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Supreme Court to focus on deputy speaker NA's ruling: Chief Justice

Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial said on Tuesday that the Supreme Court did not interfere in matters of state and foreign policy and would only determine the legality of National Assembly (NA) Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri's ruling on a no-trust motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan.

He said this while hearing arguments from PML-N's counsel Makhdoom Ali Khan on the dismissal of a no-confidence motion against the prime minister by the NA deputy speaker, who had linked the motion to a "foreign conspiracy" to topple the PTI government and ruled that the motion was contradictory to Article 5 of the Constitution.

Subsequently, the CJP had taken suo motu notice of the matter, following which a larger bench was formed to hear the case.

The five-member bench is headed by the CJP and includes Justice Ijazul Ahsan, Justice Mohammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Munib Akhtar and Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail.

At today's hearing, when the CJP said the court would not interfere in policy matters and would focus on

the deputy speaker's ruling, the PML-N's counsel proposed that the apex court may seek an "in-camera briefing about the foreign conspiracy from the intelligence chief".

"Right now we are looking at the law and Constitution," the CJP replied, adding that all the respondents would be told to focus on this matter at the moment.

"We prefer that a decision be taken on this matter only," CJP Bandial said. "We want to see if the court can review the ruling of the deputy speaker."

The court, he added, didn't interfere in the state or foreign policy. "We don't want to indulge in policy matters."

Justice Ahsan, too, said that the court only wanted to see constitutional matters for now. The PML-N's counsel, however, argued that the court could judicially review an illegal and unconstitutional move.

Here, Justice Akhtar said the NA and provincial assembly were masters of their respective houses. The distribution of powers was also enshrined in the constitution, the judge added.

"We have referred to six court verdicts that clarify the jurisdiction

of Article 69," Khan said adding that the speaker confirmed the deputy speaker's ruling. He also questioned the transfer of power from the speaker to the deputy speaker.

Here, Justice Ahsan said Naem Bukhari, the counsel for NA Speaker Asad Qaiser, would aid the court on the matter.

Earlier at today's hearing, the SC sought the record of NA proceedings conducted on the no-confidence motion filed against interim PM Imran.

At the outset of today's hearing, PPP Senator Raza Rabbani noted how, according to media reports, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) had said it was not possible to hold general elections within three months. However, the ECP has denied issuing any statement concerning elections.

He also said that the court had to examine the extent of the "immunity" of parliamentary proceedings. "Whatever has happened can only be termed as civilian martial law," he said.

"The no-confidence motion can't be dismissed without voting on it," he said, citing Article 95 of the Constitution. Web Desk



Nation doesn't want any foreign interference in internal affairs of Pakistan: Qureshi



LAHORE: Prime Minister Imran Khan at a gathering of MPAs from Punjab in Lahore.

Role of Balochistan women crucial in national development: General Sarfaraz

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: Commander 12-Corps, Lieutenant General Sarfaraz Ali has said that the role of women in Balochistan was crucial in national development. He expressed these views while addressing a function at the Sardar Bahadur Khan (SBK) Women's University on Tuesday.

"Women coming forward in walks of life in Balochistan", the Commander said. He said women's capability was proved recently held in the Balochistan Excellence Awards. Lt. General Sarfaraz Ali stated that women faculty members of the SBK had played an important role in the strengthening of female education in the province.

It is not possible for people to



understand Balochistan immediately: Commander

General Sarfaraz Ali said that Balochistan is a multi-faceted province and it is not possible for the people to understand its problems and issues immediately. He added

that the solution to these complex issues lies in sincere efforts under an effective strategy based on good intentions.

The corps commander also pointed out the need for reforms in the administrative structure of Balochistan. Corps Commander Lt. Gen. Sarfaraz Ali also directed the renovation of the university auditorium and announced the issuance of cantonment entry passes for all university teachers.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of the University Dr. Sajida Noorin received Corps Commander Lt. Gen. Sarfaraz Ali and DIG FC North Brigadier Ahmed Nawaz on their arrival at the University while commemorative shields were also exchanged at the end of the session

YDA calls off strike in Balochistan hospitals after six months

Manan Mandokhail

QUETTA: After six months, the Young Doctors Association (YDA) Balochistan has called off its strike in government-run hospitals of the province. YDA made this announcement after successful negotiations with Balochistan health minister, Syed Ehsan Shah and the Secretary of Health Saleh Nasar on Tuesday.

"YDA has formally resumed services in all government-run hospitals", Dr. Bahar Shah, the President of the YDA told a news conference. A large number of young doctors and health professionals were also present on the occasion.

"Government has accepted all genuine demands of the protesting doctors", Syed Ehsan Shah, the Balochistan health minister said. He urged the doctors to serve the ailing humanity throughout the province.

Daily OPD in civil and BMCH hospitals is more than 10,000. Patients remained the worst sufferers of doctors' strikes in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan. Only in civil hospital and Bolan Medical Complex Hospital (BMCH), the number of OPDs patients is 10,000.

"Now doctors have come back to serve the needy and deserving patients", the minister of health stated. He said that the present government has taken a number of initiatives to improve the state of health conditions in Balochistan. "Doctors will be serving the needy patients in Balochistan from tomorrow", Dr. Bahar Shah said.

