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Vice Chairman PTI and Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi addressing a public gathering during "Haqq-e-Sindh March" at Lakhi Ghulam Shah.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday said that he believed in dialogue and diplomacy but it should not be taken as a sign of weakness in his message on the third anniversary of Operation Swift Retort when armed forces responded to India in a befitting manner at the Line of Control (LoC). In a message on the third anniversary of Operation Swift Retort from his Twitter handle, PM Imran said that he has always believed in conflict resolution through dialogue and diplomacy. He however said that it should never be taken as a sign of weakness. "We showed India on 27 Feb 2019, when they chose to attack us, our armed forces backed by the nation will respond to [military]

aggression and prevail at all levels". He said that they are resolute and unwavering in their commitment to the security of their country and nation. February 27, 2019, is a memorable day for Pakistan as Pakistan Air Force (PAF) shattered Indian dream of invincibility and military supremacy by shooting down two Indian aircraft and above all capturing an IAF pilot. Indian fighter jets crossed the Line of Control in the last week of February and the country's military claimed to have conducted a "surgical strike" in Balakot area in Pakistan New Delhi also claimed to destroy a terrorist camp with 300-350 casualties in the attack. Pakistan denied the claim, saying neither was

there any camp nor any casualty. Independent reports, including high-resolution satellite images reviewed by Reuters, also contradicted the Indian claims. Pakistan Air Force (PAF) jets on the other day crossed the LoC in a fit-for-fight mode to Indian territory, and in a dog-fight, an Indian MiG-21 was shot down on the Pakistani side of the border. After striking down the Indian fighter jet, Pakistan arrested the pilot, who ejected himself after being hit in the airspace of Pakistan in Azad Jammu and Kashmir — something that came as an unexpected setback for India exposing the country's claims of invincibility and supremacy in the military power. INP

Bilawal declares war on PTI government as long march begins

KARACHI: The Pakistan Peoples Party has begun its long march on Islamabad Sunday. The protest aimed to oust the PTI government and Prime Minister Imran Khan, is led by PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhatti Zardari. In a brief address at the Quaid-e-Azam's mausoleum before commencing the journey, the politician said the Awaraz March is a "call of war against the PTI government and it's time Imran Khan goes back home". Supporters from across Karachi reached Nizamish to participate in the march early morning. They are leaving in a procession which will pass through important roads. The PPP has hung several boards and hoisted party flags on poles across the city.

The protesters are expected to reach Islamabad via 34 cities in South and Punjab in Sunday, the Awaraz March will reach Badin via Thatta and Sujawal where the first day will end. On Monday, February 28, it will pass through Hyderabad, Halla, Nawabshah and Moro. March 1: The protesters will reach Khairpur and end the day in Sukkur. March 2: The march will enter Rahim Yar Khan via Gulleke. March 3: Hosted by Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Sindh officials, the march will be handed over to Punjab supporters in Rahim Yar Khan. It will then head towards Multan via Bahawalpur and Lodhran. A public gathering will be held there as well. INP

Two levies personnel injured in Lasbella blast

From Our Correspondent
A blast has injured two levies personnel in Balochistan's Lasbella district on Sunday night. Police sources said unknown terrorists targeted the vehicle of the levies force in the district. The injured levies men were rushed to a nearby hospital for medical treatment.

Fawad calls February 27 a 'memorable day'

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Fawad Chaudhry said Sunday was the day of complete revival of international cricket in Pakistan, as the Australian men's cricket team landed in Pakistan through a special plane after 24 long years for a full-fledge series. The Minister, in a video message said that the day of February 27 would be remembered in the country's history for so many good reasons including the arrival of the Australian Men Cricket Team in Pakistan after 23 years, PSL final match and above all, the successful "Operation Swift Retort" against the enemy. The day of February 27 marked the full revival of the international cricket in the country as today not only the Aussie men cricket team had arrived, but also the final match of Pakistan Super League (PSL) would be played in the home ground, said the minister while talking to the media. He said it was also to the present government's credit that all the matches of PSL season-7 were held in the country after a long hiatus in this day. Fawad said our armed forces and its brave soldiers made it clear to the adversary what would be the consequence of any aggression against Pakistan. India would remember the befitting response given by the armed forces and its soldiers under the leadership of PM Imran Khan for a long time to come. He said the nation should not only feel proud of those events but also extend gratitude to those who made this happen. ONLINE

