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Prime Minister Imran Khan addressing at Islamabad Security Dialogue, Islamabad.



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Ramazan likely to begin from Sunday: PMD

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) predicted on Friday that there are chances of sighting of Ramazan moon on the evening of April 2 (Saturday)...

Pilgrims to Iran: CM Balochistan directs construction of service areas



ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo has directed the construction of three service areas to facilitate pilgrims traveling to Iran...

Mr. Bizenjo also directed the revenue department to make sure provision of land for the construction of the service areas...

Blast in Barkhan kills a minor boy



KOHLU: A landmine explosion has killed a minor boy in Balochistan's Barkhan district on Friday morning...

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Mir Salam Jozegai: The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) has killed three terrorists of a banned militant organization in Quetta...

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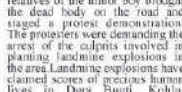


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ISLAMABAD: Malaysian Minister for Plantation, Industries and Commodities, H.E. Mr. Zaidi Kamaruddin called on Advisor to PM on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Mr. Ayub Afridi to discuss manpower export to Malaysia.

PM's security beelied up after agencies report assassination plot: Fawad ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Chaudhry Fawad Hassan Friday said that the security of Prime Minister Imran Khan had been further enhanced to avert the possible assassination of him...

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed said on Friday that the country needs transparent elections and it should take place after Ramadan. Addressing a ceremony in Rawalpindi, the minister said he decided against it as he did not want to leave Prime Minister Imran Khan alone during this difficult time.

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Our Reporter: Pak Army has trained 200 levies recruits in Quetta. Pak Army's 12-Corps imparted SSG light commando training to the levies recruits to battle terrorists. The passing out parade of the newly trained recruits was held at the Counter-Terrorism Center, Quetta. Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Muhammad Hashim Ghitzi was the chief guest of the passing out parade. The Director-General, Levies Balochistan, Qadir Balikh Pirkan was also present on the occasion. Pak Army has imparted the best training to the newly recruited levies personnel to battle terrorism and play their due role in maintaining the peace of Balochistan, Mr Ghitzi said. He urged the newly passed levies men to play their role in maintaining the peace and protect the lives of the citizens. Levies personnel demonstrated various items learned during the training. On the occasion, the soldiers of the Levies Force presented various items learned during the training. Later, ACS Home and DG Levies appreciated the quality of the Levies Force and congratulated the soldiers who completed the training. The soldiers completed the training course of Sniper Shooting and SSG Light Commando while the soldiers were trained in Self Defense, Com pound Clearance, Replaying, VIP Protection and other fall training. The new recruits expressed their determination to protect Pakistan in all respects and defend the cowardly enemy in every possible way.

# Scarcity of water in Dera Bugti, Pakistan's resource-rich district

## The number game in the Balochistan board

Editor: Asim Khan

Crease the palm of officials, you can get good numbers and positions in the Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE). Influence and bribe BISE officials when it comes to getting attractive numbers in F.A., F.Sc. and Matriculation.

Despite the declining quality of education, ironically, the BISE 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 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 one of the underlying reasons behind the deprivation of students of getting matric 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 plants 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) MCAT 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 MCAT 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 MCAT tests, students of Balochistan fail to score passing marks in ECAT, IAT, 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 rampant corruption in the BISE since 1997, the then Punjab government under former CM Shahbaz Shafiq 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, Jari Kamal Khan should personally supervise and review the performance of BISE and address the grievances of a large number of students.

No life without water. People of Pakistan's resource-rich district Dera Bugti are deprived of basic facilities. Dera Bugti and its urban areas, like Sui, Sangsola, Pirkoh and Zain Joti, etc are deprived of basic facilities like water and electricity. Life in this scorching heat in the Dera Bugti and its urban areas has no water and electricity. The Cattle are dying due to the lack of water. People are forced to migrate from the region due to the absence of water and electricity.



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Electoral representatives avail perks and privileges and ignore masses issues. The people of Balochistan are not important as persons. They are important as citizens. Today the people of Dera Bugti Balochistan are prone to so many diseases because of filthy water and their animals are dying due to the scarcity of water. None of the leaders speak about the water and electricity of Dera Bugti Balochistan. Our MNA and MPA are doing nothing about us. Have mercy on us, have mercy on our condition, have mercy on our lives. Supply us water and electricity. We have a sympathetic appeal to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the Senator Saad Rafiq and the FC Balochistan to save our lives and the lives of our animals. Must ensure the supply of water and electricity.

# Economic costs of judicial inactions [Part - II]

By Ishtat Husain

Overnight the members of this elite class become millionaires, making amounts of lakhs or more by a stroke of the pen of their colleagues at the expense of the dispossessed poor owners of the land. This injustice and use of discretionary power to benefit a small class of the connected and well to do should be brought to an end all over the country. The Islamabad High Court verdict as a precedent.

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# Pakistan's stranglehold on artistic expression

Over the past several months, the Pakistan Institute of Development has been conducting a series of group discussions with stakeholders from across the artistic spectrum - including film, dance, music, comedy, literature and community centres - to ascertain the state of creative industries in the country. With each subsequent engagement, however, it has become increasingly apparent that the landscape is restrictive, unappreciative and in some cases, outright dangerous. In the absence of joy and wonder, we forfeit the possibility of any meaningful prosperity.

