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decessor and PTI chief Imran Khan accountable before the law for putting national security at stake by "manipulating" diplomatic cypher. In a hard-hitting statement issued by the PM Office on Monday, PM Shehbaz accused the deposed premier of running a smear campaign against the state institutions. The prime minister said the recent purported audio leaks have exposed Imran's plot to 'play' on the cypher for political gains.

Not taking sides in Ukraine war

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Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari reiterated Pakistan's position in

the Ukraine-Russia war, asserting that "we would not be taking sides as we are sick and tired of wars and conflicts." In a recent interview with Al Jazeera, the foreign minister was constantly being pestered by the interviewer for "avoiding the question regarding Pakistan's position in the international con flict" that has been the talk of the town since the February 24 invasion. "The path to peace is through dialogue and diplomacy.

Maryam's passport to be returned

STAFF REPORT



the party's president Maryam Nawaz that she had surrendered for getting bail in a corruption reference in 2019. The PML-N leader had approached the LHC against the anti-graft body saying despite absence of any charge sheet against her or trial, she had not been able to exercise her fundamental rights

about four years.

Dar vows to bring dollar below Rs 200

Says Khan's speeches at his public gatherings reflect his frustration

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: nance Minister Ishaq Dar Monday accused PTI Chairman Imran Khan of destroying the economy and assured the masses that he would bring the dollar value be-

low 200 with the help of his policies. "The actual value of the Pakistani rupee is less than 200 against the greenback and it will be brought down as it is currently undervalued," he said during a TV talk show. He mentioned that the dollar value is strong internationally, but "we will bring it down below 200 against our currency soon."

Since Dar was sworn in on September 28, the seasoned politician and chartered accountant faces the daunting task of stabilising an economy that has for months been in a tailspin, facing multiple threats of high inflation, a widening current account deficit and falling reserves. He has strongly favoured intervention in currency markets in three previous stints in the job and is also expected

to strengthen the currency which closed at Rs 227.29 against the US dollar on Monday. The finance minister went on to say that Khan's speeches at his public gatherings reflect his frustration, saying that "deals and favouritism" are part of Khan's fate.

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"Khan contested the elections by cracking deals and staged demonstrations by cracking deals," he said, lambasting the PTI chief for holding Islamabad hostage for 126 days which delayed the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. Warning him of serious repercussions, Dar urged Khan to take him seriously and stay within his limits. "Khan and his entire team are obsessed with me because they fear that we [PML-N] will stabilise the economy of Pakistan once again as we did back in 2013," he said, reiterating his suggestion that the country needs a charter of the economy. "The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) is an independent institution and it does not involve in manipulative activities," he said while replying to a question regarding the PTI leader Hammad Azhar accusing Dar of manipulating the economic data. A day earlier, Miftah termed the government's decision to not increase the petroleum development levy (PDL) this month without IMF's approval, "reckless".

EU team continues flood relief activities



NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: EU Commissioner for Crisis Management Mr. Janez Lenarčič visited flood affected areas of Sindh. In Khipro, Danish Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) has installed a water purification plant channeled through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism to provide clean water to the communities. The plant has the capacity to produce 120,000 litre of clean water per day and to serve 40,000 people per day. He interacted with the flood hit communities during distribution of shelter and sanitation kits arrived through EU Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid with Cesvi. Last month, Pakistan and the European Union (EU) agreed to the agenda of multidimensional development coopera-

tion in the fields of smart agriculture, economic development, sustainable infrastructure, technical and professional education, environmental and green development, digital change and health. The consensus between the two sides was reached during a meeting of a subgroup of the Pakistan-EU Joint Commission on Development Cooperation at

the Economic Affairs Ministry. The meeting was chaired by Ian Hoskins, the deputy head of unit for South and Southeast Asia at the European Commission in Brussels, and Islam Zeb, the joint secretary of the Economic Affairs Ministry. During the meeting both sides discussed bilateral cooperation in various fields, including the rehabilitation of the flood-affected areas and resolved to deepen their cooperation for the overall progress of the Pakistani people.

ISLAMABAD: Mr Alfred Grannas, Ambassador of Germany hosted a grand National Day reception at the lawns of Islamabad Serena Hotel. Federal Minister for Economic Affairs

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq was the chief guest who cut the cake along with the ambassador. – DNA

Khan's audio leaks Criminal

probe to be carried out: Marriyum

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ISLAMABAD: ter for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb has said criminal investigation will be carried out into the recent audio leaks of PTI Chairman Imran Khan regarding diplomatic cipher.

Addressing a news conference in Islamabad on Monday, she said the responsibility to this effect has been entrusted to a committee of the FIA which will work without any political interference.

The Information Minister said the PTI Chairman has confessed his crime of playing with the cipher in the audio leaks. She said Imran Khan then in an interview also admitted that he has lost the copy of Cipher.

Marrivum Aurangzeb said it is not a political matter but that of the national interests and the constitution, and it will be dealt legally. She regretted that Imran Khan compromised the national interests and violated the secrecy act for his political interests. She said this matter will be taken to logical conclusion. She said the whole conspiracy and drama of Imran Khan stands exposed before the masses.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday vowed to hold his predecessor and PTI chief Imran Khan accountable before the law for putting national security at stake by "manipulating" diplomatic cypher.

Pakistan, UN to re-launch flash appeal

The world is yet to respond adequately to earlier flash appeal by the United Nations

Mahnoor Ansar

ISLAMABAD: On the basis of updated onground needs assessment of the floods situation in the country, an up-scaled Flash Appeal is being jointly launched by the Government of Pakistan and the United Nations (UN) on 4 October 2022 in Geneva. The revised 2022 Pakistan Floods Response Plan would be shared at the event. Ministerial level participation from the Government of Pakistan will include Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman, attending the event in person in Geneva, and Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal,

PM rejects flood relief dashboard

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has refused to inaugurate the 'digital dashboard' developed to ensure transparency in flood relief assistance and its distribution, asking the authorities concerned to add more features to it. "What kind of dashboard is it? It is a joke. It is not a board that is required," media quoted the premier as

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IHC wraps up contempt case against Imran

Imran Khan demonstrated honesty and went to apologise to judge, says IHC CJ

COURT REPORTER

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday dismissed the showcause notice issued to PTI chief Imran Khan for his controversial remarks against Additional District and Sessions Judge (ADSJ) Zeba Chaudhry at an August 20 public rally. A larger bench, headed by IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah and comprising Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, Justice Minagul Hassan Aurangzeb, Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri and Justice Babar Sattar, heard the case today. During the proceedings, Imran's lawyer told the court that a third reply had been submitted to the court.

"We have read your affidavit. Is there anything else you would like to add?" Justice Minallah asked Imran. He went on to say that prima facie this was a contempt of court case but it was being dismissed due to Imran's conduct.

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President thanks int'l community for support

President receives credentials from ambassadors-designate of Denmark, Switzerland, Netherlands, Finland, Zimbabwe and Senegal

Ansar M Bhatti

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday received the diplomatic credentials of the ambassadors-designate of Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland, Finland, Zimbabwe and Senegal at a Presentation of credentials Ceremony here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands Henny Fokel de Vries, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark Jakob Linulf, Ambassador of Switzerland Georg Steiner, Ambassador of Finland Hannu Ripatti, Non-Resident High Commissioner of Zimbabwe Lt Gen (Retd) Martin Chedondo, and Non-Resident Ambassador of Senegal Saliou Niang Dieng

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ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi receiving credentials from ambassadors-designate of Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland. Finland, Zimbabwe and Senegal during a ceremony held at Aiwan-e-Sadr. – DNA

Money laundering case quashed against Moonis

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Monday quashed a money laundering case registered by Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) against Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) leader Moonis Elahi. Justice Asjad Javaid Ghural passed the orders while allowing a petition filed by Moonis Elahi for quashing the money laundering case against him. Moonis Elahi's counsel Advocate Amjad Pervaiz, a deputy attorney general and investigation officer appeared during Monday's proceedings. The deputy attorney general argued before the court that the Agency had filed the challan in the court concerned against Moonis Elahi and other accused on September 29. The court questioned how the case could be registered if the bank was not a complainant in the matter. The deputy attorney general replied that the bank officials were involved in the matter, adding, how they could get registered a case against themselves. He further submitted that the inquiry was initiated on the directions of the federal government in the matter, while replying to another query. At this, the court questioned whether the inquiry was launched in the light of sugar commission's report. The court was informed that the case was registered after inquiry of Jehangir Tareen and others.

Court grants three-day custody of Shahnawaz

ISLAMABAD: A local court of Islamabad on Monday granted the police a further three-day physical remand of the accused Shahnawaz Amir, the alleged murderer of his Canadian National wife Sarah Inam.

The accused was produced before the court of Senior Civil Judge Aamir Aziz after ending of his physical remand time.

The investigation officer prayed the court to grant further remand of the accused for more investigation. He said that the police had to recover the passport

of the slain woman.

The lawyer of the plaintiff family informed the court that the accused could be escaped if the passport of the deceased was not recovered so far. The court accepted the request of prosecution and granted the police more physical remand of the main accused. Meanwhile, Additional District and Session Judge Sohail Sheikh extended the interim bail of Samina Shah, the mother of Shahnawaz

Amir till October 7. – **APP**

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Officers of Ministry of I&B, allied entities awarded certificates

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Twenty-five officers of different batches, from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and its allied entities, here today received certificates upon successfully completing weeklong capacity building courses held over the past one month. Officers nominated by PEMRA, PBC, PTV, Audit Bureau of Circulation, APPC and PID attended the training sessions. The Capacity Building Courses were held in tandem with the 5th Domain Specific Training course for 34th MCMC. Mr. Irfan Ashraf Qazi was awarded the special shield and certificate on completing the month-long Domain Specific Course. Secretary Information and Broadcasting,

Ms Shahera Shahid gave away certificates to the successful participants. In her brief remarks on the occasion, the Secretary said that special courses had been designed and conducted by the Information Service Academy (ISA) for capacity building of the officers of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and its allied entities. The courses were part of the Capacity Building

Program under the PSDP FY 2022-23. She said officers from all the attached departments and sub-offices of the Ministry will be encouraged to undertake the capacity building courses in greater number in future, to keep themselves abreast of the latest trends in media development, use of IT, and campaign development using different media platforms especially social media. The Secretary



I&B also called upon the trainee officers of the 49th CTP, currently receiving specialized training at the ISA to have focus on digital and social media usage besides developing PR and Communication skills, the most important facets in the sphere

of media projection. She also announced that from the 39th STP onwards, the trainee officers will have attachment to different departments of the Ministry of I&B for longer duration compared to the past. This, she said would help them get better understanding of the working of these departments. Earlier, Director General ISA and Director Training gave an overview of the training courses conducted by the ISA as well as the just concluded Country Study Tour undertaken by the trainee officers.

Pak, Germany ties based on

Ayaz Sadiq expresses

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minster for Economic Affairs, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Monday expressed gratitude for all the support that China has provided to Pakistan and still giving for rescue and relief during floods catastrophe.

He was talking to Mr. Nong Rong, Ambassador of China to Pakistan, who calls on him at the Ministry of Economic Affairs, said a press release issued here.

Earlier, the Federal Minster warmly welcomed the Ambassador. During the meeting, matters of mutual interest were discussed.

The minister appreciated the long-term cordial relationship that both countries share. "We share a special relationship with China, that we don't share with any other nation in the world", he expressed.

The Chinese Ambassador appreciated the brotherly relations between both nations. He stated that the Government of China was actively participating in providing rescue and relief assistance to Pakistan. By 11th of Oct, all cargoes carrying flood related immediate relief items will be arriving in Karachi, he told. The Ambassador further assured that more assistance would be given in reconstruction and rehabilitation phase. - APP

Meeting of Senate body on Human Rights held

ISLAMABAD: Meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights was held here at Parliament House on Monday with Senator Walid Iqbal in the Chair.

The meeting commenced with the Chair apprising the committee of the entire legislative history behind the passage of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018, in both Houses of Parliament between August 2017 and May 2018, followed by deliberation on the two Amendment Bills moved by Senators Fawzia Arshad and Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, involving the original 2018 Act. The movers apprised the committee on salient features of their respective Amendment Bills. They further added that their primary aim was to bring the original 2018 Act in conformity with the injunctions of Islam as laid down in the Holy Quran and Sunnah. Senator Mohsin Aziz, special invitee to the Committee, who had also moved an Amendment bill relating to the 2018 Act which was to be presented in the Senate later that afternoon, along with three other Amendment Bills on the same subject moved by various other Senators, also emphasized upon the need to align the 2018 Act with Islamic Injunctions.

Former Senator Farhat Ullah Babar, as a member of the Senate's Functional Committee on Human Rights, which considered the original Bill in 2017-18, gave a brief overview of the deliberations undertaken by the Committee at that time. Senator Walid Iqbal, Chairman of the Committee, sought views of the Committee members on either clubbing together the existing two along with the further expected four Amendment Bills and sending them back to the House from where they could be sent to the Council of Islamic Ideology in accordance with Article 229 of the Constitution for its expert opinion, or whether the Committee itself should further deliberate on the clubbed Amendment Bills in its next meetings. The members of the Committee, while unanimously acknowledging that no law could be repugnant to the Injunctions of Islam. - APP

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DC holds revenue awami kachhari

SAQIB MUSHTAQ

LODHRAN: On the instructions of Punjab Government, Revenue Awami Khemat Kachhari was organized on the second day in Kanju Hall of District Council Lodhran to provide all types of revenue services to the people under one roof.

