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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday regretted what he described as the mismanagement of the Pakistan Kidney and Liver Institute (PKLI), saying "dirty politics" kept the facility non-operational for two years and brought it to a grinding halt.

He made the remarks while inaugurating the state-of-the-art Saleem Memorial Trust Hospital in Lahore. The hospital will provide world-class medical treatment facilities to the poor and needy.

The premier said that PKLI was established on the same "analogy" and billions of rupees were invested in it. "I sincerely wanted it and still want it to become Pakistan's John Hopkins."

He asserted that it was a "world-class hospital" but lamented how it had been neglected by the PTI government.

"Without going into any kind of blame game, just because it was built under our watch, this hospital that was meant to serve thousands and thousands from all over Pakistan [...] eminent doctors physicians and surgeons came, but what happened after the government changed is a sorrowful tale. I am not here to tell that tale."

The premier went on to say that ultimately it was the people's money which was at stake. He said that the income left over after the divisible pool primarily went towards debt servicing and defence spending.

So if a hospital is made in Rs20 billion for treating cancer and conducting liver/kidney transplants and treating other diseases while experts are called from across the globe but ultimately chased away, who truly suffers, he asked INP

ABBOTTABAD:Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-E-Insaf Imran Khan

and others party leader sits on stage during Public meeting in College

Lawmakers elected on reserved

seats should be jailed for

switching loyalties: Imran Khan

ISLAMABAD: PTI Chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan on Sunday said that lawmakers who were elected on reserved seats and "sold" their loyalties should be "thrown in jail".

"That is still understandable [but] how can someone go [to the other side] on a reserved seat? They have clearly sold their conscience. They

Imran began his address by paying tribute to the efforts of the lawmakers "fighting till the last ball" in the Punjab Assembly. "I went to meet Asia [Amjad]. She seemed better. She is still unable to speak but she is okay

Asia was rushed to a private hospital in Lahore last month after her

health deteriorated and was treated for a blood clot in her brain. The PTI

had claimed that the lawmaker was "tortured" by the police and PML-N

'goons" during the chaos that took place at the Punjab Assembly on April

'All of you went through a test and your performance was excellent

some were outstanding even," he said, specifically mentioning the "Pindi

"You have passed a very big test. And you have attained a special status in the party and in my eyes."He went on to say that turncoats who had abandoned the party, after once making grandiose claims of being willing to render sacrifices, had forever humiliated themselves. "People will

The PTI chairman recognised the fact that even though Amjad was

should be ashamed [...] they should be sent straight to jail."

unable to speak when he visited her, she was full of passion.

16, when election for the chief minister was held.

team" and the performance of female lawmakers.

remind their children about what they have done."INP

gathering of Punjab lawmakers here

otherwise, thank God," he said.

One who has a constituency can argue that the PTI was unpopular in his area and therefore he had to abandon ship, he said while speaking to a

Army takes 'strong exception' to attempts made to drag its leadership in political discourse: ISPR

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The Army has taken a "strong exception" to "intensified and deliberate attempts" to drag its name into the country's ongoing political discourse by "some political leaders, journalists and analysts", according to a press release issued by the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) on Sunday.

The military's media wing noted that attempts to involve the armed forces and its senior leadership in the political discourse

ership in the political discourse were "manifest through direct, were "manifest through direct, insinuated or nuanced references made by some political leaders, few journalists and analysts on public forums and various communication platforms, including social media".

"This practice of unsubstantiated, defamatory and provocative statements/remarks is extremely damaging," the ISPR said.

It added that the military took strong exception to such "unlawful and unethical practices" and expected everyone to abide by

the law and keep the armed forces out of political discourse in the "best interest of the coun-

try".

The ISPR statement did not specify which incident or incidents it was referring to. However, its statement came However, its statement came hours after former prime minister and PTI Chairman Imran Khan, during a rally in Abbottabad, railed against the concept of neutrality, saying that God hadn't permitted human beings to remain neutral when the time comes to stand up for justice and support the good.

"God will ask you if you struggled against an imported government. You wont be able to say [and make the excuse that] you were neutral," he said.

Imran had made similar remarks in March, claiming that only animals can stay neutral and that humans either side with good

that humans either side with good or evil. That statement was made a day after the military's spokesperson had categorically stated that the army had nothing to do with politics and called for avoiding unnecessary discussion and speculation about the army's alleged involvement in political affairs. On Friday, PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz, while addressing a rally in Fateh Jang, had criticised former intelligence chief and Peshawar Corps Commander Lt Gen Faiz Hameed. Referring to Imran's recent podcast appearance where he said the intelligence chief was the "eyes and ears" of the government, Maryam had said: "We know that he wasn't your eyes and ears [rather] he was your hands through which you throttled your political opponents."

Meanwhile, Punjab Governor Omar Sarfraz Cheema has sought the army's intervention to lead the province out of the crises.

Omar Sartraz Cheema has sought the army's intervention to lead the province out of the crises plaguing it for months despite the armed forces repeatedly refusing to be pushed into the country's perpetual political quagmire. Web DesK

Unknown accused open fire at Nawab Fort in Dera Bugti

From Our Correspondent

DERA BUGTI: accused opened fire at Nawab Fort in Balochistan's Dera Bugti district on Sunday. Levies sources said unknown accused opened fire at Nawab Fort in the Sighari area of

Sui.
One attacker was injured when Nawab Muhammad Mir Ali Bugti's gunmen retaliated. Levies said the attackers managed to get their injured companion along with

Angry Bugti tribesmen strongly condemned the attack and urged the government to arrest the cul-prits behind the attack. They said that Nawab Mir Ali Bugti cannot be silenced through such tactics. They demanded of the government to expose the elements behind the

Mumbai mosques turn volume down on azaan at Hindu leader's demands

Sitting in an office lined with books overlooking a giant prayer hall, Mohammed Ashfaq Kazi, the main preacher at the largest mosque in Mumbai, checked a decibel meter attached to the loudspeakers before he gave the call to

"The volume of our azaan (call to prayer) has become a political issue, but I don't want it to take a communal turn," said Kazi, one of the most influential Islamic scholars in the sprawling metropolis on

India's western coast.

As he spoke he pointed to loud-speakers attached to the minarets of the ornate, sand-coloured Juma Masjid in Mumbai's old trading quarters.

Kazi and three other senior cler-ics from Maharashtra where Mumbai is located said more than 900 mosques in the west of the state had agreed to turn the volume down on calls to prayer following complaints from a local Hindu politician.

Raj Thackeray, leader of a regional Hindu party, demanded in April that mosques and others places of worship kept within allowed noise limits. If they did not, he said his followers would chant Hindu prayers outside

mosques in protest.

Thackeray, whose party has just one seat in the state's 288-member assembly, said he was merely insisting that court rulings on noise

insisting that court ruings on noise levels be enforced.
"If religion is a private matter then why are Muslims allowed to use loudspeakers all 365 days (of the year)?" Thackeray told reporters in Mumbai, India's financial hub and capital of cial hub and capital Maharashtra. Web Desk



LAHORE: A delegation of CPNE calls on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

People of Loralai guarantee bright future of Balochistan: Lt. General Sarfaraz

News Desk

Corps Commander Balochistan, Lieutenant General Sarfaraz Ali has said that people of Loralai guarantee bright future of Balochistan.

The Commander visited Balochistan's Loralai dis-trict and met tribal elders and people belonging to various walks of life on Saturday. Inspector General Frontier Corps (North), Muhammad Yousaf Majoka also accompanied the Commander during his



In his address, Lt. General Sarfaraz appreci-ated the role of tribal eld-ers for the development

and stability of the country.He expressed the hope that people of Loralai would keep continue their positive role for stability and development of the country and nation. The Commander hailed

The Commander hailed the services of former Governor Sardar Gul Muhammad Jogezai for the country and province.

Lt. General Sarfaraz and the IG FC North Muhammad Yousaf Majoka also visited the Jamia Farooqia and appreciated the role of Professor Abdul Kareem for the promotion of education.

motion of education. The Corps Commander also assured extending all

possible support to support orphan center inside the Madrassah.

