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### Bilawal to embark on 1st Germany visit

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ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari would depart for his first trip to Germany on October 6. Foreign Ministry sources have told that Bilawal would visit Germany on his German counterpart Bundesminister des Auswärtigen's invitation. The PPP leader would meet with important German officials and discuss matters of mutual interests. Earlier in June, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock arrived in Pakistan on a two-day official visit.

### Lifetime disqualification not justified

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Fawad Chaudhary has said that the lifetime disqualification law is not justified. Talking to the media on Tuesday, he said that the new parliament will do legislation about the lifetime disqualification. "Reforms regarding the judiciary should also be introduced in the constitution. There is need to do legislation over the matters including formation of the bench and suo motu notice," he maintained. He said that Pakistan is the only country where the judiciary appoints and removes a judge.

### Khar for climate change readiness

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ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar has underlined the need for comprehensive plans to equip the people in Pakistan to help them cope with future impacts of climate change. In her virtual address from Islamabad to the event on an upscale UN Flash Appeal for Pakistan floods held in Geneva, she said it is the collective responsibility of Pakistan and the world to provide assistance to the people affected by the country's massive flash floods.

# EU scales-up assistance by Rs 6.7 bn

With this new funding, the EU reaffirms its continued support to Pakistan

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: The European Union has announced to substantially scale-up its assistance to the flood affected people in Pakistan. During a meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the European Commissioner for Crisis Management, Janez Lenarčič, announced PKR 6.7 billion (€30 million) in humanitarian aid for Pakistan. The Commissioner is visiting Pakistan this week to get a first-hand impression of the impact of the catastrophic floods and of the ongoing relief efforts. This new funding aims to address the most urgent needs such as basic shelters, clean drinking water and sanitation, food and nutrition as well as medical services. The actions funded by the European Union will ensure that women, children and other vulnerable people are protected from further harm and that children have again access to education as quickly as possible. Cash assistance will enable people cover their basic needs and to rebuild their homes and livelihoods. Given the scale of the crisis, the psychological impact on affected people will also be taking into account. Commissioner Lenarčič said: "People in Pakistan are suffering the devastating consequences of an unprecedented flooding emergency. Our thoughts are with those who lost family members, friends and their own homes. What is more, many livelihoods have been lost. With this new funding, the EU reaffirms its continued support to Pakistan and stands by the most vulnerable to help them fulfil basic needs. Once again, however, nature reminded us of the impact of global warming."

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# Security forces kill seven terrorists

## Two soldiers embraced martyred in terrorist attack

STAFF REPORT

RAWALPINDI: The Pakistan Army killed seven terrorists in two different operations in parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Tuesday, according to the military's media wing. A press release from the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said that in the first incident, terrorists fired on a military convoy in the general area of Hassan Khel. "Troops initiated a prompt response, effectively engaged and killed three terrorists," the ISPR said, adding that the men had "remained actively involved in terrorist activities against security forces" and weapons and ammunitions were also recovered from them. The ISPR said that during the intense exchange of fire, Lance Naik Muhammad Pannah, 30, resident of Jaffarabad District, and the Fron-

## PM appreciates Turkish support

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday thanked Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Turkish people for sending trains loaded with supplies to the flood-stricken people of Pakistan. The prime minister, in a meeting with a Turkish delegation here, said the people of Pakistan greatly appreciated Türkiye's solidarity with Pakistan during the challenging times. The delegation comprised Ismail Hakki Turunc, Turkish Red Crescent Goodwill Ambassador and Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan Mehmet Pacaci. The prime minister said be it the earthquake of 2005, super floods of 2010 and recent floods, Türkiye has always come forward to help the people of Pakistan. He said 50 boats sent by Türkiye for rescue and relief operations had helped relocate hundreds of people stranded in inundated areas of Sindh and Balochistan. Ismail Hakki Turunc offered condolences over the loss of precious lives during the recent floods in the country. He expressed his full support in rescue and relief operations for flood affected people across the country and assured continuous support in their rehabilitation process. The delegation also told the prime minister that they would visit flood affected areas to witness the extent of losses for the provision of need-based relief goods and services.

tier Constabulary's Sepoy Shamas Ullah, 36, resident of South Waziristan District, "fought gallantly and embraced martyrdom". It added that the area was being sanitised to eliminate any other terrorists found nearby. In the second incident, the ISPR said soldiers killed four terrorists in an exchange of fire in Tank's general area. The ISPR said security troops had observed the terrorists' movement and subsequently engaged them in combat. It added that the militants were involved in target killing, kidnapping, and extortion in the area, and weapons and ammunition were recovered from them. The security situation has further aggravated as the highest number of terror incidents in a single month this year was recorded in September, according to an Islamabad-based independent think-tank, Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies.

# UN launches fresh appeal of over \$800m for flood victims

MAHNOOR ANSAR

ISLAMABAD: The United Nations has up-scaled its humanitarian appeal for the flood affected people of Pakistan to \$816 million from previous \$160 million assistance, considering a multitude of rehabilitation and health-related issues, cropping up in the post flood situation, Julien Harneis, UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Pakistan said at a briefing in Geneva, held prior to main event held simultaneously in Geneva and Pakistan on Tuesday. "There will be an increase in child morbidity and it will be pretty terrible unless we act rapidly to support the government in increasing the provision of health, nutrition and water and sanitation services across the affected areas," the UN Official said. The revised appeal was made for Pakistan on the basis of updated on ground need assessment of the flood situation in the country. According to the latest data and estimates, nearly 1,700 people had been killed in the floods triggered by heavy monsoon down-pour. Millions had been displaced while the UN also raised alarm on the rise of water-borne diseases in the flood-hit population. The government of Pakistan estimated the cost of the damage at \$30 billion.

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# USAID pledges \$16.5m to WFP flood response

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ISLAMABAD: The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has welcomed a US\$16.5 million contribution from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for its emergency response in Pakistan, where the lives of 33 million people have been upended by unprecedented floods. "It will be a tough journey ahead for the millions of people devastated by the floods, but the United States will continue to stand by Pakistan's side," said Reed Aeschliman, USAID Pakistan Mission Director. "The depth and strength of the U.S.-Pakistan partnership is reflected in the immediate actions undertaken by USAID through its Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) to support the Pa-

kistani people during this time of great need. Our assistance is saving lives and reducing suffering among some of the most heavily affected communities. USAID remains steadfast in our support to the Pakistani people, and we will continue to support them to recover and rebuild for a brighter future." The Government of Pakistan is leading the response through the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) is serving as the vehicle for cash-based transfers, and over 2 million people have received cash assistance across flood-affected districts in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Punjab and Sindh so far. To complement the Government response, WFP has ramped up its operations to

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ISLAMABAD: The European Union Commissioner for Crisis Management, Janez Lenarčič calls on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. The EU Ambassador in Pakistan Dr Riina Kionka is also present on the occasion. – DNA

## Farmers call off protest

Body formed to look into demands

KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: The federal government Tuesday agreed to the protesting farmers' demands, who have been holding a sit-in in the capital for almost a week. In a press conference after holding the latest round of talks with the farmers, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has formed a committee to resolve protesters' issues. "The committee will hold negotiations with the farmers tomorrow. All the issues of the farmers will be resolved," the interior minister said, urging the protesters to end their sit-in, who did not budge for nearly a week despite repeated talks. The minister also urged all those supporting the farmers in their sit-in to return to their homes as a ministerial committee would hear all their reservations. "The country will prosper once the farmer prospers," Sanaullah said. He added that the government has agreed to the farmers' demand regarding the fuel adjustment charges and the deferment in the payment of bills. The Kissan Ittehad — comprising farmers from across Punjab — has demanded the removal of taxes and adjustments and the restoration of the previous tubewell electricity rate of Rs5.3 per unit. The demonstrators had also demanded an end to the black marketing of fertilisers and a reduction of the urea rate.

# Imran contempt case

# Maryam Nawaz not happy with IHC verdict

Says when Imran Khan was blue eyed boy of the Establishment then 'Chowkidars' were acceptable to him

BUREAU REPORT

LAHORE: PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz said Tuesday that the Islamabad High Court's decision to dismiss the contempt case against the "devil" PTI Chairman Imran Khan has "emboldened" him. In a press conference after receiving her passport following the passage of three years in line with the Lahore High Court's orders, the PML-N vice president spoke at length about her legal battles, Khan's vendetta against her family, the court's decision to let him go, and other pressing political matters. Maryam told the judiciary that it should not be lenient with a person like Khan who thinks like "satan" and his only job is to blame people and launch smear campaigns. "For years, he has been doing this. And when he does [something illegal] and sees



that action will be taken against him, he apologises," Maryam said about Khan who recently escaped being charged for contempt of court. The PML-N leader said Khan went to the chambers of Additional District and Sessions Judge Zeba Chaudhry to apologise as he was aware that if he does not do it, then he can be disqualified.

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## CPEC 2nd phase to commence soon

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Board of Investment (BOI) Chaudhry Salik Hussain said on Tuesday that the second phase of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would commence in the country soon as the first phase had already been completed. He said this while replying to the Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, here at the Upper House of the Parliament, adding that under the first phase of the project Gwadar had been connected with the rest of the country. The minister said that most of the early projects under the first phase of CPEC relating to power and infrastructure had already been completed. – APP

## PAC main aim to ensure accountability

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Noor Alam Khan on Tuesday said the aim of the committee was to ensure accountability across the board which also authorizes it to review the cabinet's wrong decisions if any. He was chairing a meeting of Public Accounts Committee, here, in the Parliament House to review audit report pertaining to M/o Industries & Production. The committee took notice of fake degree holder employees and directed the Secretary Ministry of Industries & Production to lodge FIRs against them and initiate a drive to make recoveries from them as well. Action may also be taken against the officers who appointed them. – APP



ISLAMABAD: The newly elected president of Chakwal Chamber of Commerce and Industry Waqar Zafar Bakhtawari is taking charge of his office from the outgoing president Sheikh Haroon. Senior vice President Umer Sami, Vice President Ahmed Farooqui, Group leader Chakwal Qazi M akber , chief coordinator Khawaja Arif ,former presidents Khurram Kamran Haji Nazir Sultan, Khalid Mirza, Aamir Najeeb Bhatta, and Zafar Bakhtawari are also present.=DNA

# Imran mishandled cipher to build his narrative: Gilani

MULTAN: Former prime minister and senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani said on Tuesday that PTI chairman Imran Khan mishandled the cipher in a futile attempt to build a narrative and gain political mileage. While addressing a press conference at Peoples Secretariat, Bilawal House here Gilani said that ciphers used to arrive during PPP tenure too but these should not be waved in a public meeting. PPP south Punjab president and former Punjab Governor Makhdoom Syed Ahmad Mahmood,

PPP south Punjab senior vice president Khawaja Rizwan Alam and other party leaders were also present. To a question, Gilani said Imran could have got the cipher investigated during his own tenure. He said that National Security Committee had clearly stated there was no conspiracy. He said, when in power PTI leaders used to say the elections would be held in 2023 but now they demand early elections with threats to stage sit-in. "But, we do not want to set a wrong tradition." Yousuf

Raza Gilani said only one vote of no-confidence move had succeeded in the country's parliamentary history and that was against Imran Khan. Referring to upcoming bye polls in NA-157 constituency in Multan, Gilani said that his son Syed Ali Musa Gilani would win by a big margin despite the baseless character assassination campaign being run by some elements. He said that PTI government's wrong policies triggered a windstorm of price hike. PDM government took some tough decisions that have now started

paying dividends adding that the price of dollar and oil was decreasing gradually, he added. Earlier, while addressing a women workers convention, Gilani said that only better policies and not the politics of sit-ins and public meetings, would guide the country to prosperity and development. Imran Khan does not even care about the flood hit communities, Gilani said adding that all he (Imran) wanted was to become Prime Minister again. Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani asserted that elections would be held

on time and added that it were the people to decide who would form government and become the prime minister. Gilani questioned, how PTI leaders could now claim that they had given free hand to opposition in their tenure adding that his two sons were arrested just to prevent PPP from holding a public meeting in Multan. He said that PPP candidate was in contest for bye elections on the basis of party performance and services for the people of Multan. "I want to ask rivals what good they

have done for the constituency and Multan development." They ruled for over three years but did nothing. The women workers convention was held at the residence of PPP women wing Multan division vice president Dr. Hameeda Khanam in line with election campaign of PDM-PPP candidate Syed Ali Musa Gilani. Other PPP leaders Malik Arshad Raan, Khawaja Rizwan Alam, Shazia Abid, Rao Sajid Ali, Shagufta Habib, A.D. Khalid, Javed Babar Raan also spoke. – APP

