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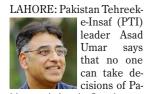
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he makes his closing pitch for next week's midterm elections that set the balance of power in Congress and state capitols. As he faces signs of a growing "red wave" that could sweep the opposition Republicans to power in the House and Senate. Biden has been attempting with mixed success to court the blue-collar vote. He travels to Hallandale Beach, a coastal city 20 miles (30 kilometers) north of Miami to tout his administration's progress on health care and seniors' entitlement reform.

No one can dictate from London, US

STAFF REPORT



kistan sitting in London or US. While holding a press conference along with other party leaders in Lahore on Tuesday, he said that Nawaz Sharif's count has also deteriorated by staying with Pervaiz Rashid. If there were two hundred people, you would not have made Islamabad a graveyard of containers. Asad Umar said that no matter how many restrictions are imposed, people's minds cannot be changed, people are coming out more as planned for March.

Shahbaz Gill's name added to ECL

KHYYAM ABBASI ISLAMABAD: PTI leader



Shahbaz Gill's name has been added to ECL sources privy to the matter

told media on Tuesday. Of ficials, who had knowledge about the matter spoke to Geo News on the condition of anonymity, and shared that Gill's name was added to ECL after the federal cabinet's approval. The former special assistant to the prime minister's name has been added to the exit list on Islamabad administration's request.

Azaadi March Day 5

'Will defeat Nawaz in his constituency'

Imran says Nawaz will return in same manner as Dar; warns Rana Sanaullah of grave consequences

OUR CORRESPONDENT

GUJRANWALA: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairperson Imran Khan vowed on Tuesday to defeat PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif in "his own constituency" as the party resumed its 'Haqeeqi Azadi March' on Day 5 from Gujranwala. "Nawaz Sharif, I challenge you, when you come back, I will beat you in your own constituency," said Imran in his first speech of the day. He also warned the former three-time premier that when he returns to Pakistan, "we will take you to Adiala jail from the airport". Imran also took aim at former president Asif Ali Zardari and said he should "get ready" for his arrival in Sindh - the traditional bastion of the PPP. Adding that the people of Sindh "need freedom the most", Imran warned Zardari that he is "coming after" him in Sindh. The PTI chairperson reiterated that the time of "true freedom" had arrived and told the march participants that "we will attain it through justice and will fight for the supremacy of law and justice". "This system cannot continue and we will have to change it," Imran told the march participants. "When it is asked who will save Pakistan, the answer is not Imran Khan. It will be you who will save Pakistan and set it free," he told the people.

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'If numbers are small then why are you scared'

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GUJRANWALA: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Fawad Chaudhary Tuesday laughed off Nawaz Sharif's statement that long marchers were no more than 2,000 and that the PTI's demands should be given a deaf ear. "If we are so small in number then what is there for them to be scared of, anyway?" Fawad said addressing a press conference with his party peer Shah Mehmood Qureshi. "If we are just 2,000 then let us come to Islamabad. Why are they shaking in their shoes?" Mocking at an exiled elder Sharif, Fawad said his younger brother (Shehbaz) was in power and the three-time former prime minister was not coming home. "When Prime Minister Shehbaz's own family doesn't

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Pak keen to enhance relations with France

"Pakistan values its relations with France and we earnestly look forward to enhance mutually beneficial multi-domain relations based on common interests," ISPR quoted COAS as saying



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RAWALPINDI: French Ambassador to Pakistan, Nicolas Galey, called on Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa at GHQ, today, said Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) in a statement on Tuesday. According to the army's media wing, during the meeting, matters of mutual interest including defence & security cooperation and overall regional security situation were discussed. "Pakistan values its relations with France and we earnestly look forward to enhance mutually beneficial multi-domain relations based on common interests," the ISPR quoted COAS as saying.

Both leaders reiterated the desire to further enhance bilateral relations in all fields, the ISPR said. The visiting dignitary expressed his grief over the devastation caused by floods in Pakistan and offered sincere condolence to the families of the victims. The French ambassador also appreciated Pakistan's efforts for regional stability and pledged to play his role in further improvement in diplomatic cooperation with Pakistan at all levels.

PM in China on maiden official visit - Says China visit

to focus on CPEC revitalization

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday left here for China's capital Beijing on a two-day official visit. During his first official visit to China after assuming office, the prime minister will meet Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang.

The prime minister will be among the first leaders to visit China following the historic 20th National Congress of the Communist Party (CPC) of China that elected Xi Jinping as general secretary of the party. He is also scheduled to meet the Chinese investors and

Pakistani businessmen. The prime minister is leading a high-level delegation including Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, Minister of Communications Maulana Asad Mehmood, Minister of Planning Ahsan Iqbal, Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, Minister of Railways Khawaja Saad Rafiq, Minister for Board of Investment Chaudhry Salik Hussain, Minister for Defence Production Sardar Israr Tareen, and PM's Special Assistant Tariq Fatemi, Fahd Hussain, Zafaruddin Mahmood, Jahanzeb Khan and Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah.

The two sides will review the All-Weather Strategic Cooperation Partnership and exchange views on regional and global developments. The visit is expected to advance the wide-ranging bilateral cooperation agenda with the conclusion of a number of MoUs/Agreements in diverse areas, and consolidate the momentum of CPEC cooperation in the wake of the 11th meeting of the CPEC Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) on October 27, 2022.

Sanaullah urges PTI to resolve issues politically

Says ministry will approach PM for approval to arm security personnel

SHUJAAT HAMZA

BEIJING: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif being presented with guard of honour

upon his arrival in Beijing. - DNA

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah on Tuesday urged Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to shun riotous agenda and sit with other political parties to reach political solution. Addressing a press conference in Islamabad on Tuesday, he said that unfortunately, a certain section has become a victim of former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan's misguidance as he [Imran Khan] is a victim of madness and misguidance

which started with 7 to 8,000 people. The interior minister condemned Imran Khan's remarks about imposing martial law in the country, saying that the enforcers have decided to abide by the Constitution. "No talks were being held with PTI Chairman [Imran Khan] at any level or at any place," the federal minister added. "The interior ministry will approach Prime Minister [Shehbaz Sharif] to give approval for

JUI-F files petition against long march

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: JUI-F's Senator Kamran Murtaza Tuesday filed a constitutional petition in the Supreme Court against the PTI's long march, as it continues to move toward its final destination in Islamabad. The senator has included the federal and provincial governments, PTI Chairman Imran Khan, and his party in the petition as respondents, asking the top court to ensure the safety of citizens as its long march approaches the capital due to security concerns. In October, the federal government had also filed a contempt of court plea

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US again rejects regime change claim

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WASHINGTON: Once again, US State Department has categorically refused Pakistan Tehreeek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan's claims about regime change foreign conspiracy saying that there is no truth to these allegations and America will not let disinformation get in the way of an important bilateral partnership with Pakistan. "The United States has no role in ending the

government of Imran Khan in Pakistan, Can provide correct information in response to false and false information," the spokesperson of US State Department Spokesperson Ned Price in a press briefing in Washington.

and misinformation with information. This has been said many times that there is no truth to these allegations, he added. "We won't let propaganda, we won't let misinformation or disinformation get in the way of an important bilateral relationship, including our valued bilateral partnership with Pakistan." He said that there is an important partnership between Pakistan and United States. They always viewed a prosperous and democratic Pakistan as critical to their interests that remains unchanged, Ned Price said. "Our common interest will not change. Values upholding peaceful, constitutional and democratic values," he said. A question regarding the fair process of elections in

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PTI holding march to influence COAS appointment

Maryam Nawaz says Nawaz Sharif not taking any NRO and Imran will know what would happen when Nawaz would enter the field

News Desk

LONDON: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Vice President Maryam Nawaz Tuesday claimed that the actual agenda of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's long march towards Islamabad is to stop the incumbent government from appointing the next army chief. She said the PTI's long march has nothing to do with the nation and welfare of the people. Addressing a news conference in Lon-

"A precious life was lost. A mother of

young children passed away while cover-

don, the PML-N vice president sent condolences to the family of deceased journalist Sadaf Naeem - who was crushed to death in the line of duty while climb-- Page 07 ing down PTI Chairman Imran Khan's container during the march - and said that the incident forced her to think about the purpose of PTI's long march.



ing the long march. It forced me to ponder over the purpose of the long march, she said. She said Imran knows that the he has also lost the last card and now came on the streets to cause ruckus. Maryam said Imran started long march after the failure of his conspiracy narrative and people have shown disinterest in his long march. She said Nawaz

Marriyum lambasts Khan over statement

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb has criticized Imran Khan for hinting at the implementation of Martial law in the country. During a press conference held in Islamabad on Tuesday, the federal information minister said the former prime minister wants 'anarchy not elections' and does not care about democracy. She said that Imran Khan should explain to whom he was threatening while delivering

speeches on the container during his long march toward Islamabad. Imran Khan is in favor of imposing emergency in the country, she added. "The frustrated Imran Khan has now demanded the imposition of emergency and the martial law in the country," he added. Marriyum said that Imran Khan was simultaneously behaving in an aggressive and respectful way which showed that he was frustrated and in mental disarray. "Imran Khan is a 'foreign-funded Fitna' who had admitted to

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Sharif not taking any NRO and you will know what would happen when Nawaz would enter the field. She questioned why Imran Khan's sons were not participating in the long march. Taking a jibe at the PTI leader, Maryam

said people should keep an eye on their watches as watch theifs are in Gujranwala. Maryam said whom Imran critcise the whole day, he fell into their feet in the night. "Those whom you are criticizing are the defenders of the country and not of Bani Gal. They are the protectors of the country, not your robberies and thefts. Soldiers sacrifice their lives for the country and you insulted them for their salary.' Maryam added that had the march been arranged by someone who had not been in power before, it would have made sense. but someone who ruled the country for four years need not hold such marches.

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New Zealand win

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US starts training program for Pakistani doctors

ISLAMABAD: The US Department of Health appointed the Institute of Regenerative Medicine (IRM), a Pakistani private institution, as its official representative in Pakistan to train Pakistani doctors in the field of stem cell treatment. The IRM has now become the only authorized institution to train Pakistani doctors in stem cell treatment ceremony, held in Islamabad, Director of the US Department of Health, Dr Rozeena Munir, issued a formal license to IRM chief executive Dr Salman Naeem Gilani. She said the treatment of many life-threatening diseases would be possible through non-traditional treatment of stem cells. Many Pakistanis who travel; abroad for medical treatment shall have all the facilities and treatments available right at their door step. It

The Pakistani doctors who are seek ing specialization in the stem cell treatment would now be trained by the IRM, in Pakistan. At the end of the successful training, the American Department of Health would issue them a certificate on the recommendation of the IRM. Dr Salman Gilani hoped that after this program, Pakistan will be able to compete with other countries like India and Turkey

in this field and would soon become

a hub of medical tourism. He said that various diseases including cancer, heart disease, arthritis, autism, joint pain etc. can be treated in a very safe manner through stem cell treatment. He also said that aging problems including weakness, hair fall and skin diseases could also be cured. IRM's Turkish partner, Dr. Murad Artak, shed light on the benefits of stem cells and the innovations and financial benefits of this field across the world including Pakistan. DG Legal Aid Dr. Rahim Awan, Executive Director NIH Professor Aamir Ikram, IHRA Chief Dr. Quaid Saeed, former Ambassador Naila Chauhan and former WAPDA Chairman General Muzmal Hussain also participated in the ceremony.



Court extends physical remand of Dost Mazari

LAHORE: A judicial magistrate on Tuesday extended physical remand of former deputy speaker Punjab Assembly Dost Muhammad Mazari for another two days, in an alleged land scandal. The court also sought a report about investigations on the next date of hearing. Judicial Magistrate Ghulam Murtaza Virk conducted the proceedings, wherein the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab officials produced the former deputy speaker on expiry of his two-day physical remand. The investigation officer submitted that investigations had not been completed and requested the court to extend the physical remand of the accused. However, Mazari's counsel opposed the remand plea, saying that all records were available with the ACE. - APP

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OUR CORRESPONDENT

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkh-

wa Information Technology Board

(KPITB) today announced it signed

a Memorandum of Understanding

(MoU) with Amazon Web Services,

Inc. (AWS) to advance its journey to-

ward the digital transformation of the

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Govern-

ment. The MoU will enable the KP

Government to understand and ex-

periment with the application of cloud

technology to improve efficiency, re-

liability, and security at a lower cost.

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Steps being taken to promote environment-friendly energy while chairing a progress as the 10.2 MW Jabori

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mahmood Khan has stated that pragmatic steps are being taken to promote environment-friendly and clean energy production in the province. So far, more than 7,400 schools, 5672 Masajid, 134 Basic Health Units and 6643 households in 100 villages across the province have been solarized under the Annual Development Programme (ADP) at a cumulative cost of Rs 9.134 billion. Besides, 895 Masajids and 5 Churches have also been solarized in the merged Power Projects (HPPs) have also been completed, which is currently contributing 161 MW to the national grid and has generated Rs 31.026 billion in revenue so far. He expressed these views

review meeting of the Energy & Power department here on Tuesday. Besides, Secretary Energy and Power Department, CEO PEDO, Project Directors and other officials attended the meeting. The chief minister said that the provincial government is contributing significantly to meet the country's energy demands, adding that it is the only province which is producing clean energy at the cheapest possible rates thereby contributing crucially to national development. The meeting was briefed

in detail regarding the ongoing and completed prothe hydel and solar energy sectors. It was informed Reshun, Shishi, Machai, Ranolia and 36.6 MW Daral Khwar Hydel Projects have been completed during the period of last nine years, where-

As part of the MOU, KPITB will work

with KP Government agencies and

AWS to identify pilot workloads that

could benefit from AWS's services, as

well as educate the agencies about the

advantages and capabilities of using

They will be able to access AWS's

world-leading infrastructure and se-

curity capabilities to leverage the

broadest and deepest portfolio of ser-

vices including analytics, computing,

database, Internet of Things (IoT),

machine learning, mobile and storage

services, and other cloud technolo-

gies. This will encourage experimen-

tation with new ideas within the KP

Government, as well as help enable

agencies to deliver new citizen servic-

es more quickly and at a reduced cost.

