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DERA BUGTI: The number of patients rises to 1650 in Balochistan's resource-rich Dera Bugti district in the aftermath of the cholera outbreak. "150 fresh patients admitted to government-ring."

"150 fresh patients admitted to government-run hospitals". Dr. Azam Bugti, the District Health Officer (DHO) Dera Bugti told Quetta Voice via telephone.

The district administration has declared an emergency in all government-run hospitals to tackle the situation and make sure timely treat-

make sure timely treat-ment for the patients. Hospitals remained crammed with patients and their attendants in the district.

Chief Minister Releghistan Mir Ouddes

Chief Minister
Balochistan, Mir Quddus
Bizenjo approved the
release of an additional
amount of Rs. 300 million
to address the issue of
water shortage in the
area. The CM has directed the finance department



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Political parties putting aside differences jointly running govt: Bilawal

#### Imprudent comments by politicians about Lt Gen Faiz Hameed 'very inappropriate': ISPR

ISLAMABAD:Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) took exception to the "imprudent com-ments" made by the coun-

ments" made by the country's senior politicians about Peshawar Corps Commander Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, terming them "very inappropriate".

In a statement, the military's media affairs wing said the Peshawar Corps was an "illustrious formation" of the army and was spearheading the national war against terrorism for over two decades.

over two decades.
"One of the most competent and professional officers is entrusted with the responsibility to lead this prestigious formation. Imprudent comments made by important senior politicians recently about [the] Peshawar Corps commander are very inap-propriate," the ISPR said.

in arrest of opponents.

Court in Federal Capital.

ments undermined the honour and the morale of the institution and its lead-

the institution and its lead-ership.
"It is expected that the senior political leadership of [the] country refrains from passing objection-able remarks against the institution, whose brave officers and men are con-stantly putting their lives

officers and men are constantly putting their lives on the line to guard the integrity and sovereignty of Pakistan," the statement concluded.

Speaking to the media shortly after the press release was issued, ISPR Director General (DG) Major General Babar Iffikhar reiterated that Iftikhar reiterated that "many statements" were made in the last few days by the country's politi-cians and termed them "highly inappropriate". Maj Gen Iftikhar said

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LONDON: Defense Minister Khawaja Asif on Thursday said that economic reforms are government's top priority and elections will be held after economic situation of the country improves.

Talking to media persons, Pakistan Muslim League- Nawaz (PML-N) leader Khawaja Asif said that if it was in his control he would bring Nawaz Sharif back the coming day but the decision about his return will be taken by the party leadership.

He further said that Imran Khan's anti-America narrative is worthless and Arif Alvi, Omar Sarfaraz Cheema and Qasim Suri violated the constitution of the country.

The minister said that he is a political workers and does not believe in arrest of opponents.

We will not act like Imran Khan under any circumstances and now everything will be as per law and constitution, he added.

It merits mention that during a meeting between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and PML-N leader Nawaz Sharif, it was agreed that

there is no possibility of early elections in the country and general elections will be held only after the completion of electoral reforms. It was also agreed that all parties related to the economic issues would be taken into confidence.INP

ISLAMABAD: Vice President of Pakistan Muslim League (N) Maryam Nawaz talking to the media persons after her hearing at High

Political parties putting

aside differences jointly

running govt: Bilawal

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said that the representatives of various politi-

cal parties putting aside the differences for sake of national interest were

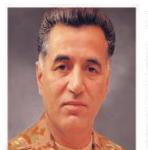
jointly running the government. He said such situations are created when a country and its people face severe crises.

Speaking in the National Assembly on Thursday, he said that we are in a very unique situation, there is a crisis at every front. He said that the situation was worse than that assumed. The situation in Pakistan is at crisis

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that every institution of ours had been made controversial due to a selected man. The harm that Imran Khan and his former government have caused to the constitution, democracy and institu-

point; there should be no two views about it.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs and Chairman PPP,



that the institution was showing "tolerance and

showing "tolerance and restraint and requesting that the army is not dragged into politics".

He said the army was fulfilling important responsibilities for ensuring security on the country's western, eastern, and northern borders, while also taking measures for internal security. "We, as an institution, have nothing to do with the political

situation of the country,"

The army's spokesperson also said that the appointment of the next army chief should not be made "controversial" by turning it a topic of debate. He said the procedure for the appointment of the army chief had been

of the army chief had been outlined in the Constitution, adding that it would take place in accordance with the law.

The DG ISPR said that there was no chance of anyone being able to cause rifts within the army.

army.
"It must be clarified that there is no problem with fair criticism", the military spokesperson said, lamenting that social media was being used to create propaganticists of the state of the social media was being used to create propaganticisms. da instead of mere criti-cism. Web Desk

#### Blast kills a child, injured another in Chaman

Sardar Muhammad Khondai

A blast has killed a child and injured another in Chaman, Pakistan's neighboring city with



Afghanistan on Thursday. Police sources said an explosive device went off in the Rehman Kahol area

went off in the Rehman Kahol area of Chaman. The kids hit the planted explosive material with a stone when it caused the explosion.

The injured child was rushed to civil hospital Chaman for medical treatment. Police and levies reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway.

Police cordoned off the area to probe into the incident.

#### FIA decides not to further pursue money laundering case against PM Shehbaz

LAHORE: The Investigation Agency (FIA) on Thursday has decided not to further pursue money laundering case against Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Hamza Shahbaz and others. As per details, the court has included the petition of FIA prosecution team in the record.

However, the court has decided to continue the trial despite the agency's decision and has directed PM Shehbaz Sharif, CM Hamza Shahbaz and other accused to

appear before the court on May 14.
The order directs both PML-N leaders to ensure their attendance on the next hearing for indictment.
Shehbaz Sharif had termed the allegations of money laundering and kickback as baseless. Daily Mail's lawyer had confessed to not having enough evidence during the proceedings in British court, he added.INP

#### EU ban on PIA flights to be lifted soon

KARACHI: The ban imposed y the European Union on akistan International Airlines (PIA) flight operations is expected to be lifted next month as European Union Aviation Safety the national airline's authorisation to operate flights to EU member states.INP



ISLAMABAD: Attorney General of Pakistan, Asthar Ausaf Ali, called on President Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Cholera outbreak: Number of

to make sure timely release of the amount to support the people.

A doctor is checking a patient in Balochistan's Dera Bugti district after the outbreak of cholera: Photo provided by Faiq Ali Bugti

CM directs secretaries health and PHE to reach Dera Bugti

CM Bizenjo has also directed the Secretary of Health and Secretary of Public Health Engineering (PHE) to reach Dera Bugti to personally monitor the situation and review the arrangements, an official handout issued on Thursday said. "Secretaries should stay

in the district till a solution to the problem", the CM directed.

The cholera outbreak in the Pir Koh area of Dera Bugti has claimed four lives including a child. "Contaminated water has caused waterborne diseases", Dr. Azam Bugti mentioned. He said an emergency has been declared in the district to cope with the situation.

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People outside Pir Koh
hospital in Dera Bugti
after the outbreak of
cholera: Photo Faiq Ali
Bugti

Bugti
Pir Koh, a mountainous village that houses
35,000 people
Pir Koh is a mountain-

patients rises to 1650 in Dera Bugti ous village, which houses more than 35,000 people. The government was providing water from 12 kilometers away by the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL). Crude oil surfaced within the water facility of the OGDCL, Azam Bugti informed. This caused the outbreak of cholera and caused various water-borne diseases.

eases.

The number of government doctors in the Pir Koh is currently 4 and 17 r a m e d i c s
"Government of
Balochistan has provided
only 9 doctors in Dera
Bugti", the DHO
revealed.

People of the area had
also staged a protest
demonstration the other
day to mount pressure on

day to mount pressure on the provincial government to make sure provi-sion of clean drinking water. "We are providing gas to the entire country but deprived of drinking water", Muhammad Bakhsh Bugti, one of the protesters said.

Pakistan strongly condemns killing of

> Palestinian journalist

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has strongly condemned killing of a Palestinian journalist, Shireen Abu

covering an Israeli raid in the Jenin refugee camp of occupied West

In a statement, Foreign Office Spokesperson Asim Iftikhar Ahmad said the government and people of Pakistan extend deepest

condolences to the family of Shireen Abu Aqleh.

The spokesperson said Pakistan calls upon the international com-

munity to take urgent action to put an end to the Israeli occupation,

which continues to fuel conflict, tension and instability in the region, and remains a matter of

grave concern for the entire Muslim world.

