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Shehbaz Sharif elected as 23rd Prime Minister of Pakistan



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Senator Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, administering oath to Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif as the Prime Minister of Pakistan, at Aiwān-e-Sadr, in Federal Capital.

Dawood Ahmed

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League (N) President, Shehbaz Sharif has been elected as the 23rd Prime Minister of Pakistan on Monday evening. He got 174 votes in the house 342. His election has come after the removal of Imran Khan as the PM through vote of no confidence in the parliament.

Earlier, PTI MNAs had walked out of the halls, with Shah Mahmood Qureshi who was the party's candidate for the top slot announcing that they would be resigning en masse from the NA.

PML-N's Ayaz Sadiq presided over the session after Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri his conscience did not allow him to conduct the session. "This agenda is against my conscience", Mr. Suri said while leaving the house.

After taking the chair of the speaker, Sadiq read out the rules and procedure for the election of the prime minister and asked for the bells to ring for five minutes so that all lawmakers could come

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Sadiq then asked the lawmakers

supporting Shehbaz to proceed to lobbies on his left side for voting. Similarly, he asked those who wanted to vote in favour of Qureshi to proceed to the lobby on his right side to cast their votes.

Announcing the result of the premier's election, Sadiq reminded that he had also chaired a session during which PML-N supreme and Shehbaz's elder brother was elected as the premier.

"And today, I have the honour of chairing the session for Shehbaz Sharif's election," he said.

"Mian Mohammad Shehbaz Sharif has secured 174 votes," he announced. "Mian Mohammad Shehbaz Sharif has been... elected as the prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan."

As soon as Sadiq announced the result, lawmakers began shouting slogans in favour of Shehbaz and Nawaz. The speaker then asked Shehbaz to move to the seat of the prime minister in the NA, following which he shifted to the treasury benches amid cheers, with other members of the former joint opposition following suit.

PTI lawmakers tender mass resignations from national assembly

Dawood Ahmed :

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek e Insaaf (PTI) lawmakers have announced mass resignations from the national assembly on Monday. "Yes, we have decided to tender resignations from the national assembly", Imran Khan, the PTI Chairman told reporters.

The decision was taken in a party's parliamentary meeting, which was chaired by PTI Chairman Imran Khan, at the Parliament House today afternoon. "The parliamentary party has decided to resign from the assemblies against the imported government," PTI Central Information Secretary Farrukh Habib confirmed in a tweet.

Former Prime Minister Imran Khan strongly criticized the election of Shehbaz Sharif as the PM of Pakistan. He stated that there were multiple cases of corruption against the latter in various courts of the country. "This is extremely disturbing", Imran Khan said in his short answer to reporters.

Former foreign minister, Shah Mahmood Qureshi also endorsed the party's decision regarding resignations from the parliament during his speech in the national assembly.



PTI should accept defeat and sit on opposition benches now: Sherry Rehman

ISLAMABAD: PPP central leader Sherry Rehman has said PTI should accept defeat and sit on opposition benches.

Former Prime Minister (PM) Imran Khan has been removed from his office as per people demand through constitutional and parliamentary process.

He tweeted PTI is making abortive attempt to become political martyr. There is a long charge sheet of failures, incompetence, inefficiency, crisis and scandals against them.

She held PTI on one hand is talking of en-masse resignations and on the other side it is nominating its candidate for premiership.

She claimed PTI was already divided. It has further split up following the ouster of Imran Khan as PM. Problems and Crisis generated by PTI will have far reaching repercussions on the country, she added. Online

14 BAP MPAs nominate Quddus Bizenjo as parliamentary leader in BA

Staff Reporter



QUETTA: 14 Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) members of the provincial assembly nominated Mir Quddus Bizenjo as their parliamentary leader in the Balochistan Assembly. Currently, Jam Kamal Khan, the President of the ruling BAP is the parliamentary leader in the house.

BAP leaders including Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, Lala Rasheed, Muhammad Khan Lehri and Bushra Rind submitted the nomination of Mr. Bizenjo as the party's parliamentary leader in the provin-

of Quddus Bizenjo as the parliamentary leader", Tahir Shah Kakar, the Secretary Balochistan Assembly confirmed to Quetta Voice. He said the members in their application have asked the assembly secretariat to declare Mr. Bizenjo as the parliamentary leader.

Prominent among those who signed the nomination letter were Sardar Saleh Muhammad Bhootani, Noor Muhammad Dumar, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, Mir Ziaullah Langove, Muhammad Khan Lehri, Mir Sikandar Umrani and others. There was no immediate response on the part of Jam Kamal Khan, the BAP President.