"Cloud services will enable the KPITB

and other Government departments to

strengthen their existing IT infrastruc-

ture, and provide a sustainable long-

term solution for keeping the data on a

secure and reliable platform," said Atif

Khan, Minister for Science and Tech-

nology and Information Technology of

the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Going digital is helping to drive Khy-

cloud technology.

inauguration during the ongoing month. Furthermore, construction works on 11.8 MW Karora, 40.8 KOTO, 84 MW Matiltan and 69 MW Lawi Hydel Power Projects are also underway, which is expected to be completed by the end of the ongoing fiscal year. Likewise, the construction of 10.5 MW Chapri Charkhel and 6.5 MW Barandu Hydel Power Projects is also underway and once completed, the ongoing projects are expected to generate Rs 9.015 billion revenue annually. The Chief Miniscant resources have been invested by the provincial government in the clean and green energy sector in order to meet the country's energy demands, promote industrialization and generate revenue.

Hydel Project in District

Manshera will be ready for

ber Pakhtunkhwa's and the broader Pakistan economy, and this innovation will require a digital workforce equipped to meet the rising demand for cloud computing. An AlphaBeta report found that cloud and cybersecurity skills will be the top two most demanded digital skills by employers by 2025. To accelerate innovation within the KP Government, AWS will collaborate with KPITB to develop a training plan to upskill government personnel and build their understanding of how to use cloud technologies. These training initiatives aim to help government employees develop the skills and expertise needed to implement cloud technologies at scale, make better data-driven business decisions, and innovate new services to drive improved outcomes for citizens.

Additionally, the KP Government and AWS will explore how to prepare unemployed and underemployed individuals in Pakistan for cloud careers through classroom-based training through programs such as AWS re/ Start, a 12-week full-time skill development program that prepares individuals for careers in the cloud.

embraced martyrdom. She said, 'We coped with fire, storms and sacrificed for the achievement and restoration of democracy.' She said that our leaders and workers embraced martyrdom for democracy and not for letting crushed the constitution under Imran's feet. She said that they did not sacrifice that a person named Imran Khan talked of imposing martial law.

While rejecting again the statement, she said, 'We demand of those, who provide relief to him again and again, they must call him and ask him about the meaning of bloody march and ask him how he dared to get imposed martial law in Pakistan.' The minister said that it was not an ordinary statement. Criticising Imran Khan, asked why he wear black glasses in the night time. She said that he wanted to be Prime Minister again.

"He brought Farha Gogi and minted money and wanted to have government," she added. Imran Khan did not answer the performance of

she said adding that PTI chief was the thief, who stole watch. Shazia Marri said that such kind of fascism was also spread in the past. Imran Khan and his allies were talking of weapons, she said, adding that two persons had lost their lives in bloody march. She asked Imran Khan, if he was not guilty then why not a fair and transparent

inquiry was conducted on the death

of a female report, who lost her life

in the march. The very next day another journalist was beaten up, she said adding that in PTI's tenure journalists were rounded up and a media related draconian law was introduced. 'We know Imran Niazi you are crazy for chair,' she said. The minister said that there was a list of Imran Khan's scandals from Pesh awar BRT to Islamabad Rawalpindi Ring Road. She said that it had been proved that Imran Khan were a big thief and had set new examples of

sealing things.



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Marri addressing a

Marri condemns Khan's statement of martial law

NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Marri Tuesday vehemently condemning the statement of PTI chief Imran Khan said that they would go against him on the issue of his martial law statement as per constitution and took it up on the floor of assemblies as well resolutions would also be tabled, if needed.

Addressing a press conference, she said that Imran Khan was the friend of General Pervez Musharaf and he had voted for Musharaf in referendum. She further said that Imran Khan was the polling agent of Pervez Musharaf. Shazia said that Imran Khan leveled allegations against PPPP President Asif Ali Zardari, who did not respond to his allegations because he did not value him. She said that Imran Niazi adventured in 2014 and his sit-in ended when students of APS

National Library to facilities

ISLAMABAD: Advisor to Prime Minister for Political and Public Affairs and National Heritage and Culture Engr Amir Muqam on Tuesday said heritage division would take measures to equip the National Library of Pakistan (NLP) with modern facilities on a par with international standards. During his first visit to the NLP, he directed the library officials to immediately resolve the low internet issue to facilitate students and researchers. He also issued directives to expedite work on the proposal of Digital Library Services at the NLP. The advisor said he would also discuss with the prime minister the matters related to the NLP as it was a very important place for students, and new schemes would be initiated to make it more useful. Talking to media, he said the masses should reject the people dividing the nation as the government, under the leadership of Shehbaz Sharif, was working for economic stability providing maximum relief to the masses. - APP

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in the conference room

US Consulate delegation visits Faisalabad University FAISALABAD: A delegation and discussed collaborative his brief stay in Pakistan. He from the US Consulate visit- and partnerships pathways. ed The University of Faisal- Additional Registrar Zahida abad (TUF), here on Tues-Maqbool briefed the distinday. The delegation was guished guests about The led by Paul Garr, Cultural University of Faisalabad, Affairs Officer, U.S. De-Madina teaching hospital and other welfare propartment of State, Mission to Pakistan. Ms. Syeda Atgrammes continuing under the Madina Foundation. Attiaa Batool, Cultural Affairs Assistant (Exchanges), and tiaa Batool and Tanveer Has-Tanveer Hassan, Cultural san apprised the participants Affairs Specialist, were part about cultural exchange and of the delegation. The dele-US scholarship programmes gation held a meeting with and urged students to avail Chairman Board of Govthe opportunities. Later, ernors (BoG) Muhammad a session on US exchange Haider Amin, member BoG program for Pakistani profes-Muhammad Abu Bakar, sionals and students was held Rector Prof Dr Muhammad at the university auditorium. Khaliq-ur-Rehman, manage-Paul Garr said that he was ment and relevant faculty very impressed by the talent of Pakistani students during

said that law and order had improved in Pakistan due which delegates from the US consulate were visiting the educational institutes in various cities like Islamahad Lahore and Faisalabad. Paul Garr said he was feeling excited by visiting The University of Faisalabad and termed that the best professional educational facilities were available in the university. He also lauded the efforts of the Madina Foundation. Earlier, Chairman BoG Muhammad Haider Amin, in his address, briefed about achievements of the university and success of different departments at national and international level. - APP













National Youth Helpline launched at HEC

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ISLAMABAD: Under the Prime Minister's Youth Programme, the National Youth Helpline with a toll-free number 0800-69457 was launched at Higher Education Commission (HEC) Secretariat to provide psychosocial support and counseling to the young people. The helpline will provide a secure and confidential gateway to access information about problems linked to adolescence, particularly related to counseling for psychosocial issues, career advancement and reproductive health challenges.

The initiative is a collaborative effort taken under the Prime Minister's Youth Programme, wherein HEC. United Nations Family Planning Association, and Rahnuma-Family Planning Association of Pakistan (FPAP) have partnered to extend psychosocial support to the youth facing multifarious challenges with regard to mental health. Executive Director HEC Dr. Shaista Sohail, Additional Secretary (Prime Minister's Youth Programme) Dr. Muhammad Ali, and Deputy Representative, UNFPA, Ms. Latika Maskey Pradhan formally inaugurated the National Youth Helpline. Advis-

er (Global Engagement), HEC, Mr. Awais Ahmed, Director General (Scholarships) Ms. Aayesha Ikram, Director General (Quality Assurance) Mr. Nasir Shah and other officials of the partnering organisations graced the launching ceremony with their presence.

In her remarks, Dr. Shaista Sohail said that Pakistan's population consists of 64 percent of youth who

need guidance and support for their mental and psychological health amidst challenges like the recent devastation of floods. She termed the launch an important step taken at the right time as the youth need able guidance and viable solution to their issues. She apprised the audience that this helpline will offer services in two shifts to ensure maximum assistance around the clock.

Addressing the ceremony Ms. Latika Pradhan said that the youth, despite having strong connectivity tools and means, face psychosocial and mental issues including gender-based violence. She maintained that adolescence is an important period of life when the youth have to make choices for their entire life. This is the time they need support the most, she underlined.



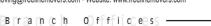
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99th Anniversary of the Republic of Turkiye celebrated

The ambassador also read out the statement of the President of Turkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan







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ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Turkey Dr. Mehmet Pacaci has said 99 years ago on October 29,1923, the Republic of Turkiye was established under the leadership of Gazi Mustafa kemal, after a victorious war of independence.

The ambassador made these remarks on the occasion of the National Day of Turkiye. Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, was the chief guest while former Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Gen Zubair Mahmood Hayat, Hina Rabbani Khar, Faisal Karim Kundi, Shazain Bugti and others also attended the event. Ambassador Pacaci also welcomed

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Anwar Jappa here on

Tuesday conducted raids

and sealed booking offic-

es of two illegal private

According to RDA spokes-

man, the Metropolitan

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illegal booking offices at

housing schemes.

Director General

guests from Turkiye including chefs and musicians who presented spell-binding performances.

The ambassador also read out the statement of the President of Turkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The messages reads," I greet you with my most heartfelt feelings, affection and respect. Today we altogether feel the pride and the enthusiasm of celebrating the 99th anniversary of the foundation

of the Republic of Turkiye. The President message further said,' we pursue our uninterrupted struggle to elevate the Republic of Turkiye, which we founded by paying heavy scarifies 99 years ago under very difficult conditions, above the level of contemporary civilizations. Thanks to the

Moza Thalian near the

new airport Islamabad

and Commercial Market,

He said the owners of the

illegal housing schemes

were running booking of-

fices without prior approv-

al of the schemes in viola-

tion of the Punjab Private

Housing Scheme Rules

The authorities concerned

with the directives of the

DG were taking legal ac-

tion against illegal adver-

tising and marketing of

illegal housing schemes,

he said adding, the author-

ities also issued notices to

the owners of the illegal

The RDA had also regis-

tered First Information

Reports (FIRs) against

the rules violators, he

added. The spokesman

said that the owners and

sponsors of the illegal

housing schemes were

misleading the public

through advertisements,

housing projects.

Rawalpindi.

2021.

democracy and development revolutions, which we have achieved in the last 20 years we removed not only the obstacles raised before the national will but also the thick walls placed between the people and the Republic. We transformed Turkiye into a county with an exemplary democracy an impressive economy, whose diplomacy is followed with interest and which preserves its national unity and brotherhood in the strongest way possible despite all attempts of sabotage. We strive to set up a peace and prosperity zone around us through our entrepreneurial and humanitarian foreign policy, from ending the humanitarian tragedy in Syria to finding a solution to the Russia-Ukraine crisis.

adding, in this regard,

the planning wing of the

RDA had also requested

the Cyber Crime Wing of

FIA to take legal action

against the illegal and

ments of illegal housing

He said that the DG had

also requested the de-

including the Parks and

Horticulture Authority,

Local Government and

Rawalpindi Cantonment

Board they should not give

approval for advertise-

ments of illegal housing

schemes. Prior approval

letters may be sought from

RDA to save the people

from fraud and cheating,

He said the DG had ad-

vised the citizens not to

invest in illegal and unau-

thorized housing schemes

and check the status of

the projects before any in-

vestment on RDA's official

website rda.gop.pk.-APP

advertise-

concerned

misleading

schemes.

partments

he added.

As the country which provides the highest amount of humanitarian aid in proportion to its national income, we run to the rescue of all oppressed, victimized, and needy persons regardless of the origin, belief and differences. We compete with ourselves in every field, from agriculture to tourism, from transport to education and health, and we constantly raise the bar higher for success. A few days ago, we laid the foundation for the biggest social housing project of our history, which will meet the housing and land demands of approximately six million citizens. On 29 October, we will be holding a celebration, as the first ever domestic and national electric car of our country, TOGG, will come

off the production line. Despite all the obstacles and injustices we endure, we lay the foundations of our vision for 2053 and 2071, with the precision of a chess master. We are determined to build the "Türkiye Century" upon the infrastructure of works and services we have provided to our country'. The musicians from Turkiye presented their mesmerizing performances and received applause from the audiences. The guests were also served with Turkiye delicacies, which they enjoyed the most. It may be mentioned here that the Islamabad Serena Hotel will also organize Turkiye Food Festival thus providing the food lovers with an ample chance of relishing various Turkish delights and delicacies.