Quetta firing: two policemen injured

Ibrar Ahmed

At least two policemen were injured in a firing incident in Quetta district on Tuesday evening. The incident happened in the Kuchlak area of the district. Police sources said a wanted criminal opened fire and injured a police



sub-inspector and a constable. The injured policemen were rushed to civil hospital Quetta for medical treatment. The wanted criminal escaped unhurt from the spot. Police reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway.

The injured sub-inspector was identified as Kamran Bhatti. Policemen were trying to arrest the criminal when retaliated and opened fire on the police party.

Pak Army, FC organize free medical camp in Khost Harnai

From Our Correspondent

Pak Army and Frontier Corps (FC) organized a free medical camp in Balochistan's Harnai district on Tuesday. PPHI had also extended cooperation in organizing the free medical camp in the Khost area of Harnai.



Over 100 patients were provided medical treatment during the free medical camp. 55 women were also among the patients treated at the free medical camp. Pak Army and FC also provided free medicines to the patients treated at the camp.

The local population has thanked the Pak Army and FC North for holding the free medical camp to support the needy and deserving patients of the area.

BHC declares notification about VC BUHMS appointment illegal

Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA: Balochistan High Court (BHC) has declared the notification about the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor Balochistan University of Health and Management Sciences (BUHMS) as void and of no legal effect.

A division bench of the BHC comprising Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan, and Mr. Justice Abdul Hameed Baloch passed this judgment on a petition. Dr. Ghulam Mustaf and others had filed the petition challenging the three years extension in the appointment of the VC



BUHMS. The bench ordered that a notification issued by the Chancellor regarding the extension in the appointment of VC BUHMS on 1/8/2021 is declared void and illegal. The bench has directed the Chancellor/ Governor Balochistan to initiate the process of selection/appointment of the Vice-Chancellor as per the provisions of the 2017 act.

New VC should appoint remaining staff strictly on merit: Court orders. The bench disposed of the petition and directed that the appointments in the university shall be made as per the advertisement published in a local daily on 17/11/2021 strictly on merit by the new VC BUHMS.

The petitioners pleaded that the second notification regarding the extension of appointment of Dr. Naqeebullah Achakzai as the VC BUHMS was a violation of merit. It may be mentioned here that former Governor Muhammad Khan Achakzai had appointed Surgeon Naqeebullah Achakzai as the VC BUHMS for a term of three years after the establishment of the university in 2017.

The bench thus observed that person-specific laws cannot be promulgated since they encourage nepotism.

Former Chancellor Justice (R) Aman Yaseenzai had extended the appointment of Achakzai

Former Governor Justice (R), Amanullah Khan Yaseenzai had extended the appointment of Mr. Achakzai for another three years. However, the BHC on Monday declared the said notification void and illegal.

BUHMS was established as the province's first medical university during former Chief Minister, Dr. Malik Baloch led government in the province.

Traitors should get ready for return of their treachery in general elections: PM

LAHORE: Prime Minister Imran Khan has said that the traitors who attempted to topple an elected government pursuing an independent foreign policy should get ready for return of their treachery in the next general elections.

Addressing a gathering of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) activists here on Tuesday, he said, "The countrymen will teach a lesson to these traitors (opposition leaders) in the next general elections by burying their politics forever."

Referring to his main political opponents, Premier Imran Khan said that these three stooges had been plundering the national wealth for the last thirty years and stashed it abroad. "They can say that beggars are not choosers," owing to their vested personal interests, he added. The prime minister said a drama had been staged in the country. In the local hotel of Lahore, PTI defectors who had sold their party allegiance were put together. With such shabby tactics, the democracy, future of the coming generations and solidarity of the nation had been put at stake, he added. Imran Khan said the people had been elected on PTI seats or the reserved seats, and then sold out their conscience for the sake of few million rupees, adding that they would ensure a life time ban for such traitors. He said these elements were traitors to the nation, to the country and to the coming generations, adding unless they were punished, they would continue bargaining over the democracy for petty monetary gains. Web Desk

Nation doesn't want any foreign interference in internal affairs of Pakistan: Qureshi

ISLAMABAD: Vice Chairman of PTI Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Tuesday said the nation does not want any foreign interference in the internal affairs of Pakistan.

In a statement, he said our decisions should be in accordance with the constitution and public aspirations.

He also regretted the use of money for buying the conscience of elected representatives.

He said that Pakistan is free and independent country. "The National Security Committee of Pakistan is saying that external interference is inappropriate so it shall be demarcated. "We called diplomat in foreign office and demarcated it. We have also recorded our protest in Washington through our ambassador," he maintained.

Shah Mahmood Qureshi said that Turkey is a friend of Pakistan. "It helped Pakistan in every difficult time. Foreign minister of Turkey has called me and said that he is keenly watching the situation in Pakistan. They want betterment in Pakistan. Similar statements also came from China. Today, Russia has also given a clear statement," he concluded. INP

Inmates suffer as Balochistan prisons department without IG for last 2 months

Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA: Inmates in all eleven prisons of Balochistan continue to suffer as prisons department remains without an inspector general for last more than two months. "Prisoners cannot lodge complaints and seek remissions for education because of the absence of prisons chief", an official of the department told Quetta Voice.