#### "Do your politics, never malign Pak Army": Dr. Ruqia suggests some politicians

Photovoltaic is

solution to Pakistan's

energy crises: Zardari

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: Senior politician, Captain (R) Dr. Ruqia Hashmi has suggested some politicians "do your politics and stop maligning Pak Army for political gains". "This is unacceptable and no compromise would be made on the integrity of national institutions", she said in a statement issued to the she said in a statement issued to the

press here on Thursday. Dr. Ruqia Hashmi stated that Pak Army guarantees the stability of the country and countless military men have sacrificed their lives to defend the frontiers of the motherland. Her statement has come after some politicians have dragged the mili-tary into the political affairs of the

The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) has already rejected such statements and vowed to work with the elected government for the development and prosperity of the country and nation. perity of the country and nation.
"This is strange, some elements

ISLAMABAD: As electricity tariffs in Pakistan keep rising, former President Asif Ali Zardari

stressed the necessity of increas-

in the opposition are trying to malign the military", Dr. Ruqia Hashmi mentioned. She urged the political leadership to put their heads together to find an amicable solution to issues concerning the country.

The senior parliamentarian stated that the entire nation stands by the armed forces and recent statements have harmed the feelings of all retired military men also.

their own solar system in their homes and on their farmlands," Zardari suggested, adding that to this end, the government should provide soft loans to individuals.

#### He said we reaffirm our consistent and unstinted support for the Palestinian people and the Palestinian cause, which has always been a defining principle of Pakistan's foreign policy.ONLINE Senate Body discusses "National Information Technology

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Information Technology and Communication, Senator Kauda Babar chaired the meeting of the committee in Parliament House on Thursday.During the meeting, the "National Information Technology Board Bill, 2022" was discussed and it was conveyed that Bill has been lapsed owing to expiration of been lapsed owing to expiration of 90 days limit for consideration of the proposed Bill.However, the Committee expressed serious concerns over recent cyber-attack on Information Technology and Telecommunication website. Leader of the Opposition Dr. Shahzad Waseem asked the ministry about the reasons behind these kinds of attacks and preventive steps taken. INP

Board Bill, 2022"

#### mer government have caused to the constitution, democracy and institu-tions are before everyone. The former PM abrogated the constitution and attacked democracy. Former PM, deputy speaker and the President on the nights of April 3rd, April 9th and 10th till today are abrogating the consti-tution and refusing to follow it. How can this National Assembly, the Parliament ignore such an attack? Our constitution has been torn like a piece of paper in the past as well. He said, "We believe that on the nights of April 3rd, April 9th and 10th till today, the constitution is being attacked. It is the position of the Pakistan Peoples Party which has been presented before the united government, this House must form a high level parliamentary commission or committee to investigate the events leading stressed the necessity of increasing solar power generation in the country, according to a report published by Gwadar Pro on Thursday. "Electricity is so expensive that ordinary people cannot afford it, we should focus on solar power generation," Asif Ali Zardari said while talking to newsmen in Karachi. "Instead of setting up solar powerhouses, we should help individuals have If there is more energy than their consumption, it should be supplied to the industrial sector, parliamentary commission or committee to investigate the events leading up to April 3rd, post-April 3rd on the night of April 9th and April 10th and after that, including the game we see in Punjab. I am saying that we should take the attack seriously, make a commission to investigate who was involved in this unconstitutional and undemocratic attack. He said that as Agency (EASA) team is set to visit Pakistan at the end of May, sources said on Thursday.PIA was Pakistan has immense poten-tial for solar power generation, but less than 2% of the total enerrestricted from flying to EU states, the US and the UK last year in July after the EASA suspended far as April 3rd is concerned, the Supreme Court clearly termed it unconstitutional in its decision. The people of Pakistan expect accountability of the former government abrogating the constitution while trying to escape gy consumed in the country comes from solar power plants.INP

## Pakistan, US launch an initiative to strengthen higher education

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The United States Government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is partnering with the Pakistani government to launch a \$19 million, five-year program to improve Pakistan's higher education system and increase the employability of university graduates. This is another example of the breadth of cooperation between the United States and Pakistan as we celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations.

The program will integrate the best practices in teaching, research, governance, and sustainability to benefit 15 public Pakistani universities across the country, including five women's universities. Through this program, universities will provide students with research opportunities, soft-skills training, and support services such as career counseling. Through collaboration with industry, the program will help align academic preparation with workforce needs.



"USAID is proud to collaborate with the Higher Education Commission on this program," said USAID Mission Director Julie A. Koenen. "The Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) will build stronger Pakistani universities that offer the education and research experiences students need to be more employable in the local market. This will prepare talented young people with the required skills to find jobs and launch their careers. It will also support the needs of industry, increase hiring and productivity, and stim-

ulate further economic growth. HEC Chairman Dr. Tariq Banuri said, "HESSA is an innovative initiative expected to make notable contributions towards improving the institutional and technical capacities of its partner universities which shall impact the quality of our future scholars. I am confident that the nexus of U.S. universities with HESSA-partner higher education institutions will result in policy reforms that will benefit all universities in Pakistan.

# 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 lawrakers. 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 constituencies

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

students to compete on national and international levels. Teachers, parents, society, and stu-dents' close coordination ensure a strong school culture. Khan Abdul Ghaffar

Khan, commonly known as the Bacha Khan termed educating people as a sacred cause. This was one of the underlying reasons behind
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Pukhtoonkhwa's improved education indicator as compared to Sindh and Balochistan. Although, Punjab has made considerable progress in improving its key social indicators.

According to the curcomprehensive studies of both educationists and anthropologists revealed that strong school culture is an intensely held and widely shared norms, unwritten rules, assumptions, and unspoken beliefs that shape and narrate how its members think and do their jobs. However, the prime and first member of the school culture is the stu-dent which is the foun-

### Significance of Strong **School Culture** nity. By and large, such progressive culture provides a testimonial sense of identity to all sense of identity to all Strong school culture guarantees quality edu-cation, which enables



On one hand, the teacher is the second prominent and so-called backbone of the education system. On the other hand, parents and community are the assisting aspects in the school culture. Therefore, a strong culture is a fundamental requirement for making a smooth social climate inside the school that is completely intended to provide a safe and carenvironment for high learning and give a mutual sense of owner-ship to all participants as well. The following culture also demands a significant intellectual climate by promoting

modern insights into teaching and fearning in the school, Subsequently, a positive and robust culture blindly follows the predeter-mined rules and policies irrespective of any sort of affiliation. The other feature of culture is that it stands for a decent structure for giving teachers, staff, students a voice in solving prob a voice in, solving prob-lems and taking and sharing responsibilities and decisions. Last but not the least, an effective culture also provides the frame of partnership to join the stu-dent with the teacher, a teacher with the teacher, parents with a teacher, and the school as a

whole with the commu-

connecting factors. This kind of mutual identity cement the elements of commitment among all participants to look towards high horizons instead of self-interests. Consequently, it regu-larized the moral behavioral standards by avoiding all mental tur-moil and bringing the center of education under vigilant social control to work only for promoting the essence of quality teaching and learning. Keeping in mind all the aforesaid scenarios of the strong education culture, however, Balochistan's education system is entirely cation system is entirely working in an obsolete manner. The most prominent aspects of school culture in the form of student, teacher, parents, the community absent from the early front of decent school

Syed Mansoor Ahmed:

dent. Same as the stu-dent always opts to the path of escapism instead of asking the instructor.

More importantly, the parent's contribution is just equal to zero-sum addition. There is a lack of honest and open communication between a teacher and parents. They do not come together as a collective body to discuss the values and goals of school culture in education. While school culture is a widely shared phe-nomenon that directly demands the involvement of all actors in the decision-making process that is school culture. It is a firm belief among all the educationists that the school culture cannot be run by any single indi-vidual. In addition, it always required collec-tive effective measure-ments only to deliver the goal of quality teaching and meaningful learning as a sole out-

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## Politics and the Pakistani diaspora

Historically, 'diaspora' had a very specific meaning - mostly ascribed to Jews and Armenians' dispersions around the world – epitomizing the historical oppression and neglect these communities had to face in their lands.

These cases were pre-sumed to be the paradig-matic and classical cases matic and classical cases of diaspora communities who were presumably 'sojourning' in these new lands they now inhabited, until their homelands became liveable again. But as the dreams of homelands got deferred, either because of the continuous tumult or uncertainty in their lands these tainty in their lands, these communities built their own cultural enclaves in the lands they now inhab-ited, marked by a pre-dominance of continuous homeland orientation, residential segregation, the creation of cultural and vernacular schools for the education of their children, boundary maintenance through religion, prohibition from outmarriage, resistance to assimilation to local cultures and a general aloofness and apolitical atti-tude towards local politics except in the areas which affected them directly.

