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No-trust motion: NA session adjourned till Sunday after opposition's protest

'Neither you nor your handlers will be forgiven,' PM Imran warns 'sell-outs' ahead of no-trust vote

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Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday again linked the no-trust move against him with a "foreign conspiracy" allegedly hatched due to his government's "independent foreign policy" as he warned his party's dissidents and political rivals that the future generations of the country will neither forgive them nor their "handlers".

The prime minister fired those warnings in a live address to the nation days ahead of voting on a no-trust resolution against him in the National Assembly that will decide his government's fate.

After starting off with a detailed explanation of his political ideology and the reason of his foray into

politics, he emphasised why an independent foreign policy was essential for free nations — something which he said he strived for during his time in power.

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The prime minister then discussed the 'threat letter' that he brandished in the March 27 power show in Islamabad and which purportedly contains "evidence" of a foreign conspiracy to oust his government.

In what appeared to be a slip of tongue, the prime minister named the US as the country that is reportedly behind the letter, only to quickly correct himself and say that was some other country and not

March 8, or probably before that on March 7, we received a message from the US... no, not the US, what I mean to say is from some other foreign country," he said, adding that the message was not just against the prime minister (referring to himself) but "our nation".

The prime minister claimed that the country behind the letter knew

NSC decides to issue strong

demarche to unnamed

country over 'threat letter'

The National Security Committee (NSC) decided on Thursday to issue a "strong demarche" to a country, that it did not name, over a 'threat letter'—purportedly showing evidence of a foreign conspiracy to oust the PTI-led government—terming it "blatant interference in the internal affairs of Pakistan". The meeting of the NSC, which is the highest forum for coordination on security issues, was chaired by Prime Minister Imran Khan. It was attended by ministers for defence, energy, information and broadcasting, interior, finance, human rights, planning, development and special initiatives, chairman joint chiefs of staff committee, services chiefs, national security adviser and senior officers. According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), NSA Moeed Yusuf briefed the committee about the "formal communication of a senior official of a foreign country" to Pakistan's ambassador in that country in a formal meeting which was

about the "formal communication of a senior official of a foreign country" to Pakistan's ambassador in that country in a formal meeting which was subsequently conveyed. The committee expressed grave concern at the communication, terming the language used by the foreign official as undiplomatic," the statement said, adding that the meeting concluded that it amounted to "blatant interference in the internal affairs of Pakistan by the country in question". It termed the interference "unacceptable under any circumstances". "The committee decided that Pakistan will issue a strong demarche to the country in question both in Islamabad and in the country's capital through proper channel in keeping with diplomatic norms," according to the statement. Web Desk

CHINA: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi addressed Third Foreign Ministers' meeting of the neighboring coun-

No-trust motion: NA session

adjourned till Sunday after

opposition's protest

The crucial National Assembly session to debate the no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan, which resumed after a three-day recess on Thursday, was adjourned minutes after it began.

Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri, who presided over the session, adjourned the session till 11:30am on Sunday.

At the beginning of the session, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Babar Awan moved a motion to adjourn the session so the assembly hall could be used for the Parliamentary Committee on National

tries of Afghanistan, hosted by China.

of an impending no-trust vote against him before it was filed by the opposition in the National Assembly, "So this means that they (the

opposition) were in contact with people abroad before all this hap-pened," he said. "And the interest-ing part is that the [conspiracy detailed in the document] is not against Pakistan's leadership or government, but only against Imran Khan."

Khan."

The premier said the country behind the letter had the stance that they were "angry with Pakistan" and that it "will forgive Pakistan if Imran Khan loses this no-trust" vote contest. "I ask my nation today that is this our status? We are a nation of 220 million and another country — and they are not giving any reason except for saying that he (PM Imran) went to Russia — [is issuing threats]," he said. "They said that Imran Khan decided to go to Russia on his own even though the Foreign Office and the military leadership was consulted. Web Desk

Next 48 hours crucial for Pakistan's political situation: interior minister

LAHORE: Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed Ahmad has termed the next 48 hours important, saying that the political situation in Pakistan can take a new turn.

During an interview with a private Tv channel Rasheed said:
"The time till Saturday night 12am is crucial." He asked the nation to wait till Friday and Saturday night as nothing has been finalised and the political situation might

Talking about Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar's resignation, the interior minister said "According to the rules and regula-tions, the governor calls the chief minister to confirm his resignation which gets accepted two to three days after the confirmation".

He said that the chief minister will spend the last day in office

Sources said that the Punjab CM's resignation, which he ten-dered before PM Imran Khan, has dered before PM Imran Khan, has been received by the Punjab gover-nor and is expected to be accepted today.Earlier, Buzdar had stepped down in favour of Parvez Elahı as part of a deal with the PML-Q to secure the party's support for the prime minister against the no-trust motion.INP

Nation needs to stand against elements engaged in destabilizing country: Zaidi

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Ali Zaidi has said that it was high time for the nation to stand up against the ele-ments involved in destabilizing country and foil their nefarious

Talking to media persons here on Thursday, he said that since Imran Khan assumed the Prime Minister's office, the anti-Pakistan forces seem to be in trouble as they sovereign and stable Pakistan was

The federal minister said that Prime Minister Imran Khan has challenged the anti-Pakistan elements after which they were strug-

Zaidi said that the nation should stand with right and play role to stop the deviation of history towards destruction. INP

'Threat' letter: Pakistan decides to take up the matter diplomatically

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has decided to take the matter of 'threat letter' diplomatically by giving a befitting response to the

giving a befitting response to the concerned country.

Following the National Security Committee (NSC) meeting, Pakistan has decided to give a befitting response to the 'country' for sending 'threat letter'.

The declaration of the NSC meeting was released which was

meeting was released which was attended by federal ministers, the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) and Services Chiefs.INP



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No-trust motion won't be withdrawn at any cost: Atta Marri



Prime Minister Imran Khan chairs the meeting of the National Security Committee (NSC).

CM Bizenjo meets Jamali, decide to hold intra-party elections

News Desk

QUETTA: Balochistan, Minister Mir Quddus Bizenjo met Speaker Jan Muhammad Jamali on Thursday. Other leaders of the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) including Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, Muhammad Khon Lehri Muhammad Khan Lehri. Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar and others were also present on the occa-sion. "The meeting decid-ed to hold intra-party elections", an official



meeting discussed issues relating to BAP and other organizational issues. organizational issues. The meeting decided to convene an immediate meeting of the party to have thorough consulta-tions in this regard, the

The meeting also reviewed a no-confi-dence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan and unfolding political events in the country. The meeting also discussed the

upcoming local bodies elections in Balochistan and decided to organize BAP to make the success

Gap to make the success of councilors.

Currently, former chief minister, Jam Kamal Khan is the president of the ruling BAP. Jam Kamal was removed as the CM in October 2021 after the submission of the no-confidence motion against the latter. motion against the latter, The then speaker Quddus Bizenjo who is currently the CM had played an important role in the removal of Jam Kamal.

Jaffarabad: Man, woman killed in a firing incident

Aziz Marri

A man and woman were killed in firing incident in Balochistan's Police sources said armed men opened fire and killed a man and woman in the Mohbat Shakh area of Dera Allah Yar.

Both the victims received multiple bullet injuries, police said. People of the area informed the police after the incident. Police shifted the dead bodies to the district headquarters hospital in Jaffarabad.

The man killed in the firing was identified as Liaquat Ali. However, the woman could not be immediately identified. Police said the accused had opened fire from a very close range. The reason behind



the incident couldn't be immediately known. "We are investigating the incident", a police official said. He

said it was premature to link the incident with 'honor' killing.

"Honor' killing has claimed scores of precious human lives in Jaffarabad, Naseerabad and other parts of Balochistan.

No-trust motion won't be withdrawn at any cost: Atta Marri

ISLAMABAD: Peoples Party (PPP) MNA and Information Secretary Shazia Atta Marri said on Thursday joint opposition will not tack back no-trust motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan.

"Opposition's no-confidence motion against PM Imran will go ahead as per schedule," she said and demanded the resignation of the prime minister. Shazia Marri said that PM Imran

has lost majority in the lower house of the parliament, adding that united opposition has more than 177 votes to succeed no-trust

motion against the premier.
Information Minister Fawad
Chaudhry earlier had said that the opposition should take back its noconfidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan considering the international economic situa-

tion.
The extraordinary session of the

National Assembly with the notrust motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan on the agen-da will resume this evening.

The Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif will resume debate over the no-trust motion with resumption of the session, scheduled at 4:00pm. After him, other members of the house will express their views on the agenda.