He requested anonymity since he was not authorized to speak to the media. The number of inmates in all prisons of Balochistan is around 3,000. High-profile prisoners among them are languishing in the district jails Quetta, Mach and Gaddani. Eid is fast-approaching, the prisoners are hopeful about remissions but there is no IG prisons, the official pointed out.

Services tribunal declares appointment of Usman Ghani as against existing rules

On January 27th this year, the Services Tribunal



Balochistan declared the appointment of Usman Ghani Siddiqui as the IGP against the existing prisons rules. Senior prisons officer, Shuja Kasi had challenged the appointment of Mr. Siddiqui as the Chief of the Prisons department.

Neither new IGP posted nor charge given to any officer. Since then, neither any IGP has been appointed nor any look after charge has been given to any prisons officer. Mr. Kasi in his constitutional petition had pleaded that the prisons chief should be a senior officer from within the department rather than other departments of the province.

However, government of Balochistan had decided to challenge the verdict of the services tribunal in the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Although, the tribunal had directed the Chief Secretary Balochistan to make sure the appointment of an officer from the prisons department.

Sources within the prisons department said that a summary of three officers as acting IGP has been sent to the Chief Minister Mir Qudus Bizenjo. Nevertheless, the CM is yet to approve any name mentioned in the summary for the appointment of new IGP Balochistan.

Aleem Khan exposed real face of "Tableeli Sarkar" before masses: Saleem Raza

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader and member PDM's Consultative Committee for Lahore, Muhammad Saleem Raza has said that the dissident PTI leader Abdul Aleem Khan has exposed the real face of 'Tableeli Sarkar' before the masses.

themselves serving as witnesses. Muhammad Saleem Raza said that politics of Imran Khan has entered in closed street as it can neither proceed forward nor can return back. He said that the press conference of Abdul Aleem Khan was slap on face of Imran Khan and his supporters. He said that Aleem Khan has truly said that Imran Khan considers all people other than him as corrupt and dishonest. The politics of Imran has ended after

Tarin Group and Aleem Khan exposed him before the masses, he added. The PML-N leader said that the revelations of dissident PTI leaders have made it clear that politics of Imran Khan and his Cabinet remained engaged in making assets instead of serving the country and masses. Saleem Raza said that the national institutions should break silence and bring Usman Buzdar, Imran Khan, Aleema Khan and corrupt cabinet. INP



LAHORE: Ch Pervez Ilahi and Monis Ilahi called on Prime Minister Imran Khan in Lahore.

Pakistan has exceptionally good hospitality potential

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has an exceptionally good hospitality potential which should be exploited as this sector is returning to normal following a fall in coronavirus-linked infections, an industry expert said Tuesday. This industry received the biggest blow from the pandemic, which left many businesses reeling and bankrupt, but some could survive and now this sector is on the path of recovery, said Afzaal Aslam Mirza. He said that the pandemic and resulting lockdowns over the past two years affected every industry across the globe, but the impact on the hospitality industry was catastrophic. Hotel and restaurant businesses were decimated, food service providers couldn't stay afloat, and everything came to a standstill as only those dealing in essential goods and services

were allowed to operate, hitting millions of jobs, he added. Afzaal Aslam Mirza, a leading consultant said that the problem also gave an opportunity to the businesses to re-examine and re-design everything for survival. He said that domestic tourism is gaining momentum as it is being promoted while the corporate sector is also heading towards hotels for its activities. Pakistan has an exceptionally good hospitality potential which should be exploited as this sector is returning to normal following a fall in coronavirus-linked infections, an industry expert said Tuesday. This industry received the biggest blow from the pandemic, which left many businesses reeling and bankrupt, but some could survive and now this sector is on the path of recovery, said Afzaal Aslam Mirza. He said that the pandemic and

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A big dip witnessed in kinnow exports during closing season: Jawad

LAHORE: Former chairman of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) on Horticulture Exports, Ahmad Jawad said the concluded Kinnow season saw a drop in exports by over 40pc as less than 200,000 tonnes of the fruit could be shipped abroad against 460,000 tonnes last year. "A steep increase in freight charges, unavailability of containers, lack of banking channels in some destination countries, export bottlenecks and a reduction in the yield because of climatic changes are stated to be the main culprits behind the downfall". Talking to media persons in Lahore on Monday, Ahmed Jawad said Pakistan exports kinnow to 40 countries with the Middle East, Indonesia, Malaysia, Russia, Afghanistan and the Philippines as its major markets. Iran and China were to open as new markets. But, due to a lack of formal banking channels and export form issues, the exporters could not exploit the Iranian market, whereas not a single container could be shipped to China mainly because of the unavailability of containers and higher freight charges. The former FPCCI

chairman lamented that the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) could not open formal banking channels both for Iranian and Russian markets due to which their potential could not be tapped. He says that the Iranian market can absorb between 60,000 to 80,000 tonnes of kinnow, while the size of the Russian-Ukrainian-Belarus market (the largest citrus importer in the world) for Pakistani citrus fruit may be doubled from the present around 50,000 tonnes within no time provided the government establishes proper banking links with the two markets. He urges SBP authorities to resolve the issue at the earliest so that the potential of the market may be fully exploited. He says that overall kinnow exports may be increased to \$1 billion within a few years provided the government facilitates the exporters. Similarly Pakistan had exported just 80 tonnes of kinnow to China through sea routes, while exporters were eyeing quadrupling the volume this season via land transportation. A larger fruit size, compared with that of Turk and Moroccan produce, and the exotic taste of particularly Sargodha varieties are major attractions of

