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# **BBISE: Complete examinations halls** were sold: 30 pages report reveals

Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA: The inquiry committee report has revealed that some elements within the Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BBISE) were found involved in the selling of complete exam-

Education (BBISE) were found involved in the selling of complete examination halls and papers. The 30 pages comprehensive report revealed that some influential and blue-eyed students were given papers by specific examination halls staff to solve papers at their homes.

"A student in General Musa Post Graduate College took away paper with him and returned with a solved paper the other day", the report pointed out. The examination staff canceled the paper. However, the elements within the BBISE gave 32 out of 50 marks to the same student, the report mentioned. Grease the palm of the examination staff and BBISE officers, then get more than 1,000 numbers to get medical and engineering seats.

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This was only one example, there were scores of such examples where influential and blue-eyed students would do the same practice. This practice was going for last more than a decade. However, Bashir Ahmed Bangulzai, the Secretary Higher Educaion took notice of such irregularities and formed a committee to probe into the violation of mert in the BBISE. An inquiry committee comprises the additional secretary higher education, an officer of the services and general administration department, director training information technology and an officer of the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD).

Instead of encouraging the Secretary, the present provincial government transferred Mr. Bangulzai and replaced him with a yes man to keep continue the filthy business inside the board. However, the Balochistan High Court (BHC) ordered re posting of Mr. Bangulzai till completion of the inquiry on a petition filed by some senior lawyers.

Board turned into an illegal money-making institution

According to the report, a visit to the former chairman's office and lim-



ited access to the board's records revealed that the board had turned into an illegal money-making institution. Candidates were seated in the examination centers of their choice. Response leaflets were sold through Secrecy Branch for huge amount of money.

The report added that various departments of the board, including the IT section, were used to manipulate results and facilitate preferred candidates, while re-checking of answer sheets was turned into a business by the for-

The report states that lack of supervision and transparency in the process of preparation and distribution of question papers, deployment of supervisory staff, modalities of change of examination centers, coding decoding, checking of papers, preparation of results and recounting process, rules and regulations. There is strong evidence of breach of rules and manipula-

The report cites irregularities in the checking of papers

The report cites irregularities in the checking of papers, re-checking at the request of the candidates and recounting, adding that as a result of re-checking of one paper of FSC examination in 2021, the total marks of students have been increased from 621. 819 and its number in the chemistry paper alone was increased from 28 to 76.

As a result of re-checking, the total marks of another candidate were increased from 874 to 1027.

The report raises the question as to why regular students studying in the most prestigious and expensive schools and colleges of Quetta city have to pay extra amounts and travel to interior Balochistan to take papers. Candidiates shifted centers from Quetta to Dera Murad Jamali,

Jhal Magsi etc In most of the cases, the candidates shifted the examination centers from Quetta to Dera Murad Jamali, Bhaag, Jhal Magsi, Oosta Mohammad, Mekhtar, Barshur and other areas or remote areas where the Board's surprise visiting teams or center inspectors Access is not easy or these candidates already knew about the supervisory staff stationed at the examination center so that they can get an unfair advantage in the examinations.

The committee has also recommended a legal action against the ele-ments involved in manipulation and depriving shining and committed stu-

# **No-trust motion: Consultations still** underway, says MQM-P

ISLAMABAD: MQM-P leader Aminul Haq on Thursday said consultations are still ongoing with the government and the Opposition, as the latter woos the government's allies to oust Prime Minister Imran Khan ahead of the voting on the noconfidence motion Speaking to Geo.tv, the leader said that MQM-P is Geo.tv, the leader said that MQM-P is a separate party and makes its own decisions when asked if all the allies would announce a final decision together. Meanwhile, sharing a picture of the meeting on its official Twitter handle, the MQM-P revealed that during the meeting, Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, Aamir Khan, Aminul Haq, Wasim Akhtar, and Javed Hanif were

present Meanwhile, PPP's Asif Ali-Zardari, Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari and Murad Ali Shah were also present during the meeting A day earlier, the MQM-P had again suggested to the ruling PTI that it should bring changes in the Prime Minister's Office to end the ongoing political crisis and the tense political environment in the country, The News reported, citing well-placed sources "PM Imran Khan should nominate another leader from the PTI in his place so that the coalition parties can take a positive decision," the MQM-P told a delegation of the ruling party during a meeting at the Parliament Lodges. The PTI's leaders met with the MQM-P lawmakers yes-

terday night, the sources added. The government's delegation comprised National Assembly Speaker Asad Qaiser, Defence Minister Pervez Khattak and Federal Minister for Planning and Development Asad Planning and Development Asad Umar while Siddiqui was leading the MQM-P side During the meeting, the government's team assured the MQM-P leadership that all their reservations and problems would be addressed. The MQM-P leadership was told that all the promises made by the PTI will be fulfilled, the sources added Referring to the no-trust motion against the prime minis-ter, the leaders of the ruling party ter, the leaders of the ruling party requested its ally not to abandon them in the difficult time INP

#### Disqualification for voting against party to weaken democracy: JUI-F

ISLAMABAD: Jamiat Ulemae-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) on Thursday submitted its reply to ing the Presidential reference seeking interpretation of article 63(A).

According to details, the JUI-F has claimed in its reply that the Speaker of the house cannot be given the authority to reject the vote of members of the Parliament

JUI-F also claimed that if the Members of National Assembly (MNA) are disqualified for life on the grounds of voting against their party, it will further weaken the already weak democracy of

The court should refrain from overlapping the supremacy of the Parliament, JUI-F stated in their

Meanwhile, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) submitted its reply in Supreme Court on presidential reference seeking

interpretation of Article 63(A). SCBA, in its reply, stated that members of National Assembly cast their votes on no-confidence motion in their individual capacity and as per Article 95 of the constitution vote is not right of any political party.

The association further said that members cannot be barred from voting under Article 63(A) as public runs government through their elected representa-

SCBA added every vote that has been casted will have to be counted as per Article 95 and every lawmaker is independent in choosing which side to vote

was further stated that Article 63 does not disqualify members for voting against party directions. INP

# 72 hours on, trapped coal miners are yet to be rescued in Harnai

**Hanif Tareen** 

HARNAI: Three trapped coal miners are yet to be reduced despite the passing of 72 hours in Balochistan's Harnai district on Thursday. At least six coal miners Thursday. At least six coal miners were trapped inside a coal mine in the Zarghoon Ghar area of Harnai after a methane gas blast on March 22nd. Three coal miners were rescued on the first day of the explosion. However, the rescue workers had failed to recover three coal miners. "Four rescue teams are making hectic efforts to recover trapped miners", Sardar Rafique Tareen, Deputy Commissioner



Hamai said. "Chances are bleak regarding the life of trapped min-ers", Mr. Tareen stated. Rescue operation underway in the night

Rescue teams from the Provincial Disaster Management

Authority (PDMA) and Mines and Minerals Department have launched a combined rescue operation to rescue the trapped coal miners. Rescue workers from Quetta, the provincial capital had reached Harnai Zarghoon Ghar 10 hours after the occurrence of the incident.

"Trapped coal miners can be res-cued by Friday", Sardar Rafique Tareen expressed the hope, PDMA and Mines Department's team are busy in the rescue operation in the night even, he added.

Resuce operation for third day For the third consecutive day, rescue operation remained contin-ued in the Zarghoon Ghar area of

# Police fire tear gas to disperse protesting employees in Quetta

Manan Mandokhail

Police in Quetta fired tear gas to disperse protesting government employees in Quetta, the capital of Balochistan province on Thursday Members of the Balochistan Employees Workers Grand Employees Alliance (BEWGA) marched from various parts of the city to mount pressure on the government to accept employees' demands.

Whenever the protesting employees reached Commissioner Chowk, police fired tear gas to dis-"Two employees were injured as a result of the tear gas", BEWGA President, Habib ur Rehman Mardanzai said.

District administration had taken strict security measures to prevent the BEWGA members from entering the Red Zone of Quetta. Batonwielding policemen were deployed in and around the Red Zone to prevent any protest.
"Our protest will continue till acceptance of our demands", Mardanzai

"Our protest will continue till acceptance of our demands", Mr. Mardanzai told reporters after police fired tear gas. The protesters were also chanting full-throated slogans against the provincial government for what they call its failure to address the issues of the employees.