But over the years, 'diaspora' became an allencompassing term now used to describe labour, migrants, and expatriates living abroad Pakistanis, from Indians, Bangladeshis to Filipino,

Korean, Turkish commu-nities, among others. Moreover, these dias-Moreover, these diasporic communities, contrary to the classical apolitical cases of the diaspora, maintain deep social and economic tres with their homelands and actively participate in the homeland politics. Sometimes this support gets overzealous with instances of these communities supporting ter-

instances of these communities supporting terrorist and even ultranationalist forces back home – owing to which Benedict Anderson defined them as "long-distance nationalists".

In the last decade (especially since the post-2008 financial crisis) as populist and right-wing politicians captured political space around the globe, a huge support for these leaders came from their diasporic communitheir diasporic communi-ties. In 2014, the BJP in India amassed huge financial contributions from Indians living abroad; in fact, according to some estimations, the biggest fraction of support for party funds, after neoliberal tycoons like Ambani, came from Indians living abroad Moreover, the RSS, the militant and parent wing of the BJP, has a history of galvanizing Indians abroad, in a bid to popu-larise the Hindutva message beyond Indian bor-

Similarly, the Turkish diaspora vouches for Erdogan's authoritarian Ottomanism. Vicktor Orban is another right-wing populist politician who is extremely popular among ethnic Hungarians living abroad. Imran Khan's popularity among the Pakistani diaspora is another example of another example of strongmen and larger-than-life politics finding

than-life politics finding resonance among the diaspora population.

To use this popularity among the overseas Pakistanis for electoral gains, the PTI in its tenure passed a bill allowing overseas Pakistanis to vote in the elections. This is again not an anomaly as multiple other countries have either been considering either been considering or have allowed their diaspora communities to vote. For example, Canada and Greece have allowed their expats to wote, while discussions in the UK, New Zealand, India and Nepal are underway to allow the diaspora vote. The PTI was also heavily reliant to the remitter of t on the remittances of expatriates for 'alleviating' the economic woes of the country and also for its own party funds in the 2018 elections. The most recent example was after the party's exit from power, when Imran Khan in a video message requested expatriates to fund the party for the impending election campaign.But what is it about the Pakistani diaspora's involvement in homeland politics which makes it a

appeared that after Imran Khan's government was ousted after a successful no-confidence vote, the Pakistani diaspora had a huge meltdown. Expatriates gathered around the world to protest against the move, espousing the PTI's nar-rative of deeming its exit as a conspiracy spear-headed by the US – sup-ported by alleged "trai-tors" who have dissented against the PTI – in collu-sion with "corrupt" and dynastic "monsters", the PML-N and PPP.

PML-N and PPP.
Not surprising, but this was the most recent example of diaspora failing to understand the internal contradictions which plague Pakistani politics. The diaspora instead augmented the bandwagon of conspiracy bandwagon of conspiracy to make sense of Imran Khan's exit, which far from a conspiracy, was just another episode of a civilian government forming a rift with the emperor. They fail to understand that Imran Khan's ascent to power was favoured by a hybrid compromise, in which a team of electables was assembled for the PTI in the 2018 elections, which helped them marginally have a lead over other parties and form a coalition government. A con-tinued and entrenched control by the unelected in the economy design and foreign affairs of the state was a price paid in return. As the chasm appeared in the hybrid

By Adil Zahoor

model starting from late 2021 – mainly due to disagreement appointments at key positions – the former hand of patronage was pulled back, providing the then opposition the opportunity to mobilize the same electables against him.Imran Khan's governance, just like his populist counterlike his populist counter-parts in the world, was marked by a predominant reliance on rhetoric and a meagre focus on governance with continuous maligning of the opposition parties, a neoliberal economic vision with no clarity, extra-parliamentarism, threats of authoritarian steps to undo the 18th Amendment misor. 18th Amendment, misogynistic and callous state-ments against women and rape victims and intermit-tent use of the religion card to salvage the declining popularity caused due to skyrocketing inflation and debilitating economic condi-tions. The inability of the Pakistani diaspora grasp these nuances of Pakistani politics, its controlled democracy, and or a direct quote. the ceaseless predicament the working classes, and the religious, ethnic and gender minorities, makes it a politically regressive entity. One had hoped that those living in comfortable democracies might have developed some sense of democratic plurality and why democratic and con-

The American question By Faiz Rehman a total reset in their rela-

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ormer prime Khan's sant mention of an American 'conspiracy' to dislodge his

government has caused unease in Washington. But his narrative has caught the imagination of his core support base and resonated with independent voters who have been wary of the historical US role in

Pakistan's internal affairs. America's actions for regime change in Iraq, Libya, Syria, Afghanistan and other countries, and recently President Biden's off-the-cuff remarks of wanting to see President Putin go make it difficult to dismiss Khan's allega-tions that the Americans 'conspired' to throw him out in the wilderness Ambassador Asac Ambassador Asad Majeed's cable did quote a US official using "threat-ening language", as con-firmed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. It's not clear whether the "threat-ening language" was the ambassador's own interambassador's own interpretation of a conversation

The almost immediate thawing of relationship between the two countries after the new government took power and an hourlong telephone conversa-tion between US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari have given more talking points to the former prime minister's propaganda machine.Pakistan and the US don't necessarily need

tionship. Both have a lot to gain from an incremental normalizing of affairs. Russia's Ukraine invasion has consumed much of the oxygen in Western capitals. America needs more friends at this critical junc-America stands to gain from a pro-Western, stable,

and prosperous functional democracy, without inter-ference in its internal affairs. The perception of an overwhelming American influence in Pakistan is a major irritant for many Pakistanis. The US must not demand 'with us or against us' kind of commitment from its allies anymore. China resides in the hearts of Pakistanis for so many reasons. Pakistanis will not com-promise their relationship

with China for a US which increasingly supports arch-rival India despite its not so Western-friendly foreign policy. A pro-Western Pakistan, the fifth largest nation in the world, and serve

good relations with China common interests.Pakistan remains an influential player in Afghanistan and Central Asia. Pakistan serves another important foreign policy contour for the US to check Russian influence in Afghanistan and the former Šoviet states. America is the largest importer of Pakistani goods. Labour costs in India and China are on the rise. US eco-nomic interests are best served with a diversity in its sources of labor and

imports. It should bring up and cultivate Pakistan's workforce (trained in English and Western values) for cheap imports and outsourcing. There are vast opportunities for software imports from Pakistan.
Whatever happened to the Reconstruction

Opportunity Zones (ROZs) in Pakistan launched in 2009? Acknowledging the shenanigans of past histo-ry, the US must enhance its robust engagement with Pakistan by resuming sup-plies of parts for Pakistan's aging military hardware (a reason behind Imran Khan's ill-timed visit to Russia), increasing its engagement with the civil society, and welcoming more Pakistani profession-als and students to its

shores. For Pakistan, making a pivot from its Western alliances to make a state-ment will make matters worse; and the time is not right for this experiment. A long history cannot be undone in so short a time. Critics who give India's example for its 'independent' foreign policy in this regard tend to forget India's history in the Non-Alignment Movement, with Russia and the former Soviet bloc. What India is doing vis-a-vis the Ukraine crisis Pakistan must do the same - respect its own his-tory! Pakistanis have to understand and decide that organically their vital interests lie with the West.

Pakistan is a sovereign Muslim and nuclear

#### The ugly era of hatred can say we have a two-

For those of us who remember, and for those of us who have been told by persons older told by persons older than us, there was a time when politics of ideology existed in Pakistan. In the early days of the PPP, after Zulfikar Ali Bhutto came to power, there was talk of land reforms, of providing basic amenities to the basic amenities to the people and of creating a progressive,

secular state.
In contrast to the PPP, other parties including the JI opposed this agenda. But the debate between the two was healthy and a good way to make voters determine who they wish to cast their vote for. Of course, this politics of ideology has begun to vanish around the world. It is barely visi-ble in the US where the Trump era has brought in what can only be called the dynamics of Donald Trump and his bizarre theories about both the world and his own country. There are those who support those and there are those who support Joe Biden and the Democrats. But ideologically speaking, in terms of economic terms of economic reform or labour rights or rights for the people, there is very little dif-ference between the two. Yet it is astonishing how much people yearn for the difference. The fact that Bernie Sanders, who himself states that he is a socialist, could gain so much popularity in the US is proof of this. Indeed,

there are many who

believe that had Sanders been the Democratic candidate against against instead of Trump instead of Hillary Clinton in the election previous to the most recent one, he could well have won it by taking the seats in key states. The same lack of ideology is visilack of ideology is visi-ble in Britain and in India the ugliest form of Hindu supremacists have taken hold of power destroying the secular, shining India of Nehru, Gandhi and at least some of those who followed.

