

### **Briefs** Lawmakers making self-serving legislation

#### KHAYAM ABBASI



Umar Ata Bandial on Friday while hearing Im-Khan's ran

petition against the recent amendments made to the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) law said that those sitting in parliament are making self-serving legislation. During the hearing, the PTI chairman's lawyer Khwaja Harris sought more time to submit written arguments. He said he could not submit them on time owing to him having contracted Covid-19. The CJP clarified during the hearing that the court will only be focused on examining the point of amendments against the fundamental rights and will refrain from interfering in political matters.

#### Jameel Ahmad appointed Governor SBP

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## Pakistan, India can't afford war

PM says ties with China time-tested, reiterates call for grand national dialogue

#### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ISLAMABAD: Both India and Pakistan cannot afford another war. We spend on our military to protect our frontiers and not for aggression, said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. A delegation of students from Harvard University, USA called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad . Federal Ministers Ahsan Iqbal, Marriyum Aurgagzeb, SAPMs Ahad Cheema, Syed Fahad Hussain, Jahanzeb Khan, Coordinators to PM Bilal Azhar Kiyani, Rana Ihsan Afzal, Chairman HEC and officials from the concerned departments were also present at the meeting. The delegation comprised students of diverse origins and academic backgrounds. The Prime Minister welcomed the students and held a candid discussion about contemporary challenges Pakistan is facing today.

In response to a question about Pakistan's economy and IMF program Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif replied that Pakistan's economic crisis stems from structural problems along with political instability in the recent decades. The first few decades since the inception of Pakistan witnessed impressive growth across all sectors of the

PM for a Polio free Pakistan

#### STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif chaired the National Task Force meeting for polio eradication on Friday and expressed his government's full commitment to take practical measures for curbing wild poliovirus transmission in Pakistan. The Prime Minister said the current climatic conditions pose great challenges to vaccination campaigns, but it is remarkable to see how polio teams have carried on despite floods in several parts of Khyber-Pakhtunkwa (KP) and torrential rains in Karachi. It is Important to mention that the current polio campaign for Karachi and six districts of southern Khyber-Pakhtunkwa started on 15 August, while National Polio Vaccination Drive in the rest of the country will commence on the 22nd of



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ISLAMABAD: The Federal Investigation Authority (FIA) on Friday decided to send another notice to the former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supremo Imran Khan in the party's prohibited funding case. FIA sources privy to the matter said, five more PTI companies have been traced while the five companies were not mentioned in the reports submitted to Election Commission and FBR. Sources further claimed that the companies are located in the United States (US), England, Australia, Belgium and Canada. Some

## **ISLAMABAD:** Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chairing a meeting of National Task Force for Polio eradication. - DNA Pak calls for unfreezing of Afghan assets Pakistan shows serious concerns about arms race in region

#### Shujaat Hamza

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Office Spokesperson Asim Iftikhar has underlined the need to unfreeze the Afghan assets to be used for the welfare and the benefit of the Afghan people. Replying to a question at his weekly news briefing in Islamabad on Friday, he said Paki-







State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) governor for five years. The notification issued by the Finance Division stated, "Jameel Ahmad is appointed as governor State Bank of Pakistan for a term of five years with the approval of the president of Pakistan, upon the recommendation of the federal government, with immediate effect."

Finance Minister Miftah Ismail congratulated Ahmad on his appointment. Ahmad, a seasoned banker with more than 31 years of experience, previously served as the SBP deputv governor (banking and FMRM) from April 11, 2017 to October 15, 2018. Later, he was reappointed as the deputy governor for a threeyear term on Oct 25, 2018. Prior to being appointed as deputy governor, he served as group head of the Operations, Banking Policy & Regulations department.

#### **Holiday Notice**

The office of Daily Islamabad POST shall remain closed on the eve of Ashura on August 08 and 09 therefore there will be no newspaper on August 09 and 10. - Editor



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Khan should name 'agencies' involved in the politics



#### STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Friday alleged that Imran Khan wanted the head of every institution to act like former NAB chairman Javed Iqbal, and dared him to name the "agencies and their officials" who were involved in politics and had given him the guarantee that the incumbent chief election commissioner would toe his line. "Either point out the persons and agencies who have given you (Imran)

a briefing about the corruption of PML-N and PPP or stop this drama once and for all if you lack the courage," the minister said

while addressing a news conference. The minister said Imran Khan, while addressing a seminar the other day, had claimed that he was briefed about the opposition leaders' corruption by the "agencies" and the incumbent chief election commissioner (CEC) was appointed by him on their guarantee. "Which guarantee was given to him (Imran) for the CEC? Which agency had given him the guarantee? And why he needed the guarantee at all?" she questioned. The minister asked whether he wanted the assurance that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) would not be declared a foreign-aided party and he himself as a "foreign agent" under that guarantee. She said Imran Khan had made a claim that he received reports from the "agencies" about the leadership of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP). Whether

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of these companies are shut while others are still active. they claimed, adding that the FIA has sought audit reports of the companies. It should be noted that Imran Khan refused to provide details of party funds and accounts records to Federal Investigation Authority (FIA).

#### Rupee recovers against dollar

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KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee on Friday once again resumed its recovery trend against the US dollar - after it underwent a correction in the last two sessions - in the interbank market. The local currency closed at Rs214.65 against the greenback in the interbank market after gaining 0.14%, data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) showed. The rupee - which emerged as the best-performing currency in the world on Monday - had lost over Re1 in the last two days as it underwent correction after it notched up the largest gain of 11% in the first half of August.

stan welcomed the initial steps taken by the US Administration in that regard and Islamabad would welcome similar measures in future as well. He said the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan needs to be addressed with some sense of urgency. He said there should be no strings attached toward the unfreezing of the Afghan assets abroad and the Afghan Interim Authorities should be allowed to utilize them

for the welfare of the people of Afghanistan. Answering another question regarding acquisition of arms by India, the Spokesperson said it has been a longstanding concern of Pakistan. He said India's unbridled acquisition of arms over the years has started an arms race and created an imbalance of power in South Asia. He said over 70 percent of military capability, the India has acquired so far, is deployed against Pakistan, which is a the Foreign Minister is also visiting four European countries Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

These visits manifest Pakistan's continuing intense engagement and diplomacy with our partners. Asim Iftikhar has also said that Pakistan has serious concerns about the arms race and arms imbalance in the region. The spokesperson of the Foreign Office said 70 per cent of India's weapons installations are against Pakistan. He said that a Kashmiri named Muhammad Ali Hussain was taken away from the custody of the Indian police in the illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir of India and killed. This is the second extra-judicial killing after Zia Mustafa of Rawalakot while Pakistan rejects the Indian attempt to fake pre-election rigging in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, the spokesperson added.

### **Ukraine: Explosions rock** areas far from war front

KYIV: Explosions erupted overnight near military bases deep in Russian-held areas of Ukraine and Russia itself, an apparent display of Kyiv's rapidly growing ability to wreak havoc on Moscow's logistics far from front lines. The explosions follow huge blasts last week at an air base in Russian-annexed Crimea. In a new assessment, a Western official said that incident had wiped out half of Russia's Black Sea naval aviation force in a stroke. Ukraine also issued a warning about a frontline nuclear power station where it said it believed Moscow was planning a

"large-scale provocation" as justification to decouple the plant from the Ukrainian power grid and connect it to Russia's.

Continuing the mutual blame game, Russia's President Vladimir Putin accused Ukraine of shelling the Zaporizhzhia complex, risking a nuclear catastrophe. In Crimea - which Moscow seized in 2014 - explosions were reported near an air base in Belbek, on the southwest coast near Sevastopol, headquarters of Russia's Black Sea Fleet. On the opposite end of the peninsula,

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**PTI to hold nationwide rallies today** Imran Khan reiterates he won't accept govt of thieves come what may IRSHAD ALI Court orders to keep reiterated that he would prefer death Gill in hospital till Monday ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) lashed out the government

> of Islamabad on Friday directed to conduct another medical analysis of PTI's leader Shahbaz Gill and ordered to keep him in hospital till August 22, in a sedition case registered by Kohsar Police Station. The court order said that the two-day physical remand of the accused was not started yet and thus rejected the request of prosecution for further eight days remand. Shahbaz Gill was produced before before the court of Judicial Mag-

> him despite court orders, as they don't care about court orders. He raised the questions from where the police was getting orders. The PTI Chairman announced to organize a rally in Islamabad and across all divisional headquarters on Saturday to show solidarity with Shahbaz

ISLAMABAD: A judicial Magistrate istrate Raja Farakh Ali Khan by the police amid foolproof security arrangements. The court said that the accused seemed not well as he was suffering from asthma and instructed to conduct his medical examination again.

During the course of proceeding, the police requested the court to grant further eight-day physical remand of the accused. At this, the judge asked whether the two days physical remand had completed as the accused had been in hospital.

Gill and media. "I am holding a big rally in Islamabad, all citizens should participate in it," he invited the people.

Imran Khan stated that if a political worker can be tortured like this what to talk of ordinary citizen in this country, adding that such inhuman treatHe questioned why the prosecution was demanding further eight day remand. Special Prosecutor Rizwan Abbasi contended that a medical analysis of the accused was done when he was admitted in hospital. He said that the investigation officer himself could ensure medical check up of the accused in emergency without the directives of the court. It was not written anwhere in the law that the accused physical remand couldn't be granted in sickness, he added.

ment and torture of political worker unacceptable. Coming down hard on the imported government, Imran Khan said that the cabal of thieves were imposed on the nation and now the people were forced to accept these crooks, which was unacceptable. Imran Khan

rather than to live under these corrupts. Earlier, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan expressed his shock over the inhuman treatment meted out to Dr. Shahbaz Gill and vowed that no stone would be left unturned to find out those respon-

sible so as to bring them to book. In a statement issued from PTI Central Media Department on Friday, PTI Chairman stated that all the pictures and videos clearly showed that Shahbaz Gill was severely tortured both mentally and physically including sexual abuse - most too gruesome to relate. Imran Khan said that he was humiliated to break him down. "I now have full detailed information in this regard." he added. PTI Chairman went on to say that Islamabad Capital Police (ICT) police clearly stated that it did not inflict any torture. He asked: "So my question is who tortured Gill? He said: "There is a general perception in the public at large and in our minds too as to who could have carried out the gruesome torture." Imran Khan made it clear that remember the public would react.



Shahbaz Gill today (Saturday). Talking to media outside the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) hospital here on Friday after being stopped by police to meet Gill, Chairman PTI stated that the police denied permission to meet Gill who was subjected to inhuman treatment. Chairman PTI reached PIMS along with PTI senior leadership including Fawad Chaudhry, Dr. Shireen Mazari, Murad Saeed, Ali Awan and Senator Ejaz Chaudhry to meet Shahbaz Gill

but police did not allow him. Imran Khan said that he came to the hospital to inquire about his (Gill) health; however, he was barred from meeting

## NATIONAL

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## ICCI signs MoU with Shifa Tameere-Millat University

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Shifa Tameer-e- Millat University (STMU) Islamabad to promote joint academic and R&D activities of mutual interest in accordance with their respective needs and objectives as well as to promote academia-industry linkages. Muhammad Shakeel Munir, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Dr.Muhammad Tanvir Afzal, Director Campus, Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University, Islamabad signed the MoU during a ceremony held at ICCI. Jamshaid Akhtar Sheikh Senior Vice President ICCI, Muhammad Naveed Malik former Senior Vice President ICCI, Dr. Shazia Shehzadi, Phycologist and others were present at the occasion. By signing the MoU, ICCI shall help

in providing Internship opportunities to the students of STMU and would invite STMU to its specific events. ICCI shall facilitate the students of STMU in startups and in finding jobs with its member companies. Both parties shall promote collaboration in the field of mutual interest and work jointly for resolving problems of local industrial units. STMU shall provide a 10% discount in tuition fee to the children of ICCI members for selective programs. Speaking at the occasion, Muhammad Shakeel Munir, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry said that strong industry-academia linkages are important to conduct research projects for industry and help it produce value added products for exports. He said that universities should focus on applied research with a focus to resolve the key issues of industry and enhance industrial efficiency to make it more competitive for exports promotion. He hoped that the

MoU signed between ICCI and STMU would be a step in the right direction to promote sustainable industry-academia linkages. He assured that ICCI would cooperate with STMU in providing internships to its students and job placement in the local industry.

Dr. Muhammad Tanvir Afzal, Director Campus, Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University. Islamabad said that it is high time to introduce research culture in the industry. He said that research promotion for industry would help achieve the future demands of the industrial sector and stressed that academia-industry linkages needed to be strengthened to attain this goal. He said that STMU can assist local industry in new developments and trends in businesses through research and ICCI can support STMU students by providing them opportunities to work in industry for gaining practical experience. Both sides agreed to make joint efforts for industrial efficiency and growth.

appreciated

support and assistance.

He also highlighted the



ISLAMABAD: Muhammad Shakeel Munir, President ICCI and Dr. Tanvir Afzal, Director Campus Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University are exchanging documents after signing MoU. – DNA

## CM approves release of grant-in-aid Rs 2.5 bn for 10 universities

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo approved the immediate release of grant-in-aid worth Rs 2.5 billion for ten public sector universities of the province.

He said that students are our future. The students studying in the universities of the province are our own children who needed to be invested so that the students of our province are not left behind in the field of education, skills, science and technology. He evpressed these views while ad-

He expressed these views while addressing the meeting of vice chancellors organized to review the issues related to the provision of grant-in-aid to the universities of the province. Secretary Higher Education in-

formed the meeting that two and a half billion rupees have been allocated in the provincial budget for the financial support of the universities of the province, which would be distributed among ten universities according to the agreed formula. He said that all the factors have been taken into consideration in the fixed formula for distribution of grant-in-aid In the meeting, the need to create ratio between income and expenditure while reviewing the financial affairs and structure of the universities was emphasized. It was agreed in the meeting that universities are autonomous institutions and through better financial management they can be made self-reliant like other universities in the country and the world. Speaking at the meeting, the vice-chan-

Speaking at the meeting, the vice-chancellors of various universities said that the Higher Education Commission should give 9 percent share to the

universities of the province under the formula of the National Finance Commission, but the share given to the universities of the province is 4.5 percent, due to which the universities are facing financial problems and the universities as a whole face a shortfall of 2.9 billion rupees annually.

The total income of universities in terms of fees is 1.4 billion rupees, 3.4 billion rupees are received from higher education, while the provincial government gives grant-in-aid of 2.5 billion rupees.

