

Army to stay away from politics: COAS

Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa confirms retirement plans

News Desk

WASHINGTON: The armed forces have distanced itself from the politics and want to stay out of it in the future as well, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa said. The statement came during the army chief's address at a luncheon at Pakistani embassy in Washington. Gen Bajwa also reiterated his resolve to leave after the completion of his term as the army chief this November. "There could be no diplomacy without a strong economy," said the army chief. He further stated that the nation cannot achieve its targets without a strong economy. "Restoring the ailing economy of the country should be the priority of every stakeholder of the society," Gen Bajwa said. The COAS is currently on a visit to the United States, where he called on US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin, National Security Adviser Jacob Sullivan, and Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman. Matters of mutual interest, regional security situation and bilateral cooperation in various fields were discussed during the meetings, the ISPR said. General Bajwa also told the US officials that assistance from Pakistan's global partners was vital for the "rescue and rehabilitation" of flood victims. He also thanked the US officials for their support for the flood relief in Pakistan.

Both sides agreed that Pakistan and the US had a long history of bilateral cooperation and both countries shall continue to improve their economic and trade ties apart from looking for investment avenues. General Bajwa also offered heartfelt condolence on the deaths and devastation in the US state of Florida due to Hurricane Ian, the statement said. Pakistan fully understands the loss and pain of families as the country itself is facing drastic effects of climate change, added the statement. "Both sides had convergence on ma-

'Army chief's appointment from among five names'

KHAYAM ABABASI

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif said Wednesday that anyone from among the five nominated names could be appointed as the next chief of army staff. In a press conference, Asif announced that the process would either start by the end of this month or the beginning of the next and that it will be done in line with the law and Constitution. Asif added that it is the discretion of the sitting prime minister to pick any name forwarded by the Ministry of Defence. The defence minister said that in the past, names other than the five suggested have also been chosen for the military chief's position. Speaking on the appointment of the army chief on the basis of seniority, the defence minister said: "All three-star generals are eligible for this." The minister also commented on the probability of the next general elections and said that polls will be held as per schedule.

jor international issues including Afghanistan and need for cooperation to avoid humanitarian crisis and improving peace and stability in the region," the statement said.

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ISLAMABAD: Chief Guest Federal Minister for Industries and Production Makhdoom Syed Murtaza Mahmood, Mushahid Hussain Syed, Ambassador of Indonesia Adam Tugio and others cutting cake to mark the 77TH Independence Day of Indonesia - DNA

ADB announces \$2.3-2.5bn for flood relief Ye congratulates the Ishaq Dar on assuming office

SAIFULLAH

ISLAMABAD: The Asian

Development Bank (ADB)

on Wednesday announced it

to gather thousands for 'Azadi March' 'Local leadership will be responsible to bear the expenses of the workers reaching Islamabad' Yousaf Bhutta Imran could

Imran directs party

Briefs

President to address joint session

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to meet on October 6, 2022 which would formally convene the last parliamentary year of the incumbent NA after the address of the President. The 15th NA would witness the fifth and last Presidential address to the Parliament under clause (3) of Article 56 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The first Presidential address to the incumbent Assembly was made on September 17, 2018, second on September 12, 2019, third on August 20, 2020 and fourth on September 13, 2021.

PM thanks UN chief for support

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ap peal of \$816 million for flood-hit Pakistan a day earlier, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday thanked the UN chief for effectively highlighting the country's needs in the wake of disaster. "Thank you Antonio Guterres for your leadership in articulating needs of people affected by disastrous floods," he said in a tweet. The prime minister, however, stressed that the revised UN appeal of \$816 million for flood victims underscored the need for "continued global engage-"With food and ment". health crisis becoming graver, we need to ramp up action," he said, emphasizing the need for persistent efforts for rehabilitation of flood-stricken people.

Marriyum asks Imran to answer questions

The minister said that Imran, who ruined national economy with record loans worth over Rs 20 thousand billion, was threatening to march towards the federal capital

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Wednesday Aurangzeb said Pakistan Tehreek-

Khan should fully explain the real motives of the long march, prior to a long march to federal capital. She put up a formal challenge to the PTI leader to first answer her pertinent ques-

In a statement, the minister asked why 'the



No cipher presented in NSC meeting, says Rana

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tions, and then give a date for the long march. ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah has revealed that the ciforeign agent', playing with national security, pher - which former prime minister was bent upon destabilizing the democratic Imran Khan claims contains details of system in the country. She said it was un- a foreign conspiracy to oust him from fortunate that the PTI chairman was busy in power - was not presented in the Namaking preparations for the long march, but tional Security Committee meeting alas he had no time to help the flood victims. held soon after the incumbent govern-The minister said that Imran Khan, who ment took over, insisting that the then ruined national economy with record loans ambassador to the US had instead only worth over Rs 20 thousand billion, was briefed the meeting. Sanaullah made threatening to march towards the federal this statement while speaking in a TV capital. She questioned why "the foreign show. A few days after the PTI governagent to bankrupt Pakistan's economy" was ment was toppled through a no-conficoming to Islamabad . Marriyum Aurangzeb dence motion in the National Assembly, said that the foreign agent had rendered an NSC meeting was held under the

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would provide aid of around \$2.3-2.5 billion for relief operations in the wake of devastating floods that have caused catastrophic damage in Pakistan. According to a press release issued by the Finance Division, the announcement was made during a meeting between Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and ADB Country Director for Pakistan Yong

Ye. During the meeting, Ye congratulated the Dar on assuming office and expressed sympathy for the loss of lives and properties due to the floods. The ADB country director

said that \$1.5bn from the announced aid will be allotted to the Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment Programme and the proposal will be put before the bank's board this month. "He also apprised the meeting about ongoing and future projects of ADB in different sectors including social protection, food security and energy sectors. "Regarding the Country

Partnership Strategy for Pakistan 2021-25, it was shared that this strategy is in line with the vision of the government of Pakistan," the press release reads. It added that the finance

minister welcomed the delegation and appreciated ADB's role and support in promoting sustainable development in the country.

GUJRANWALA: PTI Chairman Imran Khan Wednesday directed his organisation's office holders to ensure that thousands of the party's workers gather in Islamabad during the "Azadi March". The PTI chairman - who became the first prime minister to be voted out of office in April - has held a series of protests against the incumbent government and he plans on staging a long march in the near future. There has been no reconciliation between the PTI and the government so far despite the passage of more than six months as the party continues to demand fresh elections and refuses to return to the National Assembly. Sources said Khan's directions came during a meeting with several district heads of Punjab - including Gujranwala, Narowal, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahauddin, and Gujrat.

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have raised voice in NA: SC

COURT REPORTER

ISLAMABAD: Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah on Wednesday said that former prime minister Imran Khan could have raised objections on the amendments in the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) law if he had stayed in the National Assembly. The judge remarked this while questioning Imran Khan's decision to abandon National Assembly, as the apex court's three-member bench resumed the hearing on PTI chairman's plea against the recent

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Putin okays annexation of occupied territories

KYIV: President Vladimir Putin formally incorporated four partially-occupied Ukrainian regions into Russia on Wednesday, a move Kyiv condemned as a meaningless land grab dreamt up by "a collective madhouse". Pushing ahead with Europe's biggest annexation since World War Two, Putin signed off on a law annexing up to 18% of Ukraine, some of which Moscow's forces do not control.

Including Crimea, which Russia annexed in 2014, Moscow is laying claim to almost a quarter of Ukraine, though it has yet to spell out where all of the borders will be located and its own troops have been forced to retreat on two fronts.

The Russian leader's signature was the final stage in the legal process to annex Donetsk and Luhansk in eastern Ukraine and Zaporizhzhia and Kherson in the south. He later said Russia would stabilise the situation there, an indirect acknowledgment of the challenges it faces to assert its control. Kyiv says it will never accept an illegal imperial-style land grab and has recaptured hundreds of square miles of its own territory in recent weeks. - DNA

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Pak needs support to combat climate change

Ashraf outlined that in the backdrop of recent climate fallout in the country, the Assembly had proposed an emergency item in the forthcoming **IPU** Assembly

ANSAR M BHATTI / DNA

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf said on Wednesday that the developed nations should lend immediate and judicious financial support to help climate-vulnerable countries like Pakistan to better cope with the impacts of climate change. "The Climate catastrophe in Pakistan is a reminder for the global community to take immediate climate action", he added. The National Assembly Speaker expressed these views in his meeting with the Twelve Plus group of the Inter-parliamentary Union



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf in group photo with Ambassadors / High Commissioners of Group 12+ countries. - DNA

(IPU), at Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was organized to seek the support of developed countries for the Assembly's proposal of a global climate fund through a passage of a resolution in the forthcoming 145th IPU Assembly in

Kigali, Rwanda from October 15, 2022. Speaker emphasized that the climate catastrophe in Pakistan was so big and unimaginable that no words could do justice to what we were witnessing. Cruel waves of flood waters swept away millions of men, women, and children; damaged buildings, and roads; washed away crops and livestock within a few days. The human eye did not witness such a colossal calamity in the history of Pakistan, said a news release. He also remarked that climate change was an existential threat, particularly to developing nations susceptible to rampant climate change. It kept coming back to haunt us in the form of floods, drought, heat waves, glaciers meltdowns and hurricanes. One cannot undo natural actions but could make efforts to limit human-induced destructions.

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River System will be re-

the farmers of Sindh will

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Director Ghulam Mohiud-

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of 16.6 billion rupees the

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which the restoration and

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be completed. He also said

that it was historic event to launch a ceremony of S-1 package to rehabilitate and upgradation of

the Sukkur barrage under Sindh Barrages Improvement Project funded by World Bank. He said that Sukkur barrage has al-

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Islamabad **POST** Thursday, October 6, 2022

Launching ceremony of upgrading Sukkur **Barrage organized**

NAZIR SIYAL

SUKKUR: World Bank S-1 package under Sindh Barrages Improvement Project of Irrigation department launching ceremony of restoration and upgrading of 90 years old Sukkur Barrage was held here on Wednesday. Task team leader World Bank Francois Onimus, and Project Director of (SBIP) Irrigation department Ghulam Mohhiudin Mughal performed the launching ceremony of the S-1 package for restoration and Upgradation of Sukkur Barrage. On

be rehabilitated through the occasion, others WB Sindh Barrages Improveteam members Thiruni Liyanaga Co-Task Team ment Project of Sindh leader, Shafiq Hussain,

Chief Engineer Sukkur

the launching ceremony,

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government. He said that with the span Barrage Syed Sardar Ali of four years, this modern-Shah were also attended the event. Speaking to ization and rehabiliation of Sukkur barrage will be completed. Francois said that its all 66 gates would be replaced and its civil and mechanical compoest Barrage in Pakistan nents will be rehabilitated. and regarding climate He said that this is about century old Sukkur Bartion and rehabilitation of rage has positive aspects Sukkur Barrage is also through its rehabilitation vital, it would bear more and modernization of the flow and capacity of wa-Sukkur barrage. He said that Pakistan but soecially years ahead, adding that Sindh province was facing climate change and floods



PTI amended NAB laws for political victimization: Tarar

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Narcotics Control Attaullah Tarar on Wednesday said it was the past regime of PTI that started amending National Accountability Bureau (NAB) laws for political engineering and victimization of opponents.

"It is clarified that all amendments in the NAB laws have not been initiated during the tenures of PML-N zation and the NAB-Niazi nexus could be gauged from the fact that all opposition members of the first two rows in the National Assembly were behind the bar, due to the accountability laws which he called 'black laws."

He said it was unfortunate that Shehbaz Sharif was arrested by the NAB officials when he had already passed six-month imprisonment in a bogus case, while Maryam Nawaz Sharif they never wanted to use it as a too against political opponents.

It was the past regime of PTI that felt the need of amending the NAB law for the arm-twisting of opposition leaders, he added.

Now, he said, the incumbent coalition government had just rectified the NAB laws for the smooth working of routine official matters as government officials and contractors were avoiding taking any initiative, in the presence of black laws. Tarar made it clear that the recent amendments in the NAB laws were not meant to benefit any members of the cabinet or partners of the coalition government. He said the courts had cleared all the leadership of PML-N and PPP under old NAB laws. - APP



ISLAMABAD: Delegation of CDA Mazdoor Union led by its Secretary General Ch. Muhammad Yasin visited ICCI and congratulate the new office bearers of ICCI. - DNA

CDA Union to cooperate in resolving key issues of business community

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) said that most of the issues of business community were related to CDA and CDA Union should help in addressing them to facilitate the growth of business activities. He said that for better protection of the interests of the business community, sitting President ICCI should be made a member of CDA Borad.

He said that till the nomination in CDA Board, President ICCI should be invited as an Observer to the meetings of CDA Board to take care of the issues of trade and industry, said a press release issued here. He assured that ICCI would support the protection of genuine rights of CDA employees.

He said this while addressing a del-

egation of CDA Mazdoor Union that visited ICCI led by its Secretary General Ch. Muhammad Yasin to congratulate the new Office Bearers of ICCI. President, CDA Mazdoor Union Aurangzeb Khan and others

were in the delegation. Faad Waheed Senior Vice President, Muhammad Azhar ul Islam Zafar Vice President ICCI stressed for the need of close liaison between ICCI and CDA Union to achieve their common goals. Khalid Iqbal Malik, Group Leader hoped that CDA employees would work more diligently to address the major issues of business community and the citizens.

He said that the role of CDA employees was also important in making Islamabad one of the most beautiful capitals of the world. Speaking at the occasion, Ch. Muhammad Yasin, Secretary General, CDA Mazdoor Union said that the business community was the backbone of the economy and CDA Mazdoor Union would cooperate in resolving its burning issues.