Government employees from Quetta and other parts of the province had gathered to press the provincial government to provide them a 25 percent dis-parity allowance. The provincial government has repeatedly assured the employees that their grievances would be addressed and demands would be met However the protesting employees say that the government was not translating its words into

## Govt has full confidence in **Supreme Court:** Fawad

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Chaudhary Fawad Hussain said the government has full confidence in the Supreme Court that it will move forward in accordance with the law and constituon the Presidential Reference seeking interpretation of Article 63-A.

Talking to the media persons outside Supreme Court here on Thursday, he said "We condemn the social media campaign launched by the PML (N) against the five member larger bench constituted for hearing of the Presidential reference. He said it is the hallmark of the PML (N) to attack the institutions

The Information Minister said the public gathering of 27th March will be historic. He said the allied parties are part of the government and they will remain

In his remarks, Minister for Energy Hammad Azhar said it is an old tradition of the PML (N) to make the institutions controversial. He said the no confidence motion moved by the opposition parties is an attack on the country's economy which is heading in the right direction. He said our economy is growing by five percent whilst record increase has been seen in exports and remittances. This, he said, was not palatable to the opposi-

tion parties.

He said the no confidence motion will face defeat. He said Prime Minister Imran Khan has always practiced clean politics and never indulged in horse trading Special Assistant on Political Communications Shahbaz Gill said cracks have started appearing in the ranks of the opposition

# Four soldiers martyred as troops foil terrorists' attempt to enter Pakistan via Afghanistan

RAWALPINDI: Four soldiers were martyred as they foiled the plans of a group of terrorists who were attempting to enter Pakistan from Afghanistan.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the terrorists had "attempted to infiltrate" Pakistan from Afghanistan on the midnight of March 23-24 in the Hassan Khel area of North Waziristan district.

"Due to alertness and timely response of the troops, the infiltration attempt was foiled. Terrorists retaliated with fire which was reciprocated in a befitting man-ner, said the ISPR statement. The country, fled away. And as per intelligence reports, they "suffered heavy casualties

The four soldiers who embraced martyrdom during the exchange of fire were identified as 34-year-old Lance Havaldar Wajahat Alam of Ghizer in Gilgit Baltistan, 25-yearold Sepoy Sajjid Inayat resident of Sheikhupura, 32-year-old Sepoy Maqbool Hayat, resident of Ghizer in Gilgit Baltistan, and 22-year-old Sepoy Sajjid Ali resident of Skardu

"The Pakistan Army is determined to eliminate the menace of terrorism and such sacrifices of our brave soldiers further strength-

#### Justice Bandial said the court also had to look at Article 55 related to quorum and voting in the NA However, another member of the bench, Justice Akhtar, observed that the purpose of Article 63-A was to stop defection from party policies. Web Desk en our resolve," vowed the ISPR. terrorists, after failing to enter the World beginning to recognise Pakistan's long-standing concern about India's nuclear capabilities: NSA

National Security Adviser (NSA) Moeed Yusuf said on Thursday that the world was "beginning to recognise Pakistan's long-standing concern" about India's nuclear capabilities, expressing the hope that the Islamabad Declaration adopted at the recent Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit in Islamabad would lead to growing calls for India's

ISLAMABAD: PPP Parliamentarians' President Asif Ali Zardari and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari chair

Not counting vote during

no-trust proceedings is

contemptuous: CJP Bandial

Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial on Thursday observed that not counting a vote that has been cast during the no-trust proceedings against the prime minister would be "contemptuous", adding that the real question was how long a dissident MNA could be disqualified

Article 63-A laid out the procedure for the disqualification of a parlia-

mentarian over defection, he observed.

He made the remarks during the hearing of a presidential reference seeking the Supreme Court's opinion on Article 63-A of the Constitution. A five-member bench, comprising Justice Bandial, Justice Ijazul Ahsan, Justice Mazhar Alam Khan Miankhel, Justice Munib Akhtar and Justice

Notices for the hearing were issued to Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's lawyer Ali Zafar, PPP's lawyer Farooq H Naek, PML-N's lawyer Makhdoom Ali

Khan and Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl's lawyer Kamran Murtaza, as well as the advocate general for Sindh, Islamabad inspector general of police, interior secretary and president of the Supreme Court Bar Association

(SCBA), among others.

Earlier in the hearing, Justice Mandokhail questioned whether an

MNA's vote could be counted in the proceedings conducted before his de-seating, observing that there was no mention of not counting a vote in the

At this, Attorney General of Pakistan (AGP) Khalid Jawed Khan said that members elected to the assembly were bound by party discipline.

The chief justice said that the "spirit of Article 63-A cannot be ignored".

"It is not the court's job to fill in the blanks. Such matters should be resolved in the parliament rather than through a reference," he said.

PPP Parliamentarians Party meeting.

Jamal Khan Mandokhail heard the petition.

18th Amendment

In a series of tweets, he said participants at the summit "highlighted threats to the regional security" following a missile launch by India inside Pakistan, which the neighbouring country claimed had been "accidental".

Yusuf said he hoped that the Islamabad Declaration would lead to an increase in global calls for New Delhi's accountability and the launch of a

transparent and joint investigation into the incident. A day earlier, foreign dignitaries attending the 48th session of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's Council of Foreign Ministers in Islamabad had expressed concern over an Indian missile striking a build-

ing in Pakistani territory on March 9 and put their weight behind Islamabad's demand for a joint probe to accurately establish facts. The incident first came to light after Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Director General (DG) Major Gen Babar Iftikhar shared details on March 10 of what he described as a "high-speed flying object", which was

fired from Indian territory The DG ISPR had told media persons that the object, which was unarmed and probably a missile, had fallen in the Mian Channu area of

Punjab's Khanewal district. Gen Iftikhar had called the airspace intrusion a "flagrant violation" and



demanded an explanation from India.

A day later, New Delhi had confirmed that a missile had been launched across the border into Pakistan, expressing regret over the incident and attributing the "accidental" fire to a "technical malfunction".

Islamabad, however, has maintained that this explanation is "simplistic"

and fails to answer multiple questions in relevance to the incident While India says an inquiry has been launched into the matter, Pakistan has repeatedly insisted on a joint probe to establish facts surrounding the

In his tweets today, the national security adviser said that foreign ministers at the OIC moot, too, had underscored the "threat to the region's secu-

rity due to India's recent missile launch into Pakistan".
"Make no mistake, India has become an irresponsible state with nuclear weapons and the world is beginning to recognise Pakistan's longstanding concern on this count," he said, adding that naturally, countries "reportedly looking to buy Indian missiles and other equipment are having second

Yusuf emphasised that the "missile 'misfire' from India must remain an issue of international concern"

"Indian attempts to brush it off cannot mask the gravity of the episode," he said, dubbing the "lack of Indian response to Pakistan's call for joint investigation and lack of Indian information about India's so-called inter-

nal inquiry" a "wakeup call" for the international community "This reflects the mindset of the [Narendra] Modi regime and the character of the Indian state today," he added Web Desk

# QUETTA VOICE Editor Asim Khan The number game in

# Balochistan board

Grease the palm of officials, you can get good numbers and positions in the Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BBISE). Influence and bribe BBISE officials when it comes to getting attractive numbers in FA, FSc, and Matriculation.

Despite the declining quality of education, ironically, the BBISE declared 99.18 percent of candidates successful in the HSSC examination result 2021. Similarly, the board declared 97.28 percent of candidates successful. Subsequently, this filthy practice degrees competent and poor students of their Subsequently, this filthy practice deprives competent and poor students of their rights. Students pass sleepless nights to ensure success and get good numbers in examinations. However, influential and rich parents cement good ties with board officials and block their way from getting admissions in the prestigious educational organizations of the country

Fewer numbers remained an obstacle for competent students

Fewer numbers remained one of the underlying reasons behind the deprivation of students of getting medical and engineering seats in the province and country. Whether such students work hard or not, the fixed criteria for admissions in medical and engineering colleges provide 50 percent leverage to them through FSc examinations. Quality of education paints a bleak picture when it comes to the success ratio of students in competitive examinations on the national level. For instance, over 7,200 students appeared in the recently conducted Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) MDCAT for medical colleges. Only 1,500 students passed the test. This is irony of fate that the merit list of medical students in Punjab and other provinces end above 90 percent. Whereas students obtaining more than 80 percent marks are position holders in the PMC MDCAT in Balochistan. This actually exposes the poor quality of education in Balochistan. The government does second-highest allocation for education after PSDP We are not comparing Balochistan with any developed or foreign country rather our own provinces of the country. The government allocates the second-highest amount for the education sector in every budget after the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP). It is not a matter of resources or manpower rather it is an issue of political commitment for improving the quality of education. Apart from MDCAT tests, students of Balochistan fail to score passing marks in ECAT, LAT, NUST, and other entrance exams for BS programs. To be very precise, the government in general and the education department, in particular, should launch a probe into the irregularities and marks corruption in the BBISE. In 1997, the then Punjab government under former CM Shehbaz Sharif brought effective reforms to the board. Since then, the Punjab board has demonstrated better as compared to other boards of the country Chief Minister Balochistan, Jam Kamal Khan should personally supervise and review the per-formance of BBISE and address the grievances of a large number of students.