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open-air public zones is also not an option due to Pakistan's urban landscapes being fundamentally inhospitable to walking spaces. With a dearth of revenue streams, artists are compelled to collaborate with corporations and/or foreign donors which assist them in making ends meet, but invariably restrict their creative freedom.

Quality art is never a definitive answer, but rather a question mark, serving to provoke, resist and challenge. In Pakistan, this is made virtually impossible by the toxic culture of censorship that gives people the licence to harass, intimidate and silence those that undermine the status quo. This is especially prominent when performing in a physical space. Performers have to make do with infrastructure not meant for their specific style of art, like in cafes, and are forced to perform in captive audiences.

This creates a general aura of hostility and unresponsiveness towards artists, most forego a significant chunk of their earnings to the venue - sometimes even having to pay a fee simply to access the space. Performing in

ones that do exist function as fraternities, choosing to collaborate with "household names" rather than emerging governments. Fund artists for international festivals and conferences, contributing to the accumulation of soft power at a political level. They grant them jobs in state institutions and plan events in remote areas in order to expand outreach and unite the nation under a shared love of transcendence. On an existential level, art triggers a sense of inclusiveness in its beholders; expanding their imaginative capacities and inviting them to dream of a better world. If societal flourishing is represented by a tree reaching the Heavens, art is the root system of roots underneath, symbolising the collective unconscious, extending to Hell. In Pakistan, artists are stopped in their tracks before they can even begin,

# Education: A Basic Human Right

By Syed Abid Shah

The highlight of education is the basic human right of all people without any discrimination. According to the universal declaration of human rights, each state must ensure the right to education. Education is the fundamental right of each child and young person over the globe and every state is bound to provide it. Now let's go to check out the right to education in Pakistan, either that state fulfils the basic human right or not, so in Pakistan when I searched about that right to education but unfortunately, we never found that much strictness which they take about education, either the government of Pakistan said that we bring a lot of variables into the field of education but still there is nothing on the ground to support their claims about education.

The government of Pakistan announced that they have an equal syllabus all over the country but it's also a claim yet. It's one of the most problems which leads to the destruction of education in Pakistan there are several countries. The major challenge in the way of education due to which education

is poor day by day in Pakistan. The first one financial support the government of Pakistan is bound to issue 15 to 20 per cent in the annual budget for basic education, and also work on technical education because it is also a basic education due to which the government can produce technical people and youth in the state. Corruption is the key challenge for the government, how to stop corruption in the field because there is no merit system when they select the teachers and also the officer take the money of the schools instead to disburse on the primary need. According to the UIS roundabout, there are 258 million children and youth who are out of schools all over the world at the end of 2018 data. The total includes 58 million children of primary school age, 62 million of lower secondary school age and 138 million of upper secondary age. According to UNHCR, 155 countries legally guarantee 9 years or more of compulsory education. Only 99 countries legally guarantee at least 12 years of free education 8.2% of primary school-age children do not go to primary school. Only five in ten young people

# Drinking Water Pollution in Quetta

By Dhanu Rabool Urooj

Everyone recognizes the importance of safe drinking water. Nonetheless, a variety of activities we do may contribute to water contamination. This article explains how this article explains how to safeguard drinking water at home. The pH level of water in a simple and economical manner. Water pollution is defined as the addition of any substance into the water that changes its physical or chemical properties in such a way that the water becomes unfit for drinking. Water plays a vital role in managing life and human health. The study shows that 80% of related disease in developing countries is due to drinking contaminated water. Diseases due to drinking of contaminated water leads to the death of five million children yearly and make 1.6 of the total population of the world. A study conducted on children of Quetta city aged 12-19 years, randomly selected areas to drinking water from tub wells of different sites of Quetta city, where the drinking water quality is known to have been deteriorated. The study shows that the concentration of fluoride varies from 0.32 ppm to 3.0 ppm (Hazara town to the western by-pass area of Quetta) as compared with World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines of drinking water (i.e., 1.5 ppm). The high content of fluoride in groundwater of Quetta valley

is due to metamorphic rocks such as gneisses and granite. WHO has recommended 500 and 2000mg/L as the upper and lower permissible levels, respectively. The most inhabitants of the Quetta city utilize contaminated water at home for drinking purpose. The increasing pH and TDS of the groundwater were due to the construction of different sites of Quetta city, such as Quetta, Sui, Sangsola, Pirkoh and Zain Joti. It is concluded that rocks present in Quetta valley, are possibly the reason for the increased concentration of fluoride in groundwater. Moreover, the groundwater may come from the strata of the same geological formation. Nevertheless, there has been no in-house health survey conducted for dental fluorosis to address the problems in the past and there is a serious difference in the concentration of fluoride that imparts a beneficial or hazardous effect on human health, therefore, there should be regular monitoring of drinking water scheme to maintain the water quality. Modern water filter tanks should be provided in Quetta to ensure a safe drinking water supply to the people. Non-toxic and biodegradable cleaning agents, as well as insecticides, are now widely available. Spending a little more money on certain items reduces water pollution automatically. If you use a lot of water, washing oil should be thrown away or stored in a closed container to be disposed of with other solid waste. It's 3% possible that you