FIA initiates inquiry against Bol

anchorperson Sami

Ibrahim for

'anti-state' videos,

transmissions

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has initiated an

inquiry against Bol anchorperson Sami Ibrahim for allegedly trans-mitting "anti-state" videos and

statements on various social media

platforms. Surprisingly, the inquiry also mentioned the controversial

Sardar Ahmed Khan Bangulzai convoy targeted through an IED in Mastung

From Our Correspondent

The convoy of a tribal notable Sardar Ahmed Khan Bangulzai was targeted through an improvised explosive device (IED) in Balochistan's district Mastung on Sunday. Levies sources said Sardar Bangulzai and Sardar Allah Yar Khan were going from the Splenji area to Johan when their convoy was targeted.

Two people were injured in the attack. However, the Sardar's vehicle was badly damaged in the blast. Levies informed that the vehicle of tribal elders was targeted near the Sheikh Haji mountains in the

Mastung district. The injured people were rushed to the hospital for medical treat-



ment. Levies personnel reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway. Initial, investigation suggests that the tribal elders were going from Dasht to Johan for a solution to a tribal dispute when targeted through an IED.

Section 20 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (Peca) 2016, which was struck down by

the Islamabad High Court (IHC)

last month. The FIA, The FIA, in a press release issued on Sunday, accused Ibrahim of being "involved in spreading fake news regarding state institutions". "He has made imputations which are glaring attempts to incite armed forces personnel to mutiny. armed forces personnel to mutiny. He has attempted to create chaos in Pakistan through media while stay-ing abroad," it added. Ibrahim is a TV anchor and has

Ibrahim is a IV anchor and has interviewed a number of high-profile figures, including former prime minister Imran Khan.

The FIA said he would have an opportunity to defend himself in the inquiry which would be closed if he ably defended himself. Otherwise, the press release said, if the offence was made out then a the offence was made out then a case would be registered against him and he would be arrested and prosecuted in court Web Desk

Secretary Health Balochistan sacks 5 absentee doctors in Dukki

Hussain Zarkoon

DUKKI: Secretary Health Balochistan, Saleh Muhammad Nasar has sacked 5 chronic absentee doctors in the Dukki district on Sunday. The Secretary paid a sur-prise visit to the district headquar-ters hospital Dukki. Five doctors were found absent.

"No compromise over health sector", Mr. Nasar told local jour-nalists. He said action would be taken against the chronic absentee doctors in all parts of the province. The Secretary directed the concerned authorities to make sure pro-vision of medicines to the district headquarters and other basic health

units.
"Six months strike has severely



affected hospitals in Balochistan", Mr. Nasar. He was referring to the six-month-old strike of the Young Doctors Association (YDA) and Para Medical Staff Association.

"Politics within the department has also ruined the health sector", he mentioned. He however warned that none would be spared and all-out efforts would be made to make sure provision of better health facil-

Water shortage in Balochistan

Syed Ali analysis

The scarcity of water poses a serious threat to human life in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan. Environmentalists and experts on the water issues have warned of an alarming situa-

tion with regard to water scarcity in Quetta in near future.

The water level continues to drop with every passing day in Quetta, and most parts of Balochistan. This has sent alarm bells among the indigenous people living for centuries in towns and villages. Environmentalists warn that the shortage of water is

likely to force citizens of the provincial capital to migrate.

The Water and Sanitation Authority (WASA) has failed to provide drinking water to citizens of the city. Most of the WASA-run tube wells are either not functional or provide water to officials and influentials

People pumping water from more than 1,000 deep under-

Gone are the days, when people were pumping water through tube wells 500 feet deep from underground. Currently, it is more than 1,000 feet deep.

Private tankers are meeting the demand of more than 70 per-cent population of the city. Tankers owners are minting money from the people right under the nose of WASA and district



administration. Per tanker is available at Rs. 2,000 to 3,000. No mechanism to check the quality of water

More importantly, none checks the quality of water. Nobody knows whether the water is contaminated or clean for drinking. Since it is a matter of human health and life, therefore, the provincial government should evolve a mechanism to check the quality of water. Set aside, the increasing rates of water tankers

Depleting water table in Quetta, Pishin, Killa Abdullah, Kalat, Mastung, Noshki and Chaghi have forced the growers to

Kalat, Mastung, Noshki and Chaghi have forced the growers to cut their green trees. This has made a large number of people jobless as most of the people in Balochistan are financially dependent on agriculture and livestock.

Construction of delay and check dams imperative

As suggested and advised by the environmentalists, the provincial and federal governments must construct delay and check dams on a war-footing basis to maintain the depleting water table. Supreme Court has already directed the government to ensure the completion of more than 100 dams within ment to ensure the completion of more than 100 dams within the next three years to overcome the water crisis in

QUETTA VOICE Editor Asim Khan Balochistan needs

inclusive development

Balochistan, the country's resource-rich province is lagging behind all other provinces in terms of key social indicators including education, health, sanitation, clean drinking water etc. Mismanagement, injudicious distribution of development funds coupled with a lack of political commitments are the underlying reasons behind backwardness of

Track record shows, successive governments have always launched politically motivated development schemes to please their influential supporters. Constituency, individual and political schemes always dominated the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) in every year's financial budget. Nexus among the Chief Minister's Secretariat, the Planning Development and Finance Department continue to deprive the constituencies of other lawmakers.

Opposition's constituencies were ignored

Opposition lawmakers constituencies remained ignored during last three-years of former chief minister, Jam Kamal Khan's government. Despite agitation in and outside the assembly, the opposition lawmakers were not able to force government to allocate funds for their con-

stituencies This is irony of fate that the mandate of the lawmakers is to frame laws since the assemblies are called legislative assemblies. But legislators are least bothered about the legislation rather they take keen interest in construction of roads, buildings etc. That's why, provincial governments prefer not to hold local bodies elections rather decentraliza-

tion of development projects.

Development deficit of Balochistan is likely to be Rs. 100b Balochistan government announced to have allocated Rs. 172 bs for the PSDP during the financial year 2021-22. However, currently the government has more than Rs. 40bs as per the statement of ruling party's Spokesman Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran. The province has already spent Rs. 40bs and it has more than 40bs for the remaining year. It means the deficit is close to Rs. 100bs.

Chief Minister Quddus Bizenjo needs to put his house in order and introduce a strict financial policy to ensure completion of development projects. The government should ensure inclusive development and end the practice of exclusive development so that this backward province could come at par with other parts of the country. Action should match

Global food crisis

Ukraine in the three

A mother in Somalia skips another meal so her children can eat. A father in Syria works for 13 hours but still cannot afford enough food for his family. A father in Niger sees his children go to sleep hungry. Food prices, already

rising from the pandemic, have skyrocketed because of the war in Ukraine; the World Bank estimating a shocking 37 percent rise. The price of wheat soared 80 percent between April 2020 and December 2021. In Syria, food prices have

doubled in the last year. The world was already rife with hunger before Covid-19 struck. In 2020, up to 811 million people - nearly one in 10 people - did not have enough food. And now world is hurtling towards an unprecedent-

ed hunger crisis. Many poorer countries are unable – and are too often made unable by an unequal global food sys-tem - to produce enough food to feed their people. They must rely on food imports. The reason is simple: crops are diffi-cult to grow. The reasons for this are less simple: man-made climate breakdown is intensifying floods and droughts, locusts are ravaging crops, conflicts are destroying farmland and infrastructure, and people simply do not have enough money to buy seeds and equipment to

grow crops. Moreover, half of crops globally are now used to produce biofuels, animal feed and other products, like textiles. Many of these crops are monoculture, growing only one type of crop which destroys biodiversity and pulls nutrients from the soil. Not only is valuable farming land being used to grow crops not for food, but also the type of farming used damages the environment and results in fewer crops in the long term. The reliance on food

imports creates extreme vulnerability to external shocks. Nearly half of African countries import more than a third of their wheat from Russia and Ukraine. Fifteen coun-tries, including Lebanon, Egypt and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, import more than half their share. Nearly all of Somalia's wheat, where the worst drought in over 40 years has left millions facing famine-like conditions

And so rising and fluctuating food prices have hit vulnerable countries like a sledgehammer. Forty-two per-cent of Yemen's wheat was shipped from

comes from Russia and

months from December 20, 2021 to March 6, 2022, according to a shipping source consult-ed by Oxfam. A week after the war in Ukraine started, wheat prices in war-torn increased by 24 percent. The United Nations has

country's already dire hunger crisis is "teetering on the edge of outright catastro-Lesson learned; dependency is danger-

Insanity is repeating the same mistakes and expecting different results. Advocates of large-scale, intensive industrial agriculture are saying, yet again, that we should ramp up glob-al production. But this is not the solution. The world's farmers produce enough food to feed the global population, and in recent years, the world has witnessed record harvests of grain production. The main problem is access to food, not availability. We need

systemic change, not a short-term fix.
Governments tried to take short-cuts during the global 2007-2008 global food crisis which saw wheat and rice prices nearly double, pushing 100 million people into poverty, and by 2009 over one billion into hunger. The policy

responses were either one-off, short-term initiatives or focused on the wrong target - increased production and investment in the private sector. These measures did nothing but plaster over the already existing cracks in the global food system, a system that is unsustainable for people

and the planet.
We need to recognise that the underlying caus-es of hunger lie in Immediately, govern-ments must urgentle-bridge the what people can afford and the price of the food they need. More funds are needed to deliver aid to people facing severe hunger across the world. Most importantly, donor governments should not raid aid budgets earmarked for crises in poor countries to pay for the new costs of Ukrainian support.