This occasion, it was decided that the Chief Secretary along with the Vice Chancellors of the major universities of Balochistan will meet the Chairman HEC and to discuss the provision of 9% grants to the universities of the province under the NFC award. – **APP** 

## Kyrgyz envoy lauds Pak defence industries' capabilities, products

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan Ulanbek Totuiaev, called on Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Thursday and praised the capabilities of Pakistan's Defence Industries and their products.

welcomed the Ambassador and said that Pakistan greatly values the friendly relations with Kyrgyzstan uiand looks forward to strengthening this friendmship, a news release said. He stressed that Pakistan of would continue to further usenhance cooperation with Kyrgyzstan within the frame-

The Defence Minister welcomed the Ambassador and said that Pakistan greatly values the friendly relations with Kyrgyzstan Moreover, he highlighted

Moreover, he highlighted that Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan could collaborate extensively in the defence of defence related products and expertise to Kyrgyzstan. The Ambassador

importance of cordial relations between two countries. Both sides agreed to further strengthen the institutional framework for high level bilateral coordination to achieve regional as well as global peace and prosperity.

Pakistan's

1.6min people avail Sehat Sahulat Programme

LAHORE: As many as 1.6 million people have availed the facility of free indoor treatment under Sehat Sahulat Programme in private and public hospitals so far. This was informed in a meeting, presided over by Punjab Health Secretary Imran Sikandar Baloch, held at

the Specialized Healthcare

Kazakh Ambassador meets Chairman Pak Academy of Letters

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Kazakhstan Yerzhan Kistafin met with Dr. Yousuf Khushk, Chairman Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) here on Friday to discuss matters of mutual interest and cooperation in the fields of literature and culture between the two countries. Chairman PAL, Dr. Yousuf Khushk informed the honorable Ambassador of Kazakhstan about the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Pakistan and the publication of related books and other literary translations and important projects under the PAL. Ambassador of Kazakhstan, Yerzhan Kistafin appreciated the performance of the PAL under the leadership of Dr. Yousuf Khushk and expressed hope that there would be further improvement in the field of literature between the two countries He emphasized the need for literary translations in both countries. Ambassador of Kazakhstan visited various sections of PAL. He visited the "Academy Studio" and the "Hall of Fame" and took a deep interest in them. Dr. Yousuf Khushk informed the Honorable Ambassador about the photos and brief introductions of famous writers and poets of Pakistani languages and national language in the Hall of Fame. At the end of the meeting, Dr. Yousuf Khushk presented a set of publications of the PAL to the Honorable Ambassador of Kazakhstan Mr. Yerzhan Kistafin. - APP



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Ulanbek Totuiaev presenting a souvernir to Federal Minister For Defence, Khawaja Muhammad Asif. – DNA

#### 'Infrastructure to be rebuilt to withstand weather change'

ISLAMABAD: The world is experiencing the worst impact of climate change as Pakistan has minimal carbon footprint but among the most vulnerable countries affected by climate change that we need to proactively mitigate the risks and cannot afford to wait till full calamity hits the country. Minister for Planning and Development Professor Ahsan Iqbal said this while addressing via zoom link at the "National conference - Integrating climate smart agriculture and water. Energy and Food Nexus for Sustainable Development and Food Security under changing climate" conducted under the auspices of Dawood University of Engineering, Karachi. The Minster stated that the foremost challenge that climate change poses for the country is Food security. Pakistan as the fifth most populous country in the world and need to cater the food security of the 220 million people. The new pattern of weather calls for transition from the old

Agricultural methods for cultivation of crops and to employ modern and sustainable Agricultural mechanisms.

"We need to re-engineer and rebuild our infrastructure that can withstand the future threats from weather change' he added. The Minister noted that Pakistan is endowed with natural water resources; However, the phenomena of melting glaciers is posing a serious threat to our water resources and weather conditions. Planners, engineers and scientists have to look at water resources through strategic lens to reserve more water and its efficient use in the hour when less rain would be expected. Pakistan is among countries that have lowest water use efficiency. We must adopt water conservation techniques, he remarked. Professor Iqbal further said that we have to crack the code in desalination technology and the moment an economical solution is implemented in desalination technology, the sea water can be utilized for production of food, high yield in agriculture and bring fertility in the deserts along the coastlines. He further stated that another challenge is contamination of ground water industry is polluting our drainage and same water is further being provided to farmlands contaminating food crops. It is a challenge how we retreat our drainage water in all major cities. - APP

Department, here on Friday. The participants in the meeting were apprised that the Punjab government had so far spent more than Rs 40 billion on the treatment of patients. As many as 607 private and 205 government hospitals among 812 hospitals are providing health facilities under the programme and 80,000 beds had been allocated for the purpose. As many as 1.278 million patients got treatment from January 1, 2022 to August 17, 2022 whereas the amount of

Rs 26.86 billion was spent during this period on provision of indoor healthcare treatment facility. Under the Sehat Sahulat Programme, dialysis, gynaecology, cataract, cancer, cardiology, hernia, accidents and other medical facilities are being provided. Chief Executive Officer Punjab Health Initiative Management Company (PHIMC) Dr Ali Razzaq presented details of expenditures spent on the patients under the programme. The PHIMC was directed to

eeeeeblic hospitals. – APP

### Control Room in Islamabad to monitor Karachi by polls

Room on 051-9204404.

Commissioner

He said Chief Election

Sikandar Raja Sultan con-

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of Police (IGP) and other

senior officials of the con-

cerned agencies on tele-

phone and asked them to

ensure implementation of

election code of conduct

to enable the voters to use

their right to franchise in

CEC directed District Po-

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impartial environment.

(CEC)

ISLAMABAD: A control room has been established at Islamabad to monitor and register complaints related to Sunday (August 21), by-elections for the National Assembly seat (NA-245) of Karachi.

A spokesman of Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) said in a statement that the control room would continue working till receipt of last result.The polling related complaints could be lodged round the clock on telephone no 051-9204402; 051-9204403; 051-9210837 and 051-9210838.

and 051-9210838. (DRO), Returning Officer The complaints could also (RO) and District Monitoring Officer (DMOs) to promptly inform law enforcement agencies about any attempt by miscreants to spoil the election environment.

Spokesman said Pakistan Army would perform 'Quick Reaction Force' (QRF) duties in case of any law and order situation arising during NA-245 by-poll.

This time the number of QRF as well as police personnel has been increased to a considerable extent to prevent any untoward incident immediately. Rangers would perform static duties at most sensitive polling stations along with police, he concluded. – APP

### **PRCS marks World Humanitarian Day** Red Crescent Chairman Abrar ul Haq says that the day remind us about those who lost their precious lives for humanitarian cause

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Red Crescent Society in collaboration with Access English Micro scholarship project of RELO Pakistan marked the World Humanitarian Day celebration at its National Headquarters here today.

Around 100 students under the Access English scholarship program attended the lectures and were briefed on the importance, objectives and history of World Humanitarian Day. PRCS officers gave a detailed presentation to participants on Red Crescent's countrywide humanitarian programs and initiatives. Students were sensitized on blood donation. First Aid skills to help people during disasters and emergencies. On this occasion, students registered themselves as volunteers with PRCS Youth

& Volunteer Department to join humanitarian activities. PRCS officers and staff also attended the ceremony.

attended the ceremony.the humanitarian workersIn his message on this occa-<br/>sion, PRCS Chairman Abrar<br/>ul Haq said that the day re-<br/>minded us about those whothe humanitarian workerswithout any problems are<br/>reaching to the vulnerable<br/>be it anywhere in the world.<br/>He said Pakistan Red Cres-

lost their precious lives for humanitarian cause and it is due to their sacrifices, the humanitarian workers without any problems are

ble He said that COVID19 pandemic has drawn attention across the world to the vital role of key workers, especially those employed in healthcare sector. Despite the hardships and health risks, hundreds of thousands of frontline workers have continued to do their jobs during the COVID19

pandemic, even at the cost of their own lives and safety of their families. "We pay tribute to all the humanitarian workers across the world those have been overcoming unprecedented access hurdles to assist people in this crisis", he added.

Abrar ul Haq said that PRCS is advocating and stressing on all forums to make secure the humanitarian work inviting efforts from governments, movement partners, health department and other stakeholders.

World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is celebrated every year on 19 August. The day is recognized globally to pay tribute and homage to the brave hearts who leave no stone unturned to come forward and work towards a humanitarian cause. The theme for this year is "It takes a village to raise a child" aimed at showing the importance, effectiveness, and positive impact of humanitarian work.

#### Fascist Modi wants IIOJK under Hindu rule: Mushaal

ISLAMABAD: The Chairperson of Peace and Culture Organisation Mushaal Hussein Mullick on Friday said after stripping special status of the occupied valley, the fascist Indian government was now granting franchise to the Indian citizens in so-called assembly polls to bring the IIOJK under Hindu rule. In a strong worded-statement issued here on Friday, Mushaal said that the Hindutva regime hell-bent to give voting rights to Indian Hindus in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) under another sinister move against the Kashmiri people. She said that allowing Indians living in IIOJK to vote in polls was meant to further disempower the Kashmiris as BJP wanted to install fascist people in Jammu and Kashmir to advance the interests of the party. The hurrivate leader went on to say that importing voters from India, notorious Narendra Modi wanted to bring Muslim-majority IIOJK under Hindu rule in brazen violations of UN resolutions.

She said that installing Hindu Chief Minister in Muslim majority Jammu and Kashmir had been a long-held ambition of Hindutva forces, which she said would never be materialized. The chairperson sound alarmed that giving Indians living in the siege valley to vote in polls was part of series of measures started from August 5, 2019 to marginalize Kashmiris. "Redrawing electoral boundaries, giving more seats to Hindu-dominated Jammu and importing voters from India were intended to colonize Kashmir," she added. Mushaal further stated that Modi regime's ultimate aim was to efface Muslim identity and establish Hindu civilization in the region. She revealed that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)-backed Indian government was violating all democratic values to bring Jammu and Kashmir under Hindu rule. She lamented that the people of Kashmir have been forced to live under a fascist BIP rule, that neither respected the lives of the Kashmiri people, nor their fundamental right to self-determination, adding that despite unprecedented human rights abuses, and instances of state torture, the international community remains largely impotent. - APP



#### National Days and **Armed Forces Days** AUGUST

Aug 01/ CHINA Armed Forces Day

Aug 01/ SWITZERLAND National Day

Aug 01/ LEBANON Armed Forces Day

Aug 01/ SYRIA Armed Forces Day

Aug 4/ BUKINO FASO National Day

Aug 09/ SINGAPORE National Day

Aug 15/ DPR KOREA Independence Day

Aug 15/ INDIA Independence Day

Aug 15/ POLAND Armed Forces Day

Aug 17/ INDONESIA Independence Day

Aug 24/ UKRAINE Independence Day

Aug 25/ URUGUAY

Independence Day Aug 30/ TURKEY

Armed Forces Day Aug 31/ KYRGYZ

Independence Day Aug 31/ MALAYSIA National Day



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## President lauds humanitarian services of aid workers ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on

Friday expressed solidarity with the aid workers working tirelessly for the good of society, saying that it was the time to recognize their tremendous efforts, services and sacrifice. In his message on the World Humanitarian Day, throughout difficult times, aid workers, the security forces, and civil society responded to a historic number of people affected by natural disasters. President Alvi said on the World Hu-

manitarian Day, Pakistan joined the global community and paid tribute to the humanitarian workers and everyone

on the ground advocating for and delivering life-saving aid to the most vulnerable people affected by crisis situations. "We also thank these heroes for their services and their contribution to keep communities, especially the vulnerable ones, safe," he said. President Alvi paid special tribute to the humanitarian workers who continued to offer life-saving support to communities affected by climate

crises and reaffirmed commitment to put climate justice at the core of all efforts. "We also acknowledge the humanitarian and philanthropic spirit of our fellow Pakistanis, who always supported their brethren during natural disasters, especially during earthquakes and floods," he said.

The president mentioned the unprecedented increase in climate disasters faced by Pakistan recently, including heat waves, flooding in Balochistan, northern areas and parts of Punjab, forest fires in Balochistan and severe droughts in Sindh and Balochistan and the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation, he said, the vulnerable in Pakistan were more in need of humanitarian assistance and protection than ever before. "These disasters have increased forced displacement, have resulted in high rates of malnutrition, increased mortality rates, and have adversely affected the vulnerable segments of the population economically and financially," he said. He lauded the services of aid workers their tireless efforts to save lives and alleviate the suffering of these communities. - APP

which later proved fake. He was of the views that fake news phenomenon was not a new rather it was old as human history. Fake and false

## President approves 128 addl, deputy & asst AGs

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has approved the appointment of 128 lawyers as additional, deputy and assistant attorneys-general at various stations, the President House said Friday. The president also approved the removal of the existing 118 Additional Attorney-General, Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorney-General from their posts. The transfer of Chaudhry

Amir Rehman from Additional Attorney-General-IV, Islamabad to Additional Attorney-General-I, Islamabad has also been approved. Also, the president gave approval to the transfer of Mirza Nasr Ahmed from Additional Attorney-General-I, Lahore to Additional Attorney-General-II, Lahore. The notification of the appointment of Wazir Walayat Ali as Deputy Attorney-General, Gilgit-Baltistan has been retrieved.

The president approved the notifications regarding appointments and removal under the Central Law Officers Ordinance, and on the summary forwarded by the Ministry of Law and Justice. - APP

#### IHC reserves decision on Mian Soomro's plea

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Friday reserved its judgment on maintainability of a petition challenging de-notifying of former PTI's minister Muhammad Mian Soomro. Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb of IHC heard the case filed by Mr. Soomro through Barrister Zainab Janjua.

The petitioner's lawyer adopted the stance that her client was elected from NA-196 Jacobad. His client had not submitted resignation from the NA membership, she said. She said that the speaker National Assembly had declared the seat as vacant due to not attendance of her client in NA sessions for more than 40 times. Due to aging and health condition her client couldn't travel much, she added. The lawyer informed the court that the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) had announced elections in the constituency after de-notifying Soomro. The lawyer further said that her client would appear in session after his return from abroad. The court asked the counsel to get information from her client that when he was arriving and whether he would attend the session after his return or not. At this the advocate said that Mr. Soomro would return on September 27, and attend the session. The court reserved its judgment on the maintainability of the case. It remarked that the court was not serving notice to Speaker NA. – APP

## Tobacco exports surge 415% in July 2022

ISLAMABAD: The exports of tobacco from the country witnessed an increase of 415.01 percent during the first month of current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding month of last year. Pakistan exported tobacco worth US \$4.872 million during July 2022 as compared to the exports of US \$0.946 million during July 2021, showing growth of 415.01 percent, according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

In terms of quantity, the exports of tobacco also rose by 228.51 percent as the country exported 1,544 metric ton of tobacco during the month under review as compared to the exports of 470 metric ton during last fiscal year. Meanwhile, on month-on-month basis, the tobacco exports however decreased by

29.33 percent during the month of July 2022 as compared to the exports of US \$ 6.894 million in June 2022. It is pertinent to mention here that the country's overall merchandise exports declined by 5.17 percent in July 2022 as compared to exports of July 2021. The exports during the month were recorded at US\$2,219 million against the exports of US\$2,340 million in last July.

