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Soldiers, children among six martyred in NW suicide attack: ISPR

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RAWALPINDI: Three Pakistani Army soldiers and three children have been martyred in a suicide attack in North Waziristan area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province, the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said

on Sunday.

According to the ISPR, the suicide attack in Miramshah area of the North Waziristan district claimed lives of three soldiers and three innocent children.

The martyred army personnel included Havaldar Zubair Qadir, and soldiers Aziz Asfar and Qasim Maqsood Umar. The martyred children, according to the military's media wing, have been identified as 11-year-old Ahmed Hasan, eight-11-year-old

Samad Shabnam, Syed Ali Shah

year-old Ahsan, and four-year-old Anam.

The ISPR said that intelligence agencies are conducting a probe regarding the suicide attacker and his facilita-tors. On April 15, seven Pakistan Army soldiers were martyred after terrorists ambushed a military convoy near the Afghan border in North Waziristan, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said.

The military's media

Quetta: Poets,

writers, authors

call for promotion of

Pashto language

Poets, writers, authors, and political figures at the three-day Pashto Seminar in Quetta called for the promotion of the Pashto language. The Pashto Academy in Quetta had organized a three-day seminar to discuss the importance, and history of the Pashto language.

Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Balochistan, Muhammad Hashim Ghilzai was the Chief Guest of the inaugural ceremony of the three-day seminar. He spoke about the importance and history of the ancient language in his speech. "Literary figures, poets, and authors' role crucial in the promotion of any language", Mr. Ghilzai said.

He urged the intellectuals, authors and writers to focus on the promotion of education despite their tireless efforts for the promotion of the Pashto language. "Pashto should be declared as an official and educational language."

guage'". Pashto should be declared as an official and educational language", Syed Khair Muhammad Arif, the Chief of the Pashto Academy demanded. He said Pashto was one of the ancient languages around the globe and underlined the need for effective measures to promote the language. Authors, writers, and poets from Quetta, Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa, Afghanistan participated in the three-day seminar, which thoroughly discussed the importance and history of the ancient language. "We all have to work for the promotion of Pashto", Professor Dr. Waqir Ali Shah said. He urged the literary figures to put their heads together and bring out the language of the prevailing crisis. "Culture and history need to be preserved at all costs". During the seminar, various sessions were held to discuss the issues languages across the globe are facing. Questions and answer sessions were also held. "Culture and history need to be preserved at all costs", Abdul Rauf Rafiqi, another speaker said. The speakers demanded of the provincial and federal governments to pay special attention to the promotion of Pashto, Balochi, Sindhi, Saraiki and other languages.

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wing said terrorists ambushed a vehicle of security forces in Isham area of the tribal district on April 14. The troops promptly retaliated by effectively engaging the attackers, it added.

In the ensuing encounter, four terrorists were killed, the ISPR said, adding seven soldiers also embraced martyrdom during the intense exchange of fire. The martyred soldiers have been identi-

fied as Havaldar Tariq Yousaf, Sepoy Suleman Waqas, Sepoy Junaid Ali, Sepoy Ijaz Waqar Hussain, Sepoy Ahmed, Muhammad Sepoy Jawad Ameer, and Arshad Ali. Sepoy

"Pakistan Army is determined to eliminate the menace of terrorism and such sacrifices of our brave soldiers further strengthen our resolve," the ISPR said.INP

FM Bilawal to visit US, China, Switzerland next week

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will visit United States (US), China and Switzerland in the next week

and Switzerland in the next week where he would be meeting his foreign counterparts and would also attend a meeting of the World Economic Forum.

According to sources in the foreign ministry, the foreign minister will visit the United States on May 17 where he would meet US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and attend a meeting on Global Food Security.

Food Security.
"On May 19, he will return from the US and visit China on May 20 for two days," they said adding that the visit was planned at the invita-tion of the Chinese foreign minis-ter. "Bilawal will visit Kangzhu and meet his counterpart." Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, accord-

Davos and attend meeting of World Economic Forum and will also meet multiple foreign ministers at the sidelines of the meeting. "He will return Pakistan on May 25," they said.INP

Rasheed demands **NSC** meeting to elect interim prime mınıster

ISLAMABAD: Former Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed on Sunday demanded to hold the National Security Council meeting to elect an interim prime minister, saying that the politics of 11 parties have failed Addressing a press conference in Faisalabad on Sunday, he said the National Security Committee (NSC) is the country's top body on security issues and includes the three services chiefs among its members besides the prime minister and fed-eral ministers. Sheikh Rasheed said the country's situation had become worst and the economy was being destroyed "because the politics of 11 parties have failed." INP

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Miftah Ismail addressing a press conference. Cholera outbreak: IG FC North Balochistan arrives in Dera Bugti

Faiq Ali Bugti News Desk:

The Inspector-General Frontier Corps (North) Balochistan, Major General, Muhammad Yousaf Majoka arrived in Dera Bugti in the after-math of the outbreak of math of the outbreak of cholera in the Pir Koh area on Sunday. The cholera outbreak has claimed seven lives as per the official statistics.

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free medical camp in Suito make sure provision of timely medical treatment to cholera patients. "People of Dera Bugti would not be left alone in this hour of trial", Major General Muhammad Yousaf Majoka said.

FC established a free medical camp at Sui Dera Bugti

Bugti IG FC Major General Muhammad Yousaf Majoka briefed about the relief operation



He urged the FC and civil administration to double their efforts and double their efforts and improve mutual coordination to address the water scarcity issue in the Pir Koh and other parts of Dera Bugti. The FC Chief was also briefed about the ongoing relief operation and the steps taken by the government for the provision of clean drinking water to the residents of Pir Koh.

Residents of the area were being provided through 26 water chan-nels, the IG FC was told. The water supply scheme at Pir Koh would be com-pleted as early as possipleted as early as possi-ble and for this purpose Rs.300 million have already been released by

ment.

