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

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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
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hospitals after six months

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

"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

"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.

ISLAMABAD: President Pakistan Muslim League (N) Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif addressing press conference outside Supreme Court after hearing in Suo moto Action of Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial against

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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.

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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 demarched. "We called diplomat in foreign office and demarched it. We have also recorded our protest in Washigton 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

terment in Pakistan. Similar statements also came from China. Today, Russia has also given a clear statement," he concluded.INP

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.

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"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."

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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 Akhter soid the NA

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 Naeem 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 "immuni-ty" of realisments.

examine the extent of the "immuni-ty" 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

#### 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

The injured sub-inspector was identified as Kamran Bhatti. Policemen were trying to arrest the 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 dis-trict on Tuesday. PPHI had also extended cooperation in organizing the free medical camp in the Khost



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

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.



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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, 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

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 Sarfraz 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

The corps commander also pointed out the need for reforms in the administrative structure of Balochistan. Corps Commander Lt. Gen. Sarfraz Ali also directed the renovation of the university auditori-um and announced the issuance of cantonment entry passes for all uni-

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

# 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. university in 2017.

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

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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 begrers are not 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 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 gains. Web Desk

# 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 hopefull 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

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three officers as acting IGP has been sent to the Chief Minister Mir Quddus Bizenjo. Nevertheless, the CM is yet to approve any name mentioned in the summary for the appointment of new IGP

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# 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. pitals 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.

# Chinese currency By Dr Murad Ali

Recent news that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) has reportedly agreed to accept payment in yuan for Saudi oil pur-chased by Beijing has been received with unusual enthusiasm (or scepticism). It has been argued that the move is likely the beginning the internationalization of the Chinese currency or the end of the hegemony of the US dollar as an interna-

tional currency.
With its Belt and Road
Initiative (BRI) – dubbed as the 'project of the century' in addition to advancing its foreign policy and economic goals, Beijing aims to truly internationalize its currency. To this end, the main objective is to export Chinese currency as the settlement currency for trade so as to "internationalize" and broaden the sphere of influence by financial struc-

Qin, Liu and Zhang in their book chapter titled 'The BRI from within China: mechanisms, institutions and media representations' say: "China has made bilateral currency swap arrangements with more than 20 BRI countries, RMB clearing arrange-ments with 7 BRI countries, and has signed cooperation agreements with the finan-cial supervision authorities of 35 BRI countries. These strengthen RMB's currency functions for international

payment, trade and reserves". For instance, Pakistan also signed a currency swap agreement with China which had significant implications for the internationalization of the renmin-bi (RMB), argue these

However, as Doshi has aptly stated in his well-received book 'The Long Game: China's Grand Strategy to Displace American Order', China has a 'fast-aging popula-tion, enormous debt, slowing growth, and a currency still far from rivaling the dollar'.

Hence, although Beijing has made solid progress in this direction, it is highly unlikely to dislodge the dol-lar from its current position of an unrivalled internation-

al currency. That said, China has been quite active and steadfast in promoting the renminbi's use in international trade, especially through signing several dozen swap agree-ments of different varieties that facilitate the use of its currency overseas. For example, by 2015, trade settement in RMB reached \$1.1 trillion – about 30 per-cent of Beijing's total trade – from virtually zero in 2000. If the same trend continues, which is expected as more and more BRI projects are implemented in numerous countries, this percent-age is likely to witness an

upward trajectory. It could considerably reduce China's vulnerability to the US's structural power because Beijing will be in a more advantaged position than it currently enjoys con-ducting international trade

The currency war has remained a historical phenomenon. At the zenith of power, France sought to establish a frank area excluding Germany in the 1860s. Then, Nazi Germany and imperial Japan extend-ed their currencies in the twentieth century to gain structural power; and the US followed suit as well after the end of the Second World War.