Deputy Commissioner Babar Rehman Warraich personally heard the complaints related to the Finance Department on the second day of the Revenue Public Service Office and issued orders on the spot for their redressal. Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Azuba Azeem, Assistant Commissioner Dr. Tamtheel Abbas, Tehsildars and Land Record Officers and other revenue officers were also present in the Revenue Awami Service Kachhari.

53 'criminals' held, contraband seized

FAISALABAD: Police claimed on Tuesday to have arrested 53 criminals and recovered drugs and illegal weapons from their possession in the district during the last 24 hours. According to police, raiding teams nabbed two proclaimed offenders and 25 drug pushers besides recovering 0.7-kg hashish and 316 litres of liquor from them. The police also held four gamblers and recovered Rs 9,790 stakes money from them. In a crackdown against illegal weapons, the police arrested 22 accused and recovered 19 pistols, two guns, one rifle and a number of bullets from them. - APP

shared democratic values ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf on Monday said that relations between Pakistan and Germany are based on shared democratic values and multifaceted corporations. "Parliamentary diplomacy and cooperation between National Assembly and German Parliament Bundestag could further strengthen the existing

Germany Alfred Grannas who called on him. Speaker while highlighting the calamitous effects of climate change in Pakistan remarked that the recent flooding has submerged one-third of the country and left more than 33 million Pakistanis homeless, said a

bonds" the speaker ex-

pressed these views while

talking to Ambassador of

news release In this regard, the National Assembly of Pakistan has moved an emergency resolution in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) conference in Rwanda to underline the developed nations of the world to compensate for irreversible losses due to the climate crisis in developing

countries like Pakistan.

German Ambassador expressed solidarity with the flood affectees and assured support to the National Assembly's call for the global fund through IPU to tackle the climate crisis. Later on, the Ambassador of Norway to Pakistan Mr Per Albert Ilsaas also called on Speaker of National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf. Various matters about bilateral cooperation, economic ties, and the recent flood situation in the country were discussed.

Speaker remarked that Pakistan considers Norway as its loyal friend and an economic partner and desires to further strengthen its existing bilateral rela-

the need to expand cooperation and interaction between the parliaments and parliamentarians of both the countries for exchange of knowledge and experiences. He also said that the National Assembly of Pakistan being cognizant of the sufferings of the flood affectees has proposed an emergency item for inclusion in the agenda of the 145th IPU Conference in Rwanda that will highlight the plight of flood-affected people of Pakistan.

tions. He also accentuated

Speaker sought the support of Norway for Pakistan's call for the inclusion of the flood crisis on the emergency agenda at the conference. Norwegian ambassador expressed grief over the unprecedented losses during the recent flooding in Pakistan. He highlighted that more than 39,000 Pakistani diasporas in Norway have contributed greatly to the progress of the country. He also emphasized reviewing bilateral business concerns to make it more profitable for both sides. He also assured his country's support for National Assembly's call for the global fund through IPU to tackle the climate catastrophe. The meeting ended on a positive note with a commitment to continue cooperation on matters of mutual interest by addressing all impending



40 female students of **IUB** awarded **USAID** scholarships

SAQIB MUSHTAQ

BAHAWALPUR: 40 female students of Islamia University Bahawalpur were given scholarships worth 9.8 million rupees by US AID. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Engineer Professor Dr. Athar Mehboob, Director Information Multan Sajjad Jahania,

Director Financial Assistance Dr. Ghulam Hasan Abbasi and High Education Commission representative Farhat Abbas participated in a special ceremony at Baghdad Al-Jadeed Campus. These scholarships are provided for the year 2021-22. In his address on this occasion, Vice Chancellor Engineer Professor Dr. Athar Mehboob said that Islamia University Bahawalpur believes in the welfare of male and female students and currently a total of 92 crores of scholarships are being given. In addition to the federal and pro-

vincial governments, various institutions and the university's own resources are included. He said that providing scholarships to female students by USAID is a very welcome process. Director Information Multan Sajjad Jahania said that on the occasion of his visit

to Islamia University Bahawalpur, he learned about the teaching, research and development activities of the university as well as the measures taken for the welfare of students. South Punjab is a backward region and majority of the male and female students here are unable to afford higher education. The various scholarship schemes offered by the university are commendable.

Dr. Ghulam Hasan Abbasi said that since 2014, USAID has provided scholarships worth 29.5 million rupees to 263 female students. Farhat Abbas, representative of the Higher Education Commission, said that USAID has given these scholarships especially to female students so that they can participate in the social and economic development of the region.

US supporting Pakistan to come out of difficult time: US ambassador

MUZAFFARABAD: US Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome Monday said the United States had always stood with the people of Pakistan in times of devastation like the 2005 earthquake and was now sup-

dented floods in its different parts. Talking to the media after laying a wreath at the memorial of 2005 devastating earthquake at here at the University of Azad Jammu and



contribution to support the ongoing relief and reconstruction efforts in the flood-hit areas.

The ambassador, who is on a visit to the AJK, said they were committed to strengthen educational facilities in Azad Kashmir. His country had also provided funds to the AJK government for renovating nine health facilities, he added. Besides lay a wreath, Ambassador Blome planted a tree on the lawn of UAJK. Donald Blome, on his way from Islamabad to Muzaffarabad on Sunday, visited the historical Dak Banglo near Kohala - the rest house where Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah had stayed while travelling to Srinagar in 1940. The ambassador is scheduled to visit Bagh on Tuesday inaugurate the Head-Start School, established by the Medical Transcripts and Billing Company of the US. More than 700 students are studying in the school. - APP

Punjab PDWP approves 14 schemes

LAHORE: Punjab Provin-

cial Development Working Party (PDWP) on Monday approved 14 developmental schemes of various sectors with an estimated cost of Rs. 32,229.75 million. These schemes were approved in the 16th PDWP meeting of current fiscal year 2022-23 presided over by Chairman of Planning & Development Board Abdullah Khan Sumbal. The approved development schemes included Rehabilitation of Metalled Road from Feroza to Head Farid Road District Rahimyar Khan at the cost of Rs. 479.177 million, Construction of Multi Level Grade Separation at Shahdara Morr, Lahore at the cost of Rs. 9,056.020 million, Project Management Unit (PMU): Heritage & Urban Regeneration in Lahore: Tourism Development in Lahore Fort. – **APP**

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Kashmir (UAJK), he said the US

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Hashoo Hotels collaborates with NEECA for energy

Mr. Munir Ahmad, Director General Planning, Policy, Innovation Program & Research spoke about the upcoming energy conservation national policy

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Of the various challenges that we face today, be they economic, political or social, there is a growing consensus that climate change is the most existential. Although Pakistan is responsible for less than one percent of global greenhouse gas emissions but is eighth on a list compiled by the NGO Germanwatch of countries most vulnerable to extreme weather caused

by climate change. With this in sight, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Mr. Haseeb Gardezi, COO Hospitality and Education Division, Hashoo Group and Dr. Sardar Mohazzam, Managing Director NEECA on 30th September at the NEECA Building, Islamabad. By

signing this MoU, both the organizations, Hashoo Hotels and National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority(NEECA), have entered in a new era of energy efficiency and conservation, which will benefit Hashoo Hotels financially besides making them environment-friendly and will be another feather in the cap of NEECA.

On the occasion, Mr. Haseeb Gardezi said that "Following the vision of Mr. Murtaza Hashwani, at Hashoo Group we are committed to achieving our Net Zero goals by the year 2030. Together with NEECA, we at all our hotels, are looking to introduce energy audits and energy saving initiatives for reducing carbon emissions, starting by making changes towards efficient lighting solutions, switching to less carbon fuel



and solar panels for electricity consumption".

Mr. Munir Ahmad, Director General Planning, Policy,

Innovation Program & Research spoke about the upcoming energy conservation national policy. The shape

and impact of climate change over the coming years is in the hands of our nation. The actions that we take together.

today will influence the trajectory of climate change for the next three decades and

Imran denies to sit with

govt. on

flood victims

issue: Kundi

ISLAMABAD: Special Assis-

tant to the Prime Minister

Faisal Karim Kundi on Monday said that PTI Chairman,

Imran Khan repeatedly de-

nied to sit with the government on the issue of rehabil-

At the other side of the

coin, he said that Imran was

ready to sit with the govern-

After stepping down from

the government, he said

that PTI chairman, in his

several statements, denied

the rule of law, justice and

Talking to a private news

channel, he said that Imran

actually wanted decision of

his own choice rather following reconciliation.

"Imran khan uses deroga-

tory remarks against the in-

stitutions and the judges as

well. And, he exposed many

times due to different state-

ments over a single issue,'

he said. How many times

Imran have been exposed?

he questioned and said

there is no room for further

Two more

infected with

coronavirus

in RWP

RAWALPINDI: Two more

people were diagnosed with

fatal coronavirus during the

last 24 hours, raising the

district's tally of confirmed

As per the latest data re-

leased by the District Health

Authority here Monday, the

infected cases included

44,034 from Rawalpindi and

The report added that the

new cases had arrived from

the Rawalpindi Canton-

ment and Rawal town area

each, while presently, 12

confirmed patients were

quarantined at homes, and

no one was admitted to any

The report further updated

that 7,006,011 people, in-

cluding 44,790 health work-

ers, had jabbed themselves

against the lethal coronavi-

rus across the district since

the vaccination adminis-

tering drive launched on

Bid to

smuggle

wheat flour

foiled

RAWALPINDI, Oct 03 (AP-

P):The Food Department,

Rawalpindi and the district

police on Monday foiled a

bid to smuggle wheat flour

and seized 130 bags of the

According to the district

administration spokesman,

the officials of the food de-

partment along with the Na-

seerabad police confiscated

a vehicle loaded with wheat

flour. He said that the po-

lice arrested a driver named

Naseem for violating the

ban on illegal transportation

He said that the authorities

concerned had been direct-

ed to strictly monitor the

district exit points to stop

wheat smuggling.-APP

of wheat and flour.

commodity.

March 10, 2021. -APP

district's health facility.

3,623 from other districts.

cases to 47,657.

exposure. – APP

constitution.

ment for early elections.

itation of flood victims.

Islamabad police announce to recruit 1,668 constables

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad police have announced to recruit 1,668 constables and a recruitment board would select suitable candidates against these seats. The candidates may submit their applications online within 15 days after the advertisement on website of Islamabad police, with no fee charged against submitting applications. All genders have been given equal opportunities in the recruitment process which would be ensured on merit as per vision of the Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad

Shehbaz Sharif. Following the directions Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah, IGP Islamabad has constituted a departmental recruitment board comprising senior police officers, which will review all

eligible candidates for tests and interviews.

According to details, Islamabad Capital Police was facing a shortage of manpower for a long time. Due to special interest of the interior minister and the efforts of Inspector General of Police Islamabad Dr Akbar Nasir Khan, the advertisement has been made for recruitment against 1,668 vacancies offering equal opportunity to all. Candidates interested in re-

cruitment can submit their applications online through Islamabad Capital Police website (www.islamabadpolice.gov.pk) while there is no fee for submission of applications. No application will be received in writing. email or courier. Recruitment centres will be estab-

Laborers working at borders

to be registered with EOBI

Minister also advised authorities to take all meas-

ures for the protection and welfare of laborers

working in loading and offloading at border

ISLAMABA: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Develop-

ment Sajid Hussain Turi said that all labours working at border would be registered with

Employees of Oldage Benefits Institution (EOBI) and Workers Welfare Board so that

they can get all the benefits and their children be provided better health and educational

facilities. The Minister advised the authorities to prefer, encourage and support local pop-

ulation engagement in the cross border trade and maximum employment opportunities

should be provided to them, said a press release issued here Monday. The minister also

advised the authorities to take all measures for the protection and welfare of laborers

He informed the locals that work on Scouts Cadet College Parachinar would be started

soon that would certainly play a great role in enhancing the literacy rate. He said that

equal opportunities for both males and females should be provided. Turi said that ed-

ucation, health, agriculture, infrastructure development and flood relief were his top

priorities adding, no stone will be left unturned in the development of Kurram to

He further said that the area went through a difficult time of its history due

to terrorism and now, by the blessings of Allah, peace had been restored after

countless sacrifices by our people, Pak Army, Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs)

and our elders. Now our full concentration is towards development of the area in

all sectors, he added. The minister emphasized that only peace can ensure better

education, health and progress of a society. Therefore, it is the responsibility of

locals to play individual role towards peace and progress, he expressed. He said

that to meet the increasing need of the students seeking higher education, a part of the college would be handed over to Kohat University of Science and Tech-

nology (KUST) for its campus till construction of its separate building.-APP

make it a model district of Newly Merged Districts (NMDs).

working in loading and offloading at border.

the applications and call the lished in various divisions of all the provinces for the convenience of interested candidates.

The recruitment process

will be completely transpar-

ent and no attempt to influence the process will be tol erated. Strict action would be made against candidates who try to participate in the recruitment process by using false or forged documents. No T.A/D.A will be given to the candidates appearing for test interviews while selected candidates will be informed through the website of Islamabad Police. Candidates in case of any complaints can contact at phone number 051-9259400-02, WhatsApp number 03340004727 or forward email at career@islamabadpolice.