Denmark has already

cut their funding to Mali, Syria and Bangladesh. Sweden has followed suit. No life is more valuable than another. Rich countries rightfully spent trillions of dollars to save their economies from the impact of the pandemic. A mere frac-tion of that is needed to make sure people around the world can put food on the table. But govern-ments must go much fur-

By Gabriela Bucher ther. That means invest-

ing in a sustainable future for all, in which small-scale family farm-ing plays a key role. Small-scale family

farms feed one-third of the world's population, and in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa they provide more than 70 percent of the food supply. If these farmers had more access to land, water, funding, infrastructure and markets, and their rights protect-ed, they could produce much more food. They could drastically reduce poverty and hunger. That means, vitally, address-ing the unequal climate crisis in which the poorest people and smallscale farmers who did the least to cause the crisis suffer the most at the expense of the over-consumption of the one per-cent. And it means addressing extreme land inequality - including guaranteeing women smallholder farmers land

rights.
These are all things governments can - and should – urgently do. Hunger is unacceptable in the 21st century. To witness millions a step away from famine in a world of plenty, in a world where billionaire wealth has exploded, is an abomination. Only the right political choic-es can end hunger.

A change for the worse

Prior to the exit of Imran Khan, in 1989 a no-trust motion was voted upon against the-Benazir Bhutto. The contrasting manners in which the ruling party of the day reacted to the notrust motion on each occasion is a grim pointer to the direction in which our politics has moved since 1989 - by

all accounts, a turn for the worse. In a parliamentary democracy, the executive is the creation of parlia-ment. Being the chief executive, the prime minister must enjoy the confidence of the majority of the popularly-elected legislature – in our case the National Assembly. That is the reason one of the first agenda items after the election of the presiding officers in a newly elect-ed parliament is to ascer-

tain who enjoys the con-

fidence of the majority of

the members. some countries, as in India, the prime minis-ter is appointed by the president. After his/her appointment, the prime minister is bound to seek vote of confidence from the popular cham-ber within the stipulated period. In case he fails to do so, he has to call it quits. In India, in 1996, Atal Bihari Vajpayee stepped down as premier only a fortnight after being sworn in having failed to win the vote of confidence from the Lok

Taking due cognizance of this fundamental convention of parliamentary form of government, Article 91 (3) of the con-stitution of Pakistan states: "After the election of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker, the National Assembly shall, to the exclusion of any other business, proceed to elect without debate one of its Muslim members to be the Prime Minister." Clause (4) of the same article adds:
"The Prime Minister shall be elected by the votes of the majority of

the total membership of the National Assembly." Logically, if the National Assembly by a majority can elect a member as prime minister, it can also vote them out. Hence, Article 95 of the constitution stipulates that if a motion of no-confidence is passed by a majority of the total membership of the National Assembly, the prime minister shall cease to hold office. Thus the popularly elected assembly's power to vote out the prime minister is an essential, non-nego-tiable feature of parlia-

Coming back to Pakistan, in a power struggle, prime ministers have generally been whumped by powerful presidents. However, prior to April 10, 2022 no prime minister had ever been voted out on the floor of the house. The only prime minister who had come close to being voted out was Benazir Bhutto.

The election of the charismatic Benazir Bhutto in 1988 marked the eclipse of a long,

dark era of despotism, against which she had spearheaded a popular movement. Though it had emerged as the single largest party in the national elections, her party, the PPP, fell short of a clear majority and could form the govern-ment only with the help of smaller/regional par-ties and independents, and having reached a power-sharing deal with the then president and other powerful stake-holders. However, all holders. However, all along the weak coalition hung by a thread.

Things came to a head in 1989 when the opposition tabled a non-confidence motion against

dence motion against Benazir Bhutto. In view of the thin majority of the ruling coalition in the National Assembly, the outcome of the motion was anybody's guess. That said, Benazir Bhutto dealt with the opposition's move with all grace and dignity befitting a democratical-ly elected leader. At no point did she term the motion an international being a leader of interna-tional stature, she could have contrived a conspiracy theory without much ado. Her father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, it may be mentioned, is widely believed to have been a victim of such a conspir-

Nor did she, or any other leader from her party, use abusive lan-guage against her opponents, much less accuse them of being morally bankrupt or traitors. She did strongly criticize the opposition for what she called their undemocratic tactics and allegedly try-ing to purchase loyalties of her parliamentarians. In return, she took the flak for having allegedly resorted to similar tactics. At that time, the constitution didn't embody provisions against floor-crossing by the legislators and so they were absolutely free to move from one party to another. It is widely believed

that the strings of the opposition, which was led by the then Punjab chief minister and future prime minister Nawaz Sharif, were pulled by the then president Ghulam Ishaq Khan (GIK). But Benazir Bhutto didn't point an accusing finger at state institutions. Nor did she threaten the members of her party who were suspected of defecting, or their families, of dire consequences. To top it all, despite being a hugely popular leader, she didn't seek to defeat the no-confidence motion through a show of strength on the streets. Being a leader who was well-steeped in democratic conventions, she knew well that, far from being an aberration, a non-trust motion was an integral part of the parliamentary form of govern-

ment.
Equally graceful was
the role of the then
speaker of the National
Assembly and veteran
politician, Malik Meraj
Khalid, who had already
won acceledes for conwon accolades for conducting the business of

By Hussain H Zaidi the house in a completely impartial way, as he was supposed to do as per the spirit of his high office. At no point during the whole episode did he demonstrate that he was taking sides. Instead, he went by the book and allowed the no-trust motion to take its logical course. The highest court of the land didn't have to intervene to ensure that the motion was put to

vote. The no-trust motion was defeated by only 12 votes and Prime Minister Bhutto survived. But the cards had already been stacked against her. In a few months, she was sacked by president GIK by invoking the now-defunct Article 58 (2-b) of the constitution. In a game of fluctuating for-tunes, three years later she was back in the saddle having sunk her dif-ferences with the same Politicians can always have more than one bite on the cherry; so political battles may not be taken as a matter of life and death.

which the events preced-ing the exit of Imran Khan has given rise to is this: why has politics become such a squalid affair in Pakistan? Certainly, the advent of the 24/7 TV channels and year-on-year. Crunch time ahead. the presence of a ubiquitous social media pro-vide sufficient ammunition to politicians and their supporters to heap slur on their opponents to their heart's content. But the media, mainstream or social, isn't the prime culprit.

By Dr Farrukh Saleem

having power. adopted strategy delegitimizing institu-tions of the state including the Supreme Court of Pakistan, the Election Commission of Pakistan and the military establish-ment. The next step in this strategy will be to undermine the administrative capacity of the state. Lo and behold, Pakistan des-perately needs politi-

cal stability. The PTI government as left behind left behind tan's highest-budget deficit Pakistan's ever and the highest-ever trade deficit. The SBP's liquid foreign exchange exchange reserves have come down from \$20 billion in August 2021 to \$10.5 billion barely enough for five weeks of imports. In the four weeks of March, reserves were down a hefty \$5 bil-lion. In April 2022, Wholesale Price Index (WPI) increased by a whopping 28 percent

The new government would have to do three things: increase the price of petrol; increase the price of electricity and depre-ciate the rupee. When the price of petrol and diesel will cross the Rs200-a-liter mark, the price of everything else will follow suit.