He said that ICCI members were playing an important role in developing the city and creating jobs and it was the duty of CDA employees to facilitate them in business promotion. He said that the CDA Union was supportive of the inclusion of sitting President ICCI in the CDA Board. It was agreed that both sides should join hands and work together for the development of the city and growth of business activities. Zafar Bakhtawari, Mian Akram Farid, Muhammad Ejaz Abbasi former Presidents ICCI and others also spoke at the occasion and stressed that CDA in consultation with ICCI should accelerate efforts for the better development of markets, industrial areas and the overall city

Teachers Day celebrated in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

PESHAWAR: World Teachers' Day titled "The transforion of education begins clared the life of the Holy Prophet as an ex-

Speakers highlights importance of Uswa Hasna ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a Seminar Law College also attended the ceremony.

stressed the need of character building In his address, Dr. Qibla Ayaz said that the in the light of teachings of Holy Prophet Prophet Muhammad PBUH continued to (PBUH), stating that Allah Almighty has dework for the welfare of humanity, and this

and PPP. These (NAB law amendments) had been carried out during the tenure of Imran Khan Niazi with certain purpose and background," he said while responding to PTI leader Chaudhry Fawad Hussain's objections over the recent amendments in NAB laws at a news conference here. He said the height of political victimi-

was arrested in front of her father Nawaz Sharif. All the unlawful things were done by the NAB just because Imran Niazi wanted to see happening this, he added.

The SAPM said the PPP and PML-N did not bring amendments to the NAB law during their past tenure (2008-2013 & 2013-2018) because

with teachers" was marked in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to highlight significance of teachers in imparting quality education at all levels.Major event in this connection was held at Usama Zafar Higher Secondary School No.2 Peshawar with Secretary Elementary and Secondary Education Mohtasim Billah Shah as a chief guest. Director Education Hafiz Ibrahim and other education experts were present on this occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Mohtasim Billah Shah said

that teachers are the back-

bone of a society and they

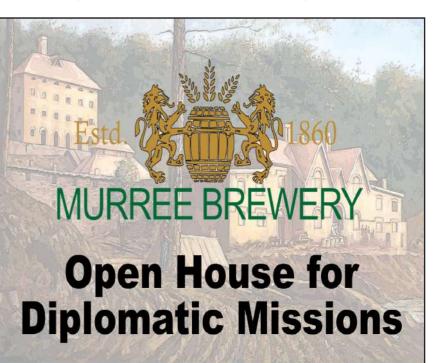
give orientation to society.

He said that the provincial gov-

ample for Muslims. They were addressing a seminar held at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) on the theme of "Building personality in the light of Prophet Muhammad SAWW". Seerat-ul-Nabi Chair, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has decided to hold seminars on various topics on account of Rabi-ul-Awwal, the month of blessings.

Prof. Fateh Muhammad Malik presided over the event while the Chairman, Council of Islamic Ideology, Dr. Qibla Ayaz was the special guest. Sahibzada Sajdul Rehman Head, Seerat Chair, and senior advisor PMU, Mohammad Rafiq Tahir, hosted the event. Apart from faculty members, scholars of Islamic University and students of Kahuta

is still needed today. He brought the young people with him and taught them to establish justice. He said that the trend of these kinds of events is emerging in Allama Iqbal Open University through Sirat-ul-Nabi Chair, which is commendable. Allama Sahibzada Syed Arshad Saeed Kazmi, while giving a lecture on the topic of character building in the light of Prophet Muhammad SAWW, said that Allah Almighty has declared the life of the Holy Prophet as an example for Muslims. He said that the religion of Islam revolves around the Holy Prophet and his life is a practical interpretation of the Holy Quran. Saeed Kazmi narrated in detail various incidents of justice and fairness, trustworthiness, honesty, and good behavior of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). - DNA



Shah reviews **K-IV** Project

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minis-

ter for Water Resources Syed

Khursheed Ahmed Shah vis-

ited project office of Greater

Karachi Bulk Water Supply

Scheme, commonly known

as K-IV Project, and reviewed

progress on the project. The

minister was accompanied

by Chairman WAPDA Lt Gen

Sajjad Ghani (Retd), said a

press release here. Speaking

on the occasion, the federal

minister said K-IV is an impor-

tant project to help address the

issue of water shortage in the

cosmopolitan city of Karachi.

tion of the project. - APP

BUREAU REPORT

PESHAWAR: President, Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), Ishaq on Muhammad Wednesday said that Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) sector has enormously contributed toward economic viability, sustainability and growth, which should be strengthened and uplift at optimal level. Talking to the chambers'

Therefore, the federal governformer presidents, busiment is keen to complete this ness delegations and govproject in the shortest possible ernment high officials here time, he added. Expressing Muhammad Ishaq noted the satisfaction over the measures taken by the project managebusiness community has played a pivotal role in the ment, he said that the Ministry of Water Resources will fully economic development of support WAPDA for complethe country through paying various taxes. He, therecial incentives to traders. He said SCCI is a representative forum of traders' community, which has already made efforts toward amicable resolution of their issues. Members of these delegations include former presidents Faud Ishaq, Faiz Muhammad Faizi, Sherbaz Bilour, former senior vice president Engr Manzoor

Elahi, executive member Abdul Hakim Shinwari, Afghan Commercial Attache in Peshawar Hamidullah Himat, SMEDA provincial chief Rashid Aman, SMEDA fiannce manager Sohail Jan, former president Haripur Chamber of Commerce and Industry Attaur Rehman, Central Tanzeem e Tajaraan

Uplift of SMEs sector is imperative: SCCI

provincial president Mian fore, urged the government Sharafat Ali Mubarak, tradto facilitate and provide speers, friends and others.

The chamber's senior vice president Shahid Hussain and vice president Ejaz Khan Afridi were also present during the meeting. Ishaq said traders have played an important role in sustainable economic growth. He said that SCCI will not left no stone unturned to provide relief to flood and terrorism-hit business community of KP. He went on to say that taxpayers are ready to cooperate with relevant government

departments to stabilize the fragile country's current economy. Ishaq demanded of the government to frame economic policies with consultation of chamber.

ernment is taking measures to facilitate teachers and provide all kinds of facilities to them. He urged teachers to treat students like their own kids because today's students are the future of tomorrow. In some schools posters are displayed and people are encouraged to send e-cards or letters of appreciation to teachers who made a special or memorable contribution to their education. 'Tanzeem Asatiza Pakistan' Khyber Pakhtunkhwa also paid tribute to teachers to celebrate Ashra Takreem in Government Mualam' Higher Secondary School No.1 Jamrud. - APP

Ethiopian envoy calls on Defence Minister

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the Republic Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Jamal Beker Abdula called on the Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif here on Wednesday while acknowledging the present scale of cooperation between the two countries. During the meeting Khawaja Muhammad Asif stated that Pakistan considered Ethiopia a close friend and an important country in the region, a news release said. He said that Pakistan intended to establish a meaningful defence ties with Ethiopia and was focused on enhanced defence, military and intelligence cooperation. He mentioned Pakistan's recent contribution when Islamabad voted against EU-Sponsored Resolution at UNHRC related to Human Rights Violations by Ethiopia. - APP

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Defence, Khawaja Muhammad Asif presenting a shield to Jamal Beker Abdula, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. - DNA

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National Days and Armed Forces Days

OCTOBER

Oct 01 / **China** National Day

Oct 01 / Cyprus National Day

Oct 01 / Republic of Korea Armed Forces Day

Oct 01 / Nigeria Armed Forces Day

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RAWALPINDI: High Commissioner of Zimbabwe, Lt Gen (Retd) Martin Chedondo visited Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry and discussed opportunities for exploring trade in various sectors, Agriculture, Textile, cotton, Minerals, Food Processing, Defence & Tourism. President RCCI Sakib Rafiq also presented him the souvenir. -DNA

Climate: What happened in Pakistan will not stay

"What happened in Pakistan will not stay in Pakistan," he said in a tweet reiterating his call for urgent action a day after the United Nations issued a revised flash appeal of \$816 million as relief assistance for the flood-stricken people of the country

ISLAMABAD, Oct 5 (APflood-stricken people of the P):Prime Minister Shehcountry. A month ago, an initial US baz Sharif on Wednesday \$160 million flash appeal warned that climate change would not spare other counwas made to address imtries after the flash floods mediate needs based on inundated one-third of Paestimates. However, the kistan and left millions of results of the recent needs assessments, that led to people homeless. "What happened in Pakithe up-scaling of the flash appeal to \$816 million, re-

stan will not stay in Pakistan," he said in a tweet reiterating his call for urgent action a day after the United Nations issued a revised flash appeal of \$816 million as relief assistance for the

1,600 Pakistanis-including 400 children had lost their lives due to massive floods besides thousands of kilometres of road infrastructure and bridges washed away

"Entire villages have been swallowed up by raging waters. Nature has been truly unforgiving," he said. Recently, Shehbaz Sharif vealed that much more was actively pursued the case needed to save those strugof the flood-hit Pakistan on international platforms, including at the Shanghai PM Sharif in his tweet highlighted that more than

Cooperation Organization

summit in Uzbekistan, in London, and at the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

A video compilation shared by the official Twitter account of the Government of Pakistan gave a flashback of different occasions when Shehbaz Sharif made passionate calls at the global level, stressing an urgent response by the world for the disaster-hit Pakistan. In his meetings with over

50 world leaders on the

eves of SCO and UNGA last month, the prime minister called for climate justice and appealed to the world to share the burden of the climate crisis. He also highlighted that Pakistan was responsible for less than one percent of the world's planet-warming gases, yet it was the eighth most vulnerable nation to the climate crisis. During his participation at both the important global and regional forums, Sharif on the sidelines, also interacted with foreign media

to relay his message about the importance of an emergency action plan against climate change. With his call for climate ac-

tion, PM Sharif was covered by the world's top broadcasters and international media including Washington Post, CNN, Reuters, Aljazeera, BBC, Bloomberg, TRT World, Independent, Arab News, Le Monde, Al Ittihad, Zaman, Barron's, City News, Yeni Safak, The Straits Times, and several others.-APP

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109 more infected with dengue virus

RAWALPINDI:As many as 109 more dengue cases were reported in Rawalpindi during the last 24 hours, raising the tally of con-

firmed cases to 2,721. District Coordinator Epidemics Prevention and Control (DCEPC), Dr Sajjad Mehmood, Wednesday said that, among the new cases, 35 patients had arrived from Potohar town urban area, 28 from Municipal Corporation, Rawalpindi, 23 from Rawalpindi Cantonment, 11 from Chaklala cantonment, nine from Potohar rural. two from Murree, and one of each from Kahuta, Kalar Syedan and Gujjar Khan.

Dr Sajjad added that 243 patients were admitted to the city's allied hospitals, including 95 to the Benazir Bhutto Hospital (BBH), 76 to the District Headquarters Hospital and 72 to the Holy Family Hospital (HFH). He informed that out of the total admitted patients, 160 tested positive, with 127 belonging to Rawalpindi. – APP

Police arrest 7 liquor suppliers

RAWALPINDI: The police arrested seven alleged liquor suppliers and recovered 100 liters and two bottles of liquor from their possession during a crackdown here on Wednesday, informed police spokesman.

The Saddar Barooni police seized 30 liters of liquor from Shahzad and recovered 10 liters of liquor each from Iftikhar and Noomi Rashid. Similarly, the Kalar Syedan Police recovered 20 liters of liquor each from Adnan and Zafar. The vehicle used by the accused was also seized

by the police. The divisional SP appreciated the performance of police teams and said that action would continue against drug dealers and liquor suppliers to eradicate the menace.-APP

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XPO ISLAMABAD: Delegation from Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry led by Khurshid Barlas

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math of the floods.

Founder Chairman, along with Amin ur Rehman EC, Fahad Barlas Convenor Foreign Affairs held meeting with Hon'ble Ibrahim Almadani Ambassador of Jordan.-DNA

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Universitas Airlangga in ISLAMABAD: The closing ceremony of COMSTECH Surabaya, Indonesia with fellowship for Research the cooperation of Minisand Advanced Training try of Health, Indonesia, in Virology and Vaccine Technologies held in Sura-Airlangga.Assistant Secbaya, Indonesia. Under this program, Ms. Faiza retary General for Science and Technology of Nadeem, PhD Student at Organization of Islamic International Centre for Cooperation (OIC) H.E. Chemical and Biological Mr. Askar Mussinov said Sciences, Karachi, Ms. in his remarks that I am Faiza Marrium, Officer very happy to talk to you In-charge, Tetanus Toxon the occasion of closoid Production Lab, Naing ceremony of very imtional Institute of Health, pactful program happen-Islamabad, Dr. Mohsein Cheema, Lecturer, Uni-COMSTECH & Ministry of Health, Indonesia, versity of Lahore, Lahore and Prof. Dr. Mahmoud BioFarma and Universi-Mohamed Tawfick, Assotas Airlangga.

tickets issued RAWALPINDI, Oct 05

(APP): The City Traffic Police (CTP) Rawalpindi expressed concerns over the violation of one-way rule and issued 55 challan tickets to the commuters to New Town Circle here on Wednesday. According to the CTP spokesman, the CTP also impounded 7 vehicles in police stations due to lack of documentation.

Following the orders of Chief Traffic Officer Rawalpindi Naveed Irshad, Incharge Traffic New Town Circle issued 55 challan tickets while 7 were impounded in the police station for lack of documents.

Chief Traffic Officer Rawalpindi Naveed Irshad said that the purpose of city traffic police was not to issue challan but to provide better travel facilities to the citizens to make their lives safe.-APP

IESCO issues power suspension programme

ISLAMABAD:Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Wednesday issued a power suspension programme for Thursday for various areas of its region due to necessary maintenance and routine development work.