phes may clog, causing sewage lines to back up into yards and basements. Many examples of water pollution include dumping and other kinds of water contamination go unnoticed, and they are often not cleaned up. People who pour oil down drains, or throw away garbage bags into streams, and so on should be reported. There will be changes working on watershed conservation, water pollution remediation and similar issues no matter where you reside in the region. Find some charity in your neighborhood and donate to it every year. With your help, we are able to extend our anti-pollution efforts. Plastic shopping bags and plastic refuse are a major source of pollution. Instead, invest in some reusable linen or plastic shopping bags. They may be bought for as little as \$1 apiece, but the cost is really in the effort. Drinking water should be stored in reusable, insulated containers and should be made at home. Supporting water-related charities is a great way you can do tasks that are beyond the scope of the typical household. Volunteer to help plant trees, clean up the local river, or water for the elderly. Chemicals from local homeownwers, if you don't use them, should be thrown away or stored in a closed container to be disposed of with other solid waste. It's 3% possible that you

## Prof Sabeen's poetry book "Yeh Ankhein Istara Hain" launched at PUCAR

**RAWALPINDI** - Authored by Prof. Sabeen Younas, the book titled "Yeh Ankhein Istara Hain" was launched at Punjab Council of Arts (PUCAR) Rawalpindi on Friday in collaboration with Nayab Adbul Forum and Daricha Adab Pakistan.

The ceremony was presided over by renowned poet Prof. Dr. Ehsan Akbar, while Mr. Naseem Sehrai, Ms. Abida Taj, Ms. Parveen Tahir, guest of honor Dr. Farhat Abbas, Mr. Tahir Hafiz and poetess Ms. Tahira participated as special

guests. Nusrat Yah, Chairman, Literary Forum Pakistan, presented the copies of the book.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Sabeen Younas, the Chairman of the Majlis Prof. Dr. Ehsan Akbar said that the poetry of Prof. Sabeen Younas is based on reality, the combination of "factual" and "fictional" elements. She said, "Sabeen Younas is a poet who expresses the subject matter in a simple and direct manner."

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At the ceremony, poetess, Prof. Sabeen Younas read an excellent article on Sabeen Younas's book "Yeh Ankhein Istara Hain" in Urdu. She was followed by Shami, Naseem Sehrai, Rifat Anjum, Abida Taj, Ms. Parveen Tahir, Ms. Tahira Hafiz and Ms. Parveen Tahir recited poems in Urdu and English.

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**MUZAFFERABAD:** Managing Director of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall Zahoor Abbas Khokhar cuts the ribbon to inaugurate the Upper Chhattar Center in City.

## Australia wishes Ramadan Mubarak to Muslims in Pakistan, all around world

**ISLAMABAD:** Acting High Commissioner of Australia to Pakistan, Frederick H. Jones, wished "Ramzan Mubarak" to all Muslims in Pakistan, Australia and around the world.

In a special message on Friday, she said, "As Muslims in Pakistan, back home in Australia and across the world begin the holy month of Ramadan I want to wish you all Ramadan Kareem."

She said, "Your daily prayers and acts of worship are a source of strength and inspiration. I hope this month-long opportunity for people and communities to come together in peace, a spirit of equality and respect. It's a time to reflect on the values of compassion, charity and

selflessness. Values that unite us all.

"Pakistan has a rich tradition of vibrant religious and cultural festivals, bringing together neighbours, friends and colleagues with warm hospitality - which everyone, including many Australians visiting Pakistan during the Australia-Pakistan cricket series, has experienced."

"This Ramadan, I want to highlight the valuable contributions that Australian citizens, including many Pakistanis, make to our Australian society. Australia is home to more than 600,000 Muslims from all over the world, including more than 80,000 Pakistanis. Our people-to-people links continue to

strengthen the longstanding friendship between Australia and Pakistan."

On behalf of the Australian Government and people, I say to you, your friends and your relatives: "Ramzan Mubarak." Ramadan with its daily prayers and acts of worship is a month-long opportunity for people and communities to come together in peace, a spirit of equality and respect. It's a time to reflect on the values of compassion, charity and selflessness. Values that unite us all. Pakistan has a rich tradition of celebrating religious and cultural festivals, bringing us together with our neighbours, friends and colleagues with warm hospitality INP

## Fertilizer black marketing upsets wheat production target: Mian Zahid

**KARACHI:** Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance and Former Provincial Minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Friday said the wheat production target has failed due to an unprecedented increase in the price of fertilizer and its black marketing.

The wheat production target has been missed by over two million tonnes, sparking fears regarding food security.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that wheat should be imported without delay otherwise profiteers will find an opportunity to skin masses.

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that the production target of wheat was set at 25.9 million tonnes but the country could only achieve 23.8 million tonnes.