ISLAMABAD: Newly Elected Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif greets with Co-Chairman of Pakistan Peoples Party Asif Ali Zardari after voting at National Assembly in Federal Capital.

10% to add salaried and pensioner's monthly income: Shehbaz Sharif

ISLAMABAD: In his maiden address Prime Minister, Shehbaz on Monday thanked Allah for "saving Pakistan".

In his speech he said Shehbaz today was a "big day" for the entire nation when a "selected" prime minister was sent packing in a legal and constitutional manner.

He added that the US dollar's value declining by Rs8 signified the "happiness of the people".

The newly elected prime minister also thanked the Supreme Court (SC) for burying the doctrine of necessity forever. "In the future, no one will be able to rely on it," he said.

He said the day when the SC ruled against the dismissal of the no-confidence motion against Imran Khan by Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri should be remembered as one when supremacy of the Constitution and parliament was established. Shehbaz said a "drama" had been going on over the past few weeks and the lies being told about a "letter", which was said to contain evidence of a foreign conspiracy to topple the PTI government. He said the deputy speaker had waved the cable yesterday in the assembly as well and requested that it be shown to him (Shehbaz), who was the leader of the opposition at the time. "But neither did I see it nor anyone showed it to me," he said. It was a "lie, drama and fraud" he added, as he went on to clarify that there was no conspiracy linked to the ouster of former prime minister Imran Khan. He said the PTI had been alleging that they had received the cable on March 7, a day before the no-confidence motion against Imran Khan was filed. "But I have been meeting Asif Ali Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on this (the vote of no-confidence) since the initial days of March." On March 3, Shehbaz continued, Nawaz held a meeting of the PML-N's central executive committee and PPP held a separate meeting of its own. "And we decided that we would bring a vote of no-confidence against the most corrupt, incompetent and laid back government in history". INP

Bilateral trade deficit upto \$300m with Morocco needed to be addressed: Irfan Iqbal

KARACHI: President Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh has stressed that bilateral trade deficit with any country needs to be addressed through enhanced business-to-business and chamber-to-chamber ties; and, FPCCI is the right platform to get the things rolling in the right direction for Pakistan.

In a statement issued here on Monday, Irfan Iqbal Sheikh noted with concern that bilateral trade deficit with Morocco has reached close to \$300 million dollars; which is a big number when assessed in relation to the total bilateral trade of \$350 million approximately. He added that there is so much which we can export to the brotherly country of Morocco; namely, value-added textiles, fruits & vegetables, surgical goods, pharmaceuticals, IT services, sports goods, minerals, etc.

Senior Vice President FPCCI, Mr. Suleman Chawla called upon the Pakistan-Morocco Business Council of FPCCI to play a proactive role during the year 2022 and exchange B2B delegations to explore the avenues for cooperation, trade and joint ventures.

Mr. Yahya Chawla, Chairman Pakistan-Morocco Business Council of FPCCI, explained that Morocco has the potential to be a major export market for Pakistan; however, we need to have a thorough need assessment coupled with awareness among the business, industry and trade community of Pakistan. Mr. Sultan Rehman, Senior Vice Chairman of the Council, called upon the Pakistani Ambassador in Morocco, H.E. Hamid Asghar Khan, to facilitate the business community. INP

News Desk



The Government of Balochistan appointed Malik Shuja Uddin Kasi as the Inspector General of the Prisons Department on Monday. Mr. Kasi is a grade-20 officer from the Balochistan prisons department.

According to a notification issued by the home and tribal affairs department, Mr. Usman Ghani Siddiqui has been asked to report to the Services and General Administration Department.

Mr. Kasi has already served as the IGP Balochistan in the past. It may be mentioned here that this daily has published news of the continued delay in the appointment of IGP Balochistan the other day.

PTI to resign from National Assembly: Farrukh Habib

ISLAMABAD: Central Secretary Information Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) Farrukh Habib Monday formally announced minutes before that PTI MNA submit mass resign from National Assembly.

Decision was taken in the Party's Parliamentary meeting chaired by Chairmen PTI and Former Prime Minister Imran Khan which was ousted from the Prime Minister slot in result of no-confidence motion.

Farrukh Habib wrote on his twitter account "The parliamentary party has decided to resign from the assemblies against the imported government."