Over 6000 chronic refusals convinced for polio vaccination in Balochistan

Syed Ali Shah
Over 6000 chronic refusals were convinced for polio vaccination in Balochistan in the last three months. "Almost 50 percent parents who were chronic refusals convinced", a well-placed official in the Balochistan health department told Quetta Voice. He requested anonymity since he was not authorized to speak to the media. Sources at the emergency operation cell (EOC) had revealed over 13,000 chronic refusals in Balochistan. Most of the refusals were reported in the Quetta block which comprises Chaman, Killa Abdullah, Pishin, and Quetta districts. This development has come after Balochistan completed a year without any polio case. The province had reported one case of the crippling virus in the Killa Abdullah district on February 15, 2021. Our committee comprising religious scholars, teachers and tribal elders convinced the parents", the official mentioned. He said the members of the committee visited all houses of the polio vaccination chronic refusal parents in Balochistan. Over 2.5 million children to be provided polio drops in Balochistan. The health department, EOC, UNICEF, and other concerned departments are all set to launch the polio campaign from tomorrow (Monday). Over 2.5 million children under the age of five years would be administered anti-polio drops", Nasir ul Haq Baloch, Secretary, Health Balochistan said. Mr. Baloch informed that over 10,000 teams have been established across Balochistan to make sure provision of anti-polio drops to children under the age of five years. "We are trying to reach every child", the Secretary of Health vowed. Polio drops ratio 97 per cent in Balochistan. The ratio of administering anti-polio drops to the children in every campaign in Balochistan is almost 97 percent, Hameedullah Nasir, the Chief of the EOC stated. He said coordination among all departments has been improved to make sure the success of the campaign. Balochistan government has also taken strict security measures to avoid the occurrence of any upward incident during the campaign. Police, Levies, and Frontier Corps personnel will be guarding the anti-polio teams across Balochistan.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Sheikh Rashid Ahmed addressing a Press Conference in Islamabad.

'Wonder how much opposition parties trust each other' says interior minister

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid said Sunday opposition's plans to bring a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan will fail. Interior Minister, while talking to media men on Sunday said that he wondered how much opposition parties trust each other. "Government will not create hurdles for PPP's long march", he said, adding that everyone had right to protest in democratic society. "I have consulted Punjab, Chitral and it has been decided that government will provide full assistance and security for their long march", the minister said. Criticizing opposition parties, Rashid said that those opposition leaders who did not wish to even see each other, were joining hands against Prime Minister Imran Khan. "They will not be stopped, but they are definitely causing trouble for people", he added. Talking about much talked motion for no confidence against government, he said there is a deadlock in opposition parties over no-confidence motion. "Opposition parties are only interested to protect their own vested agendas", INP

Man and woman killed in the name of 'honor' in Naseerabad

Aziz Murri, News Desk
A man and woman were killed in the name of 'honor' in Balochistan's Naseerabad district on Sunday morning. Police sources said the incident happened in the Marjo Sheri area of the district. An accused opened fire and killed a man and woman in the name of 'honor'. The dead bodies of the victims were shifted to district headquarters hospital in Dera Murad Jamali. Police were quick at the spot and arrested the accused along with weapons. Police shifted the accused to Marjo Sheri police station for interrogation. A case was also registered against the accused in connection with the murder of a man and woman. This was the third reported incident of 'honor' killing in Naseerabad division during the year 2022. Incidents of 'honor' killings are on a constant rise. Incidents of 'honor' killings are on a constant rise in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan. This incident has come a day after an accused opened fire and killed a woman in the name of 'honor' in Quetta's Sarrah road area. Rights groups have expressed concerned voice over increasing incidents of 'honor' killings and called for an end to this brutal custom. "So many incidents this year", Allauddin Khilji, the Chief of Aurat

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Securing agriculture based livelihoods for farmers in Balochistan

By: Ms. Neelam Agriculture officer

Poliovirus Balochistan: The need for indigenous strategy

Editor: Asim Khan

All the anti-polio campaigns are donor-funded in Balochistan like in other parts of the country. For program efficiency and to meet donor's requirements, strategies are evolved on the federal level.

Although, the centralized approach/strategies has failed to eradicate the crippling virus for more than three decades. Decentralization of powers and evolving strategy has always been the demand of health workers and volunteers battling the crippling virus at the cost of their lives in Balochistan.

Money designated for a particular activity can be used for no other. Therefore, program managers have little authority or budgetary control in vertical programs such as polio eradication and are unable to solve the problems encountered in the community.

Chronic refusals main reason behind existence of the virus. Chronic refusals, poor mechanisms, and lack of indigenous strategy are the underlying reasons behind the existence of the crippling virus. Despite the formation of committees and repeated attempts, the number of chronic refusals in Quetta, Killa Abdullah, and Pishin is still in the thousands.

The three districts are considered to be the most sensitive when it comes to poliovirus. Refusals on the part of many parents in these districts are nothing new. Killa Abdullah district has already reported the first polio case of the current year. The parents of the kid had refused to provide anti-polio drops.

Killa Abdullah reported 73 cases in 2012. In 2012, the same Killa Abdullah district had suffered the worst because of the virus and reported 73 cases. Officials in the health department still paint a bleak picture regarding the increasing number of chronic refusals.