## PTI chief attacking state: Tarar

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) Attaullah Tarar on Tuesday regretted that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman Imran Khan was attacking the state and its institutions just to further his fading politics and for personal gains only. Addressing a press conference, he said it was unfortunate that the PTI chief was maligning the state institutions and polluting the minds of the youth for political gains. At present, he said Pakistan Army was helping the people affected by the flood throughout the country. "Personnel of Pakistan army have secured all the international borders and rendered unmatched sacrifices for the security of the country," he added. He said a false narrative of regime change had been made by the PTI over the success of the no-confidence motion in the National Assembly that ousted Imran Khan from the government in a democratic and constitutional way. He said a good number of PTI members of the National Assembly had left the party after developing differences with their leadership on certain issues. Tarar said behind closed doors, the PTI chief had been instructing his party members not to name the USA for the change of regime in Pakistan. He said the PTI chief said "we will not take the name of USA but play with the cipher. – APP



ISLAMABAD: The largest Miyawaki sector of Islamabad city has been built by the CDA administration in H-12. Chairman CDA is formally inaugurating the Miyawaki Forest. DNA

## MoFEPT signs contract with FGEI to promote STEAM

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ISLAMABAD: While transitioning from the exam-centred to learning based approach, the Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training's (MoFEPT) STEAM Pakistan program is focused on improving conceptual understanding and analytical skills of school children across the country, with a specific focus on girls' education. Launched in early 2022, the program has already started its interventions in middle and high schools in the Islamabad Capital Territory. As part of the program, MoFEPT signed a Letter of Understanding (LoU) today with the Federal Government Educational Institutions (FGEI) for a roll-out of STEAM interventions across all of its high schools. FGEI's Director General, Major General Muhammad Asghar, HI (M), stated that "STEAM Pakistan project will complement the various measures taken by FGEI to attain the objective of quality education and promote the conceptual learning and development of soft skills in youth". The LoU intends to support FGEI's efforts on targeting students in middle schools across its network, with MoFEPT providing technical support for systems, teacher training, and STEAM content. Additional Secretary Waseem Ajmal Chaudhry at the signing ceremony remarked, "It is important that we focus on our children's learning, and today is a great opportunity for the Ministry of Federal Education to collaborate with another Ministry for this purpose. The Ministry looks forward to providing similar technical support to provinces on STEAM". FGEI currently manages 190 high schools in 45 districts across all provinces and AJ&K, and a total of 311 schools (including 13 higher secondary schools) and 47 colleges across Pakistan with over 8,000 teachers and 200,000 students. FGEI operates under the aegis of Ministry of Defence. STEAM Pakistan is a collaborative project through which Malala Fund and partners are providing support to the Federal Ministry of Education and Professional Training to advance secondary school-aged girls' access to science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics education in Pakistan.

## DPO Lodhran holds open court

SAQIB MUSHTAQ

Lodhran: Delay in registration of case and substandard investigation is tantamount to helping the oppressor. Those responsible should prepare themselves for strict departmental and legal action. These views were expressed by District Police Officer Muhammad Kashif Aslam in the open court held on a daily basis in his office. In the open court, the DPO heard the issues and issued appropriate orders on the spot regarding the complaints and complaints of the citizens. DPO Muhammad Kashif Aslam said that by organizing the open court, the solution of the problems of the citizens will be ensured and the service and safety of the citizens should be considered as their slogan and motto. Later, the staff of District

Civil Defense DPO Muhammad Kashif Aslam met in his office, Chief Verdan Mehr Asad Sial and Deputy Chief Verdan were included in the meeting. In the meeting, there was a discussion regarding the performance of duty by Civil Defense volunteers with processions in connection with Eid Milad-ul-Nabi. On this occasion, DPO Muhammad Kashif Aslam said that Civil Defense and Police are working together to deal with all kinds of situations. In the ongoing campaign against drug dealers, the successful operations of the district police are continuing and on the direction of the Additional Inspector General of Police South Punjab, crackdown is ongoing against drug dealers throughout the district. 15 cases were registered against drug dealers and 15 drug and alcohol dealers were arrested.

## Peshawar Corps Cdr meets tribal elders

DNA

RAWALPINDI: Corps Commander Peshawar Lieutenant General Hassan Azhar Hayat on Tuesday met tribal elders part of grand Uthman Zai Jirga in Miran Shah, North Waziristan District. The Corps Commander lauded the sacrifices rendered by tribesmen in achieving peace in the area and assured that Pakistan Army would provide all possible assistance to the locals. The Malaks & Mashrans (tribe chiefs) thanked Pakistan Army for restoration of peace in the area and ongoing efforts for socio-economic development. They also assured the Corps Commander for their unflinching support to the security forces.

# 5th October world Teachers Day

Sayed Sajid Shah Bokhari

Every year 5th October is celebrated worldwide as Teachers day. The day is celebrated to present high respect and regards for the noble cause of education by teachers and the work they had performed in individual and communities' development and prosperity. The teacher has a unique identification and personality, in any society because the best teachers are those who show you where to look but don't tell you what to see. In fact teaching is the profession that teaches all the professions. The high delegates in the world, the important personalities, the dignified and extremely high profile people had achieved their targets because of the teachers role performance and through their guide lines. The teacher's community worldwide welcomes the decision of UNESCO and their way of encouragement and motivation to do more work and pull the societies from the quagmire of darkness and illiteracy. Since 1966 every year the UNESCO gives a new theme for teachers encouragement and their role in a society. The theme for the year 2022 is Teachers at the heart of education recovery. How teachers respect could be ensured and what measurement shall be required to

value them for the noble job they delivered in the world however needs more attention? There could be found major difference in developed and developing countries to praise teachers. Although teachers' performance and efforts in molding communities even in the pre historic period could not be ignored at all. It is only the teacher in the savage history who took initiative to build individual and communities without charging any fees. In 1966 the International Labor Organization/United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization adopted a new version to recognize the teachers performance, status in a society with great zeal and appreciation. Most of the noble prize winner had got distinction since 1901 as teacher including three persons of Maria family. It means that all great winners have had link with teaching profession and their work entitle them for the right as deserving candidate. The plan to recognize the teacher strength and change their minds to work hard while playing multidimensional role in society had further expanded their job description to develop a mechanism regarding the rights and responsibilities as well. And this day preserve their right of entitlement. The 5th October was a foundation established by esteem forum at international level to realize the teachers' issues, standards and building their capacity in the fu-

ture scenario as a major cause. Those who can read and write are better than those who cannot do it. There could be hundreds and thousands of tribes and nations in the world who are deprived of being literate because they don't have capable teachers. Just look in to the past to understand how the Aristotle and his disciple carried the candle of knowledge. Even the philosophical approaches of some philosophers like Confucius can be quoted here as best example for the enlightening of society. The secret of life and its success depend on the miracle and techniques which a teacher possess and impart to students. It is universal truth that in today's world only the dignified, qualified and technological sound teachers can change a nation. The job of teachers is in fact a noble job because it is the only job which had everlasting effects and impacts on human generation. It is called noble profession because Allah (st) was the first who taught the prophets and then the prophets were responsible for carrying the message of Allah (st) to the world. The remarkable evidences from Allah (st) versions to develop a human with extraordinary knowledge and also to teach human the best ways of religion and life comes directly with sacred trust. The job of teacher is multidimensional. In other words only the teachers are responsible to mold a society. However it is true that

teachers belong to third world countries paid less attention and regards by the stakeholders. They had to face many challenges in their personal and professional life and growth. The job of teachers' community could be found highly appreciable in the developed countries especially, in European Nations. The teachers in Europe (Germany, Japan, Italy, Sweden etc) get high salary, facilities and benefits. In developing country it is one of the lowest paid job with no attraction. Although it is a reality that teachers do not teach for income, they teach for outcome. The life of teacher is depending on the sole reactions and remarks made by society. It is a common proverb that a teacher is like a candle who burns himself to lighten the future of others. A very popular Japanese proverb had clarified that how a good education can change everyone, but a good teacher can change everything. The profession of teacher is still challenging and it requires many initiatives and steps to be taken by the stakeholders for achieving the objectives and goals. The teachers day celebrations is slogan of teachers assumption, aspiration and requirements to make this highly profile profession more attractive, flexible. Although a teacher takes a hard, open mind and touches hearts but he/she needs support (socially, morally and financially), love from others to sustain life on the planet.



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ISLAMABAD: A music band from Peshawar perform on the occasion of the Germany Unity Day.-DNA

# Alvi seeks support of MPs in breast cancer awareness

The president expressed his concern that out of 100,000 new cases of breast cancer reported every year in Pakistan, half of them succumbed to death due to late diagnosis

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi, through letters addressed to the prime minister, ministers, parliamentarians, governors and the media, has solicited their support to raise awareness about breast cancer and the importance of self-examination and early diagnosis. The president invited the key office-holders to become active and willing partners in this year's breast cancer awareness campaign wherein women of underprivileged classes and women of flood-hit areas would be especially focused in the wake of recent devastating floods where women were worst hit. The president expressed his concern that out of 100,000 new cases of breast cancer reported

every year in Pakistan, half of them succumbed to death due to late diagnosis. He added that 98 percent of these precious lives could be saved by creating awareness amongst women for self-examination and early diagnosis. President Alvi highlighted that the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign of the last four years, led by First Lady Begum Samina Arif Alvi, had resulted in a significant increase in the early reporting of breast cancer cases in the hospitals. In his letters addressed to the eminent media persons, he thanked them for their continuous support during the last four years and said that without their valued support and passionate part-

## Health expert calls joint efforts for raising awareness

ISLAMABAD :Health expert on Tuesday called for united efforts on part of the government, media, and society at large to raise awareness about the significance of early-stage diagnosis that can save 90% of women's lives from breast cancer deaths. "We all should work together to ensure women are aware of the risks and feel empowered to seek timely treatment", a senior gynecologist Dr. Tahira Jabbar stressed while talking to PTV news. She said that breast cancer was the most common cancer amongst women around the globe including in Pakistan, however, self-examination was an essential measure for the detection of breast cancer in its early stages. In Pakistan, "one in every nine women was likely to suffer from the disease, the highest incidence rate in Asia due to lack of awareness," she mentioned. October is national breast cancer awareness month, routine mammography screening was one of the most important steps which women can take to maintain their health, prevent disease and live a healthy life, she added.--APP

nership the success of the campaigns could have not been possible. He called upon the media persons to play their active role this year as well to create awareness among the target women on the paramount importance of self-examination and early diagnosis through their media products, such as news bulletins, special reports, dramas, morning shows, articles, columns and editorials. The president enlisted a number of activities, which have been planned this year to educate women and highlight the importance of self-diagnosis and early detection. He added that this year's awareness campaign would also underline the importance of meeting the nutritional needs of

women of underprivileged classes and flood-hit areas. The president underlined the importance of media to promote these events and called upon it to launch a comprehensive and well-thought-out awareness campaign to educate and motivate women for self-examination and to voluntarily seek early diagnosis of breast cancer, besides educating them about the importance of a healthy diet to minimize health-related issues, including breast cancer. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and an annual campaign is launched to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer and raise voices together to help spread the word about the importance of breast cancer screening and support.--APP

## 88 more dengue patients reported in 24 hours

RAWALPINDI:As many as 88 more dengue cases were reported in Rawalpindi during the last 24 hours, raising the tally of confirmed cases to 2,609 in the district.

District Coordinator Epidemics Prevention and Control(DCEPC), Dr Sajjad Mehmood,Tuesday said that, among the new cases,38 patients had arrived from Potohar town urban area, 14 from Rawalpindi Cantonment, 11 from Municipal Corporation, Rawalpindi,eight from Chaklala cantonment,seven from Potohar rural,two from Taxila Cantonment, and one of each from Kahuta,Kalar Syeda and Gujjar Khan. Dr Sajjad added that 253 patients were admitted to the city's allied hospitals, including 110 to the Benazir Bhutto Hospital(BBH), 78 to the District Headquarters Hospital and 69 to the Holy Family Hospital(HFH). He informed that out of the total admitted patients, 168 tested positive, with 139 belonging to Rawalpindi.

The health officer said that the district administration, in collaboration with allied departments, had registered 2,457 FIRs, sealed 585 premises, issued Challans to 7,289, notices to 10,041 and a fine of Rs 6,900,416 imposed on violations of dengue SOPs from January 1 to date.

Dr Sajjad said that maximum arrangements for treating dengue fever patients had been made besides all possible preventive measures to meet any eventuality. However, he advised the residents to adopt preventive measures and inform the department immediately if dengue larvae were found in their houses, as the government alone cannot check the spread of dengue larvae.--APP

## GCISC 2-day Media Workshop to be held today

ISLAMABAD:The Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) was going to hold a two-day media training workshop on "Climate Extremes with Emphasis on Health Impacts" from October 4-5 here to apprise media, policy makers and experts on recent climate developments and data.