According to IESCO Spokesman, the power supply of different feeders and grid stations would remain suspended for the period from 07:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Kot Shera, Kot Gullah, Adi, Westridge, Rajahabad, Golla, Dhok Chowdhury, New Course, Charing Race Cross, MFM, Shams Colony, Domeli, Bhagwal, Kot Dhamek, Sohawah City, EME Complex, P&T wini, Jhangi, Azharabad, CWO, Golra, Zircon Heights, New Kliam, Old Kliam, HPT-III, Industrial, Pind Pran, Valley, AWT-4, Sangjani, Shahallah Ditta, Paswal, Sarai Kharboza, Kala Khan, Wahadat Colony, Mushtaq Shaheed, Jalala, Nawababad, PMC Colony, Malhwali, Karpa, Amanpur,N.C.I (Tobw), Lilla Town, Ahmedabad feeders and surroundings.-APP

Floods and role of Pakistan Red Crescent In June this essary relief materials to the flood victims

Waqar Fani Mughal



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the were worst affected. Especially Sind and Baluchistan suffered irreparable damages. The flood water flowing from the canals has submerged more than 80 percent of the areas of Sindh , Baluchistan and South Punjab. The water is stagnant and various diseases are also breaking out. And the resulting impacts such as landslides have affected around 33 million people across the country. The latest published report of the National Disaster Management Authority indicates that around 33 million people across the country have been affected by rains, floods and their consequent effects such as landslides. Between June and September 2022, at least 1,693 people were killed, including 629 children, and 12,865 people were injured, while nearly 2 million homes were partially damaged or completely destroyed. Livelihoods have also been heavily affected, with over 1,067,241 livestock killed, which were an important source of life, livelihood for many families. Floods have turned large parts of Punjab and Sindh into lakes. 97 million people

have been displaced and 600,000 are living in relief camps. More than 1.5 million housrecord rainfall es have been damaged in Sind. Covering 13,000 km. Highways were destroyed, 410 broke all prebridges were washed away. 23,900 schools vious records and 1460 health centers were destroyed. during the More than five thousand educational instiprolonged tutions are being used as temporary relief monsoon, in center. An estimated 3.5 million children's One-third of education was affected and learning was disrupted. About 800,000 Afghan refugees live the country. The south in districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and ern and cen-Punjab that have been officially declared tral parts of "disaster-affected". In Sindh alone, more the country than 1.2 million hectares of agricultural land has reportedly been damaged. Fruit orchards and standing crops have been submerged. Significant health risks, including water-borne diseases such as cholera and diarrhea, which can lead to the death of many children. Other risks include the spread of malaria, COVID-19 and dengue in overcrowded relief camps. Floods have devastated drinking water supplies. Nearly 80% of households report lack of access to clean water - and many have no choice but to drink unsafe or contaminated water. Flood-affected Pakistan People in the areas are in dire need of cash assistance, shelter repairs, food items, clean water, and medicine. Many towns and villages in Pakistan are still submerged in floodwaters and thousands of households are yet to see dry land. However, relief efforts are ongoing to deal with the flood disasters. Government figures show that cash assistance has been given to 2.8 million people so far. Pakistan Red Crescent is a humanitarian organization of the first rank of the country. It is committed to preventing and ending human suffering by mobilizing human power through volunteers. Pakistan Red Crescent, with the support of movement partners, has always provided assistance to the affected population. Red Crescent is serving every affected family without any color or caste, without discrimination. The main objective of Pakistan Red Crescent is to work before, during and after disasters and health emergencies to meet the needs and improve the lives of vulnerable people. 500 Red Crescent volunteers are engaged in relief work in Sind and Baluchistan. Relief materials were distributed to 500 affected families in Larkana, while in Jacobabad, a ceremony was held at St. John's Grammar School in which 500 families received relief. MPA Mr. Muhammad Aslam Abaro participated in the ceremony. Pakistan Red Crescent Chairman Sardar Shahid Ahmad Laghari distributed relief packages among the affected people. The relief package includes household items including a kitchen set, 2 tarpaulin sheets, 2 blankets and a tent. Red Crescent is always there to soothe the suffering humanity; we work with our movement partners and other organizations with a coordinated strategy for reconstruction, rehabilitation. Pakistan Red Crescent has done valuable work in rescue, relief. In this way, Sardar Shahid Ahmad Laghari also distributed relief packages to the affected people in the ceremony held at Eidgah Sheikh Zayed Colony, Larkana. Meanwhile, President of Turkish Red Crescent (Turkish Red Crescent) Mr. Dr. Karim Kanak and Chairman of Red Crescent Pakistan Mr. Sardar Shahid Ahmad Laghari along with International Federation Undersecretary Xavier Catsellanos and Peter P. Hoff visited the flood affected areas of Sind., reviewed the needs and problems carefully. Distributed tents and other nec-

in Sajawal district. Hygiene kits and ration packs were given to the affected families. In Dadu and Khairpur districts, with the support of Kuwait Red Crescent, relief materials were distributed to flood-affected families. Aid supplies included hygiene kits, tarpaulins, blankets, mosquito nets, and family tents. 15,000 gallons of clean drinking water per day is being supplied from the water treatment plants installed by the Red Crescent in the flood affected districts including Dadu. Similarly, medical facilities were also provided in Swat, Nowshera and Charsadda , Dera Ismail Khan, Tank, Kark, relief materials were distributed and flood affected people of Gilgit-Baltistan were also helped. Everyone of Red Crescent including management, staff and volunteers are working round the clock to deal with flood disasters and so far 266,275 victims have been given emergency aid. Red Crescent is in contact with all international and local aid agencies. 12,141 tents have been distributed. More than 23,000 victims have been provided medical facilities and even today medical camps are fully functional at 17 locations apart from seven mobile health units. One hundred and ninety-one thousand seven hundred and four (191,704) flood victims have benefited.More than 10,000 food parcels, more than 97,000 cooked food, more than 16,000 mosquito nets, more than 14,000 hygiene kits, more than 54,000 non-food items ((blankets, jerry cans, tarpaulin sheets, kitchen utensils etc.) have been distributed and this is still going on. 5 million liters of clean and potable water has been supplied to the affected areas. Water treatment plants in Sind, Baluchistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are providing 80,000 liters of clean water per plant on a daily basis.

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Korean embassy, Cos extend

donation for flood victims

At the ceremony, Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power donated 4.6 million rupees, Mira Power 2 million rupees and the Embassy contributed 2.3 million rupees



Briefs **Pak-US trade** witnesses over 29% surplus during 2 months

ISLAMABAD:Pakistan's goods and services trade with the United State (US) witnessed a surplus of 29.75 percent during first two months of current fiscal year (2022-23) as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

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donations that have already

been made by the Govern-

ment of Korea and Korean

private sector companies

and associations working

in Pakistan, amounting to

Minister for Industries and

Production, Syed Murtaza

Mahmud on Wednesday de-

livered Key Opening note

of the event, appreciated

the Asian Productivity Or-

ganization (APO)'s role in

the development of Asia-Pa-

cific region. Sved Murtaza

conveyed his gratitude to

APO Secretary General on

APO's Diamond Jubilee.

He expressed these views

while addressing an open-

ing ceremony of Interna-

tional Conference on Pro-

ductivity Accreditation and

Certification for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: The ministry

of Religious Affairs and Inter-

faith Harmony is organizing

a two-day International Seer-

at-un-Nabi Conference in con-

nection with Eid Milad-un-Na-

bi celebrations in the federal

capital. According to the plan

chalked out by the ministry,

an event titled 'Mehfil Reh-

matul-lil-Alameen and Prize

Distribution' would be held

on Saturday (11th Rabi-ul-Aw-

wal) here at the auditorium of

Pakistan National Council of

Arts. The event would start

with recitation of the verses

from the Holy Quran and

The trade surplus during the period under review was recorded at \$752.405 million against \$579.855 million last year, showing 29.75 percent growth.

The overall exports to the US were recorded at US\$ 1122.883 million during July-August this year against exports of US \$1011.482 million during same month last year, showing an increase of 11.01 percent, SBP data revealed.

Meanwhile, on year-on-year basis, exports to US during August 2022 also surged by 22.58 percent from US \$ 508.364 million to US \$ 623.196 million.

Similarly, month-on-month exports to the US rose by 24.71 percent during August 2022 as compare with exports of US \$ 499.686 million in July 2022, the SBP data said.

Overall Pakistan's exports to all countries also witnessed an increase of 11.34 percent in two months, from US \$4574.040 million to US \$5092.977 million, the SBP data said.-APP

PCRWR announces Short Documentary Competition

ISLAMABAD:Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and partners have announced Short Documentary Competition for the students from school to university level as a part of the activities to mark Pakistan Water Week

on Wednesday, said a press release issued here. Minister added that

ISLAMABAD: The Korean companies in Pakistan and the Korean Embassy have handed over cash donations for the relief of flood victims at a ceremony held at the Embassy's premises. The Ambassador of Korea, Mr. Suh Sangpyo,Additional Secretary Asia Pacific of the Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Embassy of the Republic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mira Power Ms. Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, Director (Implementation), Rs. 4,600,000 is 20.00 Rs. 2,300,000 Mr. Razalgbalof the Nation-Rs. 2.000.000 al Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and representatives of Mira Power, Han Seung Nam and on behalf of Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power, Ahn Ho Young from Lotte E&C were pres-At the ceremony, Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power donated 4.6 million rupees, Mira Power 2 million rupees and the Embassy contributed 2.3 million rupees. The Ambassador said that this donation is in addition to the

> 500,000, respectively. The Ambassador recalled that the first shipment of in-kind relief goods consisting of approximately

USD 300,000 and over USD three hundred thousand water purification tablets, thirty thousand emergency blankets, and various other essential relief items had already been handed over to

the NDMA on 25th September at Jinnah International Airport, Karachi, and the second in-kind shipment of relied items consisting of family sized tents, collapsi-

ble water bags, and thermal blankets is also on route via a cargo ship will be docked at Karachi Sea Port hopefully by 16th October. The Ambassador appreci-

ated the NDMA and the Government of Pakistan for their efforts to alleviate the human suffering caused by the floods, and hoped for

Murtaza appreciates AP O's role ISLAMABAD: Federal

problems of the region. Flt. Lt. (Retd) Iftikhar Ali Sahoo, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industries and Production has said various rapid industrial transformation initiatives are being taken for the sustained growth and development of the economy by improving industrial competitiveness. This International Conference on Productivity Accreditation and Certification being held in Pakistan is the continuation of the commemoration of the APO's Diamond Jubilee which will showcase the productivity improvement journeys in the Asia and

Naat Rasool-e-Maqbool Peace

Be Upon Him. Minister for

Religious Affairs and Inter-

faith Harmony Mufti Abdul

Shakoor would deliver the wel-

come address on this occasion.

Later on, the renowned Naat

Khawans would recite the Naat

and Ulema and Mashaykh

would shed the light on the Us-

wa-e-Husna of the Holy Proph-

et Muhammad Peace Be Upon

Him in their speeches. In the

end, prizes would be distribut-

ed among the position holders

who topped in the book writing

competition on Seerat-un-Nabi

and Naat. On Sunday, the main

playing major role to promote Productivity drive in the region. APO's services are reorienting the requirements of the current era of competitiveness both in the domestic and global markets and support export sectors in enhancing competitiveness and yielding higher productivity culture in the country. The conference is being organized by National Productivity Organization (NPO) in collaboration with Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Japan.

Various international and national resource speakers participated in the event. Moreover. participants from Camb ia Malavsia

Appreciating the conference, he said this initiative will play a major role in reversal of the economy through International certification standards implementation in Pakistan.

Iftikhar Ali expressed satisfaction over the participation of a large and diverse group of International and local professional in the conference and expressed hope that through the active participation and sharing of internationstandards.He al experience, Pakistan would definitely achieve the status of Certification Body. He lauded the efforts of NPO for promoting the Productivity culture in Pakistan through its vision "Economically Productive and Globally Competitive Pakistan".-ÅPP Capital police

early recovery.

'Dastan Kisa Kahani' gets overwhelming response

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ISLAMABAD: The 'Dastan Kisa Kahani' exhibition received an overwhelming response from people who thronged Satrang Gallery on Tuesday to learn art of preserving old paper such as letters and documents.

Hania Khan, a visitor to the gallery, said every art piece which has been put on display in the exhibition gave a different experience and lesson.

Talking to APP, she said such exhibition offered quite unique experience in this era of digitization when the entire focus was on digitizing the old records, she added.

Zahra Khan, curator of the exhibition, said 'Dastan Kisa Kahani' was a solo show of artist Hassnain Awais, who used watercolor, oil paints, digital print, kitchen lithography and pencils in his mesmerizing and intricate work which had sensational outlook.

Hassnain Awais said some memories could fade away, but there were some special ones which always remained alive in mind and on papers.

World Post Day to be marked on Oct 9

ISLAMABAD:World Post Day will be observed on October 9 (Sunday) across the globe. The day highlights the significance of the free flow of international mail around the world.

In many international organizations and countries, high ranking officials or ministers make speeches or issue proclamations on the history or achievements of national or international postal services.

Postal services may issue special postage stamps to commemorate the history or achievements of the national postal service.

These are prized by stamp collectors and philatelists (people who study stamps). In addition, special lessons on these topics may be arranged for school children and the postal services

ICAO President appreciates Pakistan's efforts

ISLAMABAD:International Pakistan in Canada and the Deputy DG of PCAA also at-Civil Aviation Organization tended the meeting. During (ICAO) President Salvatore Sciacchitano has appreciated the meeting, the PCAA DG Pakistan's efforts to transhighlighted the important legform the country's aviation islation and progress made sector into an effective, qualby the Pakistani government itative and modern industry, to bring improvement in the meeting global air-safety aviation sector. The DG also expressed met the ICAO Secretary Genthese views during a meeting eral and discussed matters of with Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) Director General Khaqan Murtaza on

mutual interests. The Pakistani delegation, led by the PCAA DG, is representing the country at the

the sidelines of the ICAO's noot of the ICAO, c from September 27 to October 7 and being participated by 193 member states in Montreal.-APP

activities.

According to an official of PCRWR, all Pakistan campuses of public or private school systems or colleges or institutions and universities after their in-house short listing process can submit five best selected documentaries. The age for the participating students should be between 8-20 vears.

An independent committee will review the documentaries according to the advertised selection criteria and the finalist videos will be played during Pakistan Water Week on October 27 at PCRWR auditorium. The finalists will be award-

ed with a shield and certificate from the PCRWR. The key themes of short documentaries include Climate Change and its impact on agriculture and water', `Water conservation; for present and future' and `Be a responsible citizen; Be water wise'. About the requirements, the official informed that the documentary may be narrative, a story, or a bright idea or solution while the idea must be creative as the organizers have a strict policy regarding plagiarism.-APP

Smoking increases risk of illness

ISLAMABAD:A new study conducted by UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Centre shows that current smokers have a 12% increased risk of a laboratory-confirmed viral infection and a 48% increased risk of being diagnosed with respiratory illnesses.

These results did not vary by type of virus, including the Coronavirus. In combination with the past findings, the current findings published in the Nicotine and Tobacco Research journal support urgent recommendations to increase tobacco control efforts for countering COVID-19.