AIOU awarded cash prizes winners

ISLAMABAD: The final round of national songs, speeches, painting, essay competitions, and prize distribution ceremony was held here at Allama Igbal Open University (AIOU) yesterday. Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mehmood presided over the ceremony while Director Student Affairs, Rana Tariq Javed hosted the event. Students of schools, colleges, and universities, principal officers, and faculty memso attended the event

Usman Malik, Maimoona Mushtaq, and Ameer Haider secured the first, second, and third positions respectively in the national anthem competition. In the speech competition, Abdul Rahman stood first, Hurrain Rashid and Muzamil Taslim were declared second and third respectively. Hafza Naseem, Nayyar Khalid Satti, and Ayesha Siddiqa stood first, second and third respectively in the painting competition, while the first position in the essay competition was given to Hadiya Meraj, the second position went to Sana Bibi and the third position went to Qudsia Fatimah.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Nasir Mehmood said that for a beautiful society, the young generation needs to take initiative in good work, they should adopt a positive mindset and avoid negative attitudes. He said that the new generation is aware of what our problems are and what are their causes. Director Student Affairs, Rana Tariq Javed said that the main objective of these competitions was to highlight the spirit of patriotism to the new generation. At the end of the ceremony, cash prizes and certificates of appreciation were awarded to the participants.

CPO holds 'Khuli Kutchery'

Officer (CPO) Rawalpindi Syed Shehzad Nadeem Bukhari under Punjab government's open door policy held a 'Khuli Kutchery' here on Monday in Police Lines Headquarters to address grievances of the people. According to a Police spokesman, the CPO issued directives to the officers concerned to take action and submit detail report on the complaints submitted by the citizens in 'Khuli Ku-

The ČPO on the complaints of the citizens also sought a report from In charge Complaint Cell about ineffective action by Police Officers concerned on the applications submitted by the citizens. Shehzad Nadeem Bukhari said that negligence on part of officials concerned would not be tolerated. The CPO on the occasion said, the 'Khuli Kutcheries' were being held to provide the lief and addressed their complaints besides it also helped improve standards of policing. He issued orders to the officers to complete inquiries and send reports within given time frame.

All-out efforts were being made to ensure dispensation of speedy justice purely on merit to the people and improve service delivery standard in the district, he added.-APP



Rawal Dam Chowk. -APP

Team save dreams comes forward to help flood affectees

Over 2 million acres of crops and orchards have been impacted, including 304,475 acres in Baluchistan, 178,186 acres in Punjab, and 1.54 million acres in Sindh. The crisis is being aggravated by massive infrastructure damage

HAYAH BAHRONI

Torrential monsoon rains triggered the most severe flooding in Pakistan's recent history, washing away villages and leaving around 3.4 million children in need of assistance and at increased risk of waterborne diseases. drowning and malnutrition.

As floodwaters slowly recede, the sheer scale of damage is being revealed. Over 1 million houses have been damaged, with 436,307 completely destroyed and almost 736,242 partially damaged. Livelihoods has also been heavily impacted as many shops have been destroyed and more than 733,488 livestock - a critical source of sustenance and livelihoods for many families - have died, while many public health facilities, water systems and schools have been destroyed.

Young children are living out in the open with their families, with no drinking water, no food, and no liveli-

hood, exposed to a wide range of new flood-related risks and hazards, including damaged buildings and drowning in floodwaters. Over 2 million acres of crops and orchards have been impacted, including 304,475 acres in Baluchistan, 178,186 acres in Punjab, and 1.54 million acres in Sindh. The crisis is being aggravated by massive infrastructure damage.

The devastating flash floods have submerged one-third of Pakistan-leaving a trail of deadly havoc across the country.Flash floods and rain-induced landslides are exacerbated by the incapacity of current infrastructure to manage the unusually large amount of water. Many rivers, including the Indus. which runs through the entire length of Pakistan, are at high flood alert levels and have exceeded their banks, and major dam reservoirs are rapidly filling or have already overflowed, posing further risk to residents in the area and downstream.

Amidst this calamity, our team, Team Save Dreams; namely Hayah Bahro-

ni, Rafia Ali, Ayesha Siddique, Noorul-Huda, Husail Jamil and Abdullah Siddique; carried out two flood relief campaigns on in the months of August,2022 and September, 2022 to help our brothers and sisters in need.

The Prophet PBUH said: "You see the believers as regards their being merciful among themselves and showing love among themselves and being kind, resembling one body, so that, if any part of the body is not well, then the whole body shares the sleepless ness (insomnia) and

fever with it"

In the first campaign carried out by our team, around 100 ration packets including dates, biscuits, dry milk and roasted black gram; and hundred06 literwater bottles followed In our second campaign, 50 ration

chickpeas, vermicelli, pickle, spic-

es, salt, sugar, pulses, slanty and

water bottles, followed by clothes

and medicines were despatched to

the areas of effect. In addition to this,

packets containing wheat, rice,

Rupees 80,000/- in cash was also by clothes and medicines were sent to be handed over to the regions donated at PAF Flood Relief Camp, been afflicted through PAF Flood Islamabad.

As always, Team Save Dreams have come to the succor of those who are in dire need of help.Please Join hands



in order to SAVE DREAMS.

together with us and Save lives... In the aftermath of this natural calamity, We, Team Save Dreams, pledge to continue our work with the same zeal

Six drug peddlers, bootleggers held

RAWALPINDI:Rawalpindi police in an action against suspected drug peddlers and bootleggers on Monday arrested six accused besides recovering 5,825 grams narcotics and 10 liters liquor from their possession.

A police spokesperson said that City police held Kaleem for having 100 grams charras while Westridge police rounded up an accused namely Nasim Mehmood with 1,365 grams charras.

R.A.Bazar police in their raid arrested Saleem Mumtaz on recovery of 1,100 grams charras and Pitras for carrying 10 liters liquor. Naseerabad police also rounded up Shehzad for possessing 1,150 grams charras and Safian with 1,110 grams charras.

The spokesperson said that separate cases have been registered against all suspects while further investigations were underway. -APP

Briefs

President condoles loss of lives in Indonesia stampede

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday expressed his deep grief and sorrow over the loss of precious lives in a stampede at a football ground in Indonesia that killed almost 125 people and injured 323 others. The president said that he was deeply saddened by the tragedy and extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, the government and the people of Indonesia.

He said that the people and the government of Pakistan shared the grief and sorrow of their Indonesian brethren in this difficult time.

He prayed to Allah Almighty for granting forbearance and patience to the families of the victims, and for the rapid and complete recovery of the injured.-APP

PM thanks China for aid for flood victims in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD:Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday said Pakistan was obliged to China for its help for flood-victims in Pakistan and the total volume of Chinese aid had increased from 400 million RMB to 644 million RMB.In a tweet on social media platform Twitter, he said, "Our Chinese friends continue helping the flood victims in Pakistan. Total volume of aid has increased from 400 million RMB to 644 million RMB. We are deeply obliged to Chinese govt, CPC, Red Cross Society of China, sister provinces & People's Liberation Army for the assistance."—APP

Fiscal deficit contained at 0.3 pc of GDP

ISLAMABAD: The fiscal deficit during the first month of the current fiscal year (FY2022-23) has been contained at 0.3 percent against the deficit of 0.4 percent recorded during same month of last year according to latest report of Finance Ministry.

The primary balance during July FY2023 posted a surplus of Rs 142 billion against the deficit of Rs 5 billion in July FY2022, says 'Economic Update and Outlook for September 2022' released by Finance Ministry here on Friday. According to the report, the net federal revenues in July FY2023 increased by 9.3 percent to Rs 229 billion against Rs 209 billion in the same period last year while the total expenditures increased by only 3.7 percent to reach Rs 536 billion in July FY2023 compared to Rs 517 billion in the same month last year. Within the total, current expenditures increased by 8.0 percent to Rs 531 billion in July FY2023 as compared to Rs 492 billion in the same period last year, it added.

According to the report for FY2023, the fiscal deficit had been budgeted to reduce to 4.9 percent of GDP, while the primary balance is a surplus

of Rs 153 billion. The budget for FY2023 was prepared to achieve the goals of stabilizing economic growth, increasing revenues, rationalizing expenditures through prudent expenditure management, enhancing exports, and protecting the vulnerable segments of society through relief measures and pro-poor initiatives. However, the economy of Pakistan has been affected severely by widespread destruction brought by extreme flooding. Consequently, there will be a detrimental impact on the government's fiscal situation from both the revenue and expenditure sides, it adds. According to the report, in the backdrop of international price hike and recent exceptional floods, the economic outlook for Pakistan in the current fiscal year (2022-23) is likely to remain below the target."The economic outlook for Pakistan in the current fiscal year has become uncertain and will likely remain below the target," says the report adding the macroeconomic imbalances may ease with the expected slowdown in the economic growth.—APP



ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary for Federal Education and Professional Training Zeb Jaffar is vesting the Islamabad Model School G-7/3-1. APP

PALSP urges SBP for emergency rate cuts to 8%

Steel industry, which is capital intensive business and due to worsening economic condition it is already facing severe liquidity crunch, whereas many small to mid-sized mills have already shutdown

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Association of Large Steel Producers (PALSP) has urged the State Bank of Pakistan for emergency rate cut as the industry is on the brink of survival due to devastating rains causing havoc to the economy as well In-

"Our association accounts for over 70% of the nation's long steel being produced and it is unfortunate to state that today majority of our members are in distress due to the economic adversities created by record flooding coupled with some other factors. The

nomically right now in comparison to any period in the history in Pakistan. At this point in time, more drastic measures are required than Covid relief measures if the industries are to survive. These measures need to be announced immediately if we want to protect millions of jobs and avoid social unrest in the country."

In Pakistan, 1.5 million people were reported to have been diagnosed with Covid 19, whereas the flooding alone have caused 33 million people to become displaced, a challenge that is seen as 22 times worse than Covid outbreak as many of the areas are still under water and 8 million people have become pov-

erty ridden due to the natural catastrophe. The cost burden of the floods on the economy can be seen to be crossing over \$40 billion. The effects are only starting to be felt as Large Scale manufacturing contracted by a record 16.5% in July. "Things are only expected to get worse. Keeping decade-high interest rates hold zero logic as there is demand contraction across the board due to the floods. Commodity prices have softened, oil prices have come down and we are in a state of economic emergency, this is the time when SBP must act boldly to avoid social unrest and instability. The key rate currently

since the last two decades last seen in April 1999. Industry experts believe that the unbearable benchmark interest rate of 15% is unsustainable for industries while comparing it with other regional countries, the benchmark interest rate in Malaysia is 2.5pc, Bangladesh 3.08pc and India 5.9pc. It must be noted that the People's Bank of China cut its rate on a one-vear loan to 2.75% from 2.85% and injected an extra 400 billion yuan (\$60 billion) into lending markets after growth in factory output and retail sales weakened in July and home sales fell by double digits. "We request Honorable Federal Minister

Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar and the SBP to act

PALSP further notes that other economies such as UK, the core inflation stands at 9.9% and the monetary policy rate is at 2.25%, signifying a real negative interest rate of -7.65%. It would be prudent to note that UK has announced a £150bn energv subsidv scheme, whereas Germany has deployed 200bn in economic stimulus. However, Pakistan's core inflation stands at 13.8% for September and CPI has softened month on month, along with a regional average interest rate of 3.82%. Pakistan

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brought down to 8% effective immediately and further reduced in the coming quarters to a maximum of 6.15% Kibor. steel industry, which is cap-

ital intensive business and

due to worsening economic condition it is already facing severe liquidity crunch, whereas many small to midsized mills have already shutdown. This will structurally damage the Industry for decades to come. According to PALSP "What will Pakistan do when we

try to reconstruct our 400 damaged bridges and 3000km of roads because if SBP does not make emergency cuts, not many of the steel mill would remain un-

responsible for high ISLAMABAD:Federal Min-

Khan's govt

ister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal Monday while criticizing the previous regime said that Imran Khan's government is responsible for causing high inflation and damaging economy of the country.

Talking to PTV news, he said that Imran Khan was hatching conspiracies to divide the state institutions, adding he said the former premier wanted to trample the Constitution through his nefarious actions.

He said the present government was utilizing all its energies to provide relief to common man and avert the negative impacts of the PTI's bad economic poli-

He further said the PTI's government had politically victimized leadership of PML-N and PPP at all levels by framing fake cases against them. Ahsan Iqbal said that Imran Niazi was confusing people by playing mind games and criticizing institutions through deceitful speech in public for his political survival. He claimed that Imran Khan had crossed all red lines by attacking national institutions and Pak army, adding, the country's armed forces have rendered innumerable sacrifices in the war on terrorism and at present they are engaged in the relief and rescue efforts in the flood ravaged areas.-APP

World Teachers Day on Wednesday

ISLAMABAD:World Teachers' Day will be marked on Wednesday (Oct 5) across the globe to highlight the role of teachers in providing quality education and enabling children and adults of all ages to contribute in the society. The first World Teachers' Day was held on October 5, 1994 and the theme of World Teachers' Day, this year is 'The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers.

The aim of celebrating World Teachers day is to highlight the importance of the role played by teachers all over the world.

The day emphasizes the importance of teachers and learning, extra training sessions for teachers, recruitment drives for the teaching profession among university students and suitably qualified professionals to increase the profile of teachers.—APP

IRSA releases 160,100

cusecs water

ISLAMABAD: Indus River System Authority (IRSA) Monday released 160,100 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 113,800 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1547.00 feet and was 149.00 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 64,100 cusecs and 95,000

cusecs respectively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1188.15 feet, which was 138.15 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded 10,600 cusecs and 26,000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa and Sukkur was recorded 79,100, 59,500 and 35,600 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 18,100 cusecs of water released at Nowshera and 4,000 cusecs released from River Chenab at Marala.—APP

World Space Week celebrations commence from October 4 to 10

SLAMABAD:Institute of Space Technology (IST), Islamabad in collaboration with National Center of GIS and Space Applications (NCGSA) will celebrate World Space Week 2022 from October 4 to 10 at its

Islamabad campus. According to the IST, the annual week long space festivity encapsulates over 100 events, related to space science, technology and its applications. The celebrations are in pursuance of United Nations declaration of October 4 to 10 as international week of space aimed at celebrating, and acknowledging the contributions of Space Technology towards betterment of humankind.

space event of the world aimed to build up the workforce of tomorrow by inspiring students and educating the public about multifaceted domains of space.