The imports also declined by 12.81 percent to US\$4,861 million in July 2022 compared to exports of US\$5,575 million in July 2021. Based on the figures, the merchandize trade deficit declined by 18.33 percent by going down form the deficit of US\$3,235 million last July to US\$2,642 million in July 2022, according to PBS data. - APP

## Pakistan-Iran relations improving: Minister

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Syed Muhammad Ali Hussaini, the Ambassador of Iran met with Federal Minister Relvez Khawaja Saad Rafique in Pakistan. During the meeting, the two countries also discussed with reference to various issues, relationships and railway projects. Relations between Pakistan and Iran are further improving

Iran's ambassador said Pakistan and Iran's two sati are necessary. Brotherhood and love relations between Iran and Pakistan are very strong, Iranian Ambas-

customers through long-term contracts with the country and Ben Laquami suppliers. The federal minister of Railways added that Pakistan is a friendly environment for businesses which requires Iranian investors to benefit. Khawaja Saad Rafiq. Wants to improve trading relations with Pakistan and Iran. Minister of Railways During the meeting, there was also a discussion regarding the issues and railways of two countries

Both leaders agreed to continue bilateral cooperation and expand it The meeting included Secretary/Chairman Zafar Zaman Raniha, Additional Secretary/Secretary

#### imposes Rs 50m fine on CPGCL ISLAMABAD: National ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee Electric Power Regula-

**NEPRA** 

(ECC) of the Cabinet at Finance Division here on Fritory Authority (NEPRA) day approved the proposal to exclude new Liquefied while taking cognizance Natural Gas (LNG) terminals and associated facilities from application of Third Party Access (TPA) and of power breakdown which plunged the whole country allowed amendment in article 6.2(a) of LNG policy, into darkness has imposed 2011. According to press statement issued by finance a fine of Rs. 50 million on Central Power Generation Company Limited (CPG-CL) on account of negligence of management of Guddu Power Plant. The massive power breakdown occurred on January 09, 2021 at 23:40 hrs and took 20 hours (approximately) to restore the system, said

a press release. Earlier, NEPRA took serious notice of the above incident and constituted an Inquiry Committee to thoroughly investigate the matter in the light of NE-PRA Act, Rules and Regulations. The Committee conducted the inquiry and presented a detailed report to the Authority, on the basis of which the Authority news, image and video. Now a days, people have been receiving many messages on various social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and forward

#### Media literacy, fact-checking necessary ISLAMABAD: Improving media literacy and fact-checking is necessary for countering fake news phenomenon in the society, Media Specialist, Masroor Gillani said on Friday while delivering a talk at Information Service Academy (ISA). He said that fake news could be tackled by media literacy and facts-checking. Every individual could check fake-news by using online digital tools, he said. He said spread of fake news could also be stamped by verifying the content of

initiated legal proceedings against CPGCL. Accordingly, an explanation dated April 01, 2021 was issued to CPGCL under Regulation these to their friends and in groups without any verification 4(1) of the NEPRA (Fine) Regulations 2021, followed by a show cause notice dated February 1, 2022 un-

#### ministry, Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail presided over the ECC meeting. The Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) had submitted a summary on amendments in LNG Policy 2011 for exemption from mandatory TPA to new LNG terminals. It was argued that the gap between gas supply and demand in the country was widening resulting in gas load management af-

fecting economic activities. Under the circumstances and to diversify the LNG import infrastructure, there was a need to support and encourage foreign/private investment in the new LNG terminals at their own costs and risks to meet the growing demand of RLNG in the country.

ECC excludes third

party access for new

LNG terminals

#### Emergency

Rescue (Police).....15 Bomb Disposal.....15 Fire Services Rawalpindi/ Islamabad.....1122 & 16 Emergency Ambulance..1122 & Rescue Services.4451122 Motorway Police....9266044 MotorwayPolice..9270601-20 Women Police Stations ...9222596 Islamabad. Rawalpindi.....9270601-20



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Edhi Ambulance.....115 PIAFlightInfo.....114 PIACargo......9280979 Railway Inquiry.....117 Railway Exchange9270831-5 WASA Rawalpindi..5555489 ..9281092 CAA.



Railway Board Mazhar Ali Shah, DG Planning Abdul Malik and others.

der Section 27B of the NE-PRA Act. – APP

news were spread through social media networking aimed at misleading the people, he said. - APP

### Ombudsman holds meetings in Peshawar

ISLAMABAD: Federal Ombudsman, Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi on Friday visited Peshawar and held a number of important meetings including a review of the working of the Federal Ombudsman Regional Office. He held meetings with the Chief Secretary to monitor the pace of Jails Reforms and prominent editors and media personalities.

The ombudsman appreciated the performance of the Federal Ombudsman's regional Office as there was a major increase in the disposal of public complaints. He advised them to ensure prompt and sympathetic response to the citizens who came to the office for redressal of their grievances.

Ejaz Ahmed underlined the need for good governance practices at all levels including investigation and implementation. He noted that the hundreds of cases under Informal resolution of disputes were being disposed of and the public was been provided with due relief. Chairing a meeting on Jail Reforms along with Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, he appreciated the improvements and progress in a number of areas of the report on the reforms under the direction of the Supreme Court. It was decided in the meeting that two important sub-committees would be formed.

One, under the chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary to speed up the infrastructure development and the other under the chairmanship of the Secretary Home and Prison to streamline and improve operational activities. - APP



ISLAMABAD: British Acting High Commissioner Andrew Dalgleish addressing a launching ceremony of National Priority Sectors Export Strategy. - APP



#### Hospitals

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СМН	5611111
MH	561116
Cantt Hospital	.9270907-11
DHQ	5556311-4
RGH	9290301-7
Holy Family	9290322-7
PIMS	.9261170-79
Polyclinic	.9218300-09
Shifa International.4603666	

#### released a joint statement in solidarity with the Muslim woman and her family. The statement was issued by a number of grassroots workers, women's rights advocates, human rights activists, peace lovers, secu-



#### Departments

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CDA9208301-04	
Met Office9250360-6	
RDA5555864	
TMA5770886	
Cantonment Board 9270151-3	

#### Islamabad Metropolitan

Corporation......9209224 Potohar Town......9209224 RawalTown.....5773343

Water Tank Islamabad.....0321-5744480

### 6,000 citizens condemn grave injustice with Bilkis Bano ISLAMABAD: About 6,000 citizens

larists, anti-caste activists, disabilcame together to express their ity, queer rights activists and other shock and horror at the pre-mature peoples' movements, groups and acrelease of 11 Hindutva men convicttivists, eminent writers, historians, ed of gang-rape of Bilkis Bano and scholars, filmmakers, journalists and murder of her daughter. The citizens former bureaucrats and many more. According to Kashmir media service. "On the morning of August 15, 2022, in his Independence Day address to the nation the Prime Minister of India spoke of women's rights, dignity and Nari Shakti. That very afternoon Bilkis Bano, a woman who embodied that 'Nari Shakti' in her long and daunting struggle for justice, learnt that the perpetrators who killed her family, murdered her three year old daughter, gang-raped and left her to die, had walked free," read the statement. Most importantly, in a case investi-

gated and prosecuted by the CBI, no remission can be granted by a State without concurrence by the Union government, they said. - APP

up by 3.35 percent ISLAMABAD: The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) based weekly inflation for the week ended on August 18 for the combined consumption group, witnessed an increase of 3.35 percent as compared to the previous week. SPI for the week under review in the above mentioned group was recorded at 216.02 points against 209.01 points registered

Weekly inflation goes

stan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). As compared to the corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an increase of 42.31 percent. The Sensitive Price Indicator for the lowest consumption group up to Rs 17,732 witnessed 1.8 percent increase and went up from 215.76 points in last week to 219.64 points during the week under review. - APP

in the previous week, according to the latest data of Paki-



ISLAMABAD: The speakers in a roundtable discussion have stated that Tiwan dispute was not about China's policy instead it was the issue of its sovereignty. Islamabad Institute of Conflict Resolution (IICR) organized a Roundtable Discussion titled "US-China Rivalry at the Shores of South China Sea", said a press release issued here on Friday. The panelists included Senator Mushaid Hussain Syed, Naghmana Hashmi, Zamir Assadi, Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal and Shakeel Ahmed Ramay.

The session was moderated by Founder IICR, Sabah Aslam. Speaking on the occasion, Senator Mushaid Hussain Syed said that when US was busy in wars, China was busy investing and still doing it. "It is written on a wall that China has overtaken US in technology and it is even estab-

lished in Harvard university's report, it is not Chinese fact but report from US," he added. Zamir Assadi said that the global politics was shaping in South China Sea specially the recent incident of Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan. He was of the view that US scrapped three joint communiques which were singed between US and China and it put pressure on developing countries who had working relations with Beijing.

Zamir observed that West's investment in not only South China Sea but across the world were strategically and politically driven. Naghmana Hashmi said that Taiwan issue was not about one China's policy, adding the issue was related to its sovereignty. She said that Taiwan historically was part of China

and later it was administered as province and administrative unit of China. She also said that one of the ambitions of China was the reunification of Islands. There were guarantees given to Beijing by Washington that US would not exceed Arms sent to Taiwan and it was strategically not adhering with the pact, she added. Shakeel Ahmad Ramay said that global policy of china began in 1980s and transformation of China was completed under Xi Jinping. Ramay said that Beijing was globally helping nations to grow, adding it was ending food insecurity in regions like Africa. China was also securing its security gaps through sea because of the inse-

curity it had from it, he added. He said

that China's security had taken a par-

adigm shift from territorial security to individual security which was centered on assuring security to every Chinese individual.

Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal said that when canons in Ukraine were fired it left a whole mark on world and Pakistan also faced it. Similarly if the fire started in South China Sea that it would have direct impact on Pakistan, he added. Moreover, President Xi future would be decided in November CPC meeting, he said, adding the conflict was evolving between US and China. China's rise was directly threatening the ideas of the west, he added. Dr. Jaspal said that US was facing challenges to compete with China and Washington lacked behind in technological run with China.

#### Students spill colours of patriotism at PNCA show

ISLAMABAD: The students from the twin-cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi entertained the audience through their artistic performances filled with colours of patriotism in a cultural programme organised at Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA) on Friday in connection with the 75th Independence Day celebrations. Students of some 12 educational institutes of the twin-cities performed tableaus, national songs and delivered speeches highlighting the importance of independence. A colourful puppet show by National Puppet Theatre (NPT) of PNCA was one of the main attractions of the show, presenting the message of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah through different skits, and highlighting his famous speech proclaiming religious freedom and plurality as the foundations of the society in independent Pakistan.

The audience and students lauded the efforts of PNCA and demanded that such type of cultural events should be held frequently to make children learn about the history of Pakistan, and to instill the spirit of patriotism in young generation. - APP

## **TWIN CITIES**

### Islamabad **POST** Saturday, August 20, 2022

### **Briefs**

#### **Estate Office** vacates over 2,817 properties

ISLAMABAD: The Estate Office, Ministry of Housing and Works have so far vacated over 2,817 government properties from illegal occupants and handed over to the entitled persons across the country. The Capital Development Authority and other relevant departments of the provincial governments have helped the Estate Office to vacate government properties," sources in the Ministry of Housing and Works told APP.

They said that the Ministry was also considering to take action against the encroachments and illegally constructed structures in government residences in the federal capital.

A punitive action would be taken against the construction of extra rooms by the employees and their kith and kin, who lived in the government allotted houses, they added. At present, the sources said that over 17,000 government houses in Islamabad were under the management of the Estate Office and additional rooms had illegally been constructed by the allottees in over 2,400 residences.

The basic purpose of the operation was to clear the government residences of encroachments, they added. They further informed that over 25,000 government employees were currently on the general waiting list to get accommodation, but they could not be provided with the same as retired employees, their relatives and relatives of even late government employees continued to live in the government quarters. - APP

#### IESCO notifies 2-day power programme

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Friday notified two-day power suspension programme for Saturday and Sunday for vari ous areas of its region due to necessary maintenance and routine development work. to IESCO Spokesperson, the power supply of different feeders and grid stations would remain suspended for the period onn Saturday from 07:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Shakrilla, Jermote, Narh Topa, Bhara Kahu, NIH, T&T, Golf City, Treat, Misrial Road, Amir Hamza, Radio Pak, Millat Abad, Peshawar Road, Range Road feeders, From 06:00 AM to 14:00 PM, Charhaoi Feeder. On Sunday from 07:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Sawan Garden, International School, H-8/2, VIP, Rawalpindi-III feeders, From 06:00 AM to 14:00 PM. Berote Gala. Darbar Mai Thoothi, Khui Ratta City, Charhoi, Dana Behal, Charhoi Dhongi, Sirri, Fateh Pur, City, Karyala, Jandrote, Dabsi, Dadot, Majjan feeders and surroundings. - APP



ISLAMABAD: Women posing for a group picture on the occasion of a reception hosted by the Acting Malaysian High Commissioner Deddy Faisal Ahmad Salleh. - DNA

## **CPEC enhances Sino'-Pak Cooperation, Envoys say**

Such ideas are echoed by Moin Ul Haque, Pakistani Ambassador to China, who termed CPEC as a "people-centric, socially inclusive, environmentally friendly, and green and sustainable" initiative

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has contributed to the high-quality green and sustainable development in Pakistan, and it will push for more such cooperation to promote sustainable and green development in the country. The views were expressed by Chinese and Pakistan envoys at a webinar exploring green development under

