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Foreign officials pay tribute

Tehran holds mass funeral for Raisi, companions

World leaders, presidents, ambassadors and international personalities as well as high-profile figures of the Axis of Resistance, including Ismail Haniyeh and Naim Qassem attended the ceremony.

NEWS DESK

TEHRAN: Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has led prayers over the bodies of President Ebrahim Raisi and his companions in Tehran as millions of people gathered to hold funeral procession. The martyred lost their lives in a tragic helicopter crash in the northwestern province of East Azarbaijan. The mass public received the coffins of the eight victims of the crash at the University of Tehran on Wednesday morning before Ayatollah Khamenei led prayers on the bodies. World leaders, presidents, ambassadors and international personalities as well as high-profile figures of the Axis of Resistance, including Ismail Haniyeh, the political bureau chief of the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas, and Sheikh Naim Qassem, deputy secretary-general of Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement, attended the ceremony. The millions-strong procession started from the University of Tehran to the iconic Azadi Square. Iranians attended a ceremony at Imam Khomeini Mosque of Tehran as part of mourning ceremonies in the late hours of Tuesday to pay homage to President Raisi and his late associates. The northwestern Iranian city of Tabriz and the holy city of Qom were on Tuesday morning and evening the scene of millions of people who had gathered to pay tribute to Raisi. The Leader said on Monday that he received the bitter news of the martyrdom of the popular, competent and hardworking president and his companions with great sorrow. Ayatollah Khamenei noted that the tragic incident happened when Raisi and his team were making an attempt to serve the Iranian people.

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PM meets Khamenei PM Shehbaz attends memorial for President Raisi in Tehran

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TEHRAN: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday attended a memorial ceremony in Tehran for the late Iranian president, Ebrahim-Raisi and his colleagues, who tragically died in a helicopter crash on May 19. During the ceremony, Prime Minister Shehbaz visited the hall where the late president's body was laid and offered prayers for his soul, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office. He paid tribute to President Raisi's contributions to the progress and prosperity of the Iranian people, the enhancement of Pakistan-Iran relations, and his services to the region. Prime Minister Shehbaz extended condolences on behalf of the Pakistani government and people to Iran's Acting President Dr Mohammad Mokhber. "The government and people of Pakistan are deeply saddened by the tragic news of the martyrdom of the Islamic Republic of Iran's President

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TEHRAN: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets the Supreme Leader of Iran, His Eminence, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, the Leader of Islamic Revolution. - DNA

Pakistan adheres to one-China principle: President

President rejects any form of Taiwan independence

FAISAL SHEIKH

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has emphasised that Pakistan firmly adheres to the one-China principle, always choosing to stand on the right side of history. In an interview with a Chinese media outlet on Wednesday, marking the 73rd anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Pakistan, the president remarked that "Pakistani people love China as there is no conditionality between us".

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UK general polls on July 4, says PM

For most of Wednesday, rumours swirled British leader was poised to call an election

AGENCIES

LONDON: The UK general election has been scheduled for July 4, according to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's announcement Wednesday. British media houses quoting sources said Sunak would name the date in a Downing Street statement after the cabinet meeting. Earlier, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak looked set on Wednesday to

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'Demands judicial probe'

Imran threatens to take to streets after attack on PTI leader

Attackers wanted to 'slit my throat', says PTI's Raof Hasan

COURT REPORTER

RAWALPINDI: Imran Khan, the founder of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and former prime minister, said on Wednesday that he is aware of those responsible for the recent attack on party spokesperson Raof Hasan. A day earlier, the Hasan was attacked by a group of trans persons in the federal capital. He was struck in the face with a blade. Following the attack, the perpetrators managed to flee the scene with ease. The PTI leader was transferred to a hospital for medical treatment. He was later discharged. "We know who is behind the attack. This incident proves the system is being run through the use of force," Khan said while talking to the media at Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail. "Our patience is running thin. We will take to the streets in protest," Khan warned. He acknowledged the country's fragile economic state as

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Senators call on judiciary to exercise restraint

Parliament being used against judiciary, says ANP's AimalWali in fiery Senate speech

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Senators belonging to the ruling coalition parties in the Centre have called upon judiciary to respect elected representatives and exercise restraint while issuing summons and contempt notices to top officials.

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Briefs

Hammad Azhar escapes police arrest

Former federal minister says he received a message from PTI founder Imran Khan to come out of hiding

ADIL SHAHEEN

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) senior leader Hammad Azhar resurfaced in public on Wednesday almost a year after he went into hiding in the wake of crackdown on the party members following May 9 incidents. "Yesterday, I received a message from the PTI founder [Imran Khan] that it's time to come out of hiding," said Azhar as he visited the PTI's Central Secretariat office in Islamabad. The PTI leader said he would go to Peshawar to secure pre-arrest bail as he has been booked in several cases in connection with May 9 riots that broke out in the country last year after the arrest of PTI founder in corruption case.

Gilani meets Bilawal Bhutto

Both the PPP leaders discuss matters of mutual interests and overall situation of country

NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: Acting president and Senate Chairman Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani called on PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari at the Bilawal House on Wednesday. Both the leaders deliberated on the matters of mutual interests and overall situation of the country. Earlier, Gilani visited tomb of Quaid-e-Azam and offered feteha. The acting president laid a floral wreath and offered feteha. He also recorded his impressions in the visitors' book placed at the mausoleum. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah was also present on the occasion.

Over 4,000 students return

Pakistan forms fact-finding committee to probe Bishkek incidents

Dar said that the Kyrgyz government assured him that they would take the perpetrators to task though some have already been arrested. They said the Kyrgyz government considered foreign students their valuable guests who contribute to the national economy

MEHTAB PIRZADA

ISLAMABAD: With the return of around 4,000 students to Pakistan from Bishkek consequent to an incident of violence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has formed a fact-finding committee to look into the factors leading to the happening besides assessing the role of Pakistan's mission there in handling the situation. "For our own satisfaction, for the satisfaction of the ministry and the prime minister, we have decided to form an inquiry committee under Additional Secretary (Admin) Muhammad Saleem. This will carry out the fact-finding as how these developments took place. It will interact with the relevant people including at Pakistan mission and the Kyrgyz government,"

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Tarar lauds int'l organizations' support

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar said on Wednesday that the cooperation of international organizations to strengthen the electoral process in Pakistan was commendable. During a meeting with the United Nations Electoral Needs Assessment Mission, the minister appreciated

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Norway, Ireland, Spain to recognise Palestinian state

The three European countries will formally enact recognition on May 28 despite Israel's warnings of the consequences

FOREIGN DESK

OSLO: The leaders of Norway, Ireland and Spain have said their countries will formally recognise Palestine as a state next week for the sake of "peace in the Middle East", prompting Israel to immediately recall its envoys. Norway's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said on Wednesday that a two-state solution was in Israel's best interest and the recognition of Palestinian statehood would come as of May 28. "There cannot be peace in the Middle East if there is no recognition," he said in Oslo. Ireland's prime minister Simon Harris made a similar announcement in Dublin, as did Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez in Madrid, to applause in parliament. "In the midst of a war, with tens of thousands killed and injured [in Gaza], we must keep alive the only alternative that offers a political solution for Israelis and Palestinians alike: Two states, living side by side, in peace and security," Gahr Store said. "Recognition of Palestine is a means of supporting the moderate forces which have been losing ground in this protracted and brutal conflict," he said. Harris told a news conference: "I'm confident that further countries will join us in taking

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Hamas, PLO welcome European Palestine recognition moves

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DOHA: The Palestine Liberation Organisation and Islamist group Hamas welcomed a decision by Ireland, Norway and Spain on Wednesday to recognise a Palestinian state as a boost for their cause. Ireland, Norway and Spain said they would formally recognise the State of Palestine on May 28, more than seven months into the devastating Gaza war. "We consider this an important step towards affirming our right to our land," Hamas said in a statement, calling on "countries around the world to recognise our legitimate national rights". Senior Hamas official Bassem Naim said it was the "brave resistance" of the Palestinian people that spurred the move by

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OGRA determines estimated revenue requirements of Sui companies

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ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) determines the revenue requirements of sui companies for FY 2024-25. The average prescribed price per MMBTU of gas is recommended as Rs. 1635.90 and the decrease in price per MMBTU is Rs. 179.17

with decrease percentage of 10% for SNGPL. The financial impact of previous years' shortfall of Rs. 580,585 million, as calculated by OGRA as against SNGPL's claim of Rs. 862,612 million per the petition, has been referred to Federal Government for an appropriate policy decision and is, therefore, not made part of instant determination. The Average prescribed price for SSGC

is determined as Rs.1401.25 with decrease in price per MMBTU is Rs.59.23 and the decrease percentage is 4%. The Federal Government has been requested for advice on category-wise sale prices. Any revision, as advised by Federal Government, shall be accordingly notified by OGRA. Till such time the existing category-wise natural gas sale prices shall continue to prevail.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi visiting CDA Hospital.—DNA

Acting President visits Mazar-e-Quaid

KARACHI: Acting President and Senate Chairman Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani visited the mausoleum of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah to pay homage to the Father of the Nation on arrival here Wednesday. The Acting President laid a floral wreath and offered Fateha. He also recorded his impressions in the Visitors' Book placed at the mausoleum. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah was also present during the visit of Acting President at the Mazar e Quaid. Speaking to the media, the Acting President said Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was a true and genuine leader of the Sub Continent and our youth should be aware of the fact that he (Quaid) was the true leader and he had created Pakistan therefore we should not be running after a 'black cat in a dark room'. Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani said that his father was an associate of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and when Quaid visited Lahore in 1940 and he was asked why he did not come to Multan, he had said that Gilani was there to represent me therefore no need of my visit to Multan. Gilani said Quaid did not visit Multan but Mohtrama Fatima Jinnah had visited our Dargah there. He said that for the first time he visited the basement of the Mazar of Quaid Azam and offered Fateha at the Mazars of Quaid e Azam, Nawab Liaquat Ali Khan, Mohtrama Fatima Jinnah, Noorul Amin and all our forefathers buried here. Our country has confronted with so many problems but we are lucky enough that 65% youth consisting the total population of Pakistan, he said and believed that youth will play important role and they would be the future leaders.—APP

Congo fever spread ahead of Eid ul-Azha

PESHAWAR: Health Minister Qasim Ali Shah has issued instructions to commissioners to take necessary measures to prevent the spread of Congo fever in the province ahead of Eid ul-Azha. The risk of transmission of the Congo virus from animals to humans is high during Eid ul-Azha due to animal slaughter and trade. The minister directed commissioners to ensure all resources are utilized to prevent the spread of Congo fever, including the use of insecticides and disinfectants at the entrances of animal markets. He instructed that animal markets failing to use insecticides and disinfectants should be sealed off. Additionally, all individuals visiting animal markets must wear protective gloves.—APP

Meeting held to reduce load-shedding, tripping

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Deputy Commissioner B annu Shah Saud on Wednesday underlined the need for taking solid measures to overcome the issue of power load shedding. In a meeting with PESCO officials where Member National Assembly (MNA) Naseem Ali Shah besides officials of relevant departments was also present on the occasion. He appealed to the residents of the district for their cooperation to resolve issue of load shedding and tripping permanently and to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply to consumers who regularly pay their bills.—APP

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his party is not part of the government but we were extending our full support to the government for resolution of problems bring faced by the country. Replying to question regarding dialogue with opposition party, Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani said that dialogue was the only way to solve problems but previous government was against dialogue which was their gross mistake. He alleged that despite the "judicial murder" of Shaheed Zulifkar Ali Bhutto, Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto never left the path of negotiation and faced the situation by taking path of the rule of law. He also said Shaheed Benazir Bhutto also signed Charter of Democracy with Muhammad Nawaz Sharif for strengthening of the democracy in the country. In response to a question regarding Maulana Fazlur Rehman, Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani said "he is our old friend" and he also voted him several times.