The area under wheat was estimated at 9.2 million hectares, but farmers planted wheat on 8.9 million hectares, while weather conditions also reduced its production.

Egypt is the largest importer of wheat in the world and it is negotiating with India for the purchase of wheat but we are

wasting our time which will provide us with an opportunity to profiteers and hoarders.

If wheat is imported from India, we will have to pay a lower price while Pakistan will also be able to keep the local prices of potatoes, tomatoes, dates and other commodities stable by exporting additional quantities to India which will save the farmers from losses, he said.

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## Security situation again deteriorates as militant attacks increased by two times in March 2022: PICSS Report

**ISLAMABAD:** The number of militant attacks doubled in the month of March as compared to the number of attacks in month of February, raising questions about the deteriorating security situation in the country, a report released by the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS) on Friday.

The report said that the number of militant attacks in March 2022 was 26, which is a 100 per cent increase over the 13 attacks in February 2022. The report also said that the number of attacks in March 2022 was 26, which is a 100 per cent increase over the 13 attacks in February 2022.

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of the attacks took place in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), followed by east Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Balochistan districts of KP) and Balochistan. PICSS has recorded nine militant attacks in KP in which 77 people were killed, including 12 security forces personnel, four militants, and 62 civilians, while 216 people were injured, including 27 security forces personnel and 189 civilians. In east Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 12 people got injured, of which eight were security forces personnel and four were civilians. In Balochistan, six militant attacks were witnessed in which 1NP



**MULTAN:** Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Political Affairs and Chief Whip, Malik Muhammad Amir Dogar talking to media at Radio Pakistan.

## China's Yiwu city welcomes Pakistan to share dividends

**BEIJING:** China's City Yiwu has welcomed Pakistan to share dividends of China's e-commerce upgrade, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday.

"Yiwu has been working to establish itself as a powerhouse for import trade. At present, there are 150,000 kinds of imported goods from more than 160 countries and regions."

Yiwu hopes to bring more Pakistan products to the city and the wider Chinese market, and enhance cooperation with Pakistan to share the dividends of China's consumption upgrade, highlighted Mr. Ye Bangui, Mayor of Yiwu in a webinar on building China-Pakistan Trade Corridor.

The mayor further said that in recent years, e-commerce in Yiwu has been booming, with cross-border e-commerce trade volume exceeding RMB 160 billion (or USD 15.72 billion) in 2021.

"Since Yiwu is blessed with prospering cross-border e-commerce, bonded logistics, and efficient logistics, we hope to set up Pakistan trade centres in Yiwu to help Pakistan explore the Chinese market," revealed Mr. Ye.

On the occasion, Hussain Haider, Consul General of Pakistan in Shanghai, welcomed the significant progress, huge potential and good momentum of China-Pakistan trade exchange. He added that "this webinar demonstrated the determination of China and Pakistan, especially Yiwu and Karachi, to further strengthen bilateral trade and investment relations."

I believe enterprises in Yiwu will establish more win-win cooperative relations with enterprises in Yiwu and strengthen economic ties between the two countries." The Consul General of Pakistan in Shanghai will

provide full support and facilitation services to promote such cooperation, he said.

Li Bijian, Consul General of China in Karachi, underlined Yiwu has served as a bridge between China and the rest of the world, especially for Pakistan, and he said that to further strengthen the trade and investment relations, he proposed to promote bilateral trade, reduce trade deficit, and enhance cooperation between China and Pakistan by making full use of the China-Pakistan trade agreement (FTA).

Arif Ahmed Khan, Chief Executive of TDAP noted that tapping the huge potential of Pakistan's exports to China on a large scale requires the development of digital connectivity between Pakistan suppliers and Chinese consumers, as well as recognised brands for Pakistan products and expanded agricultural quotas INP.

## Six members of bike lifter gang held, stolen bikes, rickshaw recovered

**KARACHI:** The police arrested six members of a notorious bike lifter gang and recovered stolen rickshaws, motorcycles and spare parts of motorcycles here in the metropolis on Friday.

The police through CCTV footage traced and detained bike lifter Shahzad and on information provided by his five more accomplices, arrested five more gang members during a crackdown in New Town, Karachi.

The police recovered seven stolen motorcycles, a rickshaw and dozens of spare parts of motorcycles from possession of the detainees.

The nabbed bike lifters used to steal motorcycles from different areas and sell them in Binqoria area.

Several cases were registered against the nabbed motorcycle lifters wanted in dozens of cases and investigations were underway INP.

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## Akbar Niazi Teaching Hospital conducts medical camp in QAU

**ISLAMABAD:** Dr. Akbar Niazi Teaching Hospital (ANTH) conducted a medical camp at Quaid-I-Azam University (QAU) Islamabad for students, faculty, management and employees of the university.