ANF seizes over 556 kg drugs in 23 operations; arrests 28

RAWALPINDI :Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) Pakistan seized over 556 kilograms of drugs worth US\$ 13.618 million internationally, arrested 28 persons including a woman and impounded 11 vehicles in the 23 counter-narcotics operations during last week throughout the country. According to an ANF Headquarters spokesman, the seized drugs comprising 127.200 kg of opium, 6.501 kg of heroin, 318.200 kg of hashish, 29.730 kg of methamphetamine (Ice), 48 gram of weed and 3,20,000 of xanax tabs (weighing 75 Kg). ANF North recovered 358.067 kg of drugs in seven operations, and arrested 10 persons including a woman in drug smuggling while seizing four vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 127.200 kg Opium, 2.099 kg Heroin, 230.400 kg Hashish, 720 grams Methamphetamine (Ice) and 48 gram of Weed. ANF KPK recovered 47.927 kg of drugs in five operations while six persons were also sent behind the bars besides seizing two vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 40kg Hashish, 7.010 kg Methamphetamine (Ice) and 966 grams Heroin, he added. He said that ANF Sindh recovered 89.200 kg drugs in three operations and arrested six persons allegedly involved in drug smuggling and seized three vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 3,20,000 Xanax Tabs (weighing 75 kg) and 14.200 kg Hashish. ANF Punjab recovered 39.436 kg drugs in seven operations and arrested five persons besides seizing a vehicle. The seized drugs comprised 2.400 kg Opium, 33.600 kg Hashish and 3.436 kg Heroin.-APP

Demand of fish increases as winter approaches

ISLAMABAD, Nov 01 (AP-P):The demand of fish has increased as is evident from the increasing number of stalls set up in different markets of twin cities.

Several markets including Melody market, Karachi Company, Jinnah Super Super market, market, Aabpara, F-10, F11, G10 Markaz, Commercial Market, Saddar, Raja Bazaar and other places witnessed an increase in the number of fish stalls and are doing good business.

According to fish sellers, the sale of different kinds of fish including Dambra, Rohu, Mahasher, Thela fish, Salmon and Silver has increased as people from all ages are thronging fish sale

Sialkot Motorway to be extended in 18 months

Pak-US trade

ISLAMABAD:Pakistan's

goods and services trade with the United States (US)

witnessed a surplus of 23.31

per cent during the first

quarter of the current fiscal

year (2022-23) as compared to the corresponding period

Trade surplus during the period under review was re-

corded at \$1079.589 million against \$875.469 million

last year, showing 23.31 per

The overall exports to the

US were recorded at US \$1657.359 million during

July-September this year against exports of US

\$1565.321 million during

the same quarter last year, showing an increase of 5.87

per cent, SBP data revealed. Meanwhile, on year-on-year

basis, exports to the US during September however

decreased by 3.49 per cent

US \$ 553.839 million to US

Similarly, month-on-month

exports to the US also dipped by 14.23 per cent

during September 2022

as compared with exports of US \$ 623.196 million in August 2022, the SBP data

Overall Pakistan's exports to all countries witnessed

an increase of 5.45 per cent in three months, from US

\$7201.057 million to US \$7594.042 million, the SBP

On the other hand, imports from the US during the

quarter under review were recorded at US \$577.770

million against US \$689.762 million of last year, showing

a decrease of 16.23 per cent

in July-September (2022-23).—APP

IRSA releases

103,100

cusecs water

ISLAMABAD:Indus River

System Authority (IRSA) on

Tuesday released 103,100

cusecs water from various

rim stations with inflow of

According to the data re-

leased by IRSA, water level

in River Indus at Tarbela

Dam was 1530.13 feet and

was 132.13 feet higher than

its dead level of 1,398 feet.

Water inflow and outflow

in the dam was recorded as

29,800 cusecs while outflow

The water level in River

Jhelum at Mangla Dam was

1160.70 feet, which was

110.70 feet higher than its

dead level of 1,050 feet. The

inflow and outflow of water

was recorded 5.600 cusecs

and 35,000 cusecs respec-

tively. The release of water

at Kalabagh, Taunsa , Gud-

du and Sukkur was record-

ed 60,400, 39,900, 35,800

and 12.600 cusecs respec-

tively. Similarly, from Riv-

er Kabul, a total of 8,300

cusecs of water released

at Nowshera and 1,900

cusecs released from River

Lahore-

Chenab at Marala.—APP

as 52,000 cusecs.

51.500 cusecs.

data said.

\$ 534.477 million.

of last year.

cent growth.

ISLAMABAD:The authorities concerned would be awarding extension work of Lahore-Sialkot Motorway, which is expected to be completed in 24 months, for the betterment of the public. The National Highway Authority (NHA) intends to extend Lahore-Sialkot Motorway by Sialkot-Kharian and Kharian-Rawalpindi Motorways on Build Operate Transfer (BOT) basis under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement, an official told APP.

to be awarded and as per current status, the bids received for the project were opened on July 13. After detailed evaluation,

Letter of Intent (LoI) was

He said the contract was yet

issued to the successful bidder on August 15, he said. He said subsequent to that, a Letter of Support (LoS) would be issued followed by contract negotiations. It is anticipated that the concession will be awarded after taking necessary approvals by December, 2022, he said.—APP

UNODC successfully completes training

ISLAMABAD: UNODC Criminal Justice and Legal Reforms Programme in collaboration with Balochistan Levies Force has successfully completed the 'Advance Investigation Skills' training for Investigation Officers of the Balochistan Levies Force. This initiative is funded by European Union under the larger ambit of the Rule of Law Project in Balochistan.

The trainings were conducted for 3 batches of Investigation Officers at the Levies Headquarters in Quetta. Training for the 1st batch was held from 22-26 August 2022 with the participation of 20 Investigation Officers. This was followed by a training on 17-21 October for 25 participants including 3 women and, concluded with the 3rd batch on 24-28 October for 27 Investigation Officers including 4 women. The last two train-

ing sessions are of particular importance due

to the unprecedented participation of wom-

en levies officials in the investigation skills

trainings organized by UNODC. Prior to this,

'Basic Investigation Skills' training was conducted earlier this year in June and July 2022. UNODC planned a series of trainings for the Investigation Officers to progress gradually from basic to advance investigation skills. This landmark initiative aims to bring professional

effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of services by building on core competencies such as crime scene management, learning of advanced laws, investigation skills, handling of gender-based violence cases, community policing, and forensics evidence gathering. The

The training programme also focused on stress management, professionalism, and a positive behavioural change while assuming duty. In his closing remarks, Mr. Zahid Saleem, Additional Chief Secretary Home and Tribal Affairs Department stated, "The Levies have demonstrated their characteristic role for security in the entire length and breadth of the Province. They have made great sacrifices for maintenance of peace. Levies Force is our pride. Levies are the protectors of Balochistan. We are pained at the martyrdom of soldiers of Levies in Mastung, Chaman and Loralai".At the conclusion of the training, Mr. Zahid Saleem and Mr. Qadir Baksh Pirkani, Director General Balochistan Levies Force distributed certificates of completion to the graduating Investigation Officers of the Balochistan Levies force. The trainees expressed their satisfaction with the skills learned and thanked UNO-

DC for its continued efforts to support them in

this essential learning process.

enhance the understanding of best practices

and application of skills for effective and effi-

cient investigation, interrogation, and inter-

viewing of victims, witnesses, and suspects.

TRAINING ON ADVANCED INVESTIGATION SKILLS

Wednesday, November 02, 2022

Briefs

Two more diagnosed with deadly Coronavirus

RAWALPINDI:Two more people were diagnosed with fatal Coronavirus during the last 24 hours, raising the district's tally of confirmed cases to 47,695.

As per the latest data released by the District Health Authority here Tuesday, the infected cases included 44,066 from Rawalpindi and 3,629 from other districts. Among the new cases, one of each case had arrived from Potohar town and the Gujjar Khan area.

"Presently, 12 confirmed patients are quarantined at homes while no one at health facility," the report added. The report further said that 7,006,011 people, including 44,790 health workers, had jabbed themselves against the lethal (COVID-19) coronavirus across the district since the vaccination administering drive launched on March 10, 2021.

District Health Authority updated that during the last 24 hours,1,012 samples were collected, out of which 1,010 were declared negative, while the positivity rate was recorded at 0.2 percent.-APP

Police launch search operations

RAWALPINDI:Rawalpindi District Police on special directives of City Police Officer (CPO) Rawalpindi on Tuesday launched search operations in different city areas in the jurisdiction of Sadiqabad, City, Bani, Waris Khan, Murree, Dhamial, Kalar Syedan, Mandra, Rawat, Morgah, R A Bazaar, Race Course, Westridge and Taxila police stations, said a police spokesman.

He informed that heavy police contingents, Elite Special Branch Force, personnel and Ladies police under the supervision of senior police officers conducted search operations in different areas and searched 429 houses, 110 shops, 41 hotels, three hos tels besides checking the particulars of 162 tenants. Over 645 persons were also checked during the operations, he added.-APP

Motorway Police recovers stolen car

ISLAMABAD :The Motorway Police conducted a successful operation near Kallar Kahar on late Monday and recovered a stolen car. According to Spokesperson Motorway Police, the said car was seized at gunpoint from Kasur.

A person belonging to Lahore went to drop his family at Burewala and was on his way back, when three armed robbers near Kasur, Phool Nagar took away his car at gunpoint and kept him hostage.

The incident was report-

ed to the Motorway Police and the said vehicle was tracked near Kallar Kahar. An attempt was made to stop it, whereupon the accused in the vehicle drove away from the spot. Therefore, the stolen vehicle was chased and besieged by the Motorway Police and then was successfully stopped. The three suspects in the vehicle were arrested on the spot.-APP

Fund raising event held

DNA

ISLAMABAD: The Diabetes' Centre Australia holds a massive fund raising event in Sydney organized by hospital's Board of Director, Dr Asrar H Khan along with his team. The purpose of this event was to raise funds for TDC Sahiwal Hospital for which land has already been donated.

It was a large gathering attended by Members of Australian Parliamentarians, civil society, dignitaries and Pakistan's High Commissioner to Austrailia Mr Zahid Hafeez Chaudhry Chairman TDC, Dr Asjad Hameed recorded message was played wherein he urged the participants to donate generously to save people of Pakistan from soaring diabetes.

Pakistan, Kazakhstan to broaden relations

Meeting was marked with traditional warmth, mutual understanding and trust

ISLAMABAD :Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Agha Hassan Baloch and the Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Yerhan Kistafin in a meeting held here Tuesday reaffirmed their firm resolve to broaden ties in the field of Science, Technology, Innovation and Research. They discussed various measures to strengthen the bilateral ties of brotherly states in areas of Science, Technology, Innovation and regional connectivity by holding delegation-level talks, joint working group sessions and signing of MoUs.

They also discussed the OIC 15th session on Science and Technology scheduled to be held in Islamabad in December 2022, wherein most developed OIC countries in Science and Technology would discuss strengthening the scientific and research collaboration among the member states of the organisation. Zainul Abdeen, ioint scientific adviser and Director

General of PSQCA has been appointed by the minister to represent Pakistan at the summit. Federal Minister Agha Hassan

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Government

has unveiled the "package of development plan" to im-

prove the educational sys-

tem, health infrastructure,

road connectivity, fisheries,

water and power in the dis-

According to Gwadar Pro,

under the development

package for Gwadar dis-

trict, Rs. 700 million has

been allocated to build and

repair classrooms for stu-

dents. In Pishkan, Rs. 10

million for the construction

of Boys intermedia college

and Rs. 140 million for the

construction of multi-pur-

nose halls and libraries have

been earmarked. In order

to revamp the Basic Health

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Special Advisor to Zhejiang

Chamber of Commerce Syed Jawad Ali Shah

on Tuesday said the country's economic

conditions are alarming, floods have wiped

out the agriculture sector and unity is re-

At this critical juncture, a failed politician

is engaged in defamation of the Pak Army,

its leadership, and spy agencies, for his ul-

terior motives, he said. Jawad Ali Shah said

that the Pakistan Army is the savior of the

nation, while the intelligence agencies are

not only saving the country in difficult situa-

tions but their personnel are also sacrificing

But, some failed politicians are constantly

spewing venom against the Pakistan Army

and its leadership and making sensitive

professional issues controversial, which is

reprehensible, he added. Jawad Ali Shah,

their lives to protect the country.

quired to cope with the challenges.

trict of Gwadar.



Baloch while talking about the summit, said that the mutual collaboration of OIC member states in Science, Technology, In-

tenance. To upgrade the

fishery setup, the govern-

ment has been developing

two fish harbours in Ormara

and Jewni. In terms of im-

proving road infrastructure,

Rs. 900 million has been

earmarked to construct

linking roads from Makran

Coastal Highway to nu-

merous villages of Gwadar.

All Pakistan Sadat Association said that

Pakistan Army is bravely fighting the war

against terrorism, officers and soldiers are

sacrificing their lives in this war, and in such

a situation a political party is spreading lies

He said that a former prime minister ruined

the economy on external agenda during his

regime and now he is making the institu-

tions and their command controversial to

A frustrated political party wants to make

Pakistan a failed state like Sri Lanka by in-

fluencing the process of economic recovery

and this evil conspiracy needs to be foiled.

This person should be declared a national

criminal and should be dealt with according

No individual can be made in charge of all

the affairs of the country and those who

think so are living in a fool's paradise. The

government should take strict action and

thwart the evil agenda of weakening Paki-

to divide the nation.

quench his lust for power.

to the constitution and law.

Govt unveils "Gwadar

Development Package"

Units (BHUs) and Regional playgrounds and their main-

Health Centers in Gwadar

health care system, the

government has laid down

Rs. 365 million. To make

potable water available, Rs.

380 million for water lines,

water supply schemes and

water tanks has been set

aside. Besides, Rs. 75 mil-

lion has been allocated for

A failed politician wants a clash

between masses and Army

and the need of the hour. While commending the progress of Pakistan in Science and Technology, the Ambassador, Yerhan Kista-

Meanwhile, Rs. 700 million

has been placed for con-

necting arteries from M8

to villages. The government has also allocated Rs. 155

million for the road between

coastal highway and Kanda

civil and Rs. 75 million for

the road between Dagaro

The government has been

spending Rs. 250 million

only for Gwadar City, Law-

maker Mir Hammal Kalmati

said. He also claimed that

even for minorities, the gov-

ernment has allocated Rs.

