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Television footage showed PTI workers climbing over the walls of Sindh House with some of them later breaking down the doors to enter the building. They also carried lotas in protest against "turncoats".



Islamabad police later cleared the area and said it had taken custody of the protesters into custody for rioting.

A first information report (FIR) against the protesters was registered at the Secretariat police station on behalf of Qurban Ali Anwar, the station house officer who was posted there.

The FIR, a copy of which is available with Dawn.com, was registered under Sections 427 (mischievous damage to the amount of fifty rupees), 186 (obstructing a public servant in discharge of public functions), 188 (disobedience to an order duly promulgated by a public servant), 147 (punishment for rioting) and 149 (members of an unlawful assembly being guilty of committing an offence in the prosecution of a common object) of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC).

According to the FIR, around 15 to 20 PTI members were trying to enter the Sindh House, which is located in the Red Zone where all political activities and protests are banned under Section 144 of the PPC.

The FIR said police personnel reached the spot and asked the protesters to disperse but they did not listen.

The protesters raised slogans and pelted a gate of the Sindh House in an attempt to enter its premises, the FIR said, adding that 13 of the protesters were subsequently arrested.

PPP Chairperson Bilawal Bhatto-Zardari dubbed the storming an "act of terrorism" and equated it to an attack on Sindh.

In a statement, he said the "attack" on the Sindh House was "planned" and that "Imran Khan has shown his spite for Sindh by directing [PTI workers] to carry out the attack".

"We don't take law into our hands but we know how to deal with unruly elements," he added. Bilawal said the "attack on residences of public representatives and judges" was in violation of chadar and chardiwari laws.

"Imran Khan has been perturbed after seeing his [impending] defeat [in the next vote]," he added.

Meanwhile, PPP Co-Chairperson Asif Ali Zardari also condemned the incident Web Desk.

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ISLAMABAD: Workers of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (Youth Wing) holding Vessels (Lota) hitting the main entrance gate to enter in Sindh House in Federal Capital.

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## PM's motto "will not consent to anything": Hamza Shehbaz

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Hamza Shehbaz Sharif on Friday said that the Prime Minister Imran Khan has only one motto and that is "not consenting to anything".

The leader of opposition in Punjab assembly, while talking to the media persons outside the accountability court said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government allies are blaming the Prime Minister for not listening to them.

He further stated that the elected members have to face the public, what agenda will they show the masses when the PM does not listen to them, Hamza Shehbaz questioned.

The PML-N leader stated that this government has promised to give the nation five million houses, but the price hikes in the construction material have forced the people to think a hundred times before building a house.

The people of Pakistan are fed up of the vague speeches made by Imran Khan and have shown "no-confidence" in the PM.

The Opposition leader further said that this fake Prime Minister abuses people in his speeches INP.

## Coronavirus cases, positivity ratio sharply drop in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: The number of everyday coronavirus infections in Pakistan has dropped sharply as the country reported 183 cases and seven deaths during the last 24 hours, showed the statistics released by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Friday morning.

As per the latest NCOC data, after the addition of seven new deaths, the overall toll has now surged to 30,326 whereas the number of total infections now stood at 1,520,817 after adding the fresh 183 cases.

During the last 24 hours, 28,544 tests were conducted throughout Pakistan whereas the positivity nosedived to 0.64 percent. The number of patients in critical care was 525.

During the last 24 hours, as many as 788 patients have recovered from the virus whereas the total recoveries stood at 1,473,616.

As of Friday, the total count of active cases in the country was recorded at 16,875.

As many as 572,868 coronavirus cases have so far been confirmed in Sindh, 504,219 in Punjab, 218,503 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 134,910 in Islamabad, 35,454 in Balochistan, 43,206 in Azad Kashmir and 11,657 in Gilgit-Baltistan.

Moreover, 13,545 individuals have lost their lives to the pandemic in Punjab so far, 8,991 in Sindh, 6,307 in KP, 1,022 in Islamabad, 7,129 in Azad Kashmir, 378 in Balochistan, and 191 in Gilgit Baltistan INP.

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QUETTA: Hindu people put color on face of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo during holi celebration.

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LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Vice President Maryam Nawaz has decided to resume her political activities and will be addressing a public gathering in Swat on March 22.