While delivering a keynote speech at the in Pakistan, shared the envoy. "According to forum, Nong Rong, Chinese Ambassador to statistics, CPEC has created 85,000 jobs for Pakistan said that China and Pakistan have Pakistan," Nong explicated, "For example, the construction of Gwadar port has creat-ed 4,000 jobs among which 3,800 are [taken working to finalise the blueprint of the boosted cooperation in green energy. "Five wind power projects have been completed Chinese firms receive environmental awards ISLAMABAD: Chinese firms operating in Pakistan have Sindh Engro Coal Mining Co. (SECMC). They also got the awards. SSRL and TCB-1 are owned by Shanghai Electric, bagged prestigious awards for putting in place the best pracwhile China Machinery Engineering Corp. (CMEC) is a matices to preserve the environment, according to Gwadar Pro. The 19th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards (AEEA jor shareholder and EPC contractor of the SECMC. SSRL, 2022) were presented by the National Forum for Environ-TCB-1, and SECMC are among the early-harvest projects ment and Health (NFEH) in a ceremony held in Karachi. As under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative. per the details shared with Gwadar Pro by Ruqiya Naeem, The Harbin Electric Int'l received two awards, with the sec-General Secretary NFEH and Project Director AEEA 2022, ond award for tree plantation at its sites. the Chinese firms including China Power Hub Generation Moreover, Bestway Cement received the award for install-Co., Harbin Electric Int'l (O&M), HUANENG SHANDONG ing Pakistan's largest commercial solar power plants with a RUYI (PAKISTAN) ENERGY (Pvt.) Ltd., LONGi Solar, and combined capacity of over 49 megawatts at its four plants. SEPCO III Electric Power Construction Co. received the Modules for the plants were provided by LONGi Solar. In a letter to LONGi Solar, NFEH stated that it was imenvironmental awards. The Thar coal mining and integrated power plant projects are being executed by Chinese pressed by the company's vision and mission towards the firms including Sino-Sindh Resources Ltd. (SSRL). implementation of the local and international environmen-Thar Coal Block-1 Power Generation Co. (TCB-1), and tal standards and its compliance at its workplaces. - APP Railways lease 4,687 acres land shawar, Quetta, Rawalpindi Multan and Sukkar, an official in the Ministry of Railways told APP. He said Pakistan Railways had also decided to accelerate its ongoing anti-encroachment operation against land grabbers across the country to recoup its land from different individuals, groups and even business organizations in four years using it for residential, commercial and agriculture purposes for decades. "The encroachment operation will be launched with the assistance of Railway Police and ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways has leased out around district administrations of the relevant provincial gov-4,687 acres of its land during the last four years to ernments," he added. He said that Pakistan Railways transform the department into profitable entity by had retrieved over 500 acres precious land worth bilgenerating more revenue. The leased-out land was lolion of rupees from illegal occupants under its anti-encroachment operation across the country. - APP

under CPEC with a total capacity of 300 megawatts, and another 300-megawatt solar power project has been completed," noted Nong Rong revealed that more green projects are ongoing under CPEC as "[the] Karot hydropower plant has successfully entered commercial operation[s] and large hydropower projects such as SK are progressing," adding that the Matiari-Lahore power transmission line helps cut "the line loss from 17% to 4%, greatly reducing ener-

gy loss and improving efficiency." CPEC, according to a report published by Green and sustainable development is also With a growing emphasis on green de-China Economic Net (CEN) on Friday. generating huge employment opportunities

by the] Pakistani people."

Such ideas are echoed by Moin Ul Haque, Pakistani Ambassador to China, who termed CPEC as a "people-centric, socially inclusive, environmentally friendly, and green and sustainable" initiative.

Haque said that "the recently completed Karot hydropower project is an example of [the] clean, green vision of CPEC" and that he was more than "happy to see more CPEC projects [being] taken into consideration in the green development aspect."

velopment, said Haque, China and Pakistan have been working to build a green corridor to focus on areas of agriculture, environment, food, climate change, and BRI and seek a better way forward.

green corridor to carry out practical cooperation. And in this respect, agriculture has been identified as a key area of cooperation," noted Haque.

As per Haque, a bilateral meeting to this end will be held before the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) on CPEC this year, and an action plan is also underway with the support of many research institutions, the academia and ministries.

Hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), the CPEC Green-Development High-Level Policy Dialogue aims to engage the key stakeholders from China and Pakistan including the governments, investors, regulators, developers, academia, and civil society to reflect on the success of major initiatives implemented under the

#### **10 outlaws** held; drugs and weapons recovered

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital territory police have arrested 10 outlaws from different areas of the city and recovered drugs and weapons with ammunition from their possession during the last 24 hours, a Police Public Relation Officer said. He said that, DIG (Operations) Sohail Zafar Chatha had categorically ordered all zonal officers to curb the crime in their respective areas and arrest those involved in looting innocent people and involved in illegal activities. Following these directives, the Bani Gala police team arrested a accused namely Intasar Haider involved in aerial firing and recovered one 12 bore gun. Kalashnikov and one pistol along with ammunition from his possession. Similarly, Bhara Kahu police team arrested two drug peddlers namely Khayal Muhammad and Muhammad Rashid and recovered 2005 gram heroin and one30 bore pistol and ammunition from their possession.

Moreover, Golra police team arrested Muhammad Saqib and recovered 280 gram hashish from him. Koral police arrested accused Munair Ahmed and recovered 235 gram heroin from him. Sabzi Mandi police arrested a drug peddler namely Bukhtair and recovered 1210 gram hashish from him. Shams Colony police arrested accused Haider Ali and recovered one 30 bore pistol and ammunition from him. Nilor police arrested accused Toseef and recovered one 30 bore pistol along with ammunation from his possession.

#### IRSA releases 451,719 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD: Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Friday released 451,719 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 487,989 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in the Indus River at Tarbela Dam was 1549.20 feet, which was 151.2 feet higher than its dead level

#### PANAH for ban on Velo as new tactic of tobacco industry

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan National Heart Association (PANAH) on Friday urged the government to ban Velo which was a new tactic of tobacco industry to trap the youth into addiction of nicotine pouches equally injurious to health as smoking.

The PANAH experts expressed their great concerns over the proliferation of Velo. nicotine pouches an alternate to cigarettes, in the market that had become vogue among young boys and girls alike, a news release said.

"Smoking is one of the leading causes of cancer. A large number of people in Pakistan are addicted to smoking and their number is more than 20 million. Our youth is also getting addicted to drugs as around 1,200 children start smoking every day," a PANAH official said.

The PANAH as a social organisation, alongwith the government, was trying to educate people about the hazards of smoking whereas in order to reduce its use the tobacco industry launched a new product called Velo. - APP

cated in seven divisions including Lahore, Karachi, Pe-

## AIOU M.Phil, Ph.D admissions to close on August 22

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has commenced admissions in merit-based programs offered in the first phase of autumn 2022 semester including BS, MS/ MPhil, and Ph.D. and the deadline for the submission of admission application form is August 22, 2022 whereas the last date for admission in matric, F.A and I.Com is September 6, 2022. According to the admission department of the University, prospectuses and admission forms for these programs are available online on the university website (www.aiou.edu. pk) and admission can only be applied via online mode. The online admission procedure is presented in the prospectuses in detail. Admissions to BS, 1.5 and 2.5-year MBA (new scheme) programs will be granted purely on merit basis whereas the candidates will appear in entry test to qualify for admission in Commonwealth of Learning (COL) MBA/ MPA, MS/ MPhil and PhD. These entry tests will be conducted in the university's academic complex from August 26-31, 2022. Admissions in the second phase will begin simultaneously in the four provinces of Pakistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Kashmir, and the northern regions. The educational programs offered in this phase will include B.Ed, BS, BA (Associate Degree), BBA, and certificate courses. The prospectuses and admission forms will be available on the university's website (www.aiou.edu.pk) on September 1 and admission can only be applied via online mode. It is pertinent to mention here that overseas Pakistani and international students can also enroll in matric, FA, and I.Com programs. AIOU is offering these programs through an online management system and all academic activities ranging from submission of admission application to the issuance of certificates/degrees will be managed online. - APP

398 feet. Water inflow in the dam was recorded as 295, 500 cusecs and outflow at 281,100 cusecs.

The water level in the Jhelum River at Mangla Dam was 1174.75 feet, which was 124.75 feet higher than its dead level of 1050 feet whereas the inflow and outflow of water was recorded as 31, 870 cusecs and 10,000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa and Sukkur was recorded at 276,596, 461,402 and 344.040 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from the Kabul River, a total of 79,300 cusecs of water released at Nowshera and 66, 061 cusecs released from the Chenab River at Marala. - APP

#### Dire need to focus on climate emergency: PHF

ISLAMABAD: World Humanitarian Day, commemorated every year to advocate for the survival, well-being, and dignity of people affected by crises, and for the safety and security of aid workers.

This year World Humanitarian Day is celebrated at a crucial time, especially in the countries that are suffering from the visible impact of climate change. The monsoon emergency and the post-COVID-19 situation in many South Asian countries were giving a very tough time. Pakistan is on the top list of those countries that are quite vulnerable to climate change.

Pakistan Humanitarian Forum alongwith its member organizations is always at the forefront to provide support in any kind of humanitarian crisis in the country. The forum along with its member organizations played a substantial role during COVID-19 by reaching out to 11.1 million people in Pakistan through intervention in different sectors including food security, water, sanitation and hygiene, and health and education with a total investment of 9.7 billion PKR.

This year, unlike recent years, devastating monsoon floods gave a stark reminder that Pakistan is bearing the consequences of the climate emergency. – APP

#### US' policy, containment of China won't work Senator Mushahid said that China has transformed and it is its perpetual transformation that has propelled it to global arena. Adding further he said that American century began after WWII and decline of American century started on 15 August 2021 when Taliban took over Kabul

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: United States' policy to contain China would not work, Experts said at a roundtable discussion titled "US-China Rivalry at the Shores of South China Sea' held here at Islamabad Institute of Conflict Resolution (IICR). The experts on international affairs included Senator Mushaid Hussain Syed, former Ambassador Naghmana Hashmi; Zamir Assadi, Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal and Shakeel Ahmed Ramay. The discussion was moderated by Ms. Sabah Aslam, Founder IICR.

Senator Mushahid said that China has transformed and it is its perpetual transformation that has propelled it to global arena. Adding further he said that American century began after WWII and decline of American century started on 15 August 2021 when Taliban took over Kabul.

Shedding more on it senator Mushahid said that when US was busy with wars China was busy investing and is still doing it. It is a writing on wall that China has overtaken US in technology and it is even established in

Harvard university report, it is not Chinese fact but report from US. US needs to understand that China will not allow red lines to cross said senator Mushahid.

Talking about US's military industrial complex senator said that US military is looking for next investment in shape of Taiwan crisis. Senator Hussain added, the world is witnessing cold war and US cannot win it in old way. Zamir Assadi said that the Global politics is shaping in South China Sea specially the recent incident

of Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan. Categorizing the visit as politically motivated Assadi said that regardless of concerns by China, United States put global peace at stake. He further said that US scrapped three joint communiques which were

singed between US and China and it puts pressure on developing countries who have working relations with Beijing.

Adding further Mr. Zamir said that West's investment in not only South China Sea but across the world are strategically and politically driven. Washington's main focus is on investment in arms harming peace of Taiwan and US China relations. US is pursuing intentional aggression in the south-China sea mainly Taiwan and it is least concerned about harsh consequences faced by Taiwan like it is least concerned about Ukraine.

Apart from international politics there is internal politics at play by US at the expense of Taiwan which is mid-term elections, said Mr. Assadi. In his concluding remarks Mr Zamir said Washingthat ton needs introspection rather than putting global peace at stake. The next speaker on the panel was Amb. Naghmana Hashmi. Amb. Hashmi said that Taiwan issue is not about one China policy. The issue of one china is settled it is the issue of sovereignty.

Giving historical perspective in depth she said that Taiwan historically is part of China and later it was administered as province and administrative unit of China. Adding further Amb. Hashmi said that Japan and other imperial powers occupied Chinese territories which were liberated later and in Cairo declaration it is stated that all former Chinese islands shall be reverted back to China. She also said that one of the ambitions of China is the reunification of Islands.

There were guarantees given to Beijing by Washington that US will not exceed Arms sent to Taiwan and it is strategically not adhering with the pact. Amb. Hashmi further added that it the sheer pace of China's rise which discomforts west, China is ahead of west in technological developments which is pinching west specially US. Lastly she said that west is in pursuit to de-track China in order to slow it down or divert it.

## **US-China Joint** Communique

ednesday marked the 40th anniversary of the United States-China Joint Communique on United States Arms Sales to Taiwan, in which the US promised to gradually reduce its arms sales to the island on the basis of its sales worth \$192 million in 1979. However malleable the document, which is also known as the August 17 Communique, might be in the eyes of Washington as far as its rhetoric is concerned, what cannot be denied is the promise the US made to gradually reduce its arms sales to the island in order to maintain sound bilateral relations between the two countries. With its Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, the US has always used Taiwan as a pawn in its strategy to contain the rise of China. This has become particularly so when China's rapid development has made it the world's second-largest economy.

At the same time, the Democratic Progressive Party authorities on the island have proved to be willing and indiscriminate buyers of the US' previous generation arms, which has made it a convenient and lucrative dumping ground for the US' no-longer wanted weaponry. Washington pays no heed to the fact that its arms sales have emboldened secessionists on the island, whose maneuvers aimed at securing the island's de facto "independence" have intensified the tensions across the Taiwan Straits. Shutting its eyes to the promise it made in the August 17 Communique, the US has placed its interest and strategic goal of containing the rise of China before honoring its pledge. The US has shown no qualms about betraying the fact that the law of the jungle is still the principle it abides by when it comes to geopolitical games despite the banner of human rights and freedom it always wields when it interferes in the internal affairs of other countries. China has made clear that it considers the US' arms sales to Taiwan to be a major barrier to the development of China-US relations. The US' continued arms sales to the island will only further damage its ties with China. The US will definitely stumble in pursuing its interest if it does not abide by the norms of international relations and honor its promises. The US should mend its way and act responsibly in the interests of world peace and development.

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## Looming dengue outbreak

hile the threat of Covid-19 has temporarily dwindled, Pakistan continues to face a host of dangerous diseases that resurge annually and adversely affect the health of citizens. In this regard, health officials in Rawalpindi were baffled to detect large number of dengue mosquito larvae at 16,000 different locations - 15,601 houses and 1,000 other localities - during indoor and outdoor surveillance campaigns. This is indeed an alarming revelation which could lead to a deadly outbreak in the near future. It is believed that these dengue larvae have been breeding on a large scale during the ongoing monsoon season that saw many places inundated with water. Where there is stagnant water, dengue mosquitoes are bound to increase in number and become a health threat. The district has been carrying out anti-dengue campaigns but unfortunately implementation has been lacking as 99 locations were left out and fake activities were recorded in 377 locations. Officials have taken timely action by registering FIRs, sealing buildings, issuing challans and enforcing dengue SOPs but a systematic action plan must be carried out to destroy breeding grounds before these larvae mature. The ordeal also indicates the importance of draining rainwater in a timely manner. But with many provinces across Pakistan witnessing unprecedented levels of rain, dengue could very well escalate into a national health crisis. This merits attention from the very top.

