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Will lobby for unfreezing Afghan assets, says PM Imran alongside Uzbekistan president

Prime Minister Imran Khan said on Thursday that Pakistan and Uzbekistan would lobby for unfreezing Afghan assets that were frozen by the international community in the aftermath of the Taliban's takeover.

He expressed these views while addressing a joint press stakeout at the PM House in Islamabad alongside Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, who arrived in the capital earlier today on a two-day official visit.

two countries had increased 50 per cent ever since him and the president decided to advance relations, while joint ventures between Pakistani businessmen and the Uzbekistan business community had increased by five percent.



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ISLAMABAD: Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev meet Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Contractors paid billions to overthrow Jam Kamal: Rind levels serious allegations

Parliamentary leader Pakistan Tabrik e Insaaf (PTI), Sardar Yar Muhammad Rind has levelled serious allegations against chief minister Mr Qudus Bizrijo led government in the province.



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Ms. Farah Azeem Shah has been appointed as the Spokeswoman government of Balochistan on Thursday.

NAB seeks details about properties of Muhammad Khan Lehri, Ghafoor Lehri

brothers have been directed to submit a report in this regard by March 7, 2022, at NAB's office at Shuhra-e-Ghalib.



QUETTA: Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) convener Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui pose for photo with lawyers during arrive at Balochistan High Court.

Asif Ali Zardari gets relief in Toshakhana reference

ISLAMABAD: An accountability court on Thursday gave relief to the former president and PPP leader Asif Ali Zardari in Toshakhana reference and exempted him from appearance from the court proceedings.

Quetta blast FIR registered at City Police Station by CTD

The First Information Report (FIR) about the Quetta blast was registered at City Police Station on Thursday.

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MULTAN: The massive Awami March of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) led by party chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Thursday set out for Multan from Rahimyar Khan with droves of supporters and party activists joining as the caravan surged towards Multan.

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ISLAMABAD: Information and Broadcasting Minister Fawad Chaudhry Thursday shared that a serving Indian Army officer Kulbhushan Jadhav was arrested today six years back by Pakistan Army.

Petrol price cut of no use after hike in ghee, gas prices: Shehbaz

LAHORE: Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly (NA) and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Shehbaz Sharif said on Thursday that increase in the prices of ghee and cooking oil by Rs23 and Rs24, respectively and 13.37 percent hike in the prices of LPG and gas had neutralized whatever relief Rs10 per liter slash in petrol price had given to the people.

PM Imran 'not worried at all' about no-trust move, says Pervaiz Elahi

Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi, leader of the Pakistan Muslim League-Qaid (PML-Q), said on Thursday that Prime Minister Imran Khan was 'not worried at all' about a no-confidence move against him by the opposition. Pervaiz, who was speaking to the media in Lahore, made his remark in response to a reporter's question referring to a statement by his son, Waqar Resources Minister Moamir Khan, regarding the opposition's attempts to table a no-confidence motion against the prime minister.



Islamabad, where Moons was also present. When a reporter referred to the statement today and asked Pervaiz Elahi whether he had the same message for the prime minister, Moons, he laughed and then replied: 'The PM [Imran] is not worried. He is not worried at all.' Pervaiz's statement comes after PM Imran called the PML-Q leadership on Tuesday, in a bid to ensure their support as opposition parties prepare to move a no-confidence motion against the premier when asked whether the much-talked-about no-trust move was discussed during the meeting, the PML-Q leader replied in the negative to another question about the opposition's plans of tabling the no-confidence motion. Pervaiz made a cryptic remark: 'Ingredients are in the pot and I will speak on this after some time after the first bid.' Asked what would be the outcome of the no-confidence motion, he said: 'Such a large pot is on the stove. Something will come out of it.' When a reporter asked him to share the PML-Q's stance on a statement issued by PDM spokesperson Hafiz Hamdullah that quoted Fazl as saying that the opposition would submit the no-confidence motion in the next 48 hours, Pervaiz said only the PDM president could speak on the matter. He also appreciated the government's decision to reduce petrol and electricity prices as part of a series of relief measures amid rising inflation in the country. The Chaudhry's residence has been a hub of political activities over the last month or so, hosting opposition leaders from PML-N president Shehbaz Sharif and PML-Q co-chairperson Asif Ali Zardari to Fazl, all of whom hoped to win over the government ally for a possible no-trust move Web Desk

Uzbek film directors, historians visit PU, call on VC Prof Niaz

LAHORE: A working group of drama serial Zohar, adda and other films produced in collaboration with the Government of Pakistan and the Government of Uzbekistan, visited Punjab University and called on Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmad Akhtar.