According to a PML-N spokesperson, the PML-N vice president will resume her political activities from Swat as she would visit the area on March 22 and a public gathering at Grassy Ground Swat.

The PML-N public gathering will determine a new political way ahead in the province, the PML-N MPA Khair Wali said.

Maryam Nawaz is also likely to leave for Islamabad today where she would attend political activities of the party besides attending general council meeting of the PML-N on Sunday.

The decision from Maryam Nawaz to resume her political activities came in the backdrop of a directive from Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leadership asking countrywide party workers to start preparations for the long march towards Islamabad.

The decision was taken in a meeting chaired by PML-N president Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad. The meeting was virtually attended by the senior party leaders.

In this context, the provincial, divisional and district office-bearers have been issued guidelines stating to ensure participation of the workers.

Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) head and Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam Fazi (JUIF) chief Maulana Fazlur Rahman had asked the convoys of the opposition long march to enter Islamabad on March 25 owing to the upcoming session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFMs) on March 23-25.

Fazlur Rahman, while addressing a press conference after the session of the opposition leaders today, said that the convoys will depart for Islamabad on March 23. INP

## No-trust motion: Govt efforts to woo JKT group fail

LAHORE: The disgruntled faction of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) - Jahangir Tareen (JKT) group - on Friday decided not to meet any member from treasury benches amid no-trust motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Sources privy to the development told that Sindh Governor Imran Ismail on Friday telephoned disgruntled PTI leader Jahangir Tareen, who is currently in London for medical treatment.

The telephonic connection couldn't be established between the governor and Jahangir Tareen, sources said, adding that the JKT group was currently in talks with Opposition and refused to meet any govt representative amid no-trust motion.

On the other hand, the Jahangir Tareen group will discuss current political situation in a session that will be held at 6 pm today.

The Jahangir Tareen group's leader Awn Chaudhary said in a statement that all members will table recommendations regarding the next strategy of the no-trust motion.

During the session, Jahangir Tareen will join the members from London via video link.

The members will exchange views on their meetings with Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader and Opposition Leader in the Punjab Assembly Hamza Shehbaz and Pakistan Muslim League Quaid (PML-Q) top leader Chaudhry Pervez Elahi. INP

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# How illiteracy perpetuates oppression of Pakistani women

## Balochistan needs inclusive development

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Balochistan, the country's resource-rich province is lagging behind all other provinces in terms of key social indicators including education, health, sanitation, clean drinking water etc. Mismanagement, injudicious distribution of development funds coupled with a lack of political commitments are the underlying reasons behind backwardness of the province.

Track record shows, successive governments have always launched politically motivated development schemes to please their influential supporters. Constituency, individual and political schemes always dominated the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) in every year's financial budget. Nexus among the Chief Minister's Secretariat, the Planning Department and Finance Department continue to deprive the constituencies of other lawmakers.

Opposition's constituencies were ignored. Opposition lawmakers' constituencies remained ignored during last three years of former chief minister, Jam Kamal Khan's government. Despite agitation in and outside the assembly, the opposition lawmakers were not able to force government to allocate funds for their constituencies.

This is irony of fate that the mandate of the lawmakers is to frame laws since the assemblies are called legislative assemblies. But legislators are least bothered about the legislation rather they take keen interest in construction of roads, buildings etc. That's why provincial governments prefer to hold local bodies elections rather decentralization of development projects.

Development deficit of Balochistan is likely to be Rs. 100b. Balochistan government announced to have allocated Rs. 172 by for the PSDP during the financial year 2021-22. However, currently the government has more than Rs. 40b as the state's budget. The province's party's Spokesman Sardar Abdul Rehman Khattar. The province has already spent Rs. 40b and it has more than 40b for the remaining year. It means the deficit is close to Rs. 100b.

Chief Minister, Iqbal Hussain Bizenji needs to put his house in order and introduce a strict financial policy to ensure completion of development projects. The government should ensure inclusive development and end the practice of exclusive development so that this backward province could come at par with other parts of the country. Action should match words now.

In many countries more women than men cannot read write as a result women lack opportunities and ignore their rights. The lack of education result from gender discrimination in Pakistan the destructive vicious cycle is evident. Pakistan has population of 225.9 million people where 49 are female. The share is so low because of gender bias many of family prefers sons, not least because they eventually take care of their aged parents whereas daughters requires dowry when joining another family. Girls therefore face the economic burden.