Pakistani kinnow for Chinese consumers. Also, Pakistan's December-April export window complements that of China's September-January season. He believes that promotional activities in Chinese supermarkets may help win more consumers for Pakistani produce which is an economical alternative to the citrus imports there from other countries. He says that Pakistan has already developed food safety and food quality protocols — from orchard management to harvesting and processing (that includes grading, washing, fungicide, drying, packaging) — to meet Chinese standards since the signing of an agreement by Islamabad and Beijing back in 2005. He says that refrigerated containers are used to maintain the freshness of the fruit during the transportation period that lasts for about 20-30 days by sea and may be reduced to just three or four days through land route. Because of Covid-19 related restrictions and lockdowns, shipping companies cut their vessel operations as a cost-cutting measure and drastically increased freight charges causing an extra burden on the exporters. INP

Next to nil fatality, 155 tested positive due to corona virus in last 24 hours

ISLAMABAD: Nil fatality was reported due to coronavirus while 155 persons tested positive in the last 24 hours in the country. The latest figures by the National Institute of Health (NIH) reflected that 22994 tests were conducted of which 155 returned positive taking the total positive cases to 1525775. Positivity ratio stands at 0.66 percent. Province wise details provided by NIH depicted 575,872 coronavirus cases have been reported in Sindh, 505,186 in Punjab, 219,146 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 135,099 in

Islamabad, 43,280 in Azad Kashmir, 35,478 in Balochistan and 11,714 in Gilgit-Baltistan so far. With zero fatality the tally of fatalities has ascended to 30361 in the country. As per NIH latest data 13,558 fatalities have occurred due to the epidemic in Punjab, 8,097 in Sindh, 6,322 in KP, 1,023 in Islamabad, 792 in Azad Kashmir, 378 in Balochistan and 191 in GB so far. Pakistan has so far conducted 27,607,487 coronavirus tests and 22,994 in the last 24 hours. 1,486,252 patients have recovered in the country whereas 321 patients are in critical condition. Tally of doses administered so

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Funeral prayer of martyred traffic officer offered police line HQs

ISLAMABAD: Funeral prayer of martyred traffic officer Abdul Mannan was offered at police lines headquarters here on Monday. A large number of police officers including Inspector General of Police, Muhammad Ahsan Younis attended the funeral prayer. The IGP also laid a floral wreath on martyr's body. The traffic officer was martyred in road accident during duty at Islamabad Expressway. The deceased had left a widow and five daughters in mourning. Shaheed traffic officer joined the force in 1996 as a constable. The body of martyred cop was taken to his native village Manshra with police protocol. INP

CM Office spokesperson refutes allegations of Ch. Sarwar

LAHORE: The spokesperson to the Chief Minister's Office has categorically refuted the allegations of former governor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar against Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar. In a statement issued on Monday, the spokesman emphasized that merit has always prevailed in appointments and transfers in Punjab. A person who has worked as the governor should avoid uttering such things, he maintained. The baseless allegations of Ch. Sarwar are strongly denied, the spokesman said mentioned that both have always had a respectful relationship. INP

Attack on Constitution equivalent to attack on state: Kaira

ISLAMABAD: Senior Leader of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and former federal minister, Qamar Zaman Kaira has said that attack on Constitution is equivalent to attack on the state. Talking to media persons here on Monday, he said that public representatives were called traitors and cases of treachery against them were attacks on sovereignty of Pakistan. Qamar Zaman Kaira said that when the Parliament becomes hostage in the hands of elements who consider the House a stair for their rule, when institutions were suspended, they could go to any level to save their rule. The PPP leader further stated that if the Constitution was made humour, the country could never proceed forward. Today, the judiciary needed to decide not only about country but our future as well, he added. INP



ISLAMABAD: Women are stand in long queue to bright sunshine outside Ahsaas One Window Center to take privilege amount during the month of Ramadan as local administration needs to install tent shades for them in Federal Capital.