Commissioner IESSI visits ICCI

MEHTAB PIRZADA



ISLAMABAD: Commissioner Islamabad Employees Social Security Institution Rabia Auranzeb has said that more than forty thousand employees are registered with the IESSI which means that over forty thousand families of these employees of private entities are receiving the best medical treatment. The IESSI Commissioner said this while talking to Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Chamber house. She stressed that workers are the backbone of the economy, and their welfare requires the cooperation of all stakeholders because no nation can make progress

unless its workers do have better rights and that her department is committed to provide quality healthcare services to labourers by setting up our own hospitals and laboratories. On his part Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry affirmed ICCI's

complete support to the IESSI for the provision of medical facilities to the workers by demanding that a reasonable portion of the under construction Parking Plaza in Blue Area should be allocated to the Social Security Hospital for establishing its laboratory. He also said that huge amount of Social Security Hospi-

290 students reach Peshawar from Kyrgyzstan

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PESHAWAR: As many as 290 students reached Bacha Khan International Airport here from Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan after violent clashes in the city on Friday. The first flight carrying 290 Pakistani students from Kyrgyzstan's capital Bishkek landed at BKIA where the provincial minister for Higher Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Meena Khan, MNA Faisal Amin Gandapur and others welcomed the students at the airport. Provincial Finance Adviser Muzamil Aslam said that students from all over Pakistan have been given priority for returning home from Bishkek, adding that the second special flight would reach Bishkek on Wednesday to bring back more students. He said that the provincial government had already released Rs 60 million for immediate return of Pakistani students stuck in Kyrgyzstan. In a statement issued here, he said that as soon as other students and people register on the relief numbers of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, more funds would be released. Muzamil said that as per the instructions of the KP CM Ali Amin Gandapur students from KP and other districts could register on the given number for their safe return.

Awareness program on gender equality and women empowerment

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ISLAMABAD: Margalla College F-7/4 hosted an enlightening awareness program on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, organized by the International Governance and Sustainability Institute (IG-SI). The event saw enthusiastic participation from numerous young female students, demonstrating keen interest and engagement with the critical subject matter. Dr. Sultan Azam Temuri, the Founding Director and CEO of IG-SI, delivered an insightful address. He highlighted that women constitute 49.6% of Pakistan's

population, yet the country ranks 142nd out of 146 in the Global Gender Gap Index 2023 by the World Economic Forum. This discrepancy underscores significant challenges, particularly the lack of quality education and skill development among the youth, who make up 64% of the population, known as the Youth Bulge. Dr. Temuri emphasized Pakistan's commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, affirmed by a unanimous National Assembly Resolution in 2016. He urged a concentrated effort on Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG-5), which focuses on achieving

gender equality and empowering all women and girls. He stressed the importance of bridging the gender gap through enhanced education and increased economic participation. In his discourse, Dr. Temuri shared both national and international examples to elucidate effective strategies for gender equality. Notably, he discussed the Gender Strategy of Police, which he has successfully implemented on both national and international levels. Key components of this strategy include: * Increased Female Representation in Police: Promoting visibility through strategic role positioning.

Eating disorders causes stomach ailments

ISLAMABAD: Health expert Wednesday warned that food poisoning can be caused by consuming food that is contaminated with pathogens like harmful bacteria, or parasites, and it can cause a range of symptoms, including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach cramps which can even be life-threatening. Talking to PTV news channel a specialist for gastroenterologist advised people that eat home-cooked food and avoid outside food as far as possible, adding, It is important that any leftovers are put into the fridge or freezer as quickly as possible and within two hours maximum. He said that food poisoning is illness

resulting from consumption of contaminated food or water, adding, food can be contaminated by bacteria, viruses, parasites or fungi, or by toxins produced by them. Replying a question, he said that the chances of getting food poisoning are higher during the summer months as the warmer weather promotes the growth of harmful organisms and increases the likelihood of contamination. Food poisoning is preventable and there are several safety measures that can be exercised to reduce the risk of exposure, he added. "Food poisoning can be very dangerous for the elderly, pregnant women and people with weakened im-

mune systems. Do not take symptoms lightly in these individuals and seek treatment immediately," warns Dr. mentioned. To another question, he said that house flies also become a matter of concern with the rise of temperatures. Nausea and vomiting occur due to food poisoning. These symptoms can begin hours after the consumption of contaminated food and can last for several days. Vomiting occurs as the body tries to get rid of harmful toxins in the stomach, he said. It is crucial to take necessary precautions to prevent the transmission of bacteria and other contaminants to avoid food-borne illnesses and use fresh and home-made food.

Atrocious electricity bills


Tanveer Hussain



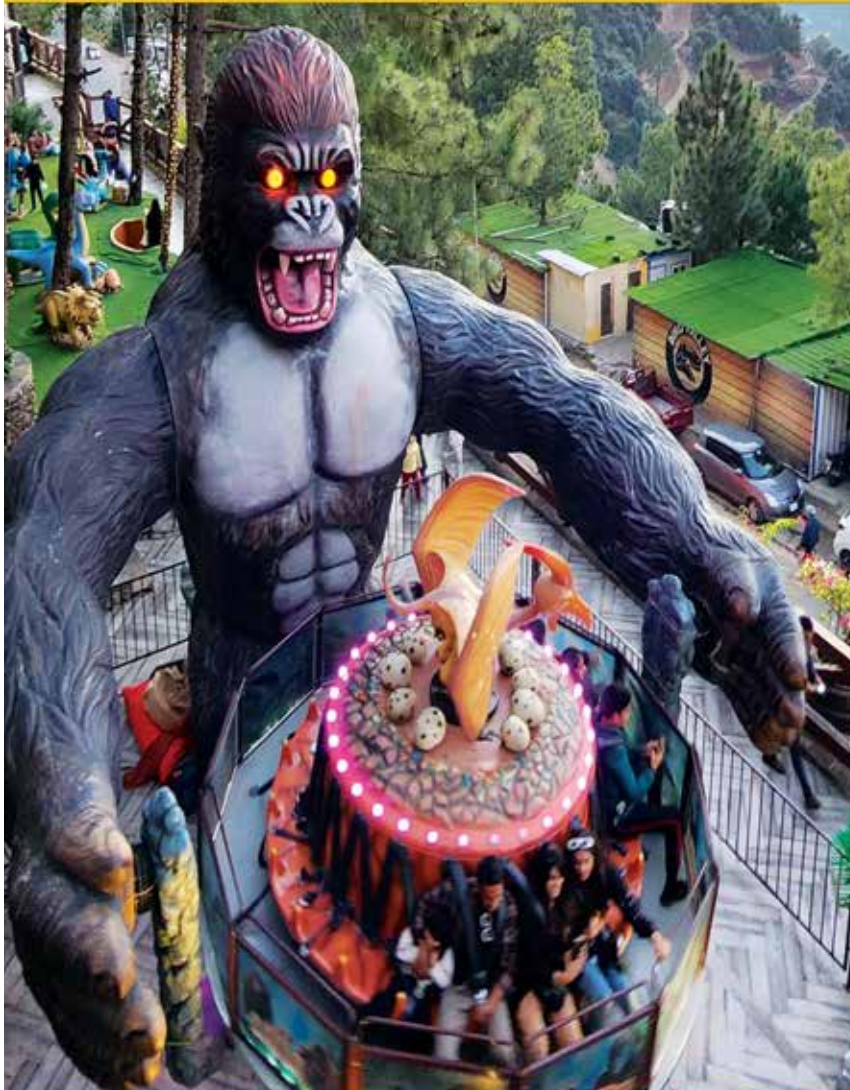
ELECTRICITY is a useful invention of the century but unfortunately it has become more of a nuisance than a blessing in our country. Prolonged load-shedding in summers makes life miserable and then electricity bills are so high that people are forced to sell household appliances to pay the same. This is the extreme type of oppression that Pakistani citizens are facing. If a common citizen earns thirty to forty thousand per month, half of his earnings are spent on electricity and gas bills. He cannot afford to run a household

after spending a large portion of their salary these bills. It also has a direct impact on children's education, health and nutrition. This imbalance in income and expenditure gives rise to many problems. Among other reasons, utility bills are one of the main reasons behind the rising street crime in the country. If you look at the electricity bill of a household consumer, you will know what is happening to the citizens of this country. Even an average household has to pay ten times more than the fixed electricity bill. Alongwith electricity charges, a consumer is paying, Meter Rent, Service Rent, Fuel Price Adjustment, F.C. Surcharge, T.R. Surcharge, Electricity Duty, PTV Fee, GST, Income Tax, Extra Tax, Further Tax, N.J Surcharge, Sales Tax, GST on FPA, IT on FPA etc. Ordinary citizens don't have enough knowledge, even an expert lawyer is unable to tell what is the name of "Extra Tax" and "Further Tax". While the customer pays the full cost of the meter at the time of connection, he has to pay the rent of his meter to WAPDA for the rest of his life. Ironically, the stolen electricity bill also has to be paid by consumers who pay their bill regularly every month including all unnecessary taxes. The responsibility for this stolen electricity should be held by the

WAPDA staff who fails to stop electricity theft despite receiving huge salaries and benefits. Surprisingly, the brunt of the department's incompetence also falls on domestic consumers. Millions of lights are installed on the roads and highways of big cities. Furthermore, thousands of government offices and buildings consume enormous amounts of electricity. Many areas of the country are provided electricity at low rates. WAPDA puts the entire burden on the bill paying customers to cover its losses. This is a type of cruelty that cannot be found in any other country in the world. "Capacity Charges" is the main cause of increase in electricity bills. It is very important to look at the problems of the people while contracting with the power generation companies. The government should work with the IPPs to find a solution to this problem. In this regard, help can also be taken from friendly countries if needed. The best solution to power crisis is solar system. If the government provides cheap or installment solar systems to domestic consumers, their problems can be solved. The solar system will not only provide electricity to the people at a low rate, but the government's expenditure on importing petrol will also be reduced, which will have a positive impact on the foreign exchange.