"Past research has shown that smoking increases the risk of COVID-19 disease severity, but the risk of infection had been less clear," said UC Davis tobacco researcher and lead author of the study, Melanie Dove. "Our study findings show smokers have an increased risk of viral infection.-APP

Pacific region, specifically ing in tandem with similar efforts to enhance capabilorganizations, the APO and NPOs will be able to find

ities of NPOs through accreditation programs. solutions to long-standing Iftikhar said that APO is

Fiji, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Iran, Philippine are participating in the program physically.

casion.-APP

41st Assembly (A41) in Montreal, Canada, according to the Aviation Division news release issued here on Wednesday. The Council General of

Imran must be incarcerated: Latif

ISLAMABAD :Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan must be incarcerated and flogged for inciting revolt against institutions, Federal Minister Mian Javed Latif said Wednesday.Addressing a news conference, he said that Imran Khan was using the resources of two provincial governments for creating unrest and anarchy in the country and subsequently pressurizing the institutions to fulfill his nefarious designs. He said the Imran Khan was binding his workers on oath to fully participate in the anti government movement. Imran Khan must not be spared as he has brazenly violated the constitution and challenged writ of the government. He said Imran Khan apologises in courts when caught red handed and in the same breath use abusive language against the Chief Election Commissioner after coming out of the court. How long such can absurd can continue? The nation has already suffered a lot, he said. The masses were not ready to tolerate such behaviour as they cannot forget what Imran has done to Pakistan. Now there was no room for any new favourite, he said adding that how long will Khan remain a favourite as the nation was quite vigilant and won't allow any deal or NRO (the concession given by former president Musharraf to certain politicians to quash their corruption cases) like to Imran Khan.Now onwards only the constitution and law will have to be followed.-APP

and their employees may receive extra training or recognition and attention in the media.

The Universal Postal Union in cooperation with UNE-SCO has, for the past 35 years, organized an international letter-writing competition for young people. Many participating postal services use World Post Day to award prizes to the winners of the competition. From the earliest times

in history, "postal services" existed in the form of messengers who travelled large distances on foot or horseback. In the 1600s and 1700s, many countries set up national postage systems and entered into bilateral agreements for the exchange of mail between countries.

By the late 1800s there was a large web of bilateral agreements that made the distribution of international mail complicated, nontransparent and inefficient.-APP

Services' trade deficit shrinks 9.84%

ISLAMABAD: The services trade deficit shrunk by 9.84 percent as exports witnessed growth of 8.25 percent during the first two months of the current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding period of last year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. According to PBS data, the

exports from the country during July-August (2022-23) were recorded at \$1,130.14 million against the exports of \$1,043.99 million in July-August (2021-22), showing

growth of 8.25 percent. The services' imports also went up by 1.15 percent from US\$ 1,719.13 million last year to US\$1,738.84 million during the period under review.

Based on the figures, the services trade deficit was recorded at the US \$ 608.70 million this year against the deficit of US \$675.14 million during the last fiscal year, showing a decline of 9.84 percent. On year-on-year basis, the services exports during the month of August 2022 grew by 4 percent to US\$575.14 million against the exports of US \$ 553 million during August 2021.-APP

US Ambassador Donald Blome visits AJK United States is Pakistan's largest export market and American companies have been leading investors in Pakistan for past 20 years

MAHNOOR ANSAR

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador Donald Blome visited Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) October 2-4 to promote the U.S.-Pakistan partnership and highlight the two countries' deep economic, cultural, and people-to-people ties. During his visit, Ambassador Blome met with AJK Prime Minister Tanveer Ilyas and academic, business, cultural, and civil society representatives. In Muzaffarabad, Ambassador Blome laid a wreath to honor the victims of the 2005 earthquake and stated that "during the 75 years of our partnership, the United States has always stood by Pakistan, particularly when it's needed most.'

Following the earthquake, the U.S. government and private sector provided significant humanitarian relief and reconstruction, and the U.S. military delivered relief supplies. In his meetings,

to the people of Pakistan. practice

United States. The Ambassador also joined university leadership to see previous U.S. government funded projects on campus, including a

is continuing this strong tradition of supporting Pakistan during times of great need, having thus far contributed more than \$66 million in cash, food, shelter, and health assistance in response to the devastating flooding. U.S. support has included a U.S. military airbridge that delivered lifesaving supplies At the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Ambassador Blome visited the Lincoln Corner Muzaffarabad, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary. This space provides students and the local community with a multi-media resource center building completed in 2017, to listen to expert speakers, take part in STEM activities, English-language skills, and learn about the

which features laboratories, classrooms, rooms, energy-efficient and green-building concepts. While in Muzaffarabad, the Ambassador also visited the Quaid-e-Azam Memorial Dak Bungalow, the Red Fort, and

the Jalalabad Garden, symbols of the cultural and hisconference torical richness of Pakistan. Meeting with members of the 950-person strong Muzaffarabad chapter of the Pakistan-U.S. Alumni Network, Ambassador Blome praised them for the passion they

discussing the 60 recent projects they've done on topics as varied as climate change, women's empowerment, and entrepreneurship.

During his visit, the Ambassador also met with officers



bring to their communities and the bilateral relationship,

Ambassador Blome emphasized that the United States

from the Pakistan Army 12th Infantry Division to discuss assistance activities for local communities. In Bagh, Ambassador Blome

joined representatives from

U.S. healthcare IT services

company MTBC/CareCloud

to inaugurate the HeadStart School, which enrolls more than 750 students. This purpose-built campus will strengthen the quality of education available to residents in Bagh and provide additional opportunities to the community. MTBC/CareCloud has offices throughout Pakistan, but its Bagh facility is its largest in Pakistan, with 2,525 employees - almost 20 percent of whom are women. The United States is Pakistan's largest export market and American companies have been leading investors in Pakistan for the past 20 years. In the past year alone, U.S. investment in Pakistan increased by over 50 percent, reaching its highest level in

over a decade.

In the end, prizes would be distributed among abad Police on Wednesday the position holders who topped in the book has decided to tighten secu-

writing competition on Seerat-un-Nabi and Naat rity in the city and ensure extra deployment as well as patrolling in various arfunction in connection with eas to avert any untoward 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal would be incident. According to the held here at a local hotel with police sources, all police the title of 'Social Ethics, Reofficials have been directed form and Training in the light by Central Police Office to of Seerat-un-Nabi Peace Be ensure effective security Upon Him'. The event would measures in their respecstart with the national anthem, tive areas and combat crime recitation of verses from the comprehensive through Holy Quran and Naat Sharif. strategy. It has been directed Secretary for Religious Affairs to maintain high alert securiand Interfaith Harmony Aftab ty and ensure strict checking Akbar Durrani would made at exit and entry points of the introductory speech while city. The police sources said the welcome address would that SPs were directed to brief be given by the Minister their subordinates about im-Abdul Shakoor on this ocproved security.-APP

Ministry holds Seerat un-Nabi Conference mobilizes security apparatus ISLAMABAD: The Islam-

China and Russia-Ukraine conflict

The situation on the battlefield of the Russia-Ukraine conflict has taken a complicated turn in recent weeks. The Ukrainian army has recaptured dozens of kilometers of territory since the "counteroffensive" was launched in early September. However, Russia publicly explained that its troops withdrew on its own initiative to regroup "to liberate Donbass." The actual situation is still unclear, but the US and Western media couldn't wait to celebrate Ukraine's "big victory in the counteroffensive." While aiming their guns at Russia, some have fired hidden arrows at China. Hal Brands, a professor of political science at the Johns Hopkins University in the US, recently tweeted that "if Russia's battlefield situation in Ukraine is as bad as it seems, it will create serious dilemmas for China." Some US and Western media also claimed that Ukraine's rapid advances have "certainly left China in an uncomfortable position." and even called for China to "draw lessons from Russia." These arguments are both absurd and vicious. They first demoralize Russia by magnifying its "defeat" on the battlefield and then convert it into a "defeat" of China in a far-fetched way. According to the logic of the West, they either "bind" China and Russia tightly or attempt to create a rift between the two countries.

On this matter, China has never added fuel to the fire, nor did it take advantage of the opportunity to seek geopolitical self-interests, unlike the US and the West, which have continued to make provocations and want to use Ukraine to bring down Russia. Not only that, the outbreak of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine is regrettable, and we are worried about the protracted conflict and the development of a war of attrition. No matter how the situation on the battlefield changes, it is a definite and hazardous fact that the factors that led to the outbreak of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine have not been resolved, but have become more serious. Except for those with geopolitical ambitions, who else would see such an outcome as a victory?

The Russia-Ukraine conflict has lasted for more than 200 days. It has had a significant impact not only on the people of Russia and Ukraine. In addition, the ordinary people in Europe and many developing countries are suffering from the disastrous geopolitical consequence. Recently, a former British MP pointed out that "this is the US being willing to fight to the last drop of Ukrainian blood and being ready to fight to the last European." Now Washington wants to further drain Ukraine's geopolitical value, trying to forcibly drag China into the conflict between Russia and Ukraine in every possible way. Such greed is really ugly. Washington's bottom line is lower than the world can imagine.

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The West must deter disaster

wice recently, Russian President Vladimir Putin has raised the pros-pect of using nuclear weapons in the war he launched to destroy Ukraine. With Russian forces retreating in Ukraine's Donbas region, Mr. Putin's threats amount to desperate saber-rattling intended to frighten all. But his threats must not be brushed off completely, given Mr. Putin's record of folly and recklessness. What weapons are we talking about? Not the nuclear warheads carried by continent-spanning intercontinental ballistic missiles, capable of city-busting strikes with limited warning, which defined the Cold War. Rather, according to the authoritative Nuclear Notebook in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, by Hans M. Kristensen and Matt Korda, Russia possesses 1,912 nonstrategic or tactical nuclear weapons, designed to be launched from ground-based missiles, airplanes or naval vessels. This total might include warheads that are retired or awaiting dismantlement, so the actual deployable force might be smaller. No treaty has ever limited these weapons, although in 1991, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to voluntarily pull many of them back to warehouses.

The Russian warheads are kept in storage under the custody of the defense ministry's 12th Main Directorate. If Mr. Putin were to deploy them, his order would be transmitted to units. Then the weapons would be released from storage onto transport by trucks or helicopters. Once deployed on delivery vehicles – say, missiles or airplanes – Mr. Putin would have to issue a direct order to use them. Each step might be detected and provide the United States and its allies time to react. Early warning would - and should - trigger intense diplomatic and other pressure on Mr. Putin to stop before setting off a nuclear catastrophe. Preparing to exploit this warning is the best defense against disaster. No doubt, Mr. Putin might want to play out such a deployment to ratchet up the pressure. But in so doing, he would escalate the risk of error or miscalculation. Nuclear gamesmanship toys with existential danger.A nuclear blast in Ukraine, even low-yield, would kill civilians as well as soldiers and contaminate Russia, Ukraine and beyond. President Biden has properly warned of severe consequences, and Mr. Putin would be wise to listen. Former CIA director and retired Gen. David H. Petraeus suggested incautiously on Sunday that NATO should launch a massive conventional - that is, nonnuclear - military response, including sinking Russia's Black Sea fleet, if the Kremlin used a tactical nuclear weapon in Ukraine. This appears to be a recipe for wider war with Russia. Far better to stop Mr. Putin before the cataclysm. In 1962, the world stood at the brink when the Soviet Union deployed nuclear warheads on missiles in Cuba, then stood down and took them home. Mr. Putin is getting closer to the peril of those momentous days. He flirts with a dance of death. The only sane thing to do is stand down and end this needless war.

A new turn in Russia-Ukraine war

Munir Ahmed

The Washington Post experts estimate that Russia will get more than US\$12 trillion worth of minerals just in Donbass (DNR and LNR). That's more than 60 percent of Ukraine's coal deposits, 20 percent of its gas reserves and more than 40 percent its metal deposits. Just a glimpse why the US and NATO are interest-

cold war.Russia has taken control of the four Ukrainian parts. The US and NATO are shouting against the step declaring it illegal, calling the "referendum" fake, and promising to undo the move. Russia is all out to defend its "reunification". Russia is also claiming to liberate other parts of Ukraine or the entire country from the occupation of the West that was done in 2014 through a "revolution", and seems determined to "reunify" with Russia. The rising conflict is a serious concern for the entire world, especially for the region. Fueling the feud is a constant threat for regional and global peace and prosperity. Ignoring all the noise in the Western

and the US media against Russian annexation of Ukrainian parts, Russia's lower house of parliament, the State Duma, unanimously approved President Vladimir Putin's bills on Monday, according to Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin, formalizing the seizure of the current leaders of Ukraine will save it. After all, it is no coincidence that a fictitious person was put in the president's chair. A comedian-actor with no skills rules over 40

million people in the centre of Europe. A Russian diplomacy expert believes, "It should not be forgotten that Russia, Ukraine and Belarus are historical Slavic states, which can only live in cooperation with each other. And it is not a secret for the West. First they tried to shake up the situation in Belarus, but didn't succeed, and then they confronted Ukraine and Russia. These are not random processes. That is why nobody but our country is concerned about the destiny of Ukrainian statehood. We understand very well that if it disappears, it will be unnatural for us. We can say that Russia is solving a serious strategic task today.