It is the largest annual

Pakistan is one of the major contributors in the WSW space festivities, the national activities are held under the patronage of SUPARCO. Institute of Space Technology has been celebrating World Space Week since and trainings in 15 major 2005 in line with its vision "Be a National torchbearer in the realm of academics, through quality teaching, robust research and outreach, to produce leaders in the field of Space Science and Technology, in line with National aspirations".

IST organizes a wide range

of events to motivate and

inspire young minds towards the realms of Space Technology around the year through its Space Education Research Lab, under the National Center of GIS and Space Applications (NCGSA). Channelizing these efforts of space education and outreach through innovative and engaging initiatives at the national level, World Space Week 2022 will be celebrated at IST from

October 4-10. In accordance with the WSW 2022 theme of "Space and Sustainability" covering the aspects of achieving sustainability in space, and achieving sustainability from space, IST has planned more than 100 events including competilectures, webinars

categories, including; Space Recitations, Creative Writing, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Space Architectures, Space for SDGs, Space Technology Innovation, Demonstrations and Space Applications. The events are dedicated to inspire, and familiarize the school and college level students about the importance and applications of Space Science and Technology for the sustainable development of the world and beyond. The events of WSW 2022 at IST are designed for school and college level students of Grade 6-12. The competitions are being conducted in two rounds to ensure maximum participation of the students. The preliminary rounds of competitions were conducted online from September 19-23 while the final round will be conducted on campus from October 6-8, 2022. The competitions will be complemented by various talks, seminars, and webinars from national and international subject mat-

ter experts throughout the

Space Week. -APP

I Over 1,500 dengue, malaria patients provided free medicines

for Finance and Revenue,

ISLAMABAD:The Ministry of National Health Services and Regulations informed that over 1,500 dengue and malaria patients were provided free medicines, diagnostic lab facilities at the medical relief camps established in flood hit areas of Telti, a village near Sehwan

Sharif in Sindh province. A spokesman of ministry on Monday while quoting Minister for National Health Services and Regulations Abdul Qadir Patel said that the health relief camps have been established in collaboration with directorate of health establishment border health services of Pakistan to facilitate flood hit people. The health authorities have also launched an intensive dengue preventive spray in different villages of Sehwan

Sharif. These areas were worst affected with floods. The government would not take rest until complete rehabilitation of flood victims.-APP

PCRWR announces students competition

ISLAMABAD:Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and partners have announced a students competition for developing urban sculpture under the theme of "Water Conservation" as a part of Pakistan Water Week. According to an official of PCRWR, the students of Fine arts and Bachelor of Architecture can participate in this "creative genius competition" which is being organized on October 27 as a part of Pakistan Water Week 2022, to be observed from October 24 to 28.

The interested students under the age limit of 16-24 years may submit "urban sculpture and art forms" ideas under the theme of "water conservation" for the general public, raising awareness on the issue of water crisis and the importance of saving water as responsible citizens. Students may choose any genera for displaying their cre-

ativity: advertisements on buses, urban sculptures for parks, roadsides, and recreational places, wall arts, and The participating students may submit their ideas in form

of prototypes by October 17, 2022. Students will be awarded first, second and third prizes on the basis of their creativity, clarity, economy and eco-friendly ideas. The size of a prototype model of urban sculpture and

art forms must be comprised of minimum 2x3 feet not exceeding 4x4 feet maximum including depth, width and Sculpture is a symbol of visual art and it must be designed

in three dimensions (3D). Sculpture can be made with materials like stone, metal, ceramics, wood, plastic, wax, clay, paper, cardboards or others etc. while the design of

the sculpture should be plagiarism free. The last date for submission of designed sculpture along with registration form is October 17, 2022.

The designed sculpture can be submitted to Faiz-ul-Sibtain, Assistant Director Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources Khayaban-e-Johar Sector H-1, Islamabad Cell: 0333-5166828 Email: faizul_sibtain@hotmail.

NAVTTC imparts training to around 98,000 youth

ISLAMABAD:National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC), under the guidance of Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, has so far imparted training to 98,000 youth in 989 institutes in the subjects of Hi-Tech, Cyber Security and Artificial Intelligence and Robotics as certified skilled professionals.

According to official sources, around 71 percent had been employed in Hi-Tech Skills and in Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Cyber Security etc. Similarly, the professional training had been imparted to around 379,350 youth. NAVTTC was making all-out efforts under the Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Programme to equip

youth with the latest market demand-driven and technology-oriented income-generating technical skills. In this regard, under Na-

tional Vocational Qualifications Framework (NVQF), NAVTTC developed 200 qualifications, 46,725 personnel have been certified and mainstreamed through RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) (Ustad-Shagrid). Matric-Tech Programme, which is fusion of formal education with technical education. "It has opened new horizons for youth seeking early employment. It was piloted in 15 formal education schools of ICT, GB and AJK. The International Accreditation of 10 Pakistani institutes has been achieved and 535

national TVET institutes have been accredited so far. 50 Smart Labs and 500 Class Rooms have been set up with the Chinese CPEC support. NAVTTC also established ten (10) Country of Destinations (CoDs) specific facilitation centers across the country to ensure effective mobilization of skilled workforce overseas," they added. Pakistan was blessed to have

a significantly large pool of talented youth which, no doubt, are a potential human resource and NAVTTC as per the vision of Government is equipping youth with income-generating skills for economic development and productivity, the sources informed. TVET Accreditation and Quality Evaluation Com-

mittee has recently approved the accreditation of 77 more TVET Institutes. They also shared several steps taken by NAVTTC which contributed to national human resource development and had generated a large number of employment opportunities for the skilled youth benefiting them as well as the national economy. The government was focusing on imparting quality and demand-driven skills among youth,adding, NAVTTC, under the guidance of Minister for Education and Professional Training, Rana Tanveer Hussain, had taken numerous steps to update TVET system of the country on modern lines, and was delivering high quality training, as per international standards.-APP

ECC takes up wheat import agenda via Gwadar Port

ISLAMABAD: In order to materialize import of wheat via Gwadar Port, Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) has finally taken up the agenda of importing wheat from Gwadar Port in its 11-point plan list, Gwadar Pro reported on Monday. ECC is Federal Institution responsible to authorize key economic initiative in Pakistan. As per the agenda list, the Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MNFS&R) has proposed to allow Trading Corporation of

Pakistan (TCP) to award the contract of imported wheat, initially for three smaller vessels not exceeding 40,000 MT tonnage, for berthing at Gwadar Seaport. The summary presented by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research regarding the import of wheat through the Gwadar seaport was deferred by ECC in its last meeting. However, it was incorporated in the agenda for the meeting later. Wheat imports via Gwadar promises to usher in a new era of business, commerce and trade vibrancy at Gwadar port. GPA official

dubbed the readiness to import wheat through Gwadar port a new milestone saying wheat import will spur up trade activities in Gwadar. "It will also boost up employability as when bustling activity will get underway, skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled man force will be required to handle the entire scale of work," he added. In 2020, the federal government already allowed the import of wheat at the Gwadar port and onward transit to Afghanistan through bonded carriers-insured and sealable trucks having a tracking device.—APP

England team's tour concludes

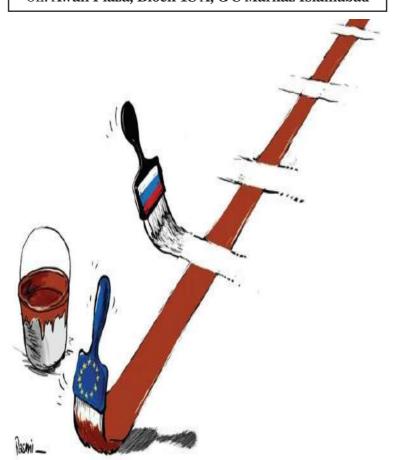
FTER seven games, 12 days, and countless twists and turns, England's T20 tour of Pakistan ended in a 4-3 victory. The deciding match, which had been one of the most eagerly anticipated games held here in the last decade did not leave a lot for the local fans to cheer about. Their team lost by 67 runs. The game was as good as done inside the first few overs of Pakistan's innings. They had put England in, because they think of themselves as a chasing team. But they lost both openers in the first eight deliveries. Chris Woakes had Babar Azam caught at cover, and two balls later, Reece Topley bowled Mohammad Rizwan. England's 209 already felt like a mountain, and this was as if their expedition leaders had stepped out of the tents and fallen straight into the nearest crevasse. Azam and Rizwan together had scored 601 runs at the start of this game, over 200 more than the other 13 Pakistani batsmen had between them. That total looked a very long way away now. It receded further into the distance when David Willey had Iftikhar Ahmed caught by Phil Salt off the top edge in the sixth over. Willey was especially pleased, since he had already dropped him once off his own bowling. Pakistan were 37 for three at the end of the powerplay, and the match drifted to a conclusion, Shan Masood plodded on to 56 off 43 balls, in an odd and solitary vigil for a long-dead innings. It was a shame the game ended so tamely. For a time it reached a pitch of intensity not many T20 matches do. It caught light in the 15th over of England's innings, when Dawid Malan and Harry Brook were together and set. Malan had 42 off 26, Brook 23 off 14, and Azam brought Mohammad Hasnain into the attack. Brook tried to scoop his second ball, which was 91mph, but was beaten by it. Then he tried to scoop his third too, and this time he was hit in the helmet. Hasnain stopped to check on him, then turned back to his mark, and started in again, harder and faster, this time. All of a sudden the match was electric with threat. Nevertheless, it was a great cricket series for Pakistan cricket. England's first tour in over a decade did not disappoint cricket fans. Hopefully this tour will further redeem Pakistan's image as cricket loving and safe country.

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Worsening Ukraine crisis

NOTHER leak has been detected in the undersea pipelines running from Russia to Europe, the Swedish Coast Guard said. That means four leaks have now been detected in the pipelines running from Russia to Europe, according to the Swedish Coast Guard. Sweden has detected two leaks on the Nord Stream 1 pipeline on its side of the sea, while Denmark has confirmed it has detected a leak on both the Nord Stream 1 and Nord Stream 2 pipelines on its side. Suggestions of sabotage quickly emerged after the first three leaks were detected after seismologists reported explosions that "rattled the Baltic Sea", with some European officials and energy experts promptly laying the blame at Russia's door claiming that it directly benefits from higher energy prices and economic anxiety across Europe. Although the loss of leverage would suggest otherwise.

Others have suggested Ukraine might have been responsible in a bid to frame Russia for an attack on European Union energy infrastructure and drag NATO into the conflict on its side.

The EU has certainly responded predictably with EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell saying in a statement on behalf of all 27 members on Wednesday that: "Any deliberate disruption of European energy infrastructure is utterly unacceptable and will be met with a robust and united response." Others have pointed fingers at the United States. A video clip from February showing US President Joe Biden vowing to prevent Nord Stream 2 from operating if Russia began its "special military operation" in Ukraine went viral on social media on Wednesday, and there have also been media reports about the frequent presence of United States Navy ships near the waters since August.

But with no party stepping forward to claim responsibility, it remains to be seen if an investigation can determine what happened, and if the damage was deliberate, who should be held accountable.

The Nord Stream pipeline leaks have also added even more uncertainty and complexity to the Ukraine crisis. The likely sabotage should prompt members of the world community to join hands to find a peaceful solution to end the Ukraine crisis at an early date. Not least because all countries will feel the effects. Whether by design or ignorance, the leaks are a climate catastrophe. Huge volumes of methane, which is significantly more potent than carbon dioxide at absorbing the sun's heat and warming the Earth, are being pumped into the Baltic Sea and atmosphere. Talks to end the conflict are imperative to arrest the seemingly relentless spiral into an abyss.

Global warming devastated Pakistan

Dr. Muhammad Ikram Zaheer



Pakistan is a country that has done little to combat global warming and now it is being worsen much due to Global Warming and the Monsoon. The South Asian summer monsoon is part of the regional climate pattern. Mainly from June to September, winds blow from the south-west. This terrestrial wind brings the rainy season. In general, this is usually a good thing for the agricultural activities

UMMER flood killed more than 1,500 people in Pakistan. Since June rain swept away buildings, flooded homes and destroyed roads. One third of the country was under water. Scientists still can't say exactly how climate change contributed to the disaster, but they do know that global warming is dramatically increasing the likelihood of extreme rains in South Asia, a quarter of humanity's area. This global warming has made the monsoon season worse this year for the region particularly Pakistan. Pakistan is a country that has done little to combat global warming and now it is being worsen much due to Global Warming and the Monsoon. The South Asian summer monsoon is part of the regional climate pattern. Mainly from June to September, winds blow from the south-west. This terrestrial wind brings the rainy season. In general, this is usually a good thing for the agricultural activities. Farmers across the region depend on monsoon rains for their crops. But this is not a normal time anymore.

Due to global warming, the water in the oceans is evaporating very fast. And warmer environments can hold more moisture. Hence, heavy rains can occur during monsoon. It will take time for researchers to examine the attribution to determine what happened this summer, but Steven Clemens, professor of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences at Brown University, said Pakistan's plains have caused significant flooding.