Elected representatives, tribal elders, and local administration should put their heads together for evolving a joint indigenous strategy. A strategy at the village, union council, tribal, and district level would be more effective than implementing an Islamabad-based strategy.

Routine Immunization Apart from this, routine immunization is also crucial in the eradication of poliovirus. Balochistan has made a positive stride while improving routine immunization from 16 percent coverage to almost 40 percent coverage.

Progress paradoxes

By Hassan Baig

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The gathering storm over the Tokyo Olympics

War clouds have once again gathered over Afghanistan, as American's longest war in its history has ended, the Afghan people are unlikely to enjoy the dividends of peace. In fact, a renewed civil war has already started between the Taliban and the Afghan government. The impact of such a conflict will not remain confined to Afghanistan but will engulf the entire region.

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the Russian forces from Afghanistan during the 1970s when ZA Bhutto got power after the fall of Dhaka in 1971. His nationalisation policy caused a drastic decline in economic growth and the average growth rate slid down to four percent. Economic growth in the public sector considerably slowed down as state-owned enterprises (SOEs) badly suffered from inefficiency and lack of competitiveness.

The whole process was reversed in 1977 when the military took over. The administrator assumed power and this was another political transition. The private sector was revived with the help of private investors. The US provided technical aid to their industrial undertakings on favourable terms and conditions. The political dispensation created a sort of polarisation in the nation once again. The country's economic growth was satisfactory due to multiple factors but from 2001, when the US for supporting it in the Soviet-Afghan war. And since it was a former state in the West, Pakistan got a lot of financial aid from the US and the West.

But soon after the end of the Musharraf regime in 2008, the economy suffered another transition from military rule to a civilian setup. It started picking up during the Man Nawaz Sharif government but his regime had to deal with internal political instability. His government completed its tenure in 2018. The growth rate at that time was around 5.6 percent which was quite impressive. The security situation is also a concerning factor. The CPEC corridor economic growth rate is also not as bad as is generally considered by the people worried by the impact of trade hikes.

The downside of economic progress and growth that is being observed during the Afghan government is that it is not doing a large amount of debt, debt service payments eat up most of the revenues collected by the Federal Board of Reserve (FBR). Current macroeconomic indicators are not encouraging either. The monetary policy is inconsistent and the fiscal policy is unable to respond to real issues. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected the economy severely. The Pakistani currency is fast losing its value against the dollar, which is causing the policy to be pushed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reforms package.

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) high growth rate policy, including the renewal of previous orders and issuing new ones. Often an administrative detention order is released and the detainee is returned to prison when an order renewing the detention is issued and they are cruelly returned to prison.

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Under the banner 'Our decision is freedom... to administration... five hundred Palestinian administrative detainees collectively protesting against the Israeli military courts at the beginning of January 2022. The boycott was also taken up by their legal counsel who will no longer attend or participate in court proceedings on their behalf. This courageous stance was provoked by the drastic escalation in military administrative detention orders against Palestinians, which escalated during and after the Palestinian Unity Uprising/Intifada of April 2017. During a series of interviews with the Israeli military commander in the West Bank region issued 1565 administrative detention orders, including the renewal of previous orders and issuing new ones.

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in clear violation of international law. However, the Israeli apartheid state has consistently refused these demands. Political support and astronomical funding from the US government have enabled the state to continue these practices regardless of international denunciations. According to a statement regarding their decision to boycott administrative detention is an arbitrary and oppressive medium to humiliate and torture Palestinian detainees and their families, undermine their morale, break their families and disrupt legitimate Palestinian social and political activities. They describe the military courts as a 'barbaric, racist tool' that has cost hundreds of years from the lives of our people.

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Chaudhry said that with the support of people, Hum Awam Pakistan Party will work to change the system...

long can we run the business of the country by begging for loans from the IMF...



LAHORE: Youngsters are playing cricket during Sunday holiday at Shimala Bahara area in Provincial Capital.

PAF releases song to pay tribute to Operation Swift Retort heroes

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Air Force has released a song to pay tribute to the heroes of Operation Swift Retort.

"Operation Swift Retort" said it was not just weapons or numbers but resolve of a nation and operational preparedness of Armed Forces...

Line of Control (LoC) by Pakistan Army were testament to professionalism and determination of Pakistan Armed Forces...

Islamabad Police arrest 36 outlaws in 48 hours, recover stolen valuables, vehicles

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Police have arrested 36 outlaws including criminal gangs from different areas of the city in last 48 hours and recovered stolen jewelry, vehicles, mobile phones and cash...