The Uzbek delegation included film directors and historians, while Chairman of the Department of History and Pakistan Studies Prof Dr Mehboob Hussain, Dr Rukhsana Afridi, renowned writer Ashraf Nadeem Syed and film director Sarmad Khosh were also present on the occasion.

Talking to the delegation, the VC said that the Babar Center in the Department of History and Pakistan Studies has been set up in accordance with the invitation of Prime Minister of Pakistan. He said that PU was always playing a role in enhancing the relations between the two countries.

Later, the delegation also visited the Department of History and Pakistan Studies and library. In his address, Prof Dr Mehboob Hussain said that PU Department of History is the oldest department of the university which is fully supporting the project. The delegation also visited the PU Library and observed the Urdu and English books related to Mughal history. The Uzbek delegation included film directors and historians, while Chairman of the Department of History and Pakistan Studies Prof Dr Mehboob Hussain, Dr Rukhsana Afridi, renowned writer Ashraf Nadeem Syed and film director Sarmad Khosh were also present on the occasion.

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KARACHI: Senior Journalist Mazhar Abbas is addressing during the "Media Freedom Round Table Conference" for high lighting the problems media workers facing in country, at CPNA office in Provincial Capital.

India jealous of development CPEC brought to Pakistan, says Chinese Scholar

BEIJING: "China and Pakistan are pursuing a common development of Asian countries with an open and inclusive attitude, while India has consistently smeared CPEC, which the international community is not tolerant of."

The reason is that India is jealous of the development CPEC will bring to Pakistan," Dr Liu Zongyi, Associate Professor at Shanghai Institute for International Studies (SIIS), Secretary-general of China-South Asia Cooperation and Research Center, said in an exclusive interview to Gwadar Post.

"It is constant for India to vilify CPEC especially when there is major diplomatic activity between Pakistan and China. The Pakistan and China CPEC will be accelerated again when Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan visited China last month and attended the Winter Olympics. At this particular juncture, it is not surprising that Indian media have stepped up efforts to create trouble to discredit CPEC. Before we condemn Indian media, we need to understand why they vilify CPEC," he said.

"There are two reasons for India's sabotage of CPEC. First, India believes that CPEC will greatly enhance Pakistan's national strength and thus change the geopolitical balance in South Asia, so it is not in India's interest to support CPEC. Second, India believes that China's main purpose in building CPEC is to contain and encircle India with the help of Pakistan."

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Announcing the verdict, Judge Abdulqaviq Ahmed Yousof said that Pakistan to visit him in detention and to arrange for his legal representation, and thereby, breached obligations incumbent upon it under Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

The tribunal in the IHC ordered an effective review and reconsideration of the conviction and sentence of Kulbhushan Jadhav.

The judge remarked that Pakistan and India are signatories to the Vienna Convention.

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Pakistani users amazed by 'wonderful clarity' of WeChat voice call

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani users of the Chinese messaging application WeChat said they were stunned by the wonderful clarity of voice call during their first call on the app, according to Gwadar Post on Thursday.

"The application is popular among Pakistanis who studied in China or came into contact with the Chinese people for other reasons so much so that they no longer opt for rival platforms like WhatsApp etc," said Rania Saib, a Chinese language translator at the China Study Centre of COMSATS University.

"The WeChat community in Pakistan will grow faster once people know about its clear and clear voice call and other amazing features," she said while talking to Gwadar Post.

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MIRPUR KHAS: Vice Chairman PTI and Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi held a media talk at Mirpur Khas.

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LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid said on Thursday Pakistan needed much more doctors in the wake of increasing population.

Speaking at the 54th Hour of the 54th Convocation of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan here at a local hotel, she said Pakistani doctors are serving humanity world over. The chief guest of the convocation was Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar. The convocation formally started with recitation of Holy Quran and national anthem.

Present on the occasion were Senior Vice President College of Physicians and Surgeons Prof Dr. Shearh Sharf, Vice Chancellor King Edward Medical University Prof. Dr. Khalid Masood Gondal, Vice Chancellor Fatima Jinnah medical

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Underground hydropower technology gains attraction in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Chinese firms have introduced new technologies in the Pakistan's energy sector, thus helping the country in its endeavour to turn to greener sources of power generation in the long-run. WealthPR reported on Thursday.