The no-confidence resolution against the prime minister was tabled by the Leader of the Opposition Shehbaz Sharif on Monday, March 28 and it was approved for debate.

It is pertinent to mention here that ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) lost the majority in the National Assembly affer its allies -MQM-Pakistan and Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) quit alliance and announced to support joint opposition.INP

Asad Umar announces closure of NCOC

PM felicitates NCOC for professional, nationally coordinated response to COVID-19
ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning and Development Asad Umar has said Pakistan successfully tackled the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of whole of the nation

approach.

Briefing media persons here on Thursday on the occasion of the closure of the National Command and Operation Center, he said all the institutions and different segments of the conjunction of t ments of the society including the religious scholars played a pivotal role in the fight against the pan-

Meanwhile, Prime Minister (PM) Imran Khan has congratulated National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) for a professional and nationally coordinated response to COVID-19 pandemic. demic.

In a tweet on Thursday, he said our Corona Virus response was recognized by the international agencies and people in the field as one of the most successful global-

US Dollar biggest casualty in the Russia-Ukraine war

ISLAMABAD: Former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt on Thursday said the US Dollar is the biggest loser in the war between Russia and Ukraine. Confidence in the dollar is at

the lowest ebb and many important central banks are reducing their dollar reserves in favour of other currencies mainly the Chinese Yuan, he said. Shahid Rasheed Butt said that

the world is marching towards a new economic order which is a serious threat to the US global

He said that many countries are concerned and worried about the continued use of the dollar as a

(SAPM) on Babar Awan moved a motion to adjourn the session so the assembly hall could be used for the Parliamentary Committee on National Security's meeting that was scheduled to be held at 6pm. Subsequently, the deputy speaker opened the floor for questions. The opposition MNAs, however, continued to insist that the speaker call for a vote on the no-confidence motion today amid chants of "go Imran go". Terming the opposition's attitude "non-serious", Suri adjourned the session till Sunday when the vote on the no-confidence motion is expected to take place. He also announced that the meeting of the parliamentary committee would be held in Committee Room No 2. The resolution against the embattled premier was tabled by the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif on March 28 and it was approved for debate the very same day. According to a 24-point agenda issued ahead of the session, the debate on the no-trust motion against the PM was fourth in order. Yesterday, Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry said Prime Minister Imran Khan had decided to present a 'secret letter' — purportedly containing details of a "foreign conspiracy" to topple his government — during an in-camera session of the NA or a joint session of parliament, however, no date for when such a session would be called was given. The premier hopes that after becoming aware of the alleged letter's contents, his party dissidents, as well as disgruntled allies, would change their mind to vote in favour of the no-trust resolution. Yesterday, the premier had shared the letter with the cabinet members in a hurriedly called meeting, which was not attended by its two major allies — Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) and Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) — despite being invited. Web Desk World Water Day observed in Quetta, speakers call for holistic approach

Matiullah Khan

QUETTA: Asfandyar Khan, Secretary of Environment, Government of Balochistan, has said that a holistic and integrated approach is the need of the hour to deal with critical issues pertaining to water scarcity and water conservation in the province. He said this while sharing his view at the seminar 'Groundwater, making the invisible, visible, that was held in con-

The event was organized by Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), in collaboration with the Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP), BUITEMS, & GIZ, and the government of Pakistan Besides others, the representatives from various line departments, CSOs, academia, students, and media were also present on the occasion.

'Coordinated efforts necessary for water conservation", Asfandyar

Mr. Kakar on the occasion highlighted the importance of joining hands at various levels to deal with critical issues related to water scarcity and said that working in isolation is no longer an option to achieve international standards, especially regarding water conservation and environmental

Mr. Shams Badruddin, Group Head, Infrastructure Development at PPAF said that PPAF has a longstanding commitment to the development of Balochistan. So far, more than 4000 projects have been completed in 19



remote districts, covering 92 union councils benefiting more than 1.6 million people across the province.

The strategy required to keep karezez and springs alive, environmental-He informed the participants that PPAF's work includes diverse inter-

ventions such as the provision of clean water, sanitation, delay action dams, Karez rehabilitation, irrigation system, and flood protection struc-

He also emphasized all realize that water is a scarce natural resource, and we need to join hands at every level to preserve this precious gift of

Today's event is a continuation of our collective efforts to address the acute water challenges facing Balochistan and several other parts of the country and to remind citizens about the need for responsible water usage, reduce waste and seek innovative solutions for sustainable and safe water

Pro VC BUITEMS Dr. Abdul Rehman addressed the seminar Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, BUITEMS also shared their thought with the participants and highlighted various aspects of the water scarcity issues in Balochistan. A panel discussion earlier was held where the experts from different sectors highlighted various issues including uncontrolled population growth, lack of urban planning and unregulat-

ed urbanization, that is contributing further to aggravating the water-relat-

EDITORIAL Friday, April ,01,2022 Quetta Voice The silent pandemic By Kamila Hyal in small bungalows, which

QUETTA VOICE Editor Asim Khan Patients sufferings

in Balochistan

Poor and needy patients have been suffering for the last more than six months in government-run hospitals in Balochistan because of the continued boycott of OPDs by young doctors. Young Doctors Association (YDA) had announced a boycott of OPDs six months back in support of

Since then, repeated rounds of negotiations have been held between YDA and government officials. However, no breakthrough has been made to bring an end to the ongoing boycott of OPDs. This agitation has severely affected health services in Quetta and other parts of

The number of patients in Quetta's Bolan Medical Complex Hospital (BMCH) and civil hospital daily is more than 10,000. If daily, many patients are denied medical treatment in only two government-run hospitals in the provincial capital. What would the state of health facilities be in the remaining 33 districts of Balochistan?

Poor and needy patients cannot afford the high fees of doctors in pri-

Poor and needy patients cannot afford the high fees of doctors in private clinics and hospitals. Subsequently, they go to government-run hospitals for medical treatment. Although, they return in despair from

government hospitals as a result of the boycott of the young doctors. It is a bitter reality that protesting doctors always choose to punish patients to attract the government's attention to solutions to their issues. Nevertheless, the government has proved to be least bothered about the miseries of poor and deserving patients.

No sane person can support the way police removed doctors' protest

No sane person can support the way police removed doctors' protest camps in civil hospitals and whisked away protesting doctors in prisoners' vans. The government had to get the doctors engaged to find an

amicable solution to issues relating to the health department.

Wisdom must prevail. The blame game by either side should be stopped. Medical is a noble profession and doctors' core responsibility is to serve the ailing humanity. Yes, the government of the day is responsible for the provision of uninterrupted medical facilities to the masses and addressing the grievances of the health professionals.

Although it is difficult to believe, in a country where around 50 percent of children are stunted or unable to reach the expected height for the age, obe-sity is also a growing problem among children and young people. According to the Pakistan Health Commission, 11 percent of children in the country are overweight while five percent are obese, or in other words, morbidly over-weight, putting them at risk of serious disease or

This situation is not unique to children alone. wenty-five percent of the Pakistani population according to the WHO and other research bodies is overweight with women aged 35-54 years making up 42.8 percent of over-weight persons. But in a more shocking finding, 15-24 percent of young-sters, made up of 12 percent of men and 13.8 per-cent of women are also seriously overweight or on the list of obesity measured according to the body-mass indexes put out by global bodies. This is true to an even greater extent when the criterion for Asians is brought into

play, based on body build. It is therefore no sur-prise that Pakistan now has one of the highest rates of diabetes, heart disease and hypertension in the world Experts who have been studying the problem, in a country where the focus so far has been on the vast number of malnourished people who live amongst us, note that dietary patterns, a seden-tary lifestyle and a lack of exercise are among the main factors, which lead to children and young people falling into the overweight or even obese category. This is far higher than is the case in many devel-oped countries where there is greater awareness about the risk of being over-weight, and about the need

to eat a healthy diet.
As talk grows across the country about the Health Card scheme and the potential benefits it could oring people who need inpatient care in hospitals our health experts and health ministry should also be focusing on the factors which lead to people becoming unhealthy and falling into patterns, which endanger their lives Creating greater aware-ness about this could save a large number of people and allow them to live a healthier and happier life Yet we have a situation where schools say that parents are reluctant to allow for lessons including physical activity, or sport, because they believe that this is essentially a waste of time, and that only academics is of any signifi-cance Perhaps they don't think that if a graduate who has gained straight As throughout his or her life is to fall seriously ill by the age of 40, because of the lack of exercise, there is little point in getting these grades. That person will,

or her health issues. We cannot ignore this

problem Doctors claim

that obesity and serious weight issues possibly caused more deaths than Covid-19 over the last three or four years in Pakistan since a detailed national nutritional survey was conducted in 2018 by the National Health Services Forum in Islamabad. The issue also is of what we encourage people to do and the many facilities to make this pos-sible. As more and more parks are taken over in Karachi and also other larger cities for development purposes, young peo-ple and children have less place in which to exercise or run about or engage in various sports. In some of Lahore's parks run by housing authorities, sports such as badminton and cricket are forbidden. While this makes a limited amount of sense, given the hazard an unruly game of cricket could present to persons engaged in books or other less active exer-cise, the sports facilities available at clubs need to be made more attainable for those who lack the

money to pay the fees cur-rently demanded In fact, we need a com-plete change in lifestyle if we are to keep people healthy, safe and able to live a natural lifespan. We are among the developing countries falling short of this and rank among the

nations which have the highest state of obese and overweight people among developing countries in the world and even among the entire list of countries measured for these factors.