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Impressions of Pakistan exhibition by Spanish artist

Gonzalo Ruiz Navarro, a distinguished alumnus of the University of Valencia with further training from renowned institutions like the Taller del Prado in Madrid, brought with him a wealth of artistic expertise

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ISLAMABAD - The Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA), in collaboration with The Embassy of Spain in Islamabad, proudly presented the inauguration of a captivating art exhibition by acclaimed Spanish artist Gonzalo Ruiz Navarro. Titled "Impressions of Pakistan," the exhibition offered a mesmerizing collection of modern impressionist works inspired by Navarro's profound experiences in Pakistan. The inauguration ceremony, graced by His Excellency Jose A. de Ory, Ambassador of Spain in Islamabad, alongside M. Ayoub Jamali, Director General PNCA, and esteemed guests, was held at PNCA Gallery no. 6. Attendees were treated to a remarkable showcase of 52 oil paintings, each capturing the rich landscapes and vibrant inhabitants of Pakistan. Reflecting on the occasion, Ambassador de Ory commented, "It is truly a privilege to witness the remarkable talent of Gonzalo Ruiz Navarro and the deep connection he has formed with Pakistan through his art. His ability to capture the essence of this beautiful country is commendable and serves as a testament to the strong cultural ties between Spain and Pakistan." Gonzalo Ruiz Navarro, a distinguished alumnus of the University of Valencia with further training from renowned institutions like the Taller del Prado in Madrid, brought with him a wealth of artistic expertise. Mentored by esteemed artists such as Carlos



Moreu Spa and Guillermo Muñoz Vera, Navarro's career spanned over 50 exhibitions, including eight solo showcases across Spain and the United States. His outstanding contributions to the art world had earned him several prestigious awards. Navarro's deep connection with Pakistan was evident in his latest exhibition, a culmination of his immersive study of the country and its people from 2022 to 2024. Through his masterful brushstrokes, he encapsulated the essence of Pakistan's diverse landscapes and cultural tapestry. The "Impressions of Pakistan" exhibition was open to the public from May 22 to May

27 at Gallery 6 of PNCA, Islamabad. Additionally, on May 23 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, Gonzalo Ruiz Navarro conducted a captivating talk and painting demonstration at the PNCA Lecture Hall. Furthermore, in a heartfelt gesture, 50% of the sales proceeds were directed to the IFWA Char-

ity Fund, dedicated to supporting local NGOs focused on the empowerment of women and children. The event concluded with a sense of admiration and appreciation for Navarro's remarkable talent and his dedication to portraying the beauty of Pakistan through his art.

Interior Minister visits Capital Hospital

ISLAMABAD, May 22 (APP): Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Wednesday visited Capital Hospital to review the treatment facilities including the condition of operation theaters in the hospital. Mohsin Naqvi also visited the patients under treatment in the emergency block and inquired about the treatment facilities. He asked for a master plan from Chairman CDA and Chief Commissioner Islamabad Mohammad Ali Randhawa and ordered to upgrade emergency block and lab of the hospital. Most of the patients expressed satisfaction with the facilities provided in the hospital, however, some patients complained of lack of medical facilities. Raheela, a cancer patient, cried while telling Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi about the disease. "I have been coming here for 3 months, no one pays attention" she told the minister upon which the Naqvi consoling with the patient asked the executive director to provide best treatment to the patient. "Do not worry. No effort will be spared in your treatment" Mohsin Naqvi assured the patient. The minister also met the doctors and asked their problems while he inquired about the facility of free medicines and free tests to the patients. The minister inspected water plant, dialysis unit, and other wards of the hospital checked the records of dialysis patients. Naqvi also reviewed the situation of laundry room and cleanliness in the hospital and directed to improve the condition. He also inspected MRI, CT scan, x-ray and angiography room and met the patients under treatment in the medical block and asked for medical facilities. Taking urgent notice of the elderly woman's complaint for not being checked-up by the doctors, he directed the Executive Director to treat the elderly patient under his supervision. He also directed Chairman CDA to improve 500-bed hospital. Federal Interior Secretary Khuram Agha, Chairman CDA and Chief Commissioner Islamabad Mohammad Ali Randhawa, Executive Director Capital Hospital were also present during the visit.

ANF seizes over 98 kg drugs in nine operations

RAWALPINDI: Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting nine operations across the country managed to recover over 98 kg drugs and arrested six accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Wednesday. He in-

formed that 2.2 kg Ice and 420 grams heroin were recovered from a passenger going to Bahrain at Karachi Airport. 720 intoxicated tablets were recovered from a passenger going to Saudi Arabia at Islamabad Airport. 546 grams weed was recovered at a courier

office in Rawalpindi from a parcel sent from Thailand. 70 kg heroin was recovered near Bolan Road and 14 kg hashish was recovered from Qila Abdullah. He further informed that 4 kg hashish was recovered from the possession of an accused rounded up in Qasimabad,

Hyderabad. In the seventh operation, 3.6 kg hashish was recovered from two accused arrested from MM Road Mianwali. 2 kg intoxicated tablets were recovered from Khyber and 1 kg hashish was recovered from the possession of an accused held on Rawat Road Rawalpindi. Cases under the Anti-Narcotics Act have been registered against the arrested accused while further investigations are underway.

Decreasing trend witnessed in train accidents

ISLAMABAD: A decline has been witnessed in train accidents during past four years and all railway accidents were required to avoid recurrence at various competent tiers of management including the highest level of Federal Government Inspector of Railways. It was stated by Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarek while responding to a question in Senate on Wednesday seeking details of train accidents. The minister said that Pakistan Railways during the past five years has operated approximately 2,03,717 trains with average of about 40,750 trains/year and with an average of 107 accidents/year. During the same period, 537 train accidents of different classification took place of which only 313 accidents were such that led to loss of life or serious injury. The minister said that Pakistan Railways has an elaborate system of accidents mitigation, relief mechanism and inquiries.—APP

PR earns Rs. 40.1b in first half of FY-2023-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways has substantially increased its revenue (251%) during the last decade through reforms and it is showing an increasing trend during the current fiscal year as Pakistan Railway has earned Rs. 40.1 billion in the first half of fiscal year 2023-24. It was stated by Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Law and Justice Azam Nazeer while replying to a question in the Senate on Wednesday which was about reformative measures being taken by the Government to curtail the loss of Pakistan Railways. The minister said that PR earned revenue of Rs. 63.250 billion in FY 2022-23, and received a Grant in Aid/subsidy of Rs. 47.5 billion from the Finance Division which comes to Rs.110.8 billion. He said that Pakistan Railways has substantially increased its revenue (251%) during the last decade through reforms and improved management, yet it is not sufficient to meet Pakistan Railways requirements mainly due to exponential growth in pension.—DNA

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Rustam Zaman with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Naeem Akhtar citizen number 13302211055 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Maria Rustam (Daughter) 2.Iara Rustam (Daughter) 3.Rustam Zaman (Spouse) 4.Farhan Rustam (Son) 5.Munazza Rustam (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU	Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Hanza Azhar with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Achar Hayat Butt citizen number 3520914006371 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Amea Azhar (Daughter) 2.Rabia Azhar (Daughter) 3.Amea Azhar (Spouse) 4.Muhammed Zeeshan Khan (Son) 5.Hanza Azhar (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU	Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Shokat Ali Khan with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Masooma Bibi citizen number 314041628289 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Kamiz Fatima Shahzad (Daughter) 2.Farrukh Nisar Khan (Spouse) 3.Liaqat Ali Khan (Daughter) 4.Shokat Ali Khan (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU

ISSI hosts Roundtable on regional cooperation in SA

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ISLAMABAD: The India Study Centre at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad (ISSI) organised a Roundtable Discussion, titled "Prospects and Challenges of Regional Cooperation in South Asia", with Ambassador Golam Sarwar, Secretary General of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). The event was attended by diplomats, academics, practitioners, and researchers of various Islamabad-based think-tanks and Universities. DG ISSI Ambassador Sohail Mahmood delivered welcome remarks. During the Roundtable discussion, the importance of SAARC for the region was highlighted by the participants. It was noted that SAARC is a people-centric organization. It has played an instrumental role in

addressing myriad of common challenges faced by member states like food insecurity, growing population, natural disasters, and deficient intra-regional trade and connectivity. Currently, among other things, the organisation envisions a 'SAARC Youth Charter', which will help promote cultural cooperation among youth of member states. The participants focused on the need for improving implementation of SAARC's decisions; strengthening economic cooperation and trade; and deepening

regional integration and connectivity. The participants shared their perspectives on the progress made by SAARC so far and suggested ways to revive the SAARC process to make it a viable platform for regional cooperation. The need for resolving long-standing disputes and reducing bilateral tensions was emphasized by participants as a means of creating a conducive environment for regional cooperation. Chairman BoG ISSI, Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, made concluding remarks.



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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Masarrar Ghaffar with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Abdul Ghaffar citizen number 3520114378343 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Muhammad Ali Shahzad (Son) 2.Muhammad Ali Shahzad (Son) 3.Shahroze (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU	Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Masarrar Ghaffar with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Abdul Ghaffar citizen number 3520114378343 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Tooba Ghaffar (Daughter) 2.Nighat Shahzad (Spouse) 3.Muzammil Ghaffar (Son) 4.Masarrar Ghaffar (Son) 5.Masarrar Ghaffar (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU	Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Asad Iqbal with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Nazir Iqbal citizen number 34401016440 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Nazir Abbas (Brother) 2.Shahira Abbas (Brother) 3.Asar Iqbal (Brother) 4.Gamra Hayat (Brother) 5.Kousar (Sister) 6.Asmat Parveen (Sister) 7.Anila Waseem (Sister) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Shokat Ali Khan with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Nisar Ali Khan citizen number 3740402615429 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Kamiz Fatima Shahzad (Daughter) 2.Mehar Bano (Daughter) 3.Liaqat Ali Khan (Son) 4.Shokat Ali Khan (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU	Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Farrukh Nisar Khan with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Ghazala Kauser citizen number 6111017818328 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Tabinda Farman (Daughter) 2.Farrukh Nisar Khan (Spouse) 3.Nokhais Khan (Son) 4.Ahsan Khan (Son) 5.Waleed Khan Durani (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU PID (I)7152/23

Briefs

Appointment of Rector of COMSATS university

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Azam Nazeer Tarar, informed the Senate on Wednesday that the process to appoint the Rector of COMSATS University Islamabad is in its final stage. Responding to a calling attention notice moved by Senator Dr. Zarqa regarding the recent appointment and amendment of rules by the interim Rector of COMSATS University Islamabad, he said that a search committee constituted by the President would soon submit its recommendations to the appointing authority. He said that the committee had shortlisted 80 candidates, from which three names would be submitted to the President of Pakistan for the final decision. Senator Dr. Zarqa alleged that the interim Rector of COMSATS University, who was authorized by law to manage day-to-day affairs, had misused his authority. However, the minister refuted these allegations, stating that no violations had been made by the interim Rector. He also contradicted the claim that any changes had been made to the rules and regulations of the university. Azam Nazeer Tarar emphasized that COMSATS University is one of the best institutions in the country and enjoys a good reputation globally.—APP

FIA retrieves 6,096 acres of land

ISLAMABAD: The Senate was informed on Wednesday that Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has retrieved 6,096 acres land of Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) worth Rs. 40 billion and handed over to the board. Replying to a question, Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar said that as per report from FIA ACC Islamabad Circle, 116 Kanal agricultural land of ETPB situated in village Neka, Tehsil Pateh Jang, District Attock was got vacated and handed over to ETPB by FIA. The minister said that FIA takes action against the officials, who are held responsible in commission of irregularities in the matter of properties lying in trust with the Board. FIA takes action as per law in retrieving the properties belonging to the Federal Government of Pakistan, and restore the same to the Federal Government.—APP

IRSA releases 264,300 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD: Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Wednesday released 264,300 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 284,300 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1467.64 feet and was 69.64 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 100,900 cusecs and 95,000 cusecs respectively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1177.85 feet, which was 127.85 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded as 59,100 cusecs and 45,000 cusecs respectively.—APP

Court Notice

In the Court of Medum Asima Saeed Judge Family Court Gujrat

Title: Sairash Arif Versus Ali Haider etc.

Notice to: 1-Ali Haider S/o. Zaka Ullah, 2-Asia BiBi W/o. Zaka Ullah R/o. Khokhar Gharbi Tehsil & District Gujrat.