The new power generation technologies were introduced in Pakistan after the launch of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor in 2015. During the first phase of the multi-billion-dollar project, a number of energy projects have been completed and several others are in the process of development.

Notable among the projects are 300MW hydropower plant in Balakot school of Mansehra district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 884MW Suki Kinari hydropower project in Mansehra, 200MW hydropower project in Karakoram area of the Punjab province and the Neelum-Jhelum hydropower project in Azad Kashmir.

The prominent thing about these projects is that they are being executed using underground hydropower technology.

Such a technology is mostly used in underground where on-surface constructions are difficult.

According to WealthPR, a Chinese firm China Gezhouba Group Corp (CGGC) is executing the 300MW hydropower project in Balakot, using underground hydropower technology.

The order to save power from being generated was introduced by CGGC in 2018 during the execution of the Neelum-Jhelum hydropower project in Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

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According to sources in the CPEC Authority, Shanghai Electric is building a coal-based 1,320MW power plant in Tharparkar.

Moreover, China Three Gorges Corp (CTGC) is constructing an underground hydropower plant on River Jehlum in Karakoram area of the Punjab province. The project is expected to complete by April 2022.

These underground power plants are key to increasing domestic power production and reducing reliance on expensive use of furnace oil and diesel for power generation.

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics data reveals that the oil import bill increased 113% to \$10.18 billion from \$4.77 billion in July-December period of 2021.

According to the Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP), hydropower production is predicted to account for 40% of electricity generation by the year 2040, while renewable energy and local coal generation are expected to account for 18% and 25%. Imports of coal and LNG will be reduced from the present levels of 78% and 23% to 3% and 6%, respectively.

As of now, Pakistan has a generation capacity of 11,800 MW, which is greater than the demand. Pakistan should also focus on improving the electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure.

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Secretary Livestock, his team struggle for success of National Horse and Cattle Show 2022

LAHORE: Livestock Secretary Naveed Haider Shirazi is performing great efforts with his team for the successful organization of National Horse and Cattle Show 2022.

Secretary Livestock visited Fortress Stadium Lahore and presided over the high level meeting.

The meeting was attended by conveners of Pak Army, Rangers and Management Committees of the event.

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Food security, climate change major future challenges needed to be tackled: Minister

MULTAN: Punjab Minister for Agriculture Syed Hussain Jahangir Gardizi has said that food security and climate change are major challenges of the future which need to be tackled with a strong and long term strategy.

He said that food security is an important role in fulfilling our nutritional needs. We have to participate in our national obligation to protect it.

He expressed these views while addressing the participants of the inaugural function of a two-day national conference on soil fertility and protection held at Bahauddin Zakaria University Multan on Thursday.

The conference was attended by Additional Secretary Agriculture Syed Hussain Jahangir Gardizi, Minister for Agriculture, Prof. Vice Chancellor Bahauddin Zakaria University Multan Prof. Dr. Ali Muhammad, Dean Faculty Prof. Dr. Husein Ali and other soil scientists from across the country. Syed Hussain Jahangir Gardizi further said that Pakistan is one of the 10 countries in the world which are most affected by climate change. Climate change has intensified the weather and increased the average temperature, which is directly affecting the yield of our crops. The cultivation of various crops, unbalanced use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers is seriously affecting the fertility of the soil. This important conference INP

Weekly inflation in Pakistan increases by 15.90%

ISLAMABAD: The inflation based on sensitive price indicator (SPI) for the week ending February 24 witnessed an increase of 15.90% for the combined consumption group compared to the corresponding week of the last year (Feb 25, 2021). WealthPR reported on Thursday.

According to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on a year-on-year basis, the commodities registering an increase in prices included food items (16.22%), cooking oil (14.81%), vegetable

ghee 1kg (38.36%), vegetable ghee 2.5kg (38.11%), pulse Masoor (26.94%), and non-food items like LPG (37.12%), Petrol Super (42.28%), cooking soap 500gm (37.78%), and High-Speed Diesel (32.28%).

In the other hand, the major decrease was observed in the prices of clothes and footwear (26.20%), pulse Moong (29.33%), sugar (5.36%), a non-food item like petrol (3.71%), and eggs (0.61%).