Things are similar all over south Asia but especially south in Pakistan which is world third most gender-unequal country. According to world economic forum in 2020 GENDER GAP DISINDEX is 151 out of 151 countries. Only 1% can read and write in English in Pakistan this pattern is so only two countries fared worse the GGI ranking is based on magnitude of gap between men and women regarding participation in economy, educational attainment, health status and political activities. Lack of women education is consequence of women inferior status and an obstacle to making progress.

According to government participation in formal labor force which has been stagnating for long time due to their lack of reading and writing skills women cannot find lucrative job according to most majority of women who do paid work remained confined like mostly informal sector. The minimum remuneration in rural areas they typically earn is 1000 PKR per month. The household income is 1000 PKR per month they make this way

not enough for their own sustenance and they certainly cannot fend for their families by themselves. Low incomes moreover mean they cant not save money or accumulate any assets. Women's dependence make them vulnerable to abuse and violence. Women dependence violence against women pervades public spaces. According to demographic and health survey (DHS) 2018-2019, 28% of women experienced physical violence at home. The prevalence of domestic violence was higher in rural areas.

The background is an educated women are too dependent on their families to walk away from abusive men, moreover they often only have a traditional understanding of gender roles. Educated women typically

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don't understand the right they are legally entitled to. ERICA FIELD and KATE VYBORN are two scholars who have done research concerning about wedding contracts, they write that 28% of women in Peshawar the capital of pk have not even read their Nikah Nama at the time of marriage. To judge by girls enrollment rates in school, women are unlikely to improve fast in near future. In Pakistan 10% children in Pakistan attend school.

The data for secondary and tertiary education has also been very limited. Government's effort to bring about meaning full change in lives of Pakistani women must prioritize women literacy.

# Demons of darkness

This is a season of desperate voices emanating from all those who seek their political fortunes. Not content with seeking political asylum there, they remain incredibly that it is actually happening to them and they are no longer being rescued by their traditional benefactors.

Every day, a new rumour is malevolently coiled about a deal which has been struck with the powers that be. Be it the Sharifs or Bhutto Zardaris, they seem to be virtually begging for the reprieve they once thought was their prerogative. The Sharif camp is buzzing with news that their leader is coming back after setting up a deal with their nemesis while Zardari is calling out loud that his help has been sought to get right in the country. Apparently, neither is true. In fact, the reverse may be closer to reality.

The stranglehold is tightening around Nawaz Sharif on two counts. The British government has refused to extend his visa for further stay and appeal before the court is likely to be rejected soon, and for good reasons. Whether it was the cause of his illness and consequent escape to London, the presence of the subsequent treatment for imaginary suffering, he has been lying through his teeth. His appeal is thrown out, no further legal means will be available to him to continue living in the UK with his present status. The options for him do not include seeking political asylum there, which his party stalwarts claim he would not, or shift to another country that is willing to receive him which is unlikely, or come back to Pakistan to walk into a prison cell to complete his term.

On the other hand, the Rawalpindi gambit has turned out to be a disgraceful sham. First, he refused to acknowledge the assaulting nature of the original affidavit in court. After going through the contents of a virtual copy of what he calls the genuine affidavit, together with dealing with a number of other twists and turns in the case, the bench has decided to indict him and walk into a prison cell. On the Zardari front, under growing political pressure, the government is being kept artificially low on television screens and newspaper pages. There is a dire desperation to this effort as if its failure will signal the demise of the government. So stories of their rampant corruption are regularly pushed under the carpet. While the media is likely to continue playing a role in the judiciary which can rid the country of these demons which have sickened the nation's spirit. The devilish machinations of these scoundrels have to be brought to their knees by their courts. Rather than letting them escape the dragnet of justice yet again, let us hope that their courts to punish them for their grievous excesses, they do not wish to have many people who have plunged to its nadir simply because of a culture of impunity and sponger. Today, it is a towering structure which seeks to hide its shame and crime is immeasurable.

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## Climate reparations

By Raof Hasan

It would require the best of intentions, promulgation of progressive, pragmatic and effective policies and a string of transparent, accountable and functional institutions to work in tandem with unprecedented resolve and dedication to do the job.