The GCISC, in collaboration with regional partners, was working on a project titled "Towards Robust Projections of Climatic Extremes and Adaptation Plans over South Asia" which was funded by the Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN), Japan. Besides Pakistan, the project involved Bangladesh, China, Nepal, the United States, Japan, Brazil, and Korea who provide technical expertise and data.

A GCISC official told APP that the main aim of this project was to create high-resolution regional and local future climate extremes data for impact, adaptation, and vulnerability studies in South Asian countries, as well as to equip students with the necessary training. "Under this project, one part is to provide a platform for sharing knowledge and capacity building of students and scientists over extreme events and their impacts."--APP

## PFA seizes 4,200 kg of Chinese salt

RAWALPINDI:The Punjab Food Authority (PFA), in its ongoing drive to check food outlets, confiscated around 4,200 kilogrammes of Chinese salt in the Rawalpindi area on Tuesday.

According to the PFA spokesman, the PFA vigilance team on a tip-off raided a warehouse in the area of Railways workshop road and took 4,200 kg of banned Chinese salt into its possession. He said that the cost of the banned salt in the open market was around Rs 5.9 million while the owner failed to provide the licence and record of the salt.

Earlier, the Punjab government had banned the use of Ajinomoto, commonly known as Chinese salt, in 2018.--APP

## Rehabilitation of Pir Sohawa road discussed

ISLAMABAD: The dilapidated condition of the Pir Sohawa road was discussed during the Planning Wing meeting. The meeting besides other things also held threadbare discussions on the working of the wing. During the course of the meeting the deteriorating condition of the Pir Sohawa Road also came under consideration. There was a consensus in the meeting that the said roads need immediate repair and rehabilitation as it is frequented by a large number of people. The participants were of the view that since certain environmental issues were involved, therefore the directorate of regional planning and traffic engineering may be tasked to compile a comprehensive report in this regard. Any further decision regarding rehabilitation of the said road shall be made after the compilation of this report. -- DNA

## Speakers stress for innovative solutions to tackle climate crisis

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a seminar held here to mark World Habitat Day stressed the need for urgent action and greater investments for innovative solutions to tackle the climate crisis and drive a green and inclusive pandemic recovery. The seminar was organized by UN-Habitat Pakistan in collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan Council for Research on Water Resources, Water and Sanitation Agency, National Disaster Risk Management Authority,

Shehersaaz and TMA Nowshera. The seminar was held to kick start celebration of Urban October activities- World Habitat Day on the theme "Mind the Gap. Leave No One and No Place Behind", shedding light on the widening inequalities with respect to climate change impacts and sharing cost-effective technologies for provision of clean water to every segment of the society and addressing growing inequalities exacerbated by the 2022 floods crises in Pakistan. The event

commenced with a message from Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General in which it was highlighted that "we need more urgent action and greater investments for innovative solutions to address inequalities to tackle the climate crisis and drive a green and inclusive pandemic recovery."

Executive Director, UN Habitat, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, in her video message, emphasized on raising awareness about innovations that inspire all of us to push for immediate action.

# Afghan Envoy calls on CG COMSTECH

## STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Sardar Ahmed Khan Shakeeb, met with Coordinator General, OIC- Ministerial Committee of Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chaudhary, at COMSTECH Secretariat on Tuesday morning. Prof. Chaudhary highlighted the role of COMSTECH to strengthen the science and technology in 57 Muslim Countries. He informed about the ongoing joint programs with Palestine, Yemen, and Somalia. Coordinator General highlighted that the President of Pakistan, who is chairman of COMSTECH has emphasized the need of support high education and skill development in Afghanistan. In this regard various programs for the aca-



ademic and research trainings of Afghan students and researchers in CCoE universities of Pakistan will be started. The second part of the program will incorporate Afghanistan includes food security which is the dire need of the

community. The Islamic organization for Food Security (IOFS), Kazakhstan and Pakistan Agriculture Research Council, Ministry of National Food Security and Research are organizing a workshop during February, 2023. This

3-Day joint IOFS-COMSTECH- PARC workshop on "Climate Resilient Wheat Crop Improvement for Food Security" will dedicate one day for the problems of wheat growing in drought conditions in Afghanistan under the theme of "Afghanistan Wheat Issue: Breeding Nutritious and Climate Resilient Varieties". In the third part of the program COMSTECH in collaboration with Health Services Academy and University of Lahore will help health sector in Afghanistan. He said we can work together in Public Health in primary health settings, disease surveillance, medical technologies, ventilator, medicines and regulatory affairs to train Afghan healthcare workforce.

Sardar Ahmed Khan Shakeeb, Ambassador of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan thanked Prof. M. Iqbal Chaudhary and appreciated the outstanding work of COMSTECH for Muslim Ummah.



## Briefs

## President to address parliament's joint sitting on Oct 6

ISLAMABAD :President Dr Arif Alvi has summoned the joint session of the parliament on October 6 at 5:00 pm, the President House said Tuesday.

President Alvi will address the joint session of both houses of the parliament – Senate and National Assembly.

The president has called the session in line with the Article 54-1 and 56-3 of the Constitution of Pakistan.—APP

## Shahid Siddiqui's book launched at AIOU

ISLAMABAD: Center of Excellence, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) organized a book launch ceremony for "Pothohar: Khita e Dilruba" penned by renowned scholar and former vice chancellor of AIOU, Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui. The event was presided over by Head, Iqbal Chair of AIOU, Professor Fateh Muhammad Malik, while the famous poet, Iftikhar Arif, was the chief guest. Renowned journalist and columnist, Rauf Klasra attended as the guest of honor. Senior Advisor, Center of Excellence, Muhammad Rafique Tahir hosted the event. The author of the book, Professor Shahid Siddiqui, explained the background of his new book in detail. He said that he has recorded the information and characteristics of the important places of Rawalpindi city, its outskirts, and the Pothohar region in this book. The other speakers said that this book contains a history of the entire Pothohar region, and this book will provide the new generation with rich information about the history, language, culture, and traditions of Pothohar. They said that the author has collected his memories about Pothohar and Rawalpindi. "Balraj Sahni and Rawalpindi" has made the book more attractive.—DNA

## Teachers' Day to be commemorated today

ISLAMABAD: World Teachers' Day will be marked on Oct 5 (Wednesday) with the theme 2022 "The transformation of education begins with teachers" across the globe including Pakistan to celebrate the role of teachers in providing quality education at all levels.

According to UNESCO, it is a day to celebrate how teachers are transforming education but also to reflect on the support they need to fully deploy their talent and vocation, and to rethink the way ahead for the profession globally. This also enables children and adults of all ages to learn take part in and contribute to their local community and global society. Teachers are recognized for their contributions to society on World Teachers' Day. Various events would be arranged in many countries around the world on October 5, 2022. These include celebrations to honor teachers in general or those who have made a special contribution to a particular community. The day may also be marked by conferences emphasizing the importance of teachers and learning, extra training sessions for teachers, recruitment drives for the teaching profession among university students or other suitably qualified professionals and events to increase the profile of teachers and the role they play in the media.

Moreover, international organizations such as TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and Education International organize international, national and local events. In some areas posters are displayed and pupils and ex-pupils are encouraged to send e-cards or letters of appreciation to teachers who made a special or memorable contribution to their education.—APP

## PM says Khan's lies &amp; cheat have left economy in ruins

Prime minister deliberated upon his efforts to rebuild relations with several of Pakistan's foreign allies, which were seen to nosedive after 2018

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that the policies of his predecessor Imran Khan, based on 'lies and cheat', have left the country's economy in ruins.

In an interview with the British daily The Guardian, Shehbaz Sharif Sharif spoke of the "damage" that Khan, the former prime minister who ruled Pakistan from 2018, had done to the country in both domestic and foreign affairs.

According to The Guardian, as Pakistan's economic turmoil continued, Sharif called Khan "a liar and a cheat" whose policies had left the economy in ruins.

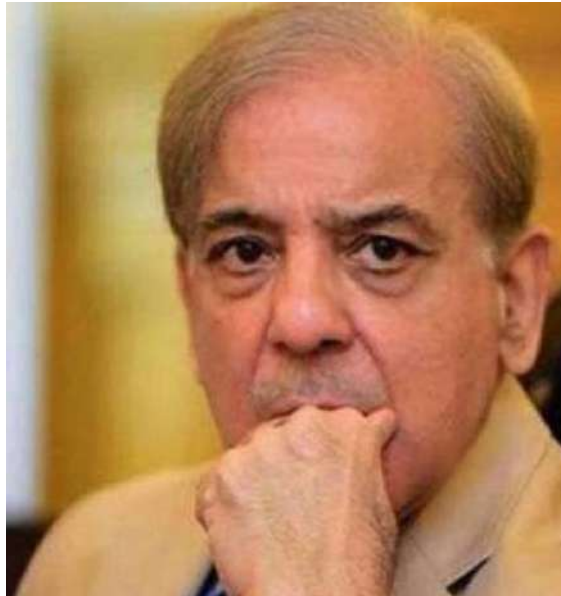
Sharif accused Khan, who ran on an anti-corruption manifesto, of conducting the country's affairs to suit his own personal agenda "in a manner which can be only described as the most

inexperienced, self-centred, egotistical, immature politician in the history of this country".

Khan was found to have violated the Constitution in an attempt to stop the vote from going ahead, and he also threatened to impose martial law rather than hand over power to the opposition coalition, the Guardian mentioned.

The audio leaks allegedly captured Khan discussing how to fabricate a conspiracy about a foreign threat, with him heard saying they would "play with the cable".

PM Sharif said the leaked audios were "an irrefutable endorsement that he [Khan] is the biggest liar on the face of the earth. I'm not saying this with a sense of glee but a sense of embarrassment and concern. My country's image has been damaged hugely by



these lies, told out of mean personal interest."

"Never before was I concerned about our country's future," said Sharif. "Imran Khan has injected an

infinite amount of poison in this society and made it hugely polarised as never before ... he is distorting facts and creating hate."

The prime minister delib-

erated upon his efforts to rebuild relations with several of Pakistan's foreign allies, which were seen to nosedive after 2018.

Shebaz Sharif said he had been "shocked" at the UN general assembly in New York earlier this month when several world leaders, who he refused to name, had personally raised Khan's conduct. "Some leaders told me in person about his personality," said Sharif. "They told me he was rude, he told lies and he is a 'narcissist', quote unquote." "Khan has damaged Pakistan's relations with the United States for no rhyme or reason," he said. Shehbaz Sharif also made it clear he would be reaffirming Pakistan's close relationship with China, which reportedly suffered under Khan after he stalled the China-Pakistan Econom-

ic Corridor (CPEC).

He vowed to continue with the project, describing China as "one of the most trusted friends of Pakistan".

"Make no mistake, CPEC is a project which is not only good for Pakistan's wellbeing but for the whole region," he said.

On the involvement of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif in his government, he said: "Of course, I consult Nawaz, he is my leader and my older brother," he said. "But he has given me completely free rein to make decisions."

Sharif vehemently rebuffed the criticism of Imran Khan against the politics of Maryam Nawaz as 'dynastic'.

"It's about competence: it's about public support, it's about people's trust," he said. "It's not about dynasty."—APP



ISLAMABAD: Hamad Obaid Alzaabi, Ambassador of UAE calls on Federal Minister for Finance & Revenues Ishaq Dar, and congratulates him on his new position and discusses matters of common interest. – DNA

## CSC Scholarships HEC sets Oct. 18 as deadline to apply

ISLAMABAD:The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has announced October 18, 2022 as deadline to apply for the fully funded UK scholarships under Commonwealth Scholarships for Commission in the UK (CSC) for Master's and PhD teaching faculties of Pakistani universities.

According to HEC, to apply for these scholarships, the candidates must meet HEC eligibility in addition to CSC requirements. He/she must be a Pakistani/AJ&K national and permanent resident of Pakistan/AJ&K. Dual nationals are not eligible.

For PhD scholarship, an applicant must hold a first-class degree in relevant postgraduate qualification (17/18 years Masters/MS/ MPhil degree) in the relevant field of study by closing date of HEC application portal. The candidate must not have Second/Third division in the terminal/last de-

gree. Result awaiting candidates are also not eligible to apply. All applicants are required to provide HAT test score. Applicant must have obtained a minimum score of 60 out of 100 in HAT test. Those applicants who have taken HAT test on or after January 01, 2022 may upload the test result on HEC portal for consideration.

Without providing minimum HAT test score (60 out of 100), applications will not be considered for further process. Those interested applicants who are yet to take HAT test, may register for the same by visiting <https://etc.hec.gov.pk/>. ETC is accepting applications for HAT test till October 11, 2022.