One of the problems could be the promotion of unhealthy food and its direct marketing to young people. Junk food has become a new fad and we have given up traditional foods, which once consisted of snacks after school or at other times of the day, such as roasted corn on the cob or cleanly prepared items such as 'dhai bhalas'. Fruit of course is now so expensive, it is impossi-ble for many to consider buying it. The few who do, do not consume enough of it, and instead favour food laden with carbs or deeply fried food such as burgers and chips. Soft drinks add a further problem to the nature of things and very few children up to the age of 18 get the one-off exercise each day recommended by the American Academy of Paediatricians

as essential to their well-being and health. In many schools, there is no space for such exer-cise and even in those where space exists, there is very little encouragement for it, either by staff or by parents. Of course, there are exceptions and these stand out and are well known in Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad. But we must also remember that most of our children go to schools which are located

in small bungalows, which were intended to serve a residential purpose and were not designed as schools with campuses large enough to cater to the physical needs of young people. It is also interesting that

the category between 35 and 44 years among women is considered amongst the fittest in terms of global figures. The reasons for obesity among this group in our country, and for so much of this population being seriously overweight again lies in a lack of fitness and a lack of facilities for women from less wealthy backgrounds to access and visit easily Instead, we have more and more have more and more screen time and less and less physical activity. Whereas people used to visit parks in the past more regularly for picnics, for walks, for informal games of football, badminton or cricket and for other pursuits, many are now glued to the computer screens or else to the television.

The issue is not one merely of how we live or what we do. A campaign has to be begun, as was done for the Covid-19 pandemic, to deal with the silent killer, which is destroying lives and taking away choices from people. We must consider what is marketed to children and whether it is ethical to allow vast advertising for biscuits and candies on a daily basis on the

Demons of darkness

This is a season of desperate voices emanating from all those who see their political fortunes dwindle. Not used to such treatment in the past, they remain incred-ulous that it is actually happening to them and they are no longer being rescued by their tradi-tional benefactors.

Every day, a new rumour is malevolently coined about a deal which has been struck with the powers that matter. Be it the Sharifs or Bhutto/Zardaris, they appear to be virtually begging for the reprieve they once thought was

their prerogative. The Sharif camp is buzzing with news that their leader is coming back after settling things with their nemesis while Zardari is calling out loud that his help has been sought to put things right in the country. Apparently, neither is true. In fact, the reverse may be closer to reality.

The stranglehold is tightening around Nawaz Sharif on two counts. The British government has refused to extend his visa for further stay and his appeal before the court is likely to be rejected soon, and for good reasons, too. Whether it was the case of his illness and consequent escape to London, or the pretence of his subsequent treatment for imaginary sufferance, he has been lying through his grinding teeth. Once his appeal is thrown out, no further legal means

will be available to him to continue living in the UK with his present sta-tus. The options for him would include seeking political asylum there which his party stalwarts claim he would not, or shift to another country that is willing to receive him which is unlikely, or come back to Pakistan to walk into the prison cell

to complete his term. On the other count, the Rana Shamim gambit has turned out to be a disgraceful sham. First, he refused to acknowledge the authenticity of the original affidavit in the After going through the contents of a sealed copy of what he calls the genuine affi-davit, together with dealing with a number of sordid twists and turns in the case, the bench has decided to indict him and others involved for contempt of judiciary on January 7. This has turned the tables on the Sharifs who played the devious game to bring the courts under pressure by assaulting their credibility to steal relief in cases which are pending before them for adjudica-

On the Zardari front under growing political pressure because of endemic corruption and lack of performance, the government in Sindh is gradually losing ground even in the rural sector which has been generally considered to be its strong base. Every day, there are cases in the courts where its stalwarts

are routinely reprimanded, even humiliated on account of their shoddy deals and grossly deficient governance. Yet their leader does

not shy of saying that unnamed people have sought his help in putting things right in the country, and that he has con-ditioned it with the ouster of the incumbent government. So, appar-ently, he considers this to be cuckoo land where he can manipulate things as he may deem and desire, completely oblivious of the reality that times have undergone a drastic change and there may not be much sympathy anymore for these corrupt charlatans and their sycophants and bootleggers. Not only that those times of yore do not exist any longer, there is no likelihood of any movement to bring them back But their likely politi-cal demise will impact

many a people who have been recipients of their largesse in the past and who would like to keep the coffers flowing in the future also. Their fascination with corruption and glorification of crime is immeasurable. No wonder that these politically comatose politicians are being kept alive artificially only on television screens and newspaper pages. There is a dire desperation to this effort as if its failure will signal the demise of the entire media edifice. So stories of their ram-

larly pushed under the carpet while grandiose fictional achievements are attributed to their tenures in power, Those whose induction and survival in the power eche-lons was owed entirely to the patronage of the most vicious of dictators are projected as ardent champions of democracy and stalwarts who have kept the candle of free-dom burning. Nothing could surpass this utter

distortion.

While the media is likely to continue playing a demeaning role, it is the judiciary which can rid the country of these worms which have skinned it of its flesh and spirit. The devilish machinations of these criminals lie exposed before the courts. Rather than letting them escape the dragnet of justice yet again, it is for these courts to punish them for their grievous excesses. their grievous excesses. They don't deserve any mercy. The country has plunged to its nadir simply because of a culture of crime and corruption they cultivated and sponsored. Today, it is a towering structure which casts its hideous shadow

on all who move within its precincts. Their punishment and elimination from the political arena is not going to bring the twinscourge of crime and corruption to an end. It would only be the begin-ning of a prolonged struggle to cleanse society of its numerous con-taminations which are

Russia and Iran con-

By Raoof Hasan sunk in deep. It is not going to be an easy task. It would require the best of intentions, promulgation of progressive, prag-matic and effective policies and a string of trans-parent, accountable and functional institutions to work in tandem with unprecedented resolve and dedication to do the

But for brief interludes, the country has mostly been subjected to merciless demonisation. Completely drained of its spirit and character, it horribly been mauled. Work needs to be done on a variety of fronts which would require immense courage and character. No short-cuts will do. The entire distance will have to be covered in measured and well thought-out steps targeting the entire repertoire of maladies that Pakistan is afflicted with It is a mammoth chal-lenge, but one which has to be undertaken urgently. The Pakistan that we have today is a poor replica of the entity that the Quaid had envisioned on August 11, 1947; a liberal, progressive, enlightened and tolerant country. Instead, we have turned it into a regressive and bigoted country. It continues to plunge fur-ther depths of retrogression as the demons of corruption and religiosity cast a long shadow on its ability to rise from

despair. But rise it must

because, without that

happening, there is no

Zamir Akram

Climate reparations

" brief and rapidly closing window secure a live-able future". That's the sobering assessment made by sci-entists on the United entists on the United N a t i o n s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which earlier this week published its latest report, on the impacts of the climate crisis. In it, the IPPC argues that roughly 3.5 billion people – 45 percent of the world's population – currently live in areas of 'high vulnerability' to climate change, ity' to climate change, meaning they will be heavily impacted by floods, droughts or extreme weather in the

decades to come. Yet even more striking than the sheer scale of these impacts is their inequality and unfair-ness. The vast majority of those 3.5 billion people east Africa, south Asia, Central and South America, small island developing states and the Arctic. These regions – which have some of the lowest per capita carbon emissions in the world are now suffering the effects of a crisis that has been driven and exacerbated by the looting of their lands for wealth and

natural resources. Not only are these countries and communities faced with displacement, food shortages,

ODAY, more

than 3.6 per cent of the world's

population com-

prises migrants. About 39pc of

the total refugee population

is hosted by only five countries, Turkey, Colombia, Uganda, Pakistan and

Germany.Pakistan continues

to host more than 1.4 mil-

lion refugees, most of them

hailing from Afghanistan. In

a shift from its previous pol-icy after the Taliban

takeover, Pakistan decided

to fence its borders to pre-

vent another deluge of

Afghan refugees from enter-

water insecurity and more, unless there is concerted global action, the report also asserts that many losses are already happening now, and are irreversible. This situation is a result of the failure (or perhaps more accurately, refusal) of rich countries to support the Global South against the climate crisis in UN negotiations. Not only have these Annex I countries, including the US, UK, Canada, Australia and most of the EU, repeatedly resisted ambitious, binding targets on emissions reduc-tions, they have also repeatedly broken prom-ises on financial assis-

November, at COP26 in Glasgow, the Global South had three key demands on finance: greatly increased climate finance grants; far more funding for climate adaptation; and a new pot of loss and damage already being suffered by frontline communities. This week's report highlights that, despite a 2009 pledge (at COP15) to commit roughly half of \$100bn a year in climate finance to adaptation. only 4-8 percent of funding has supported projects that help vulnerable communities live with the impacts of the climate crisis (and some of those projects actually increase climate vulnerability).

tance.