In our own country, we also see ideology vanishing from politics. It has been replaced by what we can only call a culture of sheer hatred. In speeches, the PML-N too is now resorting to similar tactics as those used and popularized by the PTI, viciously attacking opponents and not raising issues of policy rather than the issues of personality.
Marriyum Aurangzeb's
diatribe attacking the
mysterious Farah
Shehzadi or Farah Gogi was an example. Marriyum in this case sounded no different to the PTI spokespersons we have heard in the

This is unfortunate. Hatred has been injected into our politics and it is difficult to remove this from the blood. The PTI of course continues its own vehement attacks on opponents and sticks to an ideology based on calling others criminals while ignoring their own deeds. As a result, we

party system in the country. There are those who like and would vote once again for Imran Khan and there are those who dislike him and would not do so. The side backing Imran Khan as well as Imran Khan himself terms all those who oppose him traitors, essentially on the basis of the strange 'letter-gate' story that he still sticks to and insists it was an attempt to regime change. We have only rarely seen regime change in the country, most notably when Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was removed from power, and it is right now not in the interest of the US to the interest of the US to create instability in Pakistan. This the PTI apparently does not think about.

In this situation, hatred as its main agenda and hatred also becoming the main agenda of other mainstream parties, we are in a very unfortunate position. At the moment we cannot call the divide that exists in the country polarization. It is more like a civil war. And indeed, there have been predictions that civil war could break out. The attack at Masjid-e-Nabvi, the attack on Qasim Soori at Kohsar Market, and other incidents show that people appear to that people appear to have lost both their common sense and their sense of decency. All political parties should be promoting decency, and simple rational behaviour given the

harm the attack in Saudi Arabia has caused to the nation as a whole and simply because we would surely like to appear before the world as a nation of human beings able to handle affairs with acumen and tact rather than viciousness, vindictiveness and the ugly hatred that can be seen scattered all over social media apps like Twitter. In some cases, it is clear that automated programmes are being used to send out messages directed at a particular person, one at a time. Women TV anchors have often been the target of these attacks. This is perhaps the sorriest state of politics we have ever seen in Pakistan For journalists the era that is now upon us is worse than the times under General Zia. There is again a clear divide with those who are seen as pro-Imran and those seen as anti-Imran. There has been absolutely no talk even in the media of educating people to act in a more civilized manner and no attempt to ask what precisely the politics of a particular group or a particular party is to be in the future. We should be

need to remove hatred so that our youth is not destroyed. This is

who today make up the complicated, confused and non-ideological politics of Pakistan.

Pakistan badly needs an ideology. People need to decide once and for all what kind of state they wish to live in Do asking the PML-N and its long list of allies what they intend to do imum wage or often under it, with only a few to put a staggering economy back on track. employers ready to pay the minimum wage. But these issues do not The answers given so far by Miftah Ismail and come up in a parliament Ishaq Dar have not been convincing But most importantly of all, we which is largely irrele-vant and where instead of acts, ordinances are used to pass bills. This is dangerous and has to

**By Kamila Hyat** 

stitutional dispensations are important for fragile

already happening. The youth, like those every-where in the world, are most vulnerable to cultlike following and behaviour which emu-lates their leaders. We are seeing this happen-ing in Pakistan with Imran virtually behaving like a cult figure rather than a politician. This situation cannot continue indefinitely. If we encourage mobs of young people to act violently, we could have a very dangerous situation in Islamabad when the long march takes place. Already from various towns and cities, there have been reports of clashes between the two sides

ing."
The planet trapping heat at double the rate of they wish to live in. Do they want a state which provides for the needs of the people? This is especially relevant at a time when UN reports talk of rising hunger and food insecurity and warns it could worsen in then hope and pray that it's not too late.

Throughout Earth's histhe future. We must also talk about farmers and their situation as well as those who work on min-

tory drought has been a normal feature of climate change, but that's the past. Droughts are no longer normal features. They are much, much more severe and longer lasting, for example, America's drought in the West is ongoing for 20 years, the worst in 1,200 years, and it's taken Lake Mead water levels down to 1937 when it first started filling

# A planet in peril

he planet is wheezing, coughing and sputtering because of vicious attacks

by worldwide droughts aided and abetted by glob-al warming at only 1.2C above baseline. Some major metropolises are rationing water.
What'll happen at

1.5C?
It's not as if droughts

are not a normal feature of the climate system. They are, but the problem nowadays is highlighted by reports from NASA and NOAA stating that earth is trapping nearly twice as much heat is it did in 2005 described as an "unprecedented increase amid the climate crisis." This trend is described as "quite alarm-

only 17 years ago is off-the-charts bad news and reason enough for the world's leaders to go all-in on global warming pre-

up.
On a worldwide basis, drought's impact on water reservoirs on every conti-Agricultural yields are

Agricultural yields are suffering.
Undoubtedly, the utter failure by the world's political leaders to respect 30-50 years of public warnings by scientists to "get off fossil fuels ASAP" is coming home to roost. When will the general public fight back and throw out climate change

throw out climate change denial politicians along with their motley shrilly charlatans? Along those lines, in an historic judgment, a Belgian court ruled that Belgium's climate failures violate human rights, stat-ing that public authorities

broke promises to tackle the climate issue. 58,000 citizens served as coplaintiffs in the case. To wit: "By not taking all 'necessary measures' to prevent the 'detrimental' effects of climate change, the court said, Belgian authorities had breached the right to life (Article 2) and the right to respect for private and family life (Article 8)."

A major study of soil moisture drought in Europe during the period from 1766 to 2020 led to the conclusion that recent drought events brought the "most intense drought conditions for Europe in 250 years: "We conclude that Europe should pre-pare adaptation and mitigation plans for future events whose intensity may be comparable to the

By Robert Hunziker

previous event, but whose duration (and partly their spatial extent) will be much greater than any event observed in the last 250 years."

An international team, led by the University of Cambridge... found that after a long-term drying trend, European drought conditions since 2015 suddenly intensified, beyond anything in the past two thousand (2,000) years.

Eastern Europe is feel-ing the impact of serious drought. A report from the Atlantic Council in 2021 'emphasized the impacts of drought on Ukraine's grain exports, noting that they had fallen sharply year-on-year during the current season due to smaller harvests caused by severe drought conditions.' When an agricultural power as important as Ukraine suddenly starts producing and exporting much less food, it is a recipe for social dislocation, human suffering, and political unrest, both inside the country and beyond."

According to the European Commission: "A severe drought has been affecting northern Italy and the Po River basin in particular." In Northern Italy, "Most of the reservoirs are below the minimum historical values... stored energy as of March 2022 is 27.5 percent less than the 8-year minimum. Both agricul-tural yield and costs for power are negatively impacted.

#### Restoring trade relations with India laudable, says business leader

President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt on Thursday welcomed the decision of the government to normalise relations with neighbouring India.

Such a move will be in the greater national inter-est as affordable agriculture and other products will be within the reach of Pakistan which will provide some relief to the masses reeling under unprecedented inflation

Shahid Rasheed Butt said that the move, if implemented, will also help the government to reduce inflation while it will also break the back of the influential food mafia skinning masses

since years. He said that Pakistan is facing an acute short-age of wheat while India the best option to is the best option to import cheap wheat to bridge the shortfall. Moreover, the government should discourage hoarding and smuggling to bring the prices down.

Shahid Rasheed Butt said that Pakistan discontinued trade ties with

tinued trade ties with India in 2019 which trig-gered inflation and pro-vided an opportunity for the mafia to make billions overnight but now the situation is changing for good. The business leader said that our ecoening day by day and in such a state, it is not advisable to prefer con-

flict over peace.
Pakistan has allowed
India to send wheat and medicines to Afghanistan through land route and it has also taken some other confidence-building measures and now it's India's turn to recipro-

cate, he demanded.

Peace will also help
both countries save
resources which can be used to tackle economic and other challenges and reduce poverty as peace is the only option for both the nuclear powers.

Mr. Butt lauded the decisions of PM Shahbaz Sharif to reduce.INP

#### Agreement reached to boost Pakistani exports to Canada

ISLAMABAD: The Consulate General of Pakistan in Vancouver and the US-Pakistan International Chamber of Commerce (USPICC)
have agreed to join hands
to boost Pakistani
exports to Canada.

It has also been decided to bring trade organizations of the two countries closer, support net-working, arrange busi-ness to business meet-ings, hold exhibitions festivals improve communica-tions between the busi-ness community of the

The agreement was reached in a meeting between Consul General of Pakistan Vancouver of Pakistan Vancouver
Janbaz Khan and Malik
Sohail Hussain,
Secretary-General,
USPICC.
Ms. Bushra Rehman,
the first President of
Pakistan Western Canada
Trade Association work-

Trade Association working under the patronage of the Consul General of Pakistan in Vancouver was also present at the

on the occasion, Janbaz Khan said that Pakistan enjoys strong bilateral and political relations with Canada. Pakistan exports to Canada, including leather goods, apparel and textiles, increased by 24 percent in 2021 and we are trying our best to

on the other hand, Canadian exports to Pakistan, which include edible oilseeds, pulses, and lumber, increased by six percent in 2021.