Suit for Dissolution of Marriage on the basis of Khula and Suit for Recovery of Dowry Articles etc. Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above mentioned defendants are not served in ordinary way. It is therefore proclaimed under order 5 rule 20 CPC that if the said defendants will not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in court at 8 AM on 25-05-2024, otherwise case will be decided ex parte.

Jordan ambassador keen to enhance trade ties with Pak

On the occasion, matters related to Strengthening Bilateral Trade, Economic Partnerships, Tourism Promotion, Investment Opportunities, Networking and Collaboration & Educational Collaborations were discussed. In the end President Saqib Rafiq presented chamber memento to Maen Kherasat

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RAWALPINDI: The Ambassador of Jordan, H.E. Dr. Maen A.M. Kherasat, paid an official visit to the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) and called on President RCCI, Mr. Saqib Rafiq. The meeting was attended by Senior Vice President Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, Former President Malik Shahid Saleem, Executive Committee member Malik Mudassar Maqbool and Ch. Akram. During the meeting a wide range of areas for further enhancing bilateral trade and economic relations between Jordan and Pakistan were also discussed. Ambassador Maen A.M. Kherasat said that Jordan valued its historical and friendly relations with Pakistan and was keen to further enhance its trade ties with it for mutual benefit.

He said that his country was keen to expand its trade ties with Pakistan through enhanced bilateral cooperation across various sectors including tourism, Agricultural, hospitality and health services. During the meeting, President RCCI, Mr. Saqib Rafiq, assured H.E. Dr. Maen A.M. Kherasat of RCCI's full support in fostering stronger economic and trade relations between Pakistan and Jordan. He emphasized RCCI's



commitment to facilitating joint ventures, promoting bilateral trade, and enhancing investment opportunities. President Rafiq highlighted the chamber's readiness to assist in organizing business

forums, trade delegations, and cultural exchange programs to strengthen the ties between the two nations. He reiterated that RCCI would work tirelessly to support initiatives aimed at

mutual growth and development, ensuring a prosperous partnership between Pakistan and Jordan. On the occasion, matters related to Strengthening Bilateral Trade, Economic Partnerships, Tourism

Promotion, Investment Opportunities, Networking and Collaboration & Educational Collaborations were discussed. In the end President Saqib Rafiq presented chamber memento to Maen Kherasat.

13 new routes identified in Islamabad for transport service

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ISLAMABAD: Thirteen new public transport routes have been identified in Islamabad and these routes will be made operational from June 2024, on onwards as per requirements of the people of the city. Responding to a question, the Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar said that thirteen feeder routes have been identified and news stations are being established. He said that procurement, operation and maintenance of buses have been awarded and the routes will be made operational in phase starting from June 2024, onwards. He said that 30 buses would be operational in the beginning while remaining 130 buses to be acquired in various phases. He said that buses would ply from B-17 to Chungi No. 26; Sector I-16 to Chungi No. 26; Taramri to Aabpara; Taramri to Khana Bridge; Piwadhai to JJP and to cover various sectors including G-5, G-6, G-7, G-8, G-9, F-8, F-10 and F-11. Moreover, he said that a Mass-Transit System (with dedicated) from Rawat to Pak-Secretariat via Murree Road is also under consideration at the Planning level for the Capital City. Apart from the Metro Bus Service from Saddar to Pak-Secretariat (i.e. Red Line), the government has already initiated three public transport routes in ICT through Orange Line, Blue Line and Green Line bus services which are in operations since 2022. The minister said that thousands of people are getting benefit from this service. He said that Islamabad Transport Authority (ITA) is making all out efforts to ensure safe and decent private sector run transport within the parameters of Motor Vehicle ordinance 1965.—APP

Mushaal pays rich tribute to late Raisi

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Hurriyat leader Yasin Malik's wife Mashal Malik's here on Thursday has visited at the Iranian embassy and condoled the death of late Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, Foreign Minister and others. Mashal Malik paid tribute to the late Iranian President for serving and great efforts for the Muslim Ummah. She said that late President Dr. Ebrahim Raisi was a great leader, thinker and scholar of international level.

PIDE 3rd economy festival from May 25

Dr. Nadeem ul Haque, Vice Chancellor of PIDE, expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming event, stating, "EconFest is a vital platform for dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders

FAISAL SHEIKH

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), in collaboration with the Research for Social Transformation & Advancement (RASTA) programme and the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE), is excited to announce the third edition of the Economy Festival - EconFest. This highly anticipated event will be held on the 25th and 26th of May, 2024, at the Gandhara Citizens' Club, Gate No. 5, Fatima Jinnah Park, F-9, Is-

lamabad. EconFest is a premier initiative aimed at bringing together leading economists, public policy experts, practitioners, professionals, academicians, and business, political, and thought leaders to discuss and address the economic challenges facing Pakistan. The festival will feature a range of activities including leaders' viewpoints, expert talks, panel discussions, debates, book launches, poster exhibitions, and screenings of documentaries covering various aspects of the economy and society. According to the press re-

lease issued from PIDE office, Dr. Nadeem ul Haque, Vice Chancellor of PIDE, expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming event, stating, "EconFest is a vital platform for dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders from diverse fields. We are thrilled to continue this tradition and look forward to the valuable insights and solutions that will emerge from this year's discussions." Following the overwhelming success of EconFest Lahore at Alhamra Art Centre in March 2023 and EconFest Islamabad at Pak China Friendship Cen-

tre in October 2023, this year's event is expected to attract a large turnout of participants from various walks of life, providing an ideal opportunity for visibility, networking, and collaboration. There is no entry fee for the event, and families are most welcome to attend. The detailed program is available at PIDE's website for your kind consideration. PIDE invites all interested individuals to join us in making EconFest 2024 a resounding success. We look forward to your participation and fruitful discussions.

Soyabean, palm oil imports decreased

ISLAMABAD: Imports of edible oil including soyabean and palm into the country during the first 10 months of the current financial year decreased by 54.61 percent and 25.73 percent respectively as compared to the imports of the corresponding period of the last year. During the period from July-April 2023-24, over 108,205 metric tons of soyabeans valued at \$116.600 million were imported to fulfill the local requirements of edible oil and vegetable ghee as compared to the imports of 180,373 metric tons costing \$256.913 million of the same period of last year. Meanwhile, over 2.498 million metric tons of palm oil worth \$2.300 billion were also imported as compared to the imports of 2.563 million metric tons valued at \$3.097 billion in the same period of last year, according to the data of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. On monthly basis, the import of soyabean oil decreased by 94.49 percent, whereas palm oil grew by 20.01 percent in April 2024 as compared to the corresponding period of last year, it added. Over 500 metric tons of soyabean valued at \$530,000 were imported in April 2024 as against the imports of 7,353 metric tons valued at \$9.613 million in the same period of last year. During the month of April 2024, over 235,093 metric tons of palm oil costing \$216.103 million was imported as compared to the imports of 182,625 metric tons valued at \$180,069 million in the same month of the last year. During the period from July-April, 2023-24 the food group exports witnessed about 45.61 percent growth as food commodities valued at \$6.228 billion were exported as against the exports of \$4.277 billion in the same period of the last year, it added. On the other hand, the imports of food goods into the country during the period under review went down by 12.18 percent as it was recorded at \$6.817 billion as compared to the imports of \$7.762 billion in the same period of last year.—DNA

Complete ban on plastic bags from June 5

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RAWALPINDI: Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Engineer Aamir Khattak has said that a complete ban on plastic bags would be enforced from June 5. According to a Commissioner Office spokesperson, chairing a meeting of the Hotel and Restaurant Association, Engineer Aamir Khattak directed the authorities that efforts should be made to provide relief to the citizens through price control, encroachment operations, and other measures. The priority of the administration is to promote economic activities by providing a favorable environment to

the business community. Joint efforts will have to be made to provide relief to the people, the Commissioner said adding, that no businessman would be harassed unnecessarily. The traders should ensure the implementation of the official rates of essential commodities, he said. The Commissioner directed the Assistant Commissioners to visit all the markets and inform the people about the ban on the use of plastic bags. All possible efforts should be made to spread awareness about the ban. The business community representatives welcomed the initiatives taken by the Commissioner and said that the cooperation with the administration

would continue. The traders requested the commissioner to speed up anti-encroachment operations, particularly in the commercial market. The Commissioner on the occasion said that the price magistrates are active in the field to check availability of the essential commodities at fixed rates. To pass on the benefit of the reduction in the price of wheat to the people, the price of 'Rotli' had been fixed at Rs 15 across the division, the Commissioner said. 168 price magistrates were working across the division to enforce the price of 'Rotli'. 715 raids were conducted at 'Tandoors' during the last 24 hours and a fine amounting to Rs 57,000 was imposed on 29 violators while two were sent behind bars.

No member of incumbent cabinet drawing salary

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar stated on Wednesday that no member of the incumbent federal cabinet is drawing a salary, as they have all voluntarily decided not to withdraw it. Speaking in the Senate, the minister explained that ministers pay Rs. 143,000 in rent for their single official accommodation and cover the utility bills for their residences themselves. According to the rules, ministers are not entitled to have their utility bills, including gas and electricity, paid by the government, and these bills are covered by them personally. He mentioned that ministers are allotted 300 or 350 liters of petrol for an 1800 cc vehicle, along with one driver and one security guard. If a minister exceeds this allocation, they cover the additional costs from their own resources.—APP

'Pakistan firmly upholds one-China principle'

DNA

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has reiterated that Pakistan firmly adhered to the one-China principle as the country always chooses to stand on the right side of history. "Pakistanis people loved China as 'there is no conditionality between us,'" the president remarked in an interview with the Chinese media published on Wednesday, marking the 73rd anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China

and Pakistan. This was the first such interaction of President Zardari with any foreign media after being re-elected for the second time in March. Recalling the rapport between the two countries, Zardari said, "My late father-in-law, Pakistan's former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto told the nation to look East, to look towards China." President Zardari, who had visited China nine times during his first term as Pakistani president, reaffirmed Pakistan's stance of upholding the one-China principle, re-

jecting any form of "Taiwan independence." "Taiwan is part of China. There's no other way," the president said, adding that Pakistan will always stand with China and safeguard China's core interests. Commenting on the development of Gwadar Port, a starting point of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Zardari said a lot of work had been done at the Gwadar Port since the launch of the CPEC 11 years ago, noting that the Port would always welcome investors from all over the world. Zardari said Pakistan is encourag-

ing more schools to adopt the Chinese language into their compulsory curriculum. Emphasizing the importance of strengthening people-to-people exchanges between the two countries, he called for more policies to facilitate the movement of people between the two countries. Appreciating the achievements made by the Chinese people, Zardari said that ensuring the continuation of policies is one of the key reasons behind China's success and Pakistan hoped to be more involved in China's development process.



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The thorn of Palestine

AROUND a week ago, the Israeli military decided to launch a sudden series of offensives against eastern Rafah, along with the Zeitoun neighborhood and Jabalia, north of the Gaza Strip. Despite claiming to have already dismantled the Resistance in northern Gaza months ago, what they have experienced there recently has been death and embarrassment. On May 6, after Hamas announced it had accepted a ceasefire proposal that would have led to a comprehensive prisoner exchange and the end of the war, the Zionist entity freaked out and decided to push ahead with its planned incursion into the southernmost Gaza city of Rafah. It began by pushing forward around three kilometers to reach the Rafah Crossing, before expanding its operation further in the eastern areas of Rafah. What the Zionists also committed themselves to was the re-invasion of the Zeitoun neighborhood, later launching another incursion into Jabalia town and refugee camp. While the Israeli military was surprised by the performance and qualitative leap in the tactics of the Resistance, compared to previous months, in all areas of Gaza, the Jabalia Resistance battalions had something new in store. The Israeli military decided that a re-invasion of Jabalia was their next primary focus, but have failed to produce any viable justification for its actions, especially when the Zionist leadership claimed to have already defeated the Resistance three months ago. When entering the densely populated area, it is likely that they believed it to be easier than the times before and conducted the offensive in a very similar manner to how it had done throughout the war.