Murad Saeed, Ali Amin Gandapur, Shireen Mazari, Hammad Azhar, and Shafiq Mahmood has shared their resignation that they submitted to party Chairmen Imran Khan

Ali Amin Gandapur said "I am proud to be a follower of Imran Khan and will fight till my death for the freedom of Pakistan and imported govt their agents and mafias in different forms in Pakistan INSHALLAH." Online

President calls for providing congenial environment to merged tribal districts of KP

ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi has stressed for facilitating and providing a congenial business and investment environment to the newly merged tribal districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa erstwhile FATA for enhancement of trade and business activities in the country.

The President expressed these views while talking to a delegation of Bajaur Chamber of Commerce and Industry that called on him in Islamabad on Monday.

The delegation apprised the President of the problems being faced by the trader and business community of Bajaur. It was informed that the business community of Bajaur is facing difficulties in getting loans from commercial banks. They also underlined the need to open trading points with Afghanistan to enhance bilateral trade with neighbouring countries.

Dr Arif Alvi assured the delegation that their issues will be conveyed to the concerned departments for redressal.

He said steps are being taken to focus on the development of merged tribal districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa erstwhile FATA to bring them at par with other areas of the country. Dr Arif Alvi said despite limited resources and a global financial crunch, Pakistan provided maximum relief to the business community and vulnerable segments of society during the COVID-19 pandemic. He encouraged the businessmen to adopt modern business practices which would help increase the outreach of their businesses, besides contributing to the socio-economic development of the country. INP

New Govt will take on board opposition benches on national issues: Ahsan

ISLAMABAD: Senior Leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Ahsan Iqbal has said the new government will take on board the opposition benches on national issues.

Talking to a private news channel, he said the new government will hold bye-elections if the PTI members resign from their seats.

Ahsan Iqbal said the issue of threatening letter would be thoroughly investigated for its logical end.

He said Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf used the letter for its face saving to exit the government.

Ahsan Iqbal said Imran Khan had made hostage the entire democratic system just for his self esteem. ONLINE

Balochistan universities to be under chief minister's control: Law Passed

Syed Ali Shah

Universities across Balochistan would be under the jurisdiction/control of the Chief Minister rather than Governor Balochistan. On Monday evening, the provincial assembly passed the Balochistan universities amendment act amid uproar in the house. Balochistan Education Minister, Mir Naseebullah Marri tabled the bill, which was adopted by a majority of the members amid the uproar.

Mitha Khan Kakar of the ruling Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), Nasrullah Zarai of Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP) expressed reservations about curtailing the powers of the Governor/Chancellor. They demanded of the Speaker refer the bill to the standing committee for further deliberations.

Under the act CM, Govt, Cabinet to appoint VCs of universities

Under the amendment act, the Chief Minister, government, and cabinet will be having the power to appoint Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of universities across the province.



"Governor should not be made powerless in this regard", Mitha Khan Kakar, a lawmaker from the ruling BAP demanded. Balochistan Education Minister, Naseebullah Marri was about the table the legislation when Kakar objected to it. Although, Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Quddus Bizenjo urged the members to adopt the legislation.

Some lawmakers stage walkout from the house

However, Malik Sikandar Advocate, the opposition leader in Balochistan Assembly suggested the chair/speaker refer the legislation to the standing committee for a thorough consultation. Subsequently, the House passed the legislation with majority votes. Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran of the ruling BAP said it was not written in the constitution that a Pashtoon has to be the Governor of Balochistan. "We all belong to one province and we all are one", he said. Nasrullah Khan Zarai of Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP) said that the academic staff association has expressed reservations about the legislation. The number of universities across Balochistan is currently nine. The chair adjourned the house proceedings till April 14th.

Cablegate: PTI rejects PM Shehbaz's offer to probe US envoy's correspondence

PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry on Monday rejected newly elected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's call to investigate the contents of a cable that allegedly contains details of a threat made by the United States against former premier Imran Khan's government.

Following his successful election as the prime minister earlier today, Shehbaz announced that he would be making arrangements for an in-camera briefing of the Parliamentary Committee on National Security to discuss and determine the authenticity of the cable and the session would be attended by the military leadership, Inter-Services Intelligence director general, foreign secretary and the ambassador who sent the letter.



ISLAMABAD: Newly Elected Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Muhammad Shabbaz Sharif addressing after voting at National Assembly in Federal Capital.

FIA puts Akbar, Gill on No Fly List

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Investigation Agency has put the names of former special assistant to the prime minister on accountability and interior Shahzad Akbar and ex-SAPM on political communication Dr Shehbaz Gill on No Fly List, it was learnt on Monday.