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twenty-first largest export partner, with bilateral trade exceeding \$1.8 billion in 2021, he

He said that we are promoting diplomatic, political, and educational engagements while efforts are underway to boost exports of rice, surgical items, sports goods, etc. which will be benefi-cial for Pakistan.

Janbaz Khan informed that a "Biryani Festival" in Vancouver is on the cards which will help promote Pakistani rice in Canada.

He also offered membership of PWCTA to President of United Business Group (UBG) Zubair Tufail and Chief Coordinator UBG Malik Coordinator UBG Malik Sohail Hussain which was accepted. Ms. Bushra Rehman first President of Pakistan Western Canada Trade Association said that she is leaving for the US to attend the USPICC's seminar on New York Export Incentive Program at the invitation of the President of USPICC Sajjad Qamar and will discuss the possibility of signing an MOU between the two organizations

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Malik Sohail said that Chairman of USPICC Siddique Shaikh and President USPICC Saijad Qamar are very interested in strengthening bilateral trade relations and they would launch the Canada Chapter of the chamber soon.

He said that USPICC will cooperate with the Consulate General to open a display centre showcasing Pakistan products which will help

products which will help boost exports. Pakistan is a semi-industrialized, agri-based economy, one of the largest producers of natu-ral commodities, and its labour market is the 10th largest in the world. Agriculture in Pakistan plays a central

Pakistan plays a central role in the economy and it is the largest employment provider, but for the ment provider, but for the last few years agriculture is facing issues, exports are flat and imports are increasing, leading to a rising trade deficit which can be bridged through enhanced exports, said Malik Sohail. INP



KARACHI: Wafaqi Mohtasib (ombudsman) of Pakistan, Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi being briefed about the performance of regional Wafaqi Mohtasib, Karachi by Syed Anwar Hyder, Regional Incharge.

#### Sen. Shibli addresses Pakistan's legal history, law-politics relationship related questions in interview with Danish media

Upper House of the Parliament, Senator Shibli Faraz was inter-viewed by Dr. Ditley Tamm, a professor of legal history associated with My law Story, a digital media platform focusing on diversity, equality and work—life in the field of law, here at the Parliament House on Thursday.

During the interview, the Senator addressed questions related to Pakistan's legal History, the functioning of the legal system and relationship between law and politics in Pakistan Pakistan.

Senator Shibli Faraz said that Pakistan was created on the basis of religion, and under the constitution, all laws must be in conformity to the basic teachings of Islam. He added that Pakistan, in comparison to other Islamic Republics in the world, aims to strike a balance between

a secular state and Islamic State Senator Shibli Faraz reiterated the words of the former Prime Minister Imran Khan and added that this party visualizes Pakistan as a welfare state, and a state where all citizens are held equally accountable, regardless of their economic or religious position. He added that Denmark has set a good example of a welfare state. He also highlighted the several challenges. Pakietan is facing in

lenges Pakistan is facing in achieving this goal. The member of the Upper House, while speaking of for-eign policy, stated that Pakistan seeks friendship, peace and har-mony with all the countries of the world, without compromising its national interest or sover-eignty. "I have always believed in mutually beneficial relation-ship, based on trust and reci-procity" he stated.

Senator Shibli Faraz in his interview also said that the biggest challenge facing Pakistani politics today is the lack of a dynamic and sincere leadership. He was hopeful elections would be held soon, "let the people of Pakistan decide for their future and achieve the aims of a welfare state and support the under privileged class of the society", he statedSenator Shibli Faraz reiterated the words of the former Prime Minister Imran Khan and added that this party visualizes Pakistan as a welfare state and a state where all cities. state, and a state where all citizens are held equally accountable, regardless of their economic or religious position. He added that Denmark has set a

good example of a welfare state. He also highlighted the several challenges Pakistan is facing in achieving this goal. The member of the Upper House. INP

#### ADB always assisted Pakistan in pursuance of reform, development agenda: Dr. Aisha

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Finance and Revenue, Dr. Aisha Ghaus Pasha has said that the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has always assisted in pursuance of reform and development agenda in the country. She was speaking during her meeting with Country Director ADB, Mr. Yong Ye and his team at Finance Division on Thursday. Senior officers of Ministry of Finance were also

present in the meeting. Welcoming the team from ADB, Dr. Alsha Ghaus acknowledged the all-weather and trusted partnership of ADB with Pakistan especially in the areas of energy, education, and fiscal & debt management. She further stated that currently Pakistan is facing various fiscal and monetary challenges but the

incumbent government is keenly working on various structural reform measures to bring back the economy on an inclusive and sustainable growth path. The Country Director ADB briefed the Minister of State on ADB's portfolio and the country strategy. It was shared that ADB is devoted for providing the support for reform agenda of SOEs governance and regulations, women inclusive finance sector development and PPP frameworks. Moreover, ADB indicated the additional support of \$2.5 billion for the next FY, from which \$1.5-2 billion can be available in the ongoing calendar year. In her concluding the economy on an inclusive and dar year. In her concluding remarks, Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Dr. Aisha Ghaus Pasha thanked Mr. Yong Ye and his team for their dedica-

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#### **EPD** organizes two-day international exhibition and conference

LAHORE: The second two-day International Environment Conference and Exhibition organized by Environment Protection Department (EPD) in collaboration with the World Bank concludated in Labora on Thursday.

ed in Lahore on Thursday. Zakia Shahnawaz, former Punjab Minister for Environment, Author of the conference while Rana Mashhood, ex Provincial Minister for Education, attended the concluded session. Mr Chris, World Bank Representative, Experts from various fields, DG EPA, Secretary EPD Syed Mubasher Hussain and other were also present on the occasion.

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The purpose of the conference was to present proposals for overcoming climate change and increasing pollution and to reshape the business model. International and local environmental experts put forward various proposals for promoting sustainable development.

The session was also attended by university professors and research students. Internationally renowned organizations like SGS, Daewoo, Nestle, UNICEF, IDAP, TTI and many others set up stalls in the exhibition.

Secretary Environmental
Protection Syed Mubashir Hussain
briefed the participants on ecofriendly techniques in the industrial and business sectors, also emphasized on various activities

related to climate change.

The participants in the conference also congratulated Secretary Syed Mubashir Hussain and his team on the successful conference.INP

#### Crackdown on hoarders, 13000 bags wheat seized in Hafizabad

HAFIZABAD: Thousands of bags of hoarded wheat valuing millions of rupees were seized in massive crackdown of the district

massive crackdown of the district administration here on Thursday.

Assistant Commissioner Hafizabad, Murad Hussain Naikokara said that the district administration launched crackdowns on wheat hoarders at Jharrianwala and Vanike roads.

He said that during the operation, 13000 hoarded wheat bags worth 80 million rupees were seized. The recovered wheat was

seized. The recovered wheat was handed over to Pakistan Agricultural Storage & Services Corporation (PASSCO) and the godowns were sealed.INP



KARACHI: Large number of people arrived at sea view during hot weather in provincial city.

#### PBF says rupee has declined significantly below its fair value

KARACHI: President, Pakistan Forum (PBF) Mian Usman Zulfiqar said Pakistani currency continuously failed to win support against the US dollar as it surpassed a major barrier of Rs190 against the US dollar for the first time in the inter-bank market mainly owing to political and economic instability

in the country
PBF President said considering the rupee has declined significantly below its fair value; even in the one month rupee depreciated up to Rs 6 which is not good omen for our investors and the economy. "A good budget and its implementation will support economic wellbeing and ease pres-sure on the rupee."

He demanded that free float policy should be

revisited in a very serious way and may take up in the next meet with the IMF and if it's going like this dollar will be touch Rs 200 in the next months because trader and market

forces have manipulated the situation and getting good profits out of this trading but country suf-

ers.
IMF team now wants to meet a Pakistani team in Doha on 18th May – and that too only once Shahbaz Sharif government ends the subsidies on petrol and diesel. But that would add to the government's political challenges - already not mean by any standard.

Earlier, the IMF team was scheduled to arrive in Pakistan on May 10 to conduct the seventh review of the economy under the ongoing loan programme worth \$6 bil-The government claimed that the amount of loan has been enhanced to \$8 billion, while the timeline for completion of the programme has been

extended by one year till September 2023. Pakistan's expanding import-export balance, crippling debt, rupee's alltime low nosedive against the US dollar, sky-rocketing inflation, and shrinking reserves are key areas that necessitate immediate attention.

The people grappling with double-digit inflation, as well as wage and job losses, as macroeconomic indicators decline. All these indica-tors led to stagnation of growth and prospects of prospects of genuine improvement. Confronted with these challenges, PM Shahbaz and his team trav eled across the world to seek financial leverage from the IMF, Arabia, and Unfortunately, no quick help was available.