The country's disaster management agency says that rains have been three times higher this monsoon season in Pakistan. Sindh province, which borders the Arabian Sea to the south, receives five times the average rainfall.

The ongoing political instability in Pakistan complicates the task of preparing for heavy rains. In Pakistan, no prime minister has completed his term. Former Prime Minister Imran Khan was also forced to resign in April. He was indicted this month under anti-terrorism laws amid a power struggle with incumbent leaders. The coun-



try's difficult economic situation also means that there are not enough resources for adaptation projects. At one point this month, the annual inflation rate was 42.3 percent.

Madiha Afzal, an analyst at the Brookings Institution in Washington, says the heavy rains damaged much due to late response by the government that was already facing economic and political crisis in the country. She further said that the government did not pay attention and not took it serious. "So things that should happen in a disaster, like the message to evacuate people from flooded areas, didn't happen." Economic difficulties are also affecting the government's ability to help the house displaced people and rebuild damaged properties, he added. There is a risk of damage to agriculture as well.

According to the World Bank, more than 40 percent of Pakistanis are employed in agricultural sector. The United States this month announced almost 1 million dollars for Pakistan to deal with natural disasters. And in September, the country has secured a 1.3 billion US dollars loan from the International Monetary Fund to avoid default. But government officials in Pakistan believe that the damage was caused by a natural disaster that is the result of public sins.

Liz Truss government crisis mode

Andrew Hammond

IZ TRUSS was selected as the new UK prime minister less than a month ago by party members who saw her as a safe pair of hands. Yet her government is already facing a potential full-scale loss of market confidence in its economic strategy. Last week, Kwasi Kwarteng, the new finance minister, unveiled an extraordinary emergency budget that turned on the fiscal taps, including massive levels of new spending and tens of billions of pounds of tax cuts in what was the largest program of unfunded stimulus since at least the

The markets gave his proposals a big thumbs down in dramatic fashion, delivering the most negative reaction to any UK fiscal event in living memory. The crisis deepened in recent days as a Bank of England decision to rule out any emergency increase in interest rates prompted fresh selling of the pound in currency marthe UK's central bank will now respond, as reflected by the shifts in sterling as optimism about a potential interest rate intervention gave way to disappointment at the failure to deliver this. As of Friday, sterling was trading only marginally above parity with the US dollar - its lowest-ever rate against the US currency.

In a sign that international policymakers are growing increasingly alarmed by the recent turmoil in the UK, Raphael Bostic, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, spoke out this week. He said that the sell-off in the pound reflected growing uncertainty about the direction of the British economy. This added to similar concerns raised last week by former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers.

While Kwarteng must have anticipated a negative reaction by markets to his budget, he clearly did not appreciate the full extent of investor angst. This was a big oversight on his part; it had been clear for some time that his announcement could trigger a serious financial meltdown. Take, for example, Deutsche Bank foreign exchange strategist Shreyas Gopal, who warned on Sept. 7, the day Truss was formally appointed prime minister, that the risks of a "sterling crisis" should not be underestimated. He said the "risk premium on UK gilts (government debt) is already rising ... a crisis may sound extreme but it is not unprecedented: A combination of aggressive fiscal spending, severe energy shock, and a slide in sterling ultimately resulted in the UK having recourse to an International Monetary Fund loan in the mid-1970s." Gopal was far from alone within the financial market community in issuing warnings. Moreover, Truss was also very clearly warned, on many occasions, by former UK Finance Minister Rishi Sunak, her defeated rival in the Conservative leadership contest, that her economic plans were "comforting fairy tales." It is not 100 percent clear why Kwarteng refused to listen to such warnings. Nor, indeed, why he decided to sack Treasury Permanent Secretary Tom Scholar, who might have been a key person to give the new government constructively critical counsel about its fiscal options. Having dug himself into a deep political hole, Kwarteng now faces a massive challenge to get out of it. In recent days, he has failed to reassure jittery markets with a promise that he will outline the government's debt reduction strategy in a statement at the end of November. Many in the financial markets appear now to believe that talking tough will not be enough, however, and that official borrowing costs will need to rise more sharply and faster than previously anticipated, in an effort to reverse sterling's slide. The irony is that this might well wipe out any boost from Kwarteng's growth push. Politically, the budget debacle is the worst possible start

to Truss's prime ministership. The chief beneficiary of Truss's travails is likely to be the Labour Party, which held its annual conference in Liverpool this week. The results of a YouGov poll published on Friday put the opposition more than 30 percentage points ahead of the ruling Conservatives, the highest lead Labour has had since Tony Blair's first landslide election victory 25 years ago. While the party will take nothing for granted, given the volatile political mood, there is a growing sense within Labour that the tide might be turning against the prospects of the Conservatives winning a historic fifth-straight term in office. Indeed, some comparisons have been drawn between events this month and the so-called Black Monday crisis in September 1992, when the Conservative government of Prime Minister John Major was forced to hike interest rates after the failure of his economic strategy.

No one political era is identical to another and there are key differences, as well as similarities, between 1992 and now. However, the odds appear to be growing that the Conservatives could lose a significant number of seats at the next election, and that Labour might once again emerge as the largest party in the House of Commons for the first time since the governments of Blair and Gordon Brown.

The portrayal of China in Western media

Imran Muneer

This is a matter of the fact that in the modern world everyone needs a good image and the bad image leads to isolation and no country can bear it, North Korea is an example of that. In image construction, media plays a vital role. Construction of image by the media has extreme effects; the manipulated image of a country, nation, or religion, has stern consequences. This is what is happening with China; a massive campaign has been going on against this country by western media

ATHAN Roger argues in his book Image Warfare in War on Terror that the mass media system has been shifted to a rhizomatic (grows horizontally under the ground) media system. That system relates to deterritorialized (take the control of) circulations and weaponization of images and this has resulted in the paradigm shift from techno-war to image war. China is a new economic giant in the modern world, possibly the next superpower of the world in near future. However, whatever we see in the western media, we find different images of China, a deprived nation, killing Muslims and other minorities in their country. This is what Nathan Roger argues, its image war and China is the biggest target of Western media.

In 2000, Bush junior when won his first US presidential election, after winning his presidential speech, he said, China is a real threat and enemy of the US. That speech gave a new target and enemy to Western media. However, since 2016, we observed the campaign against China got new momentum. The reality is Western media is controlled by Western powers and, therefore, works towards fulfilling their interests. In the modern world, 90 % of the world's media is owned by six conglomerates and they decide what to put in the mainstream and how to present the reality. They present the reality as per their ideology and the rest of the world follows this. Such framing has been proved and established in many scholarly studies that how they make a reality for us; a manufactured reality and a fabricated truth. Chinese scholar Ma Qian writes that Western media purportedly claim to be unbiased and fact-oriented. But when it comes to China, the impulse to toss aside journalistic ethics and manipulate the truth is now boringly obvious.

China is not the only victim of Western media's bad image construction, to understand this we have to go through the concept of orientalism. Since the Western powers emerged, literary work from Western writers also came out, however, in such books the people of the East were depicted as downgraded or subhuman. Edward Said, a Palestinian intellectual, literary theorist, and historian of the colonial narrative - said explained how Western works, now not just via armies, but via literature; now not just thru conquest, but through anthropology; no longer simply via oppression but justified thru narrative. He showed how the West painted a picture of the East. Snake charmers, belly dancers, thieves, the extraordinary, the sensual, and the deprived. In the modern world, Hollywood is the biggest tool of the West, portraying other communities, nations, countries, and religions as per their desire. Dr Hamid Dabashi, Professor at Columbia University argues that it is time for a reality check and to come to terms with the fact that "Hollywood" as an abstraction is in the business of misrepresenting everyone. It does not commit to the truth. It has made a lucrative business of deluding the world. Native Americans, African-Americans, Ar-

abs, Asians particularly Chinese, Latinx, Muslims,

Africans - everyone on planet Earth is misrepresented for the simple reason that at the epicentre of Hollywood as an industry stands a factual, virtual, or fictive white narrator telling the world he is the measure of truth and wisdom, joy and entertainment.A recent study conducted by the University of Negeri Surabaya (2021) concludes that the Hollywood industry reflects the superiority of the west over China through their designed characters. Hence, the portrayal of Chinese characters is displayed with stereotypes such as yellow faces, skin colour racism, slanted eyes, bullying, and alcoholic habit. The unique lens, through which non-Caucasians have been portrayed, as stupid and deprived is still practical in Western media. Said saw it in 19th-century Western literature and we can see it across current tradition: switch on the news, read the newspapers, and have a look at the images. What tales are you being informed? Us versus them; The rational as opposed to the irrational; Civilization versus barbarism.

It is a ground reality that Orientalism is an integral part of European material civilisation and culture. It represents that part culturally and even ideologically as a mode of discourse with supporting institutions, vocabulary, scholarship, imagery, doctrine, and even colonial bureaucracies and colonial styles. The such thing we can see nowadays, for example when China is becoming a new economic giant, the Western powers align together against it with all of its forces to stop it.

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According to Malcom X, 'the media is the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and to make the guilty innocent and that's power. Because they control the minds of the masses.'Noam Chomsky says that media work on a 'doctrinal system' where the message of the elite is put out. He pointed out that the global elite - like the Pentagon- controls what type of message is to be broadcasted in print and electronic media. Such kind of doctrine system we can observe against China now a day.

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President thanks int'l community for support

From Page 01 presented their credentials and also made separate calls on the president. Talking to the Dutch ambassador, the president said Pakistan desired to forge a long-term and multi-dimensional partnership with the Netherlands, especially in the fields of trade, agriculture, investment, energy, culture, education and people-to-people contacts.

He said the Netherlands had become the second largest export destination for Pakistani products in the European Union (EU) with a bilateral trade volume of \$2.3 billion. He expressed the hope that the Netherlands would continue to extend its support for Pakistan's GSP plus.

Talking to the Danish ambassador, the president said that Pakistan desired to further strengthen relations with Denmark in all spheres, especially in political, economic, trade, investment and defence fields. He proposed that Pakistani tech companies could offer their cost-effective and high-quality services and products to Denmark.

The president highlighted the importance of ease of travelling between the two countries for further improving the bilateral economic relations as well as people-to-people contacts.

Talking to the Swiss ambassador, President Alvi said Pakistan highly valued its partnership with Switzerland in economy, trade and commerce as well as in the sphere of socio-economic development and humanitarian assistance.

He said the Swiss companies could invest in Pakistan's tourism sector which had great potential to attract tourism traffic from across the globe. The president said Pakistan could learn from Switzerland's highly developed tourism and hospitality industry, besides benefitting from Swiss expertise to train human resources connected with the tourism industry.

Talking to the ambassador of Finland, the president urged to enhance interactions between the business communities as well as the chambers of commerce and industry of the two countries to fully achieve the potential of bilateral trade volume. He said Pakistan would welcome Finnish expertise in the transport sector, including environmentally sustainable trans port technologies.

Talking to the high commissioner of Zimbabwe, the president expressed Pakistan's desire to enhance cooperation in the agricultural, pharmaceutical and defence sectors. He also underlined the need for enhancing bilateral trade volume to its fullest potential. Talking to the ambassador of Senegal, the president said Pakistan considered Senegal an important country in the West African region, and expressed satisfaction over the excellent state of relations between the two countries.

During the meetings, the president emphasized the need for further strengthening the international partnerships for countering climate change and moving towards the goal of zero emission of greenhouse gases.

He said the internationcommunity should commit itself to help the vulnerable countries, including Pakistan, to improve their capacity and resilience to mitigate the effects of climate change-induced disasters. He briefed the envoys on the recent catastrophic super floods caused by the emission of greenhouse gases where Pakistan's contribution was less than 1% but it was facing the brunt of climate change in the form of unprecedented floods, forest fires, heat waves and droughts. President Alvi thanked the international community for its continued support for Pakistan during the recent floods, and expressed the hope that the international community would further step up its contribution to relief and rehabilitation of the flood-hit population and reconstruction of the lost infrastructure.

Islamabad gets first victory in Women's Basketball C'ship

In the opening match Islamabad Blues outclassed Lahore in a close encounter to win the match in the last quarter with 48-41 points

AFZAL JAVED

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Blues outclassed Lahore in the first leg of pool round of National Women's Basketball Championship organized by Pakistan Basketball Federation here at Pakistan Sports Complex Islamabad on Monday. According to Federal Basketball Association General Secretary Ouj-E-Zahoor, as many as eight top teams including defending champion Pakistan Wapda, Karachi, Rawalpindi, Islamabad whites, Pakistan Army, Lahore, Islamabad Blues and Peshawar were divided into two pools. Director General Paki-



stan Sports Board (PSB) Col. (R) Asif Zaman was graced as chief guest in the opening ceremony

Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic Melis Moldaliev, President Pakistan Basketball Federation while Counsellor of the (PBBF) Brig. (R) If-

tikhar Mansoor, Sec-General PBBF retary Khalid Bashir, Deputy DG Pakistan Sports

championship organizing secretary Oui-e-Zahoor and other dignities were also present during the opening ceremony.

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Some outstanding moves made it possible for Islamabad to make a comeback during the 4th quarter to win the important match. Asma Bibi and Aimal played an exceptional game scoring 18 and 12 respectively while Yaqoob Qadri, Tariq Nawaz, Gul Jamal and MM Alam conducted the match as officials. This event is one of the series of several events that Pakistan Basketball Federation has planned to revive the game in the country.