By Daniel Willis now being sacrificed to the selfishness of rich governments that resist paying for the crisis they have caused every step of the way. The demand for loss

and damage compensa-tion has also been heavily resisted at every previ-ous COP. At COP26, the establishment of a new funding pot was rejected and almost all references were removed in the final agreement, the Glasgow Climate Pact. Climate Pact.
Campaigners have hailed the promise for further discussions on loss and damage as a small win, and will push hard to make it a key issue at COP27 in Egypt this coming November. Yet, insiders have now raised concerns that there was concerns that there was significant pressure from the Biden administration to remove any mention of loss and damage from the

latest IPCC report. Meanwhile, frontline ammunities Sub-Saharan African. South East Asia and small island states in the Pacific and Caribbean, continue to lose homes, livelihoods and families to the climate crisis. For example, just before Christmas, while it also Christmas, while it also dealing with a steep rise in COVID-19 infections, the Philippines was hit by super typhoon Rai (also called Odette), which displaced half a million people and impacted nearly five million in total

pant corruption are regurecourse to salvation. The gathering storm

War clouds have once again gathered Even as American's longest war in its history has ended, the Afghan people are unlikely to enjoy the dividends of peace. In fact, a renewed civil war has already startbetween Taliban and the Afghan government. The impact of such a conflict will not conflict will not remain confined to Afghanistan but will engulf the entire

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

Rejecting Taliban claims, the Afghan government asserted that its forces are regrouping to halt the Taliban advance and will retake lost territory. The government has also enlisted local Tajik, Hazara and Uzbek militia to boost the capabilities its troops while relying heavily on military support by Washington and New Delhi. In these circumstances, a pro-tracted civil war is now the most likely outcome. Prime

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

able to a Taliban government. A more sinister aspect of such Indo-

Minister Imran Khan is correct

and Iran. State Blinken and

US cooperation, underscored by the between meeting Secretary Blinken and National Security Advisor Ajit Doyal, is that Indian and Afghan intelligence agencies would feel encouraged to intensify support for terrorist groups like the TTP and Baloch separatists against Chechens, Uzbeks, Uighurs of the ETIM and ISIS will also gain greater freedom of Uzbeks action to increasingly target China, Russia In these circum-

stances, Afghanistan will not only face further devastation but will also be denied the benefits of its potential role as a hub for regional connectivity. Projects like TAPI and CASA-1000 will remain unimplemented. China's extension of its BRI into Afghanistan as well as its investments in the country would have to be put on hold. For Pakistan, the costs would be even higher continued instability and security threats on its western and eastern borders, influx of Afghan refugees, and denial of access to the region.Since Afghan instability will have regional implications, the geo-political interests of

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

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

the ground realities, in

Taliban must play a

key role in a future

Afghan government.

ing the country. However, Pakistan still hosts a significant number of refugees who are either in transition or temporarily stuck here while trying to relocate to Western countries. Due to their being disenfranchised by the government of their home, destination or transition country. refugees often face discrimination, poor living condi-tions and inadequate access to basic rights and facilities, including healthcare The Covid-19 pandemic, while posing a number of other challenges, helped renew interest in the intricate and crucial relationship between healthcare and migration. One way to think about al interests. Such a collective approach needs to be based on particular that the

delivering healthcare to refugees and migrants is to think of health challenges linked with each phase of the migration framework. Health policies should be sensitive to migration pat-

travel, travel, destination and return phases. Each

terns. The migration process can be categorised into pre-

health phase of the migratory process throws up its own unique and specific health-

Those communities are

Migration &

Arif AzadPublished research in this area focuses

on this group of migrants/refugees due to the availability of better data and well-funded research programmes in host counrelated challenges. For example, the pre-departure phase, covering period before migrants or refugees leave their coun-try of origin, assumes importance with reference to local chronic disease patterns, pathogens and infec-tious diseases. Non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and infectious ones such as tuberculosis — both prevalent in Pakistan need prior and different management even in the pre-departure phase. Many Western countries require visa applicants to get tested for tuberculosis. From the global health

perspective, the travel phase, involving transition and interception countries, is deemed critical since people may become carriers of different pathogens or dis-eases and carry them across borders. The travel restrictions imposed by countries during the Covid-19 pandemic are a classic example of this phenomenon However, for illegal

migrants or victims of human trafficking, who often travel on flimsy boats or trek for long periods of time through harsh terrains, only to be stopped or detained by border forces, access to a fraction of the scant healthcare provisions at the border becomes an

insurmountable challenge. Meanwhile, the destination phase comprises the period when individuals settle in a country either for temporary or long-term pur-poses. Most of the existing

tries.Even though most of the migrants tend to be younger, the effect of their journeys on their mental health and low socioeconomic status in host countries exacts a heavy toll on long-term physical well-being. The final phase of the migration cycle is the return of refugees or migrants. This mainly happens for two reasons. Governments of host countries deport refugees after finding their claims to be unsubstantial. Meanwhile, a large number of Pakistani migrants tend to return to their home countries after spending years abroad. This phase also carries its own Depending on the manner of deportation, many returnees come back with serious injuries and, in extreme cases, in body bags. However, even if the return of migrants appears rela-tively safe, health systems in Pakistan are ill-equipped to offer the level of services availab--le in the West. This also tends to affe--ct the health of elderly returnees.

In Pakistan, several international organisations, such as the WHO, UNHCR and IOM, are involved in the health assessment process, along with a num-ber of national and international NGOs. However, policymaking on the conjoined areas of health and migration is weak and dis-

Tareen Group takes centre stage as race on for Punjab CM office

dent Jahangir Khan Tareen group of the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insat (PTI) has taken centre stage in the politics of Punjab as both the govern-ment and opposition are making efforts to get JKT group support for the chief minister-ship of Punjab. According to sources.

According to sources, Punjab Assembly Speaker Pervaiz Elahi - PTI's nominee for Punjab chief minister — has intensified efforts to get the support of Tareen group and other opposition dissident lawmakers in the formation of the provincial government after Buzdar's resignation

Sources privy to the development said that PML-Q leader Pervaiz will reach out to Tareen

group today (Thursday) where he will urge the dis-gruntled faction of the rul-ing PTI to support him for Punjab CM office. They said members of

Tareen group would gather in Lahore on Thursday (today) to take a final decision on no-confidence motion in Centre and Punjab after deliberation with all his supporters.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) disgruntled stalwart Jahangir Tareen on Thursday held talks with Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader and former finance minister Ishaq Dar to dis-cuss the current political situation of the country. In a telephonic conver-

sation, both Ishaq Dar and Jahangir Tareen spoke

about the no-confidence motion moved against Usman Buzdar in the Punjab Assembly Buzdar has submitted his resigna-tion to Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday but the resignation is yet to be accepted Earlier, Aleem Khan group, a disgruntled faction of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), refused to vote for Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi as the ruling party's candidate for Punjab chief minister post. We will vote in favour of the opposition candidate for Punjab chief minister election, a spokesperson of the Aleem Khan group Khalid Mahmood confirmed, saying that every loyal worker be accepted Earlier, Aleem

ISLAMABAD: Renewed Nuclear Scientist Dr Inam Rehman and Vice Chancellor of CUST Dr Mansoor Ahmad awarding the degree after conferring the Gold Medal to Newly Graduated Student during convocation of Capital University of Science and Technology (CUST) at Convention Center in Federal Capital.

Pakistan Navy inducts fast-track missile craft into fleet

KARACHI: A ceremony to induct Pakistan Navy's indigenously designed and constructed Fast Attack Craft Missile FAC (M) PNS HAIBAT and third 16 Ton Bollard Pull Tug PNT GOGA was held at Karachi.

Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi attend-ed the event as chief guest. PNS HAIBAT is the first land mark project indige-nously designed by Maritime Technologies Complex and constructed by KS&EW without any foreign technical assis-tance, DGPR Navy said in

Speaking on the occa-sion, the naval chief under-

PESHAWAR: The polling for the second phase of local

bodies elections in the Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province began today in 65 districts of

The polling began at 8:00 am and will continue unabated

until 5:00 pm with eight mil-lions of voters eligible to cast

Candidates from Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI), Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F),

a statement.

the province.

their votes.

lined that commissioning of PNS HAIBAT ushers a new chapter in indigenous design and construction that has been further matured with time. He emphasized that in context of overall security

paradigm of the region. PNS HAIBAT will strengthen Pakistan Navy's capabilities to respond maritime challenges to ensure seaward defence and maintain peace & sta-bility in Indian Ocean Region.

Chief of the Naval Staff

commended the concerted efforts put in by KS&EW, MTC and Pakistan Navy for the land mark achieve-ment.Earlier Managing Director KS&EW, Rear

Polling underway in second phase of

KP local bodies elections

local bodies elections will bring an end to election of local bodies in the province.

Meanwhile, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has warned action

against anyone found involved

in barring women from casting

their votes during the second phase of LG polls. "Women have every right to cast their vote," the commis-sion said and asked women to

cast their votes without any

fear. Yesterday, sharing details of

Admiral Athar Saleem underscored that Missile Craft PNS HAIBAT being a multi mission capable platform will bolster platform will bolster Pakistan Navy's maritime defence capabilities. He added that induction of PNT GOGA is also a milestone which will strengthen the indigenous ship con-struction capabilities.

The ceremony was attended by foreign digni-taries, officials from federtaries, officials from federal and provincial governments Pakistan Navy and KS&EW.Earlier Managing Director KS&EW, Rear Admiral Athar Saleem underscored that Missile Craft PNS HAIBAT being a multi mission capable a multi mission capable platform.INP

held on 65 seats which included 63 tehsil and two mayor seats," he said.

The SACM said that overall 5,829 polling stations will be established with 1,000 of them declared sensitive. "A total of 49,000 policemen will be deployed in the province while Pakistan Army could also be summoned when needed," he said.

Barrister Saif said that Chief Minister Mahmood Khan was

also looking after arrange-ments for the polls.

Moreover, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) govern-ment has cancelled holidays of

policemen in the wake of sec-

LAHORE: Three young men were crushed to death in a horrific road accident in Lahore when their motorbike was trampled by a trac-tor-trailer, police said on Thursday. The driver of the tractor-trailer

Explosion on railway

track in Kotri leaves train

operations suspended KOTRI: An explosion on the railway track in Kotri on Thursday

suspended the movement of trains. The trains have been stopped at Kotri, Hyderabad and Bholari rail-

way stations.

The explosion has damaged one foot of railway track. Rangers, police and other law enforcement agencies reached the site soon after the incident and placed a cor-

don around the affected site.INP

Bid to smuggle heroin to

Saudi Arabia foiled at

Karachi Airport

KARACHI: The Customs offi-cials Thursday arrested a passen-ger who was trying to smuggle 900 grams of heroin to the Kingdom of

Saudi Arabia. The seized drug was worth Rs9

million. The drug was secretly hid-

den in the passenger's suitcase. Accused Naimatullah wanted to

smuggle the drug to Saudi Arabia

on a foreign airline's flights to Riyadh via Sharjah.

Upon suspicion, when custom team checked the passenger's suit-case, they found 900 grams of

heroin cleverly hidden in the inner

pipes of the suitcase.

A Customs spokesperson said that the passenger was handed over to the investigation team for further interrogation into the mat-

Tractor-trailer crushes 3

young men to death in

Lahore

managed to run away from the scene after the three men breathed their last on the spot. The accused was carrying steel on his trailer when he hit the motorbike in Mughalpura area.

The dead were identified as residents of Mozang and Anarkali.

Mughalpura SHO along with a

heavy contingent of police reached the spot and shifted the bodies to the morgue via Edhi the morgue ambulances.INP

Patwari dies after 'consuming acid' in NAB custody

MULTAN: A man, who was in the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) custody, died at Nishtar Hospital in Multan on Thursday after he reportedly con-sumed 'acid' in jail. Abdul Khaliq, a patwari, had

been arrested in connection with a metro corruption case. INP

ing that every loyal worker of the PTI has reservations over PML-Q's Elahi INP Political instability hampering economic growth: Meher Kashif

LAHORE: Leader of the founder group of Lahore Chamber and its former Senior Vice President, Meher Kashif Younis has said that the political instability is hampering eco-nomic growth and slowing down the smooth flow of foreign direct investment in the coun-

try.
Talking to a delega-tion of traders led by Mufti Yousaf Shah, member Executive Committee Lahore Chamber, which called on him here on Thursday, he said all the efforts made during the last couple of years to maintain GDP growth of 5 percent plus will go waste if the political uncertainty is not promptly handled. Meher Kashif Younis

"Although said. Ukraine situation is beyond our control but the political uncertainty in Pakistan needs to be addressed prudently and it has to be ensured by the policy makers that ongoing political situa-tion should have a minimum impact on the

Political stability and economic growth are deeply interconnected and uncertainty associated with unstable political environment curtail investment and slow

interaction is needed to increase Pakistani carpets

presence in China, says a

According to the report

"Pakistan is famous all over the world for its

hand-made carpets. Pakistan has the ability to

produce high-quality car-pets according to the taste of global importers,

whether in terms of design, color, size, and so on," Akhtar Nazir Khan

Exporters Association (PCMEA), said at a webinar. "The types of carpets that are manufactured in

Pakistan include Super Kazzak/ Yakash Kazzak, Chobi, Khurjeen, etc. And carpets can be transported

from Pakistan to China by

sea, air, and land Pakistan's carpets industry

values the opportunity of export to China," he

added The webinar on the

export of carpets from

Pakistan to China was held

by the Consulate General

Carpets

Association

Cooki, Chairman

Manufacturers

hand-made

report published b Gwadar Pro on Thursday

down economic activities, he added.

The leader of founder group of Lahore Chamber said that the Lahore governments in politi-cally fragmented coun-tries with high degree of political instability need to address its root causes and try to mitigate its effects on the design and implementa-tion of economic poli-cies. Only then, coun-tries could have durable economic policies that may engender high ecogrowth. Otherwise, political instability may have far reaching implications Otherwise. for economic growth,

he maintained. Meher Kashif said what business commu-nity need is political stability which is pre-requisite for sustained economic growth to cope with the multiple challenges in Pakistan. He said that confrontation is not a solution to problems and ultimately country pay the price and people face the music.He said time has changed as now the influential nations are paying more attention to financial warfare to continue their dominance. These countries are successfully using their weapons of economic destruction to weaken economics of

ISLAMABAD: Women are taking interest in paintings during

exhibition entitled " Pictorial Nature" as Organized by Floral

More interaction needed to increase

Pakistani carpets' presence in China

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Carpets Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PCMEA) on Wednesday

In his opening remarks, fr. Hussain Haider,

Pakistan in Shanghai, underlined that China is

continuing to liberalize its

trade and investment regime and paying more

attention to expanding

domestic demand and con-

sumption, which creates

space for importing high-quality goods from Pakistan."During the financial year 2020-21, Pakistan's export of carpet

worldwide was \$74 mil-

lion. However, Pakistani

carpets have a very low presence in the Chinese market," he said, adding that the China-Pakistan

provides zero-tariff bene-

fits for carpets trade, and

more interaction is needed to increase the presence of

Pakistani carpets in China. Mr. Khurram Ikram,

Trade Agreement

General

Hussain

Consul

and Pakistan Manufacturers

Art Society at Serena Hotel in Federal Capital.

poor nations to achieve their unholy designs while Pakistan's economy is not strong enough withstand economic terrorism.Meher Kashif Younis said it is indeed important to boost our exports by controlling unnecessary imports to narrow down trade deficit and for that purpose we need to reduce cost of doing business coupled with friendly policies so that our products can remain competitive in the world markets. "Consistency in the government policies and a clear roadmap to move forward, is a key factor leading to progress, prosperity and development," he added. Head of the delegation Mufti Yousaf Shah stressed the urgent need of exploring new markets to find out new foreign destinations for the Pakistani products which are best in the world as far as quality and price is concerned. He said that Pakistani missions abroad can be instrumental to introduce Pakistani products to the foreign buyers and also ensure dissemination of trade related

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) the elections and their arrange-Jamaat-i-Islami, Awami National Party (ANP) and other political groups are tak-ing part in the electoral ments, Special Assistant to Chief Minister (SACM) KP Barrister Saif said that all arrangements for the local bodies elections have been completed. "The polls will be information so that Pakistan entrepreneurs could avail opportunities to the maximum for Process.