According to the PBS data, the combined index was at 170.47 points on February 24 compared to 146.91 points on

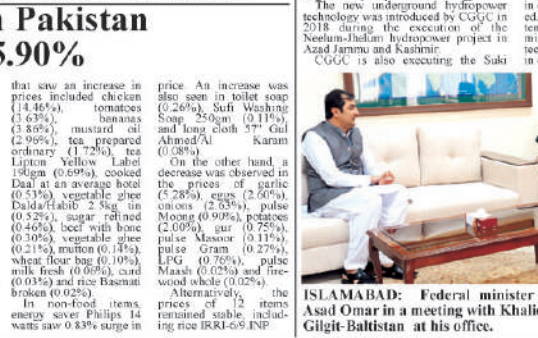
February 17, while the index was recorded at 147.09 a year ago on February 17, 2021.

During the week under review, out of 51 items, prices of 29 (56.86%) items increased, 11 (21.56%) items decreased and 11 (21.56%) items remained stable. Chicken was one of the key commodities that witnessed the weekly inflation, with prices increasing 14.46% to Rs 2021 per kilogram, while, on the other hand, wheat flour bag (0.10%), milk fresh (0.06%), and bread (0.02%).

In non-food items, energy services, Philips 14-watts and 8.83% surge in price. An increase was also seen in toilet soap (0.26%), Suni Washing non-aqua (1.19%), and long cloth 37 Gul Ahmad/Al Karan (0.28%).

On the other hand, a decrease was observed in the prices of pulses like chickpeas (5.28%), eggs (2.60%), onions (2.63%), pulse (2.00%), gur (0.75%), pulse Masoor (0.11%), and non-aqua (0.27%). LPG (0.76%), pulse Maash (0.02%) and firewood (0.22%).

Alternatively, the prices of 12 items remained stable including rice BR1-69 INP



ISLAMABAD: Federal minister Planning and development Asad Omar in a meeting with Khalid Khurshid Chief Minister of Gilgit-Balistan at his office.

Qureshi calls up EU envoy, briefs him on Pakistan's Ukraine stance

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and Josep Borrell, Vice President of the European Commission and High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, in a telephonic conversation discussed the current situation in Ukraine and Pakistan's stance regarding the issue.

Qureshi recalled that Prime Minister Imran Khan had reiterated the larger situation between Russia and Ukraine, and had shared Pakistan's hope that diplomacy could avert military conflict.



NEW YORK: Ambassador Munir Akram, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, delivering statement during the United Nations Security Council briefing on United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

US Senate confirms Donald Blome as new ambassador to Pakistan

WASHINGTON: The United States Senate has confirmed the appointment of Donald Blome as the country's next ambassador to Pakistan.

Blome is currently serving as the US Ambassador to Tunisia. He has also served in US missions at Kabul, Jerusalem, Cairo, Baghdad and Kuwait.

Zelensky says if Ukraine falls, Baltic states 'next'

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky called on the West on Thursday to increase military aid to Ukraine, saying Russia would advance on the rest of the country.

"If you do not have the power to close the skies, then give me planes!" Zelensky told a press conference in French President Emmanuel Macron's Lithuanian, Estonia will be next, he said, adding "Believe me."

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"We are at war with neo-Nazis," the Russian leader said, adding "I will never give up on my conviction that Russians and Ukrainians are one people."

CJCS holds wide-ranging talks on defence cooperation with Kenyan dignitaries

RAWALPINDI: Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCS), General Nadeem Reza who is on an official visit to Kenya held wide-ranging talks on bilateral defence cooperation with dignitaries from Kenya Defence Forces, Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said.

According to the military's media wing, the dignitaries called on by the CJCS included Hon. Eugene Ludovic Wamalya, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Defence, General Robert Karuki Kilochi, Chief of Defence Forces, Lieutenant General Walter R. Kapungu, General Robert Karuki Kilochi, Chief of Defence Forces, Lieutenant General Walter R. Kapungu, Major General John Mugaravai, Commander Kenya Air Force and Major General Jimson Longino Mutai, Commander Kenya Navy.

During meeting of General Nadeem Reza with dignitaries of Kenyan Defence Forces, both sides discussed defence cooperation, matters related to enhancing the level and scope of bilateral military engagements in various fields were discussed during separate hold meetings. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment for strengthening and enhancing existing defence and security relationship between the friendly countries.

