago. COAS, during his visit expressed his heartfelt condolence with the bereaved families. Earlier, COAS offered the funeral prayer of late Lieutenant General Sarfraz Ali, Commander 12 Corps and Brigadier Khalid held at Shola Ground of Quetta Cantonment.

Saudi Arabia welcomes extension of Yemen truce

ISTANBUL: Saudi Arabia on Wednesday welcomed the extension of a UN-brokered truce in war-torn Yemen for additional two months. In a statement carried by the state news agency SPA, the Saudi Foreign Ministry said it welcomes the extension of truce in Yemen for two more months. "The Kingdom reaffirms its support of all UN-led efforts to reach a permanent political solution to the crisis in Yemen and to end the suffering of the Yemeni people," the statement said. The ministry underlined the importance of the Houthi commitment to the truce and "opening crossings in Taiz (in central Yemen) to ease the humanitarian suffering" there. On Tuesday, UN envoy for Yemen, Hans Grundberg announced the extension of truce in Yemen for additional two months through Oct. 2. The extension includes a commitment by the Yemeni government and Houthi re-

'Khan stands exposed before public'

DNA
ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Wednesday said, "After the decision of the Election Commission of Pakistan, Imran Khan has proved to be the biggest thief in the history of the country." "Imran Khan's narrative against corruption has turned out to be false. The foundation of PTI was laid on corruption," Bilawal maintained in a statement. "Imran Khan, who adopted mean tactics to prevent the election commission from investigations, has been exposed in front of the nation today," he said.

Pakistan, Norway mull IT cooperation

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Norway to Pakistan Mr. Per Albert Ilsaas called on Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque at his office on Wednesday. They exchanged views on matters of mutual interest and related to IT and Telecom. The Federal Minister for IT said both the countries enjoyed admirable bilateral relations. Syed Amin Ul Haque apprised the Ambassador of Norway about the IT & Telecom policies and priorities of the present government for sustainable and inclusive growth in IT & Telecom sector. He extended full support and cooperation of the IT & Telecom Ministry to enhancing the relations between the two countries, saying that Norwegian companies can benefit from Pakistani IT expertise and geographic location in the IT sector. Mr. Per Albert Ilsaas said that Pakistan and Norway were enjoying excellent relations, which needed to be further promoted, especially on IT & Telecom fronts. The meeting was attended by Additional Secretary (Incharge) MOITT, Mohsin Mushtaq Chandna, Member Telecom, Member International Coordination and Director General IC.



Nancy Pelosi offers praise, support for Taiwan

China steps up military activity around Taiwan; summons US ambassador in Beijing

TAIPEI: US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi left Taiwan on Wednesday after pledging solidarity and hailing its democracy, leaving a trail of Chinese anger over her brief visit to the self-ruled island that Beijing claims as its own. China demonstrated its outrage over the highest-level U.S. visit to the island in 25 years with a burst of military activity in surrounding waters, summoning the U.S. ambassador in Beijing and halting several agricultural imports from Taiwan. Some of China's planned military exercises were to take place within Taiwan's 12 nautical mile sea and air territory, according to Taiwan's defence ministry, an unprecedented move a senior defence official described to reporters as "amounting to a sea and air blockade of Taiwan". Taiwan scrambled jets on Wednesday to warn away 27 Chinese aircraft in its air defence zone, the island's defence ministry said, adding that 22 of them crossed the median line separating the island from China. Pelosi arrived with a congressional delegation on her unannounced but closely watched visit late on Tuesday, defying China's repeated warnings, in a trip that she said demonstrated unwavering U.S. commitment to Taiwan's democracy. "Our delegation came to Taiwan to make unequivocally clear that we will not abandon Taiwan," Pelosi told Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen, who Beijing suspects of pushing for formal independence - a red line for China. "Now, more than ever, America's solidarity with Taiwan is crucial, and that's the message we are bringing here today," Pelosi said during her roughly 19-hour visit. A long-time China critic, especially on human rights, Pelosi met with former Tiananmen activist, a Hong Kong bookseller who had been detained by China and a Taiwanese activist recently released by China. The last U.S. House speaker to go to Taiwan was Newt Gingrich in 1997. But Pelosi's visit comes amid sharply deteriorating Sino-U.S. relations, and during the past quarter century China has emerged as a far more powerful economic, military and geopolitical force. China considers Taiwan part of its territory and has never renounced using force to bring it under its control. The United States warned China against using the visit as a pretext for military action against Taiwan. In retaliation, China's customs department announced a suspension of imports of citrus fruits and certain fish - chilled white striped hairtail and frozen horse mackerel - from Taiwan, while its commerce ministry banned export of natural sand to Taiwan. While there was little sign of protest against U.S. targets or consumer goods, there was a significant police presence outside the U.S. consulate in Shanghai and what appeared to be more security than usual outside the embassy in Beijing. Fury on the mainland over Pelosi's defiance of Beijing was evident all over Chinese social media, with one blogger railing: "this old she-devil, she actually dares to come!" Pelosi is 82.



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