Surveillance campaigns must be carried out across flood affected areas to identify and destroy breeding grounds. Urban cities must issue dengue SOPs and work towards draining the remaining water left in affected localities. Abandoned buildings along with ponds, pools and other bodies of water in recreational spaces must not be left unchecked. But most importantly, the healthcare sector must be notified and wellequipped to deal with any outbreak.

## When nations vanish

#### Dr.AbdusSattarAbbasi

Historically Muslim societies promoted inclusion and diversity in the society. The second Caliph of Islam was martyred as a result of assault by his ex-servant who wasn't a Muslim. Once the second Caliph of Islam, who ruled almost half of the planet, tried to convince this servant to embrace Islam but on his refusal the

considering and accommodating viewpoints of others is more productive than inhibiting thoughts to proliferate at critical times, engagement is fruitful than confrontation to understand each other instead of marginalizing people to provide space forundesirable outcomes. Historically Muslim societies promoted inclusion and diversity in the society. The second Caliph of Islam was martyred as a result of assault by his ex-servant who wasn't a Muslim. Once the second Caliph of Islam, who ruled almost half of the planet, tried to convince this servant to embrace Islam but on his refusal the second Caliph abandoned to pursuewhile saying, "There is no compulsion in religion".

Recent campaign in India against Islamic scholar Abu al 'AlaMaududi suggests suffocation and narrow-mindedness of Indian society. This decay is a result of hatred and extremism promoted by the current ruling regime in India. It is inappropriate for the largest democracy to curb autonomy of universities, a hallmark of modern-day institutions of higher learning. According to Dr. Michael Crow the President of Arizona State University, "Universities are unique kinds of global institutions. Universities are institutions intended to be durable and enduring. When wisely designed, governed and financed, they are unique entities in a democracy and in our global society. Universities are neutral conveners, assemblers of talent, and unmatched idea factories where the passion, creativity, and idealism of great minds, young and old alike, can be applied to problem-solving and advancing our societal and economic well-being. Con-

temporary universities have a responsibility to transcend traditional disciplinary limitations in pursuit of intellectual fusion, and develop a culture of academic enterprise." George M. Sammy argued, "Institutions of higher education were all born of a search for truth and thus knowledge. In its earliest relationship, the search for and testing of ideas and theories gave rise to research. The frontiers of knowledge were pushed back, and theorizing sought the aid of experimentation as a means of proof. At the university we will not find unitary or one-way tendencies but rather multiple and cross-dimensional tendencies. Here we are dealing with divergent and conflicting tendencies in a more or less creative or fruitful tension. It is this fearless and ceaseless seeking and testing without let or hindrance that has given the university its special characteristics, and thus its influence in the world today." China has emerged as global power in recent times. When I decided to present a paper on Islamic finance during my visit to China to attend 'The First Belt and Road International Finance Symposium' atHeBeiNoraml University (HNU) on October 27-31, 2019 most of my colleagues were of the view that probably it will not be acceptable for the organizers to listen to the Islamic finance. But eventually it was a pleasant surprise for entire delegation to notice extensive interest among participants of the conference to know about Islamic banking and finance. Academics from different universities and officials from public offices took special interest, asked relevant questions and looked into the possibilities to assimilate Islamic banking and finance into their financial organizations. China also quickly adapted to the modern capitalistic approaches thus reaping benefits of modifications in their economic policies. Their hybrid approach to the democracy

and the economy is an excellent example of accommodating and learning from the diversity of thoughts, philosophies, approaches and the brains from different parts of the globe. I got the opportunity to attend a seminar in the University of Punjab on August 08, 2022 deliberating this emerging challenge for universities in India. It was indeed a surprise for most of the participants that how universities can be dictated to ban any scholar or any school of thought from scholarly analyses. Some leading academicians, development sector professionals, public sector representatives and seasoned journalists were present in the program. It was a consensus that these kinds of restrictions will certainly blemish Indian higher education institutions (HEIs) in particular and set a wrong tradition for HEIs around the globe. It is the time for groomed, learned and liberal segments of the Indian society to campaign against such measures of strangling specific schools of thoughts to be taught in universities where student, teachers and researchers can critically evaluate, analyse, qualify, refute, reject or accept theories and ideas on the basis of academic discourses. Otherwise these discussions and reflections will find room in the streets and cafes of the society leading to repercussions which may not be subject to any discipline and control. It is equally a responsibility of universities to resist such drives throttling their independence and autonomy. Universities in India have to fight strong to maintain their academic liberty and integrity to uphold globally recognized scholastic culture of institutions of higher learning. We hope sanity prevails in policy making circles of India and universities remain on their freedom to develop their curriculum according to intellectual and communal needs of their surrounding environment.

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ations vanish when they obstruct diversity of thoughts and idea destiny when they try the dominance of single thought or philosophy, the viewpoint of the majority, for the existence in their society. It is even harmful in present times when humanity learned the power of inclusion and diversity. The learning and insight which comes from the participation of all segments of the society has been considered as invaluable for the progress and the development of any group, organization and a society. This aspect helped modern civilizations to eliminate divisions based on race, ethnicities, religions or any philosophical foundation. We learned that

## From the diary-pages of Rashid Minhas Shaheed

Asma Ishaq

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his line goes true about our one young pilot officer: Rashid Minhas Shaheed who happens to be the youngest and only PAF officer becomingrecipient of the Highest Military Award-Nishan-e-Haider. Born on 17 February, 1951 in Karachi, this flying officer had got every

charismatic mannerism that a passionate flying officer can have. His parents and older siblings had expressed at many occasions that he grew up collecting the fighter- jetmodels and playing with them. Often, he would share about his passion for flying with the glistening eyes. As indisposition, Rashid had got a quiet and calm personality. He was regarded as a deep-thinking youngster from all his family members and close relatives. The same deep-thinking habit had turned Rashid into an amazing youngster. Likewise, he was highly appreciated by the teachers! All because, he had understood the life and its purpose so earlier. He had an acute enchanting-ability to inspire people, everywhere he had gone to. He had continued proving himself as an excellent and a brilliant studentat St. Patrick's School in Karachi.

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slightest of contempt and arrogance towards anyone. He was a happy-go-young man who made all the people smiling around him. Other than all these personality traits of Rashid Minhas Shaheed, there wasone strong habit of writing diary

entries on daily basis. There, on those pages, one can find the real Rashid Minhas who was a true dream-chaser and who had set goal beyond the sky. His diary was replenished with his sincere thoughts for the family, his unwavering love for Motherland, and unfathomable yearning for embracing the martyrdom. Rashid used to write his diary entries with mentioning date and time properly. On one page, he wrote his heart out for the martyrdom, "Death or Victory! We all have to die one day. Man is mortal. Then why not to die for the country? Isn't so easy?"

It was mentioned above that Rashid was a deep-thinker. Now, read these lines from his one letter about the life and its truth. One will concede to his philosophical approach about the life, "Man wants to know the Truth, the truth about himself, about the world, about everything. This is what they call the eternal quest for truth or truth through knowledge. Of -course religion gives it all to you in a concise form but it does not stop you from finding out for yourself and strengthening your belief. That is how it must be with you. So, youmustfindout the Truthyourself. Satisfy your self. The books just give you the thing how it happens. People can just advise you. How? andWhy? You must answer it yourself. Think it out!"

One page of his diary shares one beautiful two-quatrain poem about the life and its purpose for upcoming generations, It expresses like, This world is but a stopping place, And life but a short span, So why not through time-race, And accomplish whatever we can, So that generations to come, Will remember us as great ones!

We cannot but forever live, And we have to die for once,

So why not to our country give, The life which we can easily can!

Rashid Minhas was so convinced and hopeful for thedetermination to inspire the later generations with his thoughts, spirits and sacrifice. I come as one of those who has learnt many things from him. From my school days, I was fond of reading articles and excerpt of his diary-pages published for the Defence Day edition in different kids' magazines. Moreover, my late-father was a great admirer of all the martyrs from the Armed Forces. It was him who had instilled this love for Armed Forces in me. I remember still, he had taken me to one stationary shop and bought two posters to me: one was of Major Aziz Bhatti Shaheed and other was Rashid Minhas Shaheed. I had put up both posters on my wardrobe so lovingly. Seeing them daily had been an energizing factor throughout my student life.

Human carries light within and one sees the self, life, world and entire universe through its prism. This light has been given and is guided by the Divine Himself. Blessed are those who gets succeeded to see this light. And more blessed are those who transfers this light to the fellow humans. There, the person is called the benevolent. Rashid Minhas has been one such most fortunate in this regard. The light in him has been guiding many hundred souls. Such a shortlived life yet he had become a great source of motivation not only for the aspiring young flying officers but also for many young kids in the country. He has definitely personified the line of one famous PAF song sung by Vital Signs,

"Zindagi ka mazayunjeenay main hai, kalbhizindarahain, aesay hum jiay."

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### Pakistan, India cant afford war

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economy. We had plans, national will and the implementation mech anism to produce out-Overtime, we comes. lost the edge in sectors in which we were ahead. The lack of focus, energy and policy action led to the reduction in national productivity. "All efforts and resources have been deployed to stabilize the economy. Doing so is most crucial, but there is still a bumpy road ahead. We have a work ahead which involves prudent policies keeping the big picture in mind" he added. The Prime Minister also shared that his economic action plan has 3 prongs; the revitalization of the economy, making Information Technology the pivot of national development and the exports leading the economy. The Prime Minister also emphasized on the importance of political stability in the country. He said that since the economy is dependent on the political stability, he has repeatedly offered grand dialogue, which has Charter of the Economy

In a reply to a question about Sino-Pak relations, The Prime Minister replied that China, Pakistan are time-tested friends their friendship and gained new heights with the signing of CPEC. The relationship with China remains the cornerstone of our foreign policy. CPEC heralded the beginning of a new era of economic development.Pakistan is ready to promote the spirit of CPEC, which is a win-win partnership for regional peace, security and development. The relationships in today's world are not mutually exclusive. We look forward to engaging with the whole world at bilateral and multilateral levels. Responding to a question about climate change, The Prime Minister re-

as its chief highlight.

# Germany's Scholz denies influence in tax fraud probe

#### **News Desk**

HAMBURG: German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Friday denied helping a bank avoid paying back millions in tax rebates claimed under a huge fraud scam as he answered to a committee investigating the scandal. The parliamentary committee in Hamburg is probing why local finance authorities in 2016 dropped a bid to claw back 47 million euros (\$48 million) in taxes from private bank M. M. Warburg over so-called cum-ex trades. Scholz was the mayor of Hamburg from 2011 to 2018 and has struggled to shake off suspicions that

he was involved in the decision to let the bank off the hook, despite repeatedly denying his involvement. Arriving at the hearing, the chancellor eyed the room with a grim expression on his face before swearing that he would tell the truth to the committee.

He then reiterated his innocence, declaring: "I had no influence on the Warburg tax proceedings." First exposed in 2017, the "cum-ex" scam involved numerous participants swiftly exchanging company shares amongst themselves around dividend day to claim multiple tax rebates on a single payout. The scam cost the government billions and has seen dozens of people indicted in Germany, including bankers, stock traders, lawyers and financial consultants. Warburg eventually had to pay back tens of millions of euros under pressure from Merkel's federal government. According to German media reports, investigators have examined emails from the account used by Scholz during his time as the mayor of Hamburg in connection with the scandal. The grilling in Hamburg comes as Scholz is already facing dismal popularity ratings after his first six months in office were tarnished by criticism over his perceived weak response to the war in Ukraine.

More recently, the chancellor has struggled to reassure Germans over possible energy shortages this winter and the very real prospect of a recession in Europe's big gest economy. Scholz also this week faced a backlash over his failure to immediately condemn comments on the Holocaust made in Berlin by Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas. Scholz's spokesman Steffen Hebestreit on Wednesday assured journalists that the chancellor would answer all of the committee's questions and had nothing to hide. Asked about the scandal himself during a press conference last week. Scholz said he had "commented on these things very extensively and for many hours and will do so again". "A huge number of hearings, a huge number of files have brought only one result: there are no findings that there was political influence," he said.

Russia with what Moscow said was fire from its air defences. Inside Russia, two villages were evacuated after explosions at an ammunition dump in Belgorod province, near the Ukrainian border but more than 100 km (60 miles) from territory controlled by Ukrainian forces. Closer to the front, Kyiv also announced a number of strikes overnight behind Russian lines in southern Kherson province, including at a bridge at the Kakhovska Dam, one of the last routes for Russia to supply thousands of troops on the west

**Ukraine**:

**Explosions** rock areas

far from war

front

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the sky was also lit up at

Kerch near a huge bridge to

bank of the Dnipro River. "The Ukrainian armed forc-

es treated the Russians to a magical evening," Seriy Khlan, a member of Kherson's regional council disbanded by Russian occupation forces, wrote on Facebook. Kyiv has been coy about its role, withholding official comment on incidents in Crimea or inside Russia while hinting that it is behind them using long-range weapons or sabotage. Russian officials reported no one hurt in the latest explosions in Crimea and Belgorod. They said they had shot down drones in Belbek and Kerch, and confirmed that they had ordered the evacuation of two villages in Belgorod. Video showing huge flames and smoke, purportedly at the Russian base in Belbek, was tweeted by former Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt. "It certainly looks bad - or

good - dependent on the perspective," he wrote. Reuters could not confirm the authenticity of the video. A Western official indicated on Friday that at least some of the incidents were Ukrainian attacks, saying Kyiv was now consistently achieving "kinetic effects' deep behind Russia's lines. Such attacks were hurting Russia's forces and having "a significant psychological effect on the Russian leadership", the official said, on condition of anonymity.

#### Khan should

## Napoli on the up after hot start, big transfer deals

#### AGENCIES

MILAN: A troubled summer for Napoli appears to be well and truly over after their impressive opening win at Verona was followed by a trio of big signings, led by Giovanni Simeone, which have only strengthened their Serie A title credentials. Fans in Naples had been demanding owner and film mogul Aurelio De Laurentiis sell the club after last season's Scudetto challenge collapsed at the last.