Petrol up, inflation up and the rate of interest also goes up. Imagine, the government is now borrowing at 15 per-cent. When the rate of interest goes up the economy slows down and when the economy slows down unemployment goes up – that's the vicious cycle we are in. Bad news (my pre-

diction): the govern-ment will not be able to control the infla-tionary spiral. Good news: a PML-N led government has, his-torically, been able to fetch a better rate of economic growth economic growth which results in an increase in per capita income. That's the only saving grace – an increase in the per capita income will, hopefully, enable us to bear a higher rate of inflation. Pakistan's economic model has five components: cartels, subsidies, amnesties, low import restrictions. This model has in the past failed to deliver equitable economic growth. The PML-N's growth model – hard infrastructure development, an overvalued rupee and domestic consumption – will not work. What we need is rapid, sustained and equitable economic growth. What we need is a new growth economic framework.

The new PML-N led coalition government is up against chal-lenges that no previous Pakistani govern-ment has faced. In the next seven to eight weeks, the new gov-ernment would have to raise roughly \$9 bil-lion to service debt and finance the cur-rent account deficit. The new government would have to come up with an 'emergency economic stabilization framework' plus a 'structural reform plan' without which the IMF's Board will not be willing to dis-burse real dollars. Not to forget that the United States has 831,401 votes at the IMF Board.

Pakistan is passing through two simulta-neous realignments internal political internal political realignment and an external geopolitical realignment. Politics within has turned personal. Politics within Unfortunately, in the midst of this serious elite power struggle no one is looking at bettering Pakistan. At this time, more than ever before, Pakistan needs political stabili-ty. We now have to choose our poison -bury this political instability or bury economic growth. The two, political instabil-ity and economic growth, cannot coex-ist. Selling lies

Mad, bad and dangerous to know By Dr Naazir Mahmood phobia, they seldom think about their real problems

When Lady Caroline Lamb described Lord Byron – one of the great-est English poets – as "mad, bad, and dangerous to know", she was of course sharing her per-sonal impressions of

This expression comes to mind when you look at today's Pakistán and find an entire breed of people who seem to be 'mad, bad, and dangerous to know'. For ease of con-versation, let's call them MBD here. There are multiple factors that have contributed to the emer-gence of this phenomenon among some Pakistanis living at home or abroad. They have made plenty of observers seem clueless about what shape this anomaly would take next. They let rip at the slightest provocation

or even without it.

Mostly they are instigated by their leaders who are equally clueless and ready to let rip. What they did in Madina on April 28 is just one example of their uncontrollable behaviour that they have

become prone to display. MBD is not a new phenomenon; we have seen such cases both nationally and internationally. The trick of their leaders is to make such behaviour appear perfectly normal. Some commentators have made comparisons with fascist and Nazi tenden-cies in Italy and Germany in the first half of the 20th century. We may also recall the Altaf-Hussain times in Karachi, when he unleashed a reign of terror on all who dis-agreed with him or dared to raise a voice of dissent.

The prime span of fas-cism and Nazism was

nearly 25 years, after which their steam was snuffed out. Nearly all followers of these ideologies were mad, bad, and dangerous to know. They wreaked havoc within their homelands and on their own people, and they would have contin-ued with their destructive behaviour for decades to come. Even after an end to their violent extremism, their remnants are still around and reemerge here and there with their fossilized thinking pat-terns and a potential to erupt any moment. Specific to Pakistan,

this intolerance was pio-neered by the state itself. A curious and dispassionate reading of history makes facts clear, which Pakistan Studies text-books tend to hide. Though it will be a slight exaggeration to blame everything on the state, there is ample evidence that state policies and practices cultivate – to a great extent – ideas of self-righteousness and narcissism among common citizens, through education and propagan-da. The state loves to nurture birds that fly blind, and this flight leads them to mostly wrong destina-tions. Authoritarianism or pluralism, democracy or dictatorship, humility or hubris, prejudice or toler-ance - all are there to crush or groom. The state makes most decisions about where to lead the nation. There are bursts of affection for certain personalities that develop personality cults.

Does this have any-thing to do with dogmas, ism? Of course. The more dogmas are propagated,

the more intolerant peo-ple tend to become. Dogma means a blind faith in unquestionable ideologies and personali-ties. If there is one ideol-ogy you can't question, there will soon be more of the same ilk. When you revere a personality at the cost of a more balanced assessment of personal traits, there are greater chances of more leaders emerging with the same claims of infallibility. It becomes a kind of a crusade for their followers to defend their leader at all costs, no matter how destructive or dumb that person may be.
The question is: why

does a state nurture or tol-erate such mad, bad, and dangerous behaviour? Perhaps the answer lies in understanding the nature of the state itself. In countries such as Pakistan there is always a cosseted elite embedded in the state itself. This elite comes from diverse sections of society, bureautions of society: bureau-crats, capitalists, feudal lords, generals, industri-alists, judges, and many more. If they are not from the existing elite, the state co-opts them for its own and their benefit. They are mostly complacent in their own attitudes and want to keep the people engaged in one preoccupation or the other.

These elites are safe in their own guarded com-pounds and their welldefended capital – or they think so. The country carries on its downward spiral from which it always struggles to emerge. When people are exposed to excessive chauvinism. ideological and narcissistic overdoses, religiosity, sectarianism, and xeno-

such as illiteracy, unem-ployment, lack of public healthcare, and shortage of power and water. The elite that composes the state itself, is unaffected by these problems and sits comfortably while the people are fed with per-sonality cults and chant slogans against purported enemies. Gradually, malign forces in society take a deep hold of the people who fail to understand the real conspiracies within - while believing in imaginary conspiracies from outer lands. It may be Afghanistan, America, India, or even Iran, hatching sinister plans against Pakistan while our own elite is safe and sound; bunging up nearly all sectors of society from edu-cation to health to power to security and water and sanitation, and what not. That's how the mad, bad, and dangerous behaviour thrives. There are seg-

ments of society that pose a lingering threat to the constitution, democracy, financial stability, and overall health of society but the elite in power does not consider them a threat to itself.Amid this chaos emerge authoritari-an personalities who may be from civilian or military backgrounds. They offer precise solutions to imprecise challenges. Such leaders master the art of grabbing people's attention without disabusing them of their false notions. People tend to overlook their leaders' abusive language, their acerbic tongues with brimstone rhetoric. Once

these leaders come to power, they try to stack

the country's institutions with pliant people. They bully political opponents, criticize media outlets that refuse to support the great leader, and curb freedoms of assembly and expression.

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promote a culture of dia-logue in education.

people are irrelevant in the broader scheme of things both nationally and internationally but assume an air of importance as if the whole world is conspiring against them. They struggle to become relevant, and while deing so they power. and while doing so they inflict even more harm to ernment their country internally and to its standing exter-nally. Their system of thinking is premised upon a desire to dominate; this over verifiable facts. difference desire underpins nearly all their acts, including violence. They try to sound impressive but lack substance. Then what should the state do? An immediate solution is legal proceedings against them. But, unless there is a realization that we need to democratize our socie-ty as a whole through education and economic opportunities, there is hardly anything that can control this mad, bad, and dangerous to know lot. Democratization does not mean just holding elec-tions; and modernization is not just reflected in constructing bridges and buildings. What is needed is a democratic outlook the early 20th century. that is opposed to author-In response to the itarianism; and a modern education that is not

e are in an era of disinformation. That term

thrown around by all political persuasions to accuse their opponents of not being truthful The systematic dissemination of disinformation, however, is more than just lying. It is a political strategy in a war to take control of intended purpose is to create confusion, which leads to rejecting govinstitutions entrusted to deliberate

There is a significant between lying about a particular action or product and a disinformation campaign to undermine public trust in a democratic republic. A classic example of the former is how the tobacco industry lied or created doubt about scientific findings that demonstrated that smoking caused lung and cardiac diseases. Up to the mid-Fifties, the tobacco industry had succeeded in elevating smoking to be one of the most popular, successful, and widely used items of

mounting evidence that smoking cigarettes damaged one's health, the tobacco industry hired the nation's leading public relations firm. The industry followed the consultant's advice and focused its efforts on disrupting the usual processes of knowledge production in medicine, science, and public health. Consequently, the leading tobacco companies embraced the scientific discourse that assumes there is always more to know. The tobacco industry's strategy was to exaggerate that principle in order to spread doubt and uncertainty about the known facts. The tobacco industry's campaign did not attack the validity of scientific institutions to analyze the facts; instead, they accused scientists of not wanting to find the correct data.

Eventually, the tobacco industry lost its battle by paying over \$206 billion through a court settlement. However, that punishment was achievable because it was delivered by an independent court system that fairly weighed the facts.