An FC doctor checking a child patient in Sui Dera Bugti

WHO team is already in Dera Bugti to assess the situation The World Health Organization (WHO) team has already arrived in Dera Bugti to arrived in Dera Bugti to arrived in Dera Bugti to assess the situation and probe into the outbreak of cholera. The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has also set up a facility to provide space to the patients and make sure better medical make sure better medical treatment. "FC would work along with local people and overcome this situation", Major General Muhammad Yousaf Major Besidente Majoka said. Residents

of the area thanked the FC for their tireless efforts and timely response in the aftermath of the outbreak of cholera in the Pir Koh

CM Balochistan takes notice of fire in Musakhail forest

Abdul Rehman Musakhail

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Quddus Bizenjo has taken Musakhail forest. The CM has directed the concerned authori-ties to step up efforts to extin-guish the roaring flames of fire. Daily Quetta Voice had report-

ed that an ancient forest caught fire in Balochistan's Musakhail district. This prompted CM Balochistan to take notice of the

directed Commissioner Loralai Division and Secretary Forest to take emergency steps to put off the flames of fire in the ancient for-est. Use all available resources to extinguish flames of fire, the CM

The present government has



determined to protect forests and wildlife in Balochistan since they play an important role in the ecosystem, he mentioned. Mr.
Bizenjo directed the
Commissioner and Secretary
Forest to prepare a report in this

Interior Minister condemns killing of minority people in Peshawar

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior Rana Sana Ullah on Sunday strongly condemned killing of two Pakistanis belonging to Sikh community in Peshawar and sought report from Chief Secretary and IG Police of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in to the incident. He said the KP government has miserably failed to protect minori-ties, said a statement issued here.

Such incidents had already taken in

the province, he added.

The minister said the provincial government and law enforcing agencies should ensure the safety of citizens belonging to the minor-ity community. The killers of Ranjit Singh and Kanwal Singh would be arrested soon as per the directive of the Prime Minister, he added.He expressed condolence with the families of the victims and assured them that the federal government would extend full support to the provincial government in apprehending the culprits.INP

Third case of poliovirus reported in Pakistan from Waziristan

News Desk

The third case of poliovirus was reported from North Waziristan on Sunday. The number of cases of the crippling virus reached three this year in Pakistan A statement from the Ministry of Health confirmed the poliovirus in a one-year minor child in erstwhile FATA.

Local health officials had collected samples of the minor child earlier. The laboratory report confirmed the crippling virus and this was declared the third polio case in Pakistan during the year 2022. Health officials had already



poliovirus from North Waziristan. Pakistan had earlier celebrated a year without any polio cases. However, three cases from the volatile North Waziristan has again sent alarm bells among the parents across Pakistan.

Saba Qamar speaks up about marriage plans

KARACHI: Actor Saba Qamar is one of the most prolific celebri-ties in Pakistan and is popular among fans for her performances

in many projects.
She came as a guest on ARY Digital morning show Good Morning Pakistan, hosted by fel-low celebrity Nida Yasir, and answered questions about her mar-

riage.
The Cheekh star asked the fans should be patient as she would take the name of the person she would

The actor added her wedding will come soon by the grace of Almighty Allah. She said all things that are in her fate would surely

happen. Saba Qamar shied away from the question about her hands being in henna or not. She added the wedding ceremony would be inti-mate in presence of her close ones.INP

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Senator Sarfaraz Bugti of the ruling Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) has claimed that the cholera outbreak has claimed 20 lives including women and children. Mr. Bugti took to the social media network Twitter and demanded of Chief Minister

asked the administra-

tion to take steps to

put off the flames of

fire. Nevertheless, no

response on the part

of the district admin-

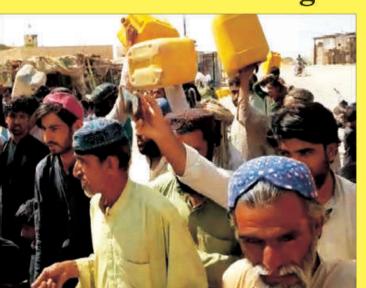
Balochistan, Mir Quddus Bizenjo to take notice of the situation in the Pir Koh.

However, the District Health Officer (DHO) Dera Bugti, Muhammad Azam Bugti contradicted Bugti's claim and said that so far six people including two women and two children have died since the outbreak of cholera.

"12 people had died due to cholera till May 10th", Sarfaraz Bugti told Quetta Voice via telephone from the Baker area of Dera Bugti. The remaining eight people lost their lives un till

Bugti told Quetta Voice via telephone from the Baker area of Dera Bugti. The remaining eight people lost their lives up till now, he explained. Sarfaraz Bugti also provided a list of the people who died because of cholera.

"Situation under control in Dera Bugti", Farah Azeem Shah Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Quddus Bizenjo had approved the release of Rs.300 million to address the water scarcity issue in the district. "The situation is under control now", Farah Azeem Shah, the Spokesperson of the Balochistan government said. She said the government has



taken effective measures to address the water scarcity problem

Hitherto, 2100 patients were admitted to a government-run hospital in the Pir Koh area of Dera Bugti, DHO Azam Bugti informed. The provincial government has already declared an emergency in the area to cope with the situation.

The major reason behind the spread of cholera was using contaminated water. The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGPCI) was providing water to the Pir Koh area.

Limited (OGDCL) was providing water to the Pir Koh area from 12 kilometers away through pipes. Water pipes are three decades old, which was also the main cause behind the spread of cholera, Azam Bugti said.

Pir Koh houses a 35,000 population

Pir Koh, a mountainous village in the resource-rich Dera Bugti district houses 35,000 people. Residents of the area also staged a project demonstration to mount pressure on the government.

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staged a protest demonstration to mount pressure on the government to make sure provision of clean drinking water. "Government has failed to provide water", Muhammad Nabi Bugti, an elder of the area said.