2,000 personnel to perform security duty during Ramazan in Capital

ISLAMABAD: Around 2,000 security personnel and volunteers will perform security duties across federal capital during the holy month of Ramazan. As per plan chalked out by Islamabad Police on Monday, the security personnel will perform special duties at 1032 mosques and 29 imambargahs. Extra officials have been provided to police stations to ensure effective security duties at worship places and markets. Police stations have been directed to coordinate with administration of mosques and office-bearers of traders' unions in their respective areas. A special drive against professional beggars will be launched and they would not be allowed to

gather outside worship places. The police officials have been directed not to allow any gathering outside worship places. The citizens have been asked to avoid unnecessary movement and keep documents for identification in case of any movement. Halting points would be erected in jurisdiction of all police stations while administration of mosques would ensure proper lighting and parking arrangements. The capital police chief directed to ensure foolproof security during Ramazan and ensure effective patrolling and vigilance in each sector. He asked all SDPOs and SHOs to personally supervise the security arrangements and ensure deployment of police officials or private

security guards where it was necessary. The IGP Muhammad Ahsan Younis said that all station house officers would ensure search and combing operation in their respective areas while Special Branch would install gates outside all important mosques and imambargahs. He said private security guards hired for the assistance of police should be briefed about security measures. He said police officials along with local administration should take review of all precautionary measures being adopted at mosques, imambargahs and markets. The Capital Police chief said patrolling by Rescue 15, falcon and eagle squads should be continued around mosques. INP

No substance in media reports on not holding general election within 3 months by EC: Secretary EC

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Election Commission Umar Hameed has said there is no substance in media reports on not holding general elections within three months by Election Commission (EC). "There is no substance in media reports of not holding next general election within 3 months by EC. Holding election is constitutional obligation of EC and it is always ready on this count", Umar Hameed said this while talking to media men here Tuesday. He went on to say there is no truth in the media reports on non holding the general election within 3 months. EC will discharge its obligations in synch with the law and constitution. He added EC has already issued local bodies election schedule in Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan. The local bodies election will have to be cancelled in the event of announcement for general election. EC has summoned emergent meeting to review its preparations in case general election are held. Online

Ready to share NSC meeting minutes with SC: Mehmood

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Vice Chairman and former foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said on Monday that PTI is ready to share the minutes of National Security Committee (NSC) meeting held on the "threat letter" and "foreign conspiracy" with SC. The former federal minister made this statement while talking to the media outside the Supreme Court. "If court asked, we are ready to share NCS meeting minutes over foreign conspiracy with the apex court", Shah Mehmood Qureshi told media. He further said that the government issued a strong demarche on the base of NSC meeting. On March 31, Prime



ISLAMABAD: Leader of Pakistan Muslim League (N) Ahsan Iqbal addressing press conference outside Election Commission Pakistan (ECP) in Federal Capital.

Moot on Globalizing Lokloric Wisdom concludes at IIUI

ISLAMABAD: The two-day International Conference on "Globalizing Lokloric Wisdom" on folk literature in Pakistani Languages at International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) that focused on storytelling, folk poetry, Sufi poetry, religious harmony in Pakistani languages and the impact of folk literature and topics related to folk literature in Pakistani Languages concluded here at Faisal Masjid campus on Monday. The speakers of the conference agreed that the cultural heritage of the world is facing the challenges of the digital age, in which folk literature and cultures will be able to survive only if they understand the requirements of the modern age. They opined that the prevailing harshness in societies' global instability can be minimized through lokloric wisdom. The conference that witnessed as many as 80 research papers was jointly organized by Iqbal International Institute for Research & Dialogue, IRD, IIUI, Department of English Literature, Faculty of Languages and Literature, FLL of the University in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission, HEC, Islamabad at Quaid-E-Azam Auditorium, Faisal Masjid Campus, International Islamic University Islamabad. Addressing the concluding ceremony of the conference, Rector International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai stressed upon presenting our folk literature and culture to the world using modern resources. He said that the international media portrays Pakistan as a terrorist and insecure country but the reality is quite the opposite. He said projection of our history, folk literature and culture can help us present our real image that is all about peace and harmony. On the occasion, he expressed his resolve that the International Islamic University would continue to play its role in preserving and promoting the traditions of the region. Chairman, Pakistan Academy of Letters, Dr. Yousuf Khushk said that we are proud of Pakistan's cultural heritage and should remain so. He told the conference participants that a National Museum of Pakistani Languages will be set up in Islamabad soon. Dr. Yusuf lauded the efforts of the International Islamic University Islamabad for the revival and promotion of folk literature and culture. Vice President (Academics), IIUI Prof. Dr. Ayaz Afsar and Vice President (R&E), Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shuja Syed also attended the conference and shared their views about the theme of the conference. Dr. Husnul Amin, Executive Director, Iqbal Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD), IIUI, emphasized on promotion of folk literature. Dr. Husnul Amin congratulated the moderator of the conference Dr. Sheraz Dasti and the organizing team of the conference on this occasion. He vowed that IRD would continue such constructive collaborations. Dr. Najeeba Arif, Dean Faculty of Languages and Literature, FLL, IIUI during her speech elaborated folk-lore in detail. She added that the base of science is experience while folklore is the crux of human experience. INP

Advertisement for the National Security Committee (NSC) meeting minutes. It includes a table with columns for S# (Serial Number), Position, Qualification & Experience, No. of Posts, Salary Package (PKR), and Age Limit (Years). The table lists 7 positions, including Project Director (Civil Works), and provides details for each. Below the table, there is a section for interested candidates to send their applications along with CV and attested copies of educational and experience certificates. The contact information for the Chief Planning Officer, Health Department, Quetta, is provided at the bottom.