While the Resistance had previously waited for the Zionists to invade an area, before launching their guerrilla-style counterattacks, there was a change in strategy on the part of the Resistance battalions this time. The Palestinian Resistance opted to confront the Israelis head-on and to try to hold them back for as long as possible, in an effort to see whether they could successfully kick them out. The Resistance battalions in the Jabalia refugee camp, the area known in Gaza as "the Thorn of Palestine", adopted the attitude of the previous generations of al-Qassambrigades fighters during the Second Intifada and adopted the phrase of the people: "You will not enter our camp." This embodies the frequently repeated line of al-Qassam's spokesperson, Abu Obeida, who states that "this is a resistance of victory or martyrdom." Although it is not completely clear why the Resistance suddenly decided to alter its tactics in Jabalia, there are a few factors that could have contributed to making this decision. The first is the scale of the atrocities committed against civilians in places like al-Shifa Hospital, during the more recent Israeli incursions into populated areas. When the Zionist invaders enter areas and seize control of civilians, they imprison, torture, execute, sexually abuse, and use them as human shields. It is likely that the Resistance may have sought to change tactics in Jabalia in order to prevent a repeat of the ways in which the Zionist militants treated civilians elsewhere. Another reason could have been to learn from the enemies' reactions to such tactics, this could be especially useful for the Resistance fighters in Rafah, who will likely use a wide variation of tactics themselves and will benefit in attaining new knowledge from what has occurred in Jabalia. Unlike the Zionists, who continue to make amateurish mistakes that are laughable when comparing them to other nations' armed forces, the Palestinian Resistance is constantly evolving and learning from battle experience.

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3rd gas pipeline from Russia to China

ONE official reason for celebration during Russian President Vladimir Putin's recent visit to Beijing to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping was the long history of cooperation between the two nations. Perhaps by leveraging nostalgia, Putin hoped to persuade Xi of the merits of Power of Siberia 2, the high-profile gas pipeline that would be the third in a series of such projects designed to deepen the links between the two countries' energy systems. But Beijing is right to remain sceptical of the project, which presents costly economic and political risks to China's interests as it aims to maintain its energy security and follow through on its energy transition. Earlier this year, construction started on the second pipeline, the China-Russia Far East Pipeline, which will complement the first, called the Power of Siberia. The Power of Siberia has yet to be completed and is not operating at full capacity. If all proceeds as planned, the three pipelines will eventually deliver 98 billion cubic metres of gas every year to China, equivalent to Russia's total gas exports via pipeline last year and a quarter of China's total gas consumption that year. But such a deepening of dependence on Russia would cut against China's energy security strategy. China, which imports 42 per cent of its gas supply, has made efforts over the last two decades to diversify its energy imports to reduce its dependency on any one source. Three pipelines now source gas from Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. In the southwest, China constructed the Sino-Myanmar pipeline, and on its southeastern coast, China has developed a cluster of liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals that can receive imports from more than 20 countries, with Qatar and Australia the top suppliers last year. These efforts show how China is striving to achieve a balanced and diverse energy mix. But if two more pipelines from Russia are added, a third of China's total gas consumption when counting LNG will be from one country. Power of Siberia 2 is also a costly proposition for China. Even as Russia has offered bargain basement gas prices to incentivise the development of the project, China would need to construct several hundred kilometres of gas pipelines through the desert to connect the project to the main demand centre, the Bohai Economic Rim – which includes Beijing, Tianjin and three northern provinces – one of the three economic engines of China. But this area already has a dense and mature gas pipeline network with various sources. Power of Siberia 2, which will potentially increase the area's supply by 50 per cent, can expect to face fierce competition from the fast-growing capacity of the Tianjin-Tangshan coastal LNG imports, offshore gas from the Bohai Sea, and domestic gas from Shaanxi, even the gas imports from the other two Russian pipelines. This oversaturation represents a clear and unnecessary capital expenditure. On the political front, Russia has long been alarmed by China's influence on its Far East. Even now, as Putin significantly strengthens ties with China to offset how Russia's war with Ukraine has withered partnerships – and energy markets – elsewhere, China's rising power and global influence is a concern. Russia refused to let China invest in the second pipeline on Russia's side. It is likely to insist on the same "you pay, I deliver" mode for Power of Siberia 2.

Punjab Defamation Act 2024: Perspective implications

Qamar Bashir



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THE Punjab government has recently enacted the Punjab Defamation Act 2024, which boasts a broader scope compared to the existing Defamation Ordinance 2002. This comprehensive Act significantly impacts writers, analysts, editors, journalists, vloggers, and both traditional and social media practitioners. While the Act introduces several noteworthy provisions, it also presents both advantages and disadvantages when contrasted with the Defamation Ordinance 2002 and internationally accepted norms and practices. It has widened the definition of broadcaster compared to Defamation Ordinance 2002 to a large extent where the Defamation Ordinance 2002 provides a comprehensive definition of broadcasting, encompassing various forms of communication, but lacks specificity regarding modern platforms like social media, potentially leading to ambiguity. In contrast, the Punjab Defamation Act 2024 offers a more updated and specific definition, explicitly including social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, WhatsApp, and TikTok, thereby reflecting contemporary modes of communication and enhancing clarity. The Punjab defamation Act 2024 has broadened the definition of defamation compared to Defamation Ordinance 2002 and the Punjab Defamation Act 2024 share similarities with the internationally accepted definition of defamation, they exhibit some distinct strengths and weaknesses. The 2002 Ordinance provides a comprehensive but somewhat outdated definition, lacking specificity regarding modern mediums like social media and potentially leaving gaps in legal coverage. On the other hand, the 2024 Act modernizes the definition by explicitly including social media platforms and addressing specific concerns related to defamation targeting certain genders and minorities. However, it may suffer from potential overreach and complexity due to its broad scope and multiple clauses. The internationally acceptable definition of a journalist is often considered to be someone who gathers, assesses, creates, and presents news and information to the public. However, it's worth noting that the definition can vary slightly depending on cultural, legal, and professional contexts. Ultimately, a journalist serves as a watchdog, informing the public about events, issues, and developments in society, and upholding principles of accuracy, fairness, and objectivity. Interestingly, the Defamation

Ordinance does not have a definition of a journalist whereas Punjab Defamation Act 2024 does. The definition of a journalist outlined in the Punjab Act 2024 is more specific and legally binding compared to the internationally accepted definition. The Punjab Act specifies that a journalist is someone engaged by various media, including newspapers, magazines, news websites, or social media, and encompasses freelancers with a substantial track record. This definition includes the evolving role of social media in news dissemination. In contrast, the internationally accepted definition emphasizes the core functions and principles of journalism, such as informing the public about events and upholding accuracy and fairness. Both definitions acknowledge the importance of journalistic principles but differ in scope and specificity, with the Punjab Act catering to a legal framework within Punjab and the international definition providing a broader understanding across different contexts. However, both the Defamation Ordinance and Punjab Defamation Act 2024 do have definitions of the editor which when compared to the internationally accepted definition of editor both have strengths and weaknesses. Both of them emphasize the responsibility of an editor for the content of statements and decisions to publish or circulate, including operators or users of social media platforms. In contrast, the internationally accepted definition of an editor is broader, encompassing not only content decisions but also responsibilities in shaping content quality, managing teams, and ensuring alignment with editorial standards and objectives. While the Punjab Act and the Ordinance focus on specific legal and digital media contexts, the internationally accepted definition offers a more comprehensive view of an editor's role across traditional and digital media landscapes, highlighting the multifaceted nature of editorial responsibilities. Comparing the definitions of "newspaper" in the Punjab Defamation Act 2024 and the Defamation Ordinance 2002 reveals similarities and differences in scope and terminology. The Punjab Act expands the definition to include websites, applications, or other social media platforms issuing public news or occurrences, acknowledging the digital shift in media consumption. Additionally, the Punjab Act grants the government authority to declare other periodical works as newspapers through official notification, whereas the Defamation Ordinance vests this power with the Federal Government.

Comparing both definitions, the internationally accepted definition recognizes newspapers in various formats, including digital platforms like websites and social media applications reflects the changing landscape of journalism and acknowledges the importance of online news sources in today's society. The excerpts from the Defamation Ordinance of 2002 outline specific definitions and penalties related to defamation, including minimum amounts for damages and remedies such as apologies and compensatory payments (e.g., minimum compensatory damages of Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 300,000 for the originator). Similarly, the Punjab Act specifies minimum compensatory damages of Rs. 3,000,000 for general damages. The section of the Punjab Defamation Act 2024 imposes stringent restrictions on commenting during legal proceedings, applying to all involved parties and carrying significant fines for violations, escalating with each day of non-compliance. Unlike many international practices, this provision lacks specific defenses, prohibiting any justification for breaches. While limitations on public statements during legal proceedings are common, the severity of fines and absence of recognized defenses in this Act may raise concerns about potential constraints on freedom of expression and due process rights, diverging from typical international norms and potentially impacting the fairness and transparency of legal proceedings. The implementation of the Defamation Act carries various implications, depending on one's perspective. For bloggers, vloggers, YouTubers, and TikTokers, particularly those focusing on news, current affairs, commentary, analysis, and viewpoints, this law is expected to instill much-needed discipline and promote sanity by deterring the dissemination of derogatory, baseless, and frivolous personal comments that often lack connection to truth or reality but contribute to sensationalism and societal unrest. Conversely, traditional media outlets, including print, TV, and radio, which already adhere to stringent parameters, standard operating procedures (SOPs), checks, balances, and professional oversight to ensure factual and truthful news reporting, as well as fair and reality-grounded analysis and commentary, may not perceive a significant impact from this Act. Politicians, security agencies, courts, and civil and military bureaucracy, often targets of defamation, might view the Act favorably due to potential protection from unwarranted attacks on their reputation.

Punjab: Revolutionizing healthcare and youth engagement

Abdul Rashid Shakir



Malnutrition and stunting in kids is a major stumbling block in the way of producing healthy and productive human resources. The government, in order to address this challenge, is planning to start a program to provide nutritious flavoured milk packs to the primary students of public sector schools. It would not only spur their cognitive abilities by providing them...