The departures of favourites Kalidou Koulibaly, Lorenzo Insigne and Dries Mertens - the club's all-time top scorer - only increased supporter frustration. But with star midfielder Fabian Ruiz also frozen out of the team ahead of a potential move to Paris Saint-Germain, Luciano Spalletti's side nonetheless looked settled and dangerous in their 5-2 win at the Stadio Bentegodi. On Thursday they confirmed the long-anticipated arrival of Simeone, adding an attacker who netted 17 times in Serie A last season to a forward line already containing Nigeria striker Victor Osimhen. They are also set to complete further deals for France midfielder Tanguy Ndombele and rising Italian

star Giacomo Raspadori - both were in Rome on Thursday for medicals.

All three should be available on Sunday for Napoli's clash with new boys Monza, not a tricky proposition judging by their home defeat to Torino last weekend. Less lucky in the transfer market are Juventus, who had been all set to make their final moves until Adrien Rabiot's deal with Manchester United collapsed threw a spanner in the works. "A day off before back to work," said the France midfielder on his social media channels. giving a clear hint that his move to England was off. Rabiot had looked certain to leave for United, and the 20 million euro fee the two-time European champions were reportedly set to receive was going to be used to secure one of Juve's targets - Leandro Paredes from PSG. But Rabiot's mother Veronique, who is also his agent, refused the terms offered by United - according to widespread reports in Italian media eight million euros net per season - and derailed the deal. It was another blow for Juve after new signing Angel Di Maria was ruled out with a thigh injury on Tuesday, joining Paul Pogba and Wojciech Szczesny on the treatment table ahead of their trip to Sampdoria on Monday. Meanwhile dark horses Roma, who host promoted Cremonese, are hoping to bring professional game.

in Italy striker and free agent Andrea Belotti. More importantly Nicolo Zaniolo looks set to stay in the capital despite a summer of speculation over his future. The Italy youngster has long been considered one of Italy's brightest talents and was superb in Roma's win at Salernitana, linking up well with Paulo Dybala and unlucky to not come away from the 1-0 win with at least a goal. The 23-year-old initially had a strained relationship with coach Jose Mourinho and was tipped to go to either Tottenham Hotspur or Juventus, but new talks for a long-term contract extension suggest he is happy with the direction in which Roma are heading. AC Milan were without Tonali for their season opening win over Udinese but the Italy midfielder is back from injury and ready to retake his role as the undisputed star of the champions' midfield following the departure of Franck Kessie to Barcelona. Another big season is expected from the 22-year-old who last season came of age for the team he supported as a boy, and he will be motivated to make a mark at Atalanta, the biggest rivals of Brescia who brought him into the

### Bugti, Harneis discuss damages caused by floods

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Narcotics Control Nawabzada Shazain Bugti on Friday met with United Nations (UN) Coordinator Julien Harneis to discuss about the damages caused by floods in different areas of Pakistan. In a meeting, the minister informed him about the flood disasters in different areas of Pakistan, especially Balochistan, said a press release. He said so far, more than five hundred people have died in Balochistan due to storms and floods. "Thousands of people have become homeless and their properties have been destroyed by floods.'

The minister also praised UN efforts to help flood victims. "A comprehensive plan is being prepared for the relief and rehabilitation of flood victims. I will do all-out efforts for the rehabilitation of affected areas of Balochistan. The federal government will soon assess the damage caused by floods and speed up the relief activities with help of international organizations. The United Nations was arranging US\$ Six million in immediate aid to be used for food, medicine and prevention of other infectious diseases in Balochistan.

UN will also provide additional technical support to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA). In addition, UN will cooperate for more assistance from the Asian Development Bank and other countries for the flood victims, he said. He sai apart from this, assistance of Rs 30,000 was also being given to the flood victims. The federal government and UN will immediately provide more than five billion for the rehapilitation of the flood victims.



iterated the importance of the responsibility the developed world carries towards the developing countries like Pakistan which is less than 1% contributor in carbon emissions but is 5th most vulnerable country regarding the effects of climate change. He also shared the government's plans to shift from imported fuels to solar. wind and hydel energy as Pakistan has immense potential in these areas.

#### PM for a Polio free Pakistan FROM PAGE 01

August. "This is a testing time, with recent cases and security incidents, but this is a challenge we can and will overcome. Countries with far more complex challenges have eradicated polio and I see no reason why Pakistan cannot curb transmission," the Prime Minister said, adding that all provincial governments must ensure they have the best people in the most chal lenging areas. "I thank all law enforcement agencies, especially Pakistan Army and Police for their support to polio teams across Pakistan. Many officers and polio workers have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty", he added. The Prime Minister also thanked the international donors and partners, especially Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, who have been consistently helping Pakistan to curb the spread of polio virus in Pakistan. It is relevant to state that this is the Third National Task Force Meeting on Polio that the PM has chaired since he took office. Soon after the first wild polio case of the year was reported in April, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chaired an emergency meeting of deputy commissioners of all high-risk areas to discuss and address the challenges on the ground. The PM and other participants recited fateha for the police constables and soldiers who were martyred in Tank on Tuesday.

LONDON: South Africa inflicted England's first defeat of the 'Bazball' era as they won the first Test at Lord's by a crushing innings and 12 runs with more than two days to spare on Friday. England were dismissed for 149 in their second innings before tea on the third day, with the Proteas effectively winning the game in six sessions after most of Wednesday's first day was lost to rain. Left-arm spinner Keshav Maharai struck twice before fast bowler Anrich Nortie followed up with a superb spell of three wickets for no runs in 10 balls as the Proteas, leaders of the World Test Championship table, took a 1-0 lead in a three-match series.

England had won all four of their previous Tests under a new leadership of captain Ben Stokes and coach Brendon McCullum, after whom 'Bazball' is named.

Each of those wins, however, came after batting aggressively in the fourth innings, rather than having to set a total and before this match South Africa captain Dean Elgar questioned whether a policy of all-out attack would work against his formidable bowling line-up. Maharaj, who didn't bowl at all in England's meagre first innings 165, sparked Saturday's slump by removing Zak Crawley and Ollie Pope during a remarkable pre-lunch spell of 2-6 in three overs Maharaj, brought on for the seventh over in a tactical coup by Elgar, struck with just his third ball when he had Crawley plumb lbw for 13 after the struggling opener missed a sweep. Pope, whose 73 was the lone fifty of England's first innings. was then lbw to Maharaj off the last ball of the session as he looked to work the ball legside, although it needed a South Africa review to overturn an original not out decision.

England, 38-2 at lunch, were 57-3 soon afterwards when Lungi Ngidi, the only one of South Africa's four quicks not to take a wicket in the first innings, had star batsman Joe Root caught in the slips by Aiden Markram for just six with a ball that angled in and move down the Lord's slope. Jonny Bairstow came into this match having scored four hundreds in as many Tests this season, whereas South Africa have managed just four between them in their last 11 matches.



ISLAMABAD: UN Resident Coordinator, Julien Harneis calls on Federal Minister for Narcotics Control Nawabzada Shazain Bugti. - DNA

## Myanmar junta open to negotiations after trial

#### FOREIGN DESK

YANGON: Myanmar's military chief said Friday the junta is open to negotiations with ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi to end the crisis sparked by its coup after her trials in a junta-run court have concluded. Suu Kyi, 77, has been detained since the generals toppled her government in a coup on February 1 last year and

plunged the Southeast Asian nation from the proceedings, her lawyers into chaos. She has been jailed for 17 years for a clutch of charges and faces decades more in prison if convicted on a raft of other charges she is battling in a closed junta court. "After the legal processes against her according to the law are finished we are going to consider (negotiations) based on her response," junta chief Min Aung Hlaing said in a statement. Journalists have been barred

gagged from speaking to the media, and the junta has given no indication of when her trials might conclude. The military regime's cases against Suu Kyi were proceeding according to law, the junta chief said. He also cited the case of South Korean president Park Geun-hye who "was also sentenced according to the law" for corruption in 2018. Park was later pardoned and released.

## Indian in blood, English in taste

LABIBA ZAKIR t is impos-sible for us, with our limited means to attempt to ed-



ucate the body of people. We must at our present do our best to create a class of persons who are Indian in blood and color but English in taste, in opinion, in models and in intellect". These were the words of Hon'ble T.B Macaulay dated 2nd February 1835; were presented on his 'Minute on Indian Education' which in terms can be considered as strategy to continue war without engaging directly into it. It is a strategy to attack mentalities. not bodies. Pages of long and disguised history uncovers the reality of wars, that were being battled long ago. The time when ammunition was at power, ruling the world. To overpower any community or country people used to cut each other's throat. break limbs, crucify and persecute one another. Once the war ended, it ended. Physical disconnection lead to the end of war. Glimpse at the history of world war 1 and 2 was exactly the same case, where it was having certain affects on economy, sociopolitical and psychological factors, but it ended with the death of Hitler(1945), and collapse of Axis powers(Germany, Italy, Japan). Then history has it's another face of 'cold war', (a conflict in while two or

more nations in rivalry don't come on military battles rather they do the propaganda ,acts of espionage and proxy war against each other) which is considered to be the most powerful happening on the globe. It was a war with no battlefield, ammunition, cutting of throats, ostracizing but it was a war silently fought between the super powers of the world(USSR and US and their respective allies) end with the fall of Berlin wall on 9/11. This was actually a transfiguration of war, which shifted from crucifixion to frustration.

This strategy was being used by colonizers when the colonized third world countries. They rarely commenced battle against each of these countries but they started colonizing their mind sets, and most of all grabbed away their culture and critical thinking from them. For this particular purpose, a margin of Us and Other was firstly being created, which is actually a theory given by Michel Foucault, (a French philosopher which states power as an everyday, socialized and embodied phenomenon). It attached the sense of inferiority to their languages, culture, customs. And then they made their premier victim, the language, which is clearly elucidated through the words of Macaulay Minutes mentioned above. Language can be an easy victim of any powerful culprit community because language is a tool of culture. Culture defines language and language is defined by culture, as particular group of people share common mentalities because they share common customs, values and

norms, so one can say culture can somehow shapes your mentality. So to grab a culture away means to snatch their mentalities and then to rule over their minds. And it is quite related that to grab the culture away is equal to grapple the language of that culture. Language gives birth to literature, and literature is the depiction of culture so they are interrelated, and if one is gone other has to vanish automatically.

A practical example of ruling over the culture through language is our society's language tension and upheaval. Going back to 1948 conference in Karachi, when language conflict was at peak and a rising slogan 'urdu and urdu alone' was insult to injury. And then 2nd conference in 1951 which is also called Sharif commission stated that medium of instruction in elite class should be English, which was a tension and contradiction among public. Then it proceeds to Noor khan commission and it's focal was Urdu language. Later on, reign of Nawaz Sharif and Zia ul Haq was also an attempt to preserve our national language. And the in 1971, Pakistan lost it's Eastern part due to language conflict 'Urdu-Bengali conflict'. But after 1971 high power government stopped discussing this issue of language and it seemed that now it has been accepted by majority of common public; the ultimate truth of subjugation of language. Urdu is still national language in the constitution but how much it is on practical level, is another story. It may be achievement of what Macaulay Minutes' had said years before.

This language war results in Linguistic Imperialism; which is actually imposition of one language on the speakers of other language. Through this strategy, colonizers ruled over the world and made their language a worldwide recognized language called Lingua France. Now, third world countries are paying to learn their(Britain's) language and their minds are unconsciously inclined towards their(Britain's) culture, adopting every custom of theirs. Colonization and class distinction in third world countries was the part of same strategy. Elite class of our society is considered at top in social hierarchy because they are the ones who are more concerned with their language, they adopt English language and culture whole heartedly and this particular reason makes them stand at top among other social individuals and classes. English is also a parameter of intelligence, modesty and civilization at third world countries(like India and Pakistan) which is a true depiction of the exploitation of their perceptions about world and life. So, the colonizers are successful in making people of colonized countries a grotesque, half of their culture and half of their personalities are obsessed with English taste. They are slaves, with no handcuffs. Because freedom is far more than living without handcuffs or rule, it is a state of mind which they are deprived of. The writer is student of University of

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#### name 'agencies' involved in the politics

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he himself had sought the reports from the agencies, she wondered, advising the PTI chairman to better stop churning out lies. Marriyum alleged that Imran Khan was a "fascist who wants to impose fascism on the entire country". He desired that persons like Javed Iqbal should head all the state institutions, including the Election Commission of Pakistan, Federal Investigation Agency, National Accountability Bureau and others. She said,"Imran Khan is a conspirator and has the only expertise as how to hatch a conspiracy against Pakistan." He was the rootcause of all the problems being faced by the country, she added. The minister said during his so-called 22 years long political struggle, Imran Khan had always tried to pose himself as an "angel" and the others as "thieves" while giving an "Islamic touch". "Lies, drama and hypocrisy" were the hallmarks

of his politics, she added. Marriyum regretted that Imran Khan had refused to appear before the FIA in connection with the prohibited funding. "He said that he would not give any answer to the FIA about the prohibited funding. Whether it is the court, the opposition or the media, he has refused to answer to anybody about his wrongdoings." She said Imran Khan was not a "sacred cow" and would have to face the law. If three times prime minister Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam Nawaz had presented themselves for accountability, then Imran Khan could not escape from the long arm of law. She said though false cases were lodged against Nawaz Sharif and Maryam Nawaz, and the fact was later admitted by Judge Arshad Malik, but they appeared before the courts. Nawaz Sharif, she added, presented himself for accountability by writing a letter to the top court (for formation of a commission to investigate the Panama Papers issue) as he knew that he had not committed the corruption of even a single dime.

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## **BUSINESS / WORLD**



arrive soon

Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) Chairman Naseer

Khan Kashani has held

meetings with the Shan-

dong Institute of Commerce

and Technology (SICT) on

the exchange program to

introduce courses in Paki-

stan-China Technical and

The technical and voca

tional institute located in

Gwadar is the first pro-

ject completed at Gwadar

to meet the demand for

trained manpower for op-

erations of Free Zone,

Export Processing Zones

(EPZ), Gwadar Industrial Estates Development

Authority (GIEDA), and

other allied fields such as

tourism, hotel industry,

and hospitality manage-

ment, China Economic Net

During the meeting, it

was informed that Chinese

trainers would soon arrive

at Gwadar to support the

Institute. In March, Paki-

stan-China Technical and

Vocational Institute Gwa-

dar, following its comple-

tion, started short courses

to provide vocational train-

The first-ever modern

vocational and technical

training institute in the

port city of Gwadar can

accommodate 256 train-

ees at a time and provide

training opportunities for at least 1,000 people

'Additional

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ing to students.