The historical and ideological effect is the return of territories. These lands were acquired by the Russian Empire during the development of the Wild Field in the second half of the 18th century. Under Catherine II, they were named Novorossiya. Zaporozhye (Aleksandrovsk) was founded in 1770, Kher son in 1778 and Lugansk in 1795. Donetsk emerged later, in 1869. In 1922 these regions were included by the Soviet authorities into the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. There was a demographic effect. Together with the four regions, Russia will gain 5 to 6 million new citizens. The population of the country will grow considerably. These people will integrate into the Russian socio-cultural space, become taxpayers." The Russian Foreign Office believes that the referendum fixed the annexation of the regions within their old administrative borders. The Russian state border will now run along the administrative boundaries of the four former Ukrainian regions. And they will have to be defended, protected and rebuilt

Familyism

t was astriking in- Dr. Abdus Sattar Abbasi vitation to join a book launching

ceremony in one of the leading hotels of Lahore with the title of Familyism (khandaniyyet) on September 04, 2022. Some prominent names were among the speakers, but most important aspect of the session was that the organizers converted the occasion into fundraising for flood relief activities which resulted into more than 10 million rupees of donations by the participants. Familyism is a topic of global concern due to the tarnishing social fabric around the globe. We here in the subcontinent are relatively less affected by this global phenomenon which diluted the structure of the family due to extensive modernization, urbanization and commercialization where everyone is running to

leading journalists, academicians, re-

ligious scholars, representatives of NGOs and women organizations were present on the occasion. The focus of speeches remained tacitly criticizing to the western family culture which I think is visible to us only through the glamorous metropolitan popular cities. The connectivity of family members in cities and towns little away from the mainstream is relatively better. But the question is why we aspire for familyism? Is it just a longterm self-protection strategy? Is it seeking spiritual satisfaction? Is it complying traditions? Is it to strengthen national/ societal prosperity? Or is it irritability to the Western culture? Because apparently the facilitations which Western culture extends to their people to assist in their responsibilities linked with the families is paying them off in terms of prosperity and growth. Western progress despite weakening family structures is awe-inspiring in terms of development and financial affluence. Does it worth to sacrifice the affection, the warmth, the love and the care which human relations extend to each other? Life on this planet revolves around the human being, what if the living soul remains engaged in material gains and ignores the value of family bonding to attain short-lived material happiness at the cost of lasting satisfaction of enduring family relationships. I was bit rattled looking at a report that suggests. "In nursing homes throughout Japan, an interactive, therapeutic robot is helping provide care to elderly residents. The robot's name is Paro, and it looks like a baby harp seal, complete with fur, soulful eyes, and even whiskers. The idea of getting healthcare from a robot may seem to be the stuff of science fiction, but Paro is effective in calming elderly people with dementia and other cognitive disorders. A recent study found that loneliness rates decreased in a test group that socialized with the robot.Worldwide, about 5,000 Paros are in use, but Japan is the single biggest market for the device, with 3,000." Japan is a country with increasingly aging population, launching of robots for the care of elderly people is indeed alarming from social perspective in spite of given advantages of reducing loneliness and reduction in the cost of healthcare. Because, despite their exceptional expected efficiency and accuracy still robots can never extend kindness, sympathy, attachment, tenderness and feelings of relationships. Family is a part of divine design to enrich experience of human life in this world. Let's not spoil this institution, let's not culminate to Paro, let's not perish the feelings of being from our society, let's sacrifice for existence, let's compromise for compassion, and let's contribute to warmth of life by strengthening and promoting familyism in our societies for strong, prosperous and happy future of the mankind. The writer is Associate Professor Management Sciences Head, Center of Islamic FinanceCOMSATS University (CUI) Lahore Campusdrabdussattar@cuilahore.edu.pk

ed in and struggling to capture Ukrainian membership for a decade.

ast Friday (30 September 2022), Pres-ident Vladimir Putin announced Russia's 'reunification' of four Ukrainian parts with Russia while both countries have been fighting since late February this year. The US and the West have shown their anger over the "annexation" of Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson with Russia, a region that makes up 15 percent of Ukraine's territory. Annexation or Reunification, whatever you call in terms of your interpretation or vested interest, Russia took control over the four parts after a "referendum" followed by the "rulers" of these parts singed the documents of reunification/annexation of their land with Russia, telecast live on the screens. Good enough. What next?Several weeks back I wrote on these pages showing my apprehensions that Ukraine will be divided. Some Kremlin-leaning parts would be annexed with Russia. Other parts would go to the NATO Bloc. The US and West is only interested in a piece of land where their military might could sit over Russia's neck to control its ever-strengthening economy and wide-spreading geopolitical and geo-economic bilateral and multilateral ties since after the end of

four regions of Ukraine in a vote that was never in doubt. The upper house, Russia's Federation

Council, voted yesterday (October 4) to formalize the annexations, which the West claims has "violated international law". The moves signal to Ukraine and its supporters that Moscow sees the seizures as irreversible. Fine,

but what about the Ukrainian video showing their forces "planting" their flag in Myrolyubivka, a settlement in the Kherson region. Ukraine claimed to have gained more ground overnight in counter offensives while Russia was preparing to vote on the seized Ukrainian parts in the State Duma.

Chaotic and strange situation is merging in Ukraine but not unexpectedly. A decade back geopolitical wisdom has reflected upon the consequences of increasing US and NATO interest and influence in Ukraine. They knew well that it would disrupt the peace and prosperity of the country, region and global too. Now, we are seeing it happening. Ultimately, we need to do something about Kiev too. The destruction of Ukraine is now underway while the US and NATO are supporting Kiev against Russia to grab the entire Ukraine, Poland claims five regions, Romania claims one, and Hungary claims Transcarpathia. The three recent interests play no small part in fomenting the conflict. Therefore we can say that by special operation we are saving the Ukrainian statehood. Because there is no hope that

as Russian territory. All of the country's resources will have to be devoted to it. The Washington Post experts estimate that Russia will get more than US\$12 trillion worth of minerals just in Donbass (DNR and LNR). That's more than 60 percent of Ukraine's coal deposits, 20 percent of its gas reserves and more than 40 percent its metal deposits. Just a glimpse why the US and NATO are interested in and struggling to capture Ukrainian membership for a decade.

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Psychological empowerment at workplace

Zahra Ali



A positive, gratifying, fulfilling, work-related state-of-mind cultivates dedication and commitment, and prevents energy depletion, emotional exhaustion and health impairments.

mail: zahra.ali.khan@outlook.com Psychological empowerment is a concept originating from industrial-organizational psychology. An increased interest in empowerment has

eas within psychology and management practices. Empowerment is giving an individual the opportunity for autonomy, to be able to make a choice, to take responsibility, and participate in decision making at workplace.

Empowering work conditions magnify active work engagement/ involvement by stimulating employees' intrinsic and extrinsic motivation. Namely, Development opportunities, Career Advancement, Job Security, Social Support, Social Structure, Feedback, Help, and Guidance at workplace directly fosters learning and devotion, as a result mounting proficiency, competence, relatedness, and wellbeing of the employees, and effectiveness of the organizational goals. Psychological Empowerment is the underlying mechanism of improved and active work engagement. Research databases suggest when employees who have access to pertinent knowledge about performance, both at the individual level and

organizational level, about the values and policies; they are able to perceive work as more meaningful, rewarding, and substantial. A positive, gratifying,

been seen in diverse subject ar- fulfilling, work-related state-of-mind cultivates dedication and commitment, and prevents energy depletion, emotional exhaustion and health impairments. This is important not only for health and wellbeing, but also for retaining top performing employees.

These emotions widen thought-action repertoires. Research on active work engagement has burgeoned because actively engaged employees report better health and higher well-being, while they contribute to organizational effectiveness, goals, productivity, performance, sales, and customer satisfaction etc. This piece of writing can provide worthy and useful insights for education sector as well. In other words, this can assist educational institutions to maintain high levels of psychological empowerment among faculty members, in turn, enhancing their employees' commitment and effectiveness and students' academic achievement. Education is a social institution that requires continued learning opportunities, workforce development, collaboration and partnerships, school-to-work transitions, including coaching and mentoring, to respond to contemporary global challenges and achieving sustainable development goals. The writer is a regular contributor towards SDGs, and at present an M. phil Scholar.

attain as much luxury as possible for enhanced experience of life. But we forgot that eventual pleasure exists in collectiveness, togetherness and cooperativeness. Familyismputs priority to family advocating a societal system where families take responsibility for the care of their members rather than leaving all responsibilities to the government. It is both symbolic and ideological contrast to the materialism where self-interest takes precedence over all other obligations. It was 1992, my first year of professional life, when I was listening to our then CEO late Mr. HaiderKarrareducating us to remain vigilant on two fronts, first the family and the second financial management. He emphasized to limit expenses according to the pocket for peaceful life and make sure to look after the family, because if you don't have a sound family 'tuaapkabajabaj jai' means 'you will have a terrible life', for harmony in life you need to have a dependable wife, he added. The publisher in his opening remarks mentioned that when disciples of Eblis present their progress he embraces the one who managed to create friction between a husband and a wife because it is the starting point to weaken the institution of a family. He also showed his concerns over significant increase of khula cases than divorce in recent years indicating a trend that more women are now trying to escape from the challenges and responsibilities of a family life.

Being in the family is indeed demanding, needs compromises, asks for sacrifices and requires patience to accommodate multidimensional demands of all members of the family but it has several long-term benefits e.g. most of our prosperity indices avoid looking at the miseries of old age parents in the developed countries, if we can gauge their difficulties being without their families at the mercy of old age homes this single indicator will put all prosperity surveys upside down. The author of the book, Dr. SamiaRaheelQazi, in her address was appreciative of her entire family for their support to facilitate her achievements in the life from her parents to her children and even grand children who are source of happiness in her life. She recognized support of every member of her family with their names explaining their contributions in herattainments. Some

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Army to stay away from politics: COAS

FROM PAGE 01

The US department of defence, in a readout, simply said that Austin's meeting with the army chief was held "during the 75th anniversary of relations between the United States and Paki stan". "This long-standing partnership continues today with discussions focused on opportunities to address key mutual defense inter-

ests," said readout. General Bajwa held these scheduled meetings with senior officials of the Biden administration as he began the second leg of his US visit yesterday.

The army chief arrived in the US on September 30 and met with the UN officials in New York.

General Bajwa is heading a delegation that will stay in the US for another couple of days, diplomatic sources said, terming the visit an important one that portrayed "robust relations" between the two countries

Marriyum asks Imran to answer questions

FROM PAGE 01

9.5 million people unemployed and pushed over 20 million people into abject poverty. "What he would do after coming to Islamabad," she questioned. She asked why the person, who threatened the judiciary and judges and ridiculed national institutions and dragged them into politics, was planning for a long march to federal capital. She claimed that Imran Khan had a compromise on Kashmir in his tenure and now he was trying to destabilize the system in the country.

Terming Imran Khan "thief of Tosha Khana and partner in corruption of Farah Gogi and Peerni", she asked why he was planning for a long march. The minister advised Imran to answer these questions first and then announce long march to the federal capital.

Army, Wapda into semis of Women's Basketball C'ship

Defending champion Pakistan Wapda also continued their outstanding performance to retain the championship title by defeating Rawalpindi by a big margin of 56 points and won the pool round match by 62-6 points to enter into the semifinal round

AFZAL JAVED

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Army and defending Champion Wapda moved into the semifinal round of the ongoing National Women's Basketball Championship here at Pakistan Sports Complex Islamabad organized by Federal Basketball Association. Pakistan Army girls wearing red shirts are still unbeatable as they continued their journey of consecutive victory in the championship pool round matches by defeating Islamabad blues by 55-26 points to qualify for the semifinal round. Kashifa was the top player for Army who scored 17points with Ayesha Khan 15 and Amna Mohsin 09 points to qualify Army team for the championship semifinal round. For Islamabad Blues Amani Khan scored 08 points with Mominah Ahmed adding

points for the losing team. Defending champion Pakistan Wapda also continued their out-



standing performance to retain the championship title by defeating Rawalpindi by a big margin of 56 points and won the pool round

match by 62-6 points to enter into the semifinal round. In the match, the Rawalpindi team appeared helpless in front of the defending

champion, Wapda was leading by 26 points in the match until half time, which increased to 56 points by the end of the match. From the

winning team, Hijab Fatima and Sidra Hakim scored 11 points, while Amina Mukhtar scored 9 points. Lahore outclassed KPK in the third match by 31-04 points. KPK failed to make a single point till half time where Lahore was leading by 17 points. Huraina Sajjad and Feroza Aslam scoring 10 and 08 points respectively for the winning side. In the fourth match, Karachi defeated Islamabad Whites by 30 points to 14 and booked their place for the semi-final round as well. In the match, Hiba Faraz of Karachi played a key role in the success of the team by scoring 12 points while Laiba tabraiz khan scored 08 points for the winning team. Eight teams Pakistan Wapda, Karachi, Rawalpindi, Islamabad whites, Pakistan Army, Lahore, Islamabad Blues and Peshawar are taking part in the five days championship which will be concluded on October 07th under

the umbrella of Pakistan Basket-

glacier in the neighbouring

state of Himachal Pradesh.

And last week, renowned

US ski mountaineer Hilaree

Nelson's body was found on

the slopes of Nepal's Manas-

lu peak after she went miss-

ing skiing down the world's

On the day of Nelson's ac-

eighth-highest mountain.

glacial lakes. - APP

ball Federation (PBBF).

Imran could have raised voice in NA: SC

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FROM PAGE 01 amendments made to the National Accountability Ordinance (NAO) 1999. Khan, through his lawyer Khawaja Haris, had filed an application under Rule 6 of SC Rules 180 for the placing on record of documents in the petition, challenging the NAB Ordinance 1999 amendments. "People had put their trust in Imran Khan and sent him to the [National] Assembly. How and why could he leave the assembly without the will of people in his constituency,' Justice Shah remarked as he heard the plea alongside Justice Ijaz Ul Ahsan and CJP Umar Ata Bandial.

He said that the former prime minister could have raised objections to the new NAB law if he had stayed in the assembly.

The remark came in response to Imran Khan's lawyer Khawaja Haris' argument that the elected representatives of the people could only approach the courts if the works are not done in the respective constituencies. At the outset of the hearing, NAB informed the court about adopting the stance of the attorney general in the case.

Imran's lawyer Haris maintained that the accountability laws have been present since 1949.

"None of the [modifications] in the accountability laws have given an exemption to the public representatives,' he said, adding that NAB laws were made ineffective through amendments.

At this, Justice Shah inquired what could the apex court do if the parliament abolishes the NAB law.

"Has the SC ever issued an order to restore an abolished law," he asked. At this, Haris informed the court that the apex court had ordered to restore a law abolished in 1990.