Borrowing a page from the tobacco playbook, Donald Trump directly not attacked the concept of democracy; instead, he undermines the creditability of democratic institutions by accusing them of not treating him and his supporters fairly. For example, he

attacked Congress for not throwing out Biden's electoral votes, and he condemned the courts for them tossing out his 60 cases challenging the outcome of the election. His repeated message was that the election was rigged.

By Nick Licata

All politicians and political parties can be justly accused of lying from time to time about their accomplishments or their intent to accomplish things they have power to do. However, past efforts from major political players have stayed within a sandbox of playing with democratic institutions. Trump stepped out-

side that sandbox on the night of the 2012 presidential election when he tweeted, "This election is a total sham and a travesty. We are not a democracy!" He mistakenly thought that Obama had won the election without the majority popular vote.

Four years later, Trump won his presidential election without winning the popular vote, but he didn't mention that fact. Instead, when the polls indicated that he might lose the 2016 election to Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton, he claimed it would have been rigged if she had

Aleem Khan to lead prison reforms committee in Punjab

LAHORE: Minister Punjab Hamza Shahbaz has constituted a committee to bring reforms in prisons with estranged PTI leader Aleem Khan as its con-

According to the noti-fication, Aleem Khan would lead the commit-tee as it convener while Salman Rafique, Ayesha Chaudhry, Aneeza Fatima, Ali Raza Shah will also be part of the body aimed at bringing

prison reforms. It will also include additional chief secretary home, additional secretary prison, and members of civil society.
The terms of references (TORs) for the committee has also been notified as it is being mandated to make suggestions for bringing improvement in prisons and measures needed for the welfare of the prisoners.

It is pertinent to men-tion here that prison officials in Punjab have planned to develop one of the most modern jails in the country in Lahore while following the structures adopted in the United States (US).

According to details, the prison complex planned by the provin-

cial authorities would be meant for women and child prisoners. "It would be able to accom-modate 1,502 minor children and women," the jail authorities said.

The jail authorities, according to details, have been sent to the United States to understand the construction of their prisons on mod-

ern planning.
The jail authorities said that barracks and cells in the prison would have double beds facility besides also roundthe-clock monitoring through CCTV cameras.

Civil work of Shanghai Thar Coal Block-1 to be completed this year

BEIJING: Civil works of the under-construction 1,320 MW Shanghai Electric Thar Coal Block-I Power Generation Company (PVT) Ltd. project is planned to achieve its COD within

According to Gwadar Pro, once the projected is completed, the project's energy production will be enough to power four million households in Pakistan.

32-year-old Sufyan Ansar Warraich is among those who made these miracles possible. He was awarded as one of the outstanding Pakistani Staff of CPEC Projects in 2021 due to his excellent

performance at work.
There is a saying
Bridge the gap and get
things done' this is story
of CPEC's Pioneer 32year-old Sufyan Ansar
Warraich who works as
the Administrative
Commissioner in the Administrative Commissioner in Shanghai Electric Thar Coal Block-1 Power Generation Company (PVT) Ltd.

He works with his teammates to take care of around 180 employees, like their living, their office, their food, their entry, their exit..."

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construction of Thar Coal Block-1 Power Plant, a combined coalmine and

combined coalmine and coal-powered energy generation project under C h i n a - P a k i s t a n Economic Corridor (CPEC) located in Islamkot. Tharparkar District, Sindh, Pakistan. The project cannot be built without excellent management and hardworking front-line Chinese and Pakistani staff, but it also needs bridges like Warraich to narrow the gap. Joined the company in the company December in 2020,

Warraich mainly cares about the administration public relations and social responsibility work of the site. His life is filled with cultural differences, language differences and arrangement differences, but he loves to take on such challenges. As per Liu Chaoqun, Schedule Manager of the company, Warrarch once studied at

Warraich once studied at Harbin Engineering University, which is located in Harbin, the Ice City of China. This experience made Warraich know Chinese culture well and helped him take good care of both Pakistani and Chinese employees. "You can always count on Sufyan!" Liu Chaoqun said.

According to the multinational corporation Shanghai Electric, it hires national both Pakistani and Chinese workers. There are about 5,000 employees working at the site of Thar Coal Block-I Power Plant, among which a large amount are Muslims. "I work on both sides - for the Chinese site and the Pakistani side," Warraich tries his best to bridge different

cultures. On top of that, Warraich is also a bridge between the company and locals living near the

project site.
"Warraich once investigated the living conditions and needs of villagers around the site, and coordinated the company to carry out various CSR donations for them," recalled Jiang Zedong, Maintenance Manager of Production Preparation

Department. Also, it was found that the nearby villages are qualified to provide drinking water to the site

after investigation, and the villagers nearby also proposed to do so.

"Through Warraich's communication, he got this done and in this way local villagers got another. local villagers got another source of income to sup-port their family," Jiang Zedong said INP



LAHORE: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Maryam Aurangzeb addressing a press conference at press club, in Provincial Capital.

Federal govt decides against carrying out loadshedding in major cities

LAHORE: Federal gov-ernment has decided against carrying loadshed-ding in major urban centres of the country as electricity shortfall is likely to go up after a long weekend fol-lowing Eid holidays in the country.

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According to sources privy to the matter, the electricity shortfall declined to 1000 MW during weekend after Eid holidays and there is no load-shedding currently being carried out by LESCO, GEPCO, and FESCO.

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It is likely that a new schedule for electric supply across the country would be issued tomorrow while keeping in view the demand and supply of the electricity in the country. The electric supply is likely to witness an improve-ment owing to functioning

ment owing to functioning of closed power plants.

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ITP accelerate crackdown against **CNG** cylinder-fitted vehicles

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) has taken special measures to ensure safety of lives and property of motorcyclists and other citizens and to keep them safe from any mishaps. It has been decided to intensify legal action more strict and effective against the vehicles without fitness certificates and gas fitted cylinder public service vehicles, in order to reduce accidents as much as possi-ble and keep traffic flow smooth. SSP (Traffic) Rai Mazhar Iqbal

has strictly directly in-charges of all zones to take strict legal action and imposed heavy fines against vehicles without fitness certifi-cates and gas fitted cylinders pub-lic service vehicles. He also directed them to lock the illegal vehicles at police stations and no concessions should be made in this

regard.

He also said that special enforcement teams from Islamabad Traffic Police have been formed to take effective and intensify action against vehicles intensify action against vehicles without fitness certificates and gas without fittless certificates and gas fitted cylinders public service vehicles at lorry depots, bus stops, wagon stops and various places in the jurisdiction of Federal Capital.

On this occasion, the SSP (Traffic) said that safety of life and property of the citizens and providing all possible transport facili-ties are the foremost priorities of Islamabad Traffic Police, strict legal action will be taken against those violating traffic rules and affecting the flow of traffic in order to reduce accidents as much as possible and keep traffic flow smooth.INP

Two muggers arrested in injured condition in Karachi

KARACHI: Police on Sunday claimed to have arrested two suspected muggers in injured condition over their alleged involvement in killing a citizen during a robbery bid in Nazimabad area of the city.

According to police, a raid was carried out to arrest the suspects who opened fire on the

pects who opened fire on the raiding team. "During an exchange of fire, the suspects were arrested in injured condi-They said that mobile phones,

a motorcycle and weapons were recovered from their possession. The suspects were involved in

opening fire during a mugging bid in Nazimabad, killing a man named Shakir Ali. The brother of the victim got a murder case registered against the suspects.

Recently, police apprehended two suspects after a chase near Kati Pahari area in district West of Karachi as they tried to escape after a robbery.

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"The two alleged robbers looted a citizen and were escaping from the spot when a team of patrolling police intercepted them and after a chase, nabbed them near Kati Pahari area,"

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Two youth killed in Karachi target killing incidents

KARACHI: Two youth were killed in separate incidents of violence on Sunday as target killing resumes in the metropolis after a

According to details, the first incident took place in Landhi 89 Karachi where a youth Ijaz hailing from Sherpao Colony left the house in a vehicle along with a female relative guest. He was stopped on the way by two motorcyclists who earlier fortured him, later shot him death with a pistol and sped the scene. Unidentified bike rider gunned down a religious party activist identified as Yousaf in New Karachi and escaped the scene.INP



ISLAMABAD: Families are come back from their home town after spend Eid Ul Fitr holidays at a bus station in Federal Capital.