Woman commits suicide by consuming pesticides

FAISALABAD: A woman committed suicide by consuming pesticides over domestic disputes here on Thursday.

According to details, the incident took place in night when Jalal se dil baraitana Khatoon, 40, Zehruman Chemical lab (Chemical Hospital) and Worsy by Havaa Faisal, yu matwa jhans hi rehing Khatoon Sadeeq Bibi Zowan Hassan, no Hala sy tang da ker chemical agent took under way.

Citizens deprived of 7 motorbikes, cash & jewelry in Sahiwal

SAHIWAL: Robbers deprived citizens of seven motorbikes, hundreds of thousands rupees cash, jewelry and other valuables in different areas of Sahiwal during 24 hours, police said on Thursday.

According to details, unidentified culprits stole a motorcycle owned by one Ahmed Yousaf at gate of Farida Park. Motorcycle of Muhammad Faisal was stolen outside residence of his friend at Mall Mandi Road, bike of Shahid Hussain was stolen outside a clinic near Liqat Chowk, motorcycle of Azeem was stolen outside Nadra office, bike of Saikhwat Ali was stolen from Ghala Mandi and motorcycle of Yasim was stolen from Peoples Colony.

Accused Arslan Haider stole Rs30,000 cash and a motorcycle of Noman from his office in 85-6-R. Robbers barged into house of Shakel Ahmed near Bab Fareed Park and took away cash worth Rs80,000, four tala gold jewelry and other valuables.

Opposition 'prepares draft' for no-trust move, National Assembly session

ISLAMABAD: Opposition parties have prepared a draft for a no-trust motion and requisitioning a session of the National Assembly and they would be submitted to the secretariat any time.

According to sources privy to the development, the opposition has finalized its preparatory for no-trust move and had prepared a draft for the no-confidence motion to be submitted before the National Assembly.

"A requisition to summon the National Assembly session is also being prepared," they said adding, "PML-N was given the responsibility to prepare the drafts and the chamber of Opposition Leader Shehbaz Sharif has been alerted for submission."

SHC suspends arrest warrants issued for Wasim Akhtar

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Thursday suspended the operation of non-bailable warrants issued for the arrest of former Karachi mayor Wasim Akhtar in a case pertaining to providing shelter and medical treatment to terrorists.

The court restrained the police from arresting the MQM leader and directed him to appear before the anti-terrorism court (ATC) hearing the case within 15 days. He is required to post a surety bond of Rs50,000 against the non-bailable warrants issued for his arrest by the ATC court.

The anti-terrorism court last week issued non-bailable warrants for the MQM-P leader over his absence from the hearing. The court adjourned the case until March 12.

Wasim Akhtar, PPP leader Dr Asim Hussain, PSP leader Anas Qaimkhan and Ruff Siddiqui have been nominated in the case registered at the North Nazimabad police station in 2015.

According to the case, registered on the complaint of the Pakistan Rangers Sindh, the PPP leader allegedly treated and harbored suspected terrorists and militants at the North Nazimabad and Clifton branches of his hospital at the request of some MQM and PPP leaders.

Witness records statement in paragon housing society reference

LAHORE: An accountability court on Thursday heard a witness on housing society reference against former federal minister Saad Rafique and others.

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The court summoned more witnesses for cross examination in the next hearing of the case while adjourned further hearing until March 14. Earlier, Khawaja Saad Rafique and his brother and former provincial minister Salman Rafique arrived in the court and signed an attendance register.

Opposition by indulging in politics of anarchy providing discomfort to masses: CM

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"In the country, over 1.5 million Covid-19 cases have been reported and above 30,000 people died in the pandemic so far," the letter read.

"Pakistan's health sector faced severe hardships, over 19,000 health workers infected with the virus and 174 of them died with the infection."

"All segments of the society have valiantly worked against the coronavirus. In 2021 carnage, those who health workers over served in corona-time civil awards. The government should announce the civil award for the healthcare workers with the title of 'Order of Hayat' to the health ministry recommended."

"The award should be given to those who had voluntarily served in 'corona wards,' the ministry further recommended."

According to sources, the health ministry will dispatch final names to the cabinet division for the award. The cabinet committee will shortlist the names for awards to the prime minister, who will recommend the president for giving civil awards to the nominees, sources said.

"After the president's approval the nominees will be given civil awards on March 23," sources added INP.