AHIGHLY-acclaimed maxim, 'A healthy mind lies in a healthy body,' aptly underscores the need for a well-equipped and developed healthcare system in a society. A healthy society boasts of skilled and productive human resource which becomes its valuable asset instead of debilitating liability. Therefore, all pro-development states and societies invest liberally not only in antenatal and prenatal care but also in primary healthcare, universal health coverage, malnutrition and stunting. Need for a state-of-the-art and reliable healthcare system for Punjab, with a huge population of around 128 million, can hardly be underestimated because if maintained well medically, this great pool of human resources can truly be a robust driving force for economic development and social growth, otherwise can easily push everything into an abyssal pit. Cognisant of its significance, the Punjab government, under the inspiring leadership of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, is investing heavily in the healthcare sector across all 36 districts of the province. In a very short span of two months, the Punjab government has initiated seven mega healthcare projects worth Rs147 billion, covering all crucial sub-sectors including timely transport of critical patients to major hospitals, free medical tests and screening, free treatment and availability of free medicines. Oncology, cardiology, gynaecology and paediatrics are among the government's top priority treatment sectors. The government is revamping and upgrading 2500 Basic Health Units (BHUs), 300 Rural Health Centres (RHCs) and major public sector hospitals across Punjab, in order to provide best healthcare facilities to its people. It has also launched two revolutionary initiatives: 'Field Hospital' and 'Clinic-on-Wheels' to provide best medical treatment facilities at the doorsteps of people living in remote

rural and urban areas of the province. In order to ensure availability of doctors in every healthcare unit across Punjab, the government has started 'A Doctor in Every Health Facility' program. Free home delivery of medicines across Punjab for the patients of cancer, cardiology, TB and hepatitis is another feather in the cap of Punjab government. Additionally, the Chief Minister Punjab also intends to introduce a free insulin Program in the province. On top of that all, the Nawaz Sharif Institute of Cardiology Sargodha and Nawaz Sharif Cancer Hospital Lahore are going to be two other futuristic healthcare facilities in the province, expected to start operations within a year. The Chief Minister has further resolved to provide best of the best medical facilities including cancer and cardiology treatment units in all big cities of the Punjab, besides establishing three highly developed medical cities across Punjab during next five years. For the first time in the history of not only Punjab but of the entire country, Air Ambulance Service and Motorway Ambulance Service are on the cards, expected to start in June and December this year respectively. The government has also added 100 more ambulances to the existing ambulance fleet of 500, dedicated to provide free pick and drop service to the pregnant women of rural areas. The TAT (Turn Around Time) of an ambulance will be improved when complimented by another visionary project of the chief minister: 'Sarkein Bahal, Punjab Khushhal' (Roads Revamped, Prosperous Punjab), under which around 600 major roads in the province are being rehabilitated and revamped to ensure rapid transportation and easy mobility of patients to and from healthcare facilities in the province. Another flagship program of the Punjab government, 'Suthra Punjab (Clean Punjab)' is a great initiative, not only to provide healthy living conditions to

the people but also to protect the environment and reduce undue pressure on the healthcare facilities. Malnutrition and stunting in kids is a major stumbling block in the way of producing healthy and productive human resources. The government, in order to address this challenge, is planning to start a program to provide nutritious flavoured milk packs to the primary students of public sector schools. It would not only spur their cognitive abilities by providing them vital nutrients but would also shape their intellectual and physical abilities to make them fit and healthy for challenging assignments in future. Such a healthy and productive human resource proves to be a real asset of its society by contributing productively to its socio-economic development. In order to ensure better and constructive engagement of such a healthy and young human resource, the government of Punjab has introduced another remarkable program: 'Khelta Punjab (Playing Punjab)', under which the first 'Chief Minister Punjab Pink Games 2024' have recently concluded, in which more than 1300 female players of around 16 universities in Lahore participated. The Chief Minister vowed to extend the sphere of 'Pink Games' to other parts of the province by providing sporting infrastructure for girls at the grassroots level. She has also directed the authorities concerned to start Punjab League soon in order to engage in a constructive way more than one million youth across Punjab. Major takeaway of the entire discussion above is that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif is fully focused on providing top notch healthcare facilities in both urban and rural areas of the Punjab, besides fostering a culture of constructive engagement of youth in order to raise such a pool of quality human resource that would contribute voluminously to the socio-economic development of the province.

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Nadal eyes emotional French Open farewell

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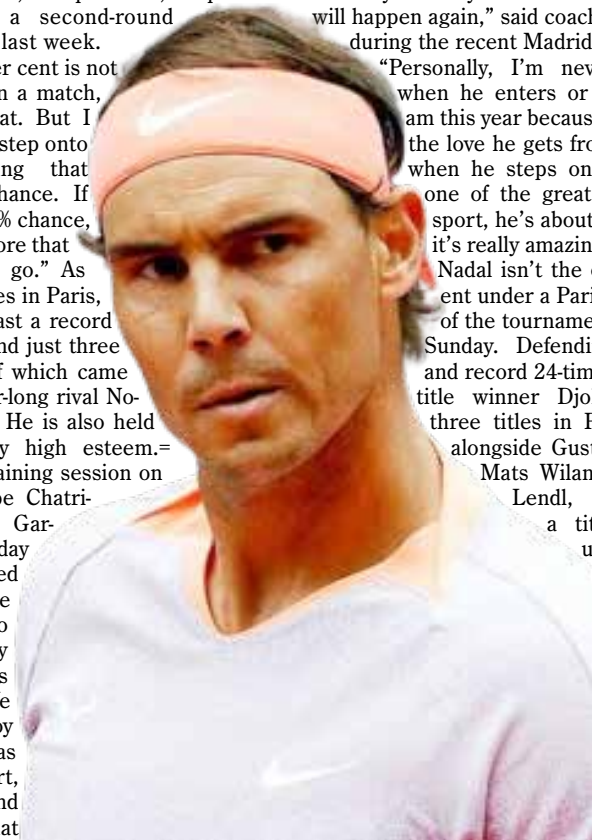
PARIS: Rafael Nadal will bring down the curtain on his 19-year French Open career with the likelihood of adding to his 14 titles greatly diminished before he leaves behind a record and reputation unlikely ever to be matched...

can give my all, 100 per cent," explained Nadal after a second-round exit in Rome last week. "And if 100 per cent is not enough to win a match, I'll accept that. But I don't want to step onto court knowing that I have no chance..."

it's very unlikely that something like that will happen again," said coach Carlos Moya during the recent Madrid Open.

"Personally, I'm never on court when he enters or leaves, but I am this year because I like seeing the love he gets from the people when he steps on court. He's one of the great stars of this sport, he's about to retire, and it's really amazing to see that..."

Cecchinato of Italy. This season, Djokovic has lost his Australian Open title and has yet to make a final on tour. Adding injury to insult, he was hit on the head by a falling water bottle in Rome...



Al-Hilal coach reveals timeline for Neymar's return

RIYADH: Neymar is working to make his comeback from injury in the first few months of next season, Al-Hilal manager Jorge Jesus has revealed. The Brazilian superstar playmaker, a record signing for Al-Hilal last summer, suffered a season-ending cruciate ligament injury while on international duty in October...

James Anderson opens up as Test retirement nears

The English cricket will call time on his red-ball career in the summer

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LONDON: England pacer James Anderson opened up on his retirement from Test cricket saying that in his head, he still feels he can play for 10 more years. The English great will hang his boots after the first Test against West Indies which will be played at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground from July 10...



that there were times when he contemplated retiring from the game. "There's been two or three moments on the field, if the opposition are 500-3, I'll be thinking, 'do I really want to still be doing this?'"

Real Madrid legend aims to follow Toni Kroos' footsteps

Luka Modric will extend his contract with Los Blancos for one more Madrid: Real Madrid legend Luka Modric aims to follow in the footsteps of his teammate Toni Kroos and retire at the club at the end of the next season...

Madrid's head coach Carlo Ancelotti pushed for the renewals of both Kroos and Modric but the German confirmed that he will retire once this season ends which made things easier for the Croatian as the club wanted to renew Kroos' deal for one more year...

Raducanu set to play Nottingham Open in June

LONDON: Emma Raducanu is ranked 212th in the world, but is seventh alternate for Wimbledon thanks to a protected ranking of 103. The 21-year-old, who won the US Open in 2021, has opted to skip next week's French Open and focus her preparations on the grass-court season...

Collins, Jabeur outside shots for maiden Slam title

She also reached the semi-finals of the Italian Open, where she was once again beaten by Sabalenka but, despite the defeat, it is clear the American's stock is on the rise



PARIS: Iga Swiatek's victory at this month's Italian Open has nailed down her status as pre-tournament favourite ahead of the French Open, while Aryna Sabalenka and Elena Rybakina have also been in fine form in the build-up to the clay-court Grand Slam...

happy for yourself in these moments because it doesn't always work out that way." Collins' compatriot Madison Keys is another in-form player on the clay swing and should be exciting to watch in Paris. The big-hitting American put together strong runs in Madrid and Rome, claiming wins over higher-ranked Coco Gauff, Beatriz Haddad Maia and Ons Jabeur...

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UK general polls on July 4, says PM

FROM PAGE 01 call an election for July 4, with a statement expected after ministers cancelled events and either curtailed or delayed foreign trips to attend a government meeting. For most of Wednesday, rumours swirled around parliament that the British leader was poised to call an election...

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بجانب عمران اکرم صاحب سول جج راولپنڈی درخواست برائے حصول حقیقت جانشین عنوان مقدمہ ممتاز بی بی نام جوہا اناس ممتاز بی بی زبیر بشیر احمد ساکن ہاؤس نمبر 501/DI قاسمی آپا ڈھوک چترائین راولپنڈی اشتیاء نام جوہا اناس برکھہ مقدمہ عنوان بالا میں کی جیل پڑھیں عام طریقہ نمٹن نہ سے لہذا انعام اناس کو پڑھیں اشتیاء اشتیاء اطلاع دی جانی ہے کہ اگر کسی کوئی نذر اعتراض ہو تو وہ آئندہ تقریر مورخہ 29-05-2024 بجے 8 بجے صبح اسامہ، کال یا پڑھیں مختار حاضر عدالت تونسیان جابور، وہ کال یا پڑھیں مختار حاضر عدالت آؤں بصورت دیگر حسب ضابطہ کاروائی عمل میں لائی جائے گی۔ محکم عدالت جھنگ وچھوڑو عدالت

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Government releases Rs 66.03 bln for water resources

ISLAMABAD: The government has disbursed an amount of Rs 66.037 billion for various water resources schemes so far under the annual Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) of the current fiscal year 2023-24. According to the official data issued by the Planning Commission, the government had specified a sum of Rs 110,500 billion for various projects in PSDP 2023-24. Out of the total release amount, the local component stood at Rs 90,367 billion, while the foreign aid component was Rs 20,132 billion. A sum of Rs 52,235 billion has been spent on various water-related projects so far. For ongoing schemes, an amount of Rs 20,000 million has been allocated for Damer Basha Dam Project (dam part), Rs 15,500 million for K-4 Greater Water Supply Scheme (Karachi), Rs 10,500 million for the Mohmand dam, Rs 5,000 million for Diamer Basha Dam Project (Land Acquisition and Resettlement), Rs 3,273.834 million for construction of Basool Dam, Rs 1000 million for construction of 100 delay action dams in Balochistan, Rs 3000 million for construction of Awaran dam, Rs 1500 million for construction of Gish Kaur Storage Dam, Rs 2500 million for construction of Panjgur Storage dam, Rs 2000 million for construction of Winder dam (Lasbela), Rs 1244.741 million for construction of 6 small dams (Zhoab and Sherani districts), Rs 1000 million for increasing storage capacity and improvement in command areas of Tanda dam Kohat, Rs 1000 million each for Kurram Tangi dam, normal/emergent flood programme and Rs 770 million for Mangi dam. Under the new scheme, Rs 10,000 million was allocated for Umbrella PC-1 of the Flood Protection Sector Project, Rs 1000 million each for the remodeling of Pat Feeder Canal, Kachhi Canal Project, construction of Sumari Payan dam project (Kohat), and Rs 385.736 million for the construction of Asreli Storage Dam Sui in the PSDP for FY 2023-24.—APP