# Is the OIC still relevant?

As Pakistan celebrates its contribution to the UN resolution against Islamophobia, it has hosted the 48th OIC Conference of Foreign Ministers (CFM), coinciding with the 82nd anniversary of the Pakistan Resolution. Pakistan Resolution. At this moment, one is tempted to ask what has Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) really achieved in its 50+ years against its Charter obligations? How relevant and effective is the OIC? Where is the

OIC heading? After the UN, the OIC is the largest intergovern-mental organization glob-ally. With a membership of 57 states, ranging from of 57 states, ranging from highly developed to less developed countries, it is financed by and suppos-edly represents the inter-ests of 1.8 billion Muslims globally and significant numbers of diverse religious and ethnic minorities. With this population and market size, the OIC is potentially a significant economic and political global actor. The OIC was formed on September 25, 1969 in

response to an arson attack on Al Masjid Al-Aqsa in occupied Jerusalem For Muslims, was an attack on the holiest space, a shock, a rude awakening that exposed our vulnerabili-ties. The OIC's charter thus specifically commits: "To support and empower the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determina-tion and establish their sovereign state with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital, while safeguarding its historic and Islamic character as well as the holy places therein ..."
(Obj 8).
But over the OIC's 50+

years, has there been any meaningful improvement in the security and well-being of the Ummah as promised by the Charter? Masjid Al Aqsa's secu-tiv remains a grave con-

rity remains a grave con-cern. In 2016, Unesco was moved to express its deep concern and regrets at Israel's "illegal archeological excavations and works" and demolitions reaffirmed "the necessity to respect and safeguard the integrity authenticity and cultural heritage of Al Aqsa/Haram Al-Sharif ... (40 Com 7A 137)

desecration attacks on Al Aqsa con-tinue with increasing ferocity and frequency. What has the OIC achieved that is meaning-ful to protect Masjid Al

Aqsa? More broadly, the OIC's achievements can be tested against key challenges confronting the Muslim community. Palestine (1947) and Kashmir (1948) remain amongst the oldest dis-putes pending with the UN and OIC. In both instances, they are at their lowest point since 1969 subject to horrific existential terror aimed at eradicating their pres-

whilst human rights organizations Genocide Watch have all charged Israel and India with crimes against humanity - apartheid, persecution and genocide, calling for international intervention. Gaza and Kashmir are mass concentration camps, whole communities are systemterrorized, excluded from international protections and safeguards. And there are other cases. Those facing such atrocities daily are justified in asking: where is the OIC? What is the OIC, which claims to rep resent them and uphold Islamic solidarity, doing?

Given that the OIC Charter categorically reaffirms support for the Charter rights of peoples as stipu-lated in the UN Charter and international law (Obj 7), why is the OIC tolerating these brazen exceptions to internation-al law? Learning from the West's rapid response to aid Ukraine, the OIC needs to explain why it has not sanctioned Israel and India to prevent crimes against humanity, which are surely univer-

In these grave circum-stances, the OIC needs to

reflect on why and how the OIC could not condemn 'normalisation' initiatives? The fact is that 'normalisation' denies the gravity of the lived realiies of people suffering horrendous injustices, it endorses violence against people denied international protections and it exacerbates their vulnerabilities - ask Palestinians and the Kashmins How can the OIC reconcile such conduct with its principled positions' and

Put ever so politely, it seems that the OIC and its member states are happy running with the hare and hunting with the hounds.

references to noble Islamic values (Article 2) and solidarity (3:103) that they have all committed

These issues and questions point to some very serious issues at the OIC. over five decades, the OIC has failed to transform its population, economic and market clout into political weight and influence. Its hollowed responses have left the global Muslim community more vulnerable than in 1969 when the OIC was formed, betraying a chronic leadership crisis and the need for reform.

The OIC must critically reflect on its performance against its Charter obliga-tions and the many crises confronting the Muslim community – Masjid Al Aqsa, Palestine, Kashmir

etc. Can it truly claim to be representative of the global Muslim community and its concerns? How can it overcome its failure to provide any meaningful voice or support to Muslims fighting for their existence, which demands more than the formation of standing committees, communiques, resolu-tions and declarations that have all proven to be no more than hollow and inconsequential respons-es? Why is the OIC fail-ing to realise its poten-tial? The OIC needs to criti-

cally reflect on these issues, its role and rele-vance, the state of the Muslim community, how representative it is of the Ummah's concerns and effective at addressing their needs, and reinvent itself accordingly, so that it is representative, relevant and effective. OIC must muster the integrity and courage to address these questions to implement suitable reforms, which could

include the following: First, establish a principle of collective responsi-bility. Without such a principle there can be no unified positions or soli-darity, and the OIC will remain ineffective and inconsequential, unable to fulfil its Charter mandate that the OIC citizens are financing through taxes on their meagre

# The non-white's

new-caught. sullen peoples, half devil and half child, take up the white man's burden' These lines are from a

Rudyard Kipling poem titled 'The White Man's Burden'. A hymn to imperialism, it branded non-whites as beings of "sloth and heathen

folly

The poem urged the US to take over the white man's burden, a crass euphemism for imperialism, from a waning British Empire. Kipling was glorified as a citizen of the world and Bard of the Empire. When he was in fact an unabashed racist and supremacist. The 'White Men's Burden' became the anthem of Washington's

genocidal imperialism. After a two-year murderous rampage in the Philippines by the US, Mark Twain remarked in 1901: "The White Man's Burden has been sung. who will sing the brown Labouchere took up the task with 'The Brown Man's Burden'. He \*To gratify your greed, pile on the brown man's burden. through the world proclaim that ye are freedom's agent and, should your own past history, straight in your teeth be thrown, retort that inde-

Lulu Baxter presented 'The Black Man's Burden', saying: "Take off the black man's bur-den, this boon we humbly crave, to those

whites alone"

pendence is good for

who crush us down, will come the words of God to Cain". H T Johnson foretold the fate of the brown man: "you've sealed the red man's (Native Americans) problem, and will take up the brown". Joseph Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness' described these horrors; Francis Ford Coppola immortalized it in his magnum Now Now 'Apocalypse

Imperialism racism have remained conjoined. It has been described as a relation-ship between the colonizing Occident and the subjugated Orient. The Occident with claims to moral, intellectual and cultural superiority has always regarded the Orient as what Frantz Fanon referred to as "the wretched of the earth" The consistent theme has been that 'benevolent' conquerors are ordained to vanquish and civilize the savages. Kipling's assertion of "East is east and west is west, and never the twain shall meet" linked the survival of Orientals to being subsumed into the Occident which was the White

This ingrained racism manifested itself in the West's mainstream media Ukrainians started fleeing the devastation of The Telegraph's Daniel Hannan wrote: "They seem so like us that makes it so shocking. Ukraine is a European country". NBS correspondent

Cobiella lamented "they are not from Syria; they are Christians, white and very similar to us". In his comments on BBC News, Ukraine's Deputy Chief Prosecutor David Sakvarelidze, laid out the human life: "It's very for me emotional because I see European people with blue eyes and blonde hair being killed"