But for brief interludes, the country has mostly been subjected to merciless demoralisation. Completely drained of its spirit and character, it is being treated as a maimed work needs to be done on a variety of fronts which would require immense courage and character. No shortcuts will do. The entire country has to be covered in measured and well thought-out steps targeting the entire reputation of the country that Pakistan is afflicted with. It is a mammoth challenge, but one which has to be undertaken urgently. The Pakistan that we have today is a poor replica of the one that the Quaid had envisioned on August 11, 1947. A liberal, progressive, democratic and tolerant country. Instead, we have turned it into a regressive and bigoted country.

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A brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a livable future."

That's the message assessment made by scientists in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, which earlier this week published its latest report, on the impacts of the climate crisis in 11. The IPCC argues that roughly 3.5 billion people - 45 per cent of the world's population - currently live in areas of 'high vulnerability' to climate change, meaning they will be heavily impacted by floods, droughts or extreme weather in the decades to come.

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now being sacrificed to the selfishness of rich governments that are paying for the crisis they have caused every step of the way. The demand for loss and damage compensation has also been resisted at every previous COP. At COP26, the establishment of a new funding pot was rejected and almost all references were removed in the final agreement, the Glasgow Climate Pact. Campaigners have hailed the promise for further discussions on loss and damage as a small win, and will push hard to make it a key issue at COP27 in Egypt this coming November. Yet

Last November, at COP26 in Glasgow, the Global South had three key demands that have greatly increased climate finance grants, far more funding for climate adaptation, and a new pool of money to compensate for the loss and damage caused by the front-line communities. This week's report highlights that the world has pledged (at COP15) to commit roughly half of \$100bn a year in climate finance. But so far, only 4-8 percent of funding has supported projects that help vulnerable communities live with the impacts of the climate crisis. These communities are

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# Pakistan's role in the global climate crisis

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Pakistan won no medals in the last time the country won a medal was in 1992 at the Commonwealth Games where our hockey team clinched bronze. Pakistan's shooters disappointed. National champion Mustafa Bashir qualified for the medal round at the end of stage one of the 25kg rapid fire pistol shooting competition but was eliminated after failing to score more than 100 points. Afghan shooter, Khalil Akhtar, could not match the top sporter's performance in Stage I and was eliminated from the medal round. The country's top shooter Mahmood Shahzad, who had been the first badminton player to feature in the Olympic games, was beaten in straight sets by a Japanese player in just 23 minutes. Parveen finished last in the women's 200m heat but her performance in her pointing was not her position, but her timing took her to 28.12 seconds. Where do we go from here? There are calls to remove the head of the Pakistan Olympics Association, Lt Gen Shabbaz Gill, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, at a news conference. Hassan resigned from the post he has held since 2004. Gill alleged that the POA had

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ISLAMABAD: Vice President of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Senator Sherry Rehman has said that undoubtedly Prime Minister Imran Khan has lost majority in the National Assembly...

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play due role in the prevailing circumstances. However, his statement does not suit the Speaker, neither he can declare the members of the House illegitimate before voting...



QUETTA: Woman Worker Provincial President Samina Serwar addressing a press conference.

PTI all set to hold biggest public gathering of country's history: Haleem Adil

KARACHI: Leader of the Opposition in Sindh Assembly, Haleem Adil said that PTI is all set to hold the biggest public gathering in the history of Pakistan on March 27, 2022...

solidarity to the great leader and they are eager to attend the PTI's unprecedented public gathering in D Chokh Islamabad...

crossing the floor under article 63-(1)(a) of the constitution. Tabling no confidence motion is right of parliamentary parties but they have no right to bribe and buy members of other parties...

PTI rebel MPs being shifted to unknown place: sources

ISLAMABAD: The ruling party renegade ministers whose names were surfaced on Thursday with the information that they were currently staying in the Sindh House...

alities. Sources said that 17 MNAs promised their allegiance to the PML-N, 8 to the PPP and three to the JUI-F.

Sources added that a list containing the names of the MNAs staying at the Sindh House was sent to PM Imran Khan.

PTI MNA Ramesh Kumar, who is also staying at the Sindh House, announced that he had parted ways with the PTI.

One transgender person shot dead, another injured in Mardan firing

MARDAN: Armed men gunned down one person and critically injured another on Friday, police said. DPO Mardan, Dr. Zaid informed that the culprits sprayed bullets at renowned transgender Chaudhary and his friend in suburbs of Mardan.