A large number of people benefited from the medical camp where medical services, nutrition, consultation, dental checkup, bone strength testing, BMI body fat calculation and awareness on community hygiene were provided. The camp was held in the form of a medical camp. The participants were glad to see such a beneficial step taken by ANTH for them and they thanked the management of ANTH for their efforts to have more such medical camps on a regular basis. Quaid-I-Azam University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali and other senior management personnel visited the camp. From ANTH, Director Col (Dr. Ghulam Mujtaba Abbasi and Deputy Director Dr. Arif Niazi) also visited the camp. QAU Registrar Raja Qasim and Principal Medical Officer Dr. Noreen Rizwan were also ANTH's in charge of BU. Mudassar Farooq were in attendance. Dr. Arif told media on this occasion that ANTH provides World Class health facilities to everyone at affordable prices and with the camp like this the hospital reaches out to various communities to raise health awareness.

Dr. Javed Ashraf thanked ANTH management for organizing a useful medical camp at QAU and appreciated ANTH's efforts for raising awareness among the community members among masses to help them lead healthy life. Both organizations management expressed deep gratitude to each other and resolved to strengthen their relationship by expanding collaboration in the fields of research, sciences, medical education, training and development in coming days INP.

## Pakistan can reduce poverty through Chinese e-commerce strategy: Experts

**BEIJING:** Pakistan will benefit from China's experience in alleviating poverty through e-commerce, according to Pakistani experts who participated in the recent online Seminar on Cross-border E-commerce for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development on China's coasted city of Qingdao.

"During the training, I learned how to gradually transfer e-commerce skills in rural areas through training programmes, starting with population surveys to service centres," said Hassan Rizvi, Manager of Capacity Building at the Balochistan Rural Support Program (BRSP) in an exclusive interview with China Economic Net (CEN).

According to Rizvi, the most important thing mentioned an off-neglected but crucial trade sectors for poverty eradication and sustainable development resources, weak sense of information and market marketing. In all these three aspects, China has a lot to offer to Pakistan.

Rizvi revealed that he has written an interview with CEN, Nodia, Pakistan, lecturer of Business and Economics at Quaid I Azam University termed the training sessions as an important source for her students. "I always motivate my students to start their own business. This seminar was a very good opportunity to learn the Chinese practices regarding e-commerce and to teach my students."

Similar views are

echoed by Zahid Latif, Assistant Engineer of the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication of Pakistan (MITT). "I who obtained his PhD at a top IT university in China, I observed the booming e-commerce and sharing economy there," Engineer of the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication of Pakistan (MITT) Zahid Latif said. "One example is bicycle riding. You could ride a bicycle for just one RMB (about Rs 24) Focusing on empowering people with technology, Latif believes e-commerce INP

## INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF BAHRIA UNIVERSITY H-11 CAMPUS HELD AT ISLAMABAD

**Islamabad:** Inauguration Ceremony of the new H-11 Campus of Bahria University was held at H-11 Islamabad, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Awariz Khan Niazi (M) S Bt was the Chief Guest at the ceremony.

Vice Admiral (R) Kaleem Shaikat H (M) Director, Bahria University, Engineer Waheed Ahmed Mangi, Director, General Planning, Development Higher Education Commission, Rear Admiral Tariq Mahmood SI (M) DG Marine Technology Engineer

Nasir Mehmood Khan Secretary, Bahria University Council, Ex-Rectors of Bahria University, senior capacity and retired Naval and Civil Officers and Dean & Director, Bahria School of Engineering and Technology were also present on this auspicious occasion.

Address, Rear Admiral Kaleem Shaikat H (M) appraised the audience that H-11 Campus has been dedicated for faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences. He also informed that

the campus covers an area of 4 acres which comprises of two Academic Blocks, Girls Hostel with accommodation capacity for around 184 female students, 22 fully equipped lecture Halls, 2 lecture halls, 2 laboratories and modern hardware and software tools, well furnished Baagchen, two Offices and a central two-floor Library.

During the inauguration ceremony, several dignified facilities such as the Auditorium, Sick Bay, Containment, Reception, Student Support Centre, Administration Offices, separate male and female Common Rooms, Faculty and Students' Cafes, Day Care Centre are also

available. Separate courts for Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Ladies Gym are also functional in the newly built H-11 Campus.

Chief of the Naval Staff (M) S Bt, Admiral Muhammad Awariz Khan Niazi (M) S Bt lauded the efforts of Bahria University in laying the foundation of a separate BU campus at H-11 Islamabad.

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Applied Sciences which is another accomplishing milestone in the history of BU. The Admiral emphasized that it is the need of the hour to not only equip our young generation with the latest information and technology but also to prepare them to think critically and to keep pace with the competition in the global market. He also emphasized that it is the need of the hour to not only equip our young generation with the latest information and technology but also to prepare them to think critically and to keep pace with the competition in the global market. He also emphasized that it is the need of the hour to not only equip our young generation with the latest information and technology but also to prepare them to think critically and to keep pace with the competition in the global market.

of the attacks took place in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), followed by east Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Balochistan districts of KP) and Balochistan. PICSS has recorded nine militant attacks in KP in which 77 people were killed, including 12 security forces personnel, four militants, and 62 civilians, while 216 people were injured, including 27 security forces personnel and 189 civilians. In east Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 12 people got injured, of which eight were security forces personnel and four were civilians. In Balochistan, six militant attacks were witnessed in which 1NP

## Manufacturing, sale of kites and accessories banned in Kohat

**KOHAT:** The administration in district Kohat has banned the manufacturing and sale of kites and all accessories related to them, according to a order issued by the Deputy Commissioner in Kohat, on Friday.