"For last more than 60 years, we are providing gas to the entire country but we have clean water to drink", Mr. Bugti lamented. He demanded of the provincial and federal governments to ensure the provision of clean drinking water to the

QUETTA VOICE Editor Asim Khan Indigenous press of

Balochistan always on oxygen

Indigenous press in Balochistan has always been on oxygen because of the financial crisis. Over the years, the local press has not progressed because of capacity problems and financial issues. Since the province has no industry and factory, therefore, all media outlets are dependent on the provincial government's advertisements.

The Press Information Department (PID) advertisements for the indigenous press of Balochistan are almost nominal.

All eyes of newspapers' owners are focused on the Director General Public Relations (DGPR) office for the payment of salaries of reporters and other support staff. Delayed or no payments have severely affected the operations of the newspapers being published in Balochistan.

National media has also ignored real issues from politics to gover-nance and health to education in their publications. Mainstream media has always portrayed a distorted image of Balochistan when it comes to news bulletins and the publication of newspapers. Although, they also get advertisements from the Balochistan government.

It has almost become common practice that the indigenous press starts knocking doors of the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary Balochistan, and other concerned quarters for the release of funds after every quarter. When a specific budget is allocated for government advertisements and information ministry, then, begging for funds is beyond comprehension.

Newspapers from Balochistan are deprived of advertisements in sisters provinces. Particularly, when it comes to the federal government regarding jobs, the concerned quarters are bound to publish vacancies advertisements in newspapers of Balochistan. So that, the youth of Balochistan could fully participate in tests and interviews.

The newspaper owners also need to improve their content and high-light issues relating to Balochistan to mount pressure on the govern-

ment to make people-friendly policies.

There has to be a strong mechanism in the distribution of advertisements by DGPR and newspapers that highlight issues of the province that should be encouraged and financially supported.

EDITORIAL Monday, May, 16,2022 Global food crisis

A mother in Somalia skips another meal so her children can eat. 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 unprecedented 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 intensify-ing 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 hodiverwhich destroys biodiver-sity 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, comes from Russia and

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 Ukraine in the three 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 furBy Gabriela Bucher

ther. That means investing 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 poor-est 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.

By Dr Farrukh Saleem

A contentious path

Both national and international politics rest on smooth flow of money. Like all other political parties, the PTI is no exception in terms of foreign financial support. Politics in any case is a commercial case is a commercial phenomenon and has very high stakes.

The narrative gen-erated by Imran Khan of international intervention in local politics - is not new. But the PTI regime being ousted was a result of the weakness of its foreign policy and political instability. On the other hand, this narrative has badly damaged the foreign policy propa-gated by Shah gated by Sh Mahmood Qureshi.

Imran as elected prime minister legitimately had a full term of five years, where the government had the authority and supforces, bureaucracy, legislature, courts, legislature, NAB, law enforce-ment - and above all 220 million people of Pakistan. Even if the joint opposition won the majority of the nation, what about the institutions: why did the PTI government lose the confidence of everyone

The answer lies in the wrong administra-

Mujhe Kyun Nikala, Khan himself proclaimed the second version – Mujhe Yun Nikala – with a self-generated excuse and least support from powerful institutions, bureaucracy, and apex courts. Mr Khan has now found himself stranded and helplessly rushing towards the people of this country once again. The same people who during the 3.5 years' tenure of Mr Khan suffered the worst inflation ever in the last 70 years are

with the old setup.

The PTI government should realize the importance of being a true opposimore in power. Uncalled for roadshows and political concerts, which may appeal to some, nei-ther reflect the true stature of a leader, nor change the opinion of the general public, who can be much more forcible within the four walls of a strong parliament.

now ready to gear up

In the absence of substantial evidence supporting the narra2): "O

masters, if I were disposed to stir. Your hearts and minds to mutiny and rage, I should do Brutus wrong and Cassius wrong, Who you all know, are honourable men: I will not do them wrong, I rather choose to wrong the dead, to wrong myself and you, Then I will wrong such honourable men.
"But here's a parchment with the seal of

ment with the seal of Caesar; I found it in his closet, its his will: Let but the Commons hear this testament, which Pardon me I do not mean to read would go and kiss dead Caesar's wounds and dip their napkins in his sacred blood...

Pakistan's politics has seen so many noble Caesars, noble Caesars, Brutus' and Antonys who after taking oath to defend the constitution brutally violated it for reasons best known to them; they always labeled their predecessors for any wrong done to the country. The easiest yet most controversial is when international intervention is provoked in national politics – may it be the legitimate regimes of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Mian Nawaz Sharif or the military takaoyar the military takeover of Gen Ziaul Haq, or the NRO-backed fall of Gen Musharraf. International penetration cannot be ruled

An already weak and threatened Imran

Khan hiding himself behind the veils of international conspiracy could never be the choice of the people. The former prime minister, although under an oath of constitution, made every possible attempt to overthrow it; this was also confirmed by the then attorney general of Pakistan Mr Khalid Javed Khan who admitted in the admitted in the Supreme Court that the ruling of the speaker was unjusti-fied and unconstitutional. Again: forcing the speaker to resign before the start of the voting does not reflect the sportsman spirit of accepting defeat honourably

within parliament. The doctrine of separation of powers visa-vis the check and balance theory of jurisprudence was

By Aamir Aziz Khan

safeguarded by the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan by taking a unanimous view. The judgment may have practical reservations including non-involvement of the armed forces of Pakistan in the political scene and interference of the Supreme Court in the proceedings of parliament but overall it was justified in order to set a precedent as it is necessary for every institution to work within the boundaries set by the constitution of

Pakistan. Whether the government or the scat-tered PTI, let it be reminded to all that Pakistan comes first and the Pakistan armed forces are not only the symbol of state sovereignty but also the source of pre-serving it. No one should be allowed to play with the image of Pakistan's armed forces or to create a rift within them. Pakistan has wit-

nessed such political adventures in the past, which have also created a deadlock of governance resulting in military takeovers It is assumed and hoped that political pundits will not traverse the path of no return, forcing an

intervention.