Govt to ensure transparency in Privatization of PIA

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Privatisation, Abdul Aleem Khan, informed the Senate on Wednesday that the government will ensure transparency in the privatization of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA). Responding to a calling attention notice regarding the lack of transparency in all stages of the divestment and privatization of PIA—including the financial process, issuance of expression of interest, bidding, contract awarding, and segregation of core and non-core assets and liabilities—he assured that the entire process would be broadcast live and nothing would be hidden from the public and their representatives. He said that the pre-qualification process for PIA's privatization would be completed soon. He highlighted that the privatization of PIA, which has an accumulated loss of Rs 830 billion, is in the larger national interest and anticipated support from other parties for the process. The minister explained that it is not the government's role to run businesses, and hence, the private sector would be involved in bringing in modern, innovative technologies to turn entities into profit-oriented organizations and improve their service delivery.—APP

Senate passes motion to elect finance committee

ISLAMABAD: The Senate on Wednesday passed a motion to elect the Senate Finance Committee, comprising members as per the proposed list. The motion, moved by Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Azam Nazeer Tarar, also authorized the Chairman of the Senate to make changes to the composition of the committee as he deems fit. The Minister said that the composition of the committee had been finalized by the Chairman in consultation with the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.—APP



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on Gemstones. — DNA

MIM ensuring transparency, digitalizing charity: Masood

Kanwal Cheema briefs leading Pak-American IT & tech entrepreneurs about MIM

DNA

WASHINGTON: "We are leveraging technology for poverty eradication, social integration and human security," said Kanwal Cheema, Founder & CEO of My Impact Meter, a digital platform that connects global donor community with the beneficiaries across Pakistan. "By digitalizing charity, we are endeavoring to reinforce trust, ensure transparency and maximize our outreach. We are help donor community in reaching out to the poorest of the poor and extract them out of generational poverty by providing

them with education, healthcare and vocational skills," she said. Ms. Kanwal Cheema made these remarks addressing a gathering of leading Pak-American tech entrepreneurs, IT professionals and business leaders at Pakistan House, hosted by Ambassador Masood Khan, Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States. Welcoming Ms. Kanwal Cheema to Washington DC, Ambassador Masood Khan lauded her work to synergize efforts for poverty alleviation and social integration. "With her intercontinental connections, she can be a good bridge between continents," he said. "Ms. Kanwal is a social entrepreneur," he

added. "We have introduced this technology platform to create a better understanding about her work and sequel should be better networking," Ambassador said. In his tweet, Masood Khan said that "Ms. Kanwal Cheema, Founder & CEO of My Impact Meter (MIM) introduced her unique platform for poverty alleviation, vocational training and social integration in Pakistan to a group of Pakistani tech entrepreneurs and business leaders. Great vehicle to harness technology to promote human security in Pakistan through collaboration with Pakistani diaspora and philanthropists. Grateful to all prominent Pakistani-American

who attended the event." Introducing My Impact Meter (MIM) platform to the audience, Ms. Kanwal said that MIM had four pillars. "It is a mall of NGOs. We have got about 70 NGOs from Pakistan already and we get more every day," she said. She said that platform was ensuring complete transparency into the working of every NGO involved into the work of philanthropy and humanitarian work. "We have introduced digital vouchers for grocery and education," she said. She said that the platform was also facilitating beneficiaries with vocational training enabling them to earn livelihoods and break shackles of poverty.

The platform, Ms. Kanwal, said was also providing laptops and six months' grocery to the under-training beneficiaries facilitating them to devote their full attention to the skills that they were acquiring to earn their living in future. During interactive session, Kanwal answered the queries with regards to the disbursements of funds, the privacy of the beneficiaries, and the success of the platform in helping people graduate out of poverty. Ms. Kanwal thanked the Ambassador for hosting her and helping her connect with leading Pak-US IT professionals and tech entrepreneurs.

Nepali reaches summit of Everest for record 30th time

KATHMANDU: Nepali climber Kami Rita Sherpa broke his own record Wednesday as the person to have scaled Mount Everest the most times, achieving the milestone 30th ascent of the world's highest peak. The 54-year-old, known as "Everest Man", reached the summit for the 29th time earlier this month, before climbing to the top again. "Kami Rita reached the summit this morning. Now he has made a new record with 30 summits of Everest," Mingma Sherpa of Seven Summit Treks, his expedition organiser, told AFP. A guide for more than two decades, Sherpa first stood on the 8,849-metre (29,000-foot) peak in 1994 when working for a commercial expedition. Since then he has climbed Everest almost every year, guiding clients. "I am glad for the record, but records are eventually broken," he told AFP after his 29th climb on May 12. "I am more happy that my climbs help Nepal be recognised in the world." Last year, Sherpa climbed Everest twice to reclaim his record after another guide, Pasang Dawa Sherpa, equalled his number of ascents. Kami Rita Sherpa previously said that he has been "just working" and did not plan on setting records. He has also conquered over 8,000-metre peaks including the world's second-highest mountain, K2 in Pakistan. His success on reaching the top came as the season's death toll climbed to five. A Romanian climber died during a bid to scale Lhotse, the fourth-highest mountain, his expedition organiser said. "He was found dead in his tent on Camp Three on Monday morning by his guide," said Mohan Lamsal of Makalu Adventure, naming the climber as Gabriel Viorel Tabara. Everest and Lhotse share the same route until diverting at 7,200 metres. "We are making efforts to bring his body down," he said. Earlier this week, two Mongolian climbers went missing and were later found dead after summiting Everest. Two more climbers, one French and one Nepali, have died this season on Makalu, the world's fifth-highest peak. Nepal has issued more than 900 permits for its mountains this year, including 419 for Everest, earning more than \$5 million in royalties. Around 500 climbers and their guides have already reached the summit of Everest after a rope-fixing team reached the peak last month. This year, China also reopened the Tibetan route to foreigners for the first time since closing it in 2020 because of the pandemic.—DNA

Relieved travellers land in Singapore after deadly turbulence

BANGKOK: Rattled travellers and crew landed in Singapore on Wednesday after a terrifying high-altitude plunge on a flight from London during which an elderly passenger died and more than 80 were injured. Singapore Airlines flight SQ321 hit "sudden extreme turbulence" over Myanmar 10 hours into its journey on Tuesday, abruptly rising and plunging several times. One passenger said people were thrown around the cabin so violently they put dents in the ceiling during the drama at 11,300 metres (37,000 feet), leaving dozens with head injuries. Photos from inside the plane show the cabin in chaos, strewn with food, drinks bottles and luggage, and with oxygen masks dangling from the ceiling. The plane, carrying 211 passengers and 18 crew, made an emergency landing at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport, where medical staff used gurneys to ferry the injured to ambulances waiting on the tarmac. A 73-year-old British man died, while Bangkok's Samitivej Srinakarini Hospital said late Tuesday that 71 people had been sent for treatment — six of them seriously injured. The airport in the Thai capital said 83 passengers and crew were hurt. A Thai Airways employee told AFP he saw "more than 10" ambulances rushing to the scene. Airport staff separated passengers into four groups based on their medical condition, said the airline employee, who gave only his first name Poonyaphat. A relief flight carrying 131 passengers and 12 crew landed at Singapore's Changi Airport on Wednesday morning.—DNA

Vietnam votes in public security minister as president

BANGKOK: Vietnam's rubber-stamp parliament voted in public security minister To Lam as the country's new president on Wednesday, after a major anti-corruption campaign forced his predecessor to resign. In a secret ballot, 472 of 473 National Assembly deputies voted to approve the nomination, according to state television. Thousands of people — including several senior government and business leaders — have been caught up in the Southeast Asian country's "blazing furnace" crackdown on graft, led by Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong. Lam takes over from Vo Van Thuong, who resigned in March over what the party called "violations and shortcomings". That came just a year after Thuong began his presidency, declaring he was "determined in the fight against corruption and negative phenomena".—APP

Govt. to enhance production of petroleum products

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Petroleum, Musadik Masood Malik said on Wednesday that the government will enhance the indigenous production of petroleum products, including gas and crude oil. Addressing an energy symposium, he said that the government has put blocks for bidding and is actively trying to attract global players in exploration activities. He said that Pakistan is open for business and committed to completely digitizing the regulatory process to highlight the importance project, which he said would reaffirm the government's uninterrupted and affordable as a top priority. He said that over \$18 billion annually on reassured attendees that the and gas exploration within foreign companies to invest investment processes and and gas exploration have fied to facilitate this. To government is working on By supplying local gas to efficient power plants, the cost of electricity could be reduced to Rs 12 per unit, compared to Rs 24 per unit when using LNG. He acknowledged the high theft and losses in the gas sector, particularly in Balochistan, where gas losses have increased in Sui-Southern. To combat urban gas theft, modern systems, including comprehensive monitoring of the gas network using technology, are being implemented. He advocated for increased utilization of Pakistan's abundant renewable energy resources, especially as the country's solar energy costs have significantly decreased. He said, that multiple policies have been formulated to boost local production after a long period. Regarding the TAPI framework, he said that project financing would be jointly provided by Pakistan and Turkmenistan. He highlighted Turkmenistan's vast gas reserves and limited market, primarily China, and proposed that European countries purchase LNG from Turkmenistan to enhance their energy security. He said that Pakistan has proposed to European countries the idea of purchasing LNG from Turkmenistan, which would provide energy security to Europe. He explained that a gas pipeline will come from Turkmenistan to Pakistan, and gas will then be supplied to Europe via a train. He said, that a policy for shale gas and tight gas had been finalized.—DNA



Course for Officers of SECP

DNA

ISLAMABAD: The first-ever four days Professional Development Course for officers of Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan was launched at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, says the press releases issued on Tuesday. Areas of Training and distinguished Speakers/ Resource persons:- 1. Scope of Company Law and Role of SECP- Jurisprudential Discourse with Hon'ble Mr. Jawad Hassan, Judge, Lahore High Court 2. Powers to Inspect and Investigate- Jurisprudential Discourse with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Yousuf Ali Sayeed, Judge, High Court of Sindh 3. Jurisprudential Discourse with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq Khan, Judge, Islamabad High Court. The faculty members of the Academy, among others, will also enlighten the 30 officers- Executive Director, Director, Additional Directors, Additional Joint Directors, Deputy Director, Assistant Directors, Management Executive- hailing from different sections of the SECP such as Adjudication, Supervision, Prosecution and Legal Affairs and Appellate Bench on a variety of topics.