Pak needs support to combat climate change

FROM PAGE 01 Ashraf outlined that in the

backdrop of recent climate

fallout in the country, the

Assembly had proposed an emergency item in the forth-

India No.1 country in world likely to witness genocide

ISLAMABAD: With the multiple video footages of Muslims being publicly flogged by Hindu fanatics surfacing on the internet, analysts believe that India was fast heading toward the much-feared stage of genocide. Recently an upsurge in lynching and mistreating of Muslim youngsters has been observed in India, especially during the religious festival of Garba. In multiple incidents, the right-wing Hindu extremist mob maltreated Muslims around the said religious festival. On October 3 and 4, three incidents were reported where state machinery supported Hindu extremists in their anti-Muslim agenda. "India has all of the preparatory stages for more genocidal massacres," according to Dr Gregory Stanton, the founder of Genocide Watch. Dr. Stanton had predicted a genocide in Rwanda years before it took place in 1994. Now he has warned of an impending genocide of Muslims in India, comparing the situation of the country under the Narendra Modi government to events in Myanmar and Rwanda. In the State of Gujarat, nine Muslim men were publicly flogged by Hindu extremists while the crowd chanted nationalist slogans and the state machinery including police reportedly supervised and supported the torture. The incident happened when a mob of Hindus teased and chanted anti-Islam slogans in the Muslim community area. In a separate incident in Jharkand, 22 years old Ejaz Ansari was beaten to death by RSS mob with axes and batons. In Mandsaur city of Madhya Pradesh, 19 Muslim youth were arrested on fake charges of disturb ing the Garba festival. The houses of three youths were also bulldozed by the administration. The International Human Rights Foundation took notice of the incident and asked the Government of India to take notice of the incident. - DNA

Ten dead after Indian Himalayas avalanche hits climbers to those injured in the a crevasse while crossing a lanche, around 4,900 me-

NEW DELHI: Ten people are confirmed dead after an avalanche struck climbers in the Indian Himalayas, police said Wednesday, with 18 other members of the expedition still missing. Several dozen climbing trainees were caught in Tuesday morning's snowslide near the summit of Mount Draupadi ka Danda-II in the northern state of Uttarakhand. The Indian air force and local disaster agency were assisting with rescue efforts before heavy snow and rainfall forced them to abandon the search overnight. "Rescue teams have re-

covered 10 bodies," the Uttarakhand state police force said on Twitter after operations resumed in the morning. Fourteen people have so far been rescued from the site of the ava-

tres (16,000 feet) above sea level, and police said five were being treated at a dis-State trict hospital in Uttarkashi. Police footage showed several rescued climbers arriving in the town and walking

unassisted while escorted by officers. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami confirmed on Twitter that accomplished climber Savita Kanswal, who had summited Everest earlier this year, was among the dead. Kanswal was an instructor

with the expedition and had been feted by the climbing community for summiting the world's highest peak and nearby Makalu in just 16 days - a women's record. Dhami said the government would provide immediate financial assistance

avalanche along with the families of victims. disaster agency

spokesperson Ridhim Aggarwal told AFP that the climbers had been stuck in a crevasse after the avalanche hit. The Nehru Institute of Mountaineering said the expedition included 34 of its trainees, seven instructors and a nursing assistant. Two air force helicopters

had been sent to the region to assist with the search, senior disaster management official Devendra Singh Patwal told AFP. Fatal climbing accidents are common on the treacherous terrain of the Himalayas, home to Everest and several of the world's highest peaks. In August, the body of a mountaineer was recovered

cident, an avalanche hit on the 8,163-metre (26,781foot) mountain, killing Nepali climber Anup Rai and injuring a dozen others who were later rescued. Although no substantial research has been done on the impacts of climate change on mountaineering risks in the Himalayas, climbers have reported crevasses widening, running water on previously snowy slopes, and the increasing formation of

two months after he fell into

No cipher presented in NSC...

FROM PAGE 01 new premier, Shehbaz Sharif, which affirmed that there was no foreign conspiracy against Imran. "The NSC discussed the telegram (cipher) received from the Pakistan embassy in Washington. Pakistan's former ambassador to the US briefed the committee on the context and content of his telegram," a statement issued after the NSC had said.

Imran Khan directs party to gather...

FROM PAGE 01 Khan, while delegating the responsibilities to the district-level officer bearers, said that the list of all PTI workers should be sent to him within two to three days The PTI chairman told the local leaders that 6,000 workers should come to the capital from Gujranwala, the same number from Sialkot and Gujrat, 5,000 from Mandi Bahauddin, and 4,000 each from Hafizabad and Narowal. He also asked the leaders to draft a list of expenses that will be incurred during their stay in Islamabad, while directing them to begin funding for the anti-government march. "The local leadership will be responsible to bear the expenses of the workers reaching Islamabad," he told the officer bearers. In a separate meeting with party leader Waseem Ramy, Khan said that he has directed every district to gather 6,000 peo-

ple for the long march. "I will decide from where the long march will begin and what will be its timing. I have kept details about the march very close to myself," Khan added. In his address to leaders and workers in Peshawar on Tuesday, the PTI chairman said he is going to give the call for what he called the long march at any time. The ousted prime minister said that everyone must take part in the long march, considering it a form of "jihad". However, he didn't give a date for the event.



CHRISTCHURCH: Pakistan Captain Babar Azam, Bangladesh Vice Captain Nurul Hasan Sohan and New Zealand Captain Kane Williamson during the unveiling of the T20i Tri-Series trophy. - DNA

Conor Benn in 'adverse' drug test before fight

LONDON: Conor Benn has returned an "adverse analytical finding for trace amounts of a fertility drug" before his fight with Chris Eubank Jr, promoters have said. They say he has not been suspended and remains free to fight in London. "The B sample has yet to be tested, meaning that no rule violation has been confirmed," said the statement from Matchroom and Wasserman Boxing. It added that Benn, 26, has not been charged

and that he and Eubank, 33, are still keen to fight on Saturday. The pair are scheduled to meet in an all-British catchweight bout at the O2 Arena, 30 years after their fathers, Nigel Benn and Chris Eubank Sr, faced each other in the ring. The promoters' statement said: "We have been made aware that a random anti-doping test for Conor Benn conducted by the Voluntary Anti-Doping Association returned an adverse analytical finding for trace amounts of a fertility drug. "Mr Benn has since passed a doping control test conducted by the UK Anti-Doping Agency, the anti-doping authority to which the British Board of Boxing Control has delegated its doping control testing for the bout. Mr Benn has passed all doping control tests conducted by UKAD. - DNA

Xavi calls Barcelona's loss to Inter Milan 'real injustice'

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LONDON: After their Champions League group stage elimination was threatened by a 1-0 loss at Inter Milan, Xavi felt his Barcelona team had suffered "a great injustice." Inter won, thanks to a goal from Hakan Calhanoglu in stoppage time of the first half. "The referee should be out here explaining why he makes these decisions if he made mistakes or not. That would humanise them a lot more," said Xavi. "Today I'm really unhappy. I

Donald Trump's son urges halt to US aid to Ukraine

WASHINGTON: The eldest son of former US President Donald Trump on Tuesday urged a halt to US aid to Ukraine. Money should be directed to those who were hit last week by Hurricane Ian in the state of Florida, Donald Trump Jr. said on Twitter. "How about we get every single Floridian back into their homes and back to normal before we send one more cent to the Ukraine." The storm that hit the southern US state has killed more than 100 people, according to multiple reports. Rescue efforts remain underway. After calling the storm the "deadliest" in Florida's history, President Joe Biden declared a state of emergency, and Congress is due to vote on disaster aid funding. US President Joe Biden announced a new \$625 million security assistance package for Kyiv during a Tuesday telephone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, according to the White House. Biden also signed a stopgap spending bill on Sept. 30 that includes \$12.3 billion in military and economic aid to Ukraine, which Russia attacked this February, starting the war. The Trump son is an outspoken political supporter of his father. In December 2019, then-President Trump was impeached after a congressional panel found that he had withheld military aid to Ukraine to pressure it to start a politically damaging probe of Biden, his political rival. - DNA

with the most notable incident occurring when the decision appeared to be reversed. But when he placed pressure on Onana, Fati raised his hand and the ball was shoved into his fingers at point blank range. Via VAR, the goal was disallowed, and Barcelona manager Xavi received a booking for arguing with the referee. Before the game, Simone Inzaghi, Xavi's Inter teammate, was the one under

pressure. After dropping

four of its first eight league

games this season, his team

is ninth in Serie A.

coming IPU Assembly. The proposal urged the international community to maintain its focus beyond the present emergency relief, to sustain the political will to support the medium-and long-term rehabilitation, and risk reduction efforts as well as the adaptation plan led by the Government of Pakistan at all levels. It also recommended hold-

ing an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations to discuss the modalities of establishing a dedicated fund to address loss and damage associated with climate change in countries affected by the devastations of climatic degradation.

The Speaker impressed upon the diplomats to pass on the message to their governments respective and parliaments for their cooperation and action to deal with impending climate challenges in the developing world. The meeting was attended by delegates from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Norway, UK & Italy.

Pak HC lauds UK govt

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Moazzam Ahmad Khan on Wednesday appreciated the announcement of £16.5 million for humanitarian assistance by the United Kingdom government as well as support through the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) and the mobilization of resources by the civil society. He was attending a reception hosted by Lord Zameer Choudrey, Chairman Conservative Friends of Pakistan at the Annual Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham. British Foreign Secretary, Rt Hon James Cleverly MP was the keynote speaker while UK ministers, lords, MPs and members of the civil society attended the event, a press release said. - APP

Royal rift after Danish queen strips grandkids' titles Prince Joachim said he had "unfortunately" had no contact with his mother or elder brother Crown Prince Frederik since the queen's announcement

sparked

COPENHAGEN: The queen of Denmark's decision to strip four of her grandchildren of their titles has sparked unprecedented royal drama in Copenhagen and led her enraged son to air the family's dirty laundry in public. Queen Margrethe II announced last week that the four children of her youngest son, 53-vear-old Prince Ioachim. would no longer be able to use the title of prince and princess after January 1. She apologised on Monday

for the hurt caused. But Margrethe stood by the decision which was intended to allow Nikolai.

23, Felix, 20 - born from speak out in the media. "On May 5 I was presented Joachim's first marriage -Henrik, 13, and Athena, 10, with a plan. That this whole to live normal lives without issue of my children's idenroyal obligations. tity would be removed when they each turned 25. Athe-The move followed a trend na will turn 11 in January", among other European he told Danish tabloid B.T. royal families to slim down their monarchies, includ-"Then, I received five days'

ing in Britain where the notice" that the decision Windsors face their own had been accelerated. family feud. "Holding a His first wife Alexandra royal title involves a numalso told B.T. she and her children were "shocked". ber of commitments and duties that, in the future, while her eldest son exwill lie with fewer mempressed his sadness. "I'm bers of the royal family," very bewildered as to why Europe's only reigning this had to happen like this". Nicolai told tabloid queen said in a statement. But Prince Joachim saw it Ekstra Bladet. as a snub and was quick to The outpourings

surprise in the Scandinavian country, coming just days after the hugely popular royal family had celebrated the queen's 50th anniversary on the throne with pomp and smiles. There is "no tradition in

Denmark of members of the royal family discussing with each other in public", historian Lars Hovbakke Sorensen told AFP. Prince Joachim said he had "unfortunately" had no contact with his mother or elder brother Crown

Prince Frederik since the queen's announcement. "It's also family. Or whatever one could call it". he told

B.T. In another swipe, his French-born wife Princess Marie said the couple's relationship with Crown Prince Frederik and his Australian-born wife Mary was "complicated".

The media then dug up another old family spat, namely Joachim and Marie's claims that their 2019 move to Paris - where Joachim is the Danish embassy defence attache - was not of their "own choice".

Yet the queen's decision did not surprise royal watchers. It's "natural, reasonable and necessary", said historian Sebastian Olden-Jorgensen. The queen's four other

grandchildren born Crown Prince Frederik, 54,

will retain their titles. Back in 2016 the queen decided however that when they come of age only the future king, Prince Christian, will receive an appanage. Stripping Joachim's children's titles is just another move in the same direction, experts said. "She has wisely chosen to

do this herself and not to leave it to her successor, the Crown Prince", Olden-Jorgensen said. "It is much easier for her to do to this to her son than for him to do it later to his brother," he added. - Agencies

feel there is real injustice."

When Pedri scored for Bar-

ca in the second half, they

believed they had saved a

point. However, the goal

was disallowed due to an

Ansu Fati handball. Barce-

lona drops to third place in

Group C after a loss, three

Pedri appeared to have

equalised on 67 minutes

after Cameroon keeper

Andre Onana cut through

a crowd of players and

palmed a cross straight to

him, allowing the 19-year-

old to finish. It was a con-

troversial night for VAR

decisions at the San Siro.

points behind Inter.

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OPEC+ expected to slash oil output

VIENNA:Major oil producers led by Saudi Arabia and Russia were expected Wednesday to agree on a major cut in output to prop up prices despite West ern concerns over energy-fuelled inflation.

The 13-nation OPEC cartel and its 10 Russian-led allies is reportedly considering a reduction of up to two million barrels per day at a meeting in Vienna - the biggest cut since 2020.

Such a move could turbocharge crude prices, further aggravating inflation which has reached decades-high levels in many countries and is contributing to a global economic slowdown.

US President Joe Biden personally appealed to Saudi leaders in July to boost production in order to tame prices which soared following Russia's invasion of Ukraine earlier this year. But crude price have fallen in recent months on concerns over dwindling demand and fears over a pos-

sible global recession. "With consumers only just breathing a sigh of relief after being forced to pay record prices at the pump, today's cut is not going to go down well," said Craig Erlam, an analyst at trading platform OANDA. –APP

Vietnam requests Netflix remove to K-drama

WEB DESK

HANOI: Vietnam has asked Netflix to stop showing South Korean drama series "Little Women" in the Southeast Asian country, alleging the series distorted events of the Vietnam War, state media said Wednesday

In episode eight of the 12 part drama, which is loosely based on the novel of the same name by Louisa May Alcott, a war veteran from South Korea is seen brag ging about the "kill-to-death ratio" between troops from his country and the Viet Cong. More than 320,000 South Koreans were sent to Vietnam between 1964 and 1973 to fight alongside US soldiers. They have long faced allegations that they committed mass killings of Vietnamese civilians. The war veteran in the series, a Korean, tells one of the main characters in the show that "in our best battles, the kill-to-death ratio for Korean troops was 20:1. That's 20 Viet Cong killed for one Korean soldier dead ."He then goes on to say the ratio was even higher in South Korea's favour among the country's elite soldiers.It is not known how many North Vietnamese soldiers were killed by South Korean troops during the war. –APP

Ukraine pushes east, Moscow vows to win back lost ground

"The de-occupation of the Lugansk region has already officially started," regional governor Sergiy Gaiday said in a video posted on social media, dressed in camouflage and adding that several settlements had been liberated

News Desk

KYIV (Ukraine) (AFP) -Kyiv on Wednesday claimed further victories over Russian troops in eastern Ukraine as the Kremlin vowed to recapture territory lost in a lightening Ukrainian counteroffensive. In recent weeks, Ukraine's forces, bolstered by Western weapons, have wrested Russian troops out of a string of towns and villages in the east and in the south. Kyiv this week claimed gains in the southern Kherson region and control of almost the entire eastern Kharkiv region, paving the way for its forces to enter the separatist stronghold of Lugansk.

"The de-occupation of the Lugansk region has already officially started," regional

governor Sergiy Gaiday said in a video posted on social media, dressed in camouflage and adding that several settlements had been liberated.

On Wednesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed into legislation his annexation of four Ukrainian territories - including Lugansk - as the EU agreed a new round of sanctions against Moscow in response. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Moscow would take back land it lost to Kyiv within the annexed regions, vowing they would be "Russian forever and will not be returned."

Putin last Friday signed agreements with the Moscow-installed leaders of the four regions to become subjects of the Russian Federation, despite condemnation from Kyiv and the West.

The four territories -Donetsk, Kherson, Lugansk and Zaporizhzhia - create a crucial land corridor between Russia and the Crimean Peninsula, which was annexed by Moscow in 2014. Together, the five regions make up around 20

percent of Ukraine. The Kremlin annexed the territories after hastily conducting referendums, denounced as void by Kyiv and its Western allies, but has yet to confirm what areas exactly of those regions are being annexed.

Russian forces do not have full control over Kherson or Zaporizhzhia and recently lost control of several settlements in Donetsk. "The way we are regrouping

(our forces) along the front means that we can gather strength and strike back," Kirill Stremousov, the Mos-

cow-appointed deputy head of Kherson region, told the RIA Novosti news agency. Ukraine's forces "won't enter Kherson. Its impossible," he said referring to

the region's eponymous main city. Tuesday, Ukrainian On President Volodymyr Zelensky said his forces were making "rapid and powerful" gains and had retaken "dozens" of villages in the

east and south. The latest battlefield maps from Moscow showed that Russian troops had left many areas in Kherson, including along the west bank of the Dnipro River. In Kharkiv, the maps indi-

cated that Russian forces had almost entirely abandoned the east bank of the Oskil River, potentially giving the Ukrainians space to shell key Russian troop transportation and supply corridors.

While Russian authorities remain largely silent about the extent of the setbacks, war correspondents of pro-Kremlin media admitted that troops were in trouble. "There won't be any good news in the near future. Not from the Kherson front nor from Lugansk," newspaper journalist Alexander Kots wrote on his Telegram channel with over 640,000 followers. Near Lyman, a strategic transport hub in Donetsk that Kyiv recaptured over the weekend, a Ukrainian paratrooper told AFP that forces were "exhausted". "We'll rest for a bit and then we will go further," said the young, bearded soldier. "We will chase them," he added. On Tuesday, US President

Joe Biden told Zelensky

Chemistry Prize was on

Wednesday awarded to a

trio of chemists from the

United States and Denmark

who laid the foundation for a more functional form of

chemistry.Americans Car-

olyn Bertozzi and Barry

Sharpless, together with

Denmark's Morten Meldal,

were honoured "for the de-

velopment of click chemis-

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The award marks the sec-

ond Nobel for 81-year-old

istry," the jury said.

that another \$625 million in military assistance was on

the way. The new batch includes more HIMARS multiple rocket launchers, which have allowed Ukraine to strike Russian command depots and arms stockpiles far behind the front line. From the EU, there were

no details about the nature of fresh sanctions agreed against Russia. The latest package - the eighth since Russia's invasion in February - is now going through a final approval procedure which, if no objections emerge, will be published and come into effect on Thursday, the Czech Republic's EU ambassador

"We can't divide ourselves according to our fiscal room for maneuver, we need solidarity," he stressed.

to address the energy crisis.

PARI: Paris police on Wednesday dismantled a camp that is home to over 100 crack users, the latest move in a campaign that has repeatedly displaced the addicts around the capital.

Local residents and aid groups have for years been frustrated by authorities' failure to either clamp down on open drug dealing and crime in and around the camps or to provide appro-



ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong meeting with Federal Minister for Industries and Production, Syed Murtaza Mahmud. APP

Sharpless, who won the Stockholm on December chemistry Nobel in 2001. 10, the anniversary of the Only four other individuals 1896 death of scientist Alhave achieved that feat, infred Nobel who created the cluding Polish-born Frenchprizes in his last will and woman Marie Curie. testament.-APP

Indonesian president to order stadium audit

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said on Twitter. Moscow has accused the West of being behind blasts that lead to four leaks on the Baltic Sea

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reaction that is now in wide-

spread use," the jury said in

"Among many other uses,

it is utilised in the develop-

ment of pharmaceuticals,

for mapping DNA and creat-

ing materials that are more

The trio will share the No-

bel award sum of 10 million

Swedish kronor (\$917,500).

and will receive the prize

from King Carl XVI Gustaf

at a formal ceremony in

fit for purpose," it added.

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STOCKHOLM :The Nobel Click chemistry "is an ele-

Olaf defends €200B energy fund

Islamabad **POST**

Thursday, October 6, 2022

FOREIGN DESK

ERLIN: German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Tuesday defended his government's 200 billion energy fund, after Italy and several other EU states criticized Berlin for undermining European solidarity.

"We will establish a power price cap. Like many other countries, we will do the same for gas," Scholz said, during a joint news conference with Dutch Prime Min-

"Some countries have long been in the process of doing exactly what we have planned for this year and the next two years, they have done this with great support and measures," he said.

Scholz's coalition government announced a 200 billion energy fund last week to protect consumers and companies from skyrocketing energy prices and possible disruptions to gas supplies due to the Russia-Ukraine war.

However, outgoing Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi criticized Berlin for taking unilateral steps and for not showing solidarity with other EU member states.

Dane win Nobel prize

France's Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire also warned against the "fragmentation of the eurozone" and urged consultation and solidarity among EU member states

Paris police dismantle crack users' camp

Belgium paralyzed by train strike

News Desk

BRUSSELS: Railway transport is heavily disrupted on Wednesday in Belgium as trade unions protest for more funding for the sector. Belgian railway unions hold a 24-hour strike to pressure the government to adapt their budget to the rising living costs and to ease the shortage of personnel.

"The government has big plans for the SNCB (National Railway Company of Belgium) but it needs sufficient means to accomplish," Pierre Lejeune, the president of the CGSP railway trade union told the public broadcaster RTBF.

He explained that 3,500 scheduled trains are canceled every month and 15% of these decisions are taken because there are not enough staff members to run the service. Railway service is currently on a complete halt in the southern Namur and Luxemburg provinces, while only two in every five intercity and one in four local trains are running because of the strike. The protest officially started at 10 p.m. local time on Tuesday to end at the same time on Wednesday.-APP

UK plan to ban English Channel crossers from seeking asylum

News Desk

LONDON: Government plans to ban those who arrive in the UK in small boats crossing the English Channel from seeking asylum are "deeply worrying," according to the Refugee Council NGO. Enver Solomon, CEO of the one of the leading charities working with refugees and people seeking asylum in the UK, said Tuesday's proposal from Home Secretary Suella Braverman is "out of step with the majority of the public, who support giving refu-gees protection." "Most of those coming to the UK on small boats are fleeing the unimaginable horror of war, conflict and persecution," Solomon said in an email to Anadolu Agency. He said: "They must not be criminalised for doing so but given a fair hearing on UK soil. Prime Ministers since Winston Churchill have committed to the Refugee Convention -which we were a founding signatory of - and we should be strengthening our commitment to this, not seeking to break from it." Solomon argued that none of what the home secretary is proposing "will do anything to tackle the problems in our asylum system because it fundamentally fails to address the reasons people are forced to come here in the first place." "We need constructive proposals,

from creating safe routes for refugees, to ending the backlog in asylum claims and working with international partners to properly address root causes of forced migration." At the Conservative Party's fall conference in Birmingham, Britain's new home secretary said that under new plans, migrants crossing the English Channel from France to the UK will face a blanket ban from claiming asylum.

In her first major speech in her new post, Braverman unveiled the plan amid 35,000 such crossings having taken place this year alone, according to official figures. Braverman's announcement that the government's Rwanda plan, under which asylum seekers would be sent to the African country while their applications are processed, will be implemented has also faced a backlash.

Detention Action, a group fighting the Rwanda plan in court, said Braverman was "pouring fuel on the fire created by her predecessor, Priti Patel." "This Government's refusal to provide people with safe, stable, efficient routes to seek safety in the UK has exposed even more men, women and children to the risk of exploitation and a dangerous Channel crossing," the group said in a statement. Detention Action argued that "by focusing on punishment instead of processing, Patel and Braverman have left more than 90,000 people awaiting a decision on their asylum claim.

died in bus accident

bus carrying wedding guests

veered off the road and fell

into a deep gorge in northern

India, police said Wednesday.

The vehicle was travelling

along a treacherous moun-

tain highway in Uttarakhand

state when it careened over

an edge and plunged at least

500 metres (1,640 feet) with

dozens of people on-board.

The state's police force said

on Twitter that rescue oper-

ations had concluded with

31 bodies recovered and 19

injured passengers rescued.

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi said that "all possible

assistance" would be given

to the survivors. "In this

tragic hour my thoughts are

with the bereaved families,"

he tweeted on Wednesday.

Fatal road accidents are

common in Uttarakhand,

which encompasses part of

the Indian Himalayas and is

home to numerous religious

pilgrimage sites. Nearly two

dozen people were killed in

June when their bus plunged

into a gorge while en route

to a shrine to the Hindu dei-

ty Yamuna, north of the state

capital Dehradun.-APP

India: 31

after deadly stampede NEW DELHI: At least 31 FOREIGN DESK people were killed after a

> MALAN :Indonesian President Joko Widodo said Wednesday he would order an audit of all football stadi-



ums in the country, vowing to find the "root" cause of one of the deadliest disasters in the sport's history. He was in the city of Malang to visit relatives of the victims and those wounded in a stampede that killed at least 131 people on Saturday, and to see the stadium where the tragedy took place. The Indonesian leader's trip came as anger grew over the police response to a pitch invasion during which officers fired tear gas into packed stands as fans of Arema FC tried to approach players following

their defeat to fierce rivals

Persebaya Surabaya. "I want to know the root

of the problem that caused this tragedy so that we can get the best solution," he told reporters outside Saiful Anwar Hospital in Malang. "I will order the Public Works and Public Housing Ministry to audit all stadiums used for the (football)

league," he said. Widodo added that he had spoken with FIFA president Gianni Infantino on Monday about improving Indonesia's "football management" and possible assistance from the world football governing body. He had earlier entered the hospital to speak with several wounded patients, saying he told them to "keep

up their spirits", and asked them about what happened on the night of the match. He then travelled to the Kanjuruhan stadium, scene of the disaster. "We need... improvements in the whole management, management of stadium spectators, time, security. It must all be fully audited so that this tragedy won't happen again," the president said.

priate treatment for users. French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin wrote on Twitter as the evacuation got under way that this time, "1,000 officers will be deployed to prevent the camp from reforming somewhere else".

An AFP journalist saw large numbers of police surround the rubbish-strewn Square Forceval in northeast Paris from 7:00 am (0500 GMT), with police chief Laurent Nunez on the scene.

By mid-morning, tents, furniture and other items had been mostly removed and cleaning services had arrived, with a few of its inhabitants still visible in the surrounding streets.

The clearance was "inevitable and necessary to make our neighbourhoods habitable again", said Francois Dagnaud, mayor of Paris' 19th district.

But the possibility the camp might be reconstituted elsewhere "is a risk that should be on everyone's mind and that is in no one's interest," he added.-APP

Syria reports 39 dead in cholera outbreak

Damascus (AFP) – Syria's health ministry has recorded 39 deaths from cholera and nearly 600 cases in an outbreak spreading in the war-ravaged country that the United Nations warned is "evolving alarmingly".

A total of 594 cases have been recorded across 11 of its 14 provinces since late last month, the health ministry said late Tuesday.

'The situation is evolving alarmingly in affected governorates and expanding to new areas," the World Health Organization warned Tuesday.

Most of those who have died are in the northern province of Aleppo, and it was not immediately clear if the dead were included in the overall case tally. It is the first major outbreak of cholera in Syria in over a decade.The extremely virulent disease is generally contracted from contaminated food or water, and causes diarrhoea and vomiting. It can spread in residential areas that lack proper sewerage networks or mains drinking water.-APP

Developing countries urge more climate funding Around 30 billion tonnes of carbon are stored across the entirety of the Congo Basin, researchers estimated in a

study in Nature in 2016. The figure is roughly equivalent to three years of global emissions

ONDON: Developing countries have driven home the message that they require more funding to fight climate change at the pre-COP27 talks in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Access to funds to adapt to a warming planet, as well as compensation for damages caused by climate change, dominated

the informal talks in the Congolese capital Kinshasa. A closing ceremony takes place on Tuesday evening, with no formal announcements expected.

However, the pre-COP27 is viewed as an important opportunity to solidify positions ahead of next month's COP27 climate summit in Egypt.

"From the point of view of climate diplomacy, this is a success," said a senior Congolese government official, who requested anonymity.

From the outset, the DRC set the tone for the talks, arguing that poor countries required smoother access to finance as well as a way to balance environmental protection with boosting economic growth.

Congolese Environment Minister Eve Bazaiba told delegates on Monday that Africa faced a dilemma between exploiting its resources and going hungry.

"What should we do in this circumstance, let our children and small children die of hunger?" she asked. "As much as we need oxygen, we also need bread".

The DRC is a vast central African nation which contains about 60 percent of the Congo Basin rainforest - the world's second biggest.

The country has huge reserves of minerals such as gold, coltan and cobalt, as well as untapped oil and natural gas



Despite branding itself as a "solution country" when it comes to climate change, the DRC has faced criticism for recently opening auctions for 30 oil and gas blocks, some in sensitive forest and peatland areas.