Financial emergency

x-PM Imran Khan's current political narrative is all about a 'civil war'. PM Shehbaz Sharif's current political narrative is all about 'econom-ics'. The two narra-- that of ex-PM tives Imran Khan and PM Shehbaz Sharif - can-not coexist. One of the two narratives will have to be buried a few feet under the ground Choose your poison bury the narrative of a 'civil war' or bury the economy Ex-PM

Khan's current political narrative rests on two pillars: a totally fabricated 'American conspiracy' and weaponization social media. His political strategy is all about 'delegitimizing institutions state (including the army, the Election Commission Pakistan and the judiundermining ne state s administra tive capacity— and eventually seizing political control. The PTI government has left behind a budgetary deficit approaching Rs5,000 billion-the biggest budget deficit in Pakistan's 75-year economic history. The PTI government has left behind a trade deficit approaching \$50 billion-the biggest budget deficit in Pakistan's 75-year eco-

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In the next six weeks, we need \$4 bil-lion for debt servicing and an equal amount to cover our current account deficit. Saudi Arabia is looking towards the IMF. The UAE is looking towards the IMF. The Development Bank is looking towards the IMF. Yes, the IMF is looking towards Washington. And as the IMF awaits a signal Washington Washington Imran Khan is spreading his manufactured,

weaponized American conspiracy narrative. Red alert: in the next 12 months, our gross external financing requirement stands at \$32 billion. On April 12, Sri Lanka defaulted on its external debt obligations. The Sri Lankan rupee plunged to a historical low. There's shortage of food, shortage of diesel and shortage of saving drugs. seven-nou loadshedding, quotas and petroleum quotas. On May 9, country-wide social unrest turned violent. The same day the prime minister resigned, troops were deployed, a country-wide curfew was imposed and shoot-to-kill orders were given kill orders were given.
Imagine if the
Pakistani rupee were
to plunge to Rs250-to-

a-dollar. Imagine when

diesel will cost Rs250

per liter. Continued political instability
will result in serious
c o n s e q u e n c e s.
Political conflict has
both short and longterm impact on economic activity. A serious episode of political
conflict has both supconflict has both sup-ply-side and demandside contractions that last for a couple of years. Consumption goes down so does the volume of 'services' and manufacturing activity. GDP can drop a full percentage point as a consequence of just one serious political incident-a potential loss of \$30 billion for

Election is not the solution to our problems because the IMF will not deal with an interim government. And without the IMF we are heading straight into a sovereign default – a default fol-lowed by shortage of petrol, diesel, load-shedding and a nose-dive of the ruper. That could result in social unrest - and worse. Do we really want a sover-eign default first and then election? Yes, we still have time to turn the economy around. The 'civil war' narra-tive must first be put to rest followed by cutting subsidies on diesel, reviving the IMF programme. IMF programme, developing a sustain-able debt plan, structural reforms and privatization. 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 Byron

This expression comes to mind when you look at to mind when you look at today's Pakistan and find an entire breed of people who seem to be 'mad, bad, and dangerous to know'. For ease of conversation, 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 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 propaganeducation and propagan-da. The state loves to nurda. The state loves to nurture birds that fly blind, and this flight leads them to mostly wrong destinations. Authoritarianism or pluralism, democracy or dictatorship, humility or hubris, prejudice or tolerance – all are there to crush or groom. The state 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, religiosity and sectarian-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 ideology 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, burgantions 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 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 peronality 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 conspira-cies 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 sec-tors 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 segments of society that pose a lingering threat to the constitution, democracy, financial stability, and overall health of society

these leaders come to power, they try to stack

They develop a mad, bad, and dangerous fol-lowing that targets even a flicker of resistance. Such 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 doing on they and while doing so they inflict even more harm to their country internally and to its standing exter-nally. Their system of thinking is premised upon a desire to dominate; this 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 but the elite in power does not consider them a education and economic opportunities, there is hardly anything that can control this mad, bad, and dangerous to know lot. threat to itself.Amid this chaos emerge authoritari-an personalities who may Democratization does not mean just holding elec-tions; and modernization be from civilian or military backgrounds. They offer precise solutions to imprecise challenges. Such leaders master the is not just reflected in constructing bridges and buildings. What is needed art of grabbing people's attention without disabusis a democratic outlook ing them of their false notions. People tend to overlook their leaders' that is opposed to authoritarianism; and a modern education that is not chauvinistic, conserva-tive and sectarian. The abusive language, their acerbic tongues with brimstone rhetoric. Once

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.

state needs to initiate and

promote a culture of dia-logue in education.

tion, however, is more than just lying. It is a political strategy in a war to take control of public power. Its intended purpose is to create confusion, which leads to rejecting govinstitutions ernment entrusted to deliberate over verifiable facts. There is a significant difference 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 the early 20th century. In response to the

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

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

the facts; instead, they accused scientists of

not wanting to find the

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 won. Then.

Rising current account deficit a serious blow to rupee-dollar exchange rate

ISLAMABAD: The Friends of Economic and Business Reforms (FEBR) on Sunday urged the government to control the freefall of the local currency against the US dollar, as rising current account deficit is a serious blow to the exchange rate while the fear of higher demand of dollars further exacerbated with the information of the SBP that the county SBP that the county would need dollars to

repay loans. FEBR President Kashif Anwar was of the view that State Bank of Pakistan will have to remain vigilant in this regard. Besides this, the SBP and the government

come up with policy reforms to control depre-ciation of rupee which is becoming more and more valueless. He said that it was unfortunate that Pakistan had announced to start its financial transaction with several countries under currency swap agreement some eight years back in 2013 aim-ing at controlling its import bill and balance of payment, but no implementation is seen so far.

Kashif Anwar said that the end of previous fiscal year with rising current account deficit was a serious blow to the exchange rate while the fear of higher demand of dollars further exacerbated with the information of the SBP that the county would need dollars to repay loans.

He said that the high import bill this year was enough to signal the market that demand of dollar was very high. He said that the rising instability in the region has stirred fear within Pakistan that may hurt the normal economic life in the country motivating people to buy dollars. At the same time, exports to Afghanistan have come down.