Applicants applying for Teaching faculty, must have an experience of minimum 12 months as regular/contract permanent faculty member (not as a visiting or adhoc appointment)

It is worth mention here that the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK (CSC) provides the UK government's Commonwealth scholarship scheme led by international development objectives. Since 1960, the CSC has funded over 30,000 individuals to study in the UK and gain skills, acquire knowledge and build networks to tackle global development challenges. As per CSC eligibility criteria in addition to HEC criteria, to apply for these scholarships, you must be permanently resident in an eligible Commonwealth country.

He/She must be available to start your academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK academic year in September 2023. The candidate must be unable to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship. The applicants have to provide full transcripts

detailed all your higher education qualifications including to-date transcripts for any qualifications you are currently studying (with certified translations if not in English) – uploaded to the online application system. Provide references from at least two individuals.

He/She should not be registered for a Ph.D., or an MPhil leading to a Ph.D., at a UK university or in your home country before September/October 2023. The applicants have to provide a supporting statement from a proposed supervisor in the UK from at least one of the institutions named on your application form. The applicants are required to submit online applications at the Commonwealth and HEC portal. Apply online at HEC website: <https://scholarships.hec.gov.pk/#/auth/login>. After registering and filling your profile. – APP

## PRCS Chairman calls on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said that the recent rains and floods have caused huge destruction across the country but the government will not rest until complete rehabilitation of flood victims. He said Pakistan Red Crescent is reaching flood-affected families and its efforts and services to humanity during these testing times are highly commendable. The Prime Minister expressed these views when Chairman PRCS Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari called on the PM at Prime Minister's Office here on Tuesday. On this occasion, Special Assistant to PM Syed Tariq Fatemi, Khawaja Ehsan, Ambassador of Turkey Mehmet Paçac, Advisor of Turkish Red Crescent to President Tayyip Erdogan, Ismail Haqi were also present. While congratulating Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari on assuming charge as PRCS chairperson,

PM Shehbaz Sharif said that PRCS is serving the affected people without any discrimination and the National Society is moving forward under his dynamic leadership. "I am pleased to see the efforts of PRCS highlighted in international and national media", he added. On this occasion, Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari apprised the Prime Minister about the actions taken by the Red Crescent in the flood-affected areas. He said the management, staff and the volunteers are working tirelessly and round the clock to deal with the flood disasters, providing relief and humanitarian assistance to the affected families.

He said PRCS through its multi-faceted interventions has so far given humanitarian aid to more than 266,275 victims, 12,141 tents have been distributed, medical assistance have been provided to more than 23 thousand victims.—APP

## Lucky Cement selects Zong 4G as new Telecom Partner

ISLAMABAD: Zong 4G, Pakistan's leading telecommunication network, has partnered with one of the largest producers and leading exporters of quality cement in Pakistan, Lucky Cement, for all of the latter's communication needs. Through this partnership, Zong 4G will be providing tailored enterprise solutions to the Lucky Cement which would enhance its corporate voice and data needs. The contract was signed to confirm the new partnership between the management of both companies. The collaboration will address connectivity and communications needs, which will enhance the operability of the business. Zong has been offering tailored solutions to address the needs of businesses and equipping them with technologies that streamline their operations and enable them to continue on their digital transformation journey. Commenting on the partnership, the spokesperson of Zong 4G said, "As part of our mission to bring innovative digital technologies and solutions to the corporates we have, today, on-boarded Lucky Cement. Through our strategic partnerships, together we can turn the challenge of digital transformation into an opportunity for all businesses. Our partnership with Lucky Cement is a testament to providing them with solutions to move forward and adapt new ways of communication."—APP

## Playback singer Masood Rana remembered

ISLAMABAD :Famous playback singer Masood Rana was remembered on his 27th death anniversary on Tuesday.

He was born on August 6, 1941 in Mir Pur Khas, Sindh and began his singing career in 1962 with the film Inqalab and became one of the top male singers in both Urdu and Punjabi films for more than three decades. He sang in a great deal of films; but he shot to fame from his second film Banjaran in 1962, a private news channel reported.

He was proudly introduced as "Pakistani Rafi" and always lived up to his reputation.

He was a specialist in singing difficult songs in very high pitch and was the first choice for title and theme songs.

He soon became the most dominating male singer in both Urdu and Punjabi films when his six songs in film Hamarahi (1966) were mega hits.

Masood Rana is still the only male singer in Pakistani films who sang more than 300 songs in each of two languages Urdu and Punjabi.

He sang in more than 550 films and worked continuously from his first film in 1962 till his death on Oct 4, 1995.—APP

## Sheesha center raided, 4 held

RAWALPINDI :Rawalpindi police conducted a raid at 'Sheesha Centre' in the jurisdiction of Airport police station and arrested four accused besides recovering Sheesha flavors, huqqas and other items from their possession.

The police spokesman informed that on a tip-off, the police carried out an operation and arrested four accused identified as Asad Mahmood, Saad Ali, Mohammad Subhan and Kashif Sagheer. The police team recovered 'Huqqas' and other smoking items from their possession.

The police registered separate cases against them and started investigation. The spokesman informed that anti-smoking drive was launched in the city to ensure implementation of anti-smoking law, 2002.—APP

## Senate body reviews ICT Trust Act, 2020

ISLAMABAD:The meeting of the Senate Select Committee Tuesday reviewed the existing provisions and the proposed amendments in the ICT Trust Act, 2020.

The body met with Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati in chair and was attended by Senators including: Shahdat Awan, Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen, Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar, Dilawar Khan, Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah, Saifullah Abro, Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti, Faisal Saleem Rehman, Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo, Mohsin Aziz along with senior officers from ministry of interior and ministry of law. The Mover, Senator Mush-taq Ahmed was not present. The committee considered the Islamabad Capital Territory Trust (Amendment) Bill 2020.

The argument revolved around whether or not proposed amendments were endorsed in the context of FATF concerns.

DG FATF, Ministry of Interior informed the committee that Amendment of Section 16, Act XXV of 2020 was withdrawn. —APP

## 44,968 challan tickets issued to violators

RAWALPINDI:City Traffic Police (CTP) issued over 44,968 challan tickets and imposed fine of more than Rs 2,02,29,800 to traffic laws' violators during the last month. Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Naveed Irshad dispelled the impression that traffic wardens have been given target of issuing challan tickets. He made it clear that challan tickets are being issued only to the violators. CTO said that operation against one wheeling would continue and strict action will be taken against the law abettors.—APP

## Australian envoy meets NA Speaker

Australian High Commissioner said that Australia considered Pakistan one of its trusted friends and an important economic partner

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf on Tuesday said that vibrant parliamentary diplomacy can harness the challenges of global climate change.

Pakistan-Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group established in the National Assembly of Pakistan played a pivotal role in promoting parliamentary diplomacy and enhancing parliamentary relations through parliamentary exchanges, the NA speaker said this during a meeting with Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan Neil Hawkins who called on him, said a news release.

During the meeting, both sides also discussed means to enhance bilateral relations and devised a joint action plan for the prevailing climate crisis in Pakistan.

While expressing satisfaction over the cordial relations between Paki-



stan and Australia, the speaker remarked that both countries need to deepen the existing relations by

increasing parliamentary interactions and economic cooperation that could benefit both countries in the

fields of mutual interest. He expressed his desire to develop contact between business communities of

both countries to tap the massive economic potential in Pakistan. Speaker while talking about

the unprecedented calamity caused by recent deadly floods in Pakistan said that National Assembly would move an emergency resolution in the 145th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) meeting in Rwanda on Oct. 11-15.

He said the resolution aimed to present a forceful demand before developed countries to compensate for irreversible losses due to climate change in developing countries like Pakistan. He appreciated the Australian government's immense support for the relief and rehabilitation efforts for the flood affectees in Pakistan. Australian High Commissioner said that Australia considered Pakistan one of its trusted friends and an important economic partner.

He said that Australian investors were keen to invest in Pakistan's markets for the benefit of the people on both sides. —APP



## Post-flood diseases and dengue

The number of dengue fever cases keeps increasing in Pakistan amid an outbreak due to floods triggered by heavy monsoon rains in the South Asian country.

The southern Sindh province reported 311 new infections, said the provincial health department on Monday evening. The worst-hit area was Karachi, the provincial capital, which reported 255 new cases. With the newly reported dengue cases, the October figure to date for the province has risen to 652, bringing the total local tally to 10,806 this year.

In the last 24 hours, 287 more people were diagnosed with the disease in the northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, the provincial Health department reported on Monday evening. The number of active cases in the province currently stands at 2,177 and the total number of cases this year has reached 9,536.

The eastern Punjab province reported 230 new cases in the last 24 hours, the provincial Health authorities said on Monday. Punjab's capital Lahore reported 99 new cases, followed by Rawalpindi city with 87 cases. The total number of dengue cases in Punjab this year has now gone up to 7,251.

The national capital Islamabad reported 34 new dengue cases in the last 24 hours, the Health authorities said on Monday evening. The city's total tally has risen to 2,586 this year. Meanwhile, the spread of infections in the relief camps is still a worry for the flood-affected residents of Sindh.

Six more individuals, including four children, have reportedly died from various diseases in Sindh's flood-affected areas, according to official health sources.

According to reports, a youngster died in Larkana as a result of viral illnesses. In Thal, a guy perished from malaria. In Tangwani, another three-year-old child passed away from malaria. In Qubo Saeed Khan, two kids passed away from malaria and gastroenteritis.

In Hyderabad district, a decrease has been recorded in the spread of diseases in relief camps. During the last 24 hours, 37 people fell a victim to diarrhea in the relief campus. Earlier, 109 cases of diarrhea had been reported 48 hours ago.

Moreover, 64 flood victims fell a victim to skin diseases at the relief camps, and four cases of eye infection had also been reported.

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## Face to face with Israel's settlement enterprise in the wild West Bank

Chris Doyle

This area of the South Hebron Hills covers about 3,000 hectares. Palestinian herdsmen live in simple concrete dwellings or shacks. There are also some in caves in Masafer Yatta, an area Israel has designated as Firing Zone 918. Since the early 1980s, Israel has been trying to forcibly evict the Palestinian residents.

Little Ahmed could not have been more than six years old and, thankfully for my back, he was not too heavy. With him on my shoulders, we stumbled up the rocky bank to save his bare feet from being scratched on the rocks and thistles. Around us were eight other Palestinian children, a few Israeli activists and international officials. This was a daily escort for these children to and from their school along a perilous 1.5-km journey. Harassment from Israeli settlers is the norm, hence the need for protection. Settlers have attacked the children and thrown rocks at their heads, in one case injuring a six-

year-old girl. At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Israeli activists were their only guardians, but the settlers are not averse to bashing them up too. Al-Tuwani in the South Hebron Hills is the sole place in the entirety of the West Bank where Israeli soldiers play a role in protecting Palestinian children. In Hebron, I have seen settlers attack Palestinians children en route to school in front of soldiers who do nothing. But a Knesset subcommittee in 2004 ordered the army to escort these children up the hill by the side of the settler outpost of Havat Maon. Our role was to get them to the pick-up point. Settler cars parked on the hill showed they were waiting. European diplomats joined us to witness this daily ritual, but this was too much for the Israeli soldiers, whose commander declared that the area was now a closed military zone. Imagine. The army should not be required. In an even semi-normal system, the army would warn the settlers not to attack children and to arrest them at once if they did. This highlights the extraordinary power settlers have, living above the law. The outpost itself is illegal under international law and, for the moment, under Israeli law too.

The settlers at this outpost have the most violent reputation in the vicinity. Earlier in September, they broke both the arms of Hafez Hureini. He was arrested for good measure on trumped up charges of murder and imprisoned, he told me, for 11 days before video evidence showed he was totally innocent. He laughs when I ask if any of the settlers will be held accountable. An Israeli activist tells me there are 12 outposts in the area, including Havat Maon. Often, they are set up on a hill adjoining a mother settlement. It is not the settler numbers that matter as much as the additional slab of land the settlers establish control over. Further down the road, another new outpost asserts control over a valley and the settlers plant a vineyard for good measure. Between 2017 and 2021, settlers built more than 50 new single-family settlements in the West Bank, at least 35 of which are shepherding

outposts, like many I saw in the South Hebron Hills. It is an outpost bonanza. The settlers are getting ever bolder, buoyed by international silence and Israeli government encouragement.