Peter Dobbie, a BBC

news presenter, described the Ukrainian refugees as "not trying to get away from the Middle East or North Africa. They look like any other prosperous European family". CBS's Kyiv correspondent, Charlie D'Agata sermonized that "this isn't a place like Iraq or Afghanistan that has seen conflict raging for decades. This is a civi-lized European city". The sheer gall and shameless hypocrisy is a stark manifestation of the imperialist mindset. This racism allowed

white refugees to enter Poland neighboring Ironically, many Africans (thousands of Poles took refuge in Africa during WWII) and Asians, most of them students, were turned back at the Medyka border crossing into Poland. Amit Lath. vice-president of the Indo-Polish Chamber of Commerce, claimed that women (of colour) were held and beaten up at the Ukrainian border posts. The lucky few who made it across were abused and

assaulted by roving Polish nationalist gangs. French poet and politi-

cian Aime Cesaire's writes in his 'Discourse on Colonialism': "Hitler applied to Europe, colo-nialist procedures which until then had been reserved exclusively for the Arabs of Algeria, the coolies of India and the blacks of Africa". Germany was a European country. It was led by Hitler, who claimed to be the stan-dard barrer of the bland

dard bearer of the blond haired, blue eyed, white coloured master race This was the Occident colonizing and terrorizing those of its own. The Amer The American Holocaust, the most bru-

in human history,

acted as a template for the Jew Holocaust and African Apartheid. In Adolph Hitler', bestselling biography of Hitler, John Toland writes "Hitler's concept of concentration camps and the practicality genocide owed much, so he claimed, to his studies of English and US history. He admired the camps for Boer prisoners in South Africa and for the Indians in the Wild West: and often praised to his inner circle the efficiency of America's extermi-nation, by starvation and uneven combat, of the

Joseph Biden recently seized 3.5 billion dollars devastated of a devastated Afghanistan as compen-sation for families of the

red savages who could

not be tamed by captivi-

By Mir Adnan Aziz victims. This remorseless arrogance is a testament to the convoluted belief that the of the innocent 9/11 white victims is far more valuable than that of the equally innocent non-white millions that were killed or maimed ruthlessly by the West's military juggernaut. The sanctity of the citadels of Manhattan remains far superior to the razed abodes of Ghazni, Gaza, Fallujah and Damascus.

It is also a heartless contention that the agony of the loved ones that the 9/11 victims left behind is more heart-rending than that of the millions that Washington's atrocities leave in its terrible wake - many perishing for want of a meal or medicine. This abhorrent and immoral set of valbased on melanin in one's body. debases humanity itself Never has history chronicled hypocrisy and savagery of such inhuman intent and consistently

horrendous proportions. Nobody could ever better than American writer and statesman Frederick Douglass Keith whose timeless speech of July 5, 1852 reads: "Go where you may search where you will, roam through all the monarchies and despotisms of the Old World, search out every abuse and when you have found the last, lay your facts by the side of the everyday practices of this nation, and you will

Zamir Akram

While the Ghani

say with me.

transition.

# The real news

very day, most of us watch a pletho-ra of TV shows and read multiple news stories or posts over social media, discussing the current political situation and how it is unfolding. The chaos we are experiencing and the uncertainty that comes with it is something like reading a suspense novel and waiting for it to reach the end. We still do not know what will transpire, and if Imran Khan will really be removed as prime minister, or if the dissident PTI members who are being spoken about more and more openly will determine his

fate.

But amidst all the political hype, which is the focus of the news on every medium for rea-sons that we understand well, there is the real news - which goes mainly unreported and virtual-ly unheard of. On ly unheard of On Wednesday a man was killed inside a marriage hall by a mob, allegedly pockets picking People continued to eat as the body lay there. A few days ago, we heard the story of a young man who killed himself because his business had been burnt to the ground in Lahore, as the result of a fire at a plaza in the city. We could only won-der what he went through and what safety net exists

for people like him. We have heard of the suicide of at least three female students in Sindh, apparently because they were being harassed and threatened in various

ways. It seems there has been some attempt\_to carry out a cover-up. But the details are unclear and this simply means that those at the helm care nothing about the lives of these young women who should by now have been serving their communities as medical professionals. There is also other news that comes sporadically of children fighting off starvation at hospitals, notably charitable ones, and of people who in some cases try to save them But in a state that calls itself a 'new Pakistan' why should children be reaching this situation and why should families be so desperate for any kind of aid that can prevent their death.

can prevent their death.

There are also other
multiple stories. From
time to time, we hear of
train wrecks that could
have been avoided. We
hear of road accidents,
which should have been
avoided by the right rules. avoided by the right rules being followed and the right training given to drivers. We hear of police brutality by a force that is badly equipped, undertrained, and receives very little support from authorities who recently backed a group that has killed four policemen rather than act against them for their violence against civilian security personnel. We have heard of parents removing children from school simply because they are too impoverished to keep them in the school system any longer. This then is not the new start we would have hoped to give

who took part in the Olympics, only Nadeem and Talib came close to winning a medal. Both finished fifth in their respective disciplines. What about the others? Pakistan's shooters champion. Ghulam

We also need to look at the rate of violence taking place among younger groups in society, notably those aged between 17 and 30. In many cases it is this age group that is responsible for such bru-tal violence as the lynching of Priyantha Kumara. There are too many such stories that keep coming forward as do cases of 'honour' killings of young women and even small girls.

Something has gone very wrong with our society and it goes beyond the political chaos we have created at the higher levels. The

the higher levels. The damage goes far deeper into the soil of a country, which into the 1970s was considered relatively peaceful and relatively civilised. Yet we now have murders over the purchase of petty items in households or over the theft of the same items on the streets. This is a problem that needs to be discussed as frequently as the political protests we see everywhere. Yes, the vote of confidence is definitely important. We can understand why it captures the popular imagination and why so many people are talking about it. But we need to look beyond politics and into the dead and dark lives people live in homes across the country. Nothing has hap-pened that would change their lives or make them even a slight bit better. For these people, some-thing needs to be done and it needs to be done quickly.

# The gathering storm

War clouds have once again gathered Afghanistan. Even 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 startbetween Taliban and Afghan government. The impact of such a conflict will not remain confined to Afghanistan but will

engulf the entire region. The Taliban have already made extensive territorial gains. They claim to now control 85 per cent of Afghanistan, especially the rural areas and the crucial highways. thereby encircling the major cities with fighting currently raging for the control of Herat, Kandahar and Lashkar Gah. The Taliban are also trying to rebrand themselves, projecting a more tol-erant and responsible image in order to increase their domes-tic and international

acceptability. Rejecting claims, the Afghan government asserted that its forces are regrouping to halt the Taliban advance and will retake lost territory. The government has also enlisted local Tajik, Hazara

and Uzbek militia to boost the capabilities of its troops while relying heavily on military support by Washington and New Delhi. In these circumstances, a pro-tracted civil war is now the most likely outcome. Minister

in stating that the Americans made a mess in Afghanistan. Now they are leaving a mess behind. Instead of ensuring a peaceful transition, the Biden administration rushed for the exits, a b a n d o n i n g Afghanistan to its fate. American "over the horizon" military operations in support of the Ghani government, such as recent air strikes against the Taliban, have encouraged Kabul to reject any compromise solution. The recent meetings in New Delhi between US Secretary of State Blinken and the Indian leadership indicate that India will also militarily assist the Afghan govern-Indian ment. The objective was clearly spelt out recently by former Indian Foreign Secretary Sham Seran

that an Afghan civil war would be prefer-able to a Taliban government. A more sinister aspect of such Indo-

US cooperation, underscored by the meeting between Secretary Blinken and National Indian Security Advisor Ajit Doval, is that Indian and Afghan intelligence agencies would feel encouraged to intensify support for terrorist groups like the TTP and Baloch Imran Khan is correct separatists against Pakistan. The Uzbeks Chechens, Uighurs of the ETIM

> and Iran. In these circum-stances, Afghanistan will not only face further devastation but will also be denied the benefits of its poten-tial role as a hub for regional connectivity. Projects like TAPI and CASA-1000 will remain unimplement-

and ISIS will also gain greater freedom of

action to increasingly

target China, Russia

ed. China's extension its BRI into Afghanistan as well as its investments in the country would have to be put on hold. For Pakistan, the costs would be even higher continued instability and security threats on its western and eastern borders, influx of Afghan refugees, and denial of access to the region.Since Afghan instability will have regional implications, the geo-political interests of