Blockchain technology can help improve supply chain performance

Blockchain is a latest technology being used globally in most sectors of the economy to boost output, WealthPK reported. After blockchain's suc-

cessful use in the banking sector, Pakistan has an excellent opportunity to benefit from this technology in improving the supply chain management as well.

Blockchain is a decentralised database which helps in storing digital records or shared ledgers of all events. Participating entities connected with the blockchain can share the records and ledgers.

There are a number of technological features associated with blockchain technology, including high transparency, traceability, and trustworthiness.

It can be used to improve the supply chain industry's efficiency and competitiveness and store logistics information.

The technology helps in safeguarding information, preventing it from being distorted, and ensuring its authenticity. Supply chain companies incorporating technology blockchain into their operations because it allows them to speed up processes, lower

transaction costs, and exchange data in a more secure and reliable manner without involving third parties. Across the globe, companies such as IBM, FedEx, Wall-Mart, Ford and UPS are embracing this technology.

A study by Cointelegraph Consulting, a leading publication for blockchain and cryptocur-rency news, and Swiss enterprise blockchain firm Insolar, has found that blockchain technology can reduce supply chain-related costs by 0.4% to 0.8%. Use of blockchain technology has helped reduce logistics costs by \$450 bil-

lion in Western Europe. As the world becomes more globalised and firms continue to ship increased amounts of raw material and products, they will heavily rely on blockchain

technologies to ensure that supply chains are not clogged. The time has also come for Pakistan to embrace this innovative technology to improve the performance of economy. Pakistan faced petrol.

wheat and sugar crises in the recent past due to mismanagement and the inability to have a precise information demand-supply situation. To avoid such scenarios in future, blockchain tech nology can help develop a better supply chain system that is transparent and unalterable. It will provide real-time data on demand and supply and help the government maintain stocks and make arrangements to meet the coun-try's future demands.

In this regard, the gov-ernment should develop trade policies and strategic frameworks aligned with emerging technologies. Blockchain technology would allow Pakistan' supply chain to operate more smoothly since there would be fewer.INP

PM Shehbaz Sharif accepts resignation of chairman Wapda

Gen. Muzammil Hussain, sources said.

According to details, Chairman Wapda Lt. Gen.

Muzammil Hussain tendered resignation from his post

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday accepted resignation of Chairman Wapda Lt.

Saturday and dispatched it to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. A year ago in August 2021, the Ministry of Water Resources had extended his term of office and notified

Muzammil Hussain as the chairman Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) for a second consecutive term of five years.

Mr Hussain had first been appointed to the post on Aug 24, 2016 by the then prime minister Nawaz Sharif. During his tenure the projects valuing 2.6 trillion were initiated, while the mega Neelum-Jhelum and Tarbela fourth extension hydropower projects completed.Besides civil work initiated on three other mega projects, including the Dasu, Diamer-Basha and Mohmand dams. Former finance minister Shaukat Tarin has said that Gen. Muzammil Hussain's resignation is regretful. "He is a capable and professional person. He had got full government support during our tenure, Tarin said.INP

MQM-P's Nasreen Jalil will be new Sindh governor

KARACHI: Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) senior leader Nasreen Jalil will be the new governor of Sindh province.Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday approved the name of Nasreen Jalil nominated by the MQM-P.Subsequently, the prime minister forwarded a summary to President Arif Alvi for appointment of the new governor in Sindh.MQM-P reportedly had sent five options to PM Shehbaz Sharif as part of the power-sharing agreement between PML-N and MQM-P and if appointed Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil, the international control of the provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil, the international office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil, the international office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil, the international office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil, the international office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil, the international office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman to hold top provincial office since Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Liaquat Ali Khan Names of Ms Nasreen Liaquat Ali Khan who is a deputy convener of the MQM-P's coordina-tion committee; senior deputy convener Amir Khan; deputy convener and former Karachi mayor Wasim Akhtar; MNA Kishwar Zehra and businessman Amir Chishti had been forwarded to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for consideration for Sindh governor slot. When appointed, Nasreen Jalil would be the first woman in nearly five decades to occupy the top office after Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan who had become the gover-nor of Sindh in 1973 to 1975. As per the power-sharing agreement between the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and MQM-P, the latter was given two federal ministries as well as the slot of Sindh governor.INP

KARACHI:A cobbler man is stitching shoes at his workplace alongside a road in Provincial Capital.

Pakistan needs to encourage local production of pesticides

Up-Gradation of BHU upto RHC Killi Faisal Abad District Kohlu PSDP NO.1291(Z2021.1885

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan needs to encourage local production of pesticides to save the precious foreign exchange foreign incurred incurred on their imports, and provide the farmers with lowcost inputs to increase their productivity, WealthPK reported.

largely Pakistan imports pesticide acids and liquids which are then repackaged locally by the companies with their brand name

for sale.
Pakistan's pesticide sector's value was estimated at \$484 million during the first seven months of the fiscal year 2021-22, registering an increase of 15% over the same period of previous year when the industry's value was \$422 million.

Pakistan is not a producer of pesticides, and depends on imports of raw materials. Almost all the companies in Pakistan import the ingredients used in making pesticides.

During the first seven months of the fiscal year 2021-22, Pakistan imported pesticide products worth \$103 million compared to imports of \$95 million during the same period of last showing year. increase according to the Pakistan Credit Rating

Agency (PACRA).

Mohammad Shoaib,
Chief Executive Officer of Miraj Crop Science, which is based in Multan, told

WealthPK that they them with their own company's name. He also said INP import pesticide liq-uids and then repack

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (A) The Executive Engineer B P P& H Department District Kohlu intends to carry out the following Provincial Public Sector Development works and invites sealed tenders based on composite schedule of rates 2018 GoB from the PEC Registered Government Contractors having category C – 6 and above. Earnest Money 2%, Tender fee Rs. 2000/- and Time Limit Dec 2022 for the work.

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Pakistan must launch own 'Shark Tank' version to promote startups

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan should launch its own version of 'Shark Tank' business reality show to help startups enhance exports and cre-ate employment opportu-nities, WealthPK report-

'Shark Tank' is an American business reality television series, which shows entrepreneurs making business presen-tations to a panel of five investors or 'sharks', who decide whether to invest

Globally, the trend of entrepreneurship is growing rapidly thanks to arrival of digital media and latest technologies.

Countries have started reality shows telecasted n national televisions, where young entrepre-neurs come up with new business ideas and get funding from leading nvestors, who invest in their startups against

agreeable equity.
The United Kingdom is also running a business reality show named 'Dragon's Den'. This programme has positive con-tributions to the country's economy by supporting new startups and promot-ing the culture of entrepreneurship.It is to men-tion here that Pakistani startups raised \$364 million in 2021, which was

450% more than the pre-vious year. However, entrepreneurial culture is not that developed in Pakistan, where the youth still have a risk-averse attitude and hesitate in establishing new busi-nesses. This is because of somewhat low govern-ment incentive.However, a private sector-run busi-

ness reality show named 'Idea Craron Ka' is telecasted on a private TV channel, helping new startups raise funding from Pakistan's top entrepreneurs. According to statistics released by this telecast, four seasons of the programme have been shown, consisting of 54

episodes.

Through this reality show, a total of 96 start-ups pitched their ideas to convince investors for funding. However, only 25 startups succeeded, and an amount of Rs500 million was raised.

The 'Idea Croron Ka' is a positive step from the private sector to present the new startups with an opportunity to promote their business ideas to the country's top successful entrepreneurs.

Though it is a good effort, it has limited scope, and Pakistan needs a bigger platform that involves the country's top entrepreneurial minds,

where young entrepre-neurs could come up with new ideas to get finance from the investors. Pakistan also has to

upgrade its educational system in accordance with the modern trends, as currently, the education system produces graduates without skills and innovative minds. According to a study onducted by the conducted by the Pakistan Institute of

Development Economics (PIDE), the country has a 16.5% graduate unemployment rate. Pakistan needs serious education reforms which could produce future entrepreneurs.INP

Imran Khan says will lead 2m people on Islamabad

ABBOTTABAD: Former prime minister and PTI chief Imran Khan has said that he would lead two million people in his march on Islamabad later this month and that the government would not be able to stop him by installing shipping containers on the roads.

Addressing a PTI rally in Abbottabad's College Ground on Sunday, Imran Khan said that his opponents claimed that the summer heat would not allow people to leave their homes to march on Islamabad, but he believed that heat cannot deter brave youth and sisters. Imran said he would announce the date for the march

The former prime minister said that current rulers had taken power after collaborating with the United States but the Pakistani nation would never accept them.