13 million on the boundary

wall to fulfill aspirations of

He said that GDA is all set

to handover Gwadar hospi-

tal to the Indus Hospital on

the Hindu community.

1st November.—APP

Nagoor and Adam Bazar.

other's experiences and signing of MoUs with Pakistan. The sidelines meetings between the Ministry of Higher Education and Science of Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Science and Technology Pakistan, HEC and different universities from both sides during the OIC 15th session also came under discussion. The meeting was marked with traditional warmth, mutual understanding and trust. The scientific collaboration between the two countries was first signed in 1999

entific cooperation,

exchange of each

and in 2020 it was again extended for the next ten years, however, it would be further activated during the OIC 15th session. - Agencies

Vaccination of children against **COVID** continues

ISLAMABAD: The second phase of vaccination of children against COVID-19 continued on Tuesday. The covid vaccination drive for children will continue till November 5 in selected districts of Puniab. Sindh and Islamabad.

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination Abdul Qadir Patel said that COVID-19 vaccination was important for children. He said that this vaccination campaign was essential to protect the future generation from the disease and to keep children safe from getting infected by the life-threatening disease.

He urged religious scholars, teachers, civil society and the media to educate the public and aware them of how important this vaccination was for children. He said that the Ministry of Health was working efficiently to ensure that no one was affected by this virus. He said that the government was utilizing its all resources to improve the health system in the country. He said that the government was working on its health reforms agenda to provide the best medical services to the

He said that several mega projects in the health sector have been started while many were in the planning stage to improve the standard of the country's health system and ensure basic treatment facilities at hospitals.

calculated at **26.6%** in October

ISLAMABAD :The Consumer Price Index (CPI) was calculated at 26.6% on year-on-year (YoY) basis in October 2022 as compared to the corresponding month of last year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Thursday.

On month-on-month basis,

it increased to 4.7% in October 2022 as compared to a decrease of 1.2% in the previous month (September) and an increase of 1.9% in October 2021. food commodities that witnessed increase in prices on YoY basis included tomatoes (219.34%), onions (165.66%), gram whole (69.80%), pulse gram (65.08%), besan (62.25%), mustard oil (61.14%), pulse masoor (61.07%), fresh vegetables (58.87%), cooking oil (58.06%), pulse mash (55.33%), vegetable ghee (52.5%), pulse moong (49.84%), wheat (45.77%) tea (41.89%), rice (40.76%), flour (37.38%)fresh (29.61%),(25.34%),meat potatoes (20.65%).fish (15.4%).chicken (12.22%) and gur (0.39%).

The food commodities that witnessed decrease in prices included sugar (11.84%) and condiments & spices (10.97%). The non-food

The Spark' by female artists opens ISLAMABAD :"The Spark" a group show of paintings

by four female artists Aimen Manzoor, Amna Rahman, Khadijah Rehman, and Zara Asgher would be opened for the general public and art lovers here on November 2 at Satrang Art Gallery under the banner of cultural diplomacy to promote art and artisans. The Spark explores the

body and its invisible energetic force uniting it with its surroundings. The exhibition considers the ancient knowledge that the body retains. The energetic response of individuals connecting to each other, their environments, ideas and even themselves.

Taking the forms of attraction, comfort, and camaraderie, at times an instinctive positive reaction or intuition, sometimes called an inherent sixth sense. It can also be felt as a negative reaction, a sense of foreboding or discomfort, and a feeling of anxiety in response.

Each of these artists has interpreted this connection in a way that suits their larger investigations into daily life and social interactions in private and public spaces. Aimen Manzoor explores the relationship between the ordinary and the seemingly mundane. The com-

positions and stark colors

of her paintings warp these

realistic or banal scenes,

otherwise

simplistically

drawing attention to her subjects engaged in habitual and repetitive activities. In some paintings, she sets up scenes to be occupied by individuals who are missing from the frame.

Khadijah Rehman also explores the familiar - often the familial or fictitious, delicate moments captured within her intricate paintings. She borrows from family photographs which she embellishes with vivid patterns, minute details, and traditions of Persian and Mughal miniatures.

The deliberate inclusion of unlikely elements such as exotic motifs, the placement of animals, and other dreamlike imagery create staged and layered tableaus, exploring relationships and interactions. Amna Rahman and Zara

Asgher both highlight the careful navigation of the body, primarily the female body, within a patriarchal male-centric society. Amna's figures, painted within spaces she deems as "safe" are completely at ease, engaged in conversations, and comfortable with themselves and their surroundings. Zara's work explores the gendered quality of her surroundings, particularly highlighting how public spaces in Pakistan are heavily occupied by male bodies. Her drawings of repeating patterns of bodies highlight the structures of hierarchies she has seen.-APP

ANF seizes over 38 kg narcotics; arrests five

RAWALPINDI :Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) on Tuesday seized over 38 kg of narcotics and arrested five accused.

According to ANF Headquarters spokesman, ANF during an operation at Islamabad International Airport recovered 130 heroin-filled capsules from the possession of two passengers including a woman, going to Saudi Arabia, by flight No SV-727.

In another operation, ANF recovered 1156 grams of heroin from the possession of another passenger, going to Bahrain via flight PK-187. ANF Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) during an operation at Bacha Khan International Airport recovered 139 heroin-filled capsules from the possession of a passenger, going to Bahrain on flight No GF-785.

The spokesman said that ANF KPK in another operation conducted a raid near Peshawar Ring Road and recovered over 37 kg of charras from the possession of an Afghan national.

The drug smuggler was trying to smuggle drugs to Punjab which were concealed in a deep freezer. Separate cases have been registered against the accused, he said that raids were being conducted to net the accomplices of the accused.-APP

Govt to complete its remaining term: Khaqan Abbasi

ISLAMABAD prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Tuesday said the coalition government would complete its remaining term and general elections would be held on time. Talking to a private news channel, he said that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf leadership has no clear agenda to justify its long march. He said that Khan Sahib

was targeting national institutions to fulfill his personal desires, adding that " we are democratic people and ready to discuss matters of public interest". Replying to a question,

he said that the government would not allow anyone to take the law into their hands, adding, Imran Khan's politics of lies and fake character has been exposed.-APP

Housing Ministry demands Rs 9.179m for FY 2022-23

ISLAMABAD:Ministry of Housing and Works has demanded the grant of an amount of Rs9.179 million to meet the requirements of the ministry and attached departments for the current fiscal year 2022-23.

However, the "Finance Division has allocated an amount of Rs5,915 million" as per the austerity measures for the current financial year, which was conveyed to the ministry while budgetary allocation has already been finalized and approved in June 2022, an official in the ministry told APP.

The official said that Finance Division already imposed austerity on budget allocation and reduced the budgetary allocation by Rs55.163 million.

To a question, he said the Capital Development Authority (CDA) was responsible for the maintenance and renovation of Pak Secretariat Islamabad. Therefore, no fund has been spent on Ministry's renovation.

He said the Finance Divi-

sion had already slashed the budget while making allocations. Hence, no funds had been surrendered to Finance Division and all the funds allocated during 2021-22 in relevant heads were utilized by the general section. The official said, "Pak PWD has started sending notices to the residents of government accommodations in Sector I-9/4 about payment of electric meter bills for water motors installed at residential blocks. He said the Finance Divi-

sion had allocated funds for payment of utilities in the relevant heads of accounts of the users while utility bills of the residential accommoda. -APP

who is also the central vice-chairman of Railways to receive 46 new coaches from China

ISLAMABAD :Pakistan Railways would receive the first batch of 46 new coaches from China on December 15 which would not only upgrade the current rolling stock but also provide modern travelling facilities to the passengers.

"Out of the total 230 coaches, 46 will be provided as completely built units and the remaining 184 to be manufactured in the county by the department's engineers and technical staff under the supervision of the Chinese experts," an official told APP. He said the coaches would have the capacity to run at the train's speed of 160 kilometres per hour and the teams of Pakistan Railways were in China for the inspection of the prototypes of the coaches as well as the modern high-capacity wagons.

The official said the experts of China were also proving training to the technical staff of Pakistan Railways on the manufacturing of such rolling stock. He said Pakistan Railway was planning to upgrade the dilapidated track as the Khanpur-Kotri section was not fit for high-speed train operation while most of the Main Line-I (ML-I) parts were fit for the 120km per hour train operation. "After the completion of the ML-I project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the entire ML-1 raw materials, he added.—APP

track would have the capacity to bear the rolling stock operations at the speed of 160km per hour," he added. He said that under another similar nature contract, a Chinese company would manufacture 800 freight wagons and 20 brake wagons. The manufacturing of 184 coaches in Pakistan would be under the 'Transfer of Technology' project. For the coaches planned to be manufactured in Pakistan - Pakistan Railways Carriage Factory, Islamabad - the Chinese firm would provide spare parts and

(34.29%).-APP

commodities that witnessed increase on YoY basis included motor fuel (64.81%), stationery (44.5%), washing soap/detergents/match box (41.49%), transport services (41.27%), motor vehicles

Gwadar-GDA sets to become Indus Hospital

DNA

ISLAMABAD: In a game-changing health sector development in Gwadar, the GDA hospital is set to become the Indus Hospital, a high and quality name and position in the field of social service and health in the country on Tuesday.

According to Gwadar Pro, a formal ceremony to hand over GDA hospital to Indus Hospital is to take place on the same day. Chief Secretary Balochistan Abdul Aziz Ugaili and Gwadar Development Authority

(GDA) Mujeeb ur Rehman Qambrani inked an agreement under the guidelines of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo.

With the transformation of the GDA hospital into the Indus Hospital, the people of Gwadar who have been lacking quality This development will put an end to the health facilities over the decades will rehealth trauma for locals of Gwadar as earlier ceive free health services. they had to cover miles of distance to reach



Karachi to get medical attention and aid. In most emergency cases, families had to see the deaths of their loved ones on the way to Karachi from Gwadar. The new health facility will also help reduce health bills because a whopping expense that would have had to be spent on transportation and travelling costs will be cut to almost zero. Now all the high-quality and modern treatment facilities of the Indus Hospital Karachi will be available free of cost at the Indus Hospital Gwadar. This institute will be the first and only hospital of its kind in Balochistan where the best doctors and paramedical staff of Karachi will be present to serve day and night

with modern medical equipment. It consists of 70 beds while Pak China Friendship Hospital under construction will consist of 150 beds and will be a state-ofthe-art and international standard hospital.

NATO chief wrong to view China as threat

ATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg portrayed China as a threat to the NATO countries last week when appealing for continued US support for Ukraine in its conflict with Russia. A victorious Russia would "be bad for all of us in Europe and North America, in the whole of NATO, because that will send a message to authoritarian leaders — not only Putin but also China — that by the use of brutal military force they can achieve their goals," he said in an interview with POLITICO. "The presence of the United States — but also Canada — in Europe, is essential for the strength and the credibility of that transatlantic bond," he added. Stoltenberg might have good reasons for his worries about decreasing US support. The upcoming US midterm elections could possibly see the Republicans, who have promised to slash support for Ukraine, take control of Congress, thus leading to the US cutting back its military aid to Ukraine.

Since the Russia-Ukraine conflict broke out, the US has pledged to give Ukraine more than \$17 billion in assistance, well above what the European countries have collectively committed. Yet support among ordinary Americans for such vast sums of assistance to Ukraine is reportedly decreasing. Given that China is committed to an independent foreign policy of peace, and it has consistently urged a negotiated end to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, it is rather despicable for the NATO chief to try to use China as a means to hype up the value of the transatlantic alliance. China's position on the Russia-Ukraine conflict has been impartial and consistent. It advocates that the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries, including Ukraine, be respected and the legitimate security concerns of all countries be taken seriously. It also supports all efforts that are conducive to a peaceful settlement of the crisis.

Yet despite this, the NATO chief is depicting China as a major security challenge for the military bloc. But in citing what he claims is China's "coercive behavior" in the South China Sea and against its neighbors, he has simply revealed his own ambitions for expanding the remit of the security organization. The confrontational stance that Stoltenberg has taken against China appeals to the anti-China sentiment that now runs deep in Washington. The Pentagon said in an unclassified version of the National Defense Strategy last week that China "presents the most consequential and systemic challenge, while Russia poses acute threats". The rhetoric of Stoltenberg and the Pentagon bode ill for world peace and stability.

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Good win for Brazil and the world

HE remarkable return of the leftwing politician Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva for a third term as Brazil's president is not just good for his country. His victory over the incumbent rightwing extremist, Jair Bolsonaro, is also good for the world. Since Mr Bolsonaro took office in 2019, forest fires and deforestation soared in the Amazon, with the federal government turning a blind eye to illegal logging, mining, cattle-grazing and land-grabbing. Brazil's rainforest went from a carbon sink to a carbon source. If allowed to continue, the damage to the world's lungs would have been irreversible - with disastrous effects on global weather systems and food security. Lula, as he is universally known, pledged to reverse his predecessor's policies that have worsened the climate emergency. The world will breathe more easily as a result. But Mr Bolsonaro only narrowly lost the election. He has, at the time of writing, still refused to concede his defeat. Mr Bolsonaro, who praised dictatorship and torture, may never accept the people's will. But those who have supported him - from evangelists to political allies - have recognised that the game is up. His reluctance to go quietly may be because he fears ending up behind bars. Presidential immunity and an obliging attorney general have helped shelter Mr Bolsonaro and his politician sons from investigations into longstanding suspicions of embezzlement and corruption. For Mr Bolsonaro, that shield disappears in January. Mr Bolsonaro was nicknamed the "Trump of the tropics" – and he used a similar playbook. Like the former US president, Mr Bolsonaro polarised his divided country by denigrating women, gay people and minorities. He armed his supporters by flooding the country with guns. A pandemic that killed almost 700,000 people helped push poverty numbers to the highest on record and saw him sink in the polls. Jailed under the previous rightwing Temer government for alleged corruption, Lula was released and his convictions quashed last year, allowing him to run again. However, Brazil is a very different country from the one he last presided over. When he left office in 2010, Lula's approval ratings were stratospheric. Now a sizable minority think their once-and-future president is corrupt. Brazil in 2010 was the world's 7th largest economy - it has now slipped to 13th. The country is marked by rising debts and deepening divides. Brazil's modest economic recovery is unlikely to last as the world faces a recession that it won't escape

Lula's victory cannot eclipse the fact he faces a Congress dominated by self-seeking conservative politicians of the Centrão ("big centre") – who have been allied with Mr Bolsonaro. The new president will need to strike deals to get legislation passed. Big structural reforms that need changes to the constitution will probably be off the table. Thanks to his environmental policies and his defence of democracy, Lula can count on the support of the world's leading powers. President Joe Biden has offered to create a \$20bn fund for the Amazon once Brazil starts showing results in protecting its rainforests. Under Mr Bolsonaro, Brazil lost its way – and its mind. Lula's victory shows the country can return to the path of sanity.