Russia and Iran converge on the need for a peaceful transition in Afghanistan and avoidance of a renewed civil war. As such, all four countries have individually and collectively reached out to the Afghan parties. The Taliban have, in their engagement countries, stressed their willingness to accept a political solution, sought international recognition and promised to ensure that the Afghan territory is not used against any other country. In a signifidevelopment, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi told the visiting Taliban leader, Mullah Bradar that the "Taliban... is a pivotal military and political force in the country and will play an important role in the process of peace. re-conciliation and reconstruction there. Similar endorsement for the Taliban has also been expressed by the Russians and Iranians. Efforts by this 'Quartet', therefore, hold the most promising option to peace Afghanistan. Intensified collective initiatives by them can still prevent a full scale civil war and

lead to a peaceful

government will prove to be a hurdle, it can still be given a safe and honourable exit under conditions that could be guaran-teed by the 'Quartet'. More troublesome would be the spoiler's role by India which views its strategic interests against Pakistan and China being better served by continuing warfare in Afghanistan, But the Indians or the Americans will not deploy their forces in Afghanistan to protect Ghani, having learnt the lessons of history. Consequently, government Kabul cannot survive for long and would be eventually forced to find a political solution Pakistan's sup-port for an Afghan-led Afghan-owned peace process is laudable. But given the high stakes involved and the obvious Indian interference in Afghanistan, there is need for a proactive Pakistan policy in collaboration with China, Russia and Iran to protect shared nationinterests. Such a collective approach needs to be based on the ground realities, in particular that the Taliban must play a

key role in a future Afghan government.

last time the 1992 at the Barcelona Games where our hockey team clinched bronze This is something to feel ashamed about. What has happened to the country

Granted that despite the poor performances in Tokyo, there were some moments to cheer Fo example, Nadeem made history as the first-ever Pakistani athlete to qualify for the final of any track and field event in the Olympics. Khanewal-born Nadeem made it to the final of the men's javelin throw with a throw of 85 16m, well beyond the qualification mark of 83.50m. He eventually finished fifth in the competition but won much praise for his

Similarly weightlifter Talha Talib missed out on a medal for Pakistan but turned plenty of heads as Pakistan finally took notice of him. The 21-year-old lifter from Gujranwala, making his Olympics debut, took part in the 67kg category and held the gold medal spot until the final round before eventually being bumped down and denied a podium finish

# Mess at the Tokyo Olympics But the fact is that among the 10 athletes who took part in the

no medals in Tokyo. The country won a medal was in that produced so many Olympic greats? Have we resigned ourselves to the consistently poor performances that our ath-letes deliver?

champion Ghulam Mustafa Bashir qualified for the medal round at the end of stage one of the 25m rapid fire pistol shooting competition but was eliminated after failing in two stages of qualifiers. Another Pakistani shooter, Khalil Akhtar, could not give a signifi-cant performance in Stage I and was elimi-Stage I and was elimi-nated from the medal round. The country's top shut-tler Mahoor Shahzad, who was the country's first badminton player to feature in the Olympic

Games, was beaten in straight straight sets by a Japanese player in just 23 minutes Sprinter Najma Parveen finished last in the women's 200m heat. What was more disapwhat was more disap-pointing was not her position, but her timing which was recorded 28.12 seconds. Where do we go from here? There are calls now to remove the head of the Pakistan Olympics Association, Lt Gen (retd) Arif Hasan. Shahbaz Gill, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, at a news con-ference "asked" Hasan to resign from the post he has held since 2004. Gill alleged that the POA had

the last 17 years. After becoming POA chief, Gill said, Hasan changed its constitution, remov-ing the prime minister as its patron and hence there was never any accounta-bility during his term. He also added hand-picked members as independent voters so he can cling on

to his post. The POA for its part claims that Hasan was elected through a fair process in 2019, with representatives from the IOC and the Olympic Council of Asia also in attendance. It also reiterated that interference in its matters will lead to intervention by the IOC

Is it not ironic that in a country where a top sportsperson is the prime minister, the state of sports is in such a sham-ble? When he was captain of the cricket team, Imran Khan insisted on merit as the sole criteria Who can forget the number of fights he got into over his insistence of merit? Today he looks the other way.

The culture of patronage, of corruption and of looking the other way needs to end. All major sports bodies need to be revamped Officials cannot continue to oblige each other. For example, POA cannot please their chosen ones by sending them to the Olympics as coaches. Pakistan Badminton Federation secretary was in Tokyo as the coach of Mahoor

# Raza Rabbani seeks to become party in article 63(A) reference

ISLAMABAD: Former Senate chairman and PPP leader Raza Rabbani on Thursday approached the Supreme Court to Supreme Court to become a party in the presidential reference seeking the interpretation and scope of Article

63(A).

He moved an applica-tion in the apex court stat-ing that he headed a parliamentary committee on constitutional reforms that were introduced into the Constitution through the 18th Constitutional

Amendment, Raza Rabbani said he has the first-hand knowl-

Islamabad power

shows: PTI, JUI-F

issued NOCs on

strict conditions

istration has issued NOCs to ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and

the opposition party, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F) for holding

power shows on different venues in

the federal capital on March 25 and

The ruling party has been granted permission to hold its power show in Islamabad's Parade Ground, whereas, JUI-F was permitted to

organise its public gathering at the

cal parties organising power shows

in Islamabad shall not disturb or

disrupt the fundamental rights of citizens and adjoining areas. Islamabad power show, PTI, JUI-

F, conditions, public gatherings Map of PTI public gathering

The participants of the public gatherings will not be allowed to block any road including the arteri-

al roads Srinagar Highway, Islamabad Highway/Expressway

and Murree Road. No object of lethal or non-lethal

force including batons of any size would be wielded by any partici-

pant of the rally.

It read, "The permission is for public rally and permission for of

sit-in is not granted. Organizers are

bound to ensure that the partici-

pants do not spend the night or sub-

sequent nights there and are dis-persed peacefully."INP

H-9 plot on strict conditions. According to the conditions set by the local administration, politi-

ISLAMABAD: The local admin-

edge of the background discussions that led the then constitution makers to incorporate Article 63 (A) in the Constitution.

A large bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial, will hear resume hearing of the reference today Earlier today, the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) submitted in the apex court its reply to the presiden-tial reference stating an individual MNA can par-ticipate in the proceeding of a vote of no-confi-dence against a prime minister under Article 95. "An MNA's right to vote is an individual right under Article 95 and this right doesn't belong to the political party he or she belongs to," the top lawyers body contended,

adding no member of the lower house of Parliament could be barred from exercising the right to vote Earlier today, the Supreme Cour Bar Association (SCBA) submitted in the apex court its reply to the presidential reference stating an individual MNA can participate in the pro-ceeding of a vote of no-confidence against INP

# MQM-P yet to decide on quitting PTI govt, says

KARACHI Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) MNA Kishwar Zehra on Thursday said that the party has not yet decided to leave the coalition government led by PTI in the

While speaking to media, she said that the MQM-P is in process of experiment-ing its third coalition government and the previous governments have not fulfilled their promises.

"We are meeting political parties to see what they have for the people of urban Sindh and have put forward our demands," Kishwar Zehra said.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) head Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Tuesday arrived at MQM-P Bahadurabad office to discuss recent political developments in the country.

Sources privy to the development told that the meeting discussed no-trust motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan and political situation of the coun-

Talking to media after the meeting, the JUI-F said that MQM-P leadership will make its final decision regarding no-trust move within two to three days. PDM chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman also demanded Prime Minister Imran Khan to step down as his party had lost majority in the National Assembly

It was learnt that Muttahida Qaumi Movement Pakistan (MQM-P) leaders held another round of talks with the opposition leaders at Parliament Lodges over the no-trust motion and other issues a day before.

The session held last night, was attended by MQM-P leaders Amir Khan, Waseem Akhtar and Ameen ul Haq. INP



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi greeting soldiers and officers of armed forces who participated in the Pakistan Day parade, at Shakarparian Parade

# 54 personnel complete 2-week 'Security Awareness and Weapon Safety Training' from SSU

KARACHI: As many as 54 personnel including 40 male sepoy and 14 lady sepoy successfully completed their two weeks Security Awareness and Weapon Safety Training from Special Security Unit (SSU) Headquarters.

A team of professional instructors of SSU trained the personnel. The training module included mock exercises against terrorists, building search, weapon handling, shooting, self-defense, martial arts, parade, techniques of raid and close quarter combat.

On completion of security training, a simple but graceful ceremony was held at the con-ference hall of SSU Headquarters where

Shafique Siddiqui was the chief guest. While, SP SSU Erum Awan, Commissioner Inland Awan, Commissioner Inland Revenue Girdhari Mal, Commissioner Inland Revenue Abdul Qadir Shaikh, Deputy Commissioner Inland Adeel Qudoosi and Inspector Inland Revenue Syed Wajid Ali Shah were in attendance.

Speaking on the occasion, Commandant SSU Zeeshan Shafique Siddiqui congratulated the passed-out personnel and said that the tactical training provided to the personnel of Federal Board of Revenue will play an effective role in their field operations.

