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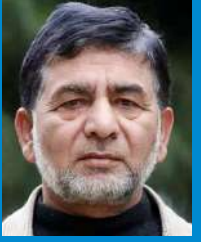
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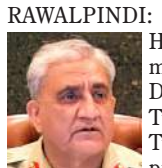
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Pak values UK's role in region

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RAWALPINDI: British High Commissioner, Dr Christian Turner on Tuesday expressed his grief over the devastation caused by floods in Pakistan and offered sincere condolence to the families of the victims. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the British High Commissioner called on Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa here at GHQ. During the meeting, matters of mutual interest and regional security situation including bilateral co-operation in various fields were discussed.

Ishaq Dar off to US for IMF, WB talks

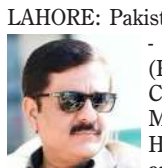
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ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar on Tuesday left for the US to hold talks with the IMF and the World Bank officials. According to sources, the newly-installed finance Czar will take part in the meetings of International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Sources revealed that it is expected that Dar would request the Fund to review its programme targets set for the flood-ravaged Pakistan. He will submit a formal request to the IMF for the reevaluation of its 2022-23 macroeconomic framework for Pakistan.

Dogar resigns as minister

STAFF REPORT



LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Colonel (R) Muhammad Hashim Dogar on Tuesday resigned as Punjab home minister. Taking to Twitter, Hashim penned that "I have resigned from my post due to personal reasons. Inshallah, I will continue to work as PTI worker. " "It was a great pleasure to have served as Minister for Home and Prison Department under your able command," he stated in the tendered resignation to Punjab CM Pervaiz Elahi.

Foreign funding case

FIA lodges case against Imran, others

According to the FIR, the accused have violated the Foreign Exchange Act

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ISLAMABAD: Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) Corporate Banking Circle on Tuesday lodged a case against 11 people including former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) in the foreign funding case.

According to the First Information Report (FIR), the accused nominated in the FIR have violated the Foreign Exchange Act. Sardar Azhar Tariq, Saifullah Niazi, Syed Younas, Amir Kiyani, Tariq Sheikh, Tariq Shafi have been nominated in the FIR. The FIR stated that the accused are beneficiary of the private bank account, while the PTI had an account at the local bank and the private bank manager has also been nominated in the case.

According to the text of the FIR, a bank account was created in the name of Naya Pakistan, the bank manager allowed to operate the illegal bank account and the \$2.1 million were deposited by the Abraaj Group of Companies in the bank account. It further stated that the PTI submitted Arif Naqvi's affidavit to the ECP, while the Abraaj Group also deposited money in PTI account, hence, the affidavit is false.

IHC stops FIA from taking action

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday stopped the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) from taking legal actions against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders and sought comments from it on alleged harassment of the petitioners. Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri heard the case filed by PTI leaders Umar Ayub Khan and others. The petitioners' counsel Faisal Chaudhry contended that the instant case was related to alleged harassment of PTI leaders in the foreign funding matter. He said the larger IHC bench was hearing a case about the powers of FIA. The petition was filed against the first information report (FIR) registered by the FIA in Lahore, which, he said, was based on dishonesty. The court then directed a senior FIA official to explain as to which proof the Agency had received under which action was taken against the PTI leaders. The case was then adjourned till October 19.

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'Imran's personality based on pack of lies'

Imran Khan, she said, spent his complete energy on creating narratives to cover up his "thefts, hypocrisy and lies" by misleading the public

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Tuesday warned the citizens against PTI Chairman Imran Khan who was bent upon misleading the public with his persistent 'lies and fabricated narratives'.

"The people should save themselves from the 'absolutely fraud and foreign-funded Fitna' (Imran), who laughs at them behind closed doors after befooling them," Marriyum said while addressing a news conference. "Liar is the only term which can perfectly define the personality of Imran Khan," she maintained, referring to his 'repeated lies, aimed at misleading the nation'. The minister claimed: "President Arif Alvi, who once held the post of Secretary General of PTI, has declared Imran Khan a liar and endorsed that this person speaks nothing but lies." Imran Khan, she said, spent his complete energy on creating narratives to cover up his "thefts, hypocrisy and lies" by misleading the public. In fact, she said, Imran had assumed that the people would start believing "the lies and accusations if the same are repeated ad nauseam, she stressed. However, "this



drama will come to an end when the people will start realizing that he is a liar and "foreign funded Fitna", she added. The people should ask themselves how a person could take oath on the same Constitution which he had violated in the past. Pointing out Imran Khan's inquisitive trait, she said the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief started questioning others, rather hurling allegations when asked about his own loot and plunder of the national wealth. Ironically, when Imran Khan was asked about

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EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES DAY



ISLAMABAD: Col Mahmoud Hassan, Defence Attache of Egypt hosted a reception to mark The Great October War Victory (Egyptian Armed Forces Day) at Islamabad Serena Hotel. Air Marshal Irfan Ahmed HI (M) Deputy Chief of the Air Staff was the chief guest. - DNA

PM to take part in CICA moot in Kazakhstan

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will participate in the 6th Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) being held in Astana, Kazakhstan, on 12-13 October 2022. The Prime Minister will be accompanied by members of the Cabinet and senior officials. The Prime Minister will address the plenary meeting of CICA on 13 October 2022. He will elaborate upon the significance of CICA as a unique forum for promoting interaction, understanding and collaboration amongst countries across Asia to address common challenges. The Prime Minister will also highlight Pakistan's perspective on regional and global issues. On the sidelines of the Summit, the Prime Minister will hold bilateral meetings with the leaders of various CICA Member States aimed at fostering greater cooperation, particularly in the fields of trade, investment and energy. CICA is an intergovernmental process comprising 27 countries from all across Asia. Established in 1992, it focuses on promoting peace, security and socio-economic development in the Asian continent. Pakistan is one of its founding members. CICA offers an invaluable platform for advancing the objectives of regional stability and prosperity through dialogue and win-win cooperation. It promotes confidence building measures under five broad domains: economic dimension, environmental dimension, human dimension, new challenges and threats, and military-political dimension.

'Credible judges' must probe cypher issue: Imran Khan

Says the time is near when the long march call will be given

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NANKANA SAHIB: Former Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supremo Imran Khan on Tuesday said that he was grateful to the incumbent government for raising the cypher issue, and a commission comprising credible judges should be formed to probe into the cypher issue. Addressing a rally at Nankana Sahib, the former PM while reacting to the current wave of inflation in the country said that prices of electricity, diesel, and petrol have doubled in recent times, adding that PTI tried to build an exemplary education system and administrative but his government was ousted through foreign conspiracy. He added that he did not trust the government's commission over the cypher issue because they were part of the conspiracy. "I am grateful to the government for raising

Fawad dares govt to probe cypher

KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Central Senior President Fawad Chaudhry lashed out at the imported government for lying blatantly on cypher instead of conducting a probe into the matter. In a statement on Tuesday, Fawad Chaudhry said the incumbent government has no problem in lying blatantly about the cypher. He criticized journalists for promoting the Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz's (PML-N) narrative pertaining to the cypher by twisting the statements of President Arif Alvi on the matter during an exclusive interview with a private TV channel.

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NATO members tighten security, G7 warns Belarus

US President Joe Biden and other G7 leaders met virtually to discuss what more they could do to support Ukraine

NEWS DESK

KYIV: U.S.-led NATO said on Tuesday its member states were boosting security around key installations after Russia escalated its attacks on Ukraine and stepped up threats against the West. Russian missiles hit Ukraine for a second day, although with less intensity than on Monday, when dozens of air raids killed 19 people, wounded more than 100 and knocked out power supplies across the country. Belarus, Moscow's closest ally, said it had begun an exercise to assess its "combat readiness" after ordering troops on Monday to deploy with Russian forces near its border with Ukraine. Belarus allowed Russia to use its territory to invade Ukraine but has not yet sent its own troops across the border. Moscow has annexed new tracts of Ukraine, mobilised hundreds

of thousands of Russians to fight and repeatedly threatened to use nuclear arms in recent weeks, spreading alarm in the West. A European diplomat said NATO was considering convening a virtual summit of the Western defence alliance to consider its response. NATO was closely monitoring Russia's nuclear forces, but had not seen any change in its nuclear posture, Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters in Brussels. The allies were increasing security around critical infrastructure after attacks on gas pipelines running under the Baltic Sea and any deliberate attack would be met with a "united and determined response", he said. It is still unclear who was behind the recent explosions. More missile strikes killed at least one person in the southeastern Ukrainian town of Zaporizhzhia and left part of the western city of Lviv without power, local officials said. Air raid sirens earli-

er wailed across Ukraine for a second day. U.S. President Joe Biden and other G7 leaders met virtually on Tuesday to discuss what more they could do to support Ukraine and they heard President Volodymyr Zelenskyy plead for air defence systems, which he has called his "number 1 priority". Zelenskyy said Russia had started a new stage of escalation, so new sanctions were needed, and he called for an international monitoring mission on Ukraine's border with Belarus. Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko has repeatedly accused Ukraine of preparing to attack his country, though he has offered no evidence and Kyiv denies any such plan. The Belarusian defence ministry said on Tuesday it was starting what it called a military inspection: "During the inspection, military units and sub-units will work on how to assume combat readiness."

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Protection of women's rights our responsibility

Begum Samina Alvi said that President Arif Alvi always emphasized women's empowerment and protection of their rights as they could play a key role in the country's progress and prosperity.

ISLAMABAD: Begum Samina Alvi, the spouse of President Arif Alvi on Tuesday said that it was a collective responsibility to protect and ensure the provision of women's fundamental rights. Addressing a ceremony held by the Pakistan Girls Guide Association and UNICEF in connection with the International Day of the Girl Child annually observed on October 11, Samina Alvi said that as women comprised 50% of the country's population, it was essential to empower them through education. She said women could achieve financial empowerment by using modern technology and informa-

tion technology tools as educated mothers could better upbringing the future generation. She also underscored the need for the inclusion of women in all sectors including business for their empowerment and independence. Begum Samina Alvi said that President Arif Alvi always emphasized women's empowerment and protection of their rights as they could play a key role in the country's progress and prosperity. Calling for facilitation and encouragement of women to enhance their inclusivity and lauded the role of Pakistan Girls Guide Association for girls' training to make them productive

citizens. She also appreciated the Association's role in creating awareness of child labor. Samina Alvi said as the mortality rate of breast cancer was very high in Pakistan, it was a must for the women to regularly carry out self-examination. She said unfortunately in Pakistan, breast cancer was usually diagnosed at an advanced stage increasing the risk of death. She said the Pakistan Girls Guide Association was playing an important role in breast cancer awareness and urged them to play their role on the issues of malnutrition and stunting. She said currently the women in flood-affected areas were

suffering from mental and physical stresses and appreciated the girls' guides for supporting the flood survivors in collaboration with UNICEF. Samina Alvi advised the girls to observe their social and Islamic values and never forget their identity. She also urged the gathering to take special care of the differently abled persons and stressed the need for measures at the government level to facilitate their mobility. Begum Samina Alvi said being rich with immense potential, the young generation could be empowered by equipping them with proper education and training. - APP



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to the Maldives, Vice Admiral (R) Muhammad Fayyaz Gilani, called on President Dr. Arif Alvi at Aiwan-e-Sadr. - DNA

President for further cementing bilateral ties with Maldives

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday called for the need to further cement bilateral ties between Pakistan and Maldives in all fields of mutual interest, especially in the education, health and tourism sectors. The president, talking to Pakistan's High Commissioner-designate to the Maldives, Vice Admiral (r) Muhammad Fayyaz Gilani here, advised the envoy-designate to especially focus

on establishing strategic ties with the Maldives in sectors such as trade, business and investment and people-to-people contacts. He also called for bilateral cooperation in health, education, human resource development as well as in the fields of defence, climate change and tourism. The president highlighted the potential of cooperation in the tourism industry between the two countries as the Maldives was a world-class tourism destination and Pakistan

could benefit from its expertise. He said that Pakistan could offer the distance learning and hybrid learning as well as the education expertise of Allama Iqbal Open University and the Virtual University of Pakistan for imparting competitive and high-quality education in various educational disciplines to the Maldivian students. President Alvi expressed his satisfaction over the existing cordial relations and hoped that the newly appointed en-

voy would effectively utilize all available diplomatic mechanisms, including the Bilateral Political Consultations (BPC), Joint Economic Commission, and Joint Business Councils, to increase bilateral engagements as well as cooperation within the framework of SAR-RC, OIC, UN and Commonwealth. The president also asked the envoy to convey his greetings and best wishes to the President of Maldives, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.

Khilji tribe leader, colleagues meet Imran

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: After Punjab and Sindh, political heavyweights from Balochistan also started joining Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), making the party the most formidable political force in the country. In this regard, Noor Khan Khilji, the young leader of Khilji tribe from Balochistan, called on Chairman PTI Imran Khan here on Tuesday and announced to formally join the PTI along with his colleagues. PTI Central Secretary General Asad Umar and Chairman PTI Chief of Staff Senator Shibli Faraz, PTI Balochistan President and former Deputy Speaker National Assembly Qasim Khan Suri were also present on the occasion. Noor Khan Khilji expressed his full confidence in the leadership of Chairman PTI and manifesto of the party. Moreover, on the occasion, he also expressed his determination to fully participate in the real freedom movement.