Another area in which Beijing has made some progress is related to the cross-border payment sys-tem offering clearing and settlement services for its participants in international financial transactions. financial transactions. Currently, there is a complete monopoly of SWIFT's structural power, which at times has been deployed by great powers to coerce countries such as Iran, North Korea and Russia from time to time. The organization, known as the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, was founded in 1973 when 239 banks from 15 different countries created unified messaging standards. It is a messaging programme and a network that makes cross-border financial payments possible, thereby constituting the sub-structure of global finance. According to the organization, SWIFT became the nodal financial messaging system with "the connection of the first central banks in 1983". Today, SWIFT spans over 200 countries and territories and more than 10,000 institu-tions, facilitating 15 million messages daily. It has emerged as a vital financial infrastructure that makes international payments pos-

Although it is not to counter SWIFT but to 'complement it', as Chinese complement it, as Chinese officials have maintained, China has come up with Cross-Border Interbank Payment System (CIPS). According to CIPS, about 1,280 financial institutions in 103 countries and regions are connected to the system, including 30 banks in Japan, 23 banks in Russia, and 31 banks from African nations receiving yuan under China's BRI invest-ments.Backed by the ments.Backed by the People's Bank of China (PBOC), Beijing launched the CIPS in 2015 to internationalize its currency. It is a payment system that offers both clearing and settlement services and it also counts several foreign banks as its important shareholders. important shareholders. Although nowhere near to

SWIFT, CIPS processed around 80 trillion yuan (\$12.68 trillion), with about 1280 financial institutions in 103 countries and regions having connected to the sys-

tem in the year 2021. Given the above facts, although China has been making efforts and has taken practical initiatives for the internationalization of its currency, it is in no position right now to dis-lodge the dollar from its position as a globally val-ued currency. Data from SWIFT indicates that the RMB accounts for only between one and two percent of all international payments at the moment.
Perhaps as an increasing number of BRI projects are executed, it may further lead to the internationalization of the Chinese currents. cy.For instance, of all the BRI projects, "data from the State-owned Assets

State-owned Assets Supervision and A d m i n i s t r a t i o n Commission of the State Council suggests that, in early 2019, central SOEs took up 50 percent of the infrastructure projects either already underway or in the pipeline, with over 70 percent of the contract value, spreading across more than 3,200 projects. According to the figures, central government-controlled SOEs had 10,791 overseas units in 185 countries and regions.

# emons 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 mat-ter. 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 names while 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 status. 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 going through the contents of a sealed copy of what he calls the genuine affidavit, 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 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 defi-

cient governance.
Yet their leader does not shy of saying that unnamed people have sought his help in putting thick right in the course. things right in the country, and that he has con-ditioned it with the ouster of the incumbent government. So, apparently, 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 either.

But their likely political 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 rampant corruption are regularly 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 play-ing 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 beginning of ning of a prolonged struggle to cleanse society of its numerous con-taminations which are

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

job.

But for brief interludes, the country has mostly been subjected to merciless demonisation. Completely drained of its spirit and character, it has been horribly 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 reper-toire of maladies that Pakistan is afflicted with. It is a mammoth challenge, 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 recourse to salvation.

Zamir Akram

# Climate reparations

" brief and rapidly closing window to secure a live-able future". That's the sobering assessment made by scientists 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, meaning they will be heavily impacted by floods, droughts or extreme weather in the decades to come.

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 are in 'west-, central- and 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 exacer-bated by the looting of their lands for wealth and

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

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 situa-tion is a result of the failtion 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 1' countries, including the US, UK, Canada, Australia and most of the EU, repeatedly resisted ambitious, binding targets on emissions reductions, they have also repeatedly broken promises on financial assistance. tance.

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 the 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). Those communities are

Eisenhower, who went into

office in 1953 speaking against increased mili-

tarism, yet was unable to control the nuclear arms race and expanding Cold War while in office (the CIA, for instance, helped

overthrow progressive regimes in Iran, Guatemala

and the Republic of the

Congo); and eight years later, in his farewell address, regretfully sound-ed the warning about the influence of the military-

industrial complex. This warning, however iconic, accomplished nothing. Waging or financing war has been the American way

throughout my lifetime. As William Hartung

writes: "Perhaps the biggest

source of overspending on national defense is rooted in

the US 'cover the globe' military strategy, which attempts to sustain the capa-

bility to go anywhere and fight any battle. The United

States maintains 750 over-

seas military bases and con-

ducts counter-terror opera-tions in at least 85 coun-

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 compensation has also been heavily resisted at every previous COP. At COP26, the stablishment of a new establishment of a new funding pot was rejected and almost all references and almost all references were removed in the final agreement, the Glasgow 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 ommunities 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 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