Commissioner Inland Revenue Mr. Girdhari Mal of Federal Board of Revenue extended his gratitude to the

SSU's administration for provid-ing training to the personnel of Federal Board of Revenue.

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deaths reported in the country in the last 24 hours. This is the first time in 2 years that this has hap-pened," he tweeted.INP Triple murder accused killed in 'encounter' in Lahore

COVID: Zero

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ISLAMABAD: No death due to Covid was reported in Pakistan on

Thursday for the second straight day, according to the National Command and Operation Centre

(NCOC).
As many as 210 new cases of the viral disease emerged when 30,054 samples were tested in the last 24 hours. The nationwide tally of confirmed cases stands at 1,523,072 while the death toll is 30,333.

The country's positivity rate was recorded at 0.69 per cent, the NCOC said, adding the number of patients in critical care in various hospitals across the country has fallen to 445.

There were 180 additional recoveries during the same period with the number of people recuperating reaching 1,484,676.

On Wednesday, Planning and Development Minister Asad Umar, who also heads the NCOC.

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zero Covid death for the first time

in the past two years.
"Alhamdulillah no covid related

LAHORE A man in custody was shot dead reportedly in an 'encounter' with the CIA Police in Chuhng area of Lahore on Thursday.

And it was because of firing by his accomplices that the suspect was killed, police elaborated.

Police said it had cordoned off the area and had launched search for the assailants. INP

### Man held for keeping son in chains for two years

NAROWAL: Police on Thursday arrested a man for allegedly detaining his son and keeping him in chains for two years in Narowal. Locals told the police that the accused kept his 20-year-old son Zahid tied to a charpoy in a plot for two years

two years.

"The youth remains tied to the charpoy in extreme hot and cold weathers," the locals said.

Police rescued the youth. They also arrested his father and regis-tered a case against him INP

### Sanctions on Russia affecting the whole world: Shahid Rasheed

ISLAMABAD: Former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt on Thursday said efforts to teach Russia a lesson is hurting the whole world more than the target country.

The sanctions are plunging the world into a new crisis with the Middle East and Africa worst hit regions, he said. Shahid Rasheed Butt said

that multinational companies dealing with Russia for agricul-ture, seeds, agrochemicals, fer-tilizers, and pharmaceuticals from Russia should not be harassed; otherwise, a global problem of public health and food security will arise.

He said that dozens of countries that have nothing to do with the Russia-Ukraine war, includ-

ing Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Syria, Pakistan, Turkey, Qatar, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Ethiopia and Central Asian countries satisfy their wheat and other food require-ments from Russia and Ukraine.

Huge quantities of com-modities are imported from these countries to ensure their food security which is under threat due to sanctions that amount to punishing millions of

masses for no crime.

He said that unnecessary sanctions on Russia are expected sanctions on Russia are expected to reduce its agricultural production while the area under cultivation in Ukraine is being reduced due to war that will have a devastating effect.

The price of bread in Lebanon has risen by 90% while the situation in the Middle East

and Africa is alarming. However, our policymakers

are not taking emergency measures to import wheat despite a shortfall that will result in a nationwide crisis. He recalled that food shortages led to riots in 40 countries and many governments fell and that history should not be repeat-

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QUETTA: National party central president Dr Abdul Malik Baloch speaks during a ceremony at QPc.

### Dollar may no longer remain the safest currency: PEW

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Economy Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Thursday said the US dollar may not remain the world's safest currency as the world is becoming increasingly polarized in the wake of the war between Russia and Ukraine.

The war between Russia and Ukraine has changed everything and the global dominance of the dollar since 1944 is under serious threat, it

The countries fed up by the dominance of the dollar are inclining towards Yuna which can make China a financial superpower, said Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President PEW in a

statement He said that almost all the oil is traded in the dollar but now some important countries are planning to sell oil in other currencies which will give an unprecedented boost to Chinese currency

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Dr. Ubaid Ullah Fayaz Umer

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Electric department

Dr. Murtaza Mughal said that at present 90 percent of the currency trade is conducted in dollars. The euro tried to replace the dollar, but failed and faced a col-lapse, and now the Chinese yuan is trying to replace it.

He said that currently, only 14 countries are using the Yuan as a reserve currency. While Russia is also using the Chinese currency extensively to reduce its dependence on the dol-lar. The Chinese plan to launch a digital curren-cy that will break the back of the dollar.

Dr. Mughal said that compared to most of the countries in the world, Pakistan has high inflation and a low growth rate. The crisis in the energy and agriculture sectors is intensifying.

The country's treasury can no longer bear the brunt of failed economic policies and loss of resources. The influ-ential class is constantly

Pakistani students' designed chip

wins international popularity

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Solid State Circuit

Society (SSCS) is an

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taking money out of the pockets of the poor under various pretexts. Due to political ten-sions, business expens-

es are constantly rising the entire burden of which is to be borne by the people.Dr. Murtaza Mughal said that at present 90 percent of the currency trade is conducted in dollars. The euro tried to replace the dollar, but failed and faced a collapse, and now the Chinese yuan is trying to replace it.

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of exciting challenges.

In this regard, Pakistan has also established an institu-tion: National

(NIC) which is a

bridge between entre-

preneur, innovators and investors to further

develop the vision of digital Pakistan.

across Pakistan to apply in incubation

window twice a year.

This center may pro-mote the Team UET,

which designed the

NIC invites founders

Centre

Incubation

## CM Buzdar, Sheikh Rashid discuss no-trust motion

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Interior Sheikh Rashid Ahmed on Thursday met Chief Minister of Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar.

According to details, the chief minister and the inte-or minister discussed law and order situation opposition's no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan

On the occasion, Usman Buzdar said that he stands firm with PM Imran Khan. Sheikh Rashid said that opposition parties will get a surprise on the day of voting on no-confidence motion.

Earlier in the day, Usman Buzdar said that he does not believe in politics of accusations nor he has ever done such kind of politics. In a statement, the Chief Minister said that he thinks it is wastage of time to even reply to these baseless accusations of the political opponents. The adversaries can keep on leveling accusations but we will keep on serving the nation, he added According to details, the chief minister and the interior minister discussed law and order situation opposition's no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan.On the occasion, Usman Buzdar said that he stands firm with PM Imran Khan. Sheikh Rashid said that opposition parties will get a surprise on the day of voting on no-confidence motion. Earlier in the day, Usman Buzdar said that he does not believe in politics of accusations nor he has ever done such kind of politics In a statement, the Chief Minister said that he thinks it is wastage of time to even reply to these baseless accusations of the political opponents. INP

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ISLAMABAD: Chief of the General Staff Turkish Armed Forces General Yasar Guler called on Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi at Naval Headquarters.

### No injustice to be tolerated against any tax payers, FTO

LAHORE: Federal Tax Ombudsman Dr Asif Mahmood Jah Mahmood Thursday categorically announced that "no injustice will be tolerat-ed at any cost against any tax payer " across

the country.

Talking to delegation of traders led by former senior Vice President Lahore cham-Meher Kashif Younis here at his regional office he

said he always attached great importance to business community especially all tax payers and fully committed by law to address the genuine grievances being con-fronted by them due any

mal-administration by functionaries Federal Board Revenue or inland revenue services or cus-He said all Advisors/consultants of regional offices of FTO

spread all over the have been country directed to speed the lawful disposal of pending complaints on top priority and be decided on merit within stipulated period INP

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1	General Surgeon	01	600,000	FCPS/MS registered with PMC.
2	General Physician	01	600,000	FCPS/MD (Medicine) equivalent registered with PMC,
3	Gynaecologist	01	600,000	FCPS (equivalent) registered with PMC.
4	Paedistrician	01	600,000	FCPS (equivalent) registered with PMC.
5	Radiologist	01	600,000	FCPS (equivalent) registered with PMC.
5	Anaesthetist	-01	600,000	FCPS (equivalent) or MCPS Diploma (equivalent) registered with PMC.
7	Pathologist	01	600,000	FCPS (equivalent) registered with PMC.
8	Orthopsedic Surgeon	01	600,000	FCPS (equivalent) registered with PMC.
9	Ophthalmologist	- 01	600,000	FCPS (equivalent) registered with PMC.
10	Cardiologist	10	600,000	FCPS (equivalent) registered with PMC.
11	ENT Surgeon	01	600,000	FCPS (equivalent) registered with PMC.
12	Dental Specialist	01	600,000	FCPS/ Masters (equivalent) registered with PMC. At least 7 years working experience.
13	Junior Consultents	06	400,000	MCPS/Diploma (equivalent) registered with PMC. 3 years working experience
14	Medical Officers	06	250,000	MBBS duly registered with PMC
15	Lady Medical Officers	- 06	300,000	MBBS duly registered with PMC.
16	Dental Surgeon	02	250,000	BDS duly registered with PMC.