Economic nosedives

Dr. Abdus Sattar Abbasi

Historical data shows that Pakistan has not been able to sustain growth for long periods. Rather, it has had short growth sprints followed by nosedives. This is because economic policies are subject to change with the changes in government corridors. This implies that when governments are concluding their terms they ignore long-term implications of spending and utilize funds for their immediate political concerns to secure maximum seats in coming elections at the cost of national reserves; this is clearly evident from at least last three regimens of three different political parties. During the fifth year in the office governments hastily extended unplanned subsidies and threw funds carelessly to constituency...

T was indeed a pleasure delivering a talk on October 23, 2022 to accomplished professionals about economic nosedives of the country with special emphasis on causes and remedies. When I entered the hall a workshop on learning Arabic was in progress. The facilitator, a British Pakistani, also invited me to participatein an exercise on some fundamental conversational vocabulary. The exercise concluded with a quiz on Kahoot and surprisingly I took second position which encouraged me to embark on Arabic learning which I aim to do soon.

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State-owned white elephants are double burden on the economy. Organizations which are supposed to earn and contribute to the GDP of the Country are actually eating up what is earned by some of the state-owned enterprises. According to Dr. IshratHussain, "Currently we have 212 state owned enterprises (SOEs). 85 are commercial SOEs while another 83 are subsidiaries attached to one or another SOE; 44 are non-commercial entities (such as trusts, foundations, regulatory bodies, universities, research and training institutions, promotional and advocacy bodies and welfare funds). These SOEs make up 98% of the government's assets and account for almost 100% of losses. The top ten

loss-making SOEs contribute around 90% to the total loss of the government. The set includes NHA, Pakistan Railways, PIA, Pakistan Steel, five power sector DISCOs and ZTBL. SOEs are a major drain on the country's budget and consume public resources without any guilt or hesitation. These corporate giants have been maintained by successive governments to fulfill their own political agendas. Governments have blatantly resorted to granting excessive and out-of-merit employment at all levels in these organizations, causing acute inefficiencies and deep-rooted corruption.In the financial year (FY) 2019-20, the commercial SOEs collectively recorded net losses of Rs. 143 billion. Oil and Gas companies show net profits of Rs. 242 billion while Infrastructure companies (PIA, Railways, NHA, Post Office etc.) show net losses of Rs. 267 billion and Power companies of Rs 117 billion.'

Foreign direct investment (FDI) is extremely important for an economy. FDI helps generate employment, contributes to GDP growth and boost foreign currency reserves. During FY 2021, the net foreign direct investment (FDI) dropped by more than 28 percent. Including uncertain government policies there is nothing right to attract FDI, factor costs, transport costs, political environment, exchange rate, trade openness, tax rates, infrastructure, and property rights every dimension needs serious attention of policy makers to facilitate foreign investors to explore untapped opportunities in the 5th biggest market of the world.

Parking of capital in the real state is the big challenge for coming governments. The obsession with real estate has understandable foundations and originates in a fundamentally good idea: the need to buy assets that generate inflation-beating returns. But it has gone too far and is now starting to create a drag on economic growth, investment opportunities, and housing affordability. There are some leading entrepreneurs who opted to invest in real state due to attractive profits and less volatility. They blame government policies not promotinginvestments in manufacturing sector which has a better potential to provide employment. Construction sector does serves as a driver for several linked industries but when it dumps capital in nonproductive tower blocks in mushroom residential societies it becomes real burden on the economy of the country. Government needs to introduce policies which can divert the capital to the employment intensive sectors for better productivity and economic growth. Young population has exceptional potential to contribute towards the development of the economy particularly in the technology and startup sector, which is thriving, and the government has so far took some initiatives to facilitate them but still there is long way to go.

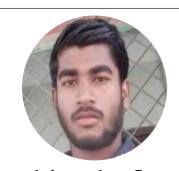
Market development is the key for the progress of any economy. We hardly observe any initiative from relevant departments for market development in countries where we have a few satisfied customers. Market development in international societies is a costly affair and needs government interventions to support businesses back at home by enhancing demand of those productsin which we have absolute orcomparative advantage over our competitors.On the other hand international business development is the process to identify new markets, nurture and acquire new clients and business opportunities to drive growth in the demand of your core products to contribute to the increased profitability of your businesses in country of origin. It has generally been observed that customers from international market are better aware of our strengths and coordinate exactly with those industries and businesses that can fulfill their expectations and deliver the promise. But we hardly experience any policy or practical intervention by relevant departments to attract and facilitate potential international clients to visit Pakistan and explore opportunities to get better products.

Mismanagement of different government departments and organizations has always been discussed and the same happened during Q&A session, it was general consensus that there is no dearth of competence in the Country however it is probably the sense of responsibility and initiative which generally lacks in our government departments and organizations that costs us heavily in terms of economic nosedives and otherwise relatively less performance and mismanagements in key areas & critical events. The session concluded with supplication (dua) for the betterment of participants and Pakistan.

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Iran under conspiracy and fragmentation with a desperate attempt

Muhammad Sayed Anwar



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The assassination of Qasem
Soleimani executed by

the USA drone attack...

RAN, a Shia majority, an American rival and Russian ally country is under a great threat of falling government. It is needed to focus on the conspiracy theory to understand such phenomena. MaishaAmini, an Iranian kurdishgirl, was arrested for the charge of violating hijab compulsory rule of the Islamic Republic of Iran and died under the preservation of 'the morality police' in last 16th September in a hospital of Tehran. Following this, a huge mass protest has been being seen all over the country, even including Tehran. Rioting mind is seen mostly in College and University students. The government forces are defending vehemently by using tear gas, shooting etc. In 2019, the mass movement had been occurred due to the oil price hike was defended by killing more than 1000 people by the Revolutionary Guard (IRGC). The same lined protest sparked across the country after MaishaAmini's death that has led to the anti-government protest, making a loss

of 150-200 civilian people so far. Some Iranian officials and Mediashave been accusing USA of conspiring behind the mass protest. They claimed, "The western officials and espionages are working to escalate the situation". On the other end, EU officials, western Medias, most blatantly, Joe Biden himself is seen uttering for the support of the mass upsurge. Along with all these, on 28 October in the evening, three men have committed terrorist gun attack on shah Cheraghmausoleum, killing 15 people including 1 woman and 2 children. It's claimed by Iranian officials that two of the terrorists had been arrested and seem to be ISIL affiliated terrorists, supported from the west. The bloody attack in the southern city of Shirazcould be a significant sign for the future of Iran. Again, thousands of mourners paid tribute to Amini on Wednesday in her western hometown. President Raisi appeared to link the two tragedies yesterday, declaring that," the intention of the enemy is to disrupt the country's progress, and then these riots pave the ground for terrorist acts". President also vowed 'a severe response' over the mass killing at shia mausoleum during evening prayers, confessed by the Islamic State (IS). Nearly six weeks after Amini'sdeath, demonstrations show no signs of ending, powered by outrage over a crackdown that has claimed the lives of other young women and girls.

Prolonged Kurdish separatist movement has been a threat for the governments of Iran and other neighboring countries with Kurdishminority. These Iranian Kurdish separatists again are supposed to be supported by CIA. Again, Iran's separatist group, Mujahedin e-Khalq (MEK) is having all kinds of support from the USA, accused by the Iranian officials. Once the group was blacklisted as terrorist group by USA butdelisted later on

group by USA butdelisted later on. Iran and America, Israel and their allies is a soured rival group that they rarely trust each other. The intervention of their intelligence agencies is very vigilant in each others country. During this crisis moment of Iran's government, CIA and other ally agencies are working more vigilantly in Iran. The assassination of QasemSoleimani executed by the USA drone attack is another issue for the distanced relationship between them. Moreover, the detainment of nuclear deal has been failed by Biden administration in recent times that was withdrawn by the previous administration. The socio-political relations between the two countries are becoming more and more frustrating day by day. New level of sanctioning each other is labeling its zenith. If we compute and evaluateall these, we would

see that there has a huge potential of turning Iran into a backlashed country like those of Libya, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and so on, collapsing the reign of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The world community must learn something from Libya fronting the issue of Iran. Libya, once a flourished country, now has become a failed and unstable state. The outside intervention made the country of such type. The people haven't got what they wanted during Gaddafi's reign. The 42 years of ColonelMuammar Gaddafi's dictatorship left a clear mark on Libya. After the independence from the colonial rule of Italy in 1951, Libya was led by a monarch, king Idris-1 under the domination of west powers. Gaddafi's control over the country in 1969 had been strong and firm, free from outside influence. He wasanti-colonialist, anti-imperialist and in favour of pan Arabism and pan Africanism. But Libyan people saw their human rights being denied day by day but this was not entirely true because women could join army and other services. The medical care, health and education sectors were developed and ensured. What problem happened with Libya was because of its being a tribal society. Again, a few number of anti-government opposition groups were emerged. As Libya is a oil-oriented country, it was geopolitically crucial for the world hegemonic power like USA. The whole system was favourable for rival countries to conspire against Gaddafi's dictatorship. The 2011 mass upsurge was a great chance for dethroning the threat for world hegemony, violating the UN charter of nonintervention. As per as this viewpoint, the world community need to consider the situation of Iran of not making another Libya, Iraq or Syria, degrading human secondary to hegemony power and of solving the situation with discussion, nonintervention and in a peaceful way.

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also said Imran Khan has

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container to create unrest

in society. "He was on the

container protesting in 2014

too," she remarked, adding

that because of him the vis-

it of the Chinese president

was postponed. The minister

further maintained that dur-

ing his premiership, Imran

Khan was guilty of sidelining

CPEC which is now being re-

vitalized by Prime Minister

Shehbaz Sharif. Marriyum

highlighted that for four years

Imran Khan was not able to

prove the corruption of any

member of the Pakistan Mus-

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to former federal minister

Ali Amin Gandapur's leaked

audio, he said that the secu-

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enforcement agencies may

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sponsibility will be on a single

person," he said in apparent

The interior minister fur-

ther said that the forces

should be armed to defend

themselves from the goons

of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf.

It is pertinent to mention

here that Punjab Chief Min-

ister Pervaiz Elahi asserted

that 'backdoor talks' were

reference to Imran Khan.

Briefs

'Will defeat Nawaz in his constituency'

From Page 01 Reacting to Rana Sanaullah's recent rhetoric against him, PTI Chairman Imran Khan warned the interior minister of "grave consequences." Addressing the participants of the long march in Gujranwala, Khan warned, "Rana Sanaullah! Your time has come as well." Urging the masses to join the PTI's long march, Khan said, "Allah orders Iihad against thieves.'

The thieves were imposed on us under a foreign conspiracy, the PTI leader reiterated, adding that if they accepted them just like sheep, then there is no future for them. Referring to the statements of the ruling alliance, Khan said, "Rats are threatening us while sitting there (in Islamabad). Khan maintained that he would give a call to all Pakistanis when he reaches Islamabad.

In Gujrat, Punjab Chief Minister Pervez Elahi and his son Moonis Elahi will welcome the participants of the march, said Fawad.

On November 4, the march aims to arrive in Lala Musa and the initial plan to reach Islamabad by Sunday will not be possible, said the PTI leader, adding that the march will no longer be able to travel through Sialkot.

The PTI leader asked supporters from Sialkot to join the march en route instead as "going to Sialkot would extend the march by 15 days". PTI Senator Faisal Javed Khan said the march would resume "shortly". He added that party chairperson Imran Khan will address the supporters at "multiple spots during the course of the journey". Faisal also claimed that the size of the march is "200 per cent larger" than the party's 2014 march. Party chairperson Imran Khan said the 'Haqeeqi Azadi Caravan' has started its journey from Sindh and will join the party's leadership and supporters in Islamabad. He expressed hope that it would be the "greatest gathering of Pakistanis" in Islamabad.

'If numbers are small...

From Page 01 trust him then how will investors do. "You will have to bow down to the people of Pakistan," Fawad said. Meanwhile, PTI stalwart Shah Mehmood Quresh said the government was trying to make the long march look negative. "PTI workers and citizens are not going to shed blood and are advancing peacefully," Qureshi said. They were campaigning with all their might that PTI was an adversary to the army, Qureshi said adding those who were now playing the sentinels [of the institutions] had been badmouthing about the establishment [in the past]. "Word has it that a new press conference is coming up. Imran Khan has said that these press talks are not going to harm him or the party, but the ones who will address it," Qureshi said.