Govt sources kept claiming that crown prince, Mohammad Bin Salman, has agreed to pro-vide financial leverage of around US \$ 7.4 billion – including rollover of pre-vious support of \$ 3 billion and deferred oil payments.
Another \$ 1-2 billion were
expected from UAE.
During Finance Minister
Miftah's trip to trip it Washington, claimed.INP

#### 10 years of successful banking operations in Pakistan

MMBL celebrates

ISLAMABAD: Mobilink Microfinance Bank Ltd. (MMBL), the largest digital bank in Pakistan, is celebrating 10 years of successful banking operations. With a focus on promoting financial inclusion across the country, MMBL is currently operating with over 100 branches across Pakistan and is serving over 39 million transformers including 15 millions monthly active. customers including 15 million+ monthly active mobile wallets.

Since its inception in 2012, MMBL has continuous ly introduced innovative and customized digital finan-cial products to enhance financial inclusion, especially to uplift entrepreneurs, females, and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) that lack access to financial savings and credit services. MMBL's underpinning strategy for all its operations remains maximiz-ing outreach with low operational costs, ease of access, and diversification of customer base to cover all mar-

ginalized and underserved segments of society. In addition, spreading financial literacy amongst the masses has been at the core of MMBL's business ethos. Through its flagship programs, Women Inspirational Network (WIN) and Humqadam, the Bank has trained over 500 women in various rural areas and on boarded more than 10 differently-abled individuals, empowering them to become financially independent and lead entrepreneurial initiatives of their own. INP

#### Nazim Jokhio Murder: ATC to decide jurisdiction on May 23

KARACHI: An anti-terrorism court on Thursday once again deferred a decision on the jurisdiction of the Nazim Jokhio murder case.

The court has decided to announce the verdict on May 23 after the counsel representing the National Commission for Human Rights Pakistan (NCHR) shared that they have challenged the issue of jurisdic tion before the high court where those concerned have been issued notices for May 20.

The court announced that it would decide if the Nazim Jokhio murder case would be heard by the anti-

terrorism court or not on May 23.

Previously, the names of PPP MNA Jam Kareem Jokhio, his brother MPA Jam Awais Jokhio and six others have been eliminated from the case.

The investigation officer of the case, Siraj Lashari, submitted the challan to the anti-terrorism court. In the challan, Haider, Mairaj and Niaz have been nominated as accused in the case. The judicial magistrate Malir had ordered to include anti-terrorism clauses in the Nazim Jokhio murder case Earlier, in October 2021, the family of Nazim Jokhio claimed that PPP MPA Jam Awais Gohram Jokhio and his men had allegedly tortured Nazim to death as he tried to stop his foreign guests from hunting houbara bustards in the Memon Goth area of Karachi INP

# OUETTA: A view of closed filtration plant during summer hot

days while people facing for drinking problems, needs attention of concern authorities.

#### Love bound with New Delhi at cost of Kashmiri blood not to be allowed: Siraj

LAHORE: Emir Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), Sirajul Haq warned the government against building trade with India and said that the nation will not allow the government to develop love bound with New Delhi at cost of Kashmiri blood and plight of Pakistani farmers.

He expressed these

farmers.

He expressed these views in a meeting with the JI Kissan delegation which called on him at Mansoorah on Thursday.

Led by Shaukat Ali Chaddar (President JI Kissan), the farmers briefed the JI chief about the water shortage issue in Punjab and Sindh, the economic losses which the farmers could incur in case of the resumption of trade with India and other issues related to agriculissues related to agricul-ture. Sirajul Haq demand-ed the government with-draw GST imposed by the former government on agriculture inputs, decrease the prices of fer-tilizers and provide elec-

decrease the prices of ref-tilizers and provide elec-tricity to farmers at prom-ised rate of Rs5.85 per unit. The government, he said, should ensure inter-est-free loans for growers and live-stock farmers. The government, he said, must end riba in light of federal shariah court decision in all sectors. He said that the Pakistani farmers were unable to compete the Indian farmers in prevailing circumstances when they were provided costly seed, water and other agricul-

ture inputs. It was tantamount to destroy the economy.INP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Request for Proposal for selection of Consultancy service invited on Electronic Public Procurement System (EPPS) from well reputed national/International firms (JV) / service provider meeting with eligibility criteria, viz having registration with FBR for Income Tax and BRA and who are on Active Taxpayers List (ATL) having The income has been and been and who are of registration with PEC as a Consulting Engineering Firm having mandatory code 1217, and are not black listed in any procuring agancy or authority for prepration of Hiring of "Consultancy Services from Consulting Firms" Titled as Construction B/T Road from Zero Point to Sand Total 42 Kms (Phase I-20 Km). Lasbela PSDP#258 /Z2020.1075. Bid Security NULL

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KARACHI: A view buses offloading buses at Karachi Port after came from China.

#### IHC stops police from registering blasphemy cases against PTI leadership from this interior minisfacie the cases registered The counsel for Qasim

I S L A M A B A D Islamabad High Cour (IHC) has restrained police from registering blasphemy cases against PTI leadership.

Chief Justice (CJ) IHC
Athar Minallah has
remarked prima facie this
case can not be made, the state should make all the leadership sit together and decide that religion

will not be used as tool. Fawad C h a u d h r y appeared before the court and told the people can murder any one on the basis of these religious

The CJ IHC inquired has government learnt a learnt a lesson from Sialkot incident.

Soori told the court Qasim Soori was also attacked on that day

The court remarked it is responsibility of the state to see these matters. The religion should not be used in politics. The state will do what.

Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Syed Tayyab Shah told the General court " give me time. I get directions.

Fawad Chaudhry told the court I have become surprised over Injustices have been done earlier too. Martial laws were imposed. But no one registered blasphemy cases. No one has any hope ter. I have deep connec-tion with law minister. But I was much surprised

over him Fawad Chaudhry said they have introduced such a custom of which the consequences are disastrous.

The court remarked using religion for person-al motives is itself contempt. This is grave vio-lation of human rights. It is job of the political leadership to promote tolerance in the society. If there is no tolerance in the society then such things will happen. Then it will be wrong. What has occurred was absolutely wrong Prima absolutely wrong. Prima

in Pakistan are not cor-rect. A tragic incident has taken place in Sialkot earlier. Mishal Malik incident also happened.

The court observed Islamabad Police have reported that investigation is underway in respect of four petitions. The case has not been registered. The religious sentiments are praise-worthy. But there is worthy. But there is responsibility of state too. One application was submitted in this court which was rejected. The religion should not be dragged into politics this way. This is fact that the state has done such things on the basis of religion in the

past. These happened or otherwise but the lives of the citizens were put at stake.
Deputy Attorney
General (DAG) told the

court the petition seeking dismissal of the case should have been submitted in the respective court. Faisal Chaudhry advocate counsel for Fawad Chaudhy told the court no government is in place in Punjab at pres-ent. 500 to 700 people were involved in this case. Imran Khan, Sheikh Rashid, Qasim Soori and Shahbaz Gill have been nominated in this case Our stance is very clear that our resignation has been accepted.INP

#### IMF funding to bring financial stability to Pakistan: experts

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani officials' 'positive' meetings with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to seek extension and expansion of the loan facility would help restore and boost investors' confidence in the country's economic policies and ensure financial stability, economic experts said.

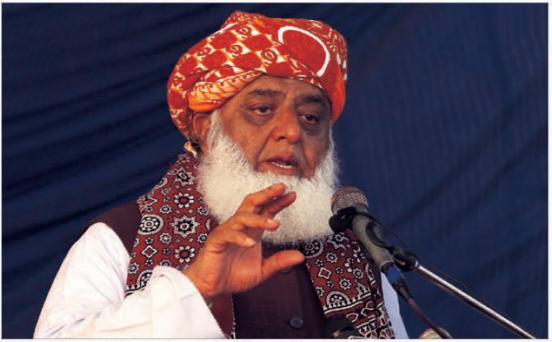
However, some others do believe that to secure the loan facility with extended period and enhanced value, Pakistan will have to withdraw subsidies, which could fuel further inflation and unemployment in

It is worth mentioning here that a Pakistani delegation led by Finance Minister Miftah Ismail held several meetings with the IMF officials in Washington recently. The discussions focused on pathways to complete the seventh review of the IMF programme for Pakistan.

Miftah Ismail laid out his government's priorities and efforts to ensure fiscal discipline while insulating the vulnerable segments from oil price volatility in the international markets.