Registration, three passport-size coloured photographs may be sent through courier service (clearly mentioning name of post on right top of the envelope on or before 15th April 2022 at following address: incomplete and irrelevant applications will not be accepted it) Address: The Chief Planning Officer, Planning Cell, Health Department, Block-9, Room No.2 Balochistan, Civil Secretariat, Quetta. Email hr pakoman@gmait.com. Phone No.081-9202287. Cell #. 0333 7823233.ii)In-service candidates may apply through proper channel by due date. Preference will be given Local/Domicile of Balochistan province in/Onlyshortlisted candidates will be called. No TA/DA will be admissible.

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# Early elections are a possibility, says Sheikh Rashid

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid on Thursday said members of the ruling PTI that "switching parties won't do them any good", saying that "turncoats must also keep in mind that early elections can also be called in the country".

He made these remarks during a press conference here during which he talked about the upcoming notrust vote against Prime Minister Imran Khan.

"Those who are changing parties and thinking they will get respect, they are wrong," the minister said. He claimed the country would get "good news" from this point onwards.

He said allies generally took more time in taking decisions. "Those who are [genuine] remain intact with democracy and their party," he added.

Rashid advised political leaders in the opposition camp to stick to their decision as "it is their moral, constitutional and lelamic responsibility"

"Let me tell you with responsibility that nobody is going anywhere," the minister emphasised, saying he met Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar who was firmly standing with Imran Khan.

"He is also not going anywhere," Rashid said regarding Buzdar.

The removal of the incumbent Punjab chief minister from office is one of the key demands of the group

of estranged PTI lawmakers led by Jahangir Tareen.

A close friend of PM Imran, Aleem Khan, had also announced that he was joining the Tareen group. He had assailed the Imran Khan government in the Centre and the Usman Buzdar-led Punjab government for "completely failing to fulfill its mandate and bring about the promised change".



LAHORE: Federal Minister for Interior Sheikh Rashid Ahmed calling on Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar at CM House Labore.

#### Red Zone sealed in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: The authorities in Islamabad Thursday completely sealed all the ways leading to the Red Zone during hearing of the presiden-tial reference in the Supreme Court.

It was reported that all the roads, leading to the Red Zone, including Serena Chowk, Nadra Chowk, D-Chowk and Marriott Chowk were

Only Margalla Road was open for the people going to the Supreme Court and the Pakistan Secretariat. People faced a great deal of inconvenience

due to closure of the roads.

A large number of policemen were deployed at the entry points of the Red Zone. Large police contingents were also deployed inside and outside the Supreme Court.

The police also deployed a water cannon outside the Supreme Court.

It is to be noted here that the government had filed a presidential reference.

ernment had filed a presidential refer-ence in the Supreme Court, seeking interpretation of Article 63(A) ahead of crucial voting for the no-confidence motion against the Prime Minister of Pakistan.INP

#### FIA nabs two men for harassing us girl who committed suicide

FAISALABAD: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has arrest-ed two people from Faisalabad after they shared obscene content related to a US girl on social media which led to her committing suicide.

According to the FIA, the two sus-pects used to share obscene content with the class fellows of the US girl and blackmailed her. "This resulted in the girl committing suicide in the

United States," the agency said. It further said that the US embassy has given a formal request to the agency to proceed against the sus-

The agency is responsible for taking action against online harassment and blackmailing through sharing of obscene videos and recently its cybercrime wing arrested a man for circulating unethical private pictures of a

According to FIA, the perpetrator Sohail Khan is a resident of Rawalpindi. FIA cyber crime branch has registered an FIR against the detained Sohail Khan.

In a video statement released by the FIA, the detained Sohail can be seen admitting to sharing unethical photos of a girl over social media platforms.INP

#### Drugs recovered from two passengers at Islamabad Airport

ISLAMABAD: The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Thursday recovered 1.970 kg heroin from a Birminghambound passenger who wanted to take the drug to the United Kingdom from

New Islamabad International Airport. The drug was secretly hidden in the hotpots of the accused Sibghatullah's luggage who confirmed his ticket to the UK on EY-232 flight.

In another raid, the ANF recovered huge amounts of drug tablets that were secretly hidden in the sweets packets another passenger heading for Middle East

The accused wanted to take the drugs to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, INP

#### Bilal Yasin case: Prime suspect Mian Vicky gets pre-arrest bail

AHORE: Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) in Lahore on Monday granted pre-arrest bail to prime suspect Mian Haseeb alias Mian Vicky in a case pertaining to a gun attack on PML-N MPA Bilal Yasin The court granted post-arrest bail to Mian Vicky till March 31 and directed him to submit Rs100,000 surety bonds for the pur-pose Mian Vicky, who is currently in

pose Mian Vicky, who is currently in Dubai, 'mastermind' the attack on Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) MPA Bilawal Yasin.

The Ministry of Interior in February issued red warrants for the arrest of 'mastermind' Mian Vicky in MPA Bilal Yasin firing case. The foreign ministry sent red warrants for the arrest of Mian Vicky to Dubai foreign ministry Bilal Yasin got injured in the armed attack in Lahore's Salamat Mohalla on Mohni Road on Dec 31. Two unidentified men on a motorcycle opened fire at him, as a result of which opened fire at him, as a result of which he sustained bullet wounds and was subsequently taken.INP

# Chinese-scholarship holder Pakistani youngster embraces great changes

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese-scholarship holder Pakistani youngster from a small town embraced great changes in life, says a report published by Gwadar Pro on Thursday The 30-year-old Malik Usama Hamid comes from Sharaknur

Hamid comes from Sharakpur Sharif, a small city close to Lahore proud of his life as he learnt Chinese language and

culture.
"I got that scholarship opportunity with complete foreign studies expenses that was an amazing and life-changing moment which he will never forget," Malik said.

China has become a popular education destination for Pakistani students, according to China's Ministry of Education, the number of Pakistani students has risen in China with a series of preferential policies offered by the Chinese govern-ment after the launch of CPEC, a pilot project of the Belt and Road Initiative. Many students

have been facilitated to obtain scholarships under such a pro-

"As we know, the Chinese language is one of the most difficult languages to master in the world. Reading, writing and typing in Chinese are all what I learned in China.

There are many similarities between Pakistani and Chinese culture. I think a language acts as a bridge between two countries. To better understand each other's feelings, one of the nicest ways to make the connection stronger is to communicate in their language.

Touching on ways to learn Chinese, Malik said that he adopted a mode of learning, that is, to watch Chinese cartoons
"In Chinese cartoons they use
very daily routine words that
were with English and Chinese simplified Pinyin subtitles. So that makes it very easy to understand the Chinese lan-guage."INP

### CIUK holds Chinese speech contest to celebrate Pakistan Day

ISLAMABAD: To celebrate the Pakistan Day, the Confucius Institute at University of Karachi (CIUK) held the seventh "Pakistan Day" Chinese Speech

Contest, Gwadar Pro reported Contestants were divided into junior group and senior group, and a total of 54 Pakistani students from Confucius Institute and teaching sites participated After the preliminary selection, 20 con-testants entered the final.

At the scene, students from CIUK presented the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic volunteer-themed song "Love Is Here". The youthful passionate chorus instantly led to a warm atmosphere in the stadium. Students from CIUK per-formed folk dances from various provinces of Pakistan

Teachers and students jointly sang the song "You Have Stolen My Heart", expressing their praise and blessing for Pak-China friend-ship. Laiba Faisal and Midhat Arif won the crown of junior and senior groups respectively.
According to Mr Zhang According to

Xiaoping, Chinese director of CIUK, the "Pakistan Day" Chinese Speech Contest is a traditional event of CIUK. It has been successfully held for seven sessions since 2016 and has become an important platform for students to express their patriotic enthusiasm, eulogize Pak-China friend-ship, demonstrate their Chinese language proficiency, and promote people-to-people and cultur-al exchanges between China and Pakistan On the occasion, Mr Muhammad Nasiruddin Khan, Pakistani director of CIUK highlighted that with joint efforts of Sichuan Normal University and University of Karachi, CIUK has developed into the larg Confucius Institute in Pakistan largest

It has launched the first 2+2 joint training program for under-graduates majoring in Chinese in Pakistan, and students majoring in Business Chinese will be recruited soon after graduation. He believes that the cooperation between the two universities will get closer and closer INP

# Lahore man confesses ordering hitjob on brother's family

LAHORE: A Lahore man has confessed to ordering a hitjob to kill brother, sister-in-law and

niece over a property dispute. Amanat Ali, his wife Shabana and their two-month-old daugh-ter Azal were murdered on February 27 in Agrics Town in Lahore's Chohang area. Police arrested Amin, his son

Shehzad and hitman Ashiq who

confessed to their crimes.
Amin was imprisoned in 2014 for his father's murder where he met Ashiq who was among the most notorious inmates for their ruthlessness. He got Ashiq out of the prison and offered a con-tract of one million rupees to kill his brother, sister-in-law and their child.