Advertisement for a position vacant in the Government of Balochistan. The advertisement is for the post of Project Director (Civil Works) for the construction of 200 Bedded Teaching Hospital, Turbat. It includes details about the salary package, age limit, and application process. The contact information for the Chief Planning Officer, Health Department, Quetta, is provided at the bottom.

Immature politicians created political, economic crisis for Pakistan: Hashmi

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: Founder of the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), Senator Saeed Ahmed Hashmi has termed immature politicians responsible for creating a political and economic crisis in Pakistan. "Politicians have to exercise wisdom and political vision", Senator Hashmi told reporters on Tuesday. Hashmi's BAP has recently parted its ways with Pakistan Tehrik e Insaf (PTI) in Islamabad. Its five members of the national assembly have thrown their weight behind the joint opposition regarding the no-confidence

motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan. "Culture of tolerance should be promoted in politics", the BAP founder said. He lamented that it was irony of fate that currently the politics of hatred was being promoted by some immature politicians. Senator Hashmi however, criticized his old political ally, the Pakistan Tehrik e Insaf (PTI) for adopting uncivilized behavior in the aftermath of the no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan. "Submitting no-confidence motion against PM was the democratic right of opposition", he said. The seasoned politician further stated that loyalty to the nation requires that the no-confidence motion be dealt with in a civilized and democratic manner, by annulling the speaker's rolling without trying any further delay tactics so that not only the political uncertainty and fears of a serious national conflict in the country can be eliminated.



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ISLAMABAD: Wafaqi Mohtasib of Pakistan Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi, presenting the annual report 2021 to President Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

US, China, UK remain top 3 destinations of Pakistani exports during 8 months

ISLAMABAD: The United States remained the top export destinations of Pakistani products during the first eight months of financial year (2021-22), followed by China and United Kingdom (UK). Total exports to the USA during July-February (2021-22) were recorded at US \$4410.593 million against the exports of US \$3079.375 million during July-February (2020-21), showing growth of 43.23 percent, according to State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). This was followed by China, wherein Pakistan exported goods worth \$1841.113 million against the exports of \$1165.949 million last year, showing increase of 57.90 percent. UK was the third top export destination, where Pakistan exported products worth \$1472.599 million during the months under review against the exports of \$1308.686 million, showing growth of 12.52 percent, SBP data revealed. Among other countries, Pakistani exports to UAE stood at \$1180.538 million against \$944.576 million during last year, showing an increase of 24.98 percent while the exports to Germany were recorded at \$1131.971 million against \$989.878 million last year, the data said. During July-February (2021-22), the exports to Holland were recorded \$916.795 million against \$715.361 million whereas the exports to Italy stood at \$651.691 million against \$483.830 million. Pakistan's exports to Spain were recorded at \$699.382 million against the exports of \$512.644 million while the exports to Afghanistan were recorded \$295.866 million against \$ 629.787 million last year.

The exports to Bangladesh stood at \$559.118 million against \$375.669 million, showing growth of 48.83 percent, according to SBP. Similarly, the exports to France during the months under review were recorded at \$334.009 million against \$287.618 million while the exports to Belgium stood at \$459.587 million against \$357.658 million. Pakistan's exports to Saudi Arabia were recorded at \$260.260 million during the current year compared to \$326.668 million last year whereas the exports to Canada stood at \$255.500 million against \$192.843, to Malaysia \$268.693 million against \$127.265 million. Overall Pakistan's exports to all other countries witnessed an increase of 28.11 percent in eight months, from \$16.092 billion to \$20.616 billion, the SBP data revealed. Among other countries, Pakistani exports to UAE stood at \$1180.538 million against \$944.576 million during last year, showing an increase of 24.98 percent while the exports to Germany were recorded at \$1131.971 million against \$989.878 million last year, the data said. During July-February (2021-22), the exports to Holland were recorded \$916.795 million against \$715.361 million whereas the exports to Italy stood at \$651.691 million against \$483.830 million. Pakistan's exports to Spain were recorded at \$699.382 million against the exports of \$512.644 million while the exports to Afghanistan were recorded \$295.866 million against \$ 629.787 million last year. INP

NA was dissolved to hide PM Imran's corruption: Khaqan Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: Former prime minister and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Tuesday alleged that President Arif Alvi had dissolved the National Assembly (NA) only to conceal the 'corruption' done by Prime Minister Imran Khan. Talking to media persons outside an accountability court (AC) in Islamabad, he said for that even the country's constitution was violated, and Prime Minister Imran Khan and President Arif Alvi were behind this 'conspiracy'. He went on to say that earlier military dictators used to violate the constitution. "But now the so-called elected representatives of the people do that," he regretted. Abbasi said that the entire nation was now looking towards the Supreme Court to give its decision on the constitutionality of the ruling given by the NA deputy speaker under which he had thrown out the opposition's no-trust motion, saying it had been funded from abroad. PML-N leader even demanded registration of treason cases against the president, prime minister, deputy speaker and others. INP

Qamar Zaman Kaira calls NA deputy speaker's ruling a 'suicide attack'