Pakistan, UN to re-launch flash appeal

From Page 01 Minister for Economic Affairs Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar participating virtually from Islamabad. UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths and Director General World Health Organization Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus will represent the UN, along with Resident Coordinator in Pakistan Julien Harneis.

The meeting will be attended by UN Member States as well as various UN agencies and humanitarian organizations working in the area of disaster relief.

The Floods Response Plan has been prepared in close coordination between the Government of Pakistan and the United Nations, and focuses on providing necessary assistance to the vulnerable people affected by the unprecedented floods. It complements the Government's overall response to the recent climate-induced floods in Pakistan.

PM rejects flood relief dashboard

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saying during a briefing on flood relief efforts in Islamabad on Monday. Expressing dissatisfaction over the dashboard, the premier said a real-time monitoring panel of international standards would ensure better coordination among institutions and enhance the country's credibility.

The prime minister, in a briefing on the dashboard being developed to provide real-time information about flood relief support and its usage, instructed the officials to add more features like the weather alert and others to make it a "world-class" platform containing all relevant in-

formation. "We should design a dashboard which the whole nation should be proud of," PM Shehbaz said. He exemnlified a dashboard on den gue outbreak by the Punjab government during his stint as chief minister, which he said had got international recognition as it had contained all the relevant information like hotspots and the provided facilities.

The prime minister also pointed out the shortcomings in the design and called for further improvements to enable it to meet the nation's needs and effectively reflect the coordinated efforts being made by the government for relief and rehabilitation of the flood-stricken people. Premier Shehbaz said the

flood relief dashboard must contain all the relevant information about every item where the relief items like quilts and baby food were sent and where they came from.

He said the government would provide all required support for the development of the dashboard which should not be a makeshift arrangement but rather a facility usable even for decades.

IHC wraps up contempt case against Imran

From Page 01 We take a lot of care in

contempt of court cases, Justice Minallah went on to say. He said that the IHC was "dismissing" the notice issued to Imran, effectively ending contempt proceedings against the PTI chief.

"This is the unanimous decision of the larger bench,' he remarked. However, the attorney general opposed the court's decision to dismiss the show-cause notice issued to Imran as he pointed to the cases involving Nehal Hashmi, Daniyal Aziz and Talal Chaudhry.

"Are you saying you support the judgements in these cases?" Justice Minallah asked and subsequently told the attorney general to submit a written copy of his reservations in court.

Talking to reporters after the hearing, Imran said: "Justice Athar Minallah has taken great decisions [in the past]." He also said that he would appear before the court if needed as he had done in the past.

Bowlers' dominance leads Pak to consecutive triumphs

SYLHET: Pakistani bowlers put up another solid show to help their team register back-to-back victories to start the Women's Asia Cup on a strong note. After deciding to bowl first against Bangladesh, Pakistan were set with an aim to restrict opponents to a minimum total. Bowlers fulfilled the task and got their spells right on the

target to put Bangladesh under pressure as they scored 70-8 in 20 overs. Opening pacer Diana Baig took just an over to pick up her first wicket. Bangladesh's opener Shamima Sultana had no chance to read a perfect good length delivery. Sadia Iqbal followed the footsteps of Diana to pick up another wicket in no while. In the absence of their regular pacer Fatima



picked up her second wicket to dent Bangladesh to 3-3 within five overs. Under pressure, Bangladesh was lifted up by captain Nigar Sultana with a defensive effort but Pakistani bowlers had their dominance continued throughout. Sultana made 17 runs before reliable Nida Dar picked her up in the 14th over. Bangladesh were already struggling to score runs with their wickets kept on falling after regular intervals. Salma Khatun top-scored with her cameo of 24 which was slow-paced innings off 29 balls including two boundaries.

Diana and Nida bagged two wickets each whereas Sadia and Omaima Sohail shared a wicket apiece. In reply, Pakistani openers Muneeba Ali and Sidra Ameen scored 49 runs together in 7.3 overs. Muneeba fell after scoring 14 runs but Sidra continued her form and kept ticking the scoreboard. Sidra and captain Bismah Maroof scored 22 runs together as Pakistan wrapped up a nine-wicket victory to top the points table.

Sidra remained not out for 35-ball 36 whereas Bismah scored 12 off 20. The only wicket from Bangladesh was taken by Salma. Pakistan will now take on Thailand in their third match on October 6.

Azerbaijan proposes to hold talks with **Armenia in October**

DNA

BAKU: Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry said late on Sunday that it proposed moving up scheduled talks with Armenia to October from November to address border delimitation problems that are vital to prevent any further conflicts between the two countries. On Sunday, the foreign ministers from Azerbaijan and Armenia met in Geneva, after the worst fighting between the two ex-Soviet countries since 2020 killed more than 200 in late September.

"During the meeting, Azerbaijan proposed to hold the next meeting of the bilateral commission on delimitation in October, not in November, as previously agreed, taking into account the tension on the non-delimited border." the ministry said in a statement on its website. Armenia's Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan and his Azerbaijani counterpart Jeyhun Bayramov met to begin "drafting the text of the peace treaty," the Foreign Ministry in Baku said Monday. It said the talks followed up the EU-mediated meeting on Aug. 31 in Brussels between Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian. Azerbaijan called for "full withdrawal of the Armenian armed units from the territories of Azerbaijan, and the opening of transport and communication lines," the ministry said in a statement. Armenia's Foreign Ministry said, "The parties exchanged ideas on the peace treaty, ensuring the rights and security guarantees of the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh." It reaffirmed its demands of Azerbaijani troops' "withdrawal from the sovereign territory of Armenia," the release of POWs and "the introduction of international mechanisms for controlling the situation on the border.'

No button for making Pakistan play like Australia: Ramiz Raja

LAHORE: Defending the Green Shirts after a 4-3 T20I series loss to England, Ramiz Raja, Chairman Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), has said there exists no button for making Pakistan play like Australia as and when required. "Our team have its own playing style and there's nothing wrong in it in my view," the PCB chairman said in a video post. England whitewashed Pakistan in the decider of home series at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium on Sunday. "If this style had any flaws, then our team's success rate in the last 12 months would not have been 80%." Highlighting the bright side, Raja said the players' temperament was improving and they were fighting back. "It is said that push the button and start playing aggressively like Australia. They also say that we play old-fashioned cricket. It is not modern cricket," Raja added. 'Pakistan team fought till last ball'

The PCB chairman seconded the analysis that Pakistan play old school cricket; however, they did seal so many notable victories playing that way. "The PCB has started a programme for modern day cricket and it will prepare cricketers in the next four years," he however and added that in that time they would be fully prepped to play modern cricket. Raja said they would put as much pressure on the team as possible but not more than that. Raja hailed the Green Shirts, saying the team fought till the last ball. "The team have won some thrilling matches and reached the knock-out stage in different events. National cricketers were selected in the ICC players of the year list. Where does it happen in such a big number," he said. Moreover, the PCB chief said the fans had taken ownership of this team and filled up the stadiums during the clashes against England even on working days. A day earlier, a sublime fifty from Dawid Malan and three wickets for Chris Woakes guided England to a thumping 67-run win over Pakistan in the seventh Twenty20 in Lahore as they clinched the series 4-3 in a major boost ahead of the World Cup. - DNA

Calls for more funding as pre-COP27 climate talks open

KINSHASA: Warning "noone will escape" a worsening crisis, DR Congo led calls on Monday for a surge in funding to brake global heating and fight its impacts at the start of pre-COP27 climate talks in Kinshasa.

The haggle comes ahead of COP27 - the UN's 27th summit-level gathering on climate change, which is due to take place in Egypt next month.

At opening ceremonies in the DRC's parliament building, Congolese Environment Minister Eve Bazaiba called on countries to respect financial pledges and endorse plans to help compensate climate-inflicted damage.

She added that money to protect carbon-absorbing rain forests - of which the DRC has vast tracts - should be viewed not as aid but as an investment in humanity's

Mother-Daughter duo make Pakistan proud DHAKA: All-rounder, Kain-

at Imtiaz, and her mother, Saleema Imtiaz, have made the entire country proud by representing Pakistan together in the Women's Asia Cup 2022 being held in Bangladesh. While Kainat is representing the Pakistan women's cricket team, Saleema is an umpire and stood in her first international match between India and Sri Lanka on Saturday. Taking to Instagram, Kainat shared a picture of her mom and penned, "Presenting my mom as an umpire for ACC Women's Asia Cup 2022. I can't be more proud of what she has achieved. Such a motivated person." She added, "It was always her dream to represent Pakistan, the dream I had been living for her until now. And today, finally after a very long wait she is going to represent Pakistan. We are going to represent Pakistan together. Super Excited. Alhamdulillah." - DNA



Türkiye to stand with Libya without hesitation

During the visit, the officials discussed bilateral relations and collaboration as part of 2019 agreements on security and military co-op and on the limitation of maritime jurisdiction in the Mediterranean

News Desk

TRIPOLI: Türkiye will continue to stand with Libya without any hesitation, Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoglu said Monday during a one-day working visit to the North African country. Holding a joint news conference with his Libyan counterpart Najla Mangoush following a bilateral meeting in the capital Tripoli, Çavuşoglu said that there is a need for a road map for a political solution in the war-torn country.

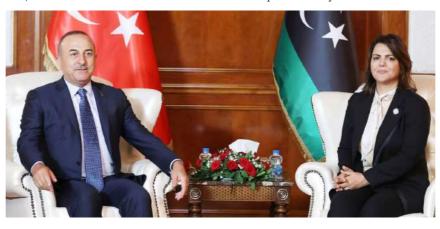
"We will work to evolve the calm on the ground into lasting peace," he said.

Çavuşoglu also said that all countries on the Mediterranean coasts should fairly benefit from the resources in the region. "When the conditions are met, we will open our Benghazi Consulate General," he added. A high-level Turkish delegation arrived in the Libyan capital Tripoli for an official visit on Monday on the instructions of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Çavuşoglu, Defense Minister Hulusi Akar, Energy and Natural Resources Minister Fatih Dönmez, Trade Minister Mehmet Muş, Communications Director Fahrettin Altun and Presidential Spokesperson

Ibrahim Kalın traveled to Libya for talks on various issues.

The Turkish officials met with their counterparts, as well as Mohamed al-Menfi, chairperson of the Libyan Presidential Council; Abdullah al-Lafi and Musa al-Koni, members of Libya's Presidential Council; Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Mohammed Dbeibah, leader of the Tripoli-based unity government, and Khalid al-Mishri, head of Libva's High Council of State. During the visit, the officials discussed bilateral relations and collaboration as part of 2019 agreements on security and military cooperation and on the limitation of maritime jurisdiction in the Mediterranean. They also addressed ways to hold elections in Libya as soon as possible and the developments regarding legal infrastructure work.

According to diplomatic sources, a top agenda item was the unity of all relevant institutions around a concrete plan to preserve stability in Libva and to hold presidential and parliamentary elections based on a



national consensus as soon as possible. The delegation was also expected to visit the land allocated by the Libyan authorities for the construction of the Tripoli Embassy campus in the Tajura region.

In 2019, Ankara signed a maritime delimitation agreement with the Government of National Accord (GNA) over the Eastern Mediterranean that provided a legal framework to prevent any fait accompli by regional states. The two countries, Türkiye and Libya, also signed a military cooperation accord.

In August this year, Libya's capital Tripoli saw deadly clashes between forces backing Dbeibah and those loyal to his rival Fathi Bashagha, who was appointed by the Tobruk-based parliament as prime minister. It left 32 people dead and 159 injured.

Libya plunged into chaos following the 2011

overthrow and killing of dictator Moammar Gadhafi in a NATO-backed uprising, with myriad armed groups and foreign powers moving in to fill the power vacuum. The violence, the worst since reaching

a cease-fire in 2020, came amid military buildups by forces affiliated with Dbeibah and Bashagha, as both figures claim power and authority in the North African country.

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83 dead after **Hurricane** lan hit **Florida**

WASHINGTON: At least 83 people have died in the wake of Hurricane Ian. which tore through the US state of Florida this week, according to a report Sunday. The tropical storm brought flooding and destruction to southwest Florida, mostly affecting Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach and Cape Coral.

Tallied by NBC News, the number is feared to continue to rise. In North Carolina, there were four storm-related deaths due to Ian. Rescue efforts remain underway after the devastating Categorv 4 storm made landfall Wednesday.

President Joe Biden said Thursday that Hurricane Ian "could be the deadliest" in the state's history. "This could be the deadliest hurricane in Florida's history. The numbers are still unclear, but we're hearing early reports of what may be substantial loss of life," Biden said from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) headquarters.

This week, Biden and first lady Jill Biden are expected to travel to Florida.—APP

Turkey's inflation rate hits fresh 24-year high

ISTANBUL :Turkish inflation jumped to a new 24-year high exceeding 83 percent in September, official data showed Monday, after the central bank cut interest rates despite surging prices.

Turkey's monetary policymakers are bucking the global trend of central bank raising interest rates to combat inflation, as high borrowing rates cool down the economy and prices. But President Recep

Tayyip Erdogan, who has focused on growth ahead of a general election in June, has repeatedly railed against higher rates, calling them his "biggest en-

The country's central bank has followed his philosophy, lowering its policy rate to 12 percent from 13 percent last month.

Erdogan has called for more rate cuts at the bank's next policy meeting on October 20.

The TUIK state statistics agency said Monday that consumer prices rose by 83.45 percent in September on an annual basis. up from 80.2 percent in August.

The Turkish lira hit a new record low of 18.56 against the dollar following the announcement.

But opposition leaders and many Turks no longer trust official government data. A respected monthly study released by independent economists from Turkev's ENAG research institute also showed prices soaring - at a much higher rate than the one reported by the state statistics agency. ENAG said the official annual rate of consumer price increases reached 186.27 percent in September, compared to 181.37 percent in August.—APP

Top Shabaab commander killed in joint operation

MOGADISHU: A top commander of the al-Shabaab terrorist group has been killed in a joint operation by the Somali military and international partner forces, Somali authorities said on late Sunday.

"Abdullahi Nadir, a top leader of #Alshabab terrorists, wanted by Somali government for long time has been killed in an operation," the Information Ministry said on Twitter. According to the Somali National News Agency, Nadir, who was also known as Abdullahi Yare and had a \$3 million US bounty on his head, was one of the co-founders of al-Shabaab, an al-Qaeda-linked terror group. The ministry said the operation was jointly conducted on Oct.1 by the Somali army and international security partners in Haramka village in the southern Middle Jubba region.-APP

Violent riots 'planned by US and Zionist regime': Khamenei

Foreign Desk

TEHRAN: Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has severely censured the unrest that erupted in some parts of Iran following the death of a young woman, stating that the deadly riots were orchestrated in advance by the United States and the Israeli regime.

Ayatollah Khamenei, the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, made the remarks on Monday as he addressed the joint graduation ceremony for the cadets studying in the academies of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Armed Forces.

"I state it clearly that these developments were planned by America, the Zionist regime and their acolytes. Their main problem is with a strong and independent Iran and the country's progress. The Iranian nation proved to be fairly strong during recent events and will bravely come onto the scene wherever necessary in the future," the Leader said.

"During the latest developments, injustice was done to the country's law enforcement forces, the Basij and the Iranian nation. Of course, the Iranian nation emerged completely strong as it did before and



will do so in the future," he added. Protests over the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian woman who fainted at a police station on September 16 and was later pronounced dead at a hospital, erupted first in her native province of Kurdistan and later spread to other parts of the country, including Tehran.

The protests soon turned into violent riots, with rioters going on the rampage across the country, attacking security officers, resorting to vandalism against public property, and desecrating religious sanctities.

According to a statement released by the Iranian Intelligence Ministry on Friday, the rioters have been backed by Western regimes and their mercenary media, who disseminated misinformation and distorted the sequence of events

that led to Amini's death even before the official investigation into the incident concludes.

Ayatollah Khamenei also said that although Amini's death was heart-breaking, the ensuing riots were not natural as groups of people caused social disturbances on the streets, burnt copies of the Holy Qur'an, harassed veiled women, and set mosques, religious congregational halls and private

"If it were not for the young girl, they would have invented another excuse to create insecurity and trigger riots in the country on the first day of [the Persian calendar month of Mehr this year," he maintained.

"Many riots broke out across the world, including in Europe. There are riots every now and then in France and Paris in particular. But the question is: Has it ever been the case for the US president and the House of Representatives to support the rioters and make statements? Is there another case where they have sent messages and stated that they are with them? Is there another case where mass media affiliated with American capitalism and their mercenaries in the region, including the Saudis, have supported rioters in other countries? And is there a case where Americans have announced that we will provide certain internet hardware or software to rioters so that they can communicate easily with each other?" the Leader added. Ayatollah Khamenei went on to say that such support has, on the contrary, happened several times in Iran, and clearly points to the fact that foreign powers are behind recent events in the country.

Europe: IEA warns

of gas market

tightness in 2023

LONDON: Global natural gas markets are set to remain

tight next year, with lower gas flow from Russia to Europe.

high gas prices, lower demand and the impact of energy sav-

ing measures, according to the International Energy Agen-

As Russia's curtailment of natural gas flow to Europe leads

to new highs of international prices, it also disrupts trade

flow, leading to fuel shortages in some emerging and devel-

Russia's reduced flows to Europe deepens market tensions

and uncertainty ahead of the coming winter, not just for Eu-

rope but also for all markets that rely on the same supply

pool of liquefied natural gas (LNG), according to the report.

"Russia's invasion of Ukraine and sharp reductions in nat-

ural gas supplies to Europe are causing significant harm

to consumers, businesses and entire economies, not just in

Europe but also in emerging and developing economies,"

said Keisuke Sadamori, the IEA's director of Energy Mar-

kets and Security. "The outlook for gas markets remains

clouded, not least because of Russia's reckless and unpre-

dictable conduct, which has shattered its reputation as a re-

liable supplier. But all the signs point to markets remaining

The record high prices seen in European and Asian spot

LNG markets reduced gas demand and incentivized the

switch to other fuels such as coal and oil for power genera-

Europe's gas consumption dropped by more than a record

10% during the January-August period this year compared

with the same period of 2021, driven by a 15% fall in the

Europe increased LNG imports, as well as alternative pipe-

line supplies from Norway and elsewhere, to offset the

Europe's demand for LNG grew by 65% in the Janu-

ary-August 2022 period from a year earlier. This demand

has drawn supply away from the traditional buyers in the

Asia-Pacific Region, where demand contracted by 7% over

the same period due to high prices, mild weather and con-

Poland demand WWII

reparations from Germany

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of the German aggression

and occupation in the years

On Sept. 1, the 83rd anni-

versary of the German inva-

sion of Poland, a parliamen-

tary report was published on

Polish losses suffered as a

result of German aggression

and occupation in 1939-1945.

Its calculations estimate that

during the war Poland lost a

total of 6 trillion Polish zloty

This includes human losses

- it was estimated that each

person who died during the

war should be compensated

for with a sum of 800,000 zlo-

ty (\$175,000).—APP

(\$1.3 trillion).

1939-1945," Rau said.

industrial sector as factories curtailed production.

tinued COVID-19 lockdowns in China.-APP

cy's Gas Market Report Q4 2022 published Monday.

oping economies, the IEA said.

very tight well into 2023," he said.

sharp falls in Russian gas supplies.

WARSAW: Poland's foreign

minister on Monday signed

a diplomatic note demand-

ing war reparations from

Germany. Zbigniew Rau said

the note will be sent to the

German Foreign Ministry.

"Regulating the issue of the

consequences of German

aggression and occupation

should include payment by

Germany of compensation

for material and non-materi-

al damage caused to the Pol-

ish state," Rau said. "The

diplomatic note expresses

the conviction that the par-

ties should take immediate

action to ensure a perma-

nent, comprehensive, final,

legal and material settle-

tion, according to the report.

UK govt scraps 45% top rate tax cut

LONDON: The British government has scrapped a proposed top rate tax cut of 45%, the country's finance minister announced Monday.

The decision to announce a major U-turn from the tax cut for high earners came after a week of economic turmoil in the country and the UK pounding diving to a historic low against the US dollar.

Kwasi Kwarteng wrote on Twitter that the cut had "become a distraction." "We get it and we have lis-

tened," he added. Kwarteng's announcement followed criticism from Tory MPs in the party's autumn conference that continues in Birmingham. Also taking to Twitter, Prime Minister Liz Truss echoed Kwarteng: "We get it and we have listened.

"The abolition of the 45pc rate had become a distraction from our mission to get Britain moving. Our focus now is on building a high growth economy that funds world-class public services, boosts wages, and creates opportunities across the country."

The new government under Truss revealed the new financial policy for "economic growth" of the country and introduced a 45% tax cut for those who earn more than £150,000 (\$167,000) 10 days ago.

The policy had met strong opposition from all sides, including the Conservative MPs since it was revealed. The government has defended the policy, saying it would promote growth.-Agencies

UK PM's number available online for sale: Report

LONDON: The personal mobile number of British Prime Minister Liz Truss and other senior politicians was found to be available for sale on the internet on a website of hacked numbers, local media reported on Sunday.

A US-based website, which was not named, charges £6.49 (\$7.2) for a week's access to a database of phone numbers taken from previous data breaches and cyberattacks..

A reporter at the Mail on Sunday found the prime minister's alleged number within seconds, and after adding it to WhatsApp, a profile came up with a picture of the prime minister taken last Christmas.

Alongside the prime minister, 25 other Cabinet ministers also had their phone numbers on the website. including Kwasi Kwarteng, the finance minister: Ben Wallace, the defense secretary; and James Cleverly, the foreign secretary.

Opposition Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer's number was also available, alongside a half dozen of the shadow cabinet.

A government spokesman said: "We take cyber security extremely seriously and we have agencies like the National Cyber Security Centre to help businesses and individuals protect their personal information from cyber threats.

"While we don't comment on specific incidents, the government is aware that websites exist that aggregate details from historical data breaches, therefore much of the data on these websites is old and incor-

French justice minister faces trial on conflict of interest charge

PARIS:France's justice minister has been ordered to stand trial in a conflict of interest case that has embarrassed President Emmanuel Macron's government. his lawyers said on Monday.

His lawyers said they had immediately lodged an appeal to block the move. Eric Dupond-Moretti, a

former star defence lawyer, was last year charged with misusing his position to settle scores with opponents from his legal career, becoming the first sitting French justice minister to be charged in a le-

Sweden's Paabo wins medicine Nobel prize

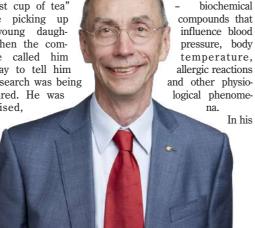
STOCKHOLM: Swedish paleogeneticist Svante Paabo, who sequenced the genome of the Neanderthal and discovered the previously unknown hominin Denisova, on Monday won the Nobel Medicine Prize.

Paabo's research gave rise to an entirely new scientific discipline called paleogenomics, and has "generated new understanding of our evolutionary history", the Nobel committee said.

"By revealing genetic dif-

ferences that distinguish all living humans from extinct hominins, his discoveries provide the basis for exploring what makes us uniquely human," it said in a statement. Paabo - the founder and director of the department of genetics at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig - found that gene transfer had occurred from these now extinct hominins to Homo sapiens following the migration out of Africa around 70,000 years ago. "This ancient flow of genes to present-day humans has physiological relevance today, for example affecting how our immune system reacts to infections," the jury said. One such example is that Covid-19 patients with a snippet of Neanderthal DNA run a higher risk of severe complications from the disease, Paabo found in a

2020 study. Paabo told prize organisers Monday that he was "gulping down his last cup of tea" before picking up his young daughter when the committee called him Monday to tell him his research was being honoured. He was surprised.



said. "I somehow did not think that this would really qualify for a Nobel Prize". Paabo, 67, takes home the award sum of 10 million kronor (\$901,500).

He is one of only a handful of Nobel science laureates

2014 memoir "Neanderthal Man: In Search of Lost Genomes", Paabo wrote that he was conceived as a result of a secret extra-marital affair. He later told The Guardian outlet that Bergstrom's

"official" family knew noth-

to win the prize alone. Major

scientific discoveries are usu-

ally awarded to two or three

people to reflect large team

Paabo is the son of Sune Berg-

strom, a Swede who won the

1982 Nobel Medicine

Prize for discover-

ing prostaglandins

ing of his or his mother's existence, the Estonian chemist Karin Paabo, until after Bergstrom's death in 2005.Paabo also wrote in his memoir that he "had always thought of myself as gay" until he met the woman who would become his wife, primatologist Linda Vigilant, who also works at the Max Planck Institute. - Achieved 'the seemingly impossible' -Homo sapiens are known to have first appeared in Africa around 300,000 years ago. Our closest known relatives, Neanderthals, developed outside Africa and populated Europe and Western Asia from around 400,000 to 30,000 years ago, when they became extinct.

That means that about 70,000 years ago, groups of Homo sapiens and Neanderthals coexisted in large parts of Eurasia for tens of thousands of years. "The last 40,000 years is quite unique in human history in that we are the only form of humans around. Until that time there were almost always other types of humans that existed", Paabo said in the interview with prize organisers.-APP

RAWALPINDI: Newly elected President of RCCI, Saqib Rafiq along with delegation met RPO

Imran Ahmer. – DNA

Yemen: 7 years of war between Huthis, coalition

The intervention is requested by Yemeni President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi, who moves to the southern city of Aden after the Huthi takeover of Sanaa DUBAI: The conflict in cure Aden, which becomes assaults claimed by the sis - The UN describes ton ending its support for

Yemen between the Iranbacked Huthi rebels and pro-government troops escalated in March 2015 when a Saudi-led military coalition intervened in support of the loyalists.

The civil war has killed hundreds of thousands of people, directly and indirectly, according to the United Nations.A truce in place since April ended on Sunday with no agreement to renew.

Here is an overview of the conflict: 2015: Saudi steps in Huthi fighters from the Zaidi Shiite minority, which had opposed the central government for a decade, launch an offensive in mid-2014, seizing swathes of Their territory.#photo1 conquests include the capital Sanaa and the Red Sea port of Hodeida, a crucial

entry point for imports and humanitarian aid.

The Saudi-led coalition comes to the embattled government's aid on March 26, 2015, launching air strikes on the rebels. The intervention is request-

ed by Yemeni President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi, who moves to the southern city of Aden after the Huthi takeover of Sanaa. The United States says it is

contributing logistics and intelligence to the coalition. Initial coalition wins

On March 27, the coalition says it has full control of Yemen's airspace and has destroyed aircraft seized by the Huthis.