Team of Industrial Area police station arrested six accused involved in riot, pocketing in Sunday bazaar. Police team also recovered 07 mobile phones and cash...

shishish and iron punch. Bani Gala police arrested a drug peddler Sheraz Bishani and recovered 154 gram hashish. Similarly, Gola and Taroal police arrested 07 accused Ahmad Bilal, Ibrar, Talmeed, Aamal, Shaahid Muhammad Arslan and Safoor Khan and recovered six pistols with ammunition and 07 bottles liquor.

PMD says, 'chance' of Shaban moon sighting on March 03

KARACHI: Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) said that there is a chance of sighting the new moon of Shaban 1443 AH on the evening of 03 March 2022.

The weather is expected fair or partly cloudy in most parts of the country on the evening of March 03.

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HYDERABAD: Leader of Sindh United Party Saeed Zain Shah and others led 'Yakjahi March' on the streets of Hyderabad to express solidarity in Sindh, organized by Sindh United Party.

Gilmore assures Governor Punjab of full support in extension of GSP Plus status

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Mohammad Sarwar was called by the Special Representative of the European Union for Human Rights...

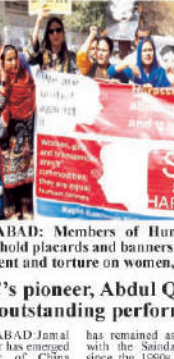
During the meeting, Gilmore raised bilateral ties between Pakistan and EU, trade promotion and the extension of GSP Plus status were discussed.

Union is Pakistan's main trading partner. GSP Plus status plays a vital role in our economy. We see meeting 27 conventions imposed by the European Union, including Human Rights, Women's Rights, Minority Rights, etc.

Six land grabbers held, IG Islamabad says elimination of land mafia top priority

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police have apprehended six land grabbers during operation against land grabbing mafia in Capital last week. IG Islamabad Muhammad Ahsan Younas said that elimination of land mafia is top priority.

A spokesman of Islamabad Police said that on Saturday, police received a call from a citizen that some land grabbers and their operatives are trying to occupy his land. SP Ruzi Zia Ud Din directed DSP Korai to take instant action to leveling which DSP (C) Korai Muhammad Azeem Minhas along with team conducted raid and arrested six accused.



HYDERABAD: Members of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan hold placards and banners during a rally against Sexual Harassment and torture on women in Hyderabad.

ITP to take strict action against route violators, misbehavior with passengers, overloading

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) has decided to take stern action against public service vehicles involved in non-compliance of routes, misbehavior with passengers and overloading.

He spent over 18 years working in the GCC. Resources Development Company (Pvt) Limited (MRDL), which was founded and operated for nearly 40% of his life so far.

CPEC's pioneer, Abdul Qahir comes out with outstanding performance: Report

ISLAMABAD: Jamal Abdul Qahir has emerged as pioneer of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) due to his outstanding performance, says a report published by Gondar Pro on Sunday.

Generator blast injures four people in Peshawar

PESHAWAR: Generator blast in a house in the provincial capital on Sunday left four people including two women injured.

Oil tankers with 15000 liter crude oil overturn in Nushki

NUSHKI: Hundreds of litres of oil was spilled when an oil tanker carrying 15000 litres crude oil overturned here on Sunday.

SACM Surendar approves web portal to register public complaints about HRs

KARACHI: Special Assistant to Chief Minister Sindh for Human Rights, Surendar Valasai has given in principal approval for establishing web portal to register public complaints and for their immediate redressal.

Speaking on the occasion of giving approval of establishment of a web portal...

The SACM further said that line departments would be linked to the web portal so that it could be managed effectively. He elaborated that it would be a digital database platform where line departments dealing with Human Rights can track internet pending complaints and provide the current status of complaint to the public.

Pakistan expresses resolve to safeguard its sovereignty, territorial integrity

ISLAMABAD: Reminiscing the 'Operation Swift Retort' on its third anniversary, Pakistan on Sunday expressed resolve to safeguard the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity against any aggression.

Minister Inam Khan wrote in a statement. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said the nation is united and ready to give a befitting response to any aggression.

On one hand, it was declared itself to be a part of the QUAD, and claimed a net security provider, but on the other hand, when a resolution was tabled, it abstained. He said, adding India called upon the West to support five or six but when the time arrived, it gave mixed signals to those with whom it touted to have firm ties.

valued reference to recent visit to the United Nations Security Council on over Russia-Ukraine conflict, said also disavowed standards of Modi's government had been exposed to the world.

spokesperson said in a statement. "Pakistan is a proponent for regional peace and stability. At the same time, our desire for peace and accountability by strong resolve and capability for self-defence.

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LAHORE: Special Representative to the Prime Minister on Interfaith Harmony & Middle East and Chairman Pakistan Ulama Council, Hafiz Muhammad Taftabraft and Welly Arnold, Archbishop of Canterbury, UK, sitting grand Jamia Masjid, Bahria Town.