Congolese Prime Minister Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde hit back at the opening of the talks, pointing out that some European countries have returned to burning highly polluting coal due to gas shortages triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Bazaiba appeared optimistic on Tuesday when she announced

that the DRC, Brazil and Indonesia would work to present a

common front at the COP27.

The three rainforest countries are planning to act together at the climate negotiations on shared interests such as access to finance and raising the price of carbon per tonne. However, there were notes of discord at the pre-COP27. Some attendees told AFP they found the speeches of DRC government officials "warlike" and "virulent".

United States Climate Envoy John Kerry also told reporters in Kinshasa on Tuesday that Washington had asked the DRC's government to abandon auctions for oil blocks in sensitive areas, arguing that it was possible to strike a balance between creating jobs and protecting the forest.

There are fears that drilling for oil and gas in sensitive ecological areas in the Congo Basin could release vast amounts of heat-trapping gas.

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France's Energy Transition Minister Agnes Pannier-Runacher nonetheless told AFP that the pre-COP27 talks had been "very useful".

"I'm leaving with the feeling that this event has enabled us to tighten our positions, to restate the urgency of action," she said

The topic of financing for climate-related damages will arise during the COP27 summit, Pannier-Runacher added, because it "concerns all countries". The minister also said access to finance had to be simplified.-Agencies







Briefs Children injured as Israeli troops storm school

Hungarian aid shipment for flood affectees arrives

Chairman NDMA Lt Gen Satti thanks the Hungarian support

DNA

OCCUPIED WEST BANK: Many Palestinian children suffered injuries and breathing difficulties after Israeli troops stormed an elementary school in southern West Bank and fired tear gas, amid heightened tensions in the occupied territories over relentless Israeli military aggression.

The Palestinian official news agency Wafa, citing Qussai Ia'bari, Principal of al-Khalil Elementary School, reported that dozens of Israeli regime soldiers stormed the educational center, which is situated near the Ibrahimi Mosque, on Wednesday morning. The troops then lobbed several teargas canisters and chased children as they were leaving the school for home. Ja'bari added that many children suffered teargas inhalation, while others fell and suffered cuts and bruises while running away for the fear of getting hurt. The development comes less than a week after Israeli forces raided another elementary school in the same occupied West Bank city, and launched an unprovoked attack on teachers and students there.

Iran summons British envoy over Amini comments

TEHRAN: Iran said Wednes day it had summoned Brit ish ambassador Simon Sher cliff to hear a protest over "meddlesome statements" on the unrest sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini. A wave of unrest has rocked Iran since the 22-year-old Kurd died on September 16 after her arrest by the morality police in Tehran for allegedly failing to observe the Islamic republic's strict dress code for women. The street violence has led to the deaths of dozens of people – mostly protesters but also members of the security forces. Tehran "rejects and strongly condemns the interference of the British foreign ministry in Iran's internal affairs by resorting to fake and provocative interpretations," the foreign ministry said in a statement. "Unfortunately, by issuing unilateral and selective statements, the British side shows that it has a share in the scenarios of the enemies who are active in Britain and are acting against the Islamic Republic of Iran. "Iran will consider possible options for a reciprocal response to any unconventional actions by the British side," the ministry said. adding that it had made its protest on Tuesday. – APP

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ISLAMABAD: Lt Gen Akhtar Nawaz Satti, Chairman of the National Disaster Management Authority of Pakistan received Hungarian Ambassador Mr. Béla Fazekasand Mr. Péter Zelei, Project Manager of the Hungary Helps Agency. The Hungarian Ambassador informed the Chairmanon the Hungarian Government's decision to send a medicine aid shipment to Pakistan to save lives in the flood affected areas. As the donation has reached Karachi Airport, the Ambassador handed over the donation letter of the medicines with a value of 5 million PKR. He informed Lt GenSatti that besides the medicine aid, Hungary had also offered financial support in the value of 2,5 million PKR to different Pakistani charity organizations to purchase food and hygiene products to ease the pain of the families who lost everything in the disaster.

Ambassador Béla Fazekas highlighted that Hungary helps on a local level as well. In early September Honorary Consul of Hungary in Karachi Mr. Makhdum Omar Shehryar also donated several truckloads of food, tents and medicines to the affectees of the floods in Pakistan's Sindh province in the value of 6 million PKR. Mr. Béla Fazekas assured the NDMA Chairman that Hungary will continue to monitor the situation to

secure basic needs for survival and early recovery. Chairman Satti thanked the Hungarian support and he said the monsoon

Hokkaido prefectures in northern Japan

already fallen. It marked the first time that

North Korea had fired a ballistic missile

over the Japanese archipelago in five years.

Japan's Defense Minister Yasukazu Hama-

da said the missile flew 4,600 kilometers

(2,858 miles), the longest distance ever

for an intermediate-range or longer missile

"The missile flew over Japan for around

one minute and landed outside the coun-

tude of 1,000 kilometers (621 miles).

and warned people to seek shelter. The ministry later said that the missile had that followed a severe heat wave caused

with only through global cooperation.

US, Korea fire missiles in response to North Korea

CENTRELINE REPORT

SEOUL: The US and South Korea fired a total of four ground-to-ground missiles into the East Sea in joint drills a day after North Korea's launch of a ballistic missile, Seoul's military said Wednesday. "The two sides each launched two Army Tactical Missile System (AT-ACMS) missiles, which precisely hit fired by North Korea, reaching at an altimock targets and demonstrated the allies' capability to deter further provocations," Seoul-based news agency Yonhap reported, citing a statement from South Korea's Joint Chief of Staff. On Tuesday, the US Department of Defense said the county conducted separate military exercises with Japan and South Korea in response to North Korea's long-range ballistic missile launch. "The United States condemns these actions and calls on the DPRK to refrain from further unlawful and destabilizing acts,' said Patrick Ryder, a Pentagon spokesman, referring to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, North Korea's official name. On Tuesday, the Japanese Defense Ministry said North Korea launched what appeared to be a ballistic missile which could fly in the direction of Aomori and

Pak ,Kazakhstan mull co-op in energy sector

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Kazakhstan on Wednesday agreed an agreement to focus cooperation in the energy sector. The agreement was reached during a meeting between Minister of State Petrole Malik Musadik and Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan Yerzhan

FIA was locked in PM House's washroom' DNA ISLAMABAD: Former direc-

'Former DG

tor general Federal Investigations Agency (FIA) Bashir Memon has confirmed the claims made by a hacker that he was locked in a washroom on then-prime minister Imran Khan's order. In an interview with a private news channel, the former cop confirmed the allegations made by a hacker on Twitter.

The hacker, in a series of tweets which have now been deleted, shared inside details of the meeting between Memon and the former PM. It was claimed that the former DG FIA was locked in a washroom in the PM House and pressurised to follow Imran Khan's orders.

Memon, responding to the claims, confirmed the details, saying the former premier used abusive language towards PML-N leader Maryam Nawaz which infuriated him and he responded harshly. At this, Memon added, the then-principle secretary of PM Azam Khan grabbed his hand, took him out of the room and locked him in the washroom.

"Azam Khan then scolded me over my conduct with the prime minister" said Memon. It is pertinent to mention that the government has formed a high-powered committee to probe into audio leaks from the PM House that have raised questions over its cyber security.

Rupee's uptrend continues unabated against dollar

DNA

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee on Wednesday maintained its uptrend for the ninth successive working day against the US dollar in the interbank market. According to the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) data, the local currency gained Rs1.7, or 0.76% against the dollar to settle at Rs223.94 in the interbank market. Rupee gained Rs1.65, or 0.73%, managing to settle at Rs225.64 against the greenback on Tuesday. Earlier this week, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar assured the masses that he would bring the dollar value below 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 Geo News' programme "Capital Talk." He mentioned that the dollar value is strong internationally. but the government "will bring it down below 200" soon. The finance czar of the country has strongly favoured intervention in currency markets in three previous stints in the job to strengthen the currency. A currency trader had told The News that "rupee's correction reflects bullish sentiments of market players" in the backdrop of the finance minister's statement. PTI MNAs approach IHC over acceptance of resignations



Tehran, Moscow, Beijing to create great power: Raisi

WEB DESK

TEHRAN: Cooperation between Iran, Russia and China will help create a new power that will oppose the unipolar world order, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said in an interview with China's CGTN broadcaster on Wednesday. "People around the world have bad memories of the era which has come to an end. It was a time of hegemony, unipolar world order and violations of the legitimate rights of many nations," the Iranian president pointed out.

According to him, "a new era will be marked by the establishment of a multipolar world order." Cooperation between Iran, Russia, China, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) "may lead to the creation of a new power," Raisi noted. He emphasized that SCO member states accounted for a large part of the global economy's potential. SCO membership creates good opportunities for the development of ties between Iran and other members of the organization," Raisi added.

try's exclusive economic zone some 3,200 km east of the nation in the Pacific Ocean," Hamada said. Last Saturday, North Korea also fired two short-range ballistic missiles into the East Sea.

North Korea's escalation of tensions is thought to be in response to a joint military drill by South Korea, the US and Japan in the East Sea. Tensions on the peninsula rose in 2020 when North Korea attacked and blew up the inter-Korean liaison office along the border. Seoul has threatened a strong response if Pyongyang "further worsens the situation." However, tensions soared further last year when both Seoul and Pyongyang ramped up military drills to show off their might.



Kistafin, said a news release. Dr. Musadik appreciated the brotherly relations and long-standing people-to-people affinity. He further remarked that Pakistan can benefit greatly from the huge energy reserves of Kazakhstan.

"Not only the immediate energy demands of Pakistan can be met but also Pakistan can serve as a gateway via Gwadar to the energy products of Kazakhstan and be a partner in the global energy trade" he added. Ambassador agreed with the idea of the minister and said that it would be mutually beneficial for both countries.

Kazakhstan and Pakistan have huge trade potential, he said and add that last year the bilateral trade amounted to \$ 200 million.

The envoy said, "Kazakhstan is very close to signing the transit trade agreement with Pakistan. Kazakhstan has huge oil, gas and coal reserves that provide a great opportunity to enhance energy partnership." Minister assured complete assistance on energy cooperation and stressed that Pakistan is open to new energy corridors. - APP

> **US national debt** exceeds \$31T for 1st time

WEB DESK

ANKARA: The US national debt exceeded \$31 trillion for the first time amid rising interest rates to tame the record-high inflation, and growing economic uncertainty, according to Treasury Department data. The total public debt outstanding amounted to just over \$31.1 trillion, the data showed on Tuesday.In July, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projected the US federal debt held by the public to equal 98% of GDP by the end of this year. Debt that is high and rising as a percentage of GDP could slow economic growth, push up interest payments to foreign holders of US debt, and heighten the risk of a fiscal crisis, CBO warned in the 2022 Long-Term Budget Outlook report. This could also make the US fiscal position more vulnerable to an increase in interest rates, and cause lawmakers to feel more constrained in their policy choices, the office added.

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong calls on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar. DNA

Tribesmen assure Corps Cdr. of help in peace

Ironic to mention that banned TTP is not only claiming responsibilities for almost of terror and violent acts taking place in the area but claiming it in "self defense"

SHAMIM SHAHID

PESHAWAR: Corps Commander Peshawar Lt Gen Hassan Azhar Hayat has assured tribesmen of North Waziristan of help in return of peace and security.

According to ISPR, he made the assurance while meeting elders of Gran Uthmanzai Jirga in Miranshah, headquarter of North Waziristan. " Corps Commander lauded the sacrifices rendered by tribesmen in achieving peace in the area and assured that Pakistan Army will provide all possible assistance to the locals. The Malaks & Mashrans thanked Pakistan Army for restoration of peace in the area and ongoing efforts for socio-economic development. They also assured Corps Commander for their unflinching support to security forces."

Senior journalist from North Waziristan Safdar Dawar when contacted said that in fact Corps Commander visit and meeting with Jirga was continuation and endorsement of Parliamentary team headed by ex-Chief Minister Akram Khan's commitments. Somewhere in previous July, Uthmanzai tribesmen went on a sit in protest against violent acts. The parliamentary team made some assurances and the Corps Commander has announced endorsement to all such commitments, Safdar added. However, Safdar said that continuous violent acts included re-activating of banned TTP in the area also came under debate during meeting between Corps Commander and Jirga members. He said that Corps Commander made it clear that they wouldn't allow militants to harm lives and properties of

innocent human beings in the area. Prior to visit and meeting of Corps commander Peshawar to North Waziristan. the security forces claimed killing of killing of at least 12 alleged militants during clashes at three different areas. While in one incident while foiling an attempt of attack against a convoy at Hasankhel in outskirts of Peshawar, the ISPR confirmed killing of two personnel.

In one incident, the security forces killed four militants who were making attempt of breaking fenced wires on Pak Afghan border in North Waziristan. On the other hand, security forces in its internal documentation issued at least four security alerts for different areas, mostly along with Pak Afghan border, Swat, Tank and Dera Ismael Khan as well in the wake of militants meeting held

across the border in Afghanistan. Advisor to Chief Minister Barrister Saif is saying, "ceasefire with banned TTP is intact as either side didn't announced its termination." However, he said that TTP is divided into several groups and some of the elements from splinted groups are involved in continuous violent acts. He said, "Police and other forces are firm on taking stern action against the militants involved in attacks and violent acts. Ironic to mention that banned TTP is not only claiming responsibilities for almost of terror and violent acts taking place in the area but claiming it in "self defense." Barrister Saif endorsing such claims on the part of TTP as according to him, "ceasefire allows both sides to go reaction in self defense."

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ISLAMABAD: In the latest political move, PTI approached on Wednesday the Islamabad High Court (IHC) through a petition filed for the approval of the resignations tendered by the party law makers following Imran Khan's ouster as prime minister. All the PTI MNAs resigned

en masse on April 11, two days after PTI Chairman Imran Khan was ousted as the prime minister through a no-confidence motion moved by the then-opposition. Former deputy speaker Qasim Suri - who was performing his duties as acting NA speaker after Asad Qaiser resignation had accepted all the resignations on April 15.

However, once Raja Pervez Ashraf was elected as the speaker, he decided to verify the resignations by interviewing lawmakers individually.