As a result of firing, Chaudhary was critically injured. The body and injured were moved to hospital for medico-legal formalities. Aazroz, a member of the organization working for welfare of transgender person in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has strongly condemned the incident.

Police detain two PTI MNAs, several others after protesting workers storm Sindh House

ISLAMABAD: Amid high political temperature in the country after opposition submitted no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan, the charged workers of PTI on Friday barged the Sindh House after breaking main gate.

This comes hours after PTI workers staged a protest outside Sindh House in Red Zone area of the federal capital.

A sit-in was called by PTI workers outside Sindh House. The protest turned violent when demonstrators broke the gate and stormed inside the Sindh House.

PTI MNA from Karachi Faheem Khan, who was also present in the protest outside the Sindh House, said that police sprung into action and arrested two PTI MNAs including Attaulah Niazi and Faheem Khan...

He also hurled threats to the dissent members of the ruling PTI, who had been staying inside the Sindh House.

PTI MNA Attaulah Khan said that the disgruntled PTI members were elected due to Imran Khan and the workers of the ruling party will go after the potential deserters.

that if they have any grievances they should tender resignation and contest election.

Jubilant aerial firing claims life of young woman in Gujranwala

GUJRANWALA: Jubilant aerial firing during a wedding ceremony in Gujranwala on Friday, police said. According to details, during wedding ceremony in Shaheenabad area of Gujranwala relatives and friends of the bride-groom opened heavy aerial firing.

A bullet hit 30-year-old Nageena Bilal leaving her critically injured. She was shifted to local hospital where she was referred to Lahore due to critical condition but succumbed to her wounds on Sunday.

The body was handed over to heirs and the police after registering a case into the incident has started raids to arrest the culprits involved in firing INP.

Concern over rising cases of reprisals against rights defenders in IOJK

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a webinar have expressed their grave concerns over the rising cases of reprisals against Kashmiri-based rights activists who have been directly or indirectly engaged with the UN and other international organizations and human rights activists.

According to Kashmiri Media Service the webinar 'Reprisals against Rights Defenders' was hosted by Kashmir Institute of International Relations (KIIR) in collaboration with World Muslim Conference.

experts, academicians from different parts of the world, including Prof. Alfred DE Zayas, former UN independent expert, Ambassador Dr. Haissam Bou Said, Ambassador Dr. M Shahid, Prof. Dr. Tilmann, Prof. Dr. Immanuel, Sukru, Duke Salman Khan and Dr. Shagufta Ashraf.

Five killed, six injured in Swabi firing incidents, road accidents

SWABI: At least five people were killed and six others injured in separate incidents of firing and road accidents in different localities of Swabi on Friday, police said.

According to officials, accused Usman Hussain gunned down his rival 22-year-old Saddam Hussain s/o Wazir Muhammad in jurisdiction of police station Industrial Estate Gadoon, Swabi.

Three men were killed and three others injured in collision between Peshawar bound passenger coach and trailer near Colonel Sher Khan Interchange on Peshawar motorway.

Sardar Group of Companies, Meezan Bank sign agreement

ISLAMABAD: The signing ceremony of the agreement with Meezan Bank in Islamabad. Several other financial banks also attended the ceremony.

KARACHI: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication, Syed Amin Ul Haque witnessing during the contract signing ceremony between PSEB & Huawei to offer cloud service to the IT industry.

Addressing a press conference in Marrin Islamabad on Friday, he presented opportunities, possibilities and benefit of seeking higher education in Malaysia.

EMGS facilitating int'l students to pursue higher education in Malaysia: CEO Radzlan

ISLAMABAD: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Education Malaysia Services (EMGS) Mr. Mohd Radzlan bin Jalaludin who is in Pakistan has said that the EMGS is responsible for promoting and assisting international students to pursue higher education in Malaysia.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

No: FBRC/GREENAI-FYI-CH/PCSR/ILL/2022/202. 1. The procuring agency invites sealed bids from authorized firms, companies registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax Department for 'Supply of Chemicals' as specified in the Request for Proposal document.

Table with 16 columns: S.No, Title, Start Date, End Date, Status, etc. It lists various government tenders and their details.

Advertisement for Green AI/PSR, featuring contact information for Director (Technology) Dr. PD (Green AI/PSR) and details about the Request for Proposal notice.

