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Balochistan government has decided to launch recruitment process on around 30,000 vacancies lying vacant in various departments within next two months. This was revealed by Balochistan Minister, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khattar while briefing the media after the provincial cabinet's meeting on Tuesday. The cabinet made important decisions regarding Balochistan and thoroughly discussed issues faced by the province. The cabinet also reinstated 361 sacked employees of the Communication and Works Department and approved compensation for the earthquake-affected people of Hamar district. CM Balochistan has directed for early recruitment on all

vacant posts". Sardar Khattar told reporters. Parliamentary secretary on information, Bushra Rind was also present on the occasion. Departments directed to ensure transparency and merit in terms of the appointment of government employees. He mentioned that the employees would be recruited through departmental committees from grade-1 to grade-15. About the health card, Sardar Khattar termed it a revolution in the health sector of the province. "The health card will be provided free medical treatment. This is a major initiative of the government", the Minister added. He elaborated that each family would get a card with a balance of Rs. 1 million to get free treat-

ment in well-reputed hospitals of the country. Every NIC holder of Balochistan would get this facility. The mentioned Cardiology institute to be made functional. He said that the Cardiology institute would be made functional within the next few days to facilitate the patients. The government has already announced recruitment on vacancies in the institute. After the establishment of the cardiology institute, the burden on civil and Bolan Medical Complex Hospital would be reduced, the Minister stated. When asked about the Young Doctors Association (YDA) strike, the Minister urged the protesting doctors to end the strike and serve the ailing humanity. "We are ready to address the grievances of the doctors", he said.



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QUETTA: Balochistan Minister, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khattar and Bushra Rind addressing a press conference. Photo Quetta Voice

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Senior Minister Balochistan, Mir Zohoor Buledi staged a walkout from the provincial cabinet's meeting on Tuesday evening. Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo chaired a high-level meeting, which made important decisions regarding the province. Several ministers staged a walkout from cabinet meeting over the inclusion of Rs. 30,000 for projects. Mr. Buledi took to social media network Twitter and revealed that Mr. Buledi, Zamraat Khan Achakzai of Awami National Party (ANP), Hiding Khan of Hazara Democratic Party (HDP) and Mobeen Khilji of Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf (PTI) had also opposed the inclusion of funds for the opposition members. However, they did not join Mr. Buledi while staging a walkout from the provincial cabinet meeting. The spokesman of the ruling party i.e. Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), Sardar Abdul Rehman Khattar was quick to clarify the situation. "Some supporters of Buledi's stance within the cabinet", Mr. Khattar said. "When Rs. 30k were being distributed among the non-elected people, why they were silent", he recalled, referring to former CM Balochistan, Jam Sadiq Khan's government. The Jamiat ul Ulama ul Islam (J) Balochistan National Party (Menhaj) and Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP) had supported Mir Qudus Bizenjo against the former CM Jam Sadiq Khan.

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Saudi interior Minister to arrive in Pakistan on Feb 7

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Saudi Arabia's Minister of Interior Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Naif bin Abdulaziz will arrive in Pakistan on February 7. The Saudi minister will be visiting Islamabad at the invitation of his Pakistani counterpart Sheikh Rashid Ahmed Durani who stays in the federal capital. The Saudi interior minister will hold meetings with key government and security officials. He will call on President Dr. Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Imran Khan in his government. The Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan visited Islamabad to attend the extraordinary session of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) INP

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Sardar Muhammad Khondaji
Chief of Jamat ul Ulama ul Islam (J), Maulana Faisal ur Rehman said that if there is any friend of Pakistan, it is the Afghan Taliban. Addressing a mammoth public meeting in Chamran, Pakistan's bordering city with Afghanistan on Tuesday, the Maulana said that the Afghan Taliban were the real friends of Pakistan.

Maulana addressed the gathering at Jamia Islaamia Allama Abul Ghani Town in Chamran. "Based on my experiences, I say they are friends of Pakistan", the JUI chief reiterated. Maulana who is also the Chief of Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) lashed out at the United States. He asserted that the US was against cordial brotherly relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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CHAMAN: Chief of Jamiat ul Ulama ul Islam (J), Maulana Faisal ur Rehman addressing the gathering at Jamia Islaamia Allama Abul Ghani Town in Chamran.

'Compromised and a sell-out': FM Qureshi launches scathing attack on Gilani in Senate speech

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Tuesday launched a blistering attack on the opposition benches, taking aim in particular at Leader of the Opposition in the Senate Yousaf Raza Gilani, calling him a "compromised leader" and a "sell-out".

PTI government is changing the destiny of Punjab by taking health facilities to new heights: Hassan

LAHORE: Special Assistant to Chief Minister Punjab on Information and Spokesperson to the Punjab Government, Hassan Khawar has said that incumbent Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government is changing the destiny of the province by taking health facilities to new heights.

In a statement issued here on Tuesday, he said that the inauguration of Health Card in Bahawalpur, the single largest public interest project in Pakistan, is set to benefit 15 million people of Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar in 160 hospitals of the division.

Hassan Khawar said that every family can now avail treatment with a hefty sum of Rs. 1 million per annum.

The incumbent government has bridged the gap between rich and poor and that the fate of the people of Punjab was changing with each passing day, he added.

Gandapur, brother skip ECP hearing

ISLAMABAD
Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan Affairs Ali Amin Gandapur and his brother Husayn did not appear before the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in connection with violating the ECP code of conduct case as he is connected Covid-19.

The ECP adjourned the hearing till February 4 clubbing the JUI PTI application against Ali Amin Gandapur. The three-member ECP bench headed by Chief Election Commissioner heard the case where Ali Amin Gandapur video violating the election code was screened. The ECP decided to make the DI Khan Gandapur case an example and said the commission may disqualify the candidates as well. "The higher the post, the bigger the responsibility," the ECP remarked.