For supposedly illegal enterprises, the outposts have a tip-top level of services, in contrast to their Palestinian neighbors, who have none. They have electricity and running water as well as proper access roads. As we pass one outpost, a digger starts work on another new access road. The Israeli activists report this to the army, who in theory should be halting such illegal activity. Fat chance. Last week, the Israeli army was not shy in announcing that it would also provide these outposts with observation systems, lighting, public address systems and firefighting equipment. These systems will be portable. Why? Because any permanent construction would be illegal under existing laws. This area of the South Hebron Hills covers about 3,000 hectares. Palestinian herdsmen live in simple concrete dwellings or shacks. There are also some in caves in Masafer Yatta, an area Israel has designated as Firing Zone 918. Since the early 1980s, Israel has been trying to forcibly evict the Palestinian residents. The schoolchildren make their way past the outpost to their homes at Al-Tuwani. But they are not safe in their homes either. Al-Tuwani is one of 12 Palestinian villages inside the firing zone and, according to the families who live there, they are the lucky ones as it is on the edge. Some luck. The whole area is getting more dangerous, with more live-fire exercises. Getting in and out is also tougher. The Palestinians at Al-Tuwani have no cars. There are no paved roads. In fact, the Israeli army has confiscated dozens of vehicles in the zone. One brilliant Israeli group has secured funding for solar panels and wind turbines to provide limited power, but these are liable to confiscation or destruction. The Palestinians need a permit for them, which they cannot get. The settlement outposts have no such deprivations. We sip tea inside the cave where a family lives. They moved back there as

it is safer than the buildings outside. The patriarch explains that he grew up in a cave where the Havat Maon outpost now lies. To survive, the family has had to sell most of its flock of sheep and goats. Their resources are running dry and so is time. In May, the Israeli Supreme Court determined that the Israeli army could evict the 1,000-plus Palestinian residents of Masafer Yatta. Another bout of ethnic cleansing is in the pipeline, not least as the final appeal has been rejected. Settler outposts are not random and Masafer Yatta is not a one-off. Such scenes are replicated in many areas of the West Bank. Outposts are the cornerstone of how the settler enterprise expands, herding Palestinians into ever-smaller enclosures and starving them of a livelihood. The Israeli authorities want to herd the Palestinian herders of Masafer Yatta into the town of Yatta itself.

The Israeli elections on Nov. 1 may well see a far-right government in power once more. Benjamin Netanyahu has courted some of the most extreme racist elements, including Otzma Yehudit and its leader, Itamar Ben-Gvir, who may well become a minister in a Netanyahu-led coalition. Ben-Gvir supports the expulsion of Palestinians. More than one Israeli political observer says that the "legalization" of these settler outposts may be the price Ben-Gvir demands to support a coalition. It would be the formalization of a massive land grab. How much does this matter? The settlement enterprise is huge, with a population of more than 650,000 in the West Bank. In addition to the 120 or so official settlements, there are more than 140 outposts. The South Hebron Hills is an object lesson on how this works. The Israeli state may technically call outposts unauthorized, but the reality is they are a core part of the plan to impose a one-state reality where the Palestinians only have a future as a fragmented, powerless and subservient pool of cheap labor with no rights.

—*Courtesy: Arab News*

## Teaching beyond the Subjects

Asma Ishaq

A teacher's foremost responsibility is creating an urge in the student for knowledge. Of course, any successful teacher is the one whose students become the avid knowledge-lover. Now it comes as a challenge at the teacher's part, how to make the process of learning knowledge interesting for the kids. The love for knowledge lives and raises with the child throughout his/her life.

Generally it is assumed that at school, kids are young and immature. Yet! The outcome is, over there they make ever-lasting memory even being so young. Here, they glow, learn and grow to be ready for the world. Whatever, these kids become in the long run for that school remains the most focal brick in the edifice of life. A teacher by heart enjoys one's interaction with the kids or youth daily. This routine-meeting not only serves the purpose of imparting knowledge or the bifurcated curriculum but also to teach them the requisite life skills.

**Core Life Skills:** The UNICEF suggests 10 core life skills. All these skills focus to develop a behaviour that enables any child to adapt and deal effectively with the demands and challenges of life. These are: 1-Problem Solving. 2-Decision Making. 3-Creative Thinking. 4-Critical Thinking. 5-Self Awareness. 6-Interpersonal Relationships. 7-Communication Skill. 8-Stress Management. 9-Emotional Intelligence. 10-Empathy.

Each of these core skills has an importance of its own. Nothing can be thought of omitting or subtracting from the need of life. Any young child who gets acquainted with these core skills would be able to face the twists of life much more efficiently than the one who never knew about them. All in all, life is not just about leaning the subjects but it is about preparing the child for a successful end.

**Life Coach In The Disguise:** Teacher is a life-coach in the disguise. This life coaching keeps going on concurrently with conveying of knowledge. Many teachers become some kind of embodiment in transferring the good values and norms into their students. Couple of university students were questioned about the learning from school, and their answer was an eye opener. Surprise to many, they shared about good traits having learned from their respective favourite teacher instead of the subject that they had been taught. One boy said, I have learnt tolerance from the Islamiyat teacher because we always tried to disturb the lesson but our teacher chose to remain calm. He kept giving us religious citation for becoming a good child. A girl shared, "She used to be an unusual shy person when it comes to the public speaking. And it was her English Language teacher who killed her fear of public speaking. Today, she wins every declamation competition."

Likewise, one boy shared that he had learnt distributing fewer money in accordance with the more expenses from his Mathematics teacher. Another boy talked of a wonderful experience of controlling his unpredictable mood swings that he had learnt from his Urdu Literature teacher. He told, he was way short tempered. He further told that I had done every possible trouble during the Literature class because I had zero interest but it was my teacher's unbelievable empathy level that transformed me completely. Listening to these students testify that this is what a teacher's role in real. This is any teacher's sincere effort of going extra mile

for the students. Such teachers become a true-life coach. Students remember them as the protagonist of one's life forever.

**Urge For Knowledge:**

"Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of the bringing the first two loves together." -Scott Hayden.

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**Experience Is A Learning:** Humans continue to experience different phases of life. Therefore, much necessary to teach the youth that each experience marks the learning. Telling kids that even when an experience is the theft of a mistake or ends as a mistake yet it teaches an invaluable lesson. Simultaneously, making a mistake is no shame rather accepting it adds in to one's maturity. However, mistakes must be corrected with the passage of time not to be repeated.

**Perks Of Team Work:** A number of educationists have concluded that a primary-school age of the kids is the best for teaching team work. At this age, kids are much welcoming, like sharing and take initiative to help each other. Class room learning activities must have an objective for raising the willingness of team work. Furthermore, for any kind of academic or co-curricular's competition, teachers must encourage students for participation necessarily. Students must be trained not to focus on the winning alone but to develop the sportsman's spirit. To develop the respect for the fellow-competitors is much essential for the life in the long run. And who can deny the fact that it assists greatly in toning down one's ego.

**Love-Love-Relationship:** Teaching is all about making the difference in any child's life. This must be the primary goal of any teacher to prepare the child that he/she can do marvel believing in the potentials, endowed by the Almighty. Here, a teacher's assurance of ownership and love to every child matters the most. It casts the sea-change impact over them. The careful amount of love not indecent frankness works like the magic wand. It not only helps teachers in making a child

result-oriented but also much helpful in reaching out to the children who are closed-mouth about their emotional turbulence.

It is undeniable that in the presence of social media, guarding the emotional health has become an imperative job-description of teachers. It is as important as to taking care of the academics. Likewise, children learn from one's elders to regulate one's emotions. Thus, representation of emotions to them should be calculated carefully. Moreover, each one of us knows that a growing age kid and in particular the late teenage kid goes through a lot. They easily fall prey to the 'wow factor' that social media screens have brought to them. Reactions i.e. like, heart-react and laugh, all these keep them entangled.

Train them 'firm' not to look for this 'virtual appreciation' rather to be an 'inspirational personality' in the real life. Trust it for doing all this, love is the most useful here. So, begin for your students with love and it will end with love too.

'Face' and 'Faith': Without any iota of doubt teacher's another commendable task is to develop the faith in students. Life is to face it with an unwavering faith in Almighty. Any child who has an absolute faith to face the challenges of academics will eventually get prepared to face the faltering twists of life too. The strong faith transforms a child into a calm and collected personality. It is a fact now that today's society is the cruellest. It is definitely the power of faith that becomes a protecting-tool for the kids. It is much disappointing to have heard from the teachers or parents, "Kids have got changed." They have not got changed rather society has changed disgracefully. So, making them to face the world on their own faith in Almighty is the most vital. The child with an intact faith grows to be righteous, consistent, aspiring and encouraging as well.

Last of all, teaching is indeed not an easy task. It is not a cup of tea for everyone! Furthermore, greatness never comes without commitment and sacrifice. A big shout out to all the teachers or mentors who go beyond the subjects and leave the unremitting impact over their students for the lifetime. And Yes! Tell your students daily that you are proud of them! Happy Teacher's Day!

—*Asma Ishaq is a lecturer*



## Briefs

## EU scales-up assistance by Rs 6.7 bn

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Mainstreaming disaster preparedness and prevention in EU funded projects will therefore remain our top priority within the provision of humanitarian assistance." Upon arrival in Pakistan, Commissioner Lenarcic travelled to Khipro in Sindh province to understand the scale of the disaster, to speak to affected communities and to see the European assistance that is already provided on the ground. He visited a water purification plant run by a Danish civil protection team and a humanitarian project implemented by an EU-funded international non-governmental organization. Together as "Team Europe", the European Union and its member states have already committed €93 mio to date. With the additional funds announced today, this reaches a total of €123 mio. In addition, European civil protection agencies have provided in-kind donations of tents, blankets, medical equipment as well as experts and technicians. The European Commission's Copernicus satellite service collects real time data and provides high resolution maps to support the assessment of the situation in the most affected areas. The EU's Global Flood Monitoring (GFM) system can help teams working on the ground and the national and provincial authorities to monitor the situation and direct resources accordingly.

## Maryam Nawaz not happy with IHC verdict

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"Was Zeba asked whether she wants to forgive him or not? Do you (courts) know what kind of precedent are you setting? Now, anyone can abuse and threaten any woman in jalsas," she said. Maryam added that since Khan has been forgiven, the contempt cases against PML-N leaders Talal Chaudhry, Daniyal Aziz, and Nehal Hashmi should also be disposed of. "This devil (Khan) whom you have forgiven will do this again. He has been emboldened as he knows that now no matter what he does, he can seek forgiveness," she said. Referring to Khan's recent statement where he mentioned "misplacing" the US cypher allegedly linked to his ouster, Maryam said that she is "at a loss of words" at the PTI chairman's carelessness. "This wasn't a record of a diamond ring that you misplaced or the record of the dollars that you took in the foreign funding case. It was Pakistan's property," she said. Maryam said that since Pakistan's inception, no cypher had been misplaced. The PML-N leader added that a more serious crime than misplacing the cypher was changing the minutes of the meeting. "There was no mention of a conspiracy, and then, you built a conspiracy [by manipulating the minutes of the meeting]," the PML-N vice president said. Maryam said that after Khan's stunt, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has told officials that the international world has refused to send cyphers to Pakistan, fearing that it might be turned into a conspiracy. The PML-N leader castigated Khan for dissolving the parliament on the basis of "forged" minutes of the meeting. In response to a question, Maryam said that Nawaz will himself decide about his return to Pakistan. "The way for his return is clear. All we have to do is submit an application in the court." The PML-N leader also said that had received her passport and would soon visit her father in London — whom she hasn't seen in person for the last three years. Talking about Finance Minister Ishaq Dar's return to Pakistan, the PML-N leader said that the PTI is not happy with him coming back as he will now "improve" the economy. "Dar's return was a slap on their face. Dar has led the country out of many economic crises," she said. At the outset of the press conference, the PML-N leader thanked everyone — including the media and her legal team — for helping her in the cases lodged against her. "I am happy today that I have received my passport, but I would like to ask as to why I was deprived of my fundamental right for three years," the PML-N leader said.

## Wapda, Army, Karachi win in Women's Basketball C'ship

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ISLAMABAD: Defending Champion Wapda and Pakistan Army thrashed their opponents Islamabad white and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to start their campaign for the championship title in the ongoing National Women's Basketball Championship here at

Pakistan Sports Complex Islamabad. Eight teams including defending champion Pakistan Wapda, Karachi, Rawalpindi, Islamabad whites, Pakistan Army, Lahore, Islamabad Blues and Peshawar are taking part in the five days championship which will be concluded on October 07th organized by the Federal Basketball Association. In the first match Army wins an easy en-

counter against KPK by 73-14 points. Ayesha Khan scored 16 points while Fajar Fatima 12 and Anna scored 10 points for Army. In the second match Defending Champion Pakistan Wapda beat Islamabad by scoring 81 points against 16. Amina Mukhtar scored 15 and Hijab Fatima scored 14 points for the winning team. In the third match Karachi wins first victory

in a low scoring match against Rawalpindi by scoring 15 points against 6. Hiba Faraz scores 8 for the winning side. Four matches will be played on the third day of the championship as eight top teams including defending champion Pakistan Wapda, Karachi, Rawalpindi, Islamabad whites, Pakistan Army, Lahore, Islamabad Blues and Peshawar are participating in the five days championship.