As the rebels advance on Aden, Hadi flees, first to Oman and then Saudi Arabia. But the coalition helps pro-government forces se-

the government's interim capital, with Sanaa still under rebel control. In October, pro-government

forces announce they have retaken control of the Bab al-Mandab Strait, one of the world's most strategic waterways. 2018: Battle for key port In June 2018, pro-government fighters, backed by Saudi and Emirati ground forces, launch an offensive to retake Hodeida, the entry point for 90 percent of Yemen's imports. Nations-brokered United

talks in Sweden between the government and Huthi rebels open in December, yielding breakthroughs including a ceasefire in Hodeida. However, fighting continues intermittently. 2019: Saudi oil hit In September 2019, aerial

Huthis on two facilities run by energy giant Aramco in eastern Saudi Arabia temporarily knock out half of the kingdom's crude production. Riyadh and Washington accuse Iran of being behind the attack, which it denies. Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure is again hit in March 2022, when a Huthi drone attack on an Aramco facility in the west of the country results in a "temporary reduction" in output.

- 2021: New escalation -In early 2021, the Huthis resume an offensive to seize oil-rich Marib province, the government's last northern stronghold, as well as intensifying drone attacks against Saudi Arabia.

The upsurge in violence coincides with Washing-

tions and removing the Huthis from a blacklist of "terrorist" organisations. The United Arab Emirates - which announced a withdrawal of its troops from Yemen in 2019 but is still part of the Saudi-led coalition - is hit by a Huthi drone-and-missile assault on January 17, 2022.

coalition military opera-

The attack, which killed three oil workers in the capital Abu Dhabi, is the first deadly assault on the UAE claimed by the rebels and the first in a series of attacks. Washington announces in February it is sending the guided missile destroyer USS Cole and fighter jets to Abu Dhabi to bolster its defenc-

es. - Humanitarian cri-

the situation in Yemen manitarian crisis. Around 80 percent of its 30 million people de-

pend on some form of aid for survival, but the UN warns aid agencies are being forced to slash "life-saving" programmes due to a shortfall in funding. A UN donor conference on March 16, 2022 raises only \$1.3 billion in funding for Yemen, despite seeking \$4.27 billion.

UN agencies warn that up to 19 million people could need food assistance in the second half of 2022, with the number of people starving in famine conditions projected to increase five-fold over the year to 161,000.-APP



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Briefs

32 children died in Indonesia stadium disaster

MALANG: At least 32 children died in Indonesia's stadium disaster, an official said Monday, as the government ordered police to identify the "perpetrators" of one of the deadliest disasters in football history.

The tragedy on Saturday night in the city of Malang saw a total of 125 people killed and 323 others injured after officers fired tear gas in a packed stadium to quell a pitch invasion. triggering a stampede. Dozens of children caught in the chaos lost their lives, an official at the women's empowerment and child protection ministry told on Monday.

"From the latest data we received, out of 125 people who died in the accident, 32 of them were children, with the youngest being a toddler age three or four," said Nahar, who like many Indonesians only goes by one name. - APP

Gas stopped leaking from Nord Stream 1: Swedish Coast Guard

STOCKHOLM: Sweden's coast guard said Monday it could no longer see any leaks from the Nord Stream 1 pipeline in the Baltic Sea, but a smaller leak from Nord Stream 2 was still visible.

"The larger leak is now no longer visible on the surface while the smaller one instead has increased slightly," the coast guard said in a statement. The observations were made during an overflight on Monday at around 8:00 am (0600 GMT) of the two pipelines suspected to have been damaged in an act of sabotage, it added. "At that time, the smaller leak was approximately 30 metres in diameter," the coast guard said. A spokesman for the operator of the Nord Stream pipelines, Nord Stream AG, said Saturday that the leaking from the Nord Stream 2 pipeline had stopped because an equilibrium had been reached between the gas and water pressure. – APP

Japan seeking to normalize ties with North Korea

TOKYO: Tokyo has been striving to normalize diplomatic relations with North Korea and solve problems around Pyongyang's missile and nuclear programs, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said in a policy speech at a plenary session of Japan's lower house of parliament on Monday.

"We seek to comprehensively resolve outstanding issues of concern, such as the abductions (of Japanese citizens by North Korea's special services - TASS), matters around the missile and nuclear programs, in addition to putting our sad past behind us and normalizing diplomatic relations between Japan and North Korea," Kishida said. To settle the above-mentioned issues, he said he was ready to hold a meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un without any preconditions. - APP

Israeli forces kill two Palestinians, injure one

The governorate of Ramallah and el-Bireh observed a general strike on Monday, with all stores shut, in mourning of the two men

News Desk

RAMALLAH: Israeli forces have shot dead two Palestinian men during a raid near the town of Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank. The two men were killed while in a car just outside the Jalazone refugee camp north of Ramallah. The Palestinian official news agency, Wafa, identified them as 18-year-old Bassel Qassem Basbous and 21-year-old Khaled Fadi Anbar, A third. Raafat Habash, 19, was also with them in the car and was was wounded in the shooting. The bodies of the two men were taken by the Israeli army after they were killed, while Habash was arrested.

News of the killings came in at about 7am

(04:00 GMT). A witness, who wished to remain anonymous, said the shooting occurred outside his home. "I heard the sound of gunfire at around 3:30am, I looked out of my window, there was a car, there were guys in it who were shot," he told Al Jazeera.

"The soldiers pulled them out of the car and put them on the side of the road. They were left to bleed on the ground for around 40 minutes. After that, they took their bodies." "The most likely scenario is that the three were surprised by the army," the man said, adding that Israeli soldiers had been hidden from view in several locations in the area around where the men's car had been. The Israeli army claimed its forces

were attempting to arrest a suspect in Jalazone when they suspected that the

three men were planning to carry out a car-ramming attack against the soldiers. Family members of the men killed and injured strongly deny that. Basbous, who worked at a bakery, was one of 10 siblings, including a brother currently in an Israeli prison. His sister Baraa said her brother had gone out with his friends to see what was going on after they had heard that the Israeli army was raiding the area.

Speaking at their family home in Jalazone. Baraa said her brother had not attacked Israeli forces. "My brother did not do anything," she told Al Jazeera. "His friends called him and went out, they thought that it was not a big deal - they would just pass by and see if there were any confrontations." "Every young person in the camp that hears that the army is here goes out to see, even from afar," Baraa continued. "They killed him in cold blood." "He dropped my son home at around 3am, and then he went to see what was going on after his friends called him," Rasha told Al Jazeera. "The army has been raiding the camp for the past three days, and when they come they shoot indiscriminately," she continued. "We don't have safety even in our own homes," she said, adding that her home was once shot at during a raid while she was looking out the window. "I tell anyone who says anything about Palestinians, they [the Israelis] are the ones that come at us, and we are not safe even in our own homes... they come and kill

our youth with one bullet" **Pak considers Norway** a loyal friend: Speaker

Speaker sought the support of Norway for Pakistan's call for the inclusion of the flood crisis on the emergency agenda at the conference

ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador of Norway to Pakistan Mr Per Albert Ilsaas called on Speaker of National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf. Various matters about bilateral cooperation, economic ties, and the recent flood situation in the country were discussed. Speaker remarked that Pakistan considers Norway as its loyal friend and an economic partner and desires to further strengthen its existing bilateral relations. He also accentuated the need to expand cooperation and interaction between the parliaments and parliamentarians of both the countries for exchange of knowledge and experiences. He also said that the National Assembly of Pakistan being cognizant of the sufferings of the flood affectees has proposed an emergency item for inclusion in the agenda of the 145th IPU Conference in Rwanda that will highlight the plight of flood-affected people of Pakistan. Speaker sought the support of Norway for Pakistan's call for the inclusion of the flood crisis on the emergency agenda at the conference. Norwegian ambassador expressed grief over the unprecedented losses during the recent flooding in Pakistan. He highlighted that more than 39,000 Pakistani diasporas in Norway have contributed greatly to the progress of the country. He also emphasized reviewing bilateral business concerns to make it more profitable for both sides. He also assured his country's support for National Assembly's call for the global fund through IPU to tackle the climate catastrophe. The meeting ended on a positive note with a commitment to continue cooperation on matters of mutual interest by addressing all impending issues. - DNA

Death toll rises in Afghan classroom attack

KABUL: Forty-six girls and voung women were among those killed in a suicide bombing on an Afghan education centre last week, the UN said Monday as it announced the total death toll had risen to 53.

A suicide bomber blew himself up on Friday next to women at a gender-segregated study hall packed with hundreds of students sitting a practice test for university admissions. The attack happened in a Kabul neighbourhood home to the historically oppressed Muslim Hazara community, which has been subjected to some of the worst violence in the

country's recent history. "Our human rights team continues documenting the crime: verifying facts & establishing reliable data to counter denial & revisionism," the United Nations assistance mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) tweeted.

It raised the death toll from 43 to 53, adding that a further 110 had been wounded. Afghanistan's Taliban authorities, which have often tried to play down attacks challenging their regime, have said 25 people were killed and 33 others wounded. No group has so far claimed responsibility, but the Islamic State group (IS) carried out several deadly attacks in the same area targeting girls, schools and mosques.

Education is a flashpoint issue in Afghanistan, with the Taliban blocking many girls from returning to secondary education, while IS also stands against the education of women and girls.

The Taliban's return to power in Afghanistan last year brought an end to a two-decade war against a Western-backed government, leading to a significant reduction in violence, but security has begun to deteriorate in

recent months. - APP



ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador of Norway to Pakistan Mr Per Albert Ilsaas calls on Speaker of National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf. - DNA

Brazil heads for runoff as Bolsonaro beats hopes

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazil's bitterly divisive presidential election will go to a runoff on October 30, electoral authorities said Sunday, as incumbent Jair Bolsonaro beat expectations to finish a relatively close second to front-runner Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. Lula, the veteran leftist seeking a presidential comeback, had 48.1 percent of the vote to 43.5 percent for the far-right president, with 98 percent of polling stations reporting, according to official from the Superior Electoral Tribunal, which said a second round was "mathematically defined."

It was a better-than-expected result for combative ex-army captain Bolsonaro - and for Brazil's far-right, which also had strong showings in a series of key Congressional and governors' races. Lula, the popular but tarnished ex-president who led Brazil from 2003 to 2010, had been the favorite to win the race - possibly in a single round by claiming more than 50 percent of the vote. Leading polling firm Datafolha had given the charismatic but tarnished ex-president (2003-2010) 50 percent to 36 percent for Bolsonaro in a poll published on the eve of the election. Instead, the Latin American giant's polarizing campaign will now enter a new phase as Bolsonaro, 67, and Lula, 76, dig in for a four-week fight to the final bell. In Bolsonaro's camp, the mood was celebratory. - APP

Pakistan slams India's 'int'l terror' blames

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Monday trashed Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar's remarks as 'irresponsible and gratuitous', insinuating Pakistan's so-called involvement in 'international terrorism'. Indian news outlet The Hindu reported that Jaishankar, while speaking at an event in Vadodara city on Saturday, said: "No other country practices terrorism in the manner in which Pakistan has done. You show me anywhere in the world what Pakistan has done for so many years against India.' According to the report, he said that India

was thought of as an "expert in IT (Infor-

mation Technology)" while Pakistan was known as an "expert in International Terrorism". Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in a befitting reply not only snubbed Jaishankar, but also called on the international community to hold India accountable for its "patronage of terrorist entities and for instigating unrest in neighbouring countries." The foreign office said that the remarks were another manifestation of the Indian leaders' obsession to concoct facts with respect to terrorism to mislead the world community. "The remarks are made "to point fingers at neighbours in a bid to mask India's own well-known credentials as a state-sponsor of terrorism and a serial violator of human rights." "Nowhere is the state-terrorism more evident than in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), where over 900,000 Indian occupation forces continue to terrorise, torture, and torment innocent Kashmiris with

impunity," reads the statement.

2nd phase of Khalistan referendum on November 6

For Justice' (SFJ) has announced plans to hold Phase-II of Khalistan Referendum voting on November 6 in Toronto to accommodate those who were unable to vote on September 18.

The Sikhs For Justice said that more than 110,000 Sikhs had voted on September 18 in a massive turnout and thousands were unable to vote as the voting ended at 5PM and it was not possible for the organisers to accommodate nearly 40,000 Sikhs who were still in queues as the voting ended.

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, an Attorney at Law in New York and General Counsel to the SFJ, said that the decision to hold the second phase of Khalistan Referendum on a huge demand from the local Sikh community and with consensus from all Sikh organisations. "The Canadian Sikhs made history on September 18 by coming out for Khalistan in huge numbers and they will do so again on November 6," Pannun added. The second phase of Khalistan Referendum will test India-Canada diplomatic relations as both countries have been engaged in open warfare since the start of Khalistan Referendum campaign in Canada. After the first referendum in Brampton, both countries have issued travel advisories against each other, warning their respective citizens.

Before the voting took place in Brampton, Ontario, India tried to put diplomatic pressure on Canada and sent three diplomatic communications to Canada to stop the non-binding voting. The Canadian govt told India that it believed in the territorial integrity of the South Asian country but it was unable to stop its own Sikh nationals from engaging in a democratic and peaceful process. That was followed by the both countries issuing travel and safety advisories to their citizens, taking a jibe at each other. On September 23 this month, India release which read: "There has been a sharp increase in incidents of hate crimes, sectarian violence and anti-India activities in Canada. The Ministry of External Affairs and our High Commission/Consulates General in Canada have taken up these incidents with the Canadian authorities and requested them to investigate the said crimes and take appropriate action. The perpetrators of these crimes have not been brought to justice so far in Canada.

Also, India's External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India had raised with Canada serious concerns on the Khalistan Referendum voting on September 18 in Brampton. In a sharp rebuke to India. the government of Justin Trudeau issued the travel advisory exactly four days after India's September 23rd advisory for its students that Canada had become a hub of Khalistan supporters and anti-India activities. - APP



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