According to the order, the action was taken to "prevent danger to human life and disturbance of the public peace and tranquility."

Deputy Commissioner took action after reports emerged that the manufacturing/sale of kites, sharpened twine, metallic wire and nylon cord got on unchecked in the district.

"In exercise of powers under Section 144, the manufacturing and selling of kites, kite flying string, sharpened twine, metallic wire and nylon cord has been banned within the limit of district Kohat," read the order INP.

## MoU signed for promotion, sale of transgenic varieties of cotton seeds

**LAHORE:** Center of Excellence in Molecular Biology, Punjab University Lahore and Punjab Seed Corporation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for promotion and sale of transgenic varieties of cotton seeds.

The agreement signing ceremony was attended by Punjab Minister for Agriculture, Syed Hussain Jahani Gardazi, Dr. Ahmed Ali Shahid, Director Center of Excellence in Molecular Biology Punjab, Fazal Rehman, Managing Director Punjab Seed Corporation, Regional Director Federal Seed Certification Muhammad Azam Khan, Director Agricultural Information Punjab Muhammad Rafiq Afdkar and other senior officials were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, the Provincial Minister for Agriculture congratulated the scientists of the Center of Excellence in Molecular Biology, Punjab University on the discovery of transgenic varieties (CKC-1, CKC-3etc.).

Hussain Jahani Gardazi said that discovery of new varieties of cotton seeds is a need of time so that the cotton crop could fully cope with climate change and reduce chances of insect pests attacks which will reduce the production cost of farmers. The discovery of transgenic varieties of cotton is a major achievement of this covered institute and today, this agreement will prove to be an important milestone for the rehabilitation of cotton. On the occasion, MD Punjab Seed Corporation, Fazal Rehman said that Punjab Seed Corporation will be multiplied on Punjab Seed Corporation for sale to farmers, which will reduce pest infestation on cotton INP.

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The notified the Candidates/Engineers (Bidding) for the project: "Dahil District Informational/Construction of Green House (Single Stage) Greenhouses for low/mid income farmers. All interested candidates are invited to submit documents as follows: 1. In support of their sealed tender dated on or before 15th April 2022. 2. In support of their sealed tender dated on or before 15th April 2022. 3. In support of their sealed tender dated on or before 15th April 2022. 4. In support of their sealed tender dated on or before 15th April 2022. 5. In support of their sealed tender dated on or before 15th April 2022. 6. In support of their sealed tender dated on or before 15th April 2022. 7. In support of their sealed tender dated on or before 15th April 2022. 8. In support of their sealed tender dated on or before 15th April 2022. 9. In support of their sealed tender dated on or before 15th April 2022. 10. In support of their sealed tender dated on or before 15th April 2022. 11. 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# 'Imran Khan setting Foreign Office up in flames,' Bilawal says on 'threat memo'

ISLAMABAD: PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said Friday that Prime Minister Imran Khan was 'setting the Foreign Office up in flames' by revealing the 'threat memo' in public.

PM Imran Khan had revealed on March 27, during a public rally, that the government received a 'threatening letter' from a foreign country that was against Pakistan's sovereignty.

The letter was at first shared only with the civil military leadership.

but later, the government informed senior journalists about its contents and it was also deliberated upon during the 37th National Security Committee (NSC) meeting on Thursday.

The NSC expressed grave concern at the communication, termed the language used by the foreign official as 'undiplomatic' and concluded that the communication amounted to 'blatant interference in the internal affairs of Pakistan'.

The NSC then decided

Pakistan would issue a strong demarche to the country whose official communicated the 'threat'.

As a result of the decision, according to Geo News, Pakistan summoned the US acting deputy chief of mission in Islamabad over the 'threat letter' and registered strong protest for the undiplomatic language used against Pakistan in the memo.

But the United States State Department and White House together spurned the allegations.

Meanwhile, during his press conference in the federal capital, Bilawal said the prime minister tried to make the NSC

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said that as the voting on the meeting of the NSC has not taken place, it was 'inappropriate' of the prime minister to reveal the letter to the national security forums.

The national security forums are bodies used by political leaders to try and undermine the democratic no-confidence motion and create the right propaganda message for the public.

He said that he had kept the letter away from political matters but unfortunately, this person — Imran Khan — tried to make the forum contro-

versial," the PPP chairman said. He said that despite the premier's attempts, the Opposition would not allow him to become a 'traitor martyr'. He said the incumbent government did not make a 'worthy foreign policy decision'. He kept praising Narendra Modi, even when Indian people wanted Modi gone, Imran Khan became the chief minister of Punjab.

Milal Bilawal said the letter was not a threat as it was part of diplomatic process Web Desk.



ISLAMABAD: National Commissioner PGGA Mrs. Mari Maud Sabri presenting souvenir to Chief Guest World Health Organization (WHO) Representative at Pakistan Dr. Palitha Gunarathna Mahipala during a ceremony of Painting Competition regarding World Health Day titled "Our Planet, Our Health" organized by Pakistan Girl Guides Association NHQ in collaboration with World Health Organization Pakistan at PGGA Headquarters.

## PCQB hears 119 under process cases of drugs

LAHORE: The Provincial Quality Control Board (PCQB) Punjab, during its 241st meeting held here on Friday with Secretary Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department Imran Sikander Baloch in chair heard the under process cases of drugs.

The meeting was also attended by Additional Secretary Drugs Control Muhammad Sohal, chief drugs controller Punjab Azhar Jamal Saleem, secretary PCQB, Shaifque Khan, Prof. Dr. Mehmoed Ahmed, Prof. Dr. Sajid Bashir, Prof. Dr. Muzaffar Jinnah, Prof. Dr. Shehzad Akhtar, Prof. Dr. Uzair, Prof. Dr. Naveed Iqbal, Ansen and Dr. Manzoor Ashraf.

The PCQB during the meeting heard 119 under process cases of drugs, out of which 64 cases were related to drugs with 55 were for appeal for re-testing. The board approved to direct 12 of 55 re-testing cases to NIH. 10 cases were directed to drug courts, in 29 cases final warning was issued while in 1 case product specification inspection was recommended. Secretary PCQB said, "We strive to provide best quality drugs to the public which can save the lives of people. And that is the motto of the board. The board is instructed to carry out strict measures to ensure that the drugs available in the market are up to the national and international standards. Health of general public is our top priority." INP

## Shazia Marri congratulates countrymen ahead of no-trust motion

ISLAMABAD: Central Information Secretary of Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPP-P) and member of the National Assembly Shazia Marri has congratulated the people of the country on the end of Imran Khan's government as he has lost the majority ahead of no-trust motion submitted by the opposition in the National Assembly.

She said that we are congratulating the entire nation over likely to end of the darkest era of selected Prime Minister Imran Khan's rule for three and half years. Imran Khan had established his personal dictatorship by bypassing and ignoring the importance of the National Assembly.

In a statement issued on Friday, Shazia Marri while congratulating the PTI led government, said that selected Imran Khan has put the country's foreign affairs at danger for the sake of saving his own seat of Prime Minister and no one has sent a threatening letter to him but it was merely a routine diplomatic letter which has been made people cry for three years by skyrocketing inflation, growing poverty and highest unemployment. Now it is the time for him to cry.

The Central Information Secretary of PPP-P said that no such foreign threat and conspiracy is involved in the ouster of Imran Khan but Imran Khan's incompetence and lack of policies are the main reasons of his removal from the post of Prime Minister and even, Pakistan has become isolated in the world due to his faults and incompetence. INP

## Terrorist of banned outfit held with explosives in Karachi

KARACHI: The police claimed to have arrested a terrorist of banned outfit fit with explosives, ball bearings and other IEDs making material in the metropolis on Friday.

According to details, the police during a raid in Orangi, Town Karachi arrested a terrorist of banned outfit Taliban Pakistan (TIP) identified as Mir Saniar.

Five packets of explosives, a battery, wires and a packet of ball bearings were recovered from possession of the detainee.

Police said that the nabbed terrorist joined TIP in 2002, facilitated and participated in various terrorist attacks. He was engaged in manufacturing Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

The nabbed terrorist was also involved in terrorist attack on office of a NGO in Dera Ismail Khan in 2007 and FC Fort Tank in which 10 FC personnel were martyred. INP

## IHC CJ says chief executive must be responsible for forced disappearances

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad High Court Chief Justice Athar Minallah has remarked that forced disappearances is tantamount to treason that warrants registration of a treason case against the officials who are involved in it. He said that the government is negligent if it has failed to stop the forced disappearances and it is tantamount to treason that warrants registration of a treason case against the officials who are involved in it.

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He observed that the forced disappearances in a country which was being run under a constitution that was not acceptable if by the state institutions were not under the control of the executive, then executive would be responsible, adding that why not the court will hold the chief executive responsible for the disappearances.

He said that the forced disappearance evokes terrorism clauses, maintaining that it's a treason. The chief justice declared that government was not even listening to the long protesting Baloch students. "If people go missing, it becomes state's liability," he added.

During the hearing, the additional attorney general told the court that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police and other concerned departments tried hard to find the whereabouts of Mudgassar. A dead body was also found near a graveyard of River Kanbar. But it wasn't that of Mudgassar, he added. On the CJ asked was it not the failure of the state institutions to find the whereabouts of the missing person after this case, the federal government would answer.

The AAG said that state was pursuing the case seriously. But the CJ asked him to show any progress if made in this case to the court. He said, both federal and provincial governments were responsible to locate the missing persons issue. INP

## State-of-the-art new Pakistan Post building established at UAF

FAISALABAD: State-of-the-art new building of Pakistan Post has been established at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) in order to facilitate the campus community. The building setup at UAF Bank Square was inaugurated by Post Master General Central Punjab Irum Tariq who was flanked by UAF Treasurer Umer Saad, Qadir, Principal Officer Public Relations and Publications Prof Dr Jalal Arif, Chief Post Master Faisalabad Shahid Iqbal, Principal Officer Engineering and Construction Department Dr. Muhammad Arshad and other notable.