After the 'successful' meetings for loan agreement under the IMF's Extended Fund Facility and the reports that the lender may increase the size and duration of the programme, Pakistani rupee, which was continuously shedding its value against the US dollar started gaining value in the inter-bank market. The business community also sees these 'positive' meetings as a good sign for Pakistan's depleting for-

eign exchange reserves and the overall economic outlook. When contacted, former finance minister Dr Salman Shah told WealthPK that Pakistan had sought exten-



KARACHI: JUI chief and Molana Fazlu Rehman addressing on meet the press ceremont at KPC.

#### Ch. Shujat, UK High Commissioner discuss issues of mutual interest

LAHORE: British High Commissioner Dr Christian Turner called on Pakistan Muslim League (PML) President and former prime

(PML) President and former prime minister Chaudhry Shujat Hussain at his residence here on Thursday. Federal Minister Chaudhry Salik Hussain, Chaudhry Shafay Hussain, British High Commission representa-tive in Punjab Alex Ballinger, Political Advisor British High Commissioner in Lahore Office Talal Raza and Muntaha Ashraf were also present on the occasion. the occasion.

During the meeting, issues of mutu-

al interest came under discussion.

The British High Commissioner inquired about the well-being of Ch Shujat Hussain and wished him a speedy recovery.INP

#### Youth stabs step-mother to death, accused held

KARACHI: A merciless youth stabbed his step-mother to death over domestic issues while she was saying prayers in Malir Saudabad area of Karachi. Police arrested the culprit with murder weapon. Police said that Uzra gave money to

her step-son Zain to bring birthday cake to celebrate birth anniversary of her younger son. However, the accused instead of purchasing a cake bought a knife and stabbed his step-mother to death while she was busy in saying prayers. However, the accused instead of purchasing a cake bought a knife and stabbed his step-mother to death

while she was busy in saying prayers. The deceased had tie a knot with Kamran, father of the culprit some three months earlier. The body was shifted to hospital for postmortem. Police arrested the accused with murder weapon and after registering a case against him started an investiga-tion.INP

#### Four killed in Lasbela car-coach collision

LASBELA: At least four people including woman and children were killed and three others injured in collision between an over speeding car and a passenger coach here on Thursday.

According to details, a private car-rying a family of Pishin collided headon with a Karachi bound passenger coach coming from Quetta near Jhao Cross in Bela district Lasbela.As a result of accident, four car riders including a woman and two children were killed on the spot while three others injured. As a result of accident, four car riders including a woman and two children were killed on the spot while three others injured.

The bodies and injured were shifted to Civil Hospital Bela through Edhi ambulance where condition of another injured woman was stated to be criti-

#### **Guard of Ladies** Park tortured to death, four held

LAHORE: Three brothers and their friend tortured to death security guard of a Ladies Park for upon refusal to enter the venue. Police arrested all

four culprits. According to details, three brothers and a friend hailing from Green Avenue Society Ferozepur Road Lahore attempted to enter women-

only park. The guard of the park identified as Husnain Akram 55, tried to stop them from entering into the venue after

which they brutally tortured the guard resultantly he expired on the spot. The body was shifted to hospital for postmortem. Police arrested all four culprits including three brothers Irfan, Rehan, Farhan and their friend and after registering a case into the incident investigationThe guard of the park identified as Husnain Akram 55, tried to stop them from entering into the venue after which they brutally tortured the guard resultantly he expired on the spot.INP

#### Services of Gen. Bajwa for elimination of terrorism unforgettable: Parvez Elahi

LAHORE: Speaker Punjab Assembly Chaudhry Parvez Elahi has said that the services which rendered by Pakistan Army under leadership of Chief Of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa for elimination of terrorism and enhancing the prestige of the country and the nation at the international level are unforgettable, as such elements who are running poisonous and baseless cam-paign against Pakistan Army and General Qamar Javed Bajwa are in fact want to destabilize the defence of the country and the nation.

In a statement issued here on Thursday, he said that the army and the Army Chief are not sepand the Army Chief are not sep-arate from each other, when Army Chief is targeted it has negative impact on the entire army, hearts of not only the officers but also the jawans who are performing their duties on the barders are heally burt

the borders are badly hurt. Chaudhry Parvez Elahi said that the PML-N is twisting the

statements of Imran Khan and using these against the Army and the Army Chief, Imran Khan has said categorically in clear words that the army is the sole guarantor for safeguarding and security of the country and the nation, he has even stated to this extent that Pak Army is more important and essential than his person and politics for the country and the nation, it is Nawaz Sharif who has been running campaign against General Qamar Javed Bajwa by naming in the public meetings and media team of Maryam Nawaz is in the forefront in this regard, the nation and the army are fully aware about this track record of N-League against Pak Army. The Speaker Punjab Assembly further stated that creating gulf between the army and the nation has always been the agenda of the anti-state forces, but these agendas has neither been successful been earlier nor it will succeed now and Insha-Allah.INP

#### PTI ready to sit with govt for reforms in **ECP:** Fawad Chaudhry

ISLAMABAD: Former infor-nation minister and PTI leader Fawad held ECP responsible for Fawad Chaudhry Thursday said that they were ready to sit with the government for the formation of a new Election Commission of Pakistan, a day after the party decided to move Supreme Judicial Council for reference against the chief election commissioner.

He said that only reforms are needed in the ECP and they are ready to sit with them for the formation of the new election com-

mission.
"One segment within PML-N considers that the party should look beyond the personalities and immediately hold free and fair elections," he said.

Yesterday while talking to the media in Islamabad outside the that the PTI has decided to file a reference against the CEC Sikandar Sultan Raja and added that Faisal Vawda will move SJC

the current political turmoil in the country and added that former prime minister Imran Khan has lost his trust in the country's supreme electoral body. He asked the CEC to resign

from his office as the country's largest political personality has lost his trust in him. The former information minister said that ECP is incomplete as the members ECP is incomplete as the members from Punjab and KP are not there. "One segment within PML-N considers that the party should look beyond the personalities and immediately hold free and fair elections," he said.

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#### Asif Zardari is digging ditch for PML-N: Shah Mehmood Qureshi

ISLAMABAD: PTI leader Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said Asif Ali Zardari is digging ditch for PML-N.

'Asif Zardari is playing his own game and he is digging ditch for PML-N", he said this while talking to a private TV channel here

Thursday. Nothing has been finalized so far between PPP and MQM on

Sindh matters, he pointed out.

He went on to say the dissident members of PTI changed their loyalty and they stayed in Sindh house for several days. In Punjab

other party clearly", he added.
He observed Chief Election
Commissioner (CEC) acquitted
Yousuf Raza Gillani and on the other side declared his son criminal for corrupt practices.

There is a constitutional crisis

in Punjab. Could Hamza Shahbaz become chief minister of Punjab without the dissident members,

he questioned.

The day this government has come dollar is becoming costlier.

There is recession in stock market, he added. When economy is not strong at present then what will

happen in future.
The solution to the problems facing the country lies only in election, he remarked.

He underlined Bilawal Bhutto has not given time to foreign office so far and he has not said thing about trade ties with India. But on the other way they are talking about trade relations with India.

We are demanding design from India on water matters but India is not providing us the design, he indicated.

What is Bilawal stance on what Israeli forces are doing in Palestine and Bilawal grip on speaking English does not serve the purpose, he underscored. Foreign minister's post is responsible post and it has its principles.

PTI vice chairman said public meeting in Multan will prove suc-cessful and Imran Khan will make an important announcement therein. Online

sion of the programme by one year and enhancement of the loan amount from \$6 billion to \$8 billion. Pakistan, he said, had to accomplish the missed and slipped targets of the IMF immediately and withdraw the subsidies to secure the needed funding.

Dr Salman Shah said that as Pakistan would present its federal budget next month (June) for the fiscal year 2022-23, the government would need to enforce the IMF policies in letter and spirit to secure the loan. The former finance minister said the government needed to curtail imports to bring down the current account deficit. He observed that increase in prices of petroleum products would lead to increase in inflation and unemployment.

Meanwhile, talking to WealthPK,
Iftikhar Ali Malik, President of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation's Chamber of
Commerce and Industry, welcomed Finance Minister Miftah Ismail's meetings with the IMF officials in
Washington. He expressed the hope that agreements with IMF, which is a longstanding development partner of Pakistan, would put a positive impact on Pakistan's economy and restore investors' confidence in the government's economic policies.

Mehar Kashif Younus, former vice-president of Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and chairman of rice exporters' association, said the government should not compromise on harsh conditionalities of IMF, and sign agreements keeping in view of the country's economic interests.INP

#### Forests in Pakistan play crucial role in socio-economic uplift: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has a variety of forests which contribute 0.43% to the gross domestic product (GDP) and keep the environment clean and

healthy.

Chief Conservator from North Punjab Forest Department Shahid Rasheed Awan said while talking to WealthPK that apart from regular forest management and operational machinery, local communities also get sustainable livelihood from forests.