RCCI President urges for reduction in SBP Policy rate

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has expressed regret over the State Bank's maintaining the monetary policy rate at 15%. In a statement, RCCI President Saqib Rafiq, said that the business community was expecting a reduction in interest rates so that the wheel of the economy can run. "Bringing the policy rate down to single digit can be very helpful in reviving business activities and turning around the downward slide of the economy amid the prevalent challenging times," he added. The policy interest rate in neighboring countries is under 5.90pc. Bangladesh said. Saqib Rafiq of production has times due to interest rate would credit cost of cumulatively having the growth of in-and create more Small and Medium in its effort to re-he further added. challenges, the businessmen and industrialists have decreased. He said that it is difficult to get loans due to high interest rates. As the business of small industries and SMEs depended on credit, he demanded that the decision to maintain interest rates should be reconsidered. He said Pakistan needed quick revival of business and industrial activities to improve the ailing economy. RCCI chief lauded the Finance Minister's announcement of releasing Letters of Credit payments upto fifty thousand dollars. However, he demanded that due to the delay in opening of LC, traders have suffered a lot, and demurrage charges should be abolished at the port. - DNA



KYA grieved over custodial death of Altaf

DNA

ISLAMABAD: President of Kashmir Youth Alliance Dr. Syed Mujahid Geelani, Taha Muneeb, Razi Tahir, Naveed Ahmed, Palwasha Saeed, Muhammad Akhter, Abdullah Khalil and others expressed deep sorrow and grief over the custodial death of son-in-law of Baba-e-Kashmir Syed Ali Shah Geelani Shaheed. In a recent statement; they emphasized that, Altaf Shah is not the first Kashmiri political prisoner who has died during illegal detention, but the other illegally imprisoned political Kashmiri Hurriyat leaders are also facing serious health problems due to lack of provision of medical facilities and healthy food during detention. On Tuesday, in a condolence message by the leaders of Kashmir Youth Alliance said, Hurriyat leader Altaf Shah was an iconic leader of Freedom movement, who was arrested by the Indian occupational forces along with other Hurriyat leaders in a false case in 2018. However, Modi government did not treat him well even though he was diagnosed with cancer, Modi is killing Hurriyat leaders in custody under a well-thought-out plan, Kashmiri leaders detained or imprisoned in jails by the occupying India.

Mushaal condemns Altaf Shah's killing

ISLAMABAD: Peace and Culture Organisation Chairperson Mushaal Husseini Mullick on Tuesday strongly condemned the custodial killing of senior APHC leader Altaf Ahmad Shah in India's notorious Tihar Jail. Mushaal, who is wife of incarcerated senior Hurriyat leader Yasin Malik, said Altaf Ahmad Shah was suffering from kidney cancer, but denied of all the medical health facilities in the jail by the fascist Indian government. She, in a news statement, lambasted the brutal occupied authorities for intensifying fascist tendencies to silence the dissenting voices in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). She said Altaf was kept in illegal detention in Delhi's notori-

ous Tihar Jail since 2017 for raising voice for the right to self-determination of Kashmir. Mushaal said that the notorious Narendra Modi-led Hindutva regime used all brutal tactics to muzzle his voice but they failed to get the desired results. She vowed that the martyr was a great hero of Kashmiri people who preferred death but refused to bow down before the occupation forces. The chairperson expressed her shock on the silence of international bodies over the custodial killing of Hurriyat leaders and young Kashmiris in Indian jails. Mushaal went on to say that fascist Modi regime was hell bent on eliminating top Hurriyat leadership under a deep-rooted conspiracy as they were first being impli-

cated in false and fabricated cases and then detained them in order to silence them forever. She said that Altaf's martyrdom was an irreparable loss for the freedom movement and vowed that the people of Kashmir would leave no stone unturned to turn the dream of breaking the shackles of Indian slavery a reality. Mushaal said that several senior Hurriyat leaders including Yasin Malik were in notorious Tihar Jail and their lives were under great threat too. She appealed to the UN Secretary General, human rights organizations and international community to build pressure on the notorious Modi led government to ensure immediate release of Kashmiri detainees. - AP

KP to use all means for getting rights

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cabinet in a special meeting held here on Tuesday with Chief Minister Mahmood Khan in the chair expressed the resolve to bring into use all the legal and constitutional means for getting provincial rights. Besides raising voice at the Council of Common Interests (CCI), the Supreme Court of Pakistan will also be approached for this purpose. A special meeting of the Provincial Assembly will also be convened to take MPs of all the political parties into confidence in this regard and if needed, a protest will be held at Islamabad. The meeting, besides the cabinet members was also attended by the Provincial Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Senior Member Board of Revenue and Administrative Secretaries of various

government departments. Addressing the Cabinet meeting, the Chief Minister said that the provincial government will use every possible option to get its due rights from the federation. He, however, directed all the departments to make best use of all the resources of the province to increase its revenue further directing them to implement the austerity policy of the provincial government in letter and spirit. He also directed the provincial departments to strictly implement the government's decisions regarding ban on purchase of new vehicles and to avoid expenditures on unnecessary renovation of offices etc. He reiterated his resolve to continue the provision of subsidized wheat flour to the public and other public welfare initiatives despite financial constraints. Provincial Minister for Finance Taimur Salim Jhagra and Special Assistant to

Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Information & PRs Barrister Muhammad Ali Saif while briefing media persons about the decisions of the cabinet meeting, informed that the cabinet observed that Federal government was creating financial problems for the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government and thus shying away from its constitutional obligations with regard to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. They informed that the incumbent federal government had made no payment to the province on account of net hydel profit so far which is injustice with the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and sheer violation of the country's constitution. They stated that the provincial government is not asking the federal government for alms rather demanding the constitutional rights of the province, and will exercise the options of taking the matter in CCI as

well as utilize all other constitutional and legal means. The Finance Minister and SACM on Information further informed that the provincial government has been providing relief to the flood affectees despite financial constraints and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is the 1st province of the country that initiated payment of compensation to the flood-stricken people. Similarly, the provincial government, on the direction of the Pakistan Tehreek Insaf Chairman Imran Khan, provided aid of Rs. 200.00 million to the flood affectees in Sindh and Balochistan provinces. They informed that the provincial government had allocated an amount of Rs. 14.00 billion for the rehabilitation and assistance of the flood affectees, whereas an amount of Rs. 30.00 billion out of the developmental budget had also been earmarked for the purpose.

PAF schools, Colleges students contribute in relief activities

DNA

ISLAMABAD: While the recent monsoon rainfall and the emerging situation of national level floods demand great efforts and support for saving humanity, working shoulder to shoulder with the Pakistan Air Force personnel, students of PAF Schools and Colleges made indigenous efforts to bring cheers amongst the distressed children of flood affected areas. The PAF students came together to raise funds on their own to buy treats which included chocolates,



sweets and stationery items for the brothers and sisters in these testing times. More than 17000 packets comprising sweet treats were distributed in the flood af-

ected areas which brought back the lost smiles on the faces of suffering children. The activity is reflective of PAF's resolve of being the first responder to the na-

tion's call wherein PAF has always stepped forward for conduct of relief activities to alleviate the sufferings of those affected by disasters and natural calamities.

Public Notice

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- Application for the tender document for above mention work shall be received upto 25-10-2022 till 11 (A.M).
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- Power of attorney duly registered in respective court for the each work/works.
- That the attorney holder may not be the employee of any Government/Semi Government institute.
- That only legitimate attorney holder may be allowed to get tender documents.
- The bid security of all bidders would be deposited in the CDA Bank account and same may be returned after the acceptance of the contract with the successful bidders.
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- Tender documents can be obtained on receipt of pay order (Nonrefundable) in the Name of Dy: Director Maint-III (SB) of the prescribed fee for the work as mentioned above from the office of the undersigned.
- No tender documents will be sold on the day of opening of the tender.
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- Bidder must submit affidavit on stamp paper regarding integrity Pet
- The tender document shall only be issued to the owner of firms or legitimate attorney holder, if the contractor or his legitimate attorney holder does not sign the tender opening register their call deposit will be liable forfeited.
- Affidavit on stamp paper that bidder will comply with the BOQ and instructions of the CDA.
- Satisfactory performance certificate must be submitted by the bidder.
- Certificate on stamp paper must be provided regarding reliability and guarantee of work performed by the bidder.
- Tender should be received and open by the Director Maintenance, CDA as per schedule given above. CDA may reject all bid or proposal at any time prior to the acceptance of a bidder or proposal as per PPRa rule. In case of any Gazetted/occasional Holidays, the tenders will be opened on the next working day.
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National Days and Armed Forces Days

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Oct 01 / Nigeria	Armed Forces Day
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Oct 03 / Republic of Korea	National Foundation Day
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Oct 06 / Egypt	Armed Forces Day
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181 non-nationals' CNICs canceled, says NADRA

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ISLAMABAD: National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) has canceled all 181 Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) which were issued to non-nationals during last three years while cases of 8,152 individuals are under scrutiny. The Authority issues CNICs to Pakistani nationals only, but due to the presence of a large number of illegal immigrants throughout the country, it has to be extra vigilant to counter the menace of non-nationals' inclusion in database while ensuring that only genuine

citizens should be registered. The CNICs of such non-nationals were digitally impounded / canceled as and when reported. As per official statistics, in past, a few non-nationals succeeded in obtaining CNIC by providing fake documents and through connivance of NADRA employees. It is pertinent to mention here that digitally impounding of CNICs is currently stopped on directions of Islamabad High Court. Inquiries were also initiated against the employees involved in illegal processing, and from July 1, 2021 to

June 30, 2022, the Authority started 279 inquiries as per E&D Rules 2020 and 43 employees have been dismissed from service. The Authority also took some initiatives to curb illegal processing, including revising existing registration policy for fresh applicants. As per the new policy, the presence and capturing of biometrics of one of the blood relatives (parents or siblings or paternal/maternal uncles or aunts) has been made mandatory for fresh applicants. In case blood relative is not available, presence and

capturing of biometric of immediate relatives (paternal/maternal uncle or aunt or cousin etc, provision of any one of the documents i.e. birth or education certificate or domicile, interview and verification from family tree is must. In case of any doubt, the case is referred to verification board or verifying agency. Similarly, the other initiatives included incorporation of Fresh Business Rules, regular revision/update of registration policy and procedures by introducing the following new business rules and technical checks:

Biometric attestation and verification system of parliamentarians in practice since 2016 has been suspended. Text message to verify regarding confirmation of attestation, to head of family regarding new entry in the family (in case of fresh applicants). Ethnic language and birth sequence check, old records where biometrics were not available are being monitored, Child Registration Certificate (CRC) is being revamped by capturing photographs of all minors and biometrics of 14 and above. SMS are being sent on daily basis to

the citizens to renew their CNICs. Birth proof (CBRC) has been made mandatory for CRC processing. Moreover, under Compliance/Monitoring, an SOP has been formulated to evaluate each fresh case processed across the country on daily basis. This is helping NADRA in immediately identifying any illegal/grey areas in processing while a Steering Committee has been formed to analyze cases reported by verifying agencies and punitive actions are taken against NADRA employees and applicants accordingly.—APP



ISLAMABAD: Chairman of PAEI, KHurshid Barlas, executive member M. Amin ul Rehman, Fahad Barlas and Mohsin Khalid giving invitation of Pakistan property expo to Nepal's ambassador to Pakistan, Tapas Adhikari. —DNA

President stresses educating public on oral hygiene

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday said the best way to address health challenges in Pakistan including dental ailments was to promote the importance of prevention over curative approach of medical treatment. Addressing here at the convocation ceremony of Foundation University College of Dentistry, he said adoption of preventive practices against diseases would significantly help reduce the number of patients. President Alvi said dental diseases in the country could be largely overcome by educating people about oral hygiene through regular brushing. He mentioned that proper oral healthcare also contributed to body's natural defence mechanism, thus

cutting down chances of several other diseases. He stressed the importance of especially educating children about dental health-care at school to help them prioritize their own health. In this regard, he said, the community involvement was important to spread the message and urged the doctors to demonstrate good communication and empathy while treating their patients. Dr Alvi lauded the professionalism of the country's doctors and dentists for contributing towards improving the health of general public. The president congratulated the young dentists, their parents and teachers on the landmark achievement and expressed satisfaction about the large number of women graduates.