LCCI former vice pres ident observed that dollar continued to appreciate against the rupee because of the higher current account deficit and burgeoning import bills. Besides.INP

Rainwater harvest vital to improve people's lives in barani areas: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Dryland agriculture is performed on around 12 million hectares (40%) of total cultivable land in Pakistan, totally rely-

ing on rainfall.
Since the governments' primary investments have been in irrigated agriculture, the living conditions of the people dependent on rainfed agriculture have generally been abject.

Explaining about the water storage means in these areas, Ms Saima, a senior scientific officer the National Research Agriculture Centre (NARC) told WealthPK that mostly rainwater in rural and mountainous areas is collected in natural depressions known as 'tobas' and subterranean dug wells known as

She said that since these areas have abundant rainfall, but lack water storage capacities, the government should focus on building water storage capacities to not only address the issue of water shortage in these areas, but also to reduce the risk of flooding in

urban areas. to the According

NARC scientist, because groundwater levels have been declining over time, desertification may become a serious problem. The water recharge can be addressed by building ponds to store rainwater. Furthermore, artificial groundwater recharge can be achieved using a variety of ways, including rainwater collection at the household level in urban areas, creating ponds in parks and farms, clogging flood drains, and even divert-ing river flows. The rainwater harvesting and collection should be the focus of the authori-

ties, she stressed. The NARC scientist said that water collec-tion infrastructure can range from simple rain buckets to more complex constructions with pumps, tanks and puri-fying systems. "Non-potable water can be used to irrigate gardens and crops in barani areas, as well as be filtered for human consumption."Pakistan is currently classified as a water-scarce country, with annual water availability of less than 1,000 cubic megame-

ters, according to the NARC official. She said by 2025, if the water availability reaches 500 cubic meters, Pakistan will be a country with restricted water resources

According to the akistan Council of Pakistan Research on Water Resources, Pakistan is deemed to have crossed the "water scarcity line"

"If the issue is not resolved on an urgent basis, it can have a significant geopolitical, economic and ecologi-cal impact on the country," said the scientist.
"Extra water can be

stored in specially-designed dams, reservoirs, and underground tanks during severe rainfalls, such as those seen during the monsoon, when rivers and canals overflow. This would not only prevent flooding in urban areas, but would also save water for use in times of emergency.

"In order to spearhead rainwater harvesting projects, the government will need to financial spending," stressed.INP



KARACHI:Members of Fixit hold a protest against shortage of water outside press club in Provincial Capital.

Pakistan needs precision farming to address agriculture sector woes: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Amid depleting water resources, sharply rising population and impact of cli-

ing population and impact of climate change, Pakistan needs to adopt precision agriculture to increase the crop yield and tackle the problem of food security by monitoring, accessing, and analyzing agricultural land more efficiently, WealthPK reported. Pakistan's agriculture sector is the backbone of the economy, which contributes 19% to the gross domestic product (GDP) and employs 36% of the labor force. Due to fast-paced industrialization, water shortage, climate change, and outdated farming practices, this sector is under ing practices, this sector is under serious threat. Agriculture production has been on decline over the years. Along with this, the rapid growth of the Pakistani population has resulted in a dramatic rise in food consumption. In order to keep up with the ever-growing demand for agri-cultural products, precision

farming has been introduced in Pakistan to boost production and efficiency through advanced technologies.Precision agricul-ture is a farming management approach that uses information and technology to simplify, opti-mize, and boost productivity on farms. Precision agriculture reduces the consumption of agri-cultural inputs, such as water, fertilizers, and pesticides, thereby reducing the environmental footprint and costs associated with agricultural production. As a result, technology reduces the amount of physical labor needed and enhances productivity, resulting in increased profitabil-ity for farming. Moreover, adopting precision farming helps to use a precise number of inputs such as pesticides and fertilizers, and other chemicals that result in less pollution in the environ-ment and groundwater. Precision farming has four major components including the

Global Positioning System (GPS), Geographical Information System (GIS), Sensors, and Remote Sensing GPS enables farmers to identify field information, such as soil type, pest occurrence, weed invasion, etc., based on a precise location. GIS surveys are used to determine field variability, ensure optimal use of inputs and maximize the output from a farm. While talking to WealthPK, Humaira Rana, Assistant General Manager of Crop2X, a Karachi-based company that provides services in precision farming, said, precision farming, said, "Adoption of precision farming is very important for Pakistan's agriculture sector as per acre yield and its contribution to GDP has declined."She added that Crop2X was providing services across Pakistan to help the farmers use modern precision farming techniques to boost the crops yield by precise.INP

PTI seeks special security for Imran Khan at nationwide airports (PTI) Chief Imran Khan on

ISLAMABAD Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) has sought security protocol for former prime minister Imran Khan citng threats to his life from Civil

Aviation Authority (CAA).
According to sources privy to
the matter, the PTI Chairman
secretariat has written a letter to the aviation authority and sought

the aviation authority and sought protocol for the former prime minister at Islamabad airport.

"The letter highlighted the security threats faced by Imran Khan," they said adding that the PTI has also sought permission for the use of the China gate at the Islamabad airport.

The Airport Security Force (ASF), according to sources, has

(ASF), according to sources, has also been asked to provide security to the ex-premier.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Saturday said that a conspiracy is being hatched to kill him and that he has recorded a video statement which will be released if he is murdered so that the nation knows the conspirators.

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know the names, the real faces (of its enemies)," said Imran PTI chief said that the video

he has recorded is in a safe place. The PTI chief said that he has recorded a video statement detailing everything, revealing every name behind the conspiracy to oust him and now kill him, and it will be released if he is murdered during this movement. Imran Khan was of the view

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PM congratulates Sheikh Mohamed on election as new **UAE President**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has congratulated Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan on his election as new President of the United Arab Emirates.