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"Look at any area, be it economy, foreign relations, foreign policy, or governance, Imran Khan destroyed all of them during his tenure." She said that the way the PTI-led government trampled upon the economy of the country, which led to skyrocketing inflation, Khan should not even be able to utter a word anymore. "Yet, he has taken out a rally on the streets of Pakistan," she said. Criticising the march further, Maryam said that personnel of the Punjab Police employed to provide security to Khan greatly outnumbered the participants of the march. "Millions of taxpayers' money is being spent to provide security to a march which is aimless and holds no national agenda," she said, adding that it certainly needs a criminal-minded person to spend the public's money so lavishly without having an iota of remorse.

She further said that the narrative of a conspiracy that Khan built following his ouster has been exposed. "One after the other, his lies started unfolding before the nation which is why the masses are largely indifferent to this long march," she said.

England reignite World Cup hopes with New Zealand win

With the game slipping away, Stokes had Williamson, who was trying to lead his side in his typically measured way, caught at short third on the cut

SYDNEY: England earned a nerve-shredding 20-run win over New Zealand to reignite their hopes in the Men's T20 World Cup in Australia.

Knowing defeat would all but eliminate them, England survived under intense pressure to successfully defend 179 at the Gabba.

After being reduced to 28-2. the Black Caps looked to have swung the game in their favour when Glenn Phillips and captain Kane Williamson combined for a stand of 91 from 59 balls. But, with 61 runs needed from 31 balls, Ben Stokes provided the crucial breakthrough by dismissing Williamson for 40 from 40 balls.

From there England impressively turned the screw - and held their nerve under a series of high catches.

In the 18th over, the independable creasingly Sam Curran had Phillips, who was dropped on 15 by Moeen Ali, caught at longon for 62 from 36 balls to end New Zealand's bid. Earlier Jos Buttler, who was reprieved by a TV review of a catch on eight and dropped again on 40, hit 73

from 47 balls to lift his side



He put on 81 for the opening wicket with Alex Hales, who made 52 from 40 balls, and although England did not fully capitalise they go into the final round of matches with the advan-

tage. They will qualify for

Sri Lanka on Saturday, as long as Australia do not beat Afghanistan a day earlier and also overturn England's significant net runrate advantage. The fact England's match comes 24 hours after Australia helps their cause as they will the semi-finals if they beat have a clear picture of any net run-rate requirements going into their final game. For a period in New Zealand's chase, on a ground where England have suffered many an Ashes heartbreak, it looked like Buttler's side were slipping to defeat. But rather than

porting bearpit, the Gabba crowd was largely England supporting and those fans leapt to their feet in celebration as the late catches were taken.Buttler played the crucial hand with the bat when it was needed most, making the most of the opportunities present-

total on a tiring pitch. The bowling was an allround effort by the seamers with Curran and Chris Woakes taking two wickets apiece and Mark Wood and Ben Stokes one. Sri Lanka will be no pushover on Saturday in Sydney - they are the Asia Cup champions and are coached by England's former boss Chris Silverwood - but England have kept their quest alive. Phillips' onslaught is survived England were in control of the chase early on, after Woakes had Devon Conway caught down the leg side in the second over - Buttler taking a leaping catch to his right - and Curran deceived Finn Allen with a slower-ball bouncer to see the back of the opener before he could wreck havoc. But next came the moment that could have ended England's World Cup. Phillips miscued one off Adil Rashid and Moeen looked set to take the simplest of catches, only to hardly get a hand on the ball. Phillips responded by thrashing 17 from a Rashid over, including two huge leg-side sixes. He scored a century in New Zealand's win against Sri Lanka - a man unwise to drop.-Agencis

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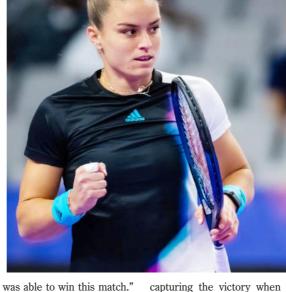
Sabalenka surprises Jabeur, Sakkari edges Pegula



SPORTS DESK

FORT WORTH: World number seven Aryna Sabalenka rallied from a set down to beat second-ranked Ons Jabeur on Monday as round-robin play began at the season-ending WTA Finals. Sabalenka shook off an error-strewn start to beat the Tunisian, a finalist at

both Wimbledon and the US Open this year, 3-6, 7-6 (7/5), 7-5 at Dickies Arena in Fort Worth, Texas, "I think it's the biggest win of the season for me," said Sabalenka, who was a semi-finalist in the WTA's season finale last year but has endured a disappointing 2022 campaign. "She played unbelievable and somehow another miracle happened for me and I



Sabalenka had to dig deep to improve her record against Jabeur to 3-1

Jabeur, making her WTA Finals debut, was two points away from victory at 5-3 in the second set tiebreaker, and she had two chances to break for a 5-2 lead in the third. But Sabalenka held on, breaking Jabeur at love to level the set at 4-4 and

Jabeur netted a forehand on the first match point. "I didn't feel welcome on this court," Sabalenka said of her early struggles. "I couldn't understand what was happening, the ball was bouncing too slow for me. "Then in the second set I kind of calmed down and tried to think what I had to do to win

Italy's gov't approves 1st package of measures

ROME: Italy's new far-right government led by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni approved its first package of measures Monday, including norms that relax some anti-COVID restrictions as well as a delay in planned justice reform in a sign of discontinuity with the previous Cabinet. The new rules. approved after a two-hourlong Cabinet meeting, allow the re-integration of doctors and nurses who are currently suspended because they refused to undergo comCOVID-19 as imposed by the Draghi government ear-

lier this year. The measures, unveiled by Meloni and the relevant ministers, come six months after the end of the COVID state of emergency in the country. The new Health Minister, Orazio Schillaci, explained that they were a response to "the worrying shortage of medical and health personnel" and followed a scientific

pulsory vaccination against assessment of the pandemic's developments. At a news conference following the Cabinet meeting, Meloni said she refused to adopt an "ideological approach" to COVID measures, which she said wrongly became "an electoral campaign issue." She also clarified that the obligation to wear a mask will be prolonged for both health workers and visitors to hospitals and nursing homes after being substantially lifted

ments over the past few months. The newly-installed rightist government also decided to delay implementing some the justice reforms approved under the government of former Prime Minister Mario Draghi needed to obtain the next tranche of the European Union's recovery funds. Meloni, however, stressed that her government remains committed to the reforms.-APP

R20 positively affects world peace JAKARTA: Secretary Gentimism while visiting Bali eral of the Muslim World

Sheikh Issa hopes

League (MWL) Sheikh Mohammed Al-Issa expects the forum to have a major impact on building world peace, according to Religion of Twenty (R20) Spokesperson Muhammad Najib Azca. The R20 meeting, part of the Sherpa Track of Indonesia's 2022 G20 Presidency engagement group, is cochaired and co-hosted by Indonesian Islamic organization Nahdlatul Ulama Executive Board (PBNU) and

It will be held in Bali Province on November 2-3, 2022, to encourage discussions among world religious leaders, so that religion can provide solutions to various global problems. "He (Al-Issa) really hoped that this (the R20 forum) would truly become a memorable and impactful event that would have a big influence on the development and building of world peace," the R20 spokesperson stated on Monday. The MWL secretary general expressed op-

Governor I Wayan Koster on Sunday (October 30, 2022) afternoon. The visit was made in connection with preparations for the implementation of the R20. "The governor was very enthusiastic, as a governor in a province with a majority Hindu population, to receive the secretary general of a very important organization from a very prominent Islamic state, Azca noted. The governor also expressed hope that R20 would offer the right momentum to garner public support to realize a more equitable world.

During the meeting, Koster offered a traditional Balinese cloth as a gift to Al-Issa, while the MWL secretary general handed over a golden palm tree miniature to the Bali governor. After the R20 meeting in Bali, Al-Issa and the G20 delegates are scheduled to visit the Yogyakarta Palace, Prambanan Temple, and Borobudur Temple in Yogyakarta Province.-APP

Sweden's economy staring at 'grim winter

STOCKHOLM: is projected to fall into recession next year as unemployment rates are on the rise and the country's gross domestic product (GDP) is likely to stagnate, the country's new finance minister has warned. "The Swedish economy is heading towards a rather grim winter. We don't know how cold and grim it will be yet," Elisabeth Svantesson said. She warned that the country will continue to face a tough economic situation next year as unemployment is expected to rise to 6.5 percent in 2023.

"Getting rid of inflation is not the main task of fiscal policy, but it is important

for us not to exacerbate the inflation that exists now," Syantesson stressed.

The newly-appointed finance minister warned that many of her countrymen will continue to experience tough economic times next year. According to the government's forecast, the Swedish economy will enter recession with a GDP falling by 0.4 percent next year, while inflation will rise to almost 6 percent, the highest in two decades. Meanwhile, Sweden bank,

one of the Nordic country's largest banks, predicted that the GDP will decrease by 1.1 percent in the next year while inflation will reach 7.4 percent.—APP

underway during Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) long march towards Islamabad. JUI-F files

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against the PTI chairman in the Supreme Court over his long march. In its petition, the government said, "Imran Khan is making announcements to attack Islamabad", which it claimed was a violation of a court order. It urged the apex court to direct the PTI chief to ensure the implementation of its orders related to protests and sit-ins. The petition by JUI-F has asked the SC to direct relevant governments to issue guidelines for conducting political rallies and order the Khan-led party to not exceed the designated number of days approved for its jalsa and sit-in.

US again rejects...

From Page 01 Pakistan, the spokesperson said, "In the case of Pakistan, elections have not yet been scheduled, but we support the peaceful upholding of constitutional and democratic principles not just in Pakistan, but around the world." 'These are issues that we discuss with all of our partners around the world," he added. The spokesperson of the US Department of State regarding Afghanistan has said that Afghanistan will not be allowed to become a haven for terrorists again. In the Doha agreement, the Taliban had assured that they would not give shelter to terrorists.

Russia recruiting US-trained Afghan commandos

"We thought they might create a special programme for us, but no one even thought about us," said one former Afghan commando, who requested anonymity because he fears for himself and his family

MOSCOW: Moscow wants to attract the elite Afghan soldiers, who fought alongside US troops during their 20-year occupation, to join a "foreign legion".

It is offering lucrative salaries of 1,500 a month and promises safe havens for the ex-servicemen and

Most of the men fled Afghanistan to neighbouring Iran, following the US's chaotic withdrawal last year. They cannot return home as they risk death at the hands of the

"They don't want to go fight – but they have no choice," said Afghan general Abdul Raof Arghandiwal, knew feared deportation to Afghanistan the most.

They ask me, 'Give me a solution. What should we do? If we go back to Afghanistan, the Taliban will kill us," he continued.

Recruitment is led by the shadowy Russian mercenary force Wagner Group, while a former Afghan special forces commander who lived in Russia and speaks the language is also helping.

US soldiers who fought alongside Afghan special forces have warned for months that the Taliban was intent on killing these troops and that they might join the US's ene-

adding that the commandos he mies in order to stay alive or out of anger.

"We didn't get these individuals out as we promised, and now it's coming home to roost," said Michael Mulroy, a retired CIA officer who served in Afghanistan.

He added that the Afghan commandos are highly skilled, fierce "I don't want to see them in any battlefield, frankly, but certainly

not fighting the Ukrainians." Russia's Defense Ministry did not respond to a request for comment

spokesman for Yevgeny Prigozhin, once Putin's chef who recently acknowledged being the founder of the Wagner Group, dismissed the idea of an effort to recruit former Afghan soldiers

as "crazy nonsense". UK military intelligence says 1.000 Wagner mercenaries are currently deployed in Ukraine. Their presence has been documented across Ukraine, Syria and African countries, where they have been accused of war crimes and human rights abus-

A senior official from the US Defense Department says such recruitment would not be surprising given that Wagner has been trying

to sign up soldiers in several other countries. It is unclear how many Afghan

special forces members have been courted by the Russians, but one told AP he is communicating through the WhatsApp chat service with about 400 other commandos who are considering

"We thought they might create a special programme for us, but no one even thought about us," said one former Afghan commando, who requested anonymity because he fears for himself and his family. "They just left us all in the hands of the Taliban." -Agencies

Eurozone inflation climbed to new record high

PARIS: Inflation in the eurozone is expected to have reached a new record high of 10.7% in October.

If confirmed later in November by Eurostat, the bloc's official statistics agency, this would be the first inflation reading crossing the

10% threshold. The increase was fuelled by energy prices which Eurostat estimates were 41.9% higher than in the same month last year. Prices for food, alcohol and tobacco are meanwhile believed to have risen by 13.1% year-onyear. Inflation was at 9.9% in September. Baltic countries remain the most deeply affected with the annual inflation remaining above the 20% mark. Estonia leads the pack with a 22.4% estimate. That's largely because they are particularly vulnerable to fluctuation in energy markets. According to Eurostat, the price of natural gas for household consumers soared by 154% and 110% in Estonia and Lithuania respectively between the first half of 2021 and the first six months of this year.

Meanwhile, France retained its position as the least impacted country although annual inflation for October is seen at 7.1%. Italy, whose annual rate is forecast at 12.8%, has recorded the highest month-of-month increase with a 4% jump.

European Central bank, whose mandate is to keep inflation in the euro zone close to 2%, broke with more than a decade of negative interest rates over the summer in a bid to curtail

UK's Tories suspend ex-minister

LONDON: Britain's ruling Conservative party on Tuesday suspended Matt Hancock, the former health minister during the coronavirus pandemic, for appearing on a reality TV show.

The 44-vear-old be absent from parliament while he takes part in the latest series of ITV's "I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of

The show takes a group of household names - some better known than others - to a rainforest in Australia, pitting them against the elements and challenges involving snakes and other creepy-crawlies.