# Balochistan govt to issue NOCs for building plans within 30 days

ISLAMABAD: The Balochistan Local Government and Rural Development Department has specified a timeframe for processing no objection certificates (NOCs) for building plans, WealthPK reported.

The provincial department has notified that the NOCs will be issued within 25 working days. Earlier, there was no time frame, which not only created hurdles, but also discouraged investors.

The Board of Investment (BOI), after marathon consultations with the stakeholders and the Naya Pakistan Development Authority, proposed that the Balochistan Local Government and Rural Development Department specify a timeframe for processing NOCs.

A BOI official informed WealthPK that without any timeframes for issuance of NOCs permits required for low-risk buildings, the process was inefficient which increased the cost and delayed the construction process especially, along the China-Pakistan Economic Route (CPEC) route. There was a dire need to specify timeframes for issuance of permits to boost the construction sector in Balochistan.

The official said after detailed deliberations with the department concerned, it was agreed that there should be a specific time limit for issuance of NOCs permits.

Accordingly, the competent authority notified the revised rules. This initiative will also promote real estate investment trust (REIT) in Balochistan, as the local investors are much interested in construction of buildings under the REIT programme.



KARACHI: Advisor to the Prime Minister on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Ayub Afridi visiting the Protector Office of Emigration Karachi.

## Woman pours chemical in eyes of husband after he refuses divorcing her

MULTAN: A woman poured chemical in eyes of her husband after he rejected the demand of wife to divorce her resultantly his eyesight was adversely affected.

According to details, a woman having from man Mullan city wanted divorce from husband but he rejected her proposal.

The woman to revenge, along with her father and brothers poured chemical in eyes of husband resultantly his eyesight. The culprit also tortured the sister of the affected.

The man was shifted to hospital for treatment and police after registering a case against five culprits including wife started raids for their arrest INP.

## Four drug pushers held, 32kg hashish recovered in Okara

OKARA: The police arrested four members of a drugs smuggler gang including two women and recovered huge quantity of narcotics during an operation here on Friday.

According to details, the police on a tip-off conducted raid against culprits involved in narcotics smuggling in jurisdiction of Saddar police station in tehsil Dipalpur of Okara.

During operation, the police arrested four drug pushers including Zaman Ahmad, Fakhar, Shaheela Bibi and Shaheela Shehzad besides recovering 32 kilogram hashish from their possession.

The police confiscated the recovered hashish and after registering a case against the detainees have started investigation INP.

## Husband tortures wife to death over minor domestic issue

SHEKHUPURA: A man tortured his wife to death over minor domestic issue here on Friday and escaped the scene, police said.

According to details, the incident took place in Ferozwalla area Sheikhupura where accused Ali Nawaz and his wife engaged in a row over the woman laundging her son.

The culprit, along with his sister Zahoor, brutally tortured Shaheela Bibi with batons which resulted in her death.

The accused escaped the scene after the incident and body was shifted to hospital for postmortem.

A case was registered against key-accused and co-accused of the incident and started raids for their arrest INP.

## Pakistan rejects India's baseless objection to OIC's invitation to Kashmiri Hurriyat leadership

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has strongly rejected India's baseless objection to the invitation extended by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to the Kashmiri Hurriyat leadership for the 48th session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers to be held in Islamabad on Tuesday.

Foreign Office Spokesperson, Asim Iftikhar, in a statement said the OIC has consistently supported the just struggle of the Kashmiri people for their right to self-determination and has traditionally invited the Kashmiri leadership to attend its meetings. He called upon India not to create hurdles in participation of the true representatives of the Kashmiri people in the OIC meeting.

Asim Iftikhar said instead of questioning OIC's principled stance for the dignity and liberty of the oppressed Kashmiri people, India should reflect inward and end its repression and widespread violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and let the Kashmiri people exercise their right to self-determination in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council.

The Spokesperson said India has no locus stand to claim the disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir as its internal matter INP.

## Ambassador Mitsuhiro inaugurates Japanese govt funded special education self-supporting training center

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan, WADA Mitsuhiro on Friday inaugurated the Japanese Government funded special education self-support training center for persons with disabilities in Lahore.