He said he never wanted to join the US war on terror and was holding negotiations with Russia for the import

of fuel and wheat at cheaper rates.

He said the Americans did not want a prime minister in Pakistan. They wanted a head of the government like

Musharraf, who surrendered on a single phone call and joined the US war on terror, he said. "They wanted a cherry-blossom who polishes shoes, who says that beggars are not chooser," he said.

Imran Khan then used strong language against Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. "If you believe that for you we would be enslaved to the United States, don't be misled," he said.

He said that when he gave call for the march, the entire nation would arrive in Islamabad to give message

that the "imported government not acceptable.



LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif visiting different blocks of Saleem Memorial Trust

Administration takes steps for traffic after Shisper glacier flooding

GILGIT: The local administration is taking steps for an alternative route after closure of the Hunza-Karakoram Highway owing to glacial flooding in

A Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) occurred in Hunza's Hassanabad village Saturday after the lake formed over the Shisper Glacier

started discharging massive water owing to premature melting.

The Karakoram Highway has been closed after an RCC bridge built at Hassanabad village, was damaged yesterday owing to the glacial flood-

SP Hunza has said that the decision has been taken to pass the vehicles through the alternate route of Nagar.
Big vehicles except coasters will not be allowed to pass through the alternate route. The coasters will also be allowed to pass through within spe-cific time. After closure of Karakoram Highway only small vehicles are being allowed to run on the alternate road. INP

Raja Riaz's son tie the knot

FAISALABAD: Wedding ceremony of son of dissident Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) MNA Raja Riaz was held here on Sunday.

According to details, Raja Riaz's son got married and wedding ceremony was held at marriage hall of Deputy General Secretary and MNA Sheikh Khurram Shehzad located at Daewoo Raja Riaz's Road, Faisalabad. Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shehbaz, Nawab Sherosar and a large

number of parliamentarians attended

the ceremony.
The local district administration and police have made strict security arrangements on the occasion.INP

Three killed in Swabi

SWABI: Three people including a young cricketer were killed in separate incidents of suicide, road mishap and murder in different localities of Swabi

According to police, in Yar Hussain Bazzar Swabi, unidentified armed men gunned down a youth Bakht Sher, hailing from Yaqoobi area and fled the

Young cricketer Saqib, serving as junior clerk at a local government primary school, who consumed toxic pills over domestic disputes expired at

Niqash Aziz Hospital.
A youngster was killed in a road accident in Gadoon Amzai area. INP

Three killed in Nawabshah road mishaps

NAWABSHAH: At least three people were killed and three others injured in separate road mishaps here

on Sunday, police said.

The bodies and injured were shifted to Peoples Medical Hospital for medico-legal formalities and police after registering separate cases in both incidents started investigations.INP

Display of Pakistan's soft power enamors international audience

WASHINGTON DC: Embassy of Pakistan Washington DC showcased Pakistan's rich cultural diversity, economic and tourism potential during Passport DC's annual "Around the World Embassy Tour" program. The indoor event attracted nearly two thousand attendess mostly comprising indoor event attracted nearly two thousand attendees mostly comprising of US citizens from Washington DC and other states, nationals of other countries and Pakistani-Americans. It included diplomats, government officials, people working and doing businesses in DC, IT professionals from United States and South Asia, media persons and others.

persons and others. Taking place after a gap of three years due to COVID pandemic, the event started at 09:30 am, much before its scheduled time, and continued till 1600 hrs with continued arrival of the guests in large numbers and their visits to various stalls.INP

HOJK mothers awaiting jailed, disappeared sons

ISLAMABAD: When International Mother's Day is being observed today across the world, thousands of Kashmiri women continue to wait for the return of their sons subjected to enforced disappearance in custody by Indian troops in occu-pied Kashmir.

A report released by the Research Section of Kashmir Media Service on International Media Service on International Mother's Day, pointed out that continued Indian state terrorism had resulted in the killing of 96,025 Kashmiris including women and children from 1989 to 8th May 2022. As many as 22,944 women have been widowed by the Indian forces and owed by the Indian forces and 11,255 raped, disgraced or molested during the period

It said, relatives including mothers, wives and daughters of illegally detained Hurriyat leaders, activists and youth have expressed serious concern over the health of their relatives languishing in different jails of India and IIOJK.

The report deplored that near two dozen women, including 62-year-old resistance leader, Aasiya Andrabi, Naheeda Nasreen Fehmeeda Sofi, Shazia Akhter and Insha Tariq were illegally facing detention in different jails, including India's infamous Tihar jail, on false

charges.

The report pointed out that the troops had subjected about 8,000 Kashmiris to custodial disappearance during the period and the mothers of the majority of these disappeared people had of these disappeared people had been waiting for their return. Second Sunday of May is observed as Mother's Day since 1914 as a result of continued efforts by Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis, a peace activist in, West Virginia, the United States, for her mother's contributions towards the society. It deplored that the Kashmiri mothers were bearing the brunt of Indian state terrorism as the Kashmiri women, including mothers, had taken the ultimate hit by losing their near and dear ones to Indian bullets. The report said thousands of Kashmiri mothers continue. INP

Rehmani urges world bodies to thwart Modi's designs by facilitating Kashmir settlement

ISLAMABAD: Muhammad Farooq Rehmani, APHC-AJK Convener has appealed to world organisations especially UN, EU, Shangai Cooperation Council, SARAC, OIC and Arab League to revive their active role in overcoming hurdles in the resolution of the Kashmir dispute by facili-tating dialogue between all stake-

Muhammad Farooq Rehmani in a statement issued in Islamabad said, India is hell-bent on changing nature, culture and demo-graphic character of Jammu and Kashmir in total disregard to all the UN resolutions, international law, bilateral and international agreements and above all the wishes of its besieged and oppressed people and was going to thrust a BJP Chief Minister through its own Delimitation Commission's recommendations, to further its colonial settler-poli-cy of Indian Hindutva colonial-ism. He categorically denied India's accusations of terroristic activities by youth in J&K, saying Indian agencies—NIA and SIA were propagating and manuevering fake encounters to defame, torture and implicate youth in false cases while the reality was different. There were thousands of kashmiris in almost every police station, interrogation centre, and central and sub jail of Jammu and Kashmir including India's and dismembered State's far-flung District jails. He asked if the kashmiris were voluntarily with India, why such a large number had been incarcerated and why daily and nocturnal crackdowns are carried out by the police everywhere and youths tortured

and forced to false confessions. He said Indian authorities are treating Kashmiri detainees like convicts for crimes they had never committed or believed in criminal activities to advance their view-point on the right of self-determi-nation. INP

'Severe heatwave' set to grip entire Sindh including Karachi from May 11

KARACHI: A "severe heat-KARACHI: A "severe heat-wave" that was prevailing over central and upper Sindh is forecast to grip the entire province — including Karachi — for nearly a week from May 11 with the maxi-mum temperature projected to exceed 40 degrees Celsius in the provincial capital, the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) said on Sunday.

(PMD) said on Sunday. In its heatwave advisory, the Met department said the weather in the metropolis would remain hot next week, predicting the heat-wave spell could last till May 16. "The maximum temperature in

Karachi may rise to 40°C and more during May 12 and 14."

It predicted that the temperature in the city would likely be in the range between 35°C and 38°C

from May 9 to 10 before intensifying by May 11 to 12.

The PMD also predicted "extreme heatwave" in other parts of the province, saying the day-

Badin, Thatta, Mirpurkhas and Umerkot districts, the tempera-tures could peak at 45 °C during

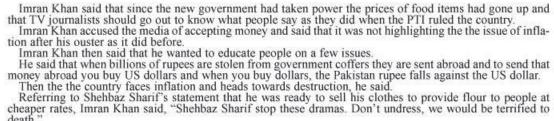
The department warned that hot and dry conditions could cause stress on crops, vegetables and orchards, and increase energy demands

It also advised the public to avoid open sun exposure as much as possible, especially during peak hours (11am to 4pm). A day top climate scientists said the dev-astating heatwave that gripped Pakistan and India over the last two months was unprecedented, but worse — perhaps far worse — was on the horizon as climate change continues apace.INP

time maximum temperatures in Dadu, Sukkur, Larkana, Jacobabad, Shaheed Benazirabad (Nawabshah), Naushero Feroz, Khairpur, Shikarpur and Ghotki districts would rise to 46 to 48 °C. While in Jamshoro, Hyderabad, Badin, Thatta, Mirnurkhas, and

Dharamshala

flags on the gates early Sunday morning. Pro-



He said that if the Sharifs returned half of the money they stole from Pakistan, the PTI would reduce wheat

Imran Khan criticized the judiciary for opening its doors at midnight and said that people who faced corrup-

tion charges were propped up in the government.