In a tweet, he extended best wishes to him and looked forward to working together to further strengthen multifaceted partner-

The Prime Minister said that Pakistan-UAE fraternal ties are destined to scale new heights. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al

Nahyan was unanimously elected by the Federal Supreme Council becoming the ruler of the oil-rich country founded by his father in 1971.1NP

Aamir Liaquat announces to leave Pakistan

LAHORE: Former Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and Member National Assembly Aamir Liaquat Hussain on Saturday announced to leave Pakistan for good.

In a message on social media networking site Twitter, Aamir Liaquat stated that after a while will release my last statement regarding the filthy fiasco from the land of Pakistan and then leave

Mills refuse to sell sugar at Rs70 per kg

LAHORE: Sugar Mills Association has refused to sell sugar at Rs70 per kilogram. According to details, mills and Punjab government failed to reach an agreement over price of the commodity and the association has presented a counter proposal to the

The mills have said that country has two million tons of sugar is surplus and asked government to allow them to export 1.5 million tons of the commodity which can earn country about one billion

earn country about one billion rupees in foreign exchange.
Earlier, Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz on Saturday directed all sugar mills to sell sugar at Rs70 per kg.
The Punjab CM's team held talks with the Sugar Mills Association in which reduction of prices was discussed to provide

prices was discussed to provide relief to the people.

The Sugar Mills Association was given 24 hours to make a final

decision. INP



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister of Religious Affairs Asad Mehmood press the baton to inauguration of Haj Raffle (Quraa Andazi) after the press conference along with Federal Minister for Housing Maulana Abdul Wasay in Federal Capital.

Dua Zehra blames Sindh, Punjab police for harassing her

KARACHI: Dua Zehra, who claimed to have married Zaheer Ahmed after being reported missing from Karachi, on Sunday shared a threat to her life and said that Sindh and Punjab police are harassing her.

In a statement, she said that the Sindh police wanted to abduct her and shift her to Karachi where her life could be in danger over marrying out of her own

"I had informed my parents through a letter regarding the motive behind leaving home and where I was travelling to," she said and added that her parents told lies regarding the matter from day one.

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Zaneer Alimed out of her own free will and if anything happened to her then her parents, Sindh and Punjab police would be responsible for it. "I request everyone to let us live in peace," she said. It is pertinent to mention here that the Sindh High Court (SHC) has directed SSP of District East and SHO Al-Falah Police Station to produce Dua Zehra in

Police Station to produce Dua Zehra in court in the next hearing. A two-member bench of SHC headed by Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro heard Dua's father petition seeking the recovery of teenage girl, who had gone missing from her Karachi home and later surfaced in Punjab.

The court also directed the respon-

dents as well as the prosecutor general Sindh to file comments till May 19. Her father in his petition had pleaded to the court to issue orders to the SSP East, SHO Alfalah police station and the investigation officer of the case for recovery of Dua Zehra. Dua Zehra said that she has married Zaheer Ahmed out of her own free will and if anything hap-pened to her then her parents, Sindh and Punjab police would be responsible for it. "I request everyone to let us live in peace," she said. It is pertinent to men-tion here that the Sindh High Court (SHC) has directed SSP of District East and SHO Al-Falah Police Station to produce Dua Zehra in court in the next hearing.A two-member bench of SHC headed by Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro heard Dua's father petition seeking the recovery of teenage girl, who had gone missing. INP

PM Shehbaz Sharif decides to consult allies on tough economic decisions

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has decided to call a meeting of coalition parties in the feder-al government to decide on tough measures needed to bring economy out of cri-

According to sources privy to the mat-ter, the meeting of the coalition parties is likely to be held on Monday or Tuesday where participants will be taken onboard with regard to decisions made by PML-

N leadership in London. The prime minister will return to Pakistan after his London and UAE visits today where he would hold consulta-

tions on the economic situation.
They said that the PML-N wanted to take allies into confidence over decisions regarding the dissolution of assemblies or tough economic measures. "Maryam Nawaz and some PML-N leaders still want immediate elections,"

The sources added that there is a suggestion to call National Security Committee (NSC) to take major stakeholders in the country into confidence

over economic woes. A report previously stated that the PML-N has not yet decided on a future political roadmap even after two days of consultation between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif along with cabinet members and party supremo Nawaz Sharif in

The top party leaders discussed overall economic and political issues faced by the country during two days of con-sultations, however, the meeting failed to reach a consensus over economic reforms and elections," they said adding, that even Nawaz Sharif had to postpone his press conference announced to share decisions taken by

It emerged that Nawaz Sharif group within PML-N is determined to go for elections after budget while those sup-porting PM Shehbaz Sharif want elections in October or November after electoral reforms.

Even no consensus could be developed between Ishaq Dar and Finance Minister Miftah Ismail over an economic package. "Ishaq Dar wanted to return to Pakistan immediately, however, Nawaz Sharif has refrained him from doing so." the sources having knowledge. doing so," the sources having knowledge of discussions in the PML-N meeting shared.INP

Street criminal killed in alleged Karachi police encounter

KARACHI: Police on Sunday claimed to have shot dead a street criminal in Karachi's Gulshan-e-Iqbal

As per SSP Gul Rahim Sheerazi, the police party met fleeing after street snatching mobile and cash from the

During the exchange of fire, a terrorist was shot dead, while his accomplice was arrested by the police. The terrorists are residents of the Bajaur tribal district, the SSP said and added weapons from the custody. Further investigation was underway. Street crimes in

Karachi have recorded a rise in the recent past and the police are taking action against the outlaws Last month, in a step towards controlling street

crimes in the city, the Sindh government decided to launch a decisive and result-oriented targeted operation against street criminals in Karachi. The decision was taken in a special meeting on the

aw and order situation in Karachi with Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in the chair. CM Murad has directed Police and Rangers to launch a targeted operation in all districts of the

metropolis. Last month, in a step towards controlling street crimes in the city, the Sindh government decided to launch a decisive and result-oriented targeted operation

against street criminals in Karachi. The decision was taken in a special meeting on the law and order situation in Karachi with Sindh Chief Minister Sved Murad Ali Shah in the chair. INP

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QUETTA: Relatives of Missing persons hold a protest in favor of their demands outside press club in Provincial Capital.