The Government of Japan had provided a grassroots grant assistance of US\$74.173 (equivalent to around PKR 13 million) to Milestone Society for the Special Persons, a local NGO working for spreading awareness and accessibility for persons with disabilities, for implementing the project. Speaking after inaugurating the project, Ambassador WADA Mitsuhiro congratulated the organization for completing the project in a professional manner. He also showed great appreciation for its staff members who work wholeheartedly as a team for encouraging persons with disabilities to be independent and take an active part in community.

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## China's Gansu Academy to share agricultural expertise with Pakistan

BEIJING: China's Gansu Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GAAS) and the Islamic University of Bahawalpur (IUB) discussed a roadmap for boosting agricultural cooperation in the future, with advanced Chinese technologies to be transferred to Pakistan.

According to China Economic Net (CEN), Gansu and Pakistan share similarities in climate, crop types, environment, etc.

The IUB Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Aftab Mahboob, Vice-Chancellor of the Islamic University of Bahawalpur, said the area that IUB located in its facing soil water and climate challenges, where Chinese technologies can play a positive part.

"IUB is looking forward to working with the Chinese counterparts. We want to learn from the Chinese experience and advanced technologies to improve our local conditions and food security," Mahboob said. Last year, IUB already established cooperative ties with Sichuan Agricultural University (SAU) specialized in intercropping technology. INP.

## Pakistan Bar Council condemns Rashid's statement to implement Governor Rule

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Bar Council on Friday condemned the statement of Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed about implementing the Governor Rule in Sindh.

The Pakistan Bar Council also said that if the governor rule is implemented in Sindh, it might cause anarchy in the country.

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Talking to media in Islamabad, he said, "I have advised PM Imran Khan to impose governor rule for the way the money has been used indiscriminately to buy the conscience of the people."

The minister said that trading the conscience of the people with money was a conspiracy against democracy.

Rashid went on to say, "No action would be taken at the Sindh House, adding that the people who went to Sindh House against the government, have been exposed." The Council further stated that the Governor rule will harm the democratic system of the country.

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Defence of Nigeria, Major General Bashir Salihu Magashi (retired) called on Prime Minister Imran Khan.

According to details, the interior minister asked the dissent PTI lawmakers staying at the capital's Sim House to convene a meeting with all constituencies and their voters on what they thought about their decision.

"I appeal to you to return to PTI," he said. "All those who have been sold should return to the party," he added, assuring them that "no one will say anything to you."

He did not return to the PTI, the MNAs would regret their decision, Rashid said, commenting that whoever had shared the videos of the law-"toilish" because they favoured the prime minister.

The interior minister said the government had received information about the presence of only about five to six lawmakers at Sindh House but the videos had shown between nine and 12.

"Come back so we can repent you," he told the MNAs. He accused the opposition of turning Sindh House into a stock exchange but said the government would not conduct a raid on the building.

"Why would we take any action regarding Sindh House when we [already] have the formation?" he asked. The minister, however, questioned the need for deploying a large number of policemen at the Sindh House, saying a large number of police officials could cause "problems."

At the start of his presser, Rashid spoke about the roads closure in Capital, several students fail to take GB Competitive Exam.

ISLAMABAD: Due to closure of roads for parade rehearsal and VIP routes, several students failed to appear in the Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) Competitive exam.

According to details, announcement of routes for the competitive exam and measures for Pakistan Day parade in different parts of Islamabad, the students could not reach the examination center in time.

A GB student, Usama Jaz told INP that he had to take the competitive exam at Khan-e-Khalid Zeb Shaheed School located in Sector G-7/1 of Islamabad on Thursday but did not reach the examination centre with delay of one to 10 minutes.

"Due to closure of roads in connection with VIP routes and was no time to take the paper thus wasting his one year."

The students affected registered for the GB Competitive examination owing of road closures for parade rehearsal and VIP routes.

Systematic, integrated strategy needed to eradicate gender based violence: SACM Hasan

LAHORE: Special Assistant to Chief Minister (SACM) Punjab on Information and Spokesperson to the Punjab Government Hasan Khawar has said that in order to eradicate gender based violence in Pakistan, there is a need for all concerned agencies to formulate a systematic and integrated strategy.

He said that the government has enacted important laws in this regard in the last three years but there is need to create awareness among the people about these laws, proper training of personnel from investigative and law enforcement department, and to speed up judicial process. INP.

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