He again said that only animals could be neutral as Allah had ordained people to rise up against injustice.

Imran Khan claimed that Maryam Nawaz had to delay her rally in Fatah Jang because people did not show up and then she held the rally in the dark of night.INP

PECA: PM reassures protection of journalists from needless actions

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reassured the delegation of the provision of protection to journalists against needless action under different laws including the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA) ordinance.

PM Shehbaz Sharif, while talking to the delegation of Council of Pakistan Newspapers Editors in Lahore today, reiterated his commitment to ensuring freedom of press and expression in the country. He said the government has no plans to place any restrictions on media. The premier reassured the delegation of the provision of protection to journalists against needless action under different laws including PECA Ordinance.

He said that the Law Ministry has been tasked with reviewing the PECA ordinance, Radio Pakistan reported.

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Praising the positive role played by CPNE for the protection of democracy and the progress of democratic institutions, Shehbaz Sharif said that the present government is willing to work constructively with CPNE and other representative journalist bodies ist bodies.

He said that the present government is taking

every possible measure for power generation and ensuring its transmission to address plights being suffered by the public.

PM Sharif said that the government is striving hard to ensure the provision of basic life needs to poor people, including atta, medical treatment and medicines at cheaper rates.

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He said that the previous government doubled the loan burden over the nation during the last four years, due to which the lives of poor people have become more miserable.

Drug peddler held with 234 litre imported wine

MULTAN: The police arrested a notorious drug peddler besides recover-ing 234 litres of imported wine from his possession

here on Sunday. The Muz Muzaffarabad police during search of a suspect near Nadirabad crossing in recovered five Multan bottles importe from his custody. imported wine

The police arrested the notorious drug peddler later identified as Muhammad Ramazan, hailing from Industrial Area. Multan

During inquiry, 229 more bottles of imported wine were recovered from residence of the detainee.

The police confiscated the recovered wine and after registering a case against the nabbed drug pusher started an investigation.INP

Three labourers scorched in gas leakage fire

GUJRANWALA: Three labourers were scorched in gas leakage fire at furnace mill here

According to rescue sources, due to gas leakage, fire engulfed a steel furnace and rerolling mill located near Aziz Cross Flyover in Gujranwala

Three labourers including Rafique 55, Ilyas 32, and Irfan 32, were scorched in the fire incident and shifted to hospital for treatment.

A couple of days earlier, two brothers were burnt to death and four family members including children were scorched due to gas leak-age fire at a house in Sialkot.INP

Khalistan flag hoisted at main gate of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly

SHIMLA: Khalistan flags were found tied on the main gate and boundary wall of the Himachal Pradesh egislative Assembly in

The Kangra police were informed about the presence of Khalistan Khalistan slogans were also found on the walls of the assembly complex located on the outskirts of Dharamshala.

D e p u t y Commissioner Dr Nipun Jindal confirmed the incident. INP



HYDERABAD: A view of dry bed of Indus River at jamshoro.

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He said that the government wants to have foreign relations with all states including brother countries on the basis of mutual respect and bilat-

The premier also reiterated his commitment that electoral reforms are essential for holding transpar-

electoral reforms are essential for holding transparent elections in the country.

Information Minister Maryam Aurangzeb, Secretary Information Shaheera Shahid and high up officials were present on the occasion. The CPNE delegation included the President of CPNE Kazim Khan, Senior Vice President Ayaz Khan, Vice President Punjab Arshad Ahmad Arif, and Secretary-General Aamir Mehmood among other members.PM Sharif said that the nation needs unity these days so that unusual economic issues can be members.PM Sharif said that the nation needs unity these days so that unusual economic issues can be solved for the welfare of the public. He said that in these circumstances, taking out the long march against the present government is unreasonable and tantamount to dividing the nation.

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Earthquake relief operations underway in Balochistan's Wadh tehsil

QUETTA: Relief operations have been underway on Sunday in Wadh, a tehsil of Khuzdar district in Balochistan after Friday's magnitude 5.2 earthquake. According to the district administra-tion, relief items being provided in Aranji and other villages affected in the earthquake.

The Levies Force and the district administration, involved in the relief work, have so far provided tents, blankets and edible items in over 150 affect-

ed families.

Around 200 houses were damaged in the earthquake in tehsil Wadh, scores of houses were thoroughly demolished in The National Seismic Monitoring Centre (NSMC) reported.

The NSMC said that the centre of the earthquake was 80 kilometers north of Bela city of Balochistan. The tremors

that struck Wadh tehsil of Khuzdar resulted in damage to several houses in the region.

The jolts caused panic among the population, sending people fleeing their homes in panic.Earlier, in October last year, a 5.9-magnitude earthquake in Balochistan province was resulted in 22 deaths while over 200 were injured. The

deaths while over 200 were injured. The deadly earthquake had struck parts of Balochistan including Quetta.

According to National Seismic Monitoring Centre, Islamabad, the epicenter of the quake was located in Harnai at the depth of 15 kilometres.

According to Deputy Commissioner Harnai Anwar Hashim, roofs and walls of more than 100 houses collapsed in Harnai and Shahrag, trapping several

Harnai and Shahrag, trapping several people under the debris. Dozens of pub-lic and private buildings were damaged.

Harnai was the worst-affected remote mountainous area of Balochistan by the



HYDERABAD: A child thalassemia patient is receiving blood on International Thalassemia Day at Cevel hospital.

Sindh, South Punjab wilting without water

KARACHI: Sindh and South Punjab are confronting serious prob-lem of water scarcity that is threatening crop harvesting and endangering lives of both the humans and live-

stock, it has been reported on Sunday.

The water shortage is assuming alarming proportions in Sindh as agricultural economy is on the verge of annihilation. The harvest is withering away due to closure of canals.

The water scarcity has put a seri-ously damaging impact on the habitat conditions as people are compelled to migrate to other places due to nonavailability of water. The situation is scarier in the river-ine area of Sindh – district Sajawal –

where crops have wilted owing to non-availability of water. It's giving nightmares to the growers whose produce is ruining.

For the last three months, water has not been released to the canals in Sajawal. Not only the crops are dying but it has become difficult for humans and cattle to quench their thirst in the face of drought-like conditions in the district. Livestock has started perishing here and people have started

migrating to other areas.

The Sajawal residents have appealed to Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah to immediately solve water problem in the area in order to save lives of both humans and livestock.

and livestock.
Sindh CM Shah complained on Saturday that there was unjust distribution of water resources between the federating units and Sindh was not getting its due share. He said he would talk to the federal minister on the issue. He, however, admitted that the issue. He, however, admitted that there was a water shortage in the entire country, and Sindh was no exception. He even suggested to growers not to sow rice crop this time round in order to preserve water. There is an extreme water shortage in the water flow at Kotri Barrage of River Sindh. According to control room at Kotri Barrage, the upstream water flow at the barrage was recorded 4,900 cusecs and downstream flow was recorded. INP

Man kills sister in the name of honou

PAKPATTAN: In yet another inci-PARPAI IAN: In yet another incident of honour killing in the country, a man on Sunday allegedly murdered his sister after hitting her multiple times with a brick in Pakpattan district of the Punjab province.

According to police, the incident occurred in Rehman Town of Pakpattan and the Faridnagar police station have arrested the suspect

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They shared that the victim was a mother of two children and the brother killed her in the name of honour killing. "We have registered a case against the incident," the police said.

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According to police, a 22-year old woman whose relatives kidnapped her for marrying a man of her choice was recovered from Super Highway area of the city after the law enforcement agency arrested her abductors in a raid

"I and my husband were sleeping

when these people (relatives) knocked our door and asked us to open the door, we immediately phoned police but they broke in and took me away," the victim told

The 22-year-old said that her relatives were planning to kill her for contracting a love marriage.

According to some estimates, some 500 women are killed every year in Pakistan at the hands of relatives over perceived damage to family honour. Most of the honour killing victims are those who contract love marriages. Honour killing incidents have been reported in the country frequently and recently, police foiled the bid by

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