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enhanced, and a few managers have been trained in

operational efficiency and productivity, which keeps the scalability of operations at a low growth

In this regard, Zahid Hussain said that the labor cost of Pakistan is almost one-fourth of that of China, which can be a big incentive for Chinese

China is shifting its "sunset" industries, includ-ing footwear, clothing and toy manufacturing to other countries, and Pakistan is one of its most suit-

Since 2018, the total import volume of China's

footwear products has continued to rise. By 2021,

the total import volume of footwear products has reached \$6.126 billion, marking an increase of 10.1% over the same period last year. The chairman believes Pakistan is likely to start exports to China

Pakistan has some world-class export companies,

but most of them are small and medium-sized. The government has recognized the huge potential of

the footwear industry and took many steps to reduce the customs duties on more footwear mate-

Growth in the footwear industry will also be achieved by selling manufacturing capacity to international brands. The chairman concluded that, "the establishment of international brands is not yet

possible and will only happen once a brand is superior in its home country. Webelieve that with more

investment, more 'shoemaking in Pakistan' will be

achieved and we can continue to open up the international market. "INP

Skilled workers make hydro projects successful: Report

ISLAMABAD: Skilled workers have a major role in making mega hydro projects successful, says a report published by Gwadar Pro on Sunday.

"Integrity, dignity and competence reign supreme. I am fortunate to have good people around me," said outgoing WAPDA Chairman Lt Gen Muzammil Hussain (Retd) during his farewell visits to four underconstruction signature projects of WAPDA.

Hussain appreciated the dedication and "execution skills" of WAPDA staff, Chinese and Pakistani consultants, contractors and district administration by making these projects success stories.

The four mega projects include Dasu Hydropower Project, Mohmand Dam Project, Diamer-Basha Dam and Tarbela 5th Extension. China Gezhouba Group Company (CGGC) in JV is constructing Dasu HPP and Mohmand HPP while Power China is involved in the construction of Diamer-Basha Dam.

Muzammil Hussain appreciated the commitment and dedication of the projects' management in carrying these projects forward. Mr. Hussain was accompanied by the newly posted chairman Naveed Asghar Chaudhy.

They held meetings with different stakeholders of the projects including Chinese officials, engineers

CGCC officials also presented shields to Mr. Hussain and Mr. Chaudhry during their visit to Dasu

Power Project.
Currently, WAPDA is taking ahead the construction of 10 mega projects at a good pace. These projects, which are scheduled to be completed from 2022 to 2029, will ensure water, food and energy security of



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, Shazia Marri visits UAE Consulate to offer condolences on the passing of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al

Rana Sanaullah offers inquiry into purported plot to assassinate Imran

LONDON: Giving his reaction over PTI Chairman Imran Khan's Saturday statement regarding threat to his life, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah offered him that government is ready to hold an inquiry into the 'plot' to end former prime minister's life if he has some evidence or statement to share in this regard. this regard.

Talking to media in London, the interior minister said that the government might take Imran Khan's statement as First Information Report and would hold an inquiry into the alleged plot to assassinate him. He vowed to appoint an honest investigation officer who would conduct the probe into the alleged conspiracy.

He, however, regarded Imran's claim another bluff saying the govern-ment was very much eager to go into details of this alleged 'conspiracy' to ascertain whether the threat to his life was real or it was another fraud on his

part.
Rana Sana said that though Imran Khan was former prime minister but he was being given security of a sitting

"If there is threat to his life, Imran should bring it into knowledge of government and show the purported video. Everything will become clear and transparent after that," Rana Sana

In his address to a public rally in Sialkot on Saturday, PTI Chief Imran Khan claimed a conspiracy to murder him had been planned and he had recorded a video to expose the characters involved in it.

The former premier said he had saved his recorded video on the conspiracy in a secure place and this video would surface in case he was assassinated, adding that he had mentioned all the names of the people behind this conspiracy in the recorded video.

The PTI chairman said he was not doing politics but Jehad as he was fighting for Almighty Allah. He said revolution was around the corner adding that he had no fear of death. INP

Sehwan: Four people killed in collision between two coaches

SEHWAN: At least four people were killed and more than 20 were injured in a collision between two passenger coaches in Sehwan Sharif

on Sunday. As per details, two coaches col-lided near Amri, Sehwan Sharif, resulting in the death of four people and severe wounds to more than three dozens

The ill-fated coaches were going to Larkana from Karachi and vice versa. The bodies and the injured have been moved to a nearby med-

ical facility by the rescue teams. In a separate road crash, at least 15 people among women were killed and six others injured when a passenger van collided with a truck on the Indus Highway near Manjhand town of Jamshoro dis-

The ill-fated van was travelling from Dadu to Sialkot while the truck was coming from Sehwan.

Rescue teams reached the spot after being informed and shifted the dead to Civil Hospital Hyderabad.

dead by gunmen in Peshawar

unidentified attackers riding a motor-cycle targeted the Sikhs who ran a spices shop in the Sarband area of Peshawar and made their escape good.

hunt for the gunmen.

The police also shifted the bodies of the two Sikhs to a nearby hospital.INP

The condition of some injured is said to be critical, according to hos-

Two Sikhs shot

PEHAWAR: Two members of the Sikh community were murdered in a firing incident in Peshawar on Sunday. The police informed the media that

A heavy contingent of the police cordoned off the area and launched a

PM strongly condemns suicide blast in North Waziristan

ISLAMABAD: Prime ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif Sunday strongly condemned the suicide blast in Miranshah, North Waziristan in which six persons including three security personnel embraced martyrdom.

The Prime Minister expressed his deep grief and sorrow over

his deep grief and sorrow over the loss of precious lives and conveyed his sympathies to the bereaved families. He also prayed for the high ranks of the departed souls and for the bereaved families to bear

the losses with equanimity, the Media Wing of PM Office said in a press release.