The second phase of the boosting exports.INP Christians witnessing a steady rise in attacks by Hindutva terrorists in

ISLAMABAD: Hindu terrorists threat, kill ISLAMABAD: Hillian terrorists missing with Christians and vandalize their places of worship with these impossity in India under fascist Narendra Modi's

India under Modi

Members of the Christian community are being per-secuted at rising levels like never before in India and they feel more threatened in the Bharatiya Janata Party ruled Indian states, said a report released by Kashmir Media Service, today.
It lamented that like Muslims, Christians were also

witnessing a steady rise in attacks by Hindutva terror-ists since Modi came to power. Hindutva terrorism is forcing Indian Christians to hide their faith or perform religious services in secrecy, it added.
Delhi-based NGO, United Christian Forum, said that

2021 was the most violent year for Christians in India since 2014 as 486 incidents of violence against Christians in India were recorded in the year, 75 percent increase than the previous year.

The report said Hindu extremists have been given a free hand to attack religious minorities especially

Christian and Muslims and that both the communities are on the brink of genocide in India INP

Unannounced power load shedding challenged in LHC

LAHORE: A panel of lawyers have filed petition in Lahore High Court against unannounced power load shedding on Thursday.

The federal government, Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) and other concerned have been made party in the case.

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Lahore suffering from 12 hours power load shedding in a day, a petition filed by Judicial Activism Panel of lawyers, pleaded to the court. Power outages without announcement have crippled

life in the city, according to the petition. The petitioners have sought court action against the chief of the power utility and other responsible persons The power crisis across the country has intensified as the overall electricity shortfall reached 5000 megawatts. According to sources, the unannounced

load-shedding has begun across the country as the elec-tricity shortfall has reached 5000MW. Sources privy to the development said that several power plants working on gas, coal and furnace oil have been closed. The duration of load-shedding in Punjab

has reached 3 to 10 hours.

Lahore Electricity Supply Company Limited (LESCO) is facing shortage of 1000mw as the demand is 4,100mw and the available power is 3,100mw.INP

ond phase of the local govern-ment elections scheduled in the province on March 31.INP



HYDERABAD: A security personal stand front of damage railway track, which is broke out after a cracker blast near Pinyari canal.

Chinese power giant promotes green transformation during Solar Pakistan Expo

1 S L A M A B A D ; Chinese solar power giant helped a lot promoting green transformation during Solar Pakistan Expo 2022, says a report pub-lished by Gwadar Pro on

Thursday. On March 28, Sungrow Power Supply Co., Ltd. the global leading inverter solution supplier for renewable energy, show-cased the latest PV and energy storage product solutions at the Expo in Lahore Besides, there was the solar power giant a 100MW contract with its reliable partner its reliable partner Energy, furthering its

commitment to renew-able energy and fueling the national transition to a low carbon econom y.Sungrow also launched two significant products the ultra-powerful SG350HX and the brandnew generation threephase C&I inverter SG125CX onsite, which can better explore Pakistan's tremendous potential to generate power from renewable sources.Pakistan is a perfect place to develop solar power due to its high levels of solar irradiation, and the government also enacts Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan 2021-2030 to facilitate the renewable energy transition. Up to now, 60 per-cent of Pakistan's electricity comes from expensive imported fossil fuels and coal. Expanding renewable energy can help Pakistan save about US\$ 5 billion in the next two decades. Beyond that, the development of the PV industry has excellent natural conditions in Pakistan, for instance, solar irradiance in Pakistan is 5.3 kWh/m2/day, which means inexhaustible resource,INP

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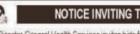
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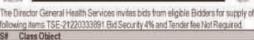


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General Health Services

ISLAMABAD: Senior Advisor to the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO), Mrs. Sarwat Tahira Habib has said that the business community was the back bone of the economy and the FTO would play a

role for resolving their key issues to facilitate them in development of business and economic activities enhancing its outreach to the business community

She said that FTO was by visiting various chambers of commerce & industry of the country to know about the key issues of taxpayers that they could be taken up with FBR for redress. While interacting with

the representatives of traders and industrialists during her visit to Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) on Thursday, Mrs. Sarwat Tahira Habib said that due to the efforts of the FTO, many cases were settled in favour of taxpayers, which showed

its important role for the facilitation of the business community. She said that FTO was working to investigate, diagnose, redress and rectify maladministration of tax functionaries and taxpayers should bring max-imum cases to FTO so that efforts could be made for their resolution. She informed the participants

that the Hon'ble FTO provided complete assur-ance for the comance for the plainants' safety plainants' safety against any reaction by the tax authorities or reopening of their cases. The Advisor gave a

Deputy Director, TDAI added that the carpet man

ufacturing industry

workers, creating produc-tion activities and skills for low-income groups.

He reaffirmed that building matchmaking and

would lay a very important foundation for the devel-opment of the industry. The webinar was attended by around 25 companies from Pakistan

and China. Represent atives from different car-

pet manufacturing indus-

tries in Pakistan intro-duced their products.

The Chinese partici-ants also advised

Pakistani companies on

the appropriate communi-cation and marketing

strategies to penetrate the Chinese market. They also

expressed interests in cooperation with carpet manufacturers and

exporters from Pakistan

During the interactive

pants asked many ques-

tions about Pakistan's car-pet industry INP

FTO to play role for resolving issues of

taxpayers promptly: Mrs. Sarwat Tahira

detailed account of some of the bigger cases and prompt action taken by Hon ble FTO Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah, i.e. sales tax on booking of cars, cases of Telenor, Shahkam Industry and Ajwa Foods. She said that ICCI should send a copy of its budget pro-posals to FTO that would be forwarded to FBR for consideration during the budget making process. Speaking at the occa-

President ICCI nmad Shakeel Muhammad Shakeel Munir highlighted various tax related issues of the business community that needed the cooperation of FTO for their bet-ter solution. He said that high tax rates were not conducive to promote tax culture and stressed that the government should reduce tax rates to broaden tax base and improve tax revenue He said that various tax

rates on services in feder-ation and provinces like 16 percent sales tax in Islamabad and 5 percent ST in Punjab on the same service were creating tax disparities and emphasized that the government

should introduce uniform tax rates across the coun-try to address such tax anomalies Senior Vice President ICCI Jamshaid Akhtar Sheikh and Vice President Muhammad Faheem Khan said that the government should taxpayers that would also industries including Hamayun Kabir, Akhtar Hussain, Faseeh Ullah Khan, Ali Akram Khan, Ch. Muhammad Ali, industries Naeem Siddiqui, Hussain Chatha INP

high taxes always promoted tax evasion and rationalize tax rates to make them affordable for increase tax revenue of the country The representatives of markets and

PM Imran would neither resign nor seek 'safe' exit, says SAPM Shahbaz Gill

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister for Political Communication Dr Shahbaz Gill on Thursday said that Prime Minister Imran Khan had not made any offers to resign from his position and would instead face the opposition "with all his might till the last

At a media talk in Islamabad, Gill said that the premier had neither made any offers to the opposition nor reached out to them for any "safe options". Gill's comments came after PPP leader Bilawal

Bhutto Zardari, speaking to the media earlier in the day, said that the prime minister would not be given the options of a "safe passage, an NRO, amnesty or

backdoor exit".

"And I advise you that you opt for an honourable exit ... which means that you resign today and let the vote of no confidence take place." Bilawal had added. SAPM Gill, in his press talk today, said that PM



Imran's fight was against "an imperialist, and not the three dwarves

"It's against the imperialist who killed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto because he wanted to make an independent foreign policy. These stooges don't matter to him," the SAPM said, adding that the premier wasn't the one to give up and "will face everything that comes his

way". Meanwhile, in response to a report published in The News on Thursday morning, Gill said that all his

The report stated that the SAPM was still on the payroll of an American public university and alleged that he had not declared his salary and employment in the list of assets submitted to the Cabinet Division.

"University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign where Special Assistant to Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Shabbir (Gill) is employed as Clinical Assistant Professor has confirmed to The News in a

reply, is teaching Management and Organizational Behavior, Principles of Marketing, and Principles of

He contended that there were just two sections in the Cabinet Division paper — one of liabilities and

inquires about [a person's] annual income and its source. To them, everything has been told ... all my assets are declared, "Gill said.

He added that he had been a professor for 20 years and would continue to work in that capacity.

raising issues of Islamophobia, sanctity of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) and publication of derogatory

caricatures at the international fora are the crimes of

Prime Minister Imran Khan, he said adding that Imran Khan has risen as leader of all the Muslims of the world and he had won the case of Pakistan and perception of Pakistani nation has changed around the globe. Haleem Adil said that there were some conscience-less people who could trade national honour and digni-

ty for petty financial interests and the same dirty trade

was seen in current political situation when Sindh House became brokerage house to facilitate horse trad-

In fact no confidence motion is a constitutional option but horse trading and floor crossing are entirely unconstitutional and illegal matters, he argued and

added that Zardari and company has earned a bad name for Sindh by brokering deals of horse trading in Sindh

The opposition leader alleged PPP leadership of

obstructing dispensation of justice to affected people in Sindh and said that a murder accused has arrived in the country to cast his vote while widow of assassinated

citizen Nazim Jokhio is crying that she had lost her bat-

tle for justice.

The JIT report of Nazim murder case is withheld by Sindh prosecution department while National Assembly's standing committee on Human Rights that

is chaired by Bilawal Zardari did not take up the case, Haleem Adil Sheikh observed. INP



MUZAFFARABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi addressing the 3rd Convocation ceremony of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Medical College.

PFC to participate in 131st Canton Fair: Kashif Ashfaq

LAHORE: Pakistan Furniture Council in collaboration with Chenone, will participate in 131st Canton Fair to showcase Pak products and explore new besides attracting export markets foreign invest-

Chief Executive Officer PFC Mian Kashif Ashfaq while talking to a delegation of exporters led by Al-Haj Ishtiaq Ahmad Motianwali Sarkar said here Thursday that 10 day online fair starting from April 15 will provide an opportunity to present a world class range of Pak made furniture products and all other allied services. He said it is platform for import and export mainly with various and flexible pattern of trade.

He said PFC and Chenone will both the descript of machine with other patterns.

hold series of meetings with other multi national and exchange their pro-fessional expertise with each other for further improving the quality of their products at par with international stan-dards in order to bolster rate of trade in

He said nearly more than 24000 Chinese's best foreign trade compa-nies and about 5000 overseas companies are likely to participate which he added will help determine market potential and evaluate competition potential and evaluate competition besides initiating joint ventures and project partnership. Abdullah another member of the delegation urged Trade Development Authority of Pakistan to manage single country expos in all major countries for the effective and result oriented promotion of Pak products which can compete globally with their competitors in terms of its best quality. He said these Pak expos will help find out new partnerships to increase the volume of exports and enter into new joint ventures in their areas of interest INP

Stone-hearted woman stabs her 3 children to death in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: A woman stabbed her three children to death and then attempted suicide by stabbing herself with a knife in Shehzad Town police

precincts, here on Thursday.

According to police, the woman identified as Zeba killed her children and also injured herself in an attempt to take her own life too allegedly over some domestic issue.

"A heated argument and a brawl took place between Zeba and her hus-band which angered the former as she stabbed her three children to death and also injured herself with a knife,

police said.

"Ayan (7), Muskan (4), and Noor (3) are among the deceased. Their bodies have been shifted to PIMS Hospital. The woman is also being treated at the hospital," police added.INP

Two TLP leaders acquitted in provocative speeches case

LAHORE: An anti-terrorism court (ATC) in Lahore Thursday acquitted two Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) leaders in provocative speeches

TLP leaders including Syed Zaheerul Hassan and Allama Farooqul Zaheerul Hassan and Allama Farooqul Hassan were acquitted by the court.

The TLP lawyers — Shehzad Bhatti, Saleem Malik and Isra Chaudhry — presented their arguments in the court.ATC judge Ijaz Ahmed Butter pronounced the verdict, acquitting the TLP leaders who had been booked for delivering provocative speeches.Other accused including Allama Ghulam Abbas, Pir Qari Mehmood, Muhammad Umair and Dr Shafiq were still pro-claimed offenders in the case.INP

MNA Ali Wazir off to Islamabad to vote on no-trust motion

KARACHI: Member of the National Assembly (MNA) Ali Wazir, who is currently in Karachi's Central Jail, on Thursday left Karachi for Islamabad to participate in voting on the no-confidence motion submitted by the opposition in the National Assembly against the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) government.

In Islamabad, Wazir will stay in the Sindh House, which, the Sindh government, has declared a sub-jail.

According to the Sindh Home Department, the provincial government has the power to declare the Sindh House a sub-jail because it is its property. INP

Foreign-conspiracy' letter: SC approached to bar vote on no-confidence

ISLAMABAD: Court of Pakistan has been approached to stop voting on no-trust motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan after the latter shared of a letter highlighting a foreign conspiracy to top-

ing a foreign conspiracy to topple his government.

The application was filed at
the apex court by a citizen named
Syed Tariq Badar making the
prime minister, chairman
National Security Council, foreign office, interior ministry,
defence ministry, law ministry,
National Assembly speaker, and
the Election Commission of
Pakistan (ECP).

The plea asked the top court to

eign-conspiracy letter saying that immediate intervention was necessary to bring an end to distress

The court should order probe into the role of political parties against the country's sovereignty and dignity and if found involved they should be punished. "Action should be taken against political parties under section 212 of the Election Act 2017," the plea read and further asked to order FIA to probe role of political parties and lawmakers in this regard. Prime Minister (PM) Imran

Khan on Wednesday has said that a letter carrying evidence of a foreign conspiracy to topple his government would be presented before the in-camera session of the Parliament.

This he said while meeting senior journalists in Islamabad. PM Imran Khan shared some content of the threatening letter with the journalists.

According to the letter, prob-lems for Pakistan will increase, if the no-confidence motion against PM Imran Khan fails. "We are not happy, everything will be fine, only when the motion passes." INP

Rs3.27/unit raise in power tariff for Karachi consumers

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory (Nepra) Thursday Authority per unit approved increase in the electricity prices on account of monthly fuel cost adjustment

According to a notification issued by the Nepra, the increase in the electricity prices will be applied to April bills.

The power consumers of Karachi will have to bear an additional burden of Rs 3.58 billion due to increase in the electricity prices

Meanwhile, the Nepra also conducted a hearing on the pro-posal for a Rs4.68 increase in electricity prices on account of monthly fuel cost adjustment for the month of February

The prime minister's relief package will not put an additional burden on the power con-sumers," says the Nepra

"14 per cent less electricity was generated through hydel energy in the month of February," said the Nepra officials and added that the shortfall was offset by furnace oil and LNG production. They also pointed out a global rise in fuel

Nepra Sindh member Rafiq Sheikh demanded an audit of the previous fuel adjustment, stating that there was always a huge difference between the statistical data of Cppa and Nepra.

"Violation of merit order put a burden of Rs1.37 billion on the power consumers," the Nepra officials said.

"LNG shortage has caused the power consumers to bear a bur-den of Rs1.37 billion," they added

"All this collectively put an additional burden of 17 paisa per unit on the power consumers," they stated.INP

Supreme

The plea asked the top court to order investigation of the for-

among masses.

The letter is a highly sensitive and a serious matter and until the matter is being addressed, the speaker should be barred from holding counting on the on-trust

assets were declared.

written reply that he is still a university employee and his annual salary is \$124,770.92," the news report read."Mr Gill, according to the university's official

According to the prime minister's instructions, all

of his special assistant and advisers are bound to declare their assets and liabilities with the Cabinet Division through a prescribed declaration form.

Gill, during the media talk, called the report "fake".

another of assets. "It doesn't ask for income and the source of income," he said. "But there's an FBR office that

PTI Sindh to hold "Karvan-e-Wafa" rally to express solidarity with PM: Haleem Adil Not allowing Pakistani air bases to foreign powers,

KARACHI: Leader of the Opposition in Sindh Assembly, Haleem Adil Sheikh has said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Sindh will bring out "Karvan-e-

Wafa" rally on Friday to express solidarity with Prime Winister Imran Khan and support to his independent and sovereign foreign policy approach for Pakistan.

Chairing a meeting of PTI parliamentary party at Sindh Assembly building on Thursday, he said that the "Karvan-e-Wafa" will start from Mazar-e-Quaid and culminate at Teen Talwar after marching through different roads of the Metropolitan. ferent roads of the Metropolitan.

The meeting was attended by PTI parliamentary leader in Sindh Assembly Khurram Sher Zaman, president PTI Karachi Bilal Abdul Gaffar and other members of Sindh Assembly.

Haleem Adil Sheikh said that it is battle of national honour and sovereignty of Pakistan and entire nation is joining the journey of Prime Minister Imran Khan which begun from 'absolutely not'.

People of Pakistan has realized that it is time to throw away chains of slavery and stand with cause of sovereign and independent Pakistan, he stated adding that the true faces of opposition parties had been exposed before the nation who always run state affairs on dictation from abroad.

The opposition leader said that Pakistan is created in the name of Kalma Tayyaba and now Allah has blessed the country with the courageous leader like Imran Khan who refused to accept dictation of foreign powers which in past had been involved in power games, drone attacks and bomb blasts in the country.

Mission of SIMS to promote quality healthcare/medical education: Asma Taj

LAHORE: Acting Services Medical S), Ms. Principal Institute of Medical Sciences (SIMS), Ms. Asma Taj has said that the mission of the SIMS/Services Hospital is to promote quality healthcare/medical education and training.

She was speaking after being entrusted the charge of Acting Principal by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Farooq Afzal, Principal Services Institute of Institute

Services Institute of Medical Sciences (SIMS). A formal official order has also been issues in this regard on this regard

in this regard on Thursday. Asma Taj said that the education and training which was being provided which was being provided will be further improved under the leadership of Principal Prof. Farooq Afzal. She said that every effort would be made to fulfill the responsibilities entrusted to her by Principal SIMS and she would carry out her duties with full professional dedication and hard work, adding that the teachers of the College of Nursing will perform their duties as a team which will not only raise the standard of nursing education in the college but also brighten the name of Services Hospital in the field of

Nursing. Asma Taj said that with this initiative, nursing stu-dents will be able to take care of the suffering humanity in a better way which will further enhance the reputation of Services Hospital.INP

Historians from 20 Pakistani varsities attend national workshop at PU

LAHORE: Historians from 20 Pakistani universities attended the concluding ceremony of national workshop on "Emerging Trends in Teaching History and Writing History" organ-ized by Punjab University Department of History & Pakistan Studies.

In addition to the inaugural session, three aca-demic sessions were held in the workshop where dignitaries from all over the country came up with suggestions while dis-cussing the modern trends in promoting history, writing and teaching his-

At the workshop, historians unanimously passed a resolution for the establishment of Pakistan History Council and History Council and formed a four-member committee headed by Chairman PU Department of History & Pakistan Studies Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain. INP

US government denies involvement in no-trust motion against PM

WASHINGTON: The US government categorically rejected any kind of involvement in the no-trust motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan, saying the allegations of US involve-

saying the allegations of US involve-ment are baseless.

The US government on Thursday reacted strongly as Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday brandished a letter during a power show at Prade ground Islamabad saying that it con-tains evidence of a foreign plot hatched against him and the Opposition's no-trust motion is also a part of this foreign conspiracy to top-

part of this foreign conspiracy to top-ple his government.

On Wednesday, the premier's gist of the "threat letter" was also shared with senior journalists. Meanwhile, PTI leader Faisal Vawda had claimed that a "plot is being hatched to assas-sinate Prime Minister Imran Khan."

a private TV channel regarding the 'threat letter,' the US State Department categorically rejected any kind of involvement in the no-confidence motion against PM Imran Khan "Allegations of US involvements." Khan. "Allegations of US involvement in the no-trust motion and 'threat letter' to PM Imran Khan are baseless," said the State Department. The US government is monitoring the political situation of Pakistan, however and supports the rule of law in Pakistan, the State Department said Regarding the guest Department said.Regarding the question of a no-trust motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan, the US State Department said that they respect the constitutional processin Pakistan. "Allegations of US involvement in the postrust motion and ment in the no-trust motion and threat letter to PM Imran Khan are baseless," said the State Department.INP



ISLAMABAD: Farrukh Habib, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting is talking to media

CEC irked by petitioners' indifference to pursue Senate video case

ISLAMABAD: The chief election commissioner Thursday expressed his displeasure over non-appearance of petitioners in the Senate election video scandal case, saying "The petitioners do not follow the case, but blame the election commission for not deciding it,

The election commission on Thursday (today) had conducted a hearing of the Senate election video scandal case, but, none of the peti-tioners including Farrukh Habib, Maleeka Bukhari and Kanwal Shauzab appeared before the election commission. Petitioner Aliya Hamza and her

lawyer were also absent from the hearing of the case. "Maleeka Bukhari is in Karachi.

She has sought some tome for a reply," the assistant lawyer told the reply," the assistant lawyer chief election commissioner.

"The case was adjourned 17 times out of which 10 adjournments were demanded by the PTI itself," said the chief election commissioner and questioned: "Upon what basis is the election commission blamed?" He said it seemed that the petitioners themselves did not want to pursue the

Due to absence of the petitioners and their lawyer, lawyer for former prime minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani started his arguments and said: "The case is being delayed only for the media trial. The election was contexted by Heffer Sheikh against contested by Hafeez Sheikh against Yousaf Raza Gillani, and he [Hafeez] neither challenged the election nor

made any statement to the media."

He maintained all the petitioners in the case had approached the election commission individually, and adding that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) did not approach the election

commission as a party for the election commission as a party for the case.

"There is no direct charge against Yousaf Raza Gillani in the whole case," said Malik Javed and pointed out that without a forensic of judge Arshad Malik's video, the Supreme Court did not take any action.INP

Saghar urges world to help resolve Kashmir dispute

ISLAMABAD: The All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir (APHC-AJK) leader, Mehmood Ahmed Saghar has urged the world leaders to help resolve the lingering Kashmir dispute in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions.

Mehmood Ahmed Saghar in a let-

ter addressed to leaders of P5 countries, highlighted the woeful plight of the Kashmiri prisoners and India's repressive policies to stifle democrat-ic dissent in the Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Referring to brutal policies of the Indian government, the memo said, "Kashmir has been turned into a virtual prison where essential fundamen tal freedoms such as right to peaceful assembly, right to freedom of opinion and expression and right to peaceful protest remain largely suspended". He said that since 5th August 2019 the Indian government had arrested thousands of Kashmiris on trumpedup charges.

"Resistance leaders, including Shabbir Ahmed Shah, Muhammad

Yasin Malik, Masarrat Aalm Butt, Aasiya Andrabi and Nayeem Ahmed Khan have been booked under infa-

mous laws and left to rot in jails out-side Kashmir," the letter said.

The rights groups, he said, are being targeted for their work and cooperation with the UN and other international organizations in exposing human rights violations being committed by Indian troops in the ter-

The arbitrary arrests of Kashmiri civil and political activists by the authorities spotlight the Indian government's broader clampdown campaign to stifle democratic dissent in the region," he added.

Saghar pointed out that the Indian government was using judiciary and other repressive state apparatus to enable complete silence in Kashmir by suppressing every voice of dis-sent. "Recently an Indian court had issued an order regarding framing of charges under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) against Shabbir Ahmed Shah and other leaders", he said. INP

Nazim Jokhio case: PPP MNA Jam Karim returns to Pakistan KARACHI: PPP MNA Jam Identification

Abdul Karim, a prime suspect in Nazim Jokhio murder case has returned to Pakistan in the early hours of Thursday ahead of voting on no-trust move against Prime Minister Imran Khan. The PPP lawmaker arrived in

Karachi from Dubai at 5:00 am after the widow of Nazim Jokhio, a local journalist who was allegedly tortured to death at the farmhouse, pardoned all the suspects in the murder case. "My relatives left me alone, no one can understand my situ-

ation, I'm withdrawing from the case for the sake of my chil-dren," Shireen Jokhio said in her statement.

Jam Abdul Karim landed in Pakistan after the court granted 10-day protective bail to PPP 10-day protective ban 1 lawmaker till April 3. The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) put the name of PPP MNA Jam Abdul Karim on Provincial National

meaning he won't be able to leave the country after his arrival from abroad.

According to sources, the FIA will take the lawmaker into custody upon his arrival in Pakistan. Karim, who was nominated in the murder case of Nazim Jokhio in Karachi, had fled to Dubai. fled to Dubai.

Local journalist Nazim Jokhio was allegedly tortured to death at the farmhouse of the accused PPP MPA for trying to prevent his foreign guests from illegal hunting of endangered houbara bustard. An autopsy found severe tor-ture marks and bruises all over the body of the deceased. The

Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) put the name of PPP MNA Jam Abdul Karim on its Provincial National Identification List (PNIL), meaning he won't be able to leave the country after his arrival from abroad.INP



HYDERABAD:Officials of Bomb Disposal Squad inspecting the site of cracker blast after a blast on main railway track near Pinyari Canal as after Two continues blasts on the Kotri and Hyderabad Railways line the track is damage.