ISLAMABAD: Calling National Assembly (NA) Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri's ruling of April 3, 2022, under which he had thrown out the opposition's no-trust motion on the ground that it was part of a foreign conspiracy, senior PPP leader Qamar Zaman Kaira called it a 'suicide attack' by the PTI government not only on the parliament but also on the democratic system as well as on the country. Speaking to the media person outside the Supreme Court (SC) before the start of the hearing of deputy speaker's ruling case, he said this move by the ruling party would have horrifying consequences. "The deputy speaker, in his ruling, had declared all members of the opposition traitors," he regretted, and added, "The entire country is bewildered as to what had happened in Parliament on that fateful day." Kaira went on to add that the Supreme Court was presently seized with a 'historic' case, and its verdict would have far-reaching consequences. Senior PPP leader added that so far only Aleem Khan and former Punjab governor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar had made some startling disclosures about Prime Minister Imran Khan and PTI. "More people will come out with evidences against the prime minister and his cabinet in days to come," he claimed. Speaking to the media person outside the Supreme Court (SC) before the start of the hearing of deputy speaker's ruling case, he said this move by the ruling party would have horrifying consequences. "The deputy speaker, in his ruling, had declared all members of the opposition traitors," he regretted, and added, "The entire country is bewildered as to what had happened in Parliament on that fateful day." Kaira went on to add that the Supreme Court was presently seized with a 'historic' case, and its verdict would have far-reaching consequences. INP

US interfere in internal matters of Pakistan, says Maria Zakharova

MOSCOW: Russia's foreign ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova has said that US is interfering in the internal matters of Pakistan. Issuing a statement on Tuesday, she said that US pressurized Prime Minister Imran Khan to cancel Russian tour. "Pakistan rejected US pressure and that is why US decided to punish Imran Khan," she added. She said that suddenly no-confidence motion was submitted against Imran Khan. "An American official called Pakistani ambassador on March 7. Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Donald Lu had threatened Pakistan and said that partnership with US is expected to remove Imran Khan," she concluded. INP

LHC acquits death sentence accused over contradiction evidences

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court on Tuesday acquitted a murder accused, Akhtar Abbas, who was found guilty of killing his sister and awarded death sentence by a trial court. A two-judge bench of the Lahore High Court comprising Justice Shahram Sarwar Chaudhry and Justice Muhammad Amjad Rafiq acquitted Akhtar Abbas after five years saying there was contradiction in the medical report and the statement recorded by the eyewitnesses did not conform to the medical report. The court overturned the death sentence on the grounds that the eyewitnesses were not present on the occasion and the trial court had also acquitted three other co-accused in this case. Amjad Iqbal advocate appeared before the court on behalf of the accused. A sessions court had acquitted three co-accused: Mudassar, Ansar and Javed while it awarded death sentence to Akhtar Abbas. Karana police in Sargodha registered a murder case of Rukhsana Bibi against the accused. The sessions court after finding accused Abbas guilty of murder of his sister pronounced death sentence for him. The Punjab deputy prosecutor general opposed the acquittal plea of the accused in the court. The court overturned the death sentence on the grounds that the eyewitnesses were not present on the occasion and the trial court had also acquitted three other co-accused: Mudassar, Ansar and Javed while it awarded death sentence to Akhtar Abbas. Karana police in Sargodha registered a murder case of Rukhsana Bibi against the accused. INP

Holding elections ECP's constitutional responsibility: Spokesman

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) spokesperson on Tuesday said there was no truth in the news that the general elections would not be held within three months. "Conducting elections is the constitutional responsibility of the election commission for which we are always ready," said he and added that the election commission had called an emergency meeting regarding the preparations for the elections. "The meeting will review preparations in case of general elections. The election commission will fulfill its responsibility in accordance with the Constitution and the law," he vowed. INP

Shehbaz asks COAS, ISI DG to share 'evidence' of Opp leaders' treason

ISLAMABAD: PML-N President Shehbaz Sharif has demanded of the chief of the army staff and ISI director general to make public "any evidence" if they have about the "treason" committed by the Opposition leaders. Talking to newsmen outside the Supreme Court building in Islamabad on Tuesday, Shehbaz Sharif asked both respectable military officers to share "minutes" of the National Security Committee (NSC) meeting in which the "conspiracy letter" was discussed. He said the government was lying about National Security Committee meeting. He wondered whether the Army Chief had seen the minutes of National Security Committee meeting. He called upon the COAS and DG ISI to release a clarification regarding NSC meeting. He said the former law minister and NA deputy speaker declared 192 MNAs 'traitors' under Article 5. "If we are traitors, then bring evidence," he added. Lashing out at the National Assembly deputy speaker's ruling, the PML-N president deplored if voting on the no-confidence motion was not held again, then Pakistan would become a banana republic. He said though early election was opposition's demand but government announced elections after breaking constitution. He held that both President Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Imran Khan violated the constitution. "The Constitution of Pakistan has been trampled by them," he added. INP



LAHORE: Prime Minister Imran Khan addressing a public gathering.