One previous contestant was Hancock's Tory colformer culture league, minister Nadine Dorries, who was forced to eat an ostrich's anus on the show in 2012.

Dorries was criticised at the time for not seeking permission to go on the programme and was also suspended. She was the first contestant voted off that season.

Conservative chief whip Simon Hart, who is in charge of party discipline, followed a similar course on learning of Hancock's involvement.

"I have considered the situation and believe this is a matter serious enough to warrant suspension of the whip with immediate ef-

fect," he added. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who publicly snubbed Hancock when mobbed by supporters after being appointed last week, also disapproves, a spokesman

said. "The prime minister believes that at a challenging time for the country, MPs should be working hard for their constituents," the spokesman said. Sunak was "unlikely" to watch, he added. One of Hancock's supporters defended his involvement, saying the programme would help connect to the "politically disengaged" and show "the human side" of politicians. Celebrities on the show this year include England World Cup rugby winner Mike Tindall, whose wife Zara is an Olympic showjumping medallist and a niece of King Charles III. The most high-profile is Boy George, the Culture Club singer and DJ who has re-

portedly signed a deal with producers not to eat any meat as he is vegan.

Hancock was an ever-present public figure in Britain during the coronavirus pandemic but was forced to step down after breaching social distancing rules.-APP

Briefs IESCO to set up Special Desk for ICCI to address issues

Faad Waheed Senior Vice President ICCI said that the industry is moving to solar power, but is facing the issue of adjustment of exported units to IESCO, which should be addressed

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ISLAMABAD: Engr. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Khan, Chief Executive Officer, Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) said that special desk for Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) would be set up in IESCO Head Office to resolve the electricity related issues of commercial and industrial consumers. He said this while addressing the business community during his visit to ICCI. Muhammad Jaffar Murtaza Chief Engineer Customer Services, Muhammad Aslam Chief Engineer Operations, Waheed Akram Manager Commercial and Ghulam Sarwar Assistant Chief Engineer Operations also accompanied him at the occasion. Engr. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Khan said that ICCI should provide a list of the focal persons of Market Associations and he would direct the concerned officials of IESCO to contact them for addressing the electricity related issues of relevant markets including the proper arrangements



of meters and electricity wires. He admitted that the response of IESCO to consumers is poor and added that the business community should give him suggestions to further improve its performance. He said that he wants to make IESCO a corruption free organiza-

business community is needed. He said that he fully supports the ICCI representation in the IES-CO Board. He assured that IES-CO would facilitate the business community in promoting trade and industrial activities. Speaking at the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Chamber of Commerce & Industry briefed the IESCO Chief about the various electricity related issues of the business community. He said that ICCI should be given representation in the IESCO Board to take care of the issues of the business community. He said that in many markets and plazas,

electricity meters and open wires are posing great danger as they can cause short circuits any time and stressed that IESCO should arrange them properly as per international safety standards. He said that IESCO officials should work in close liaison with trade associations to address the issues of respective markets.

He said that IESCO should arrange billing offices in all major commercial centres and industrial areas to facilitate the business community in billing matters. Faad Waheed Senior Vice President ICCI said that the industry is moving to solar power, but is facing the issue of adjustment of exported units to IESCO, which should be addressed. Azhar ul Islam Zafar Vice President ICCI, Khalid Iqbal Malik Group Leader, Zafar Bakhtawari, Muhammad Ejaz Abbasi, Ch. Muhammad Ali, Akhtar Hussain, Maqsood Tabish, Faizan Shehzad, Khalid Chaudhry, Ch. Waseem and others also highlighted the various issues that needed the attention of IESCO Chief for redress.

Kazakh PM calls

SCO nations to

ensure food security

News Desk

ASTANA: : Kazakh PM

Alikhan Smailov addressed

the regular meeting of the

Council of Heads of Gov-

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states held via a videocon-

ferencing, the PM's press

In his address the PM noted

that multilateral coopera-

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proving the organization's

service reports.

to polls amid uncertain **elections**

Danes head

COPENHAGEN: Denmark's polling stations opened on Tuesday in what is expected to be a tight race as new parties hope to acquire seats in the country's parliament.

The latest polls ahead of the early elections - launched in the wake of a scandal over the slaughter of the country's mink population in 2020 - suggest that the leftwing "red bloc" led by premier Mette Frederiksen's Social Democrats - has the support of 47.1%-49.1%.

Their main opponents are the "blue bloc," made up of conservative parties, liberals, and three populist parties, which polls indicate will garner 40.9%-43.6% of the vote.

Frederiksen's call for the early general elections has been expected for months after opposition parties accused the prime minister of breaking the law with a decision to cull the country's 17-million mink population due to fears the coronavirus would spread in farms.

Neither the red nor the blue bloc is expected to win an outright majority, meaning that they will have to rely on a new centrist party, the Moderates, established by former liberal party leader and ex-Prime Minister Lars LokkeRasmussen, expected to receive 9.3%-10% of votes. This campaigning season bucked recent trends as immigration was not the major focus, which has seemingly shifted towards the energy crisis, inflation, and food crisis amid the Russia-Ukraine war, as well as climate issues and health care.-APP

Russia asks UK's ex-PM about explosions

MOSCOW: Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman on Tuesday urged the former UK prime minister to explain her message allegedly sent to the US secretary of state right after the accident at Nord Stream gas pipelines at the Baltic Sea. "Honestly, I don't care who and how (they) got this information. I am interested in London's response to the following question: Did Britain's Prime Minister Liz Truss send a message to US Secretary of State Antony Blinken right after the explosion at Nord Stream gas pipeline with the words 'it's done?'," Maria Zakharova wrote on Telegram.

Zakharova added that "millions of people all over the world are waiting for an answer to this question. stressing that they "have the right to know what happened to the global energy security and what is the role of Anglo-Saxons in the committed terrorist attack.'

Earlier, the founder of the Megaupload and Mega file-sharing platforms Kim Schmitz, also known as Kim Dotcom, tweeted that Truss sent Blinken the message "it's done" a minute after the explosions on the Nord Stream pipelines.

The British edition of the Daily Mail, in turn, wrote that Truss' phone was hacked and that the correspondence leaked.—APP

Kazakh youth come together for climate solutions

ASTANA: The Kazakh students had a chance on Oct. 28 to debate on climate solutions at the Voice of Youth from Glasgow to Sharm El-Sheikh event at the Narikbayev KazGUU University ahead of the 27th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP27). The UK will hand over its presidency to Egypt, which will host COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh on Nov. 6-18.

The event was initiated by the United Nations (UN) in Kazakhstan, the British Embassy in Kazakhstan, the Embassy of Italy in Kazakhstan, and the Embassy of Egypt in Kazakhstan in partnership with KazGUU University. Approximately 30 students

of the International Relations, Economics, and Law faculties took part in the debates and proposed ideas for countries' collaboration, climate change mitigation, adaptation, and sustainable finance.

UN Resident Coordinator in Kazakhstan Michaela Friberg-Storey spoke about the climate-related hazards and the role of COP27 in her opening remarks.—APP

US chief culprit in destroying peace, security: North Korea

PYONGYANG: North Korea slammed the US and South Korea over their military exercises, warning that the situation around Korean Peninsula is entering a "serious confrontation phase of power due to ceaseless and reckless military moves" by Washington and Seoul.

Pyongyang charged Washington with being a "chief culprit in destroying peace and security," calling South Korea a "vassal force."

"The US is trying to shift the responsibility for the escalated tensions onto the DPRK after making it take a countermeasure by getting on its nerves militarily under the signboard of 'annual' and 'defensive' exercises. But such scheme can no longer work to conceal its true colors as the chief culprit in destroying peace and security," said North Korea's Foreign Ministry late on Monday night. DPRK stands for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the official name of North Korea.

Pyongyang's response came after the US and South Korean forces Monday resumed their largest-ever five-day joint air drills, amid rising tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Such military exercises were halted four years ago to give inter-Korean reconciliation a chance.

"The US, the one and only country in the world which sets it as the main target of nuclear strategy to 'topple the government' of a sovereign state, must be prepared for paying an equal price for its attempt to use military force against the DPRK," Pyongyang said. It added that North was "ready to take all necessary

measures for defending its sovereignty, people's security and territorial integrity from outside military threats." "If the US continuously persists in

the grave military provocations, the DPRK will take into account more powerful follow-up measures," it said, urging Washington to "stop the useless and ineffective war exercises at once." "If not, it will have to totally take the blame for all the consequences." Some 240 aircraft are taking part in the joint US-South Korea

exercises. Seoul has deployed some 140 planes, including F-35A stealth fighters, and F-15K and KF-16 jets, while the US also dispatched about 100 assets, including F-35B stealth fighters based in Okinawa, Japan, and EA-18 electronic warfare aircraft, as well as KC-135 tankers and the U-2 high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft.

"The Korean Peninsula remains the hotspot with the most serious military tensions in the world and the security circumstances in the region have become

grimmer," said Pyongyang. This time the Australian air force is also taking part in the joint US-South Korea exercises. Seoul fears that North Korea could also show its might by carrying out missile tests during their combined exercises. Tensions on the Korean Peninsula have risen fur-

ther following recent military drills by South Korea, and the US as well as North Korean missile tests. Friday, Pyongyang launched another "unspecified" ballistic missile just as South Korea was about

work. In 2021 the economic to wrap up its annual 12-day growth rates of SCO mem-Hoguk field training exerber states ranged between 4 and 9% and total sales becise, local media reported, citing a military statement. tween Kazakhstan and SCO North Korea recently fired members grew by 22% to hit a short-range ballistic missome USD 51 bln. sile into the East Sea, just The PM called to practical realization of the concept two days after launching two long-range strategic for the development of the cruise missiles involving pool of tech parks and inunits operating "tactical novation clusters of SCO. nukes."-APP He also suggested building the association of investors of SCO member states to unite large investment foun-

87,000 mobilized people sent to combat zone

MOSCOW: Russian Defense Minister Sergey Shoygu said on Tuesday that 87,000 of 300,000 mobilized people have already been sent to the combat zone in Ukraine.

Speaking at a meeting with military chiefs in Moscow, Shoygu said conscripts, who reported to the military service under Russia's biannual conscription campaign, will not take part in Russia's "special military operation" in Ukraine. "87,000 people were sent to the combat areas after additional training and combat coordination.

The combat coordination of the formed units is being completed at the training grounds. "The main efforts are focused on field training, the ability to use means of communication, navigation, and reconnaissance.

More than 3.000 instructors who received combat experience during a special military operation were involved in the work," he said.-APP

jointly promising transdations. He also stressed the need to take coordi-UK home secretary comes under fire over Channel statement

Foreign Desk

LONDON: British home secretary's description of people's crossing the English Channel as "invasion" has caused controversy since Monday.

A number of British MPs have reacted to comments made by Suella Braverman at the House of Commons. The embattled home secretary was forced to resign by former Prime Minister Liz Truss over breach of ministerial code by sharing government documents via her personal email account but reappointed days after by Rishi Sunak. Braverman's choice

words for migrants have come under fire as many politicians reacted to the likening of Channel crossings

to an "invasion." "Disgusted to hear Suella Braverman say there's an invasion on our southern coast, just a day after a migrant detention centre was fire-bombed," Labour MP

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centres of SCO members

cooperate which will con-

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governance, the PM said.

He also called to develop

Zarah Sultana tweeted. "Dear Suella, You refer to refugees as an invasion, yet vote for bombing the countries they come from," Claudia Webbe, an independent MP, wrote on Twitter. Also reacting to Braverman Anne Mclaughlin, a Scotish National Party MP, said she was "disgusted." "Disgusted, absolutely disgusted to hear a Home Secretary deliberately use inflammatory language about vulnerable asylum seekers - 'scourge,' 'invasion'," she wrote also on Twitter.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan was another politi-

Bad policies for Afghanistan are

ed a new policy regarding trade with Afghanistan and banning trade from Afghanistan in cash, Afghani currency or Pakistani currency, banking channel and barter trade strategy has not been formulated. A further shock is feared, as \$2 billion a month flows from Pakistan to Afghanistan in the form of official and unofficial trade, misuse of Afghan transit trade and cross-border smuggling of currencies and goods, burdening Pakistan's econ-

In this regard, Chairman of Exchange Companies Association of Pakistan and President of Forex Association, Malik Muhammad Bustan, said in a media interview that trading from Afghanistan through barter or banking channel is due to the blackmailing of Afghan and Pakistani currency dealers of the black market. Pakistani and Afghan businessmen who sell dollars to businessmen of both countries at arbitrary rates will get relief. He said that the Pakistan government

portunities

Malik Muhammad Bostan said that

KARACHI: Maciej Pisarski, Ambassador of Poland to Pakistan paid

tribute to Polish WWII refugees as well as Air Com. Władysław Turowicz

and his wife Zofia buried in Gora Qabristan cemetery in Karachi.- DNA

two days ago, the delegation of Exchange Companies Association of Pakistan under my leadership, President Alauddin and Secretary General Zafar Paracha had a meeting with Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, in which State Bank Governor Jameel Ahmed and former State Bank Governor Tariq Bajwa were also present. Giving the example of 1998, 2014 and the current situation, he said that exchange companies always supported Pakistan in difficult times and even now when I came to Pakistan and took the oath of Finance Minister, Exchange Companies Association of Pakistan gave a responsible statement and increased the dollar. The steps stopped and the dollar began to fall, but when he went to Washington, the dollar started to rise again. Books When the Finance Minister asked us the reasons for this, I told the Finance Minister that

countries have given a lot of consolation, but no one has given dollars vet and until the dollars from the friendly countries come to the country's treasury, the currency market will remain

under pressure. Malik Muhammad Bustan told the Finance Minister that Pakistan has the biggest burden of Afghanistan, which has become unbearable for the country's economy, so the policies for trade with Afghanistan should be re-evaluated, because Afghans have benefited a lot due to our wrong policies. Afghanis are collecting their foreign exchange from our foreign exchange and converting Afghan rupees into foreign exchange very fast. He said that before the Taliban gov-

ernment. Afghan businessmen used to keep their investments and trade in rupees, that is why there is a shortage of Afghan rupees in Afghanistan and the Afghan rupee is still 88 rupees per dollar and the main reason for

cular in which it has been asked to immediately transfer Pakistani rupees to foreign exchange or Afghani currency and if anyone is found with 5 lakh Pakistani rupees, an anti-money laundering case should be made against him. Because of this fear, Afghan exchange companies closed their business. In this regard, I asked Finance Minister Ishaq Dar to talk to the Afghan government, otherwise our rupee will fall and the dollar rate will increase a lot because Afghans have trillions of rupees, but the Afghan government has assured the Pakistan government. that they will not take any action that will put the Pakistani rupee in trouble, but despite this, people are afraid that the Afghan government will not take any action that will cause problems. The second major reason is that our government has signed a \$2 billion coal contract with the Afghan government, which is coming in at 22,000 tons per day with a value of \$6 million.