People from local communities are hired to look after and protect forests. The same practice is also followed in Sindh, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces. Sericulture promotion as a cottage industry is another segment of Forest Department of Punjab province. For this purpose, every year, seed is provided to farmers and they are also granted with permit against the minimum amount of Rs200 to pick the maple leaves from forest. "Our sericulture department has specified places in the forests to cultivate hybrid maple trees which bear abundant leaves. These leaves are prowhich bear abundant leaves. These leaves are provided to farmers for silkworms. Honeybee farmers are also allowed to keep their bee hives along with are also allowed to keep their bee hives along with the forest. This trend is mostly found in the areas attached to the forests of Chakwal, Jhelum and Attock in Punjab," Shahid Rasheed said. To prevent deforestation, cutting forest trees in the tourist resort of Murree is banned since 1986. Cutting forest wood is also banned in Changa Manga, Kamalia, and Peerowal since 2014. In other forests too, the Forest Department jurisdictions are protected under different cautions. Work on developing new national parks is in progress in Khairi ing new national parks is in progress in Khairi Murat in Attock, Tilla Jogian in Jhelum, Ara Nature Reserve in Chakwal, and Salt Range near Lillah. Shahid Rasheed said that Pakistan Tourism

Pak furniture exports witnesses 111.59 percent surge

LAHORE: Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC)
Chief Executive Officer
Mian Kashif Ashfaq
Thursday disclosed that
Pakistan's furniture exports registered astro-nomical 111.59 per cent increase during first nine months of the current fiscal year, compared to cor-responding period of the

Talking to a delegation of furniture exporters led by Naveed Mohyuddin of GM Interiors he said now the volume of furniture exports has touched the the volume of furniture exports has touched the figure of Rs 7,141 millions compared to Rs 3375 millions in the same period during last corresponding year. He said furniture industry had big potential to dominate global markets with innovative designs and could significantly contribute to significantly contribute to exports. However, a package of incentives and facilitation was direly needed for further boostneeded for further boost-ing exports, he added. He said if the government extended full support, the volume of furniture exports could touch the figure of \$5 billion for the next five years

He hoped the furniture sector would grow and flourish in the days to come. He said the business community had pinned high hopes on government for firm commitment to providing all facilities to businessmen to enhance the volume of exports. INP

Imran Khan files review petition against SC's ruling for voting on no-confidence

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan filed Thursday a review petition in the Supreme Court (SC) seeking the annulment of the April 7 decision of the Apex Court regarding voting on the no-confidence motion.

The Supreme Court had taken a suo motu notice on April 3 against the scrapping of the no-confidence motion by former National Assembly deputy speaker Qasim

Imran Khan, in his review petition, pleaded with the Apex Court to declare its April 7 decision null and void. "The April 7 ruling has a num-ber of flaws that need to be reconsidered," the peti-

tion reads.
"The Supreme Court on April 7 ordered voting on the no-confidence motion on April 9," it adds.INP

#### dening plants to farmers and other members of local communities. Now, the replication of these projects is carried on for better socio-economic benefits. INP Over 50pc cabinet, PM in London to meet Absconder: Farukh Habib

health hazards.

ISLAMABAD: Country's Prime Minister (PM) is missing, more than half cabinet along with PM is in London to meet court Absconder Nawaz, said Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf

(PTI) central secretary Farukh Habib.
Economic, political chaos, people's problem and inflation are not in their priority list, they only want to execute NRO.

They only wants to end their cases, Farukh continues, FIA told the court that they cannot investigate, Peoples are not on the agenda of 'imported government'. ernment

Bilwal became foreign minister on youth Quota with zero ideological and political insight, he added.

Imran Khan has stabled the economy,

derived country on right direction, worked for people's welfare and Pakistan's respected increased. Shehbaz Shareef's imported govern-

ment do not understand anything, he right now, imported government is only a hue and cry "choon choon ka marab-

Development Corporation (PTDC) and Punjab Forest Department have inked an agreement to promote eco-tourism. According to the agreement, the

PTDC will construct resorts, rest houses, picnic sheds in the forests. They will also be responsible for establishing appropriate infrastructure and board walks to view the flora and fauna. They will also train the forest guides from local communities.

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Talking to WealthPK, Divisional Forest officer for Planning and Development Abdul Haq Sheikh from Sindh Forest Department said properly managed forests bring socio-economic benefits. He said many sustainable projects to support and train the local communities are also planned by the Forest Department on a regular basis.

Recently, Sindh forestry section introduced a few economically and health-wise beneficial plans. Farmers or other community members were provided with training to craft and use the biogas plants.

ed with training to craft and use the biogas plants. As it is a costly project, the government funded 80% of total cost and the remaining 20% was paid

by the beneficiary persons.

Women were provided with the earthen stoves especially designed to avoid the smoke causing

The interesting side is that women were also trained to prepare this type of stoves. Free training to keep honeybees was also provided to farmers and other community members. Sometimes Sindh Forests Department also provides free kitchen gardening alertic to formers and other community members.

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Maryum is expert to speak lie, he continues, Maryam is Panama Queen "Panama Rani", he also invented the fake 'Calibri Font', imported government is conspiring to end EVM and overseas right to vote.

Pakistan's people will Imran Khan two -third majority, he says, thieves will not find a place to hide.

He expressed sorry on Election

He expressed sorry on Election Commission of Pakistan decision and said that ECP's favoritism has been proved and now they should think about country and leave their loyalties. He said the only solution of all prob-

lems is immediate election for get sal-vation from this imported government.Online



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadov called on Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf.

#### PBF says rupee has declined significantly below its fair value

KARACHI: President, Pakistan Businesses Forum (PBF) Mian Usman Zulfiqar said Pakistani currency continuously failed to win support against the US dollar as it surpassed a major barrier of Rs190 against the US dollar for the first time in the inter-bank market main-ly owing to political and economic insta-bility in the country.

PBF President said considering the rupee has declined significantly below its fair value; even in the one month rupee depreciated up to Rs 6 which is not good omen for our investors and the economy. "A good budget and its imple-mentation will support economic well-being and ease pressure on the rupee."

demanded that free float policy should be revisited in a very serious way and may take up in the next meet with the IMF and if it's going like this dollar will be touch Rs 200 in the next months because trader and market forces have manipulated the situation and getting good profits out of this trading but coun-

IMF team now wants to meet a Pakistani team in Doha on 18th May –

and that too only once Shahbaz Sharif government ends the subsidies on petrol and diesel. But that would add to the

government's political challenges already not mean by any standard. Earlier, the IMF team was scheduled to arrive in Pakistan on May 10 to con-duct the seventh review of the economy under the ongoing loan programme worth \$6 billion.

The government claimed that the amount of loan has been enhanced to \$8 billion, while the timeline for comple-

billion, while the timeline for completion of the programme has been extended by one year till September 2023.

Pakistan's expanding import-export balance, crippling debt, rupee's all-time low nosedive against the US dollar, skyrocketing inflation, and shrinking reserves are key areas that necessitate immediate attention.

The people already grappling with double-digit inflation, as well as wage and job losses, as macroeconomic indicators decline.

All these indicators led to stagnation of growth and fewer prospects of gen-uine improvement. INP

#### SHC orders authorities to present Dua Zehra in court

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Thursday issued a written order in the case of the alleged kidnapping and underage marriage of Dua Zehra and ordered the authorities

to present the teen at the next hearing.
According to Express News, a twomember bench headed by Justice
Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro issued the order, instructing Super Superintendent of Police (SSP) East and the station house officer (SHO) Al-falah to present Dua Zahra at the

next hearing.

The court further issued notices to the prosecutor general Sindh and oth-

In the petition, Dua's father, Mehdi Ali Kazmi, had maintained that SSP East, SHO Al-Falah and the investigating officer should be ordered to recover Dua and the investigating officer should be instructed to recover the teen from husband Zaheer Ahmed

It pleaded that Dua should be present in court and that she and her family should be protected. The petition further stated that the teen and Zaheer Ahmed's marriage on April 17 should

The petition states on the record that on April 16, at one o'clock, Mehdi Ali Kazmi's wife informed him that their daughter Dua was missing and a case of her abduction was resistent and appearance. registered against unknown persons at Al-Falah police station. Dua's father maintained that the

investigating officer of the case had still not submitted the challan in the court of the judicial magistrate.

The petitioner further claimed that he found through social media that his daughter was married to Zaheer

It stated that at the time of mar-riage, Dua was 14 years old and according to NADRA records she was

13 years of age. Earlier this week, the SHC issued notices to the Home Department, IG Sindh, SSP Sharqi, SHO Al-Falah Police Station and Dua Zehra's husband Zaheer Ahmed on her father's appeal regarding the teenager's alleged abduction and early marriage.INP