The Prime Minister paid tributes to the sacrifices of Lance Hawaldar Zubair Qadir, Sepoy Aziz Asghar and Sepoy Qasim Maqsood. He said that the entire nation felt pride over the supreme sacrifices of the armed forces of Pakistan which had always been a golden chapter in national history.

Such a display of valor and sacrifices had always remained a glowing principle of the armed forces of Pakistan which

were kept alive by the martyrs, he added.

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He said that they would not rest till the facilitators and culprits behind this heinous act were brought to justice. Such a display of valor and sacrifices had always remained a glowing principle of the armed forces of Pakistan which were kept alive by the martyrs, he added.

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China to help set up pest management centre in Pakistan: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and via research." hina have agreed to execute a Memorandum of Understanding on disease and pest manage-ment to help enhance Pakistan's agriculture production and exports under the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic

of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).
Talking to WealthPK, Adnan Khan, a CPEC Authority official, said that the understanding came at a recent online meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Agriculture.
"The JWG fine-tuned the details of establishing a plant pest management centre in Pakistan."

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The official said that the focus of the discussions was on establishing agricultural development priorities. "Discussions centered on expanding agricultural mechanisation, growth of agri-value chain, corporate farming, and capacity building

Adnan Khan said that China's

emergency support was urgent-ly needed since Pakistan was facing the desert locust.

Under its second phase, the CPEC is transforming into a "Green Corridor" as it exploits the development potential of Pakistan's agriculture sector.

The second phase of the multi-billion-dollar project entails the phased execution of a wide range of projects, includ-ing short, medium, and long-term. The second phase is also focused on industrialisation, agricultural modernisation, agricultural modernisation, information technology, and scientific and technological collaboration. The ministry of national food security and research is already working on project ideas in these areas with its equivalent in Beijing. The first phase of the CPEC created an enabling environment.INP

PBF proposes agriculture measures to CM Punjab to revive agro economy

LAHORE: Pakistan Businesses Forum (PBF) says Pakistan's agri-culture sector plays a central role in the economy absorbing 42.3 percent of the labour force and to

revive agro economy we need to provide tangible solutions.

Briefing to media, The PBF Vice President, Ahmad Jawad said by eliminating hunger and malnutrition through agriculture growth and diversification we could act as a catalyst towards attaining food security. We will also be able to build a vibrant farmer community through mobilization of maximum capacity of the Agriculture Department and the achievement of sustainable development goals.

Jawad further said despite agriculture devolves to provinces but still major areas of intervention of the agriculture sector is under federal government who could provide immediate relief to the farmers of Punjab; but some measures could be implemented under the

during hot weather in the Federal Capital.

ambient of the new Punjab gov-ernment on the account of relief to the farming community of the Punjab which may also be allocated in the coming provincial budget. In this regard the PBF proposes following measures before Chief Minister Punjab Hamza Shehbaz

1. Previous Green tractors scheme of the former Chief Minister Shehbaz Sharif may revived through Bank of Punjab (BOP); but it may linked with the combination of (revenue department+Nadra+Agri department) to facilitate farmers on every issue regarding crops, land record and others). No extra cost is to be inserted in this facility.INP

crop area. 2. Subsidy on agriculture credit to the farmers of Punjab may be given through BOP (in which Punjab govt may absorb the certain share of the KIBOR) 3. Introduce one window facility at Tehsil level with the

ISLAMABAD:A man cool off themselves under the water alongside Margalla Road

Pakistan with cumulative gross water storage capacity of 11.7 million acre feet (MAF) and installed hydel power generation capacity of 11369 megawatts; sufficient to irrigate 3.5 million acres of land and provide 44.7 billion units of green and cheap electricity on the average every year.

"We were mindful of the fact that WAPDA must stand up to tackle these challenges. WAPDA not only completed as many as four long-stranded projects but also had been able to initiate 10 mega projects by removing the bottlenecks," he said.

WAPDA officials also inaugurated the newly-constructed office building of the project at Mohmand Dam. CGGC in JV is constructing Mohmand Dam across River Swat in District Mohmand of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) with gross water storage capacity of 1.2 MAF and power generation capacity of 800 MW. The project will be completed in 2026.

Similarly, CGGC is involved in Dasu Hydropower Project Stage-I which is being executed across River Indus in District Upper Kohistan of KP with installed power generation capacity of 2160 MW. The project will commence power generation in 2026.

Power-China and FOW are the constructors of Diamer Basha Dam being constructed across River Indus 40-Km downstream Chilas Town of Gilgit Baltistan with gross water storage capacity of 8.1 MAF and installed power generation capacity of 4500 MW. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2029.

Tarbela 5th Extension Hydropower Project is being constructed on the 5th Tunnel of Tarbela Dam located in District Haripur of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with installed generation capacity of 1530 MW. Electricity generation from the project will start in 2024 INP

Pakistan's footwear exports witnessed an increase of 21.16 pc

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's footwear exports witnessed an increase of 21.16 pc during the first ten months of financial year (2021-22) as compared

with the exports of the corresponding period of last year, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday.

"Since 2018, the output value of Pakistan's footwear industry has developed rapidly and the export momentum keeps going.

To seize this golden opportunity, more investment is required to flow into shoe factories to increase capacity and contribute to the country's exports," said Pakistan Footwear Manufacturers Association (PFMA) Chairman Zahid Hussain.

Pakistan exported footwear worth US \$130 million during July-April (2021-22) against the exports of \$107 million during July-April (2020-21), showing a growth of 21.16 percent, according to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). The chairman underlined that imports of shoes

had dropped by an average of 16.2 million pairs per annum over the past three years, and that the decline had been covered by an increase in domestic production.
"Existing companies are improving the operation

capacity, and new companies are pouring into the footwear industry, creating a bright future for the industry. Pakistan's footwear industry is in a position to expand its exports to \$1 billion by 2027," he introduced. However, challenges still remain. The availabili-

ty of many materials, including quality moulds for sole, synthetic materials for upