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Army huddle takes note of recent 'propaganda campaign', attempt to divide 'institution and society'



Conference was held at the General Headquarters that was attended by the army's corps commanders, principal staff officers and all formation commanders and presided over by Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa.

"The forum took note of the recent propaganda campaign by some quarters to malign [the] Pakistan Army and create division between the institution and society. "National security of Pakistan is sacrosanct. Pakistan Army has always stood by the state institutions to guard it and always will, without any compromise," the ISPR statement said.

It added that the forum expressed "complete confidence in the leadership's well-considered stance to uphold the Constitution and rule of law at all costs".

The military has come under criticism this week, especially in the wake of former prime minister Imran Khan's ouster through a successful vote of no-confidence. Trends against the armed forces

and its leadership have seen intense activity on social media platforms such as Twitter.

Slogans critical of the army were also chanted during country-wide protests staged on Sunday in support of Khan.

Apart from taking notice of the social media developments, the army huddle was briefed on professional matters, national security challenges and measures being undertaken to counter traditional and non-traditional threats.

"COAS expressed satisfaction over operational preparedness of formations and response mechanism to deal with emerging challenges. Forum paid rich tribute to the supreme sacrifices of officers and men to ensure [the] security of borders and safety of masses," the ISPR said. It said the army was aware of its responsibilities and would continue to defend the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Pakistan against all internal and external threats under all circumstances. Web Desk

A meeting of Pakistan Army officials on Tuesday took note of the recent criticism directed at the institution on social media and expressed complete confidence in the leadership's "well-considered stance to uphold the Constitution and the rule of law".

According to a statement issued from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the 79th Formation Commanders'



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Mian Shehbaz Sharif receiving Guard of Honour.

PTI still part of BAP led coalition in Balochistan

Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA: Pakistan Tehrik e Insaf (PTI) is still part of the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) led coalition government in the province. Seven members except for Sardar Yar Muhammad Rind are partners in the Chief Minister Qaddus Bizenjo led provincial government.

"We support Mir Qaddus Bizenjo and our alliance is with him", one of the provincial ministers told this scribe. Although, he requested anonymity because of possible reactions from the party.

Ruling BAP had parted its ways with PTI on March 22, 2022, as four out of five members of the national assembly threw weight



behind the combined opposition. The party extended support to the joint opposition in the no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan.

"Balochistan's politics is different from that of Islamabad"

"Balochistan's politics is different from that of Islamabad", the lawmaker argued. He said the majority of the lawmakers want to

be part of the BAP-led coalition government in the province. PTI is the fourth-largest parliamentary group in the house of 65 in Balochistan.

However, sources within the Jamiat ul Ulama e Islam (F) revealed that two sitting lawmakers from the PTI have contacted the party. "They want to join JUI", they claimed. There was no response from the PTI lawmakers when this report tried to speak to them.

PTI has tendered resignations from the national assembly to mount pressure on the newly elected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Former Prime Minister Imran Khan has announced launching a countrywide protest movement against the present government.

Quddus Bizenjo appointed as parliamentary leader of BAP

Staff Reporter

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qaddus Bizenjo has been appointed as the parliamentary leader of the ruling Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) in the provincial assembly. According to a notification issued by the assembly secretariat on Tuesday, Mr. Bizenjo has been appointed as the parliamentary leader after 14 lawmakers from the ruling party endorsed his name.

Mr. Bizenjo has replaced former senior minister, Mir Zahoor Buledi as the parliamentary leader in Balochistan Assembly. The number of BAP MPAs in the Balochistan Assembly is 24.

A letter received by this daily shows 14 lawmakers including Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, Sardar Saleh Bhootani, Muhammad Khan Lehri, Mir



Sikandar Umrani, Bushra Rind, Mah Jabeen Sheran and others had endorsed the name of Mr. Bizenjo as the parliamentary leader of the party.

There was no immediate word from Jam Kamal Khan or Mr. Zahoor Buledi in this regard.

Imran Khan's dark era ends, Maryum Aurangzeb

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) spokesperson Maryum Aurangzeb has said on Tuesday that four years black and suffocating reign of Imran has ended and people wants to forget it.

She asked him to tender an apology to the people for PECA like laws and filing fake cases on political opponents and critic journalists instead of adding more lies to it.

When religious card, international conspiracy card along with Riyasat-e-Madina card and Amr bil maruf card can't save them, now they brought suppression and resignation card, said Maryum.

She told him that they cannot stop this new Problem solving journey of development same like no-confidence motion.

She said this imported group of advisors and spokesperson are trying to save their American nationality after looting the poor peoples.

Imported advisors and spokespersons have appealed to High Court to travel back to their home, she said. Online

Pakistan keen for constructive, positive ties with the US: PM Office

ISLAMABAD: The Prime Minister Office said on Tuesday that the newly elected government of Pakistan was keen for having constructive and positive relations with the United States for promoting shared goals of peace, security, and development in the region.

In a press briefing at the White House, Psaki said: "We support the peaceful upholding of constitutional democratic principles, we don't support one political party over another." The White House press secretary said the United States "certainly" supports the principles of rule of law and equal justice under the law. Psaki added that the US values its long-standing cooperation with Pakistan and has always viewed a prosperous and democratic Pakistan as critical to US interests — that remains unchanged regardless of who the leadership is. INP

making him the first premier to be ousted through the democratic process.

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CS pays surprise visit to Ramadan bazaars, reviews arrangements

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Secretary Kamran Ali Afzal on Tuesday paid a surprise visit to Ramadan bazaars at Shadman and Wahdat Road to review the arrangements there. He inspected various stalls and inquired from the customers about the quality, availability and prices of the items.

Expressing satisfaction over the arrangements, the people informed the Chief Secretary that good quality items are available in the Ramadan bazaars at discounted rates.

The Chief Secretary said that Ramadan bazaars and price control measures were being reviewed on a daily basis. He directed the officers to keep a close watch on the prices as well as the quality, demand and supply of daily-use items.

Secretary Industries Wasif Khurshid briefed the Chief Secretary that demand of some commodities is higher due to subsidy on selected items in Ramadan bazaars. He said that the number of counters has been increased at those stalls facing rush of buyers while separate counters have also been set up for the elderly and women. INP

"Chon, chon murabba government is only for a few weeks: Fawad Chaudhry

ISLAMABAD: PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry has said "chon chon ka murabba" government is only for a few weeks.

He tweeted "country crisis is deepening. Chon chon murabba (mixed pickle) government is only for a few weeks. Resignations from 135 constituencies have come. The present parliament has lost its importance and status. Elections are the only way to avert clash."

PML-N government should abandon dreaming of launching crackdown against the social media and political rivals. Online

Balochistan also deserves a motorway Mr. Prime Minister



Pakistan Muslim League (N) is known for improving the communication system of the country by laying a net of motorways and highways. The newly elected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is famous for his tireless efforts to make sure timely and quality completion of development projects. Undoubtedly, massive development in the past in the country's populous province of Punjab proves this.

Now when Shehbaz Sharif has taken over as the Chief Executive of the country. The people of Balochistan have pinned high hopes on the Prime Minister especially regarding improving the road network in the province, which covers almost half of the country in terms of area.

Former PM Nawaz Sharif linked Islamabad with Lahore, Multan, Peshawar, D I Khan, and Sukkur with motorways. Unfortunately, Balochistan was not on his radar to link it with the rest of the country through the construction of motorways. Despite the fact that the former PM had key nationalist allies in Balochistan. Even then, not a single motorway was constructed.

The outgoing Premier Imran Khan's era also ended without the construction of a single-kilometer motorway.

Road accidents have claimed thousands of precious human lives on all highways of Balochistan linking it with the rest of the country. Repeated announcements have been made regarding the construction of the Quetta-Karachi highway. Nevertheless, words are yet to match action in this regard. Long distances, narrow roads and reckless driving are the underlying reasons behind increasing incidents of road accidents across Balochistan.

The newly elected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif should go beyond words and meet one of the long-standing demands of the people of Balochistan. The province is faced with a host of issues. The ratio of unemployment and poverty is high in Balochistan as compared to other provinces of the country. Improvement in the communication system/ construction of the motorway and linking Balochistan with the rest of the country via road network can help improve socio-economic conditions and bring an end to increasing traffic accidents in the province.

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ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court on Tuesday received the "sealed confidential letter" — containing the alleged threat from the United States — sent by National Assembly Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri.

Deputy NA Speaker Suri tweeted that the National Assembly Secretariat had sent the "sealed confidential letter" on his directions and has been "received" by the office of Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial.

"The honourable court is expected to form a commission similar to the one formed in the megagate scandal and hold an inquiry," tweeted Suri.

The deputy speaker shared that in the letter it's "clearly written" that Pakistan would face strict actions if the no-confidence motion against Imran Khan had failed.

"As directed by the Acting Speaker, National Assembly of Pakistan, a confidential letter (in original) received from the Cabinet Secretary which was submitted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan (Cypher Bureau) to the Honourable Speaker, is onward submitted for kind perusal of the Honourable, Chief Justice of Pakistan," says the letter which was received by the Supreme Court. Web Desk

PTI to move high courts over harassment of its social media activists: Asad Umar

PTI's central secretary general Asad Umar on Tuesday said the party had drafted a petition regarding the alleged harassment of its social media activists and would file it in the high courts tomorrow.

The development comes after recent reports that online activists associated with the PTI's social media wing were allegedly being harassed in the aftermath of party chairman Imran Khan's ouster from the prime minister's office via a no-confidence motion.

Azhar Mashwani, the former focal person for digital media in Punjab,



claimed earlier today that the Federal Investigation Agency was harassing PTI social media volunteers across the country. He had called on the party leadership to take the matter to the courts.

Khalid, Khan's focal person on digital media, was allegedly raided in Lahore by 11 unidentified men in the wee hours of Sunday. PTI leader Dr Shahbaz Gill had said that the raid was anticipated and so Dr Khalid was sent somewhere else.

The purported raid had drawn concerned reactions from senior PTI leadership.

It is pertinent to mention here that the military has come under criticism this week on social media forums, and Twitter trends against the armed forces and its leadership have seen intense activity. Web Desk

Chinese companies launch 'Special Ramadan Plan'

ISLAMABAD: Thousands of Pakistani workers and officials are experiencing ease in spending fast during their working hours in Chinese companies since the onset of Ramadan, according to a report published by Gwadar Pro.

A number of Chinese companies have launched "Special Ramadan Plan" for Muslim staff as a considerable relief facilitating them to keep fast in true Islamic letters and spirit across Pakistan.

Given the Special Ramadan Plan, Pakistani Muslim Staff are having special allocated times for prayers, reduction in working hours, light workload and ample meal arrangements at sehri (fast-holding time) and iftar (fast-breaking time).

Meanwhile, many companies have announced additional salaries and beforehand salaries enabling Pakistani staff to manage their needs and budgets in Ramadan.

Usama Hamid, senior translator in Challenge Textile, a Chinese company based in Lahore, said that under special Ramadan plan, half an hour of time has been set aside for "Asar prayer".

Meanwhile, Chinese management has allocated a separate space with prayer carpets inside the company's premises, allowing staff to do prayers conveniently. "The time-break and special prayer space have won the hearts of Muslim workers," he added.

"Chinese companies allowed staff to leave work for 15 to 20 minutes before the holding and breaking of fast, allowing them to prepare themselves to perform religious practices in accordance with Islamic injunctions", he said. The special Ramadan budget is also serving staff with abundant quality food during Sehri and Iftar times.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Mian Shehbaz Sharif meeting with delegation of MQM led by Mr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui.

Hafiz Hussam Sohail, a Pakistani official working as Manager of Stations in Orange Line Metro Train (OLMRT) told Gwadar Pro that all Muslim staff are in high spirit during Ramadan as the company has reduced working hours, duties and provided maximum ease from Iftar time to Sehri time since the advent of Ramadan.

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Masses, businessmen pinning high hopes with PM Shehbaz, says Shahid Rasheed

ISLAMABAD: Former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt on Tuesday said the masses and business community are pinning high hopes with newly elected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

People are positive that PM Sharif has the will and ability to steer the country out of the current economic mess, he said.

In a statement issued here, Shahid Rasheed Butt said that disappointed people and dejected investors have breathed a sigh of relief as soon as Shehbaz Sharif became the Prime Minister.

He said that Premier Shehbaz Sharif will have to face serious challenges including economic and political crisis, inflation, resumption of the stalled IMF program, deteriorating relations with the Western powers, the shortage of water for agriculture and the resurgence of militancy in some parts of the country.

Reviving the broken economy will be the toughest task for him that will be a test of abilities in which he will remain successful, he hoped.

The business leader said that PTI had done nothing but revengeful politics and damaged the economic foundations of the country through wrong decisions. During the PTI government, a good number of the population was pushed below the poverty line and millions of businesses went bankrupt. Former PM Imran Khan should accept his defeat, have some mercy on the country, and stop fanning the flames of political instability in the interest of the country, he demanded.

Shahid Rasheed said that the country would have gone bankrupt two years ago without billions of dollars in aid for the coronavirus outbreak, adding that as long as the volume of dollars coming into the country is less than the number of dollars going abroad, the rupee will continue to depreciate because exports and remittances are less than required.

He said that SBP has raised interest rates to save the economy otherwise dollar would have jumped to Rs200 but the business community is criticising the move which is wrong.

Mr. Butt said that every Pakistan was indebted by Rs36000 in 2018, and PPP indebted every person to Rs88000 in five years. After that, PML-N left every person indebted by 144000 while PTI left everyone indebted by Rs227000.

PML-N borrowed heavily but also completed many mega projects and other developmental projects but PTI broke all records of borrowing without doing anything except raising slogans. Former PM Imran Khan should accept his defeat, have some mercy on the country, and stop fanning the flames of political instability in the interest of the country, he demanded.

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Thus ends fascist regime in Pakistan: Ishaq Dar

LONDON: While commenting on the removal of Imran Khan from the Prime Minister office through a vote of no-confidence, former finance minister Ishaq Dar Tuesday said, "Thus ended the fascist regime. It was the darkest period in the history of the country."

Ishaq Dar said while talking to journalists in London that the government of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) brought only destruction to the country.

"Debts piled up in their [PTI's] tenure. The country progressed under Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)," said the former finance minister. To a question put to him by a journalist about his return to Pakistan, Ishaq Dar said: "We are trying to complete the medical examination as soon as possible. Let's see what the doctors say."INP

Student injured in PML-N, PTI workers clash

ABBOTTABAD: A university student was injured in an armed clash between the workers of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) in Abbottabad on late Monday night.

According to police, the clash occurred when the rallies of both parties came across. Both sides fired shots at each other during which a university student passing by was injured critically.

He was rushed to a hospital where his condition was stated to be critical.INP

Former NA Speaker Asad Qaiser warmly welcomed on reaching Swabi

SWABI: Former Speaker National Assembly and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Asad Qaiser was warmly welcomed on reaching his hometown Swabi on late Monday night.

A large number of PTI workers were present to welcome him. They paid tribute to Asad Qaiser on resigning as National Assembly Speaker. It is pertinent to mention her that Asad Qaiser on Sunday had resigned from his post over no-confidence motion presented against PM Imran Khan.

Several other PTI leaders also accompanied Asad Qaiser. The PTI workers chanted slogans of 'Asad Qaiser Zindabad', 'Imran Khan Zindabad' and 'Imported Govt Na-Manzoor'.INP

Child dies after house catches fire in Talagang

CHAKWAL: A four-year-old boy named Hamza died and five others including a girl suffered burn injuries after a house caught fire in Talagang town of Chakwal district due to short-circuit on Tuesday.

According to reports, the fire soon spread to a neighbouring house. Resultantly, household items reduced to ashes.

Rescue 1122 personnel reached site of the fire and shifted the injured to City Hospital. INP

Fire destroys wheat crop on 10 acres of land in Narowal

NAROWAL: Farmers in Mardowal village of Narowal suffered a loss of millions of rupees when a harvester machine caught fire due to short-circuit on Tuesday.

Although four fire brigade vehicles reached site of the incident and doused the flames but by then the wheat crop as well as the machine had been completely burnt, leaving the farmers in a state of shock. INP

PTI changes Karachi rally date from April 17 to 16

KARACHI: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Tuesday announced changing the date of its public meeting in Karachi from April 17 to a day earlier on April 16.

Now, PTI chairman Imran Khan will be addressing the public meeting in Karachi on April 16 instead of April 17.

Meanwhile, the party also cancelled the press conference of former finance minister Shaukat Tarin and Muzammil Aslam.INP

Focus on allies as Cabinet likely to be formed in next 24 hours

ISLAMABAD: The consultative talks have entered the final stage between the newly formed government of PML-N and its allies for the formation of federal cabinet.

Sources divulged on Tuesday that the matter of cabinet formation would be completed during next 24 hours. In the first stage, 20-25 federal ministers and state ministers would take oath to their respective offices.

It has been learnt that ministries of information, defence, finance and interior would go to the PML-N. While six ministries including foreign ministry would be offered to the Pakistan Peoples Party.

The PML-N wants PPP Chief Bilawal Bhutto Zardari to become foreign minister. However, Sherry Rehman and Hina Rabbani Khar could also be the possible choice for the portfolio of foreign minister, sources added.

They said that the Senate members of the allied parties would also be offered ministries.

The leaders of Muttahida Quami Movement (P) and Balochistan Awami Party would also get ministries.

From the PML-N side, Khwaja Saad Rafiq, Maryam Aurangzeb, Khuram Dastgir, Rana Sanaullah and Khwaja Asif will be given ministries.

Besides them, the names of Azam Nazir Tarar, Afghan Ullah and Rana Mqbool were also under consideration.

The independents who supported the PML-N and allies in no-confidence motion would also be given ministries.

Sources said the government was mulling governors' replacement in three provinces. They said that the Senate members of the allied parties would also be offered ministries. The leaders of Muttahida Quami Movement (P) and Balochistan Awami Party would also get ministries. From the PML-N side, Khwaja Saad Rafiq.INP

PEMA seeks cut in duties, incentives for electronics exports: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Electronics Manufacturers Association (PEMA) has called upon the government to reduce duties on the material related to electronics and home appliances and introduce incentives for exports, according to WealthPK.

The PEMA Chairman, Muhammad Farooq Naseem, has requested the government to provide loans to the lower- and middle-income people through banks for production of home appliances in order to boost the industry. He also asked for introduction of an amnesty scheme to bring the industry under tax to expand the size of the legal electronics industry. The size of the industry is about Rs350 billion. It contributes Rs125 billion to the national exchequer and generates Rs60 billion as sales tax, Rs15 billion as income tax, and Rs50 billion as customs duty. Household appliances like refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, washing machines, microwave ovens fall in the category of large appliances, while coffee/tea makers, food processors, grills & toasters, vacuum cleaners, water dispensers are included in small appliances.

The household appliance market is a sub-sector of the electronics group of the large-scale manufacturing (LSM) sector. Home appliances contribute 4 percent to the LSM. The major contributors are refrigerators, air conditioners, and deep freezers, which make around 50 percent of the total market. Among these categories, the major appliance market is dominated by the refrigerator, which contributes the most revenue.

According to the PEMA data, the country produces 2 million refrigerators annually. During the fiscal year 2021, the production of refrigerators grew by 112 percent compared to 27 percent in the previous year.INP

Subject Based QS Ranking: IIUI placed among 51-100 global universities

ISLAMABAD: International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) has been named as one of the world's top universities and placed among 51-100 across the world in latest edition of the world's most consulted university rankings QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) subject-based QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022. International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI)'s best performance is in the fields of Theology, Divinity & Religious Studies (Islamic Studies). In addition, in Citations per paper, Computer Science & Information Systems is the subject in which International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) earned the highest score as well as among 651-670 universities. In H-Index, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) received a score of 54.8 for Computer Science & Information Systems - its highest-scoring subject for this indicator.

According to the details, Of the two academic disciplines from International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) that are in the 2022 subject rankings, 100% improved their positions in the rankings, 0% decreased, and 0% stayed the same. The university has also shined in the categories of academic and employer reputation. In addition, in general in Asia, IIUI is ranked among 301-350. The recent positive results generated by IIUI are outcome of continued reforms and initiatives introduced by the university management that includes preparation of university's new strategic plan that also helped in gleaming an exact view of the university accomplishments on scientific basis. The university leadership believes that upcoming ranking will be much positive as new reforms and initiatives have entered into the mature stages through various steps taken such as implementation.INP

PM Shehbaz Sharif cancels two-day weekly off in Govt offices

ISLAMABAD: After assuming office on Tuesday, the newly-elected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif cancelled two weekly-off days in government offices and from now on there will be only one weekly off for govt employees.

The prime minister Shehbaz Sharif also announced changes in office timings as government-run offices will now start operating at 8am instead of 10am.

PM Shehbaz Sharif also issued directions for the implementation of relief measures announced by him yesterday in the National Assembly.

He has directed concerned authorities to ensure strict monitoring of Sasta Bazaars during Ramadan in order to ensure the provision of quality items to the people at reduced rates.INP

Let's secure peace, Shehbaz asks Modi

ISLAMABAD: Newly-elected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has invited his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi to let work together to secure peace in the region.

In a tweet posted on Tuesday, Shehbaz Sharif, however, reminded Narendra Modi that peaceful settlement of outstanding disputes including Jammu and Kashmir was indispensable.

The Pakistani prime minister also told Modi that his country's sacrifices in fighting terrorism were well known.

He also thanked the Indian prime minister for extending his felicitations on become Pakistan's PM. Shehbaz said Pakistan desired peaceful and cooperative relationship with India. Modi congratulated Sharif on Twitter after the latter's election win and reiterated his desire for "peace and stability" in the region. Sharif also offered an olive branch of his own, telling parliament Monday that Pakistan wanted a "better relationship with India." But he also cautioned that no lasting peace would be possible without a resolution to Kashmir's status. "I would suggest Prime Minister Modi let us resolve the Kashmir issue and divert.INP

Rupee continues to recover against US dollar as political turmoil eases

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee on Tuesday registered a sharp recovery against the United States (US) dollar as it appreciated Rs1.63 in the inter-bank market.

According to foreign currency dealers, the US dollar is trading at Rs181.30 after depreciating Rs1.63 against the local currency in early trade.

In the open market, the dollar is trading at over Rs183.

The Pakistani rupee had closed at Rs182.93 against the dollar in the interbank market on Monday.

As per economic experts, the rupee has started showing signs of recovery after the political uncertainty has come to an end and a new government came into power.

It is pertinent to mention here that the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) last week set the monetary policy rate at 12.25%.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) noted in its statement the significant uncertainty around the outlook for international commodity prices and global financial conditions necessitated a strong and proactive policy response so it decided at its emergency meeting today, to raise the policy rate by 250 basis points to 12.25 percent.INP



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Mian Shehbaz Sharif meeting with a delegation of Balochistan Awami Party led by Khalid Hussain Magri.

ITP resolves 74.8 pc complaints received on PM Portal in one month

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) resolved more than 74.8 percent complaints by taking prompt action on them which were received on Prime Minister Portal during last one month.

According to details, the ITP took prompt action on the traffic related complaints received on PM Portal and SSP (Traffic) Mazhar Iqbal promptly resolved them.

SSP (Traffic) said that a total of 81 complaints related to traffic police were received on PM portal during last one month of which 75 were immediately resolved while feedback has been received on 42 complaints and these would be addressed soon. Overall, 74.8 percent citizens got satisfied after redressal of the issues highlighted by them while people have appreciated the prompt action of the traffic police.

Moreover, ITP also resolved the complaints received to it through social media tools including twitter, facebook an Instagram. SSP (Traffic) Mazhar Iqbal directed all officials to focus on resolving the public complaints on merit and conduct meetings with those who are not satisfied after action of police.

Such gestures and interactions would help to promote friendly policing and image of the police would be improved, the SSP (Traffic) said. According to details, the ITP took prompt action on the traffic related complaints received on PM Portal and SSP (Traffic) Mazhar Iqbal promptly resolved them.

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Livestock farms should be ideal in terms of performance, production, research: Secretary

LAHORE: Secretary Livestock Punjab, Naveed Haider Shirazi has said that government livestock farms should be ideal in terms of performance, production and research.

He expressed these views here on Tuesday while chairing an important departmental meeting here at Livestock Department to evaluate the performance of livestock farms.

During meeting, the performance of Government Livestock Farm Rakh Ghulam, Pattoki, Bahadur Nagar and Qadirabad was reviewed in detail. All Farm Incharges, Director Generals and Deputy Secretary (Technical) attended the meeting.

Naveed Haider Shirazi praised the well-performing farms and reprimanded the management of the low-performing farms.

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