# 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 Afghan government. The impact of such a 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

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

boost the capabilities of 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

Imran Khan is correct in stating that the Americans made a 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 of State Blinken and the Indian leadership indicate that India will also militarily assist the Afghan govern-ment. 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-

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

target China, Russia and Iran. In these circumstances, Afghanistan will not only face further devastation but will also be denied the benefits of its poten-tial 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

Russia and Iran converge on the need for a peaceful transition in Afghanistan and avoidance of a renewed civil war. As such, all four countries have individually and collectively reached out to the Afghan parties. The Taliban have, in their engagement these 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 significant development, Chinese Foreign 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 guaranteed by the 'Quartet'. More troublesome would be the spoiler's role by India which views its strategic interests 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 solution. Pakistan's support 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 nationinterests. Such a collective approach needs to be based on the ground realities, in particular that the

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and then, of course, Biden's proposed budget remains horrifically generous regarding the country's nuclear weapons, allotting further billions of dollars to the Department of Energy to modernize the nuclear triad of ballistic missile submarines, bombers and land-based missiles. Now! As the world shudders over Russia's invasion of Ukraine and Putin's placement of the Russian nuclear arsenal on high alert. Yet this has not ignited a serious interest, at the national level, to rid the world of nukes: to disarm. Are we not trapped in a world of insanely limited think-ing?Why, why, why, as our ecosystem collapses, as millions of refugees flee the horrors of war and poverty, as the pandemic continues, as World War III and the possibility of nuclear Armageddon rears its evil head, as the planet trembles, does ever-expanding, global militarism remain our primary national pur-

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# 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 'Tabdeeli Sarkar' before the mass-

In a statement issued here on Tuesday, he claimed that record corruption was recorded during the PTI's three and half year rule and party leaders were

themselves serving as

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 support-ers. He said that Aleem Khan has truly said that Imran Khan considers all people other than him as corrupt and dis-honest. The politics of Imran has ended after Tarin Group and Aleem Khan exposed him before the masses, he added.The PML-N added.The PML-N leader said that the reve-lations 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 mass-es.Saleem Raza said that the national institutions should silence and bring Usman Buzdar, Imran Khan, Aleema Khan and corrupt cabinet.INP

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

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 contain-ers 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 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

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 pro-

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

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 economic to the consumer of the 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 costcutting measure and drastically increased freight charges causing an extra

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# Pakistan has exceptionally good hospitality potential

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has an exceptionally good hospitality potential which should be exploited as this sector is return-ing 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 stand-still 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 redesign everything for survival. He said that domestic tourism is gaining momentum as it is being 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.

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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

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

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

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 moths 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.

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reports on non holding the general election within 3

months. EC will discharge its obligations in synch with

schedule in Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan. The local

bodies election will have to be cancelled in the event of

He added EC has already issued local bodies election

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Election

Islamabad, 43,280 in Azad Kashmir, 35,478 in Balochistan and 11,714 in Gilgit-Baltistan so 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 conductfar. 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.
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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.

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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 Mansehra 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.

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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 sovergents of Polyston Corners Tenner. eignty 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 for-ward. 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

As per plan chalked out by Islamabad Police on Monday, the security personnel will perform special duties at 1032 mosques and 29 imam-bargabs

bargahs. 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 and office-bearers of traders' unions in their

respective areas.
A special against profes against professional beggars would be launched and they would not be allowed to

gather outside worship places. The police offi-cials have been directed not to allow any gather-ing outside worship places.

The citizens have

been asked to avoid unnecessary movement and keep documents for identification in case of

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

The capital police chief directed to ensure foolproof security dur-ing 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 pri-

vate 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

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 istration should take review of all precau-tionary measures being adopted at mosques, imambargahs and mar-

The Capital Police chief said patrolling by Rescue 15, falcon and eagle squads should be continued mosques.INP

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

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Committee (NSC) meeting in Islamabad to take the top civil and military leadership into confidence over the "threat letter" and the "foreign conspiracy" behind the noconfidence motion against him in the National Assembly.

Top civil and military leadership including federal ministers, services chief and DG ISI were among the attendees of the meeting.

It is pertinent to mention here that a five-member larger bench of the Supreme Court on Monday resumed hearing into a suo-moto notice over ruling from Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri against no-confidence motion with Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Umar

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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 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 story-talling full roots. Sufficiently additional conference on the conference of the conf telling, folk poetry, Sufi poetry, religious harmony in Pakistani languages and the impact of folk literature and topics relat-ed 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 under-stand 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 Vacinasi etrassed upon presenting our 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 unsecure

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country but the reality is quite the oppo-

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 tra-

ditions 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 participant of felly literature. 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. Sheray 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 collobarations.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

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# 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 creat-ing a political and economic crisis in Pakistan. "Politicians have to exer-

cise 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



Minister 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 national conflict in the country can be eliminated.

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

#### 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'.

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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 notrust 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

#### 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

#### Handcuffed bodies of youth, teen girl recovered from Gujranwala canal

GUJRANWALA: Two hand-cuffed bodies of a youth and a teenage girl were recovered on Tuesday from a canal in Gujranwala in a suspected honour killing inci-

The incident took place near the Canal View area in the Saddr police

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 Sialker

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 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 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

#### 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 conse-

quences. Senior PPP leader added that 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 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 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.INP

#### LHC acquits death sentence accused over contradiction evidences

der accused, Akhtar Abbas, who was found guilty of killing his sis-ter and awarded death sentence by

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

LAHORE: The Lahore High of the Court on Tuesday acquitted a mur-

Karana police in Sargodha reg-istered a murder case of Rukhsana Bibi against the accused. The sessions court after finding accused Abbas guilty of murder of his sis-ter 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 coaccused 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..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 Weshington is trained and the components of t Washington is trying to engineer a regime change in Islamabad - including his naming of an American official who ng 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

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

Pakistan," State Department Spokesperson Ned Price told reporters at his daily news con-

"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

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 Impan Khan

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

invited people to raise their voice for the truth.INP

gate allegations on first lady's friend
L A H O R E: Government has decided to initiate investigation against the allegations on first lady Bushra Bibi's friend Farrah and his hus-

# democratic principles

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

Provincial Capital.

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

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 at 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 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.

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.

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.

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

#### PTI ticket is the top trend right now: Faisal Javed

I S L A M A B A D : Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Faisal Javed on Tuesday said that the PTI ticket has been the

top trend right now.
Talking to the media
persons, Faisal Javed said
Imran Khan has foiled the opposition's move with a

surprise. He said He said said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) Islamabad protest will be held today at 9 pm in F9 Park and also extended extended special invitation to families. He

Govt decides to investi-

band Jamil Gujjar. According to reliable

sources. Enforcement Agencies have prepared list of government officials who were in contact with first lady's friend Farrah and Jamil Gujjar.

Decision took place in results of allegations made by dissident MPA Aleem Khan in a recent press talk.

It is to be remembered that, Aleem Khan alleged Farrah along with his hus-band for the corruption of millions for the transfer of g o v e r n m e n t officials.Online

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Shehbaz asks COAS,

ISI DG to share 'evidence' of Opp

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.

leaders' treason ISLAMABAD: PML-N President Shehbaz Sharif has demanded of the chief of the army staff and ISI direc-tor general to make public "any evi-dence" if they have about the "trea-son" committed by the Opposition leaders

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 of 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 opposibecome 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.

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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 constitu-tion 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 say-ing that whosoever would comply with PM Imran's instructions would

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## 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 Minster 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
"Iftikhar Chaudhry" was Chief
Justice, he openly bargained on murder cases while sitting on patrol
pumps, said Nayyar.Further he main-

public gatherings, as people call them different infamous names. He said what Fawad chaudhry doing is absolutely bad for Imran Khan.

He added that these Law Officers may not be Law Officers but remain

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may not be Law Officers but remain Khan's followers and stand by with him. They will not fogive Fawad Chaudhry, said Nayyar

We hope he will not take any unconstitutional step after warning, said Nayyar. Asst Attorney General Nayyar Abbas said that, Fawad Chaudhry wrongly told Prime Minister that officers going to be denotified have no relation 'Insaaf Lawyers Forum'. Notification cannot be issued as cabinet dissolved said Asst Attorney General.

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