## Kyrgios cruises past Tseng in breathless Japan opener

TOKYO: Nick Kyrgios said he "struggled to breathe" in the Tokyo air Tuesday before finding his feet and crushing Taiwan's Tseng Chun-hsin 6-3, 6-1 in his first match since the US Open. Kyrgios dropped just seven points on his own service in his opening match at the Japan Open as he dismantled world number 87 Tseng in 1hr, 6min. The maverick world number 20 was playing his first match since his "heart-breaking" quarter-final loss to Karen Khachanov at last month's US Open but he said he made a "solid" return despite a slow start. "The first couple of games I struggled to breathe, I think just the humidity and getting back into competitive play," said Kyrgios, whose lawyer appeared for him earlier in the day at a court hearing in Australia, where he faces a



charge of common assault. "I came out a bit slow but I don't play many matches so it's hard to just get straight back into that competitive flow. "But as soon as I held that first game, I found my form again and played really well." The Tokyo crowd cheered Kyrgios' name and clamoured for the signed balls that he hit into the stands

after the match. He put on a show on the court as well, hitting one shot between his legs and bickering with the umpire over line calls. Kyrgios has posted several pictures of himself sightseeing in Tokyo on social media since he arrived and he said he was "excited" to be playing in Japan. "To play in front of the crowd is amaz-

ing, they're so respectful and they always love good tennis," said the 27-year-old. "The last couple of years, Covid has affected the tournament so it's just good to have this event back and running again." Earlier in the day, top seed Casper Ruud crashed out in the first round after a 6-3, 6-3 defeat to Spain's Jaume Munar. The Norwegian lost to Carlos Alcaraz in the US Open final last month and he has hardly taken his foot off the gas since, playing in the Davis Cup and Laver Cup before heading to last week's Korea Open. He finally hit the wall against world number 58 Munar, having his service broken twice in the first set and dumping shot after shot into the net all match. Ruud admitted he had been trying too hard after his US Open run. — APP

## Polish minister calls for push to drive Russian troops

WARSAW: It is essential that Ukraine has the chance to push Russian troops out of its eastern territories, Poland's defense minister told the Warsaw Security Forum on Tuesday, days after Moscow declared it had annexed some of those territories. "Until Russia is ready to accept a political solution to this conflict, guaranteeing the long-term security of Ukraine, we need to provide broad and comprehensive support for Ukraine," said Mariusz Blaszczak, who also serves as deputy prime minister. "What Kyiv can achieve at the negotiating table is very closely related to the situation on the battlefield," he told the forum, a two-day meeting featuring top politicians and defense industry representatives from the EU and US. Despite Russia's declaration of annexation last week, Ukrainian forces have since won back some of the same land Moscow claimed was part of its territory. "We must maximize the pressure on Russia to limit its ability to take action," said Blaszczak. "Ukraine must win this war."

He called for ongoing support for Ukraine in the form of weapons, ammunition, equipment handling, as well as humanitarian aid. "It is also necessary to keep the door to NATO open, for new members, without exceptions, including Ukraine," Blaszczak said. After Russia launched the war, longtime NATO holdouts Finland and Sweden both began a push to join the alliance. "Feb. 24 has become a reminder to all of us that the nightmares of a full-scale war in Europe are not uniquely a thing of the past," he said, citing the date this year that Russia launched its attack on Ukraine. "We hoped that we would never again be in a situation of full-scale armed conflict in Europe. — DNA

## Xi decade reshapes China's military, and the region

SYDNEY: During Xi Jinping's decade-long rule, China has built the world's largest navy, revamped the globe's biggest standing army, and amassed a nuclear and ballistic arsenal to trouble any foe. With China's neighbours now rushing to keep pace, Xi's next five-year term is likely to see a quickening Asia-Pacific arms race. From South Korea developing a blue-water navy to Australia buying nuclear-powered submarines, weapons shopping has surged across the region. According to figures from the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, Asia-Pacific defence spending passed \$1 trillion last year alone. China, the Philippines and Vietnam have roughly doubled spending in the last decade. South Korea, India and Pakistan are not far behind. Even Japan is proposing record defence budgets and inching towards ending its long-standing "no first strike" policy, citing an "increasingly severe" security environment. "All key players in the Indo-Pacific region are responding to China's military modernisation, basically as fast as they can," said Malcolm Davis, a former Australian defence official now with the Australian Strategic Policy Institute. — APP

## Saudi to host Asian Winter Games in desert megacity

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia was chosen on Tuesday to host the 2029 Asian Winter Games at a \$500 billion futuristic megacity in the desert that planners say will feature a year-round winter sports complex. "The deserts and mountains of Saudi Arabia will soon be a playground for winter sports," the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) said in a statement on the decision made during its general assembly meeting in Phnom Penh. The Saudi bid was "unanimously approved", the statement said, noting that the megacity known as NEOM will be the first West Asian city to host the event. First announced in 2017, NEOM has consistently raised eyebrows for proposed flourishes like flying taxis and robot maids, even as architects and economists have questioned its feasibility. In July, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman unveiled plans for a project within NEOM known as The Line, two parallel mirror-encased skyscrapers extending over 170 kilometres (105 miles) of mountain and desert terrain. The Asian Winter Games are slated to take place in Trojena, an area of NEOM "where winter temperatures drop

below zero celsius and year-round temperatures are generally 10 degrees cooler than the rest of the region", according to the project's website. Set to be completed in 2026, Trojena will include year-round skiing, a manmade freshwater lake, chalets, mansions and ultra-luxury hotels, the website says. Prince Mohammed, chair of NEOM's board, has said it "will redefine mountain tourism for the world by creating a place based on the principles of ecotourism, highlighting our efforts to preserve nature and enhance the community's quality of life". Among those attending Tuesday's event in Phnom Penh was Saudi alpine skier Fayik Abdi, who acknowledged in a statement distributed by the OCA that, as a child, "I never believed I would ski in my homeland". "Trojena will have a suitable infrastructure to create the winter atmosphere in the heart of the desert, to make this Winter Games an unprecedented global event," said NEOM's CEO, Nadhmi al-Nasr. The Asian Winter Games include competitions for skiing, snowboarding, ice hockey and figure skating — 47 events in all, 28 on snow and 10 on ice, the OCA said. Saudi Arabia has drawn criticism for alleged "sportswashing" — hosting high-profile boxing, Formula 1 and other contests to divert attention from its human rights record. Later this month, in Jeddah, the kingdom is set to host a tournament of the Saudi-backed LIV golf tour, which has caused turmoil in the world of professional golf since its June debut, with record purses and financial guarantees luring several top players away from the US PGA Tour. — APP

## Uzbekistan, Hungary mull expanding partnership

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BUDAPEST: President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev met with President of Hungary Katalin Novak at the Sandor Palace in Budapest. Before the start of the meeting, the leader of our country left an entry in the Book of Honored Guests, and a joint photograph of the Presidents took place. The heads of states exchanged views on further building up the Uzbek-Hungarian multifaceted strategic partnership. It was emphasized that deep historical ties, common values and a similar mentality of the two peoples are a solid foundation for expanding

and strengthening friendly relations. The role of Orientalists in the study of the history of relations and the rich cultural heritage of our peoples, including Arminius Vamberi, Ishak Ibrahim and others, was especially noted. The Presidents noted with satisfaction the dynamic development of bilateral cooperation, the deepening of a broad political dialogue, the continuation of mutual support, and the promotion of inter-parliamentary and public relations. An important priority is the build-up of trade, economic and investment cooperation. It was stated that in recent years the volume of trade has increased almost three times. The Uzbek-Hungarian Intergov-



ernmental Commission for Economic Cooperation and the Uzbek-Hungarian Business Council, the second meeting of which was held on 3 October in Budapest,

play a special role in activating this direction. The parties agree that the inclusion of Uzbekistan in the GSP + system of preferences of the European

Union opens up new opportunities for a significant increase and diversification of mutual trade. An important place in the development of Uzbek-Hungarian cooperation is occupied by the cultural and humanitarian sphere. It was noted that the Hungarian Government decided to increase the annual quotas for students and doctoral students of Uzbekistan through the Hungaricum program to 170 scholarships. The expediency of holding the second Uzbek-Hungarian forum of rectors of higher educational institutions was noted. The heads of state also exchanged views on topical international and regional issues, discussed issues of

continuing an intensive dialogue and mutual support within the framework of multilateral structures. At the end of the meeting, the President of Uzbekistan invited the President of Hungary to pay a visit to our country at any time convenient for her. Earlier Today, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, as part of his official visit to Hungary, laid a wreath at the memorial column on the Heroes' Square in Budapest, reports "Dunyo" IA correspondent. According to the press service of the Head of our state, the President of Uzbekistan honored the memory of prominent figures who contributed to the formation of the Hungarian statehood.

## UN launches fresh appeal of over...

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Both the government and the UN have viewed the climate change as the main reason behind the befall of natural catastrophe on Pakistan. The Foreign Office, earlier in a press statement, said the Floods Response Plan had been prepared in close coordination between the government of Pakistan and the United Nations and focuses on providing necessary assistance to the vulnerable people affected by the unprecedented floods. It complemented the government's overall response to the recent climate-induced floods in Pakistan. In her virtual address from Islamabad to the event on an upscale UN Flash Appeal for Pakistan floods held in Geneva, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar called on the need for comprehensive future-based strategy to equip the people in Pakistan to survive devastation of floods. She said it was the collective responsibility of the world to provide assistance to the people badly affected by the country's massive flash floods. She mentioned the "resilience and endurance" of the people in the flood-hit areas and said that efforts needed to be converged on their rehabilitation. Minister for Climate Change Sherry Rehman, while stressing upon immediate global help, said that Pakistan could not afford to spend more on recovering from devastating climate-induced floods. She told the conference that the world was facing an accelerated global warming issue. "It is becoming clear to all that this is the climate event of the century." "The scale of the catastrophe is more than existential. We are gathered here to reboot your compassion simply because the numbers are too staggering to serve any country alone," she maintained. Minister Sherry pointed out that it was a real race against time for Pakistan. "Winter is fast approaching, people are left at the mercy of open skies, about 7.9m are still scrambling for dry land," she added. Speaking on the occasion, Director General World Health Organisation Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told the meeting that Pakistan was on the verge of a public health disaster.

## USAID pledges \$16.5m...

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provide food, nutrition, recovery and resilience support to 2.7 million people, including those in high levels of food insecurity across flood-affected districts. To date, WFP has reached close to 700,000 people with food and livelihoods support, and 23,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women and children with specialized nutritious foods to prevent and treat malnutrition and boost their immunity. Vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities, transgenders and households headed by children or women are at the centre of WFP's response. "Pakistan, despite contributing far less to global warming than other nations, is now on the frontline of climate devastations," said Chris Kaye, WFP Country Director in Pakistan. "The unimaginable sufferings borne by the people here is a stark reminder that it is the poorest who are paying the heaviest price of climate change. We thank USAID for its solidarity with the Pakistani people. The funding will help WFP save hundreds of thousands of people's lives and provide them with the critical support needed to restore livelihoods and build resilience against future shocks." Through WFP's field offices in the provinces of Balochistan, KP, Punjab and Sindh, WFP is coordinating with humanitarian partners to ensure an integrated response for affected communities. Working closely with USAID's BHA, WFP has received all its relief cargo of non-food items dispatched via an airbridge to Islamabad and also Sukkur and Karachi in Sindh and is supporting transport and temporary storage of these items before they are distributed to the affected population. WFP has also supported NDMA with logistics, storage and management of its relief cargo. In many parts of the country waters are receding.



## Briefs

**OGRA  
arranges  
training  
course for  
HTV drivers**

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ISLAMABAD: OGRA in collaboration with NLC arranged Training course for HTV Drivers for transportation of LPG, Pressurized Gases and Dangerous Petroleum products

Islamabad - OGRA in collaboration with NLC has arranged Training programme for the Drivers of dangerous petroleum bowlers at Applied Technologies Institute & Driving School (ATIN), having state of the art class rooms, video lectures, driving simulators, highway code model rooms, 3 Kms driving track, Drivers Fitness Labs and Drivers' test facilities.

The session was attended by the senior management of NLC, OGRA, Ministry of Communications and the Department of Explosives, LPG Marketing Companies, LPG Terminal Operators, LPG Transporters, PSO, Shell Pakistan Limited etc. Mr. Muhammad Arif, Member (Gas), OGRA was the Chief Guest of this prestigious occasion, who has appreciated the management of NLC for the conduct of such a wonderful session for safe transportation of dangerous petroleum including LPG.

**At least 15  
dead in new  
Ecuador  
prison riot**

LATACUNGA: At least 15 prisoners died Monday in the latest unrest inside Ecuador's prison system, officials in the South American country reported.

The agency that manages Ecuador's prisons, SNAI, gave the death toll in a statement which also said 21 people were injured in the clashes between inmates. It had earlier announced that tactical units conducted operations to regain control of the facility, located in the Ecuadorian city of Latacunga. The prison houses about 4,300 prisoners and is one of the largest in the country. Violence in Ecuador's prisons, where drug gangs vie for power, is often carried out with knives and sometimes involves beheadings. The violence has left more than 400 prisoners dead since February 2021.

On Monday, inmates climbed onto roofs while detonations were heard, according to television news footage. Jorge Flores, SNAI's deputy director, told reporters that Leandro Norero appeared to be "among the victims". Norero, suspected of links to drug trafficking, became one of the inmate leaders. Known by the alias "El Patron", he was arrested last May for allegations of money laundering, in an operation in which \$6.4 million, 24 gold bars, firearms and ammunition were allegedly seized.—APP

**Kremlin  
refuses to  
speak about  
nuclear  
attacks**

MOSCOW: Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov refused on Tuesday to speak about nuclear attacks and all related topics, including the tests of nuclear weapons.

"The Western media, Western politicians, and heads of state now have a lot of exercises on nuclear rhetoric. We don't want to take part in this," Peskov told reporters at a press briefing in Moscow.

Peskov, however, reminded that Russia's military doctrine allows only defensive use of nuclear weapons. Asked about the resumption of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine, Peskov said two parts are necessary to hold them, and that Kyiv currently refuses participation. "We will now wait for either a change in the position of (Ukraine's) current president, or we will wait for the future president of Ukraine, who will change position in the interests of the Ukrainian people," he said. Peskov recalled that before starting its "special military operation," Russia attempted a diplomatic settlement of differences with Ukraine.—APP



**LAHORE:** French Development Agency signed Project Agreement of 22 Million for the Heritage & Urban Regeneration: Tourism Development in Lahore Fort and its buffer zone. Ambassador of France Nicolas Galey and Provincial Minister Mahmood ur Rashid also witnessed the signing ceremony.—DNA

# Germany says issue of WWII reparations for Poland closed

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock faced a delicate meeting on Tuesday on the second day of her visit to Poland.

A day earlier, her Polish counterpart Zbigniew Rau had signed an official request to start World War II reparations talks to be handed to the German Foreign Office.

Baerbock said during a joint news conference that she had discussed the diplomatic note with Rau in person and reiterated the German government's position that the matter was settled. For his part, Rau said Poland was counting on good cooperation with the German government on resolving the issue, and that he was sure Berlin's position on the matter would evolve. Included in the note was a passage saying Germany and Poland "should take immediate steps towards a permanent, comprehensive and final legal and material settlement of the consequences of German aggression and occupation from

1939 to 1945."

The letter requested a payment of about \$1.3 trillion (\$1.28 trillion) for the damage incurred by occupying Nazi German forces during the Second World War. Berlin opposes the demand for reparations. It claims the Two-plus-Four Treaty of 1990, on the foreign policy consequences of German unification, settled the issue.

Ahead of the trip, Baerbock did touch on the issue of reparations saying Germany and Poland had a "responsibility to preserve the trust we have built together over the past 30 years."

Also part of the plan for Baerbock's trip is the Warsaw Security Forum, where she was due to take part in a discussion about the implications of Russia's war in Ukraine. Baerbock arrived in Warsaw on Monday for a



ceremony held by the German Embassy there to mark the Day of German Unity. The focus of her speech at the event was Germany's support for Ukraine and more widely for Eastern Europe.

Baerbock said Poland, where "Solidarity" protests against Communism became a mass movement in

the 1980s, was a vital partner for Germany's security. She said the end of Communism — highlighted by the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 — was significantly inspired by the Solidarity movement.

The reunification of Germany in 1990, she said, would have been "inconceivable without the coura-

geous Poles who resolutely went on strike, fought and demonstrated for freedom and genuine democratic co-determination."

On September 1, Poland published a report estimating the country's World War II losses caused by German aggression at EUR 1.3 trillion. Poland's conservative leader Jaroslaw Kaczyński

said at the time that "a decision has been made to raise the issue of World War II reparations with Berlin."

Kaczyński added: "It's about securing compensation, maybe through a long and arduous process, for everything that Germany, the German state, the German nation, did to Poland between 1939 and 1945."

Two weeks later, the lower house of Poland's parliament, the Sejm, adopted a resolution calling on the German government "to explicitly assume political, historical, legal and financial responsibility for all the consequences caused in the Republic of Poland and to the citizens of the Republic of Poland as a result of the German Third Reich starting World War II."

Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said last month: "I am convinced that we will receive reparations from Germany, although it won't happen quickly. Even the most difficult journey begins with the first step."—Agencies

## Guterres urges Yemen rivals to avoid new violence

## FOREIGN DESK

NEW YORK: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged Yemen's warring parties on Monday to refrain from any provocations that could escalate violence. The move follows the failure to extend a nationwide cease-fire and to engage with each other to renew the truce. UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said the secretary-general is disappointed that the internationally recognised government and Houthi rebels didn't reach an agreement before the Oct. 2 deadline. But he stressed: "We in no way see it as the end of the road." The initial two-month truce agreed to on April 2 and extended twice brought the longest lull in fighting since the devastating civil war began in 2014. The failure to renew it for an even longer period as the UN sought has raised fears of renewed clashes

and a worsening of the already dire humanitarian situation in the Arab world's poorest country. Dujarric said UN special envoy Hans Grundberg is still in negotiations with the government and the Houthis and will continue to explore "options that are acceptable to both parties." Yemen's civil war began in 2014, when the Iran-backed Houthis seized the capital of Sanaa and much of northern Yemen and forced the government into exile.

A Saudi-led coalition including the United Arab Emirates intervened in 2015 to try to restore the internationally recognized government to power. The conflict has created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises and over the years turned into a regional proxy war between Saudi Arabia, which backs the government, and Iran, which supports the Houthis. More than 150,000 people have been killed,

including over 14,500 civilians.

Last Friday, Guterres urged both sides to prioritize the national interests of the Yemeni people, expand the truce and "choose peace for good." His statement followed a stark warning three days earlier from UN envoy Grundberg that the risk of a return to fighting "is real." Dujarric, the UN spokesman, said there's still time for the parties to "do what they need to do to benefit the people of Yemen." "The truce has directly benefited Yemeni civilians," he said. "Major military activity stopped, including Saudi-led coalition airstrikes and Houthi cross-border attacks. Civilian casualties have dropped significantly. Fuel imports through Hodeida ports eased shortages, and international commercial flights out of Sanaa airport to Amman and other destinations have resumed."

## 200,000 Russians flee to Kazakhstan

ASTANA: Over 200,000 Russian nationals have entered Kazakhstan since the announcement of partial mobilization on Sept. 21 in Russia, a Kazakh official said on Tuesday.

"In the meantime, 147,000 Russian citizens have left the country, while 68 people have applied for Kazakhstan citizenship," Kazakhstan's Interior Minister Marat Akhmetzhanov told reporters after the weekly Cabinet meeting. Last month, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a partial military mobilization, calling for up to 300,000 reservists to be deployed to Ukraine, a move seen as an escalation of the war that began on Feb. 24. Akhmetzhanov said that Kazakh authorities reported an increase in crossings into the country after the declaration of partial mobilization in Russia. "As of yesterday, the border crossing points have returned to their old working course," he said. —DNA

## Merkel to receive UN refugee award

GENEVA: The UN refugee agency announced Tuesday that Angela Merkel, the former German chancellor, will receive the 2022 Nansen Refugee Award for aiding people fleeing the war in Syria. The award is named after the Norwegian explorer, scientist, diplomat, and humanitarian Fridtjof Nansen. "By helping more than a million refugees to survive and rebuild, Angela Merkel displayed great moral and political courage," said Filippo Grandi, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, in a statement.

He praised Merkel's determination to protect asylum seekers and to stand up for human rights, humanitarian principles and international law. "She showed what can be achieved when politicians take the right course of action and work to find solutions to the world's challenges rather than simply shift responsibility to others," said Grandi. Merkel will receive the award in Geneva on Oct. 10 at a Geneva ceremony along with regional prize winners, UNHCR spokesman Matthew Saltmarsh told reporters in Geneva.

The award, accompanied by \$150,000, is given to an individual, group, or organization going beyond the call of duty to protect refugees, internally displaced or stateless people. Under Merkel's leadership, Germany welcomed more than 1.2 million refugees and asylum seekers in 2015 and 2016 — at the height of the conflict in Syria and amid deadly violence in other places, the UN agency said. UNHCR quoted Merkel as saying at that time: "It was a situation which put our European values to the test as seldom before." —Agencies



# Baku, KSA vow to enhance bilateral ties

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## NEWS DESK

BAKU: Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev has received Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud. Welcoming the minister, President Ilham Aliyev said: "I am glad to see you. Welcome to Azerbaijan! I am sure that your visit will be fruitful. Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud said: Thank you very much, Your Excellency, for taking the time to receive us. It is a great honor for me to be visiting Azerbaijan and it is a great pleasure to meet with Your Excellency. Please allow me to convey to you and the people of Azerbaijan the sincere greetings of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Royal Highness the King and the Crown Prince. Thank you very much again for receiving us this morning. President Ilham Aliyev: Thank you. Please convey my greetings to His Royal Highness and Crown Prince. I have very good memories of my visit to your brotherly country and the discussions held with His Royal Highness and the Crown Prince. I am sure that your visit will play a very important part in the further development of our relations, which have already reached the highest possible level. We are attaching great value to these sincere relations between our countries.

We have always felt the support of your government and people. During the occupation, Saudi Arabia was one of a handful of countries that continuously supported our righteous cause. A clear example of this was the fact that Saudi Arabia did not establish diplomatic relations with Armenia during the occupation. Only three countries in the world have taken this step, and we are really grateful for that. Now, after liberating our lands from occupation, we are implementing a large-scale reconstruction program and want to see companies from brotherly countries as our partners there. At the same time, the beginning of the year was also very memorable — a large power plant project financed by a company from your country was launched. That project was a good start to the beginning of the year and it is going well. I recently met with several members of your government and was briefed on the progress of the project. In other words, our relations are developing in the political and economic spheres. I am sure that more tourists will be coming to our country. Because the numbers related to COVID-19 have already gone down and the situation is getting back to normal. Of course, cultural relations between our brotherly countries are also developing successfully. We are very close to each other. Our citizens visit Saudi Arabia, your citizens come to Azerbaijan, and they see this clearly.

Cooperation within international organizations is another important part of our relations. We are grateful for the support provided within the framework of the UN and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. We are successfully cooperating with each other in these institutions. I am sure that during your visit, within the framework of consultations with your colleagues, we will determine the directions we will move forward along in order to further strengthen our relations. Welcome again. Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud: Thank you, Your Excellency. Indeed, friendly relations between our countries are very strong and we are brothers. We have worked closely together and stood by each other for decades. This is the position of the leadership of our country. Your Excellency, we have much more to do. We have tremendous potential based on the strong friendship between us. Under your leadership and guidance, we have made progress on a number of economic issues over the past few months. Despite the strong relations between our nations at the political level, there is much work to be done in the field of economy. Our turnover is low and mutual investment is not in line with the economic potential of both countries. Your Excellency, in the last two years, there has been significant economic growth in Azerbaijan, and your country has achieved great success like the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.—APP

## 3 scientists win Nobel in Physics

NEW YORK: Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser and Anton Zeilinger were awarded the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physics on Tuesday for their experiments in quantum mechanics. The Nobel Assembly in Sweden honored the trio "for experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science," the academy said on Twitter. "The 2022 Nobel Prize laureates in physics have conducted groundbreaking experiments using entangled quantum states, where two particles behave like a single unit even when they are separated. The results have cleared the way for new technology based upon quantum information," it added. On Monday, Swedish geneticist Svante Paabo was awarded the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discoveries about human evolution.—APP

## Japan asks Russian diplomat to leave country

TOKYO: Just a week after a Japanese political affairs consul was declared persona non grata by Russia, Tokyo in retaliation on Tuesday asked a Russian diplomat to leave the country.

The move comes in response to Moscow's decision last week to declare a Japanese diplomat persona non grata after being "caught red-handed receiving classified information about Russia."

The expelled consul is attached to Russian Consulate General in northern Japan's Sapporo area, Tokyo-based Kyodo News reported.

Last week, Motoki Tatsunori, a consul of the Japanese Consulate General in the Russian Pacific Port city of Vladivostok, was detained on charges of espionage, the Russian Federal Security Service had said.

Tatsunori was caught when he attempted to buy information with limited access about Russia's cooperation with an Asian-Pacific country and the effects of the Western sanctions on the Russian territory Primorye in the Far East region, the security agency said.

A protest note was also sent to the Japanese side through diplomatic channels, it added. In a video published by the Russian security agency, the Japanese diplomat pleaded guilty.

The Russian Foreign Ministry had confirmed the expulsion, adding that the diplomat has to leave Russia within 48 hours. The expelled Japanese consul has returned home.

According to international rules, diplomats have immunity in the country where they work, but they can be deprived of the right to stay in case of hostile actions or violation of the law.—APP

## Germany's RWE to phase out coal by 2030

BERLIN: Germany's largest power producer RWE said on Tuesday it is bringing forward its coal phase-out by eight years and is ready to end lignite-based electricity generation in 2030 as part of a deal reached with the government. However, faced with a Europe-wide energy crisis after Russia slashed gas deliveries following its invasion of Ukraine, RWE said it would temporarily boost its use of power plants fuelled by heavily polluting lignite, or brown coal.

"In the current crisis, we are contributing to security of supply in Germany by temporarily increasing the use of our lignite-fired power plants, and are thus also helping to displace gas from electricity generation," Chief Executive Markus Krebber said in a statement. "At the same time, we are investing billions of euros to accelerate the energy transition and are ready to phase out lignite by 2030," he added. Krebber said the company would not request additional compensation for moving the phase-out date forward beyond the 2.6 billion euros (\$2.6 billion) it was promised under the previous plan. The German government in November agreed to "ideally" bring forward the country's exit from coal-fired power generation to 2030, compared with a previous goal of 2038.—APP



## Briefs

PTI submits  
reference  
against  
Gillani to  
Chairman

DNA

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Tuesday submitted a reference against Senator Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani to the Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani. In the reference, it has been stated that being the former premier, Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani had given costly vehicles to former president Asif Zardari and Nawaz Sharif from the Toshakhana. It appealed to the Senate chairman to de-seat Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani. Talking to the media, Syed Yousaf Gillani said that cases were formed against the opposition leaders during the four-year government of Imran Khan. "The no-confidence motion has been successful first time in the country. The inflation is sky-high due to the IMF deal. Why did Imran Khan not conducted investigations into the cypher," he added. He said that he respect the courts while the Toshakhana case is already under trial.

Maryam  
gets back  
possession  
of passport  
from LHC

DNA

LAHORE: Deputy Registrar of Lahore High Court (LHC) on Tuesday returned passport of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) vice president Maryam Nawaz. LHC had ordered to return Maryam Nawaz's passport on Monday after a three-member bench headed by the Chief Justice of LHC wrapped up the petition filed by the PML-N leader for her passport return after NAB decided not to oppose Maryam's plea. The development comes days after the Islamabad High Court (IHC) set aside Maryam's conviction in the Avenfield case. It should be noted that Maryam Nawaz had surrendered her passport to the court in 2019 for getting bail in the Chaudhry Sugar Mills case. Maryam Nawaz, while reacting to order of LHC, said that her passport was seized for three years even though there was never a case to begin with. Criticizing previous PTI led government, the PML-N leader said that they kept her in illegal custody for 'investigation' because they were scared of her public rallies.

Russia forges  
ahead with  
annexation  
plan

MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin may finalise his plan to annex four Ukrainian regions later on Tuesday, even as his forces are being pushed back by Ukraine on two separate battlefield fronts shrinking the amount of seized territory he controls. Russia, which has escalated its seven-month war with its annexation drive, a mobilisation and warnings of nuclear weapons use, looks to be in a hurry to complete a process which Ukraine and the West say is illegal and won't be recognised. The upper house of Russia's parliament earlier on Tuesday voted to approve the four regions' incorporation, which taken together represent around 18% of Ukraine. The Kremlin said that Putin's signature, the final stage in the process, was likely later in the day. In Brussels, the European Union summoned Russia's envoy to the bloc to reject Moscow's "illegal annexation" and urge it to unconditionally withdraw all of its troops from the entire territory of Ukraine. Russia does not completely control any of the four regions it says it is annexing - Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson - and the Kremlin has said it has yet to determine the final borders of the annexed territory. - Agencies

## Germany Unity Day celebrated

Amb. Grannas reiterates  
Germany's support for Pak

The Peshawar based group Khumariyaan gave a musical performance

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ISLAMABAD: The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Islamabad celebrated German Unity Day. On 3rd October 1990, East and West Germany were formally reunified after being separated for 41 years. Since then, Germans have been living together in one country and growing ever closer as one people. In his address, recently appointed German Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. Alfred Grannas, reiterated Germany's strong support for Pakistan in the aftermath of this year's tragic monsoon floods. With more than 56 million euros provided so far Germany continues to be a major donor to flood relief efforts. The heartbreaking fate of millions of families who have lost their loved ones, their homes, and livelihoods is a stark reminder that climate change is today's biggest challenge and that we must work together to ensure the future of generations to come. The chief guest of the evening, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, H.E. Sarda Ayaz Sadiq, congratulated Germany on its national day and underlined the strong ties between both countries. This year German company Siemens is celebrating its 100th anniversary. On the reception,



Country representative Mr. Markus Strohmeyer emphasized that Siemens Pakistan stands as a great example of Pak-German friendship taking forward our ambition to support and create new business models to explore countless opportunities in Pakistan's economic development and trans-

formation for a better tomorrow. Dignitaries and high officials from political, military, diplomatic, economic and humanitarian sectors attended the event. Following the speeches the chief guest joined the ambassador in the cutting of a cake bearing both the German

and the Pakistani flags. Stalls of German organizations like GIZ, KfW, BGR, Annemarie-Schimmel-Haus and political foundations showcased Germany's multifaceted engagement in Pakistan. The sponsors of the event, Metro, Siemens and Siemens Healthineers also

presented their work in Pakistan in video and stalls. The Peshawar based group Khumariyaan gave a musical performance. In line with the 70th anniversary of bilateral relations between Germany and Pakistan celebrated last year, commemorative coins were presented.



ISLAMABAD: H.E. Sheikh Saud bin Abdulrahman bin Faisal Al-Thani, Ambassador of the State of Qatar called on Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Ishaq Dar at Finance Division. - DNA

KSrelief distributes  
over 1,300 food  
packages

ISLAMABAD: Saudi Arabia's King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief) continued its relief activities and distributed more than 1,300 food packages in flood-hit areas of Pakistan. Deadly floods, triggered by unusually high monsoon rains, have killed at least 1,696 people, including 630 children and 340 women, and affected more than 33 million in Pakistan since August. The deluges have inundated a third of the country, causing damages up to \$30 billion. On Monday, the United Nations humanitarian agency warned that outbreaks of vector-borne and water-borne diseases were a growing concern in the southern Sindh and southwestern Balochistan provinces, where many districts remain inundated by flood waters. A number of countries, including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, as well as UN agencies have sent more than 130 flights carrying aid for flood survivors in Pakistan. "The team of King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief) continued to distribute various relief aid to people affected by the floods in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan," Arab News reported Tuesday. "As many as 1,360 food baskets were distributed yesterday in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, benefiting 9,520 people." - APP

Pakistan, China  
co-op to flourish,  
says President

ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi has expressed the confidence that the partnership between Pakistan and China will continue to flourish in every sector for the mutual benefit. Addressing a Roundtable Conference on 'CPEC and Pakistan Paradise for Investment' in Islamabad on Tuesday, he said both the countries enjoy good partnership in the field of IT. He said relationship between the two countries is very deep and it has been further cemented by the peoples' friendship. The President said the CPEC is a comprehensive and substantive framework of cooperation between the two countries. He said the project not only envisaged construction of physical infrastructure to improve connectivity but also energy projects and Special Economic Zones (SEZs). He was confident that Pakistan will soon emerge as a strong country in the comity of nations. He said Pakistan can also learn from the Chinese experience in poverty alleviation and improving the health sector. The President said the Central Asian States are also looking at the CPEC project with great interest as Gwadar Port will provide them access to world markets. President Arif Alvi stressed for giving incentives to attract both domestic and foreign investments in the country. - DNA

North Korea shoots missile  
over Japan in 'barbaric' act

NEWS DESK

TOKYO: North Korea launched a suspected intermediate-range ballistic missile over Japan on Tuesday, authorities in Tokyo and Seoul said. Although the launch was likely just a test, officials in the Japanese regions of Hokkaido and Aomori urged residents to take cover early on Tuesday morning. "North Korea appears to have launched a missile," the Japanese government said in a rare activation of its J-Alert system. "Please evacuate into buildings or underground." South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol condemned Pyongyang's "reckless provocations" while Japan's prime minister, Fumio Kishida, called the missile launch "barbaric." No damage or injuries were reported. Later on Tuesday, the South Korean Ministry of Unification said Pyongyang was unresponsive on the inter-Korea hotline used for negotiations between the two countries. The missile flew over Japan and landed in the Pacific

Ocean some 3,000 kilometers (1900 miles) away from the archipelago. Japan's chief cabinet secretary, Hirokazu Matsuno, said, Japanese and South Korean authorities said the missile traveled around 4,500 kilometers in total, and reached a speed of Mach 17. "North Korea's series of actions, including its repeated ballistic missile launches, threatens the peace and security of Japan, the region, and the international community, and poses a serious challenge to the entire international community, including Japan," Matsuno added. Japanese Defense Minister Yasukazu Hamada speculated that the missile could have been a Hwasong-12 rocket similar to the ones Pyongyang has tested in the past. The White House called North Korea's missile launch "dangerous and reckless." The test was also condemned by the top US diplomat in East Asia and the US Indo-Pacific Command. National security adviser Jake Sullivan consulted with his South Korean and Japanese counterparts on a "robust"

international response, a spokesperson added. Sullivan reaffirmed Washington's "ironclad commitment" to the defense of both Asian countries. North Korea's actions also drew criticism from the European Union. President of the European Council Charles Michel said the bloc "stands in solidarity" with Tokyo and Seoul while "strongly condemning" North Korea's deliberate attempt to jeopardize security in the region by firing a ballistic missile over Japan. An unjustified aggression and blatant violation of international law," Michel posted on Twitter. In August, the United States and South Korea kicked off large-scale joint military drills. North Korea views these exercises as an invasion rehearsal, however Seoul and Washington maintain they are defensive in nature. Ankit Panda, an Asia-Pacific security expert with the US-based Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said that firing over Japan allows North Korean scientists to test missiles under more realistic conditions.

CJP Bandial  
describes  
Article  
62(1)(f) as  
'draconian'

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice Umer Ata Bandial Tuesday termed Article 62(1)(f) of the Constitution that imposes a lifetime ban of politicians a "draconian" law. The chief justice made these remarks while a hearing a petition filed by PTI leader Faisal Vawda against his lifetime disqualification in a case pertaining to the submission of a false affidavit about his US nationality. A three-member bench of the apex court headed by CJ Umer Ata Bandial heard the case. "Article 62 (1)(f) is a draconian law and we will hear this case with caution and in detail," the CJP said. PTI's Faisal Vawda filed a petition in the top court in February under Article 185(3) of the Constitution for leave to appeal against the order of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) dated February 9 and the February 16 Islamabad High Court judgment.

Majority of  
Bangladesh  
without power

WEB DESK

DHAKA: At least 130 million people in Bangladesh were without power on Tuesday afternoon after a grid failure caused widespread blackouts, the government's power utility company said. More than 80 per cent of the country was hit by the sudden outage shortly after 2 pm local time, according to the Power Development Board. Apart from some locations in Bangladesh's northwest, "the rest of the country is without power", agency spokesman Shamim Ahsan told AFP. Ahsan said 130m people or more were without electricity and it remained unclear what had caused the fault. "It is still under investigation," he said, adding that a technical malfunction was the likely reason.

Ishaq Dar, Qatari  
envoy discuss  
economic ties

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Ambassador of the State of Qatar, Sheikh Saud bin Abdulrahman bin Faisal Al-Thani here on Friday discussed measures for further deepening the bilateral economic relations between Pakistan and Qatar. The discussion for strengthening the relations was made during the call on meeting of the ambassador with the finance minister, finance ministry tweeted. "H.E. Mr. Sheikh Saud bin Abdulrahman bin Faisal Al-Thani, Ambassador of the State of Qatar called on the Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and discussed measures for further deepening the bilateral economic relations between Pakistan and Qatar," the ministry tweeted. - APP

## 'Nawaz return to strengthen party': Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: Senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and former Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Tuesday said that the party supremo Nawaz Sharif would come back to the country before elections on the advice of his doctors and his return would further strengthen his party. Talking to a private news channel, he said that the matter of his return was yet not decided but after consultation with his doctors, Nawaz Sharif himself would decide about it. Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) was the most popular political party, he said, adding, former Prime minister Nawaz Sharif was fully capable of leading Pakistan ahead on the path of development. He further said that Sharif family was not afraid of going to jails, adding, PML-N had been subjected to worst maltreatment during the tenure of PTI-led government as the entire leadership was put behind the bars in fake cases and nothing was proved against anyone. - APP

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