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# Malaysia intends to offer training in tech, trade

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ISLAMABAD: Acting High Commissioner of Malaysia Deddy Faisal Ahmad Salleh has said the Malaysian High Commission is planning to offer courses in multiple sectors for Pakistan including agriculture, economy, education, environment, industrial technical training, diplomacy, technology and trade.

He made these remarks while addressing the reception hosted for the Alumni of Malaysia Technical Cooperation Pro-

gramme (MTCP) which was mainly through training and caattended by 92 members of the alumni. He said, "Hopefully the MTCP participants would utilize the knowledge and experience to further contribute to the betterment of Pakistan". The Malaysian envoy also reiterated the High Commission's commitment to sharing developmental experiences and expertise by providing various human capacity-building programs and technical assistance to Pakistan in the coming years.

He said that the MTCP emphasizes human resources development pacity-building courses including short-term courses at Malaysian public and private training institutions, and long-term courses at

Malaysian public universities. Annually, Malaysia's flagship MTCP offers more than 60 technical training and capacity-building programmes in vast areas of development in collaboration with leading local training institutions and international development partners, envoy maintained.

Deddy Faisal said that the Malaysian Government aims to encour-

age more future participation from Pakistani officials in the MTCP, as it would not only be beneficial for bilateral relations but it would also assist in the career development of the participants.

He also stated that Malaysia attaches great importance to its bilateral relations with Pakistan. Malaysia's trade relations with Pakistan have been encouraging. In 2021, the bilateral trade has grown to 36.3% and our total trade is worth 1.901 billion US Dollars. A majority of this total trade volume is contributed by the export of Palm Oil and palm

Oil Based Agriculture Products which account for 51.9% share of this total volume. Malaysia has been ranked first among 135 countries in the Global Islamic Finance Development Indicator and first among 81 in the Global Islamic Economy Indicator, both for the 9th year running.

The long-standing bilateral relations and close cooperation between our two brotherly countries have covered various areas in trade, investment, education, tourism, culture, defense, and technical assistance on human capital development, he concluded.

monkeypox jab method to stretch supply THE HAGUE: The EU's drug regulator on Friday au-

**EU backs new** 

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thorised a new technique for monkeypox injections that will allow up to five times more people to be inoculated as supplies of the vaccine run short. The jab can now be given just below the top layer of skin, or intradermally, instead of fully below the skin, or subcutaneously, as it currently is, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) said in a statement.

The new method uses just one fifth of the amount of Imvanex vaccine but produced similar levels of antibodies, although there was a greater risk of skin irritation, the Amsterdam-based watchdog said.

"National authorities may decide as a temporary measure to use Imvanex as an intradermal injection at a lower dose to protect at-risk individuals during the current monkeypox outbreak, while supply of the vaccine remains limited," the EMA said. EU Commissioner Stella Kyriakides said the decision was "extremely important as it allows the vaccination of five times as many people with the vaccine supply we have". "This ensures greater access to vaccination for citizens at risk and healthcare workers," she said in a statement. While monkeypox had long been endemic in parts of West and Central Africa, since May there have been outbreaks across the world including in Europe and the United States. Manufactured by the Danish drug-maker Bavarian Nordic, the Imvanex vaccine was originally approved for use against smallpox, which was eradicated worldwide in 1980. - APP

#### Beijing reports 2 new Covid infections

BEIJING: Beijing reported two new local COVID-19 infections in the first 15 hours of Friday, a local health official told a press briefing Friday. The infections were found among

## China has 475 million 5G mobile users

ISLAMABAD: The number of 5G mobile users in China had reached 475 million by the end of July, the China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) said Friday. The figure registered a net increase of 120 million users compared with the end of 2021, an MIIT official said. As of the end of July, the country had built approximately 1.97 million 5G base stations, with all prefecture-level cities, counties and 96 percent of towns equipped with 5G network coverage, China news service ECNS reported.

The construction of new information infrastructure including 5G networks and gigabit optical networks will continue to be promoted, and the deep integration of "double gigabit" networks with various fields will be accelerated, the MIIT said. Efforts will also be made to gradually extend the coverage of high-quality networks to rural areas, and actively expand the application of new business forms in rural areas, the ministry said. – APP



ISLAMABAD: Aibek Artykbaev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan calls on Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar at Ministry of Commerce. – DNA

## Spain wildfire resumes, threatening natural park

MADRID: A major wildfire ISLAMABAD: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan

dreds of firefighters have been battling two major wildfires raging out of control in the Valencia region,

with a bout of heavy rainfall offered some respite, almost totally extinguishing the flames. Although it put an end to

(50,000 acres) of land. "The fire advanced slowly during the night except in... areas to the southeast where it has raged more aggressively," the emergency services tweeted. Fire officials said 40 aerial

public television. Early on Friday, a lightning

bolt set off another blaze near Olocau inside the Sierra Calderona park, with residents confined to their homes as a preventative measure, the emergency services said.

the flames

**Stocks mostly** retreat, oil slides over recession fears

LONDON: Stock markets mainly dropped on Friday, with investors focused firmly on the outlook for interest rate hikes as central banks battle to bring down sky-high inflation. The dollar rose against main rivals, while oil prices slid as traders assessed the risk of a possible global recession. European gas prices pushed higher after a record-close Thursday as the Ukraine war impacts supplies. Elsewhere, bitcoin slumped more than eight percent as investors shunned risky assets. A two-month equity markets rally from June lows appears to have run out of steam. "Stocks will most likely struggle for

in eastern Spain that has destroyed vast swathes of land flared up again Friday despite heavy rainfall, threatening to spread to a nearby natural park, officials said.

So far this year, Spain has

tuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Friday said imposing a five percent tax on the productive sector will cripple it.

Businessmen and Intellec-

Many factories will close, production will be reduced and unemployment will increase if taxes are increased on the sector which is already paying three times more taxes. Mian Zahid Hussain said that the industrial sector cannot bear the burden of more taxes therefore instead of targeting the industry, tax should be imposed on those sectors which are not paying tax or paying nominal tax. Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that the government never imposed adequate taxes on agriculture, banks, brokers, property, transport and other non-productive sectors to increase its income, which is surprising because it causes a loss of

over 75 billion rupees. Mian Zahid Hussain said that the increased tax on the cigarette manufactur ers is the right decision which will benefit the public while increasing the revenue of the government as this sector has been the favourite of the previous government and has been given immense benefits.

suffered nearly 400 wildfires following punishing long dry heatwayes and spells that have devastated more than 283,000 hectares of land, more than three times the total area

destroyed in 2021. Over the past week, hun-

the Vall d'Ebo fire near Benidorm, the Bejis blaze some 70 kilometres (45 miles) northwest of Valencia city flared up again and burning its way towards the Sierra Calderona natural park. It has already destroyed 19,000 hectares

ing to contain the blaze after what the UME military firefighters said had been an "intense night".

firefighting teams were try-

"It's a very big fire with a perimeter stretching more than 120 kilometres," Mariano Hernandez, one of the provincial fire chiefs, told

By midday, appeared to have been quenched but firefighters had vet to declare it stabilised for fear it would flare up again, public television said. The emergency services confirmed all aerial fire teams had left the area. - APP

#### Bilaterally, Pakistan and United States are engaging each other vigorously to promote their ties in trade, investment, health, energy, agriculture and tech sector

The Ambassador in his tweet said, "It was a great pleasure to meet outstanding US Ambassador Michele Sison, Assistant Secretary International Organization Affairs. Discussed Pak-US cooperation on multilateral issues, connectivity and digital inclusion." The Ambassador termed the meeting as "productive conversation". For her part, Ambassador Michele Sison wrote "Great meeting with Pakistani Ambassador Masood Khan to further strengthen our multilateral cooperation including on the UN Sustainable Development Goals." Bilaterally, Pakistan and United States are engaging each other vigorously to promote their ties in trade, investment, health, energy, agriculture and the tech sector.

There are indications that two countries would be collaborating and cooperating more closely at multilateral fora - United Nations New York, UN organizations in Geneva and UN affiliated specialized organizations in Vienna, Nairobi, Italy and Paris. Pakistan and the United States would be working collaboratively to address the issues related to food security, climate challenge and global financial architecture. Moreover, the US and Group of 77 (G-77) will have a dialogue to address matters of mutual interest. Currently, Pakistan is the chairman of the Group of 77 in New York. Recently, a high level United States-Pakistan Health Dialogue was held which has pushed forward the two countries' cooperation in fighting pandemics, mother and child health, vaccine manufacturing and non-communicable diseases (NCD). - DNA

direction for the rest of the summer as Wall Street is still uncertain with how aggressive the Fed will be in September," said OANDA trading platform analyst Edward Moya.

Patrick O'Hare, analyst at Briefing.com, said the recent rally has been driven by the market "embracing a belief that the Fed won't have to get overly restrictive with its monetary policy before ultimately shifting to an easing stance." The gains have come in the face of a number of problems that have caused unease on trading floors, including China-US tensions, the Ukraine war, supply chain snarls and extreme weather across much of the northern hemisphere. The US Federal Reserve and other central banks have begun hiking interest rates to get a grip on soaring inflation, but those increases had been largely priced into the stock market in the first half of the year when equities slumped. Thus the darkening clouds on the economic horizon mean that central banks may not need to raise rates as sharply as many investors believed, triggering the rebound in stocks. A statement by policymakers and comments from Fed boss Jerome Powell after last month's board meeting suggested they could be considering slowing the pace of rate hikes as the economy slows. - APP

people already in quarantine in the districts of Shunyi and Daxing, said Liu Xiaofeng, deputy head of the Beijing municipal disease prevention and control center.

Since Aug. 15, the city has reported a total of 12 COV-ID-19 cases, Liu said, adding that, through epidemiological investigations and gene sequencing, four of them were primarily determined to have been infected on their train journeys to Beijing. The city requires people arriving in Beijing to hold a certificate showing negative nucleic acid test results, before they are allowed to return to work. – APP

## China urges India to normalize relations for development

BEIJING: Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Wang Wenbin on Friday urged the India to normalize relations and consensus development between the leadership of two countries for a stable and healthy development. Both the countries have the wisdom and ability to understand each other better, he said during his regular briefing when asked to comment on Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar remarks on India and China relations.

Chinese leaders once said, "No Asian century would come without the development of China and India, and the genuine Asian-Pacific century or Asian century would come only after the development of China, India and other neighboring countries," he added.

China and India were two ancient civilizations, he said that the two emerging economies and two big neighbours, had far more common interests than differences, he added. Responding to a question about talk on the remaining friction points to complete the disengagement at the China-India border, he stressed that China India maintained smooth communication over the border issues, and added, The dialogue is effective. In his reaction to Jaishankar remarks on Quad, he said that China position on Quad was consistent and clear.

"I would like to stress that in a world of peace, cooperation and openness, it will be no support if one seeks to create small cliques, because it is against the trend of the times,"ť he added. - APP

## **Deadly wildfires contained in Algeria**

ALGIERS: Wildfires which killed at least 38 people across northern Algeria have been contained, firefighters said Friday, as volunteers mobilised to help those who lost homes and livelihoods in the tragedy. "All of the fires have been completely brought under control," said fire brigade Colonel Farouk Achour, of the civil defence department. Fierce fires have become an annual fixture in Algeria's parched forests where climate change exacerbates a long-running drought.

Since the beginning of August, almost 150 blazes have devastated hundreds of hectares (acres). In the badly hit region of El Tarf, farmers examined the charred remains of their animals killed when flames swept through the area. The fire "didn't spare anything", said one farmer, Hamdi Gemidi, 40, who walked in rubber sandals on the ash-covered earth where the carcasses of what appeared to be sheep lay.

"This is our livelihood ... We have nowhere to go and nothing to make a living from." Ghazala, 81, said she had been rescued along with a few animals after flames came dangerously close

to her house. "I don't know where to go now. Should I stay in the fields, forests or mountains?" she asked, on the verge of tears. "I really don't know where I should go." The justice ministry launched an inquiry after Interior Minister Kamel Beldjoud suggested some of this year's blazes were started deliberately, and authorities on Thursday announced four arrests of suspected arsonists. But officials have also been accused of a lack of preparation, with few firefighting aircraft available despite record casualties in last year's blazes and a cash windfall from gas exports with global energy prices soaring. Authorities said they deployed more than 1,700 firefighters over Wednesday and Thursday. The dead included more than 10 children and a similar number of firefighters, according to multiple sources including local journalists and the fire service. Most were in the El Tarf region near Algeria's eastern border with Tunisia, an area which was sweltering earlier this week in 48 degree Celsius (118 Fahrenheit) heat. Algerians both at home and in the diaspora have mobilised to collect cloth-

ing, medicines and food to help those affected. Late on Thursday, dozens of trucks carrying humanitarian aid from various cities arrived in El Tarf, regional authorities said.

European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell also offered support to Algerians "hard-hit by the terrible fires". Writing on Twitter, he said: "The EU stands by your side in these difficult times". Twelve people burned to death in their bus as they tried to escape when fire ripped through an animal park, a witness who asked not to be named said. When "nobody came to help us, neither the fire service nor anyone else," park staff assisted families with young children to escape as flames encroached on the area, Takeddine, a worker at the park, told AFP. Fires last year killed at least 90 people and seared 100,000 hectares (247,000 acres) of forest and farmland in the country's north. Experts have called for a major effort to bolster the firefighting capacity of Algeria, which has more than four million hectares of forest. - APP

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agree to enhance

bilateral ties

WASHINGTON: Pakistan's Ambassador to the United

States Masood Khan held a meeting with Assistant Sec-

retary of State for International Organization Affairs

During the meeting, they discussed a host of issues rang-

ing from Pak-US multilateral cooperation on Sustainable

Development Goals, connectivity and digital inclusion.

Ambassador Michele J. Sison in Washington.







### **Briefs** Europe storms: Children among dead

#### DNA

PARIS: Powerful storms have battered areas of cen tral and southern Europe, killing at least 12 people including three children. The deaths, most from falling trees, were reported in Italy and Austria, and on the French island of Corsica. Heavy rain and winds wrecked campsites on the island, while in Venice, Italy, masonry was blown off the belltower of St Mark's Basilica. The storms follow weeks of heatwave and drought across much of the continent.

In Corsica, winds gusting up to 224 km/h (140mph) uprooted trees and damaged mobile homes. Authorities there said a 13-year-old girl was killed by a falling tree on a campsite. A 46-year-old man died in a similar incident and a woman in her 70s was killed when her car was hit by the detached roof of a beach hut. Two other people, a fisher-

man, 62, and a female kayaker, 60, died out at sea.

Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin, who arrived in Corsica on Thursday, said 20 people had been injured - four of them seriously. Almost 13,000 people were evacuated from several campsites on Thursday evening and sheltered in public buildings, ahead of more expected damage. But authorities said on Friday morning that the night had passed without any major incidents.

#### Weekly inflation shatters records

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## ECC to lift ban on import of non-essential items

ECC recommended release of those held up consignments arrived after 30th June up to 31st of July with payment of surcharge

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ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) has decided to lift ban on import of non-essential and luxury items. The decision to this effect was taken during a meeting held in Islamabad on Friday with Finance Minister Miftah Ismail in the chair.

The ECC recommended release of those held up consignments arrived after 30th June up to 31st of July with payment of surcharge. According to press statement issued by finance ministry, the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) had submitted a summary on amendments in LNG policy 2011 for exemption from man- the Ministry of Commerce had presented datory TPA to new LNG Terminals.

It was argued that the gap between gas supply and demand in the country was widening resulting in gas load management affecting economic activities. Under the circumstances and to diversify the LNG import infrastructure, there was a need to support and encourage foreign/private investment in the new LNG terminals at their own costs and risks to meet the growing demand of RLNG in the country.

The ECC approved the proposal considering the objectives of attracting investment in LNG import terminal facilities. ECC also decided that ban on all non-essential and luxury items may be lifted for which

a summary before the committee.

It was submitted that a ban was imposed on import of about 33 classes/categories of goods covering more than 860 products/tariff lines on May 19, 2022. The ECC lifted the ban owing to serious concerns raised by trading partners on the imposition of ban and considering the fact that the ban has impacted supply chains and domestic retail industry.

Further the ECC recommended release of those held up consignments arrived after 30th June up to 31st July, 2022 with payment of surcharge. On a summary submitted by Ministry of National Food Security & Research on allocation of 300,000 MT

of wheat for Utility Stores Corporation (USC), the ECC directed Ministry of National Food Security & Research for resubmission of summary after incorporating complete details of incidental charges

and comments of Finance Division. Among others, the meeting was attended by Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar; Federal Minister for Industries & Production, Makhdoom Syed Murtaza Mehmood: Minister of State for Finance and Revenue, Dr. Aisha Ghous Pasha; Coordinator to the PM on Economy, Bilal Azhar Kayani; Coordinator to PM on Commerce & Industry, Rana Ihsan Afzal; Chairman FBR, Chairman OGRA, Federal

## secretaries and senior officers.

### Govt pursuing reforms for facilitating investors

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Finance Miftah Ismail has said that Pakistan's government is pursuing various reforms for providing greater facilitation to investors and businesses in Pakistan. He was talking to Ambassador of Qatar Sheikh Sauod bin Abdulrahman bin Faisal Al-Thani who called on him in Islamabad on Friday. The Minister also apprised about the available lucrative investment opportunities in various sectors of Pakistan. Ambassador of Qatar Sheikh Sauod bin Abdulrahman bin Faisal Al-Thani also shared the warm and welcoming sentiments with the Finance Minister. He said that the government of Qatar is planning to invest in various sectors of Pakistan especially in energy, trade and businesses for further strengthening the bilateral economic ties between both of the countries. Finance Minister while welcoming the investment proposals assured the Ambassador of full support and cooperation by the government of Pakistan. - DNA

#### **Court** issues arrest warrants for 12 PML-N leaders

#### DNA

LAHORE: A judicial magistrate Friday issued the arrest warrants for a dozen PML-N leaders, including prime minister's special assistant Ata Tarar, in relation to a ruckus created at the Punjab Assembly. A case was registered against the PML-N leaders over the ruckus which took place in April during the chief minister's election – when Hamza Shahbaz was elected to the top office. During hearing, police station Qila Gujjar's investigation officer appeared before Judicial Magistrate Muhammad Mudassir Hayat, where he sought the issuance of arrest warrants for the PML-N leaders.

A chronology of Pervez Elahi and predecessors: facts and background Amid ruckus, PML-N leader Hamza Shahbaz elected chief minister Punjab The police officer told the judge that despite a case being registered against them, the PML-N leaders have knowingly refused to show up for the investigation.

The judge then approved the arrest warrants of the politicians. Arrest warrants have been issued for Tarar, Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Awais Leghari, Muhammad Mirza Javed, Malik Saif ul Malook Khokhar, Peer Khizer Hayat Shah Khagga, Raja Sagheer Ahmed, Mian Abdul Rauf, Pir Muhammad Ashraf Rasool, Bilal Farooq Tarar, and Rana Mannan Khan.

In response, former chief minister Hamza condemned the arrest warrants and said that the raids conducted by the police at the residence of the PML-N leaders depicted a "dictatorial" mindset. "This fascist government cannot break the spirit of the Muslim League through their mischievous actions. The police raids at Mashood's home violated the privacy of his house," the

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the State of Qatar, Mr. Sheikh Sauod bin Abdulrahman bin Faisal Al-Thani, calls on the Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue, Mr. Miftah Ismail at Finance Division. - DNA

#### **PAF** assists civil admin Pakistan-Kyrgyzstan agree to enhance trade integration in flood relief efforts ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan on pressed stated that government's vision is QUETTA: Emergency Response teams

rade cooperation and increase the regional of Pakistan Air Force are assisting civil

Friday agreed to enhance the economic and to make Pakistan a trade, transit and transhipment hub

PML-N leader said.

ured by the Sensitive Price Index (SPI) rose sharply in the week that ended on August 18, climbing to a record 42.3 per cent year-on-year, data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) showed on Friday. Before this, the highest ever year-on-year increase in the SPI was 38.63pc, recorded for the week ending on August 5. Latest data shows that the SPI rose by 3.35pc over last week, mainly because of higher food prices. The highest week-onweek increase in inflation was recorded at 3.68pc for the week that ended on July 28.

The SPI monitors prices of 51 essential items based on a survey of 50 markets in 17 cities of the country. During the week under review, the prices of 25 out of 51 items increased, 11 decreased and 15 remained stable.

#### Asad Umar claims police van visited his house

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: PTI Secretary General Asad Umar claimed on Friday that a police van came to his house to ask about his whereabouts. "Some time ago, a police mobile came to my house and asked people working with me whether Asad Umar lives here. Let's see what their intention is," tweeted Umar following the incident without providing any specific details.

The PTI leader's claim comes after his colleague Shahbaz Gill was taken into custody for in citing the public against the state institutions, last week.

Gill was arrested for a case under treason laws that was registered against him in Kohsar Police Station on the complaint of the Islamabad administration. His case is currently being heard in an Islamabad court and has been shifted to a hospital in the federal capital after the PTI claimed that he was tortured in custody



administration in rescue and relief efforts in the flood affected areas of South Punjab, Balochistan and Sindh. Emergency Response teams are constantly busy in supplying basic food necessities and medical care to flood affectees. Hundreds of locals trapped during floods in Kot Magsi, Bagh head, Habib Kot, Sohbatpur, Fazilpur and Hajipur areas have been evacuated to safe places. PAF Bases are actively participating in relief operations

on the special instructions of Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu. Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force. PAF has also established free medical camps where people are being provided medical facilities and free medicines. As a humanitarian gesture 99805 pounds of ration and cooked food packs have been distributed amongst the needy families. Moreover 2889 patients were also attended by the paramedical team of Pakistan Air Force in last 24 hours. Relief operations are still in progress. - DNA

### Absurd': N Korea slams South's offer of aid

PYONGYANG: Kim Yo-jong, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's powerful sister, has slammed Seoul's offer of economic aid in return for denuclearisation steps, calling it the "height of absurdity". "No-one barters their destiny for corn cake," she said in a statement. South Korea's president Yoon Suk-yeol had Wednesday reiterated the plan, which he first mentioned in May.

But Ms Kim said on Friday that Mr Yoon should "shut his mouth" and called him "simple and still childish". South Korea's presidential office said it regretted her "rude" remarks, but that the offer still stands - the office was responding to Ms Kim's statement, released by state news agency KCNA on Friday. "North Korea's attitude is in no way helpful to the peace and prosperity of the Korean peninsula, as well as its own future," it said.

In May, Mr Yoon said South Korea was prepared to present what he called an "audacious plan" that would strengthen North Korea's economy and improve its people's quality of life. Speaking at a news conference marking his first 100 davs in office on Wednesday, the South Korean president reiterated that he was willing to provide phased economic aid to the North if it stopped developing nuclear weapons and took steps towards denuclearisation.

Ms Kim's remarks on Friday were the first time a senior official from the North direct ly commented on Mr Yoon's plan.

She said she did not know what else Mr Yoon would come up with if the plan did not work, but made clear that Pyongyang would "never deal with it". The Korean peninsula has been divided between the north and the south since the end of World War II in 1945. The two sides remain technically at war after a conflict ended with an armistice in 1953. While democratic - DNA

connectivity to provide regional economic and trade integration with Central Asian States. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan, Aibek Artykbaev on Fridav called on Federal Minister for Commerce and Investment, Syed Naveed Qamar, said a press release issued here.

During the meeting, both sides discussed ways and means on increasing trade volume between the two countries and enhancing cooperation in other areas of mutual interest. The meeting which was held in the Minister's Office was attended by Special Secretary Commerce Dr. Ahmed Mujtaba Memon and Additional Secretary, Syed Hamad Ali. During the meeting, both sides discussed ways and means on increasing trade volume between the two countries and enhancing cooperation in other areas of mutual interest.

The minister said that promoting international trade, transit and investment is the pivot around which Pakistan seeks to devise its economic policies. Naveed Qamar ex-

### PMD alerts authorities of more rains in the country

ISLAMABAD: PMD has warned the concerned authorities to take precautionary measures in wake of more rains during the coming days due to another low pressure area (LPA) approaching Sindh from August 23. The LPA over upper Sindh was likely to weaken during the next 12 hours while another LPA was likely to approach Sindh from August 23. Due to this weather system, monsoon currents were penetrating in upper and southern parts of the country. Under the influence of this weather system, rain-wind/thundershower with isolated heavy falls is expected in northeastern parts of Balochistan from August 20-22 while in Sindh on August 20 with occasional gaps. Rain-wind/thundershowers with isolated heavy falls are expected at scattered places in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Kashmir and Gilgit- Baltistan from August 20-23 with occasional gaps. More rain-wind/thundershower with few heavy falls is expected in Sindh, south Punjab, south and northeastern Balochistan on August 23 and 24. About the possible impacts, the PMD revealed that heavy rains may generate urban flooding in Sukkur, Dadu, Larkana, Jacobabad and Shaheed Benazirabad on August 19 and 20. Heavy rains may generate urban flooding in Karachi, Hyderabad, Thatta, Badin, Mirpurkhas, Shaheed Benazirabad, Dadu and Sukkur on August 23 and 24. - APP

Afghanistan and beyond.

In this regard, Pakistan have signed transit trade agreement with Uzbekistan, and are negotiating Transit Trade Agreement with Kazakhstan and Tajikistan, he added. Bilateral trade between Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan remained at US\$ 4.27 million during fiscal year 2021-22 which does not re-

flect the true potential of trade between the two countries, the minister opined. Commerce minister said that Pak-Kyrgyzstan trade and Investment Forum was held from, April 19-20 2022 in Islamabad and April 22nd in Lahore and desired that such activities should be held on regular basis in future. Sved Naveed Qamar maintained that the draft MoU on establishment of Joint Working Group has been shared with Kyrgyz republic and their response was awaited. The Kyrgyz Deputy Foreign Minister assured the Pakistani side for further enhancing trade ties between the two countries and said that he would take practical measures in this regard.

ECP summons PTI leaders for remarks against CEC

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) Friday issued notices to PTI Chairperson Imran Khan, senior leaders Asad Umar and Fawad Chaudhry for passing inappropriate remarks and levelling allegations against the commission and its members.

According to the two notices sent to Khan and Fawad and one notice issued to Umar, they have been directed to appear before the ECP on August 30. The content of the notices stated that Khan used "insulting and indecent language" against Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja in his rallies on July 12, 18, 21, 27, August 4 and 8.

PTI challenges ECP ruling on prohibited funding case in IHC "You have used contemptuous remarks and levelled baseless allegations against the CEC," the notice sent to Khan read.

#### Gold price declines by Rs200 per tola

#### DNA

KARACHI: Gold extended losses on Friday as the price registered a meagre decline of Rs200 per tola and Rs171

per 10 grams. Data released by All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association (ASSJA) showed that the price of gold settled at Rs142,400 per tola and Rs122,085 per 10 grams.

The price of the yellow metal plunged by Rs3,000 per tola in the last two days. It should be noted that the gold price is standing below cost. Gold is cheaper by Rs5,000 per tola compared

to its price in Dubai. In the international market, bullion prices declined by \$19 per ounce to settle at \$1,752 as investors watched for signs of further policy tightening by the US Federal Reserve Meanwhile. silver prices in the domestic market remained unchanged at Rs1,540 per tola and Rs1,320.30 per 10 grams.

#### Imran used 'NAB' against political opponents Kaira said Imran Khan was changing his narrative on daily basis and did not abide by the rules and laws of the state. He said that the chairman PTI would visit the hospital with

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ISLAMABAD: Adviser to Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan Qamar Zaman Kaira on Friday accused former prime minister Imran Khan for using the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) against his political opponents and for personal vested interest.

Addressing a press conference here flanked by the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) senior leader Mian Manzoor Ahmed, he said that during the democratic tenure of PTI they have arrested the individuals prior to any accusations against them.

Kaira said Imran Khan was changing his narrative on daily basis and did not abide by the rules and laws of the state. He said that the chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) would visit the hospital with a huge delegation to inquire the health of his party leader Shahbaz Gill, adding that Imran continued blaming the national institutions without any authentic proof.

Imran Khan had blamed the national institutions and other countries for toppling his government through 'regime change' but it had changed through a democratic process without involvement of any external force.

Kaira claimed that Imran Khan had already lost his popularity among the masses and now every citizen knew his reality and blame game on others. The adviser alleged that Abraj Group and Arif

Naqvi were involved in money laundering and

had looted the national institutions during Imran Khan's so-called democratic tenure. He said that Imran Khan could not run away from the case of Toushkhana, he should be held answerable to the court and people of the country.

"Sometimes Imran talks about the division of the country and hence not following the law of the state." Replying to a question, he said that the Government of Pakistan would highlight the Kahsmir issue at all international forums and strongly condemned the heinous acts of fascist Modi regime against the innocent Kashmirs during the recent wave of state-sponsored terrorism. - APP

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