PML-N terms NA deputy speaker's ruling 'mockery' of constitution

ISLAMABAD: Commenting on National Assembly Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri's ruling on April 3, in which he had thrown out the opposition's no-trust motion, saying there was a foreign conspiracy behind it, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) spokesperson Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Tuesday that by doing so at the behest of Prime Minister Imran Khan, the deputy speaker had made mockery of the country's constitution. Also terming it a 'historic fraud' with the people of Pakistan, PML-N spokesperson said at present there was no government in the country. "Both the houses, namely the President House and the Prime Minister House are inhabited by those who had trampled upon the constitution just two days ago," she alleged. She was of the view that since right now the constitution was suspended, the country was in deep political, economic and constitutional crisis. Marriyum also opined that the prime minister's orders had no legal and constitutional validity. She even went to the extent of saying that whoever would comply with PM Imran's instructions would be deemed as a partner in his crime, and would be proceeded against under article-6 of the constitution. She opined that the prime minister, in a bid to remain in office, had held the entire nation hostage. "And thus the country is suffering an irreparable loss," she said. PML-N spokesperson said that PM Imran was trying to take cover behind the allegation of a foreign conspiracy to hide his 'incompetence, corruption and historic failures'. Marriyum also opined that the prime minister's orders had no legal and constitutional validity. She even went to the extent of saying that whoever would comply with PM Imran's instructions would be deemed as a partner in his crime, and would be proceeded against under article-6 of the constitution. She opined that the prime minister, in a bid to remain in office, had held the entire nation hostage. "And thus the country is suffering an irreparable loss," she said. INP

Law Officers alleged Fawad Ch of taking bribe

ISLAMABAD: Law Officers on Tuesday, made allegations of taking bribes on single-day Law Minister Fawad Chaudhry and his brother NAB prosecutor Faisal Chaudhry. Asst Attorney General Nayyar Abbas said that Fawad Chaudhry's younger brother Faisal Chaudhry has collected millions of rupees as bribes from various Lawyers, in deception of appointing them Law Officers. Law Officers expressed their concerns that, Fawad Chaudhry got signature on summary for removing 61 law officers while keeping Prime Minister in dark. Asst Attorney General Nayyar Abbas said that, Fawad Chaudhry wrongly told Prime Minister that officers going to be de-notified have no relation 'Insaaf Lawyers Forum'. Notification cannot be issued as cabinet dissolved said Asst Attorney General. When Fawad Chaudhry's uncle 'Ifthikhar Chaudhry' was Chief Justice, he openly bargained on murder cases while sitting on patrol pumps, said Nayyar. Further he maintained that they have never attended public gatherings, as people call them different infamous names. INP

Handcuffed bodies of youth, teen girl recovered from Gujranwala canal

GUJRANWALA: Two handcuffed bodies of a youth and a teenage girl were recovered on Tuesday from a canal in Gujranwala in a suspected honour killing incident. The incident took place near the Canal View area in the Saddar police limits. The youth was thought to be 20 years old, whereas, the girl was thought to be in the 16th year of her age. Their bodies were handcuffed when the rescue teams fished them out of the canal. "It appears to be an incident of honour killing," police said. "Both bodies have been shifted to District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital. Police are ascertaining the identity of the deceased to contact their families," they added. INP

IG Punjab expresses anger over deaths of two citizens by kite flying

LAHORE: Inspector General of Punjab Police Rao Sardar Ali Khan has expressed outrage over the deaths of two civilians including minors in kite flying and metallic string incidents in Lahore and Sialkot. IG Punjab, while seeking a report of the incidents from CCPO Lahore and RPO Gujranwala, directed that a reply be sought from the concerned supervisory officers of both the incidents. According to details, RPO Gujranwala has suspended the concerned SHO and beat officer on the death of a minor in an incident which took place within the limits of Nikapura police station in Sialkot. IG Punjab directed CCPO Lahore to take stern action against those responsible for the incident. IG Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan has sought a detailed report from Lahore and Sialkot police on the steps taken to curb kite flying. INP

US again denies allegations of regime change in Pakistan

WASHINGTON: The United States has again rejected charges by Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan that Washington is trying to engineer a regime change in Islamabad - including his naming of an American official who he said sent threatening messages calling for his ouster - while expressing support for a constitutional process and rule of law in the country. "There is no truth to these allegations. We respect and support Pakistan's constitutional process and the rule of law," a US State Department spokesperson said on Monday. The US official said Washington is "closely following developments in Pakistan," even as the matter of constitutional propriety was taken to the country's Supreme Court. "As you heard from me last week, we support the peaceful upholding of constitutional and democratic principles in Pakistan," State Department Spokesperson Ned Price told reporters at his daily news conference. "It is the case around the world. We do not support one political party over another. We support the broader principles, the principles of rule of law, of equal justice under the law," he said. Price reiterated that there is no truth in the allegations that the United States is interfering in the internal affairs of Pakistan and tried to topple the government of Prime Minister Imran Khan. "There is absolutely no truth to the allegations," Price said in response to a question. Earlier, Imran Khan dropped all pretence of the US role he had alleged by euphemistically referring to a "foreign power" rather than naming it directly. In a meeting with his partymen over the weekend, he went even further. INP



LAHORE: Leader of Pakistan People's Party Syed Hassan Murtaza addressing during death anniversary of Former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, at PPP Secretariat in Provincial Capital.