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Manan Mandokhail
Students of medical colleges in Balochistan marched on different roads of Quetta against the Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) on Tuesday. Students took out a protest rally from press club Quetta and passed through different roads of the city.

The protesting students staged a sit-in at the main Hockey Chowk linking the city with Governor's House and Chief Minister's Secretariat. "PMC should stop its discriminatory approach towards students of Balochistan," Abdul Medical student from Balochistan Medical College said.

PMC announces to a random test of students. PMC has directed the students of three medical colleges including Jhalawan, Lothalai, and Turbat appear in a test. However, the students have refused to do so. Medical students have been protesting against the commission for last more than two months.

"This test is against the rules of PMC," Abdul Baqir said. He said the major reason behind conducting



another test of students was to deprive them of the right to medical education.

Minister for Information, Jam Sadiq Khan had also assured the protesting students for resolution of their issue.

Government will not allow anyone to run the future of students," Mr. Bizenjo told Quetta. "Voice a few days ago. He said this government would take up the issue with the federal government."

The sit-in caused the suspension of traffic at the main Hockey Chowk. People faced difficulties in reaching their destinations because of the worst traffic jam caused by the protest.

Dhabeji SEZ to uplift Pakistan's manufacturing, logistical and services industries

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and services industries. The estimated cost for the completion of the project is Rs20 billion. The key fiscal enablers, including...



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque unveiled the plaque to inaugurate National Information Technology Board (NITB) Data Center.

Govt wants to take country ahead, opposition wants to take it backward: Ch. Sarwar

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that the incumbent government under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan wants to take Pakistan ahead and the opposition wants to take it backward.

He said unity and solidarity are needed to tackle the challenges facing Pakistan, for which all sections of society, including political and religious parties, have to make decisions...

He said that this will help in intensifying the government initiatives for providing basic facilities to the people. Punjab's local government system will be an example for other provinces as it will transfer power to lower levels for the first time.

CPEC optical fiber cable a win-win project for China, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: CPEC optical fiber cable a win-win project for China, Pakistan, WealthPK reported on Tuesday. The CPEC digital connectivity is acclaimed as a recreation-changer in Pakistan for its capability to redesign the economic system of Pakistan.

The cable will decrease the cost of internet with improved performance besides promoting and facilitating regional economic cooperation and enabling various ICT interlinking services between both the countries.

Continued hike in urea prices can lead to a famine-like situation in country: PEW

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Tuesday said a continued hike in prices of urea and non-stop black marketing could hit production of important crops and may lead to a famine-like situation in the country.

When sugar and maize crops are facing serious threats due to scarcity of urea which is not only a serious blow to farmers but may also lead to plant the urea and chaos in the country, it said.

that prices can decline in the market. The wheat crop has been grown on 2.84 million acres in the province of Sindh which has increased demand for urea while hoarders are selling it up to one thousand rupees over and above the notified rate which will lead to a decrease in per acre yield, he warned.

China introduces most advanced technologies in Pakistan's power sector

ISLAMABAD: The massive energy projects executed by Chinese firms not only ended power outages in Pakistan, but also introduced the most advanced technologies in the country's power sector. According to a report by PwC's report on Tuesday, these include the underground hydropower projects as well as the ultra supercritical coal-fired power plants.

China Three Gorges Corp (CTGC) has also built a similar hydropower facility in Karot area of Punjab province. The 720 MW project is nearing completion and expected to commence commercial operations in mid-2022.

FBR surpasses revenue collection target by Rs262b

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) exceeded its seven-month net tax collection target by Rs262 billion, ARY News reported on Tuesday. The FBR has successfully maintained the momentum of its growth trajectory in revenue collection.

PIA unveils its five-year business plan, prepared by IATA

KARACHI: The Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) on Tuesday presented its five-year plan prepared by International Air Transport Association (IATA) to the finance ministry for approval. The national airline's five-year business plan aimed at eliminating the deficit and restoring the lost glory of the national carrier.



ISLAMABAD: Wada Mitsuhiko, Ambassador of Japan called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Shaukar Tarin at the Finance Division.

TikTok, popular social media platform among Pakistani cricketers

ISLAMABAD: As TikTok, the Chinese video-sharing social network app, has become exceptionally popular in recent years, the app is making inroads in Pakistani cricketing world. According to Gwadar Port, Sarfaraz Ahmed, Gujjarat Gladiator skipper, formally joined TikTok on January 27 and 1.9 million users viewed his first 10-second intro in just 48 hours.

Shahid Khan, Usman Qadir, Sajid Khan, Fakhar Zaman and Muhammad Wasim, Musah Khan, Aamir Yamin, Saneen Afridi, Usama Mir, Muhammad Hassan, Sohail Akhtar and Waqas Masood. In the year, the official anthem of the HBL Pakistan Super League (PSL) 7 was released on TikTok. The Chinese video-sharing app has also signed an agreement with Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to become the official Entertainment Partner of PCB for the seventh edition of the tournament.

Bumper crops to pump billions into state kitty

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has successfully achieved the desired results in the agriculture sector by following appropriate policies. WealthPK, quoting Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, Chaudhry Fakhar Imran stated, Pakistan is generating an additional Rs118 billion from wheat, Rs36 billion from rice, Rs96 billion from sugarcane, and Rs3 billion from maize for farmers this year.

Rice production also surged in FY 2022 and reached 9 million tons, an increase of 1 million tons over the 8 million tons in FY 2021. With a total available stock of 8 million tons from the previous year, Pakistan now has an export potential of 8 million tons, Imran said.

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