Pakistani rupee makes more gains against US dollar

KARACHI: After days of losing streak, the Pakistani rupee on Monday gained against the United States (US) dollar in the interbank, giving a positive signal about the stabilisation of the exchange rate.

beginning of the day. The PSX began the trading with 1300 points up. The benchmark KSE-100 index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Friday reversed its bearish trend soon after its opening and surpassed 44,000 mark, a day after the Supreme Court of Pakistan nullified the deputy speaker's ruling against no-confidence motion.

Opposition withdraws no-trust motion against KP CM

PESHAWAR: The opposition in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has taken back its no-confidence motion against Chief Minister Mehmood Khan on the assurance of the provincial government that it will not dissolve the assembly.

ister was to stop him from dissolving the assembly, he explained. But since the provincial government has assured the opposition that the assembly will not be dissolved, the opposition is taking back its no-confidence motion, Babak added.

Advanced Dental Laboratory with Chinese technology inaugurated

ISLAMABAD: The Advanced Dental Laboratory at Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) Jamshoro was inaugurated at LUMHS Advanced Dental Care Center equipped with the Chinese technology, according to report published by Gwadar Pro-Vice Chancellor, Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences Jamshoro, Professor Dr Ikram Din Ujjan inaugurated the Laboratory.

was equipped with the latest Chinese technology. Profession Ujjan told the audience that tooth which costs Rs. 12,000 in a private laboratory will be made here at Rs. 2,500.

FC North arranges mega Iftar dinner for cricket players in Sibi

From Our Correspondent

Frontier Corps (North) Balochistan arranged a mega Iftar dinner for cricket players in Sibi. Cricket players from 15 teams of the district participated in the Iftar dinner. FC officials encouraged the youth for

their talent and promotion of sports activities in the area. The cricket players asked the FC North to organize more cricket tournaments to encourage local talent and give an opportunity to players. The local players hailed the efforts of the Pak Army and FC with regard to the promotion of sports activities in Sibi and other parts of Balochistan.



Ex-PM increased debt burden to unsustainable level, left country almost bankrupt: PEW

ISLAMABAD: President Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) Dr. Murtaza Mughal said former prime minister Imran Khan increased the debt burden to unsustainable levels and left the country almost bankrupt.

Dr. Murtaza Mughal said that the new government should reduce the pace of borrowing, stop harassment of the business community to lure investment and stop flight of capital.

70-year-old man set on fire over monetary dispute in Chiniot

CHINIOT: A 70-year-old man on Monday sustained critical burns after he was set on fire by a suspect over some monetary dispute in Lalian area of tehsil Chiniot.

Two women die after being run over by bus in Manga Mandi

MANGA MANDI: Two women died Monday after the motorbike they were on was run over by a bus in Manga Mandi area.

Shots fired at house of Mian Khalid in Sheikhpura

SHEIKHPURA: Unidentified assailants fired shots on the house of the dissident Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party member Mian Khalid Mehmoor which is located in Sheikhpura on Monday.

Arsalan Mehsud murder case: ATC removes anti-terrorism clause

KARACHI: An anti-terrorism court (ATC) has approved a plea to remove anti-terrorism clause from the murder case of a teenager Arsalan Mehsud which also involves a former SHO of police as a suspect.

Gopang and later tried to give an impression of a police encounter. A youngster, Yasir, injured in the entire episode and eye-witnesses have identified the suspects while the challan also noted that the spent casing found from the crime scene also matched with the weapon of the suspect, Touhid.

Jahangir Tareen decides to return on April 16

LONDON: Disgruntled Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Jahangir Tareen has decided to return to Pakistan on April 16.

4.7 magnitude earthquake jolts Bannu, adjoining areas

BANNU: An earthquake measuring 4.7 on the Richter scale jolted Bannu and its adjoining areas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in the wee hours of Monday.



LAHORE: Candidate of Chief Minister Punjab Mian Muhammad Hamza Shahbaz Sharif arrive for his hearing at the court of Special Judge in Provincial Capital.

Pakistan reports less than 100 Covid-19 cases for second day in a row

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has reported no deaths in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has risen to 1,526,666. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 30,361 on Saturday.

219,273 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 135,127 in Islamabad, 43,301 in Azad Kashmir, 35,480 in Balochistan and 11,719 in Gilgit-Baltistan.

SHC extends bail of Jam Abdul Karim in Nazim Jokhio case

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Monday extended bail of Jam Abdul Karim, a key suspect in Nazim Jokhio murder case.

they had raised objections over it," the investigation officer of the case replied.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi meeting with a delegation of Bajaur Chamber of Commerce and Industry, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.