In his confessional statement, Amin said they entered Ali's house where Shehzad held Amanat Ali at gunpoint. Then they took him to the washroom and slit his throat. After this, they tied and killed Shabana and strangled Azal, an infant. Amin did not want his broth-ers Saleem and Amanat Ali to father's murder where he met Ashiq who was among the most notorious inmates for their ruth-

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During his presser, the interior minister claimed that some opposition members would also not go to parliament on the day of the no-trust vote. Terming those members "responsible", he said they understood that it would be "better" if PM Imran completed his tenure and early elections were called.

"The opposition has to rethink the situation in view of the global scenario," he added.

Last week, several lawmakers from the ruling PTI, who had been 'in hiding' at the Sindh House in Islamabad, revealed themselves — proving that opposition claims of having won over members of the ruling acadition was indeed true.

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The revelation came after PM Imran and some cabinet ministers accused the opposition of indulging in horse-trading ahead of the crucial vote on the no confidence resolution, disclosing that Sindh House in

Islamabad had become a centre for buying and purchasing members.

But while government members continued to claim that these dissidents had "sold their souls for money", a number of TV channels that sent their teams into Sindh House to verify the claims were faced with nearly a dozen PTI members, who poured their hearts out and laid bare all their gripes with the rul-

ing party.

The interior minister had appealed to the dissident lawmakers to return the PTI, assuring them that they

would not be questioned. The minister had suggested the disgruntled leaders of the PTI visit their constituencies and consult their voters on what they thought about their decision. The members of the National Assembly belonging to the ruling party would regret their decision if they did not return, he had added INP

### President lauds services of security personnel during calamities

the homeland.

ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi said Thursday nobody can cast an evil eye on Pakistan in the presence of its disciplined and professional armed forces.

Speaking at a ceremony after giving away awards to the organizers of Pakistan Day Parade in Islamabad on Thursday, the President said Pakistan is strong and stable because of the strength of its armed forces.

Arif Alvi said Pakistan has always emerged victorious from difficult situation and foiled the conspiracies of the enemy. The President said our forces are the only ones in the world which successfully tackled the menace of terrorism. He said the sacrifices rendered by them in this war will always be remembered.

"Through its integrity, economic stability, strong defence and national unity, Pakistan will emerge as a country with an impact in the world," President said in his address to the military officers and soldiers, here at the Parade Ground

The president joined the troops at the Bara Khana a traditional joint feast for the officers and soldiers of all ranks, held at the culmination of the arrangements for the Pakistan Day parade.

President lauded the finest arrangements made by the administrators of the parade on March 23, which was also witnessed by foreign delegates including the foreign ministers of the Organization of Islamic Countries.
President Alvi stressed a constant vigilance to

counter nefarious designs of the enemy and called for effectively addressing the emerging challenges, particularly cyber warfare.

Islamabad police introduces 'online complaint

management system': IGP Islamabad

Inspector General Police Muhammad Ehsan Younas has said to facilitate public and resolve their complaints on prior-ity basis an "online complaint management sys tem" has been introduced in the federal capital.

He said the citizens will be able to avail all the services from their homes through the system. He added that all out efforts are being made to provide facilities to the public at their doorsteps.

Inspector General Police further said that Islamabad Police have launched the online com-plaint management sysem to provide seven different services to the public These services include FIR registration, complaints about traffic, complaints against any police official and regarding any investigation

The citizens will be able to get an e-tag number through their mobile phones without visiting police station. The e-tag numbers will be sent to the complainant through WhatsApp and text mes-

The citizens are advised to visit Islamabad Police website or go to a direct (complaints.islamabadpolice gov.pk) to register

their complaints. Muhammad Ehsan said the police are striving to make Islamabad a crime-free city by timely addressing complaints public INP

Akbar S. Babar asks PM Imran to resign over 11 illegal bank accounts

ISLAMABAD: Calling the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) foreign funding case a 'mega corruption' case, Akbar S Babar, the petitioner in the case, on Thursday said that Prime Minister Imran Khan had lost the moral right to remain in office.

Speaking to media persons, he urged the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to hear the case on a daily basis so that truth could be shifted from falsehood.

He said it was unfortunate that the foreign fund-ing case against the PTI was now entered into its seventh year "Had ver-dict in the case been announced earlier, there would have been no polit-ical instability presently being witnessed in the country," he opined. INP

#### Your immortal sacrifices for the country will never be forgotten," he told the troops. He said Pakistan Army was the only military in the world that fought the war against terrorism and

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extremism in a "proper and effective manner". He said Pakistan secured the atomic capability for its defense and it has the potential to meet any

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## PPP to SC: article 63(A) can't be invoked before no-trust vote

Peoples Party (PPP) on Thursday submitted its response to a reference filed in the Supreme Court by President Dr. Arif Alvi seeking the interpretation of Article 63(A).

The PPP stated that the reference doesn't fall within the ambit of Article 186 of the Constitution under which the president can seek the top.

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ISLAMABAD: Spokesperson for the Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) Marriyum Aurangzeb speaks during a media talk outside Supreme Court.

## Presidential reference: PML-N terms it 'pre-mature, unnecessary exercise'

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) on Thursday submitted its reply to a presidential reference filed from President Arif Alvi in the Supreme Court of Pakistan, seeking opinion on article 63 (A) of the Constitution of Pakistan.

The PML-N has termed filing of the reference as an attempt to waste precious time of the apex court in its

response filed by their counsel Makhdoom Ali Khan.

The article 63 (A) and article 95 are clear and every member of the Parliament has the right to vote under the Constitution of Pakistan, it said and added that every vote casted by

the MNA will be counted.
The presidential reference is a pre mature and unnecessary exercise, the PML-N counsel said and added the court has the authority to give interpretation of the Constitution not the

constitutional amendments. Earlier in the day, the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) subthe presidential reference seeking the interpretation and scope of Article

The SBCA stated that an individual MNA can participate in the proceeding of a vote of no-confidence against a prime minister under Article 95.

'An MNA's right to vote is an individual right under Article 95 and this right doesn't belong to the political party he or she belongs to," the top lawyers body contended, adding no member of the lower house of Parliament could be barred from exercising the right to vote.
Article 63 doesn't allow preemp-

Article 63 doesn't allow preemptive action against any MNA on the apprehension that they might defect from a parliamentary party, it said and added that every vote cast under Article 95 is liable to be counted.

The SBCA argued any MNA going against party directives during the proceedings of the vote of no-confidence cannot be disqualified under Article 63 (A).INP

### Hypocrites like PM Imran made fake promises to masses: Shazia Marri

KARACHI: Central Information Secretary of Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPP-P) and mem-ber of the National Assembly Shazia Atta Marri has said that hypocrite person like Prime Minister Imran Khan is trying to hide himself under the cover of religion

the cover of religion.

In a statement issued on Thursday in reaction to the prime ministers speech, she said that Premier Imran Khan had promised to provide houses and jobs to the people but instead of and jobs to the people but instead of it, he had snatched employment and houses from people. She said that the PM also deprived thousands of employees of Steel Mill from their jobs and made them unemployed. While slamming PTI leadership, Shazia Marri said that Imran Khan also made fake promise to provide five million houses and 10 million jobs but thousands of houses of the poor people were demolished in the name of encroachment by him. name of encroachment by him

She said that Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's historic long

march from Karachi to Islamabad had ruled against evil and the biggest dacoit of the history could not mislead the innocent people by making a crying face. The Central Information Secretary of PPP-P said that PM Imran Khan has been driven insane by greed for a chair and hunger of power while people are praying for the ouster of Imran Khan's government and he has no constitutional or moral justification for staying more days in power. She said that the PM also deprived thousands of employees of Steel Mill from their jobs and

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