The Post Master General said that Pakistan Post was providing postal services in every nook and corner of the country through a network of around 3,000 post offices. It provides delivery services to about 20 million households and businesses as community service without any cost. Irum Tariq said that normal post delivery time is not more than seven days. She said Pakistan Post is also providing a universal postal service network in harmony with the strategy to ensure secure and timely delivery of mail, money and material at affordable cost through utilization of people, process and technology and innovative products offering.

Treasurer Umer Saad said that the university was taking all possible measures to facilitate the campus community. She said that the University houses more than 30,000 students for which state-of-art Post office is a blessing to send their documents, letters etc. He said that services of Pakistan Post are recommendable as it delivers the parcel at the every INP

## PM Imran says KP rejected 'traitors' as PTI leads in second phase of local gov polls

Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday congratulated his party for "overwhelming success" in the second phase of local government elections in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, saying "people of KP have emphatically rejected the traitors who sold out to foreign masters".

The premier's felicitation came after initial results from 41 councils showed PTI emerging victorious in at least 29 tehsil councils.

On the remaining 21 seats, Jamiat Ulama-i-Islam - Fazl (JUI-F) led in eight councils, followed by independent candidates in Pakistan Muslim League - Nawaz (PML-N) in four, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) in two, Jamiat-i-Islami (JI) in two and Awami National Party (ANP) in one council, according to data obtained from returning officers. However, official notifications are yet to be issued.

Jamiat-i-Islami, which had suffered a setback in the 2018 general elections in one of its strongholds of Lower Dir, appeared to be gaining lost ground as it secured initial results emerged victorious in at least two out of seven tehsil councils.

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The results on 24 seats are awaited. Polling was held for the slots of chairman and mayor in a total 65 tehsil councils.

In his tweet, the premier termed his party's visible success as an "early warning to all traitors" saying "this is what awaits them in their constituencies".

Planning Minister Asad Umar also tweeted that the PTI's success in the KP elections proved that the nation stood by its leader.

"Now the real decision will not be made through

the no-confidence motion. The question is whether Pakistan's future will be decided by its people or a few sold-out politicians and their foreign masters," he said.

According to unofficial results, the PTI secured victory in six out of seven tehsil councils of Swat. One seat was bagged by a JUI-F candidate.

Likewise, PTI is leading in all three councils of Chitral and Maleska, as well as the notified results in the Shangla district. PTI won in three councils out of four while one seat was secured by ANP.

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DPO Bilal Zafar said that the police on a tip-off conducted operation in Pindi Bhattian, Suddar police station jurisdiction, Hainabad.

He said that during operation, narcotics including 125 kilogram hashish and 40 kilogram opium were recovered from secret cavities of car and one of the police impounded the car and arrested two inter-provincial drug smugglers including Ahmed Zeb and Shakeel halting from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa INP

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LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) is mulling over to appoint Hamza Shahbaz as the joint opposition's candidate for Chief Minister Punjab.

The decision was mullied over during an online meeting chaired by the party supremo Nawaz Sharif where a majority of the PML-N leaders supported is candidature.

The sources, however, said that the final decision on the candidature of Hamza Shahbaz will be taken after consultation with joint opposition and disgruntled members of the PTI.

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has accelerated its efforts and reached out to Ghazwan Abbas Chhena group, another dissident faction of PTI in Punjab.

Sources privy to the development said the PML-N delegation contacted estranged PTI NPA Ghazwan Abbas Chhena and sought his support for joint opposition candidate for Punjab CM slot.

Matters pertaining to other political developments in Centre also came under discussion during the conversation, sources said.

They said that Ghazwan Abbas Chhena has sought time from PML-N leadership for consultation with other like-minded lawmakers over the Punjab Chief Minister election.

On the other hand, Pervaz Elahi, the ruling PTI's candidate for the chief minister's slot, is not only trying to get Tarzen group by his side, but is also using his clout to 'poach' PML-N NIPAs.

Mr Elahi, along with Tariq Bashir Cheema, Bashara Raja, Chaudhry Zabeeruddin and Hariz Ammar Yasir, met the Chhena group at the residence of its leader in Islamabad on Thursday. INP

## Three killed in R.Y. Sugar mills meeting firing

RAHMAYAR KHAN: Three people were killed and another critically injured in firing during meeting of a sugar mill here on Friday, Inspector General Police (IGP) seeks report from RYO Bahawalpur.

According to details, the terminated manager Amir Zubairi opened straight fire during meeting of a sugar mill in Macchi Goth area of Rahim Yar Khan and attempted suicide.

Two managers Rashid and Ramzan were killed on the spot in the firing while the culprits among two people were critically injured. The injured were shifted to hospital where they are also succumbed to his wounds.

The Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab, Rao Sardar Ali Khan, taking notice of the incident has sought report from RYO Bahawalpur. INP

## KARACHI: Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah addressing during ceremony organized to celebrate World Autism Day at center for Autism Rehabilitation and Training at Gulistan-e-Johar in Provincial capital.