UK inflation slows sharply to near three-year low

LONDON: Britain's annual inflation rate dropped to a near three-year low in April as energy prices cooled further, official data showed Wednesday, easing a cost-of-living crunch and stoking rate cut expectations. The Consumer Prices Index slowed to 2.3 percent from 3.2 percent in March, the Office for National Statistics revealed in a statement. That marked the lowest level since July 2021, when inflation had stood at 2.0 percent — which is also the target for the Bank of England. The news comes after the BoE this month signalled a summer interest rate cut, after holding borrowing costs at a 16-year peak of 5.25 percent to further dampen price rises. Inflation slowed rapidly last month after energy regulator Ofgem lowered the price cap on energy bills for most UK households to the lowest level for more than two years.—APP

Mexican feminists torn over prospect of first woman president

MEXICO: Mexico appears almost certain to elect its first woman president on June 2 — a prospect that divides opinion among women's rights activists in a country with a long history of macho culture. Front-runner Claudia Sheinbaum of the ruling party and her main opposition rival Xochitl Galvez have both invoked cracking the glass ceiling in their bids to lead the Latin American nation. According to an average of polls compiled by the firm Oraculus, Sheinbaum is leading the presidential race with 56 percent of voter support, while Galvez follows with 34 percent.—APP

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Briefs

Pakistan gets back stolen artefacts from US

WEB DESK

NEW YORK: Over a 100 stolen artefacts worth over \$13 million were handed back to Pakistan in a ceremony held at Manhattan district attorney's office in New York, on Tuesday. The United States returned the 133 pieces of stolen antiquities in the 5th such transfer to the country. The precious art pieces that date back to the Gandhara period were stolen from Pakistan. Pakistan Consul General in New York Aamer Ahmed Atozai received the artefacts on behalf of the Pakistani government. On the occasion, Atozai expressed gratitude towards the district attorney office and its antiquities trafficking unit, and Homeland Security Investigations for their efforts in retrieving the stolen cultural treasures of Pakistan. Some of the recovered antiquities were also displayed at the ceremony.

A post on X, formerly Twitter, by the Pakistan Consul-General said that Atozai told the attendees of the ceremony that the recovered pieces will adorn the museums across Pakistan. It stated that the consul general also signed an agreement with the District Attorney in Manhattan Alvin Bragg. On the occasion, Assistant District Attorney Matthew Bogdanos said that he was delighted upon the return these "glorious pieces of Pakistani heritage" to Pakistan whose civilisation dates back to 5,000 years.

PTI's Yasmin Rashid hospitalized

DNA

LAHORE: PTI leader Yasmin Rashid was admitted to Lahore's Services Hospital on Wednesday after falling unconscious in KotLakhpur Jail, according to her lawyer. Yasmin has been in prison for almost a year now in connection with multiple cases against her regarding the events of May 9, 2023, when countrywide protests and riots broke out after the arrest of PTI founder Imran Khan. She was first detained on May 12 last year under the Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance and later arrested for her alleged involvement in the May 9 riots. Her lawyer Rana Mudassar told media her condition in jail had been very bad since yesterday and that she was not provided medical treatment facilities. "[Medical] treatment was not provided [to her] despite continuous vomiting and an upset stomach since yesterday. Today, she fainted in jail and was brought to Services Hospital via an ambulance." He said she fainted due to heat in her prison cell and drinking contaminated water while not being provided any treatment.

105 MPs urge UK govt to support ICC's warrants

LONDON: A letter has been sent to UK Foreign Secretary David Cameron and Prime Minister Rishi Sunak by 105 MPs and Lords from 11 parties urging the government "to do all it can to support the international criminal court" after the duo called the ICC arrest warrants "deeply unhelpful". The letter stated that the government must stand against any attempts to intimidate an independent and impartial international court, adding that "the court, its prosecutor, and all its staff must be free to pursue justice without fear or favour." Labour MPs Richard Burgon and Imran Hussain, who initiated the letter, said, "There is mounting evidence that Israel has committed clear and obvious violations of international law in Gaza and we strongly believe that those responsible must be held to account." - Agencies

Canada pledges support for Pakistan's development

Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan meets the Minister for Finance & Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb



KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan H.E. Ms. Leslie Scanlon

called on Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb at Finance Division. The Finance Minister welcomed the Canadian High Commissioner and informed

her about the successful completion of the nine-month Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He further stated that the Government is currently in talks with

the IMF mission for further engagement. Senator Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb also apprised the High Commissioner about Government's key priority reform areas that include tax-to-GDP ratio by bringing untaxed segments into the tax net, end to end digitalization and administrative reforms. The Minister said that the consultants have been engaged in this regard. The Federal Minister, while mentioning the privatization initiatives affirmed the Prime Minister's commitment to privatize State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs). He added that a positive response has been received from local and foreign investors for privatization of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA). The Minister also explained the complex energy equation, informing that DISCO boards have been reconstituted with the subject matter experts from private sector, to increase their efficiency. Furthermore, the Finance Minister emphasized the role of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) as a pragmatic single-window platform, designed to streamline investment processes and attract foreign investments. The High Commissioner Ms. Scanlon recognized the efforts of Government to improve the country's economy. While expressing hope for the economic growth and stability in the country, she assured that the Canadian government will continue to support the socio-economic development of Pakistan.

GMO warns North Gaza is suffering from famine

NEWS DESK

GAZA: The Government Media Office (GMO) in the Gaza Strip warned of Israeli attempts to circumvent the demands of international organizations to facilitate aid delivery into the Strip and to prevent famine. The GMO confirmed in a statement on Tuesday that the northern Gaza Strip "is still suffering from famine as a result of the Israeli use of starvation as a method of warfare by closing crossings, cutting off food supplies, and bombing and destroying all elements of survival and livelihoods." "As the starvation has recently been escalating, many international organizations and bodies sounded the alarm weeks ago that the residents of Gaza and North Gaza governorates are exposed to a

real famine, after which, international demands and US statements began to follow calling for bringing in aid and saving northern Gaza from certain famine," the statement added. "The Israeli occupation forces circumvented those international demands by alleviating the famine temporarily and allowing some facilities by bringing in some aid shipments, most of which were loaded with flour only. In addition, a limited number of bakeries were opened under the supervision of the World Food Program," the statement added. The GMO said, "Based on these fake facilities, international demands and warnings disappeared, as if the causes of famine had ended or no longer existed, even though Israel has been preventing the entry of basic commodities for a month, including sugar, oil, milk, wheat, fruits, meat, eggs, among others."

Resistance ambushes IOF force in Beit Hanoun

FOREIGN DESK

GAZA CITY: The Palestinian Resistance continues to confront the Israeli occupation forces on various axes in Gaza on the 229th day since October 7. In Beit Hanoun, in the northern Gaza Strip, the al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, conducted a complex operation against Israeli soldiers near the Agricultural school. In detail, at night, al-Qassam freedom fighters trapped an Israeli ground force comprising 10 troops in an ambush after targeting it with a thunder explosive device and hand grenades.

Dialogue only way to solve problems: Gilani

BUREAU REPORT

KARACHI: Acting president and Senate Chairman Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani says dialogue is the only way to solve the problems. He expressed these views during his visit to the mausoleum of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah to pay homage to the Father of the Nation on Wednesday. The acting president laid a floral wreath and offered feteiha. He also recorded his impressions in the visitors' book placed at the mausoleum. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah was also present on the occasion. Speaking to the media, the acting president said Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was a true and genuine leader of the Sub-Continent and our youth should be aware of the fact that he (Quaid) was the true leader and he had created Pakistan therefore we should not be running after a 'black cat in a dark room'. Gilani said that his father was an associate of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and when Quaid visited Lahore in 1940 and he was asked why he did not come to Multan, he had said that Gilani was there to represent me therefore no need of my visit to Multan. Gilani said Quaid did not visit Multan but Mohtrama Fatima Jinnah had visited our Dargah there. He said that for the first time he visited the basement of the Mazar of Quaid e Azam, NawabLiaquat Ali Khan, Mohtrama Fatima Jinnah, Noorul Amin and all our forefathers buried here.

United States inaugurates clean tech investment roadshow

NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: The U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome inaugurated the second Investment Roadshow, supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Fourteen innovative companies in the clean technology sector showcased their work at the roadshow, promoting private sector investment in sustainable and viable clean energy solutions. Organized by the US-AID-funded Pakistan Private Sector Energy (PPSE) Project, the event sought to catalyze investment in commercially viable clean energy projects and help businesses access critical financing. Since its inception, PPSE has mobilized over \$30 million for projects focused on clean energy, e-mobility, and energy efficiency. "Expanding clean energy requires a supportive environment, which is why the United States continues to work with Pakistan on developing a stronger investment climate," said Ambassador Donald Blome, adding that "investing in clean energy and low-carbon technologies is crucial for Pakistan to achieve its renewable energy goals."

CM Maryam calls for jail reforms

Punjab CM orders revamping of lockups across province

DNA

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Wednesday called for a comprehensive plan for jail reforms. According to details, CM Maryam chaired a meeting in Lahore. On this occasion, the chief minister had given principal approval for the establishment of women's jails in Faisalabad and Rawalpindi. She had directed that new jails be constructed outside city limits. CM Nawaz had also ordered the revamping of lockups and Bakshi Khana across Punjab, and the project had received formal approval. During the meeting, there was concern expressed over the potential external connections of criminals within jails, leading to a directive to ensure foolproof cyber security measures in prisons.



ISLAMABAD: Foreign Secretary Muhammad Syrus Sajjad Qazi held a meeting with the visiting SAARC Secretary General, Mohammad Golam Sarwar. The current dynamics of SAARC and the possibility of revitalizing the organization were extensively discussed. - DNA

Baltic concerns over Russian plan to move sea borders

Finnish President Alexander Stubb said political leaders were watching the situation closely and Helsinki "acts as always: calmly and based on facts"

HELSINKI: There have been calls for calm in Finland and the Baltic states after a draft Russian decree proposed revising its borders in the Baltic Sea. Latvia said it was trying to clarify the situation, but Lithuania warned that the Kremlin was aiming to intimidate its neighbours with a "deliberate, targeted escalatory provocation". Finnish President Alexander Stubb said political leaders were watching the situation closely and Helsinki "acts as always: calmly and based on facts". The draft Russian defence ministry decree suggested moving the sea borders around Russian islands in the Gulf of Finland and around the exclave of Kaliningrad. The decree was first highlighted on Tuesday, when Russia's Tass news agency and other media reported on its proposal to redraw old borders dating back to the Soviet era in January 1985. It was not immediately clear if the draft proposed extending its borders into Finnish waters in the Baltic or Lithuanian waters near Kaliningrad. However, it would have included territory in the eastern Gulf of Finland, several islands close to the Finnish coast and areas near the two cities of Baltiysk and Zelenogradsk in Kaliningrad. Finland and the Baltic states are all members of the EU and Nato and the military alliance is committed to defending their borders. Finland's defence and foreign committees held emergency

meetings on Wednesday and Prime Minister Petteri Orpo said the political leadership was "monitoring the situation closely". "Right now I don't see any reason for greater concern," he said. The Russian proposals were no longer visible on Wednesday with only the message "draft deleted" remaining on the page. A Russian source later told Tass and other news agencies there were no plans to revise Russia's territorial waters in the Baltic. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov referred all enquiries to the defence ministry, pointing out that "there is nothing political here", while making the point that the political situation had changed since the 1980s: "You can see the level of confrontation, especially in the Baltic region." CharySalonius-Pasternak of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs said the Russian plan was clearly trying to appear as a bureaucratic, technical exercise. But it was also a very typical Russian approach of "probe everywhere and then if you get pushback, say it was nothing". Lithuania's Foreign Minister Gabrielius Landsbergis said on X that it was "an obvious escalation against Nato and the EU and must be met with an appropriately firm response". The Russian revelations also coincided with a call for vigilance from Sweden's armed forces chief, Gen MicaelByden. "Putin's goal is to gain control of the Baltic Sea," he told Germany's RND website. "The Baltic Sea must not become Putin's playground where he can strike fear into Nato members." Sweden joined Nato in March, becoming the alliance's 32nd member, and it has beefed up its military presence on the Baltic island of Gotland in the past two years. Gen Byden said he was sure Russia had its eyes on Gotland, because if Sweden lost control of the island it would mean an end to peace and stability in the Nordic and Baltic regions. - Agencies

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