The Taliban government promised Pakistan that Afghan traders would sell coal in local currency. But despite the agreement, Afghan traders are selling coal in foreign currency and the Taliban government has not been able to stop it. Afghanis are very smart, they ask our importers to give them dirhams not Pakistani currency but through reference operators in Dubai or take dollars from the local market, stop altogether and ask the Pakistani importers to give them Pakistani currency at the current dollar rate because they benefit greatly because the dollar is depreciating and they withhold money instead of buying dollars, and as soon as the dollar rate falls, Afghans start buying from the market at high prices, And the Pakistanis are telling the importers that they will not do any business with them without dollars. Afghan traders are receiving dollars in Dubai on a large scale and if this process is not stopped, the rupee may fall further in the coming days and the remittances from foreign countries may decrease. There is a big difference and people are going to the black market.

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Self-Defense Forces Day

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Self-Defense Forces(JSDF)

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JSDF Day was originally

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in 2007) and the JSDF were established on July

1st, 1954, but the date

has been changed to No-

vember 1st as the JSDF

are expected to respond to natural disasters such

as frequent typhoons in summer season in Japan.

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Min-

ister for Climate Change has

condemned PTI chairman

Imran Khan's statement

about the martial law, saying

that his statement reflects

the fascist, not democrat-

ic thought. Reacting to the

statement in a tweet on Tues-

day, she said: "Which poli-

tician demands the martial

law from institutions?" The

minister termed Imran Khan

a psycho who wants blood-

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She said that a democratic

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IHC to hear PTI's plea seeking permission for sit-in

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ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) will hear Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) plea seeking permission for sit-in in Islamabad on Tuesday. The IHC senior judge justice Aamir Farooq will hear the petition. On the other hand, Senator Kamran Murataza filed a constitutional petition in the Supreme Court of Pakistan (SC) against the PTI's long march.In the plea, the Federation, four provinces, Imran Khan, and Tehreek-e-Insaf were made parties. The petition stated that Tehreek-e-Insaf violated the assurance given to the Supreme Court on May 25, adding that PTI will arrive in Islamabad to again attack PTV and parliament.

Erdogan to speak with Putin, Zelensky

ISTANBUL: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will speak with his Russian and Ukrainian counterparts in the coming days with the aim of restoring the grain export deal, the Turkish foreign minister said Tuesday. "Our president will speak with (Russian President Vladimir) Putin and (Ukrainian President Volodymyr) Zelensky in the coming days," Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters.

"We believe we will overcome this... (The grain deal) benefits everyone.

Turkey, one of the brokers of the July agreement alongside the United Nations, has stepped up diplomatic efforts to salvage the deal signed by warring nations Russia and Ukraine. - APP

Germany's Scholz set for high-stakes China visit

FRANKFURT: German Chancellor Olaf Scholz makes a high-stakes trip to China this week, walking a tightrope between shoring up a key economic relation ship and facing heightened concerns about over-reliance on authoritarian Beijing. Scholz, accompanied by a delegation of business executives, will be the first European Union leader to visit the world's second-biggest economy since 2019.

During the one-day trip on Friday, he will hold talks with President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang.

But the visit has sparked controversy, coming as Berlin reels from an over-dependence on Russian energy imports and amid surging tensions with China over issues ranging from Taiwan to alleged human rights abuses against the Uyghurs in Xinjiang. Even senior figures within Scholz's coalition are raising concerns.

Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said she feared mistakes made in the relationship with Russia could be repeated with China. "We must prevent that," Baerbock - from the Greens, a member of Scholz's uneasy three-party ruling coalition - told broadcaster ARD at the weekend. "I think it extremely important that we never again make ourselves so dependent on a country that does not share our values.'

sensitivity highlighted when a row erupted last month about whether to allow Chinese shipping giant Cosco to buy a stake in a Hamburg port terminal.

Ultimately, Scholz defied calls from six ministries to veto the sale over security concerns, instead permitting the company to ac-

quire a reduced stake. Ahead of the trip, Scholz's spokesman Steffen Hebestreit stressed the chancellor was not in favour of "decoupling" from China - but also wanted to "diversify, and minimise risks" For now, the German and Chinese economies remain deeply intertwined.

SELF DEFENCE FORCES DAY OF JAPAN



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir, Ambassador of Japan, Defence Attache of Japan, Lt. Gen Asim Munir, Quarter Master General Pakistan Army and others cutting cake to celebrate Self Defence Forces Day of Japan. – DNA

CPEC to ensure SCO's vision of shared prosperity

Sharing Pakistan's experience of several successful initiatives to alleviate poverty, the foreign minister also announced that the first meeting of the SCO Special Working Group on Poverty Alleviation would be held in Islamabad in December

BEIJING: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Tuesday said China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was significant in supplementing the vision of Shanghai Cooperation Organization, aimed at ensuring shared prosperity through regional connectivity and integration. Addressing at the 21st Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of Government Meeting in Beijing, the Pakistan foreign minister said the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative would build greater connectivity across SCO region and help unlock the political and economic potential of intra-SCO cooperation. The meeting was virtually hosted by China, as the current Chair of the SCO-CHG. The heads of government of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan as well as representatives from SCO Observer States attended the meeting.

The foreign minister emphasized the importance of enhancing economic and trade cooperation between SCO member States. Reaffirming the importance Pakistan attaches to SCO, the foreign minister highlighted actions taken by Pakistan under various agreements and projects for advancing regional cooperation based on principles enunciated in the 'Shanghai Spirit.'

Sharing Pakistan's experience of several successful initiatives to alleviate poverty, the foreign minister also announced that the first meeting of the SCO Special Working Group on Poverty Alleviation would be held in Islamabad in December. Thanking the SCO countries for expressing solidarity with and extending support for the flood-affected people in Pakistan, the foreign minister highlighted the significance of collective action to combat the far-reaching devastating impact of climate change. He also urged the developed countries to fulfill their commitments on climate finance to help developing countries address climate

minister stressed the need to address the scourge of terroralso underlined the importance of sustained and practical engagement with Afghanistan in order

crises afflicting their country exchange views and provide policy guidance on the emerging regional and global issues in the context of regional connectivity, economic integration as well as socio-cultural and humanitarian



CNS expresses full confidence over operational preparedness

ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi on Tuesday expressed full confidence over the high state of operational preparedness of Pakistan Navy to meet all challenges while safeguarding the maritime frontiers of the country. The Naval Chief presided over the Command and Staff Conference of Pakistan Navy that concluded here at Naval Headquarters, a Pakistan Navy news release said. During the conference, matters related to geo-strategic milieu, national security, operational preparedness, training and welfare of troops were reviewed. A comprehensive briefing on important on-going and future developmental projects of Pakistan Navy was also given to Chief of the Naval Staff.

The Naval Chief expressed confidence over combat readiness and significant contributions of the Navy in maritime domain. He emphasized on strengthening of maritime security and maintaining combat readiness so as to effectively respond to any aggression against Pakistan. The Naval Chief lauded the initiatives undertaken towards capability development through acquisition of emerging technologies. He also appreciated the efforts put in by Field Commanders along with civil administration and various philanthropist organizations in providing continuous assistance to flood affected population. - APP

Failure to implement RSD 'betrayal' of UN Charter

The right to self-determination must be exercised freely, cannot lapse with time and must not be obfuscated or eclipsed by conflating it with terrorism, the Pakistani envoy said

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NEW YORK: Despite the right to self-determination being UN Charter's "cardinal principle", Pakistan has deplored that millions of people, including Kashmiris, continue to live under alien domination and foreign occupation. "The price of this failure is being paid, in blood, by successive generations of people living under foreign occupation," Ambassador Aamir Khan, deputy permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, told the General Assembly's Third Committee, which deals with social, humanitarian and cultural issues, on Monday.

Speaking in a debate on 'Right of the peoples to self-determination, he said that suppression of this "fountainhead of all other rights", often brutal and violent, is one of the gravest violations of Security Council and General Assembly resolutions, referring to extra-judicial killings, arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, rape and sexual violence, torture, curfews, communication blackouts, lockdown of civilian populations, illegal settlements and demographic changes. The right to self-determination must be exercised freely, cannot lapse with time and must not be obfuscated or eclipsed by conflating it with terrorism, the Pakistani envoy said. Despite these clear injunctions of international law, Aamir Khan said that millions continue to live under alien domination and foreign occupation, calling it a "betrayal" of the UN Charter.

In Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, he said, bloodletting has gone on for seventy-five years and has accounted for the lives of over 100,000 Kashmiris.

who have suffered decades of occupation awaiting the fulfillment of their UN-promised inalienable right to self-determination. Since India's annexation of Jumma and Kashmir in 2019, there have been arbitrary arrests, abductions, violence and a lack of hospitals to care for the wounded. Aamir Khan said.

"Harrowing stories abound of widespread torture, inhumane or degrading treatment and arbitrary arrests; of how thousands including children have been abducted from their homes in the dead of the night, without any trace; of hospitals running dangerously short of supplies and turning into graveyards." India, he said, ignores the lesson of history that a people's yearning for freedom can never be crushed by brute force. "We would like to reaffirm that the Jammu and Kashmir dispute will remain on the UN agenda until the Kashmiri people are allowed to exercise their will, according to the agreed method prescribed by the Security Council a plebiscite under the auspices of the United Nations," the Pakistan envoy added.

political struggle for 26 years does not say impose martial law if you want," tweeted Rehman. She added that democratic politicians do not invite institutions to impose martial law. "Imran Khan believes that if he is not in power then no one should be

in power," said the minister.

South Korea

officials admit

responsibility

in tragedy AGENCIES

SEOUL: South Korean officials admitted responsibility and apologized on Tuesday for failures in preventing and responding to a Halloween crowd surge that killed more than 150 people and left citizens shocked and angry. The government is facing growing public scrutiny over whether the crush Saturday night in Seoul's Itaewon district, a popular nightlife neighborhood, could have been prevented and who should take responsibility for the country's worst disaster in years.

National police chief Yoon

Hee Keun said an initial investigation found there were many urgent calls from citizens notifying authorities about the potential danger of the crowd gathering in Itaewon. He said police officers who received the calls failed to handle them effectively. "I feel a heavy responsibility (for the disaster) as the head of one of the related government offices," Yoon said in a televised news conference. "Police will do their best to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again."

Swati details torture, asks COAS to investigate

PTI senator alleges torture happened in presence of FIA cybercrimes assistant director

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator Azam Swati on Tuesday detailed the "torture" he allegedly faced at the hands of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA). Swati, who was taken into custody by the FIA cybercrime unit on October 13 for making 'controversial claims' against state institutions, including the army chief, made these remarks during a press conference. PTI chief Imran Khan had termed Swati's dentation illegal, stating that an elderly senior citizen was tortured in front of his grandchildren for "a crime of criticising the institution", adding that the incident earned Pakistan a bad name. Addressing Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen

Qamar Bajwa in his presser, Swati said that

"the COAS has 27 days left at the army gen-

"follow the Constitution and summon FIA cybercrime assistant director Ayaz Khan". He stated that Ayaz would name the peo-

eral headquarters (GHQ)", urging him to

ple involved within "five minutes". The senator alleged that the FIA official was present on the occasion and driving the vehicle during his torture. He asked that the phones of all individuals present be checked for video evidence of his torture, and see who was "laughing" during the ordeal.

"They covered my



head and kept hitting me throughout, while someone recorded the everything as I screamed," he added. The senator alleged that he was then taken to an

> and physically tortured and forced to strip naked. "Bajwa sahab... if your agency says incident did not occur, then let me state that is not politics. This is a breach of my honour and my family's

honour," he said.

If I am lying then

the Almighty will

punish me," he said,

a senator is not respected, then citizens' unknown location are not protected either". He complained about the Constitution not being respected by all and named two military officials who considered themselves "above the Constitution"

"This 74-year-old senator is not trying to become a source of shame for you. I am a living corpse and fighting for my fundamental rights. I believe that this sacrifice from me and my family will protect a citizen, professor or a general from being stripped," he stated. Calling upon the army chief again, Swati said, "I've not been martyred like Arshad Sharif. I am alive", and asked the COAS to send his men to determine who "played such a disgusting game with a sitting senator".

reiterating that he was tortured inside his

house as well. Swati maintained that he

would not only voice the incident nation-

ally, but also internationally, because "if