However, he pointed out that significant number of women doctors left their professions after marriage, thus inflicting a big loss of good human resource to the country. Dr Alvi called for introducing a 'feasible' solution by the institutions such as encouraging part-time jobs for doctors to help them continue with their profession besides raising their families. It was highlighted on the occasion that Foundation University College of Dentistry aimed to educate, research and contribute to the national and international community of dental professionals. President Alvi gave away medals to the distinguished graduates who bagged position in the field of bachelors of dentistry. —APP



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif and Federal Minister for Narcotics Control Shahzain Bugti call on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. — DNA

AIOU commences final exams from October 17

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ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) is commencing final examinations of programs offered in spring 2022 semester from October 17, 2022 till December 10, 2022. According to the details, roll number slips have been uploaded to students' CMS accounts and the datesheet is available on the university website (www.aiou.edu.pk) for the programs including Associate Degree (BA, B.Com), Associate Degree in Commerce, Associate Degree in Education, BBA and BS Accounting and Finance, B.Ed and BS (ODL) programs. Examination centers are established in

the nearby vicinities of the students to facilitate them. Special teams have been constituted to supervise and monitor the examination process. There is a 'zero-tolerance' policy against any kind of unfair practice. Moreover, due to recent rains and floods, the University had postponed the matriculation, FA and I.Com exams in the districts and tehsils of the regional offices (Hyderabad, Larkana and Dadu/Moro) which were scheduled from 12th to 17th September. Now these exams will be held from 14th October to 29th October. Roll number slips issued earlier will be valid for the new dates. All students have been notified through mobile SMS.

The admissions for the second phase of semester autumn 2022 are open till 18th October. Programs offered in this phase include Associate Degree (BA, B.Com), BS (ODL), four-year BBA, B.Ed, Post Graduate Diploma and Certificate programs.

ANF recovers over 12 kg narcotics; arrests three

RAWALPINDI: Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting raids in different areas managed to recover over 12 kg of narcotics and arrested three drug smugglers. According to an ANF spokesman, ANF conducted a raid near Bahria Town Islamabad and recovered 2,340 grams charras from the possession of two accused netted during the operation. In another raid conducted at an office of a courier company, ANF recovered 400 grams of heroin from a parcel being sent to Birmingham. The spokesman informed that ANF in an operation recovered 10 kg charras from Pishin, Balochistan. Separate cases have been registered against the accused, he said and informed that accomplices of the accused would also be sent behind the bars.—APP

10 bootleggers held; 97 liters liquor recovered

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi police in an action against suspected bootleggers on Tuesday arrested 10 accused besides recovering 97 liters of liquor from their possession. A police spokesperson said that City police held Nasir for having 20 liters of liquor and Jamal and Rustam with 20 liters of liquor. Bani,

R.A.Bazar and Taxila police rounded up Sulman, Faisal, Yasva, Adeel, Shehzad Gul, Nazakat, and Toqeer and recovered 57 liters of liquor from their possession. The spokesperson said that separate cases have been registered against all suspects while further investigations are underway.—APP

Pak, China FO spokespersons hold dialogue

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan-China 'Spokespersons' Dialogue was held virtually on Tuesday between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan and China in which the both sides emphasized the strength of time-tested bilateral relationship that had been nurtured by successive generations of leadership and the peoples of two countries.

Pakistan delegation was steered by Spokesperson Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, Additional Secretary (UN&ED) and the Chinese side was led by Spokesperson Hua Chunying, Assistant Foreign Minister and Director General of Department of Information at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

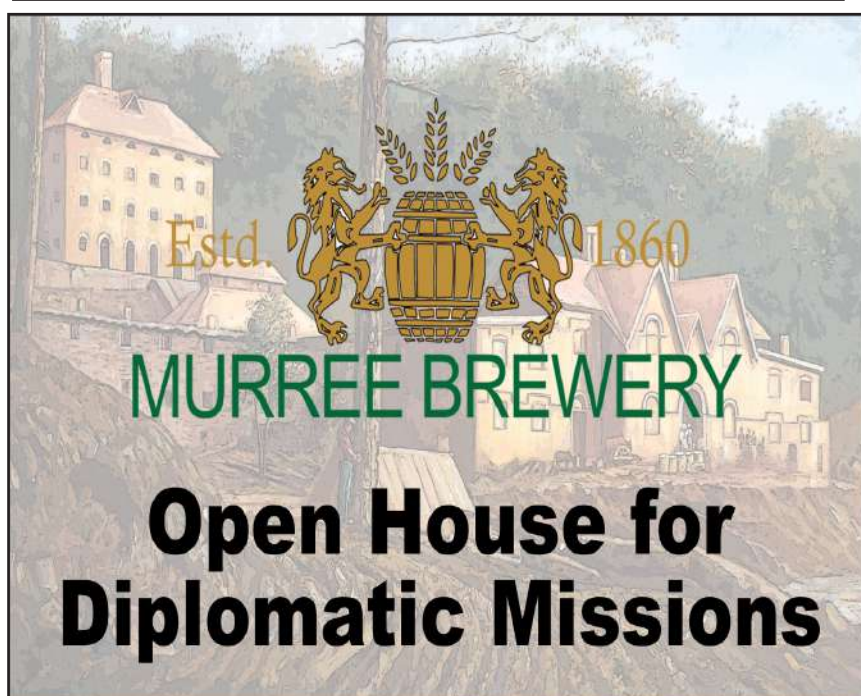
The discussions focused on the excellent state of bilateral relations, and exchange of views on functioning of the respective spokespersons' offices, media cooperation and avenues of future collaboration.

The Pakistan spokesperson also extended best wishes to his Chinese counterpart for the successful holding of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

CDA launched 1142 anti-encroachment operations during this year

ISLAMABAD: The Directorate of Enforcement, Capital Development Authority (CDA) is vigorously undertaking anti-encroachment operations on regular basis throughout the Federal Capital in order to remove the illegal constructions here. The operations are being carried out on daily basis for retrieval of state land from land grabbers.

According to official data, as a result of 1,142 anti-encroachment operations carried out in the ICT so far this year, around 6,295 illegal structures have been demolished, whereas 10,262 items of the illegal occupants have also been confiscated and subsequently auctioned. Moreover, a fine of Rs 4.082 million imposed on trespassers has also been collected.—APP



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CDA to conduct fire audit of all high rise buildings of capital

ISLAMABAD: The meeting chaired by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chairman Captain (r) Muhammad Usman Younis has decided to conduct the post-fire structure stability report of all the multi-storey buildings where fire erupted in the Centaurus Mall on Sunday. The meeting decided that all buildings with height above 50 feet would be put to fire audit. It was also decided that high rise buildings would also be tested for real time mock exercise. The meeting also observed that there was also need to improve emergency services response and to equip emergency disaster cell with latest equipment. The CDA chairman also announced to award certificates to staff of Rescue 1122, Rawalpindi for actively participating in rescue and fire extinguishing work. Meanwhile, the rescue and emergency services put out a large fire that broke out at the 36-storey Centaurus Mall, located in the heart of the city at Jinnah Avenue on Sunday. However, there was no casualty and the blaze has been completely contained and the building has been sealed for further investigation.—APP

FIA receives over 20k complaints of financial fraud

ISLAMABAD: The Cybercrime Wing of Federal Investigation Agency (CCW-FIA) has received some 21,259 complaints of financial fraud which was a criminal offence under sections 13 and 14 of PECA-2016 so far and the Agency has taken serious steps to take the culprits to task.

According to the official statistics, out of 21,259 complaints, 3,894 were converted into regular enquiries and 352 cases were registered whereas 415 accused were arrested.

In 2021, FIA Cybercrime Wing registered 3,894 enquiries, 652 cases and 703 accused were arrested. During the current year Cybercrime Wing FIA registered 33 cases and 69 accused were arrested.

In 2021, 22 cases were registered and 53 accused were arrested under section 17 (Issuance of illegal SIMs). However, cases were registered under the relevant provisions of PECA-2016 against the beholders and users of such SIMs.

Moreover, criminal proceedings were also initiated against the facilitators and abettors in such cases like, franchise owner etc. The crackdown operations were conducted against the sellers and buyers of silicon thumbs. Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) would also introduce live finger detector (LFD) system to eradicate silicon thumbs.

The Database of IMEIs was maintained to identify and report to PTA for permanently blocking the Mobile set. According to the data record, it was observed that criminal usually use different modus operandi to lure innocent people on social media network and depositing their hard earned money into the impostor's bank account.—APP

Police arrest eight gamblers

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi district police on Tuesday arrested eight gamblers and recovered Rs 7,370 stake money, four mobile phones and valuables from their possession, a police spokesman said. He informed that Pirwadhai police conducted a raid and arrested eight gamblers namely Shakeel, Bilal, Zeeshan, Zubair, Ahsan, Zeeshan, Habib and Bilal who were allegedly involved in gambling while playing cards. A case has been registered against all of them while further investigation is under process. Superintendent of Police, Rawal Babar Javed Joya said that operations against gamblers would continue as it is the root cause of other evils and those involved in such crimes do not deserve any concession.—APP

APO, NPO to join hands for green tech in Pakistan

APO carries out researches and offers advice on that how governments can utilize new technologies and promote innovation-let product export for sustainable development in region



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ISLAMABAD: Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Secretary-General Excellency, Dr. Indra Pradana Singawinata along with his Principal Officer Zainuri Juri visited the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, (FPCCI) Capital Office, Islamabad, and briefed the business community about various projects that would enhance the productivity in various sectors of Pakistan's economy.

Dr. Indra Pradana Secretary General Asian Productivity Organization (APO),

said that the APO is an intergovernmental organization committed to improving productivity in Asia and the Pacific region. The Asian Productivity Organization (APO) is a regional organization devoted to promoting greater productivity amongst member countries in Asia and the Pacific. The APO carries out researches and offers advice on that how governments can utilize new technologies and promote innovation-let product export for sustainable development in the region. The Secretary General APO further said that small and medium enterprises (SMEs) play a crucial role

in national economies and the APO is working to further strengthen the NPOs of member countries to promote and develop their SMEs. He emphasized on close relations between APO and Pakistani Chambers of Commerce to bring more efficiency in the different sectors of the economy. The APO represents 20 economies of Asia and the Pacific. Indra assures that He will try to work with NPO and the FPCCI to promote green technologies in Pakistan. APO also helps member countries to cooperate with each other in their productivity drives by sharing knowledge, in-

formation, and experience and hoped that such efforts would prove beneficial for the Pakistani private sector as well. While welcoming the Secretary General APO in FPCCI Capital Office, Mr. Umar Masood ur Rehman, the Vice President of FPCCI, appreciated the APO's role in making member economies more productive and competitive by enhancing their productivity. He stressed even more closer cooperation between APO, NPO, and FPCCI to bring efficiency and improvement in the productivity of the private sector including industrial, services, agriculture, energy efficiency,

and other areas. He further said that currently Pakistan is facing severe competition in the international market and needs to examine its productivity indicators across the value chains of its key industrial sectors to make these competitive to achieve sustainable productivity and economic growth. The VP FPCCI further said that SMEs are the integral part of an economy and stressed on strengthening of SMEs of Asian region. He suggested that APO should arrange SMEs inter-connectivity in the region to diversify and enhance their productions. The APO should devise vibrant policies and programs

for SME development and implementation in member countries through NPOs. Many sectors of Pakistan's economy have huge potential to grow and APO should further strengthen the NPO of Pakistan to create more product awareness in industrial setups, address the issues of manufacturing and services sectors and ensure better implementation of productivity concepts in the private sector. I would suggest that APO may organize its training workshops in collaboration with FPCCI in Pakistan. I assure you that FPCCI will support and assist APO & NPO in holding their event successfully.

1.2 mgd water desalination plant at Gwadar port

ISLAMABAD: A sea water desalination plant with a capacity of 1.2 Millions of Gallons per Day (MGD) at Gwadar Port was expected to be completed by March 2023, Senate was informed on Tuesday. The water desalination plant was under construction, after its completion the total water production capacity would be enhanced to 1.564 MGD at Gwadar Port, Minister of State for Law and Justice Shahadat Awan told the Senators while responding to a question during Question Hour in the Upper House of the Parliament. He said there were two sea

water desalination Plants with 0.1 MGD and 0.264 MGD output were functioning at the Port. To another query, he said the access road of Gwadar Port 19 KM Eastbay Expressway (EBEW) was completed in June 2022, which directly connects the Makran Coastal highway with Gwadar Port. Similarly, the land for railway line was reserved along with EBEW from Coastal Highway to Gwadar Port, which needs to be constructed by Pakistan Railways. Recently EBEW has been inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on June 3rd, 2022.

The total installed power generation capacity was 12.3 MW at Gwadar Port premises, with breakup of 4.5 & 7.8 HW power plant diesel / operational. Answering another question, the Minister of State for Law said the construction of Gwadar Port was completed in 2004 and the operation of port was handed over initially to M/s. Port of Singapore Authority on Built Operate Transfer (BOT) basis for a period of 40 years in February 2007. This agreement was transferred on February 18th, 2013 and the Port was

handed over to M/s. China Overseas Port Holding Company Limited (COPHCL), the term expires on 2047. The 2283 acres area of Gwadar Free Zone land was handed over in 2015 to M/s. Gwadar Free Zone Company Limited for establishment of Free Zone in 5 km radius vicinity of the port. There are four warehouses in GPA Business Complex, (4,000 Sq Meter each = 02 No. 2,000 Sq. Meter each =02), and COPHC's 6,000 Sq Meter =01, excluding various warehouses of Gwadar Free Zone Company Limited.—APP

One more custodial murder in IOJK

ISLAMABAD: The incarcerated Senior All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) leader, Altaf Ahmad Shah, 66, breathed his last on Monday night at New Delhi's AIIMS Hospital, where he was shifted after diagnosed with last stage of renal cancer. Shah, the son-in-law of late Syed Ali Gilani, had been languishing in infamous Tihar Jail since 2017. According to reports from Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK), the deceased leader was suffering from multiple ailments and was denied proper medical treatment by the Indian authorities that finally resulted in total deterioration of his health.

Soon after the diagnosis of his renal cancer, his daughter Ruwa Shah, through a tweet had requested the Indian leadership to release the detainee on bail on health grounds so that he was treated properly, however she got no response. It is pertinent to mention, Shah is not the first Kashmiri prisoner who had died in illegal detention. According to Kashmir Media Service (KMS), Earlier, Syed Ali Gilani, 92, embraced martyrdom at his residence on September 01, last year, while remaining under house arrest for over a decade. Senior APHC leader, Muhammad Ashraf Sehrai, 77, who was a close associate of Syed Ali Gilani, died on May 5 last year in a prison in Jammu. He was jailed under draconian law public Safety Act that allows the authorities to detain a person for up to two years without bail. Another Hurriyat leader and former member of Jamaat-e-Islami in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Ghulam Muhammad Butt, 65, embraced martyrdom in December 2019 in Naini jail in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. Kashmiris from across the Line of Control including the APHC leadership, High Court Bar Association and civil society have strongly condemned the custodial murder. APHC Vice Chairman Ghulam Ahmad Gulzar termed the death as case of target killing while APHC General Secretary Moulvi Bashir Ahmad Irfani described it as an irreparable loss to the freedom movement. The IOJK Bar Association in a statement expressed shock over Altaf Shah's unattended death in Tihar Jail saying that it amounts to custodial death due failure of legal duty of the prison authorities and failure of the courts to protect the life of the under-trial prisoners. Convener APHC (AJK Chapter), Mehmood Ahmed Sagar termed it a custodial murder. "Fascist Modi regime is hell bent to eliminate leadership of Kashmiri freedom movement," said Sagar. Another Senior APHC leader, Altaf Hussain Wani has said denying Kashmiri prisoners the right to medical treatment was a killer-tactic Indian authorities have been deliberating using to punish and persecute Kashmiris who have refused to toe the Indian line.—APP

China's Tang Group signs MoU with NSU

ISLAMABAD: Tang International Education Group signs an MoU with National Skills University (NSU), Islamabad on dual-degree joint education program and the establishment of the China-Pakistan International Industrial Academic Integration Alliance, says a report published by China Economic Net (CEN).

Professor Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar, Founding Vice Chancellor of NSU Islamabad, attended the signing ceremony with a team including the staff of the Offices of Planning & Development, Academics, and Registrar as well as teachers concerned. According to Tang International Education Group, the two sides will also carry out in-depth cooperation in the development

of information-based vocational and technical courses and the introduction and certification of China's vocational education standards.

In the next September, the program will enroll students in various technical fields. Students will learn in Pakistan for the first two years and in China in the third year and obtain degrees from both sides.

At the ceremony, Wang Baowang, Director of Tang International Education Group, said the group would seek the support of relevant provincial education authorities in China and match NSU with colleges and universities that offer higher vocational and technical education with undergraduate majors.—APP

Saniya Shamshad features in latest track 'Kiven Kara Tenu Maf'

ISLAMABAD: Alluring Pakistani actress, model and host Saniya Shamshad Hussain after winning millions of hearts with back-to-back hit dramas, gears up for N.S. Chauhan's latest song 'Kiven Kara Tenu Maf'. This time around, the 'Sadqay Tumharay' sensation came up with a brand-new project, the diva is all set to star alongside Aarsal Chaudhry in upcoming Punjabi song produced under the label of VKR Music. Chauhan, a well-known Punjabi singer and songwriter, took to his social media handle and teased fans with official teaser of his latest collaboration. The announcement teaser has got all his fans excited across the globe.

The duo received tons of congratulatory and good luck comments for upcoming song's success. Fans, currently praising Shamshad for her exceptional acting skills in ongoing drama serial 'Sayani', are now ecstatic to watch the distinctly melodious and spellbinding song's video.

Previously, Chauhan also treated fans with eye catching poster of 'Kiven Kara Tenu Maf', since then the song became talk of the town and the mesmerizing poster managed to garner thousands of views and likes from the duo's fans as well as celebs. So far, the release date has not been announced but the most-awaited song is expected to hit screens very soon.—APP

PIC imposed penalty for concealing Public Record

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Information Commission (PIC) has imposed penalty on an officer of Survey of Pakistan (SoP) for willfully concealing and denying providing public record.

According to the details, an officer of Survey of Pakistan namely Muhammad Nawaz under Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, had filed an appeal No. 936-03-22 before Pakistan Information Commission (PIC) seeking public record of Survey of Pakistan's (SOP) bank account in Askari Bank I-8 Markaz branch.

The Survey of Pakistan (SOP), in order to avoid the supply of requested record, took plea that the said account was not a public account where upon PIC observed that how an officer can open his personal account with the title of his department and ordered to supply the said record.

After failing compliance of PIC's order and subsequent show cause notices by the public body, PIC by exercising its special powers, imposed penalty of deduction of 15 days salary in respect of Maj. Mehar Ali, Deputy Surveyor General-I of SoP being Head of the administration and alleged operator of the said bank account, and ordered the Accountant General of Pakistan Revenue (AGPR) to implement its order under intimation to Secretary Ministry of Defense and Pakistan Information Commission.—APP

HEC invites applications from faculties

ISLAMABAD, Oct 11 (APP): The Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan has invited applications from Pakistan's faculty members of public and private universities, for funding under the Pak-France PERIDOT Research Programme 2022.

According to official sources from HEC, the proposals from faculty members endorsed by heads of HEIs and Offices of Research, Innovation and Commercialisation (ORICs)/Directorates of Research must reach through HEC online portal, i.e., "research.hec.gov.pk". The applications can be submitted via the online portal research.hec.gov.pk, while the deadline to apply is November 18, 2022. PERIDOT is the Franco-Pakistani Hubert Currien Partnership (PHC) programme providing opportunities to Pakistani and French researchers to interact and collaborate for joint research activities.—APP



ISLAMABAD :Secretary General Muslim World League, Dr. Muhammad Bin Abdul Karim Issa calling on chairman senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani at parliament house Islamabad. — DNA

West's 'show' on human rights

The 51st session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) voted on a US-led Xinjiang-related draft decision. The result shows that the draft was strongly opposed by most members of the HRC, especially developing countries, and was not passed. The US and some other Western countries have already consumed a substantial quantity of resources in advance for propaganda and diplomatic agitation for the draft, hyping the vote as a "duel" with China, and sparing no effort to force other member states to be obedient. But this weaponization of human rights is deeply unpopular.

This is the second time in the council's 16-year history that a draft decision has been rejected. Public opinions worldwide almost unanimously believe this is a "major setback" for Western countries. Some Western public opinion even made another stab - calling the outcome a setback to the "West's moral authority." This undoubtedly upset the sensitive nerves of some organizations and individuals in the US and the West. They argue that the result "makes a mockery of everything the Human Rights Council is supposed to stand for," the Muslim countries which voted down the motion are "shameful," and African countries "yielded." Some even call Ukraine's abstention "betrayal." The draft was put forward by Western countries including the US, the UK and Canada in a bid to hold a debate on "Xinjiang human rights situation" at its next session in March. Many Western media outlets said in their reports that the draft lowered the tone and "called just for holding a debate," in order to avoid the scenario in which enough other countries reject their proposal. Yet this exposes the real purpose of this draft: It is by no means to discuss any human rights issue, but to try to indefinitely hype up a "problem" that does not exist, so as to suppress and contain China. This session of the HRC which started on September 12 has been going on for nearly a month. It was supposed to be a good opportunity for countries to sit down and discuss how to cooperate on urgent human rights issues. The so-called draft decision on Xinjiang-related affairs by the US and the West has been foiled, and it has once again shown that the performance of smearing others and playing with presumption of guilt is destined to attract few audiences no matter how hard they try, because the global audiences are fed up with these tricks.

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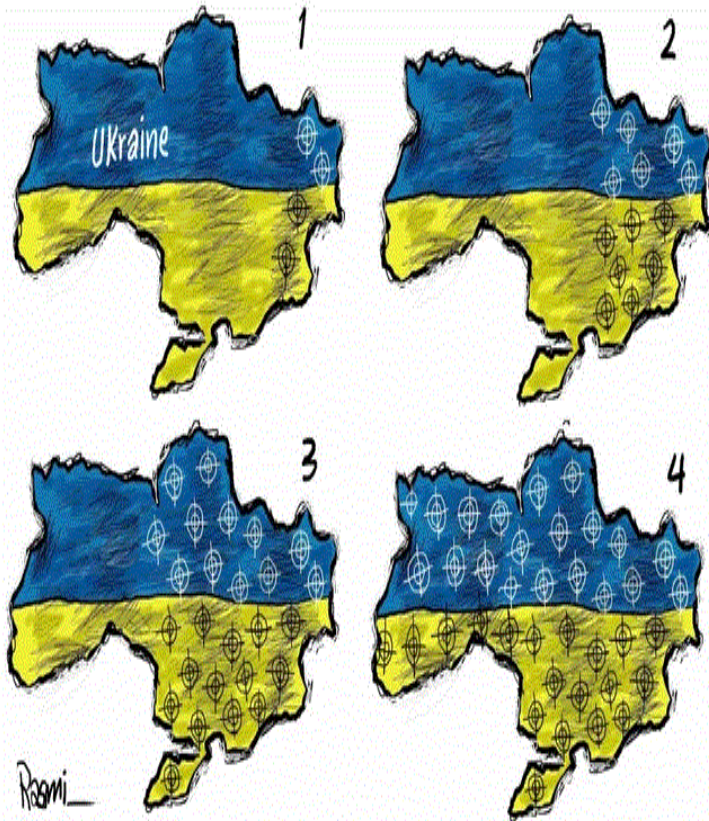
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Green development path to the future

Green and sustainable development has become the priority as China transitions its economy from one focused on high-speed growth to one driven by innovation. After building a moderately prosperous society in all respects following four decades of reform and opening-up, the country has now embarked on a new journey of modernization in which it is pursuing high-quality sustainable development. The green shift also reflects China's people-centered development principle which is at the center of the central leadership's vision of building an ecological civilization, as it meets people's aspirations for a "beautiful home" and a "beautiful China".

Guided by this vision, the country has made marked achievements in low-carbon energy development, with the share of clean energy in the energy mix increasing steadily from 14.5 percent to 25.5 percent over the past 10 years. China's average annual economic growth of 6.5 percent over the past decade has been powered by a mere 3 percent annual increase in energy consumption, and the amount of energy the country has saved accounted for nearly half of the global energy savings during the period. All this has paved the way for China to peak its carbon emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060, a commitment the Chinese government has made to the world in the fight against climate change. The fact that China is committed to completing the world's most dramatic reduction in carbon emissions and realizing carbon neutrality in the shortest time demonstrates China's sense of responsibility as a major country and its sincerity in seeking to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

The climate commitment is especially significant given that China remains the world's largest developing country and is still at a critical stage in its own development.

China's green development goals are backed by a strict environmental protection law and the action plans the government has initiated to fight air, water and soil pollution. The continuous push for the building of an ecological civilization has drastically improved the quality of life and the well-being of the people and low-carbon lifestyles are being embraced by a growing number of Chinese people.

The harmonious coexistence of humans and nature is one of the major characteristics of socialist modernization, and to achieve that more needs to be done to implement the new development philosophy, boost efficiency in the use of resources, and strengthen protection of the ecological environment. The track record China has in devising and pursuing sustainable development strategies and implementing emissions reduction measures bodes well for a greener future.

Violent and extreme outcries over women sports gala in Gilgit Baltistan

Syed Tajammul Abbas

Why is it incomprehensible for those patriarchs or what we refer to as radicals to see women playing on a field? We need to touch on some historical viewpoints on the relevant scenarios in order to formulate the answer to this question.

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Religious crowds outrageously out from their houses to aggressively oppose the recent sports gala in Gilgit-Baltistan and demand that women's sports be banned there. An imam from one of Gilgit City's masjids made a speaker announcement to get this going. "Men of Gilgit-Baltistan are not permitted to sit at homes while your sisters are doing sports," he declared. This obviously calls into question your honour and decency. Come out to put an end to this profanity. They believe that external influences are endangering their religious and cultural values. Later on, extremely violent religious crowds began to protest. Why is it incomprehensible for those patriarchs or what we refer to as radicals to see women playing on a field? We need to touch on some historical viewpoints on the relevant scenarios in order to formulate the answer to this question. This is not a new occurrence in Gilgit; nonetheless, there are still many sectarian and honor-based problems that are characterised by a great deal of hatred and prejudice. Due to the extremism that is at its core, Gilgit-Baltistan has effectively turned into a state of instability. The origins of the status quo can be traced to Zia-ul-Haq and afterwards, when he instilled in the populace an ideology of religious secession that had an impact on individuals all over the nation. For example, he issued the Hudood Ordinance, which was later utilised by clergy to repress women. His alterations to the constitution, which included the addition of new sections and the repeal of Articles 298B and 298C, caused chaos in the nation, and the minority is still suffering as a result of these rapid changes. Additionally, every second woman in Pakistan is currently suffering from the effects of his prejudiced policies.

Second, some of the religious leaders of today are out of date; they made women a very inferior species in the cosmos and frozen Islam within a fixed timeframe. They cultivated an attitude of hostility toward women working or engaging in any positive activity, such as sports. The patriarchy should rule society and allow men to do anything they want while forbidding women from leaving their homes. Gilgit-Baltistan is experiencing the same thing. Extremist parties have created these custom rules to appease their misogynistic and egoistic natures, despite the fact that religious teaching from a Quranic and Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad saw perspective has never devalued women in any circumstance. Comparatively, let's take a look into the Holly Prophet (saw) era where empowered women exemplify their worth. Hazrat Bibi Khadija, the inspiring figure and first wife of Prophet Muhammad (saw) was a business woman who assisted Him economically in crucial times, Hazrat Fatima (sa) the Princess of women of Jannah and daughter of Holly Prophet saw who helped out Her father in distribution management of wealth assembled from Fadhak, Hazrat Zainab (sa) the daughter of Imam Ali (as) a revolutionary woman who played a vital role in the continuation of a true Islamic ideology movement after the martyrdom of Her brother Imam Hussain (as) in Karbala and many women were help Holly Prophet saw in military expeditions. However, there were no sports available for women to play like there are today. Instead, they engaged in tent-pegging (neza-bazi) competitions, which the Holy Prophet Himself never forbade. Today, we witness radical opposition to women's sports in Gilgit. Baltistan is beyond all comprehension. Religion and society are not two distinct in-

stitutions, but rather are connected. The priests, whose job it is to produce religiously literate intellectuals, are propagating a false theology by preaching a man-made version of Islam. As stated by Madiha Afzal in her book Pakistan under siege, extremism, society, and the state are all viewed from a certain theological perspective in an erroneous effort to forge a unified national identity.

When external influences like sectarianism, extremism, intolerance, etc. weaken the fundamental pillars of religion and culture that support a nation's identity, that nation loses its authenticity. According to Tariq Rahman, sectarianized religious education fosters a rejectionist mindset in students who show intolerance, lack of critical thinking, and self-righteous attitudes that typically hinder inter-faith cooperation. There isn't a single Hadith or Quranic verse that forbids women from participating in sports in Islam. They can engage in sports. However, there are some restrictions that should be followed and limits that shouldn't be crossed. Therefore, if they want to resist, they should do so in a systematic manner by upholding their true religious and cultural values.

Today, it is desperately necessary to change women's status from that of being the property of males to that of being treated equally in society with rights and dignity. Education in true religious and cultural studies is necessary for forming the minds of the next generation. To raise new religious scholars, every priest has a duty to adhere to and instruct in the updated Islamic curriculum. Additionally, in order to foster harmony, tolerance, and unity, understanding religious pluralism is increasingly essential. In order to sustain diversity, this may therefore be more beneficial.

Why Palestinian children throw stones

Ramzy Baroud

In 2017, a 17-year-old Palestinian, Hassan Mohammad Al-Amour, was shot and killed during a protest; in 2019, another, Osama Hajahjeh, was seriously wounded. The children of Tuqu had much to fear and their fears were all well-founded. The daily journey to school, taken by Rayan and many of his peers, accentuated these fears.

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Children in my Gaza refugee camp were rarely afraid of monsters. Instead, they were afraid of Israeli soldiers. That was all that we talked about before going to bed. Unlike imaginary monsters in the closet or under the bed, Israeli soldiers were real and they could show up any minute - at the door, on the roof or, as was often the case, right in the middle of the house. Last month's tragic death of seven-year-old Rayan Suliman, a Palestinian boy from the West Bank village of Tuqu, near Bethlehem, stirred up so many memories. The little boy with olive skin, innocent face and bright eyes fell on the ground while being chased by Israeli soldiers, who accused him and his peers of throwing stones. He fell unconscious, blood poured out of his mouth and, despite efforts to revive him, he ceased breathing. This was the abrupt and tragic end of Rayan's life. All the things that could have been, all the experiences that he could have lived, and all the love that he could have imparted or received, all ended suddenly, with the boy lying face down on the pavement of a dusty road, in a poor village, without ever experiencing a single moment of being truly free, or even safe. Adults often project their understanding of the world onto children. We want to believe that Palestinian children are warriors against oppression, injustice and military occupation. Though Palestinian children develop political consciousness at a very young age, quite often their action of protesting against the Israeli military, chanting against invading soldiers or even throwing stones are not compelled by politics, but by something else entirely: Their fear of monsters. This connection came to mind when I read the details of the harrowing experiences that Rayan and many of the village's children endure daily. Tuqu is a Palestinian village that, once upon a time, existed in an uncontested landscape. However, in 1957, the illegal settlement of Tekoa was established on stolen Palestinian land. The nightmare had begun. Israeli restrictions on Palestinian communities in that area increased, along with land annexation, travel restrictions and deepening apartheid. Several residents, mostly children from the village, were injured or killed by Israeli soldiers during repeated protests: The villagers

wanted to have their lives and freedom back, while the soldiers wanted to ensure the continued oppression of Tuqu in the name of safeguarding the security of Tekoa. In 2017, a 17-year-old Palestinian, Hassan Mohammad Al-Amour, was shot and killed during a protest; in 2019, another, Osama Hajahjeh, was seriously wounded. The children of Tuqu had much to fear and their fears were all well-founded. The daily journey to school, taken by Rayan and many of his peers, accentuated these fears. To get to school, the kids had to cross Israeli military barbed wire, often manned by heavily armed soldiers. Sometimes, children attempted to avoid the barbed wire so as to avoid the terrifying encounter. The soldiers anticipated this. "We tried to walk through the olive field next to the path instead, but the soldiers hide in the trees there and grab us," a 10-year-old boy from Tuqu, Mohammed Sabah, was quoted as saying in a 2016 article by Sheren Khalel. The nightmare has been ongoing for years and Rayan experienced that terrorizing journey for more than a year - of soldiers waiting behind barbed wire, of mysterious creatures hiding behind trees, of hands grabbing little bodies, of children screaming for their parents, beseeching God and running in all directions. Following Rayan's death on Sept. 29, the US State Department, the British government and the EU demanded an investigation, as if the reason why the little boy succumbed to his paralyzing fears was a mystery, as if the horrors of Israeli military occupation and violence were not an everyday reality. Rayan's story, though tragic beyond words, is not unique. It is a repeat of other stories experienced by countless Palestinian children. When Ahmad Manasra was run over by an Israeli settler's car and his cousin, Hassan, was killed in 2015, Israeli media and apologists fanned the flames of propaganda, claiming that Ahmad, 13 at the time, was a representation of something bigger. Israel claimed that he attempted to stab an Israeli security guard and that such an action reflected deep-seated Palestinian hatred for Israeli Jews, offering further convenient proof of

the indoctrination of Palestinian children by their supposedly violent culture. Despite his injuries and young age, Ahmad was tried in 2016 and sentenced to 12 years in prison. Ahmad comes from the Palestinian town of Beit Hanina, near Jerusalem. His story is, in many ways, similar to that of Rayan: A Palestinian town, an illegal settlement, soldiers, armed settlers, ethnic cleansing, land theft and real monsters everywhere. None of this mattered to the Israeli court or to the mainstream, corporate media. They turned a 13-year-old boy into a monster and used him as a poster child of Palestinian terrorism taught at a very young age. The truth is, Palestinian children throw stones at Israeli soldiers not because of their supposedly inherent hatred of Israelis or as purely political acts. They do so because it is their only way of facing their own fears and coming to terms with their daily humiliation. Just before Rayan managed to escape the crowd of Israeli soldiers and was chased to his death, an exchange took place between his father and the soldiers. Rayan's father told the Associated Press the soldiers had threatened that, if Rayan was not handed over, they would return at night to arrest him along with his older brothers, aged eight and 10. For a Palestinian child, a nighttime raid by Israeli soldiers is the most terrifying prospect. Rayan's young heart could not bear the thought. He fell unconscious. Doctors at the nearby Palestinian hospital of Beit Jala had a convincing medical explanation for why Rayan died. A pediatric specialist spoke about increased stress levels, caused by "excess adrenaline secretion" and an increased heartbeat, leading to a cardiac arrest. For Rayan, his brothers and many other Palestinian children, the culprit was something else: The monsters who come at night and terrify sleeping children. Chances are, Rayan's older brothers will be back on the streets of Tuqu, stones and slingshots in hand, ready to face their fear of monsters, even if they pay the price with their own lives.

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'Imran's personality based on pack of lies'

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the foreign funds received by his party, he started demanding accountability of the other parties, she said. The PTI had failed to furnish even a single evidence before the ECP about other parties which could prove that either they had received funding from a foreign national or company. Imran Khan should better answer about his own party's foreign funding, which had been validated by the decision of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in the relevant case, she added. The minister urged the people to connect all the dots and view the PTI's foreign funding in the context of its four-year rule, which was marred by flawed economic and political policies. Besides, Kashmir was also sold by the Imran Khan led government, who even campaigned for Modi during the last general election in India by tweeting in his favour, she alleged. Marriyum also played the video clips of Imran Khan's interviews with two different TV channels, which showed his contradictory statements on the phone tapping of the Prime Minister Office and the PM House. She said Imran Khan in the first place legitimized the phone tapping of the PM House and then took a U-turn after his own audios got leaked in which he could be heard saying that "We have to play with the cipher". The PTI chief's narrative of a foreign conspiracy against his government was done and dusted as President Arif Alvi had stated that he did not agree with the same, she added. Reacting to the PTI chief's announcement of moving the court regarding the audio leaks, she said "The foreign-funded 'Fitna' (Imran) should first appear before the joint investigation team (JIT) instead of going to the court. He has confessed his crime and it is now time for him to be in jail."

'Credible judges' must probe...

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the cypher issue, and a commission consisting of credible judges should be formed to investigate the cypher matter," Imran said. The former PM went on to say that "The time is near when I will announce the long march call, and I am preparing my nation for the long march. This long march will be the biggest march in history," Imran added. "In our country, the law does not have much clout to apprehend powerful doctos, and the following recent NAB amendments, no one can touch these thieves because the incumbent rulers made these amendments to get out of the cases," the PTI chairman said.

Fawad dares govt to probe cypher

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"This is an example to judge these people who have no problem in lying blatantly," he said. "If Imran Khan's government was not sent packing through a conspiracy then why is the government shying away from conducting an investigation into the matter," he questioned. Expressing disappointment on State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) report, Fawad Chaudhary stated that the economy was in shambles, as the 2% growth rate showed how unemployment was on the rise. He said that the unemployment was dangerous which would rapidly impact poverty.

IHC stops FIA from taking action

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Meanwhile, Chief Justice Athar Minallah disposed of the petition of anchorperson Sami Ibrahim after the FIA closed an inquiry against him. FIA's Deputy Director Ayaz Khan informed the court regarding the closure of the case.

Openers, bowlers lead Kiwis to win over Pakistan

Earlier, New Zealand bowlers packed a flow of runs as Pakistan's middle order failed once again. Experienced Tim Southee created chances for himself in his last two overs to completely put Pakistan under pressure in death overs. Pakistan could only score 130 for the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs.

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CHRISTCHURCH: After bowlers, New Zealand openers made the most of their home conditions as Pakistan lost their first match in the T20I tri-series by nine wickets. New Zealand openers Finn Allen and Devon Conway consolidated the foundation set by the bowlers in the first part of the match. Set to chase paltry 131 runs, the two openers scored 114 runs within 14 overs. Pakistani bowlers seemed helpless on a wicket that looked bowler-friendly when Pakistan were batting. Shadab Khan was the lone wicket-taker from Pakistan but it was too late to take a wicket at that stage of the game. Allen scored 62 off 42 balls including a boundary and six maximums. Devon Conway remained not out for 49 which was laced with five boundaries. New Zealand completed the chase in 16.1 to register a revenge-taking victory against Pakistan. Earlier, New Zealand bowlers packed a flow of runs

as Pakistan's middle order failed once again. Experienced Tim Southee created chances for himself in his last two overs to completely put Pakistan under pressure in death overs. Pakistan could only score 130 for the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs. The right-arm pacer conceded just two runs off his last over while also taking two wickets. After deciding to bat first, Pakistan's in-form openers Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan failed to last longer. After the two scored 30 runs together in 4.2 overs, Michael Bracewell removed Rizwan to provide first breakthrough to the hosts. Shan Masood, a regular opener, came to bat at the number three position and failed again to score runs. He scored just 14 runs off 12 balls. Babar also fell to Bracewell in the 11th after his deputy Shadab Khan (8) gave his wicket to Mitchell Santner. Santner, who was making a return to playing XI, bagged 2-27 in his four overs. Haider, who was promoted to number five in previous match, came out to



bat at number six this time around. The batting number shuffler didn't work for the youngster yet again as he could only score eight off

11. Asif Ali, unlike his natural game, scored 20-ball 25 including three boundaries. Southee, Bracewell, and Santner bagged two

wickets each while Ish Sodhi bagged one. Toss Pakistan captain Babar Azam won the toss and decided to bat first against New

Zealand in fourth match of T20I tri-series. Pakistan have made a change by bringing in Naseem Shah in place of Haris Rauf.

Afridi to join squad for WC

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi will join the national squad for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Australia 2022 in Brisbane as per schedule on Saturday (October 15), after undergoing his rehabilitation programme under the supervision of the PCB Medical Advisory Committee. Shaheen is now available for selection for October 17 and 19 warm-

up matches against England and Afghanistan, respectively during which his match fitness will be assessed by the team management, said a press release. Shaheen Shah Afridi: "I am super excited at the prospect of rejoining the national side for the T20 World Cup and playing my part in the campaign. It has been a difficult period for me to be away from the game and the team I love the most, and not be part of some gruelling and exciting matches. "I have been bowling six to eight overs trouble-free for the past 10 days with full run-up and pace. While I have enjoyed bowling and batting in the nets, nothing can replace the feel of match environment and I can't wait to be in that setting.

"It has been a rigorous and challenging rehabilitation programme, but I have thoroughly enjoyed it. To be honest, I am feeling fitter than ever before and can't wait to wear the playing kit. "I want to thank the PCB Medical Advisory Committee as well as the Crystal Palace F.C. for allowing me to use their outstanding facilities and looking after me so well during the rehabilitation programme." Meanwhile, opener Fakhar Zaman, who is one of the three traveling reserves for the T20 World Cup, will also travel to Brisbane with Shaheen and National High Performance Centre coach Umar Rashid. Fakhar will complete his rehabilitation under the supervision of PCB's Chief Medical Officer

and team doctor Dr Najeebullah Soomro, following which decision on his participation, if required, will be made. The PCB Medical Advisory Committee includes London-based Dr Intiaz Ahmad (Head of Medical Services at the Queens Park Rangers Football Club & Co-chair FA Medical Society) and Dr Zafar Iqbal (Consultant Sports & Exercise Medicine at the Crystal Palace Football Club & Co-chair FA Medical Society) and has previously worked with Tottenham Hotspur FC, Liverpool FC and Kent County Cricket Club). The members provide independent medical advice to PCB Chief Medical Officer Dr Najeebullah Soomro (who is also a Member of ICC Medical Advisory Committee).

French FM highlights need of dialogue with Russia

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PARIS: Paris believes that it's important to maintain channels for dialogue with Moscow and opposes attempts to isolate Russia, French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna said on Tuesday. "It is very important to have channels for communication with Russian President Vladimir Putin," she told the France Inter radio station. "Isolation would be the worst policy option," she stressed. Colonna noted that "efforts to maintain contact made it possible to send an International Atomic Energy Agency mission to the Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant." "Dialogue helps to achieve results," she added. "A time will come when the conflict will end. It may last long but Russia will always be our neighbor," the French top diplomat emphasized. When asked if the October 8 blast on the Crimean Bridge was the result of a Ukrainian attack, Colonna refused "to make speculations" on the matter, saying that she was unaware of the causes of the incident. On Saturday morning, a truck exploded on the Crimean Bridge, collapsing two eastbound parts of its road section and setting ablaze a train of fuel tanks on the rail portion of the bridge. The bridge later reopened to traffic. Russian President Vladimir Putin slammed the explosion as a terrorist attack on critical civilian infrastructure and blamed it on Ukrainian intelligence agencies.

Forest held as Young rocket earns draw

NOTTINGHAM: Ashley Young's superb strike earned Aston Villa a 1-1 draw on Monday at relegation rivals Nottingham Forest who climbed off the bottom of the Premier League. Dennis put Steve Cooper's side ahead early in the first half at the City Ground before Young bagged Villa's equaliser with a long-range rocket. By ending their five-match losing run, Forest moved one point above Leicester into 19th place. But Forest have won just once in their nine league matches this season and face a huge battle to avoid relegation back to the Championship. "It's a step in the right direction. It's not the ambition to be drawing at home and not having much of the ball but in the circumstances we have to accept tonight was a forward step," Cooper said. "You lose five games on the bounce and that is when you might see people hiding but I am seeing the opposite of that." "What happened last season was unbelievable but we're in this league and it is a different sport to the Championship. If we don't change a little bit it would be naive." Villa are unbeaten in their last four games, but Steven Gerrard's team are also in relegation danger. Villa have won only once in their last seven league matches and sit just three points above the bottom three. "It was a fantastic strike and it was one of a few moments of quality in the final third. Ashley Young is leading by example for us at the moment and we are really pleased with him," Gerrard said. "I don't think we created enough to say we deserved to win. We are close to turning draws into wins but to do that we need big players to step forward for us." It has been a mixed week for Cooper, who watched his side thrashed 4-0 by East Midlands rivals Leicester seven days ago. - APP

Patel meets President Bill Gates Foundation

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination Abdul Qadir Patel on Tuesday said that the government was ensuring effective measures under a coordinated strategy for polio eradication from the country. He expressed these views while talking to the President of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Cairo. They exchanged views on Pakistan's efforts for polio eradication. The minister said that the government of Pakistan under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is determined to eliminate the polio virus from the country. It is pertinent to mention here that Federal Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Abdul Qadir Patel is visiting Cairo to participate in the 69th Regional Mediterranean Conference of the World Health Organization (WHO). The Health Ministers of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt, UAE, Bahrain, Libya, Jordan, Palestine, Sudan, Iran, Tunisia and other countries of the Amro Region are also participating in the conference. - APP

Der Zakarian sacked by Ligue 1 strugglers

BREST: Brest announced on Tuesday they were parting company with coach Michel Der Zakarian after a terrible start to the season which has left them bottom of Ligue 1. Jean-Marc Furlan later said that he was also set to be "dismissed" by Brest's fellow strugglers Auxerre. Brest have won just one of 10 games this term, with their 7-0 home defeat by Montpellier in August the start of a seven-match winless run. Der Zakarian, 59, a former Nantes and Montpellier coach, signed a three-year deal with Brest in June 2021 and led the team to an 11th-place finish last term. Furlan has been in charge of Auxerre since leaving Brest in 2019 and led the team to promotion back to the top flight last season via the play-offs. But he was sent to the stands after making an obscene gesture towards fans during a 2-1 loss at Clermont on Sunday that left Auxerre outside the relegation zone only on goal difference. Furlan told TV channel l'Equipe he had been "laid off" following the incident. "I'm laid off for 10 days because they blame me for the middle finger - I deeply regret it - in Clermont, and I'm laid off for 10 days, but I think that's still a dismissal from the management anyway," he said. Lyon sacked Peter Bosz on Sunday, naming 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000 winner Laurent Blanc as his replacement. Blanc is returning to management in France more than six years after leaving Paris Saint-Germain. - APP

Pakistan Navy, PMSA ships visit Kuwait, Iraq & Bahrain

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ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Navy flotilla comprising Pakistan Navy Ship HAIBAT and Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) Ship BASOL on Tuesday visited Kuwait, Iraq and Bahrain during overseas deployment. On arrival at host countries, Pakistan Navy ships were received by senior representatives of Pakistani embassies and officials of host navies, a Pakistan Navy media release received here said. The Mission Commander along with Commanding Officers of ships called on high level military leadership of the host countries. During the interactions, matters of mutual interest and cooperation in maritime security, ship building capability of Pakistan and training opportunities in PN including sea training were discussed. The Mission Commander conveyed well wishes from Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Anjad Khan Niazi for the people of host countries in general and host navies in particular. The flag showing missions of PN ships included to explore various avenues of cooperation in domains of maritime security and operational interoperability.

Pakistan beat Sri Lanka in Asia Women's Cup



SYLHET: Pakistan's women's cricket team Tuesday defeated the Sri Lankan side by five wickets in a thriller to claim their fifth victory in six games in the Women's T20I Asia Cup. Following a rain delay, Sri Lanka opted to bat first at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium. Lanka's Chamari Atapattu (41) and Oshadi Ranasinghe (26) put their side in a commanding position with their explosive batting. Sri Lanka gave Pakistan a target of 112 runs to chase, which the Green Shirts easily met in 18.5 overs after losing five wickets. The Lankan defence fell apart like a house of cards after Tuba Hassan neutralised Atapattu. The Lankan team's fate was sealed by Omaira Sohail's blitzkrieg that decimated players like Hasini Perera, Nilakshi de Silva, Kavisha Dilhari, Anushka Sanjeevani, and Malsha Shehani to cement Pakistan's victory. Omaira Sohail took five wickets to become the Player of the Match, while Tuba Hasan dismissed two Lankan batters and Nida Dar one. Alia Riaz scored 20 runs, Muniba Ali 10, and Sohail added 7 runs to the total before the Lankan bowling attack sent them back to the pavilion. Dar (26) and Ayesha Naseem (16), who hit two sixes in just five balls, were not out. - APP

US needs Kiev security pact to switch from Russia

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WASHINGTON: The United States needs the Kiev Security Compact to solve the Russia problem and address China afterwards, former NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen told Foreign Policy. On September 13, the Ukrainian presidential office released a draft agreement on its security guarantees. The document suggests a binding agreement be signed between Ukraine and the US, the EU and a number of other countries. Despite previously voiced proposals, the plan does not constrain Kiev's aspiration to join NATO, nor does it envisage a neutral status for Ukraine or Russia's participation as a security guarantor.

on the security compact told Foreign Policy that while the alliance "is keeping the door open" to Ukraine, its membership is unlikely to happen in the short term as the armed conflict continues. "Everyone recognizes that, going forward, Ukraine needs some commitments codified. It somehow needs to be less than Article 5 (of NATO treaty

- TASS) but more than the Budapest Memorandum. Everyone is willing to take a look at it, but it will be really difficult to work out on the substance so that all our governments agree," a senior Central European diplomat told the magazine. The Budapest Memorandum was signed by the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, Great Britain and the US

on December 5, 1994. Under it, Ukraine disposed of its nuclear arsenal, while Russia, the US and the UK issued security guarantees to Kiev. Commenting on the Kiev Security Compact, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that the leadership in Kiev was the only one who could provide security guarantees to Ukraine. Earlier though, Peskov said that the document retained the threat of Ukraine joining NATO and yet underscored the urgent necessity of Russia's special military operation. Whereas a former general has warned that the UK must face the possibility of a NATO war against Vladimir Putin over Ukraine. He added that the prospect of a nuclear conflict is not one to be ignored. General Sir Richard Shirreff has

described a war between NATO countries and Russia a "very real possibility". He previously served as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe for the Western military alliance. Russia's "special military operation" in Ukraine has, by his account, "failed". Despite, or perhaps because of this, Sir Richard argued that Britons could soon find themselves tasked with fighting against Moscow's forces. He wrote in the Daily Mail: "Britain's leaders... need great courage and the support of our whole population. "Although Ukraine is fighting back, a war between NATO countries and Russia remains a very real possibility." The former general also criticised the UK's approach to date of weakening its own armed forces.



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Russia adds Meta to terrorist list

MOSCOW: Russia on Tuesday added US tech giant Meta, the parent company of Instagram and Facebook, to a list of "terrorist and extremist" organisations, according to a database of the Federal Service for Financial Monitoring (Rosfinmonitoring).

Russia in late March banned Facebook and Instagram for "carrying out extremist activities" after authorities accused Meta of tolerating "Russophobia".

Meta had announced on March 10 that the platforms would allow statements like "death to Russian invaders" but not credible threats against civilians, before saying the change only applied to users posting from inside Ukraine.

Facebook and Instagram have been inaccessible in Russia since March, but many Russians adopted VPN to keep using the social media network.

Instagram is particularly popular in Russia, and used to be a key platform for advertisement and sales.

Billions of people use Meta's app around the world. This decision puts Meta on the same list as foreign terrorist organisations.—APP

Record-high inflation rates in Europe

PARIS: Amid the ongoing energy crisis related to the Russia-Ukraine war, European countries continue to post record-high inflation rates. On Tuesday, the Czech Republic released an annual inflation rate of 18% for September, an all-time high. The country's statistical authority said the surge in inflation stemmed from energy and fuel prices almost 50% higher year-on-year last month.

In Denmark, the annual inflation rate hit double digits in September for the first time since 1982, according to official figures released on Monday.

In August, the country's inflation rate was at 8.9%. Annual inflation in Greece was at 12% last month, hitting its highest level since 1993, figures from the country showed on Monday.

Data from Latvia indicated on Monday that annual inflation was at 22.2% in September, another record-high level. On Tuesday, Hungary also released inflation figures for that month, showing an annual record rate of 20.1%. Year-on-year in September, energy prices went up 62.1% in Hungary, while food inflation was at 35.2%.

Inflation in the euro area has also hit double digits and a fresh record in September with 10%.—APP

Russia returns bodies of 62 soldiers: Kyiv

KYIV, UKRAINE: Ukraine said Tuesday that it had negotiated the return of dozens of Ukrainian soldiers' remains from Russia, including servicemen killed at the Olenivka prison, which Kyiv said Russian forces shelled. "Another transfer took place: 62 fallen heroes were returned home," the Ukrainian ministry responsible for separatist-held territory said on social media.

"The negotiations were difficult but... it was possible to return our soldiers, in particular, soldiers from ... Olenivka," the ministry added.

Russia and Ukraine in July accused each other of carrying out deadly bombardments on the jail holding captured servicemen in Kremlin-controlled Olenivka, in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region that Moscow has since annexed. Kyiv denied targeting civilian infrastructure or prisoners of war. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy described what he called Russian shelling of the facility as a "war crime".

Russia said the Ukrainian prisoners held at the facility included members of the Azov battalion, who defended the Azovstal steel works as the last holdout in Ukraine's port city of Mariupol before surrendering to Moscow.—APP

INDIAN STATE TERRORISM

APHC leader Altaf Ahmed Shah dies in Indian custody

He said, other Hurriyat leaders languishing in Tihar jail have also developed serious health issues due to non-provision of medical care and hygiene

ISLAMABAD: The incarcerated Senior All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) leader, Altaf Ahmad Shah, 66, breathed his last on Monday night at New Delhi's AIIMS Hospital, where he was shifted after being diagnosed with last stage of renal cancer.

Shah, the son-in-law of late Syed Ali Gilani, had been languishing in infamous Tihar Jail since 2017.

According to reports from Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), the deceased leader was suffering from multiple ailments and was denied proper medical treatment by the Indian authorities that finally resulted in total deterioration of his health.

Soon after the diagnosis

of his renal cancer, his daughter Ruwa Shah, through a tweet had requested the Indian leadership to release the detainee on bail on health grounds so that he was treated properly, however she got no response.

It is pertinent to mention, Shah is not the first Kashmiri prisoner who had died in illegal detention. According to Kashmir Media Service (KMS), Earlier, Syed Ali Gilani, 92, embraced martyrdom at his residence on September 01, last year, while remaining under house arrest for over a decade.

Senior APHC leader, Muhammad Ashraf Sehrai, 77, who was a close associate of Syed Ali Gilani, died on May 5 last year in a prison in Jammu. He



was jailed under draconian law public Safety Act that allows the authorities to detain a person for up to two years without bail.

Another Hurriyat leader and former member of Jamaat-e-Islami in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Ghulam Muhammad Butt, 65, embraced martyrdom in December 2019 in Naini jail in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh.

Kashmiris from across the Line of Control including the APHC leadership, High Court Bar As-

sociation and civil society have strongly condemned the custodial murder.

APHC Vice Chairman Ghulam Ahmad Gulzar termed the death as case of target killing while APHC General Secretary Moulvi Bashir Ahmad Irfani described it as an irreparable loss to the freedom movement.

The IIOJK Bar Association in a statement expressed shock over Altaf Shah's untimely death in Tihar Jail saying that it amounts to custodial death due failure of legal duty of the prison authorities and failure of the courts to protect the life of the under-trial prisoners.

Convener APHC (AJK Chapter), Mehmood Ahmed Sagar termed it a custodial murder. "Fas-

cist Modi regime is hell bent to eliminate leadership of Kashmiri freedom movement," said Saghar.

Another Senior APHC leader, Altaf Hussain Wani has said denying Kashmiri prisoners the right to medical treatment was a killer-tactic Indian authorities have been deliberating using to punish and persecute Kashmiris who have refused to toe the Indian line.

He urged, world human rights organizations to take urgent attention towards the woeful plight of Kashmiri prisoners. He said, other Hurriyat leaders languishing in Tihar jail have also developed serious health issues due to non-provision of medical care and hygienic food.—APP

Foreign-backed groups lead riots in Iran: Minister

TEHRAN: Iranian Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi has said that foreign-backed terror groups in northern Iraq were leading the riots in Iran to foment sedition and set off secession.

Vahidi said on Tuesday that the riots are "planned, supported, and led by separatist terror groups," including the so-called Komala Party, Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), and Party of Free Life of Kurdistan, also known as PJAK, which have a history of cooperation with the Zionist regime and were once hired by the Western countries and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as mercenaries.

They also committed crimes and conducted terrorist op-

erations in Iran, he added.

Over the past few days violent riots have erupted across the country as well as in Sanandaj, the capital city of Kurdistan province, however, he said, Iran's Kurdish population who are seeking peace, security and development separated themselves from the rioters.

"Iran's army and law enforcement forces have firmly dealt with the rioters and their leaders and will continue to do so to neutralize their fruitless efforts," he warned.

The US, the Zionist regime and separatist terror groups are definitely happy with the riots in Iran and these acts against the national interest, the minister said.

Iranian government consents to legal protests and the interior minister is tasked with suggesting guidelines for organizing such gatherings, Government spokesman Ali Bahadori Jahromi said on Tuesday.

He also criticized Persian language media based abroad that are training people to commit terrorist actions saying that they must be held accountable to authorities for the harm they are inflicting upon the country.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Bahadori Jahromi slammed Western countries' double standards, saying that the medications late Mahsa Amini needed for her un-

derlying condition were subjected to sanctions imposed by the US.

Protests erupted over the death of the 22-year-old Iranian woman, who fainted at a police station and was pronounced dead at a Tehran hospital on September 16, first in her native province of Kurdistan and later in several cities, including the capital Tehran.

Immediately after Amini's death, Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi ordered a thorough investigation into the case and an official report published on Friday said her death had been caused by an illness rather than alleged blows to the head or other vital body organs.—APP

Mass cremation of Thai victims held

NA KLANG: Devastated families in Thailand gathered Tuesday for the cremation of their loved ones, killed in a nursery massacre that claimed 36 lives - including those of 24 children. The kingdom has been stunned by the tragedy in northeastern Na Klang province, one of the worst mass killings in its history, with flags at half-mast and King Maha Vajiralongkorn visiting the families of the victims.

At Wat Rat Samakee temple in Na Klang, chanting monks began the ceremony as the exhausted and grieving close-knit rural community prepared to say a final goodbye to 19 of those killed. "An incident like this shouldn't have happened," said local resident Thanakorn Nueangmacha, 39, ahead of the funeral at the temple.

"They were only children." Other victims of the attack - perpetrated by a former police officer, who went on to kill his wife and her child before taking his own life - will be cremated at different temples in the area. At Wat Rat Samakee, incense and the fading scent of hundreds of flower bouquets hung in the air as 19 small brick pyres, decorated with swags of white and black fabric, stood in a line under the hot afternoon sun.

The victims' families - some protected from the heat of the day by newly erected white-domed canopies - watched as monks walked along the foot of the cremation plots and officials offered up prayers. Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha visited the temple complex in the late afternoon, taking part in a small ceremony while monks chanted, before travelling back to the capital.—APP

UK unemployment rate hits fresh low since 1974

LONDON: The United Kingdom's (UK) unemployment rate in the three months to August decreased to 3.5 percent, the lowest since February 1974, as long-term sickness kept some workers out of the labor market, official data showed on Tuesday.

The number of people unemployed for between 6 and 12 months increased in the June-August period, while there were decreases for the short-term (up to 6 months) and long-term (over 12 months) unemployed, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Meanwhile, the economic inactivity rate for people neither working nor looking for work increased by 0.6 percentage points to 21.7 percent in the three months. This increase was driven by people inactive because they are long-term sick or because they are students.

The number of those economically inactive because of long-term sickness increased to a record high, the ONS noted.

The UK employment rate for June-August stood at 75.5 percent, 0.3 percentage points lower than the previous quarter of March-May.

"While unemployment is falling, so too is employment, as the workforce continues to shrink," the think tank Resolution Foundation said. "High levels of economic inactivity pose a challenge to the government's growth agenda, given that growth in the 2010s was driven in large part by rising employment."—APP

Iraq MPs to meet Thursday for presidential election

BAGHDAD: Iraq's parliament will meet on Thursday to "elect the president", a press release from speaker Mohammed al-Halbussi's office said on Tuesday, after months of political impasse.

More than a year after the last general election in Iraq, Halbussi's office said Thursday's parliamentary session would have "a single item on the agenda, the election of the President of the Republic".

Iraqis last voted on October 10, 2021 in an election triggered by a wave of mass protests against endemic corruption, rampant unemployment and decaying infrastructure.

Ahead of Tuesday's surprise announcement, the United Nations mission had urged political factions to end the deadlock paralysing the oil-rich country, warning that "Iraq is running out of time".

The country has yet to form a new government after last year's election, leaving caretaker Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhemi in charge.

Rival Shiite Muslim factions in parliament have been vying for influence and the right to select a new premier and government.

The standoff has seen both sides set up protest camps and at times has sparked deadly street clashes in Baghdad.—APP

UK's top court mulls legal basis for new Scottish independence vote

LONDON: The UK Supreme Court was on Tuesday urged to rule on the legality of Scottish moves to hold a new referendum on independence next year without the consent of the government in London.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon's nationalist government in Edinburgh wants a fresh vote on the question: "Should Scotland be an independent country?" Her SNP ran in the 2021 Scottish parliamentary elections on a promise to hold a legally valid referendum after the Covid crisis subsided.

It now wants to go ahead but the UK government, which has to give approval under the Scotland Act 1978, has not given permission. Opening the court proceedings, Lord Advocate Dorothy Bain, Scotland's top law officer, said the issue of Scottish independence was a "live and significant one in Scottish electoral politics".

"The question of whether such a poll is within the competence of the Scottish parliament... is an issue that I invite this court to finally resolve," she said.—APP

Iran summons UK ambassador

ANKARA: Iran has summoned British Ambassador Simon Shercliff to protest sanctions imposed on the country's morality police.

A Foreign Ministry statement said it conveyed Iran's strong protest over the "arbitrary" and "baseless" sanctions and the UK interference in Iran's internal affairs, the state news agency IRNA reported.

Tehran said it maintains the right to reciprocate London's move. On Monday, Britain imposed sanctions against senior Iranian security officials and a police unit over crackdown on protests triggered by the death of an Iranian woman in police custody.

Mahsa Amini, 22, died in mysterious circumstances last month after being detained for wearing "inappropriate dress" by the country's morality police.

The angry protests, which first broke out in Amini's hometown of Sanandaj in western Iran, later spread to all major Iranian cities, including Tehran, resulting in many casualties. The government is yet to announce the exact figure, but independent rights groups have put the casualty toll at more than 100.

An Iranian government report into Amini's death blamed her demise for multiple organ failure, not physical violence.—APP



ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry in a group photo with Ayesha Khalid, Chief Commissioner, Regional Tax Office, Islamabad during his visit to RTO Islamabad. Muhammad Azhar ul Islam Zafar Vice President ICCI and Zafar Bakhtawari former President ICCI are also in picture. — DNA

Indonesia works exhaustively to handle inflation

JAKARTA: The Indonesian Government has worked comprehensively to control domestic inflation, while generally, other countries merely raised their central banks' rates to address the problem, according to Indonesian President Joko Widodo (Jokowi).

We (the Indonesian government) do not only think about raising the interest rates, which is the authority of Bank Indonesia, but we also directly resolve the initial cause (of the inflation), which is the increase in (the price of) goods and services," Jokowi remarked at the 2022 Investor Daily Summit here on

Tuesday. The president gathered all regional heads twice to give them directives on handling the inflation, and the gathering would continue to be conducted periodically.

In addition, a routine evaluation on inflation control is conducted in each region every two weeks.

Furthermore, he had given the authority to the regional heads to use the two percent of the general transfer fund (DTU) as well as the unexpected spending budget in their regional budget (APBD) to control inflation. "For instance, there is an increase in (the price of) shallots in a province, for instance,

Lampung Province. Meanwhile, the producer of shallots is Brebes District (in East Java Province), so the Lampung government should buy (the commodity) directly from Brebes or cover the transportation costs using the APBD," the president stated.

After being calculated, the budget spent to cover the transportation costs is relatively cheap, he stated.

"Look for a country that works like us (to control the inflation) in such detail - there is none. They control (the inflation) at the macro level through the central bank," he pointed out. Jokowi noted that conduct-

ing such detailed works had helped in handling the inflation, as the rate had fallen to 5.9 percent, from the estimated 6.8 percent.

Indonesia is doing relatively well in controlling the inflation as compared to other countries, such as Argentina, whose inflation rate had reached 83.5 percent, Jokowi stated. The president assessed that this was achievable due to the sound coordination and cooperation between Bank Indonesia and the Finance Ministry.

"Thus, fiscal and monetary (regulations) can run well simultaneously," he stated.—ANTARA

Turkey calls for Russia, Ukraine truce

ISTANBUL: Turkey on Tuesday called for a ceasefire in Ukraine just days ahead of a likely meeting between the leaders of Turkey and Russia in the Kazakh capital Astana.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who won plaudits for securing a grain deal as well as Russia-Ukraine prisoner swap, has long sought to bring together Kyiv and Moscow for truce talks that neither side particularly wants.

NATO member Turkey, which has stayed neutral throughout the conflict

in Ukraine, has good relations with its two Black Sea neighbours - Vladimir Putin's Russia and Ukraine.

"Unfortunately (both sides) have quickly moved away from diplomacy" since the talks between Russian and Ukrainian negotiators in Istanbul in March, Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said in a televised interview.

"As the Ukraine-Russian war drags on, unfortunately, the situation gets worse and more complicated," added the Turkish diplomat, who called for an immediate ceasefire.

"A ceasefire must be established as soon as possible. The sooner the better," he said.

Erdogan, who has a good working relationship with Putin despite disagreements on several issues including in Syria, is likely to meet with the Russian leader in Astana on Thursday, a Turkish official told AFP speaking on condition of anonymity.

Turkey has refrained from joining Western sanctions against Russia.

Erdogan, who met Putin on the sidelines of a regional

summit in Uzbekistan last month, is keen to boost trade with Moscow as he tries to stabilise the battered Turkish economy in the run up to elections next June. Ankara has bowed to pressure from the United States and confirmed the last three Turkish banks still processing Russian bank card payments were pulling the plug.

The decision followed weeks of increasingly blunt warnings from Washington for Turkey to either limit economic ties with Russia or face the threat of sanc-

tions itself.

Erdogan has not yet commented on mass Russian strikes across Ukraine on Monday, which Ukrainian emergency services said killed at least 19 people and wounded more than 100.

Cavusoglu held a telephone call with Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba after the attacks, a Turkish diplomatic source said, without elaborating further.

During the interview on Tuesday, Cavusoglu called for a "just peace" based on Ukraine's territorial integrity. "There must be a just

peace for Ukraine. Where is the war going on? It's going on on Ukrainian soil," he said.

"A process that will ensure Ukraine's border and territorial integrity should start. Without a ceasefire, it is not possible to talk about those issues in a healthy way: a viable ceasefire and a just peace."

Turkey has rejected Russia's annexation of four Ukrainian provinces as a "grave violation" of international law and called for negotiations to end the conflict.—APP

Briefs

Turkish envoy visits Thalassemia centre

ISLAMABAD: Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan Dr Mehmet Pacaci on Tuesday visited the Thalassemia centre, and stitching and processing unit here in Sector F-9. He was accompanied by Country Director of Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) Mohsin Balci, said a news release of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM). PBM Managing Director Amir Fida Pracha welcomed the Turkish envoy and briefed him about the women empowerment and social welfare projects of his organization. The Turkish envoy met with the Thalassemia patients in the centre and applauded the quality medical facilities being provided to the poor patients by the PBM. He also presented gifts to the patients there. The ambassador also visited stitching and processing unit, established in collaboration with TIKA, and inspected the finished products prepared by the Women Empowerment Centres (WECs) of the PBM. The PBM managing director expressed his gratitude to TIKA for extending cooperation to the PBM for supporting initiatives intending to ensure women empowerment. He said some 161 WECs were playing a crucial role in assisting poor females to become financially independent. - APP

Joe Biden re-evaluating relationship with Saudis

WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden is re-evaluating the U.S. relationship with Saudi Arabia after OPEC+ announced last week that it would cut oil production, White House national security spokesman John Kirby said on Tuesday. "I think the president's been very clear that this is a relationship that we need to continue to re-evaluate, that we need to be willing to revisit," Kirby said in an interview with CNN. "And certainly in light of the OPEC decision, I think that's where he is." Biden is willing to work with Congress on the future of Saudi relations, Kirby added. Bob Menendez, the Democratic chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on Monday called for a freeze on cooperating with Saudi Arabia, including on most arms sales, accusing the kingdom of helping to underwrite the Russian war in Ukraine after OPEC+ announced last week that it would cut oil production. Biden was disappointed in the OPEC+ decision, Kirby said, and "he's willing to work with Congress to think through what that relationship ought to look like going forward." - Agencies

Swat protesters warn of marching to Islamabad

SWAT: Protesters demanding the arrest of culprits behind the recent attack on a school van in Swat's Charbagh tehsil and the restoration of peace in the region warned on Tuesday of marching to Islamabad if authorities failed to meet their demands within 24 hours. The attack on Monday, which left the van driver dead and two students injured, was the latest in a series of incidents of violence that have gripped the valley in recent days, prompting citizens to take to the streets against the rising tide of insurgency. According to Rescue 1122 officials, the van was taking students to a school in Gulibagh area of the Charbagh tehsil when unidentified assailants, riding on a motorcycle, had opened fire. The driver was killed on the spot, while two students were moved to the hospital after sustaining injuries. Locals have blamed the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan for the attack, but the group has denied responsibility. Any other organisation has also not claimed responsibility so far. - APP

12 Major Generals promoted to Lieutenant General rank



Maj Gen Babar Iftikhar, who is among those promoted, is presently serving as the ISPR director general

RAWALPINDI: Twelve Pakistan Army major generals have been promoted to the rank of lieutenant general, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) announced on Tuesday. In a statement, the military's media wing said those promoted included Major General Inam Haider Malik, Major General Fayyaz Hussain Shah, Major General Nauman Zakria, Major General Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Major General Ayman Bilal Safdar, Major General Ahsan Gulrez, Major General Syed Aamer Raza, Major General Shahid Iftiaz, Major General Muhammad Munir Afsar, Major General Babar Iftikhar, Major General Yousaf Jamal, and Major General Kashif Nazir. Maj Gen Babar Iftikhar, who is among those promoted, is presently serving as the ISPR director general. He was appointed to the post in January 2020. In August, Lieutenant General Faiz Hameed was appointed the Bahawalpur corps commander after he was replaced by Lt Gen Sardar Hassan Azhar

'No role of President in COAS appointment'

DNA
ISLAMABAD: Federal Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar on Tuesday warned President Arif Alvi against playing politics, in response to the latter's remarks on the appointment of the next chief of army staff. Responding to the President's statement, Tarar said, "The president doesn't have any role under the Constitution of Pakistan in the appointment of the army chief. The minister said that President Alvi is politicising the matter to fulfill interests that are contrary to the president's role as per the constitution. Tarar clarified that appointing the army chief is the prerogative of the prime minister. President Alvi, in conversation with a news channel, said that he would approve the appointment of the next COAS in line with the procedure laid out in the Constitution. He said in the past too, the opposition was consulted on the appointment of the army chief. In his talk, President Alvi pointed out that a discussion with the then-opposition, now government, was held when Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan extended the three-year term of General Qamar Javed Bajwa in 2019.

ECP rejects govt request to postpone by-elections

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Tuesday rejected the request of the federal government to postpone the scheduled by-elections on Oct 16, 2022. The ECP held an important meeting to review the appeal of the government to postpone the by-elections at the head office in Islamabad. The channel report said that the ECP has decided in the meeting that the by-elections will not be postponed and be conducted on their due date. The channel report said that the ECP review meeting was presided over by the Chief Election Commissioner and other officials were also present. Members and Secretary of the ECP, secretaries of the Ministry of Interior,

Defense, Chief Secretary and Inspector General Police of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh participated in the meeting. Representatives of security agencies also participated in the meeting and presented their reports in the meeting. Secretary Election Commission briefed the participants of the meeting and informed them that the Commission has completed all the arrangements for the by-elections in 8 National Assembly and 3 Provincial Assembly. The ECP Secretary further stated that the second phase of municipal elections in all the districts of Karachi Division will also be held on October 23, 2022, as per the schedule. But a by-poll on National Assembly seat NA-45 of Kurram district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, where the law and order situation is not good, and the election will not be announced later, ECP Secretary said.

Pakistan slams Modi for claiming Kashmir issue 'resolved'

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad on Tuesday "categorically rejected" Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks about Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). At a public rally in Gujarat ahead of the state assembly elections due at the end of the year, Modi claimed that he had somehow "resolved the Kashmir issue". According to Indian media reports, Modi said that he was walking in the footsteps of India's first home minister Sardar Patel, claiming that "Sardar saheb persuaded all the princely states to merge with India. But another person handled this one issue of Kashmir," in an apparent

job at India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru. "As I am following in the footsteps of Sardar saheb, I have values of the land of Sardar and that was the reason I resolved the problem of Kashmir and paid true tributes to Sardar Patel," Modi reportedly said. The unwarranted remarks drew criticism from the Foreign Office (FO), which in a statement termed them as "not only false and misleading but also reflects how oblivious the Indian leadership has become of the ground realities in IIOJK". "Jammu and Kashmir is an internationally recognized dispute, the resolution of which has been on the agenda of the United Nations since 1948. Despite clear UN resolutions that prescribe a free and impartial plebiscite for the final disposition of the dispute, India has not only illegally occupied the territory but is also guilty of egregious human rights violations employing over 900,000 brutal occupation forces," the statement issued by the FO read. - DNA

Saudi Minister lauds Border Health Facility Service

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination Abdul Qadir Patel called on Saudi Arabia's Minister for Health Fahad Bin Abdul Rehman Al-Jalaja on Tuesday in Cairo (Egypt). The minister who is visiting Cairo to attend the 69th Regional Mediterranean Conference of the World Health Organization (WHO), briefed the Saudi Minister on the issues of recognition and degrees' accreditation related to Pakistani medical universities, including MS, MD, PhD awarded by Pakistani Medical Universities, says a fax message received here from abroad. The minister said Pakistani medical universities are awarding degrees to post-graduate medical doctors on merit and as per international standards. The Saudi Health Minister assured his Pakistani counterpart that matters relating to MS, MD, PhD degrees registration or accreditation issue will be taken up by the concerned and he will ensure an early resolution to the matter. Abdul Qadir Patel also shared about Pakistani professionals, skilled nurses, paramedics, and technicians, including physiotherapists requesting the Saudi Health Minister that the services of these professionals should be engaged on priority in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Saudi Health Minister said, "Both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia share common religious family values and looking after the elderly and patients by trained professional nurses will be great work." He said that his ministry with the help of the Overseas Pakistanis Ministry will ensure that nurses and paramedical staff learn the Arabic language so it is easy for them to get hired in the Kingdom. The Saudi Health Minister appreciated Pakistan's Border Health Services initiative, saying it will also help other regions as well to meet global health security challenges. - APP

Pakistan to procure 6.2m mosquito nets from India

DNA
ISLAMABAD: The health ministry was given go-ahead Tuesday to purchase 6.2 million mosquito nets from India as the country battles with mosquito-borne diseases due to floods. According to health officials, the World Health Organization (WHO) is using financial resources provided by Global Fund to acquire the nets for Pakistan. The officials said that they are planning to obtain the nets as early as possible and are hopeful that these would be obtained by the mid of November via the Wagah route. "Malaria is spreading at a rapid pace in 32 flood-affected districts of the country where thousands of children are infected with the mosquito-borne disease," they said, adding they are facing difficulties in its treatment. They said that malaria has emerged as a major public health issue in flood-ravaged areas.



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar exchanging views with the Under-Secretary-General (USG) for UN Department of Peace Operations, Jean-Pierre Lacroix. - DNA

Pakistan summons Indian envoy over Kashmiri leader's death

DNA

ISLAMABAD: The Indian Charge d' Affaires (Cd'A) in Islamabad was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Tuesday and conveyed the Government of Pakistan's strong protest over the inhuman custodial death of Hurriyat leader Altaf Ahmed Shah, who remained imprisoned in the infamous Tihar Jail for the last five years. The Foreign Office said it was deplored that despite Pakistan's expression of serious concerns over Mr. Altaf Ahmed Shah's sharply deteriorating health, as well as his daughter's letter addressed to the Indian Prime Minister apprising him of Mr. Shah's precarious health condition, the Indian government remained completely indifferent. "The government of India not only failed to provide satisfactory medical care to Mr. Altaf Ahmed Shah

who was suffering from renal cancer but also created inordinate delays in his hospitalization and essential diagnostic tests," the Indian envoy was told. Even more heart-wrenching is the fact that the Indian authorities remained adamant in denying Mr. Shah's family access to meet him while deliberately delaying the court hearing of his bail plea on humanitarian grounds. It is evident that Altaf Ahmed Shah was victimized and punished because he was the son-in-law of revered Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Geelani and a true representative of the Kashmiri people. His death is the consequence of the Indian government's wilful and deliberate negligence, utter disregard for human rights and its systematic campaign to suppress and brutalize the Hurriyat leaders. Recalling the condemnable custodial death of Hurriyat leader Ashraf Sehrai last year, after his victimiza-

tion and arrest under the draconian Public Safety Act (PSA), the Indian Cd'A was conveyed Pakistan's grave apprehensions regarding the ruthless treatment meted out to Hurriyat leaders including Muhammad Yasin Malik, Massarat Aalam Bhat, Shabir Ahmad Shah, Nayeem Ahmad Khan, Aasiya Andrabi and several others who have been facing illegal detentions in fabricated cases. Equally concerning is the fact that many of these Hurriyat leaders including Muhammad Yasin Malik are suffering from chronic ailments and require urgent medical attention. It is also alarming that at least 4 Kashmiri political prisoners have died in Indian custody since 2019. It has been demanded of the Indian government to immediately investigate the custodial death of Mr. Altaf Ahmed Shah and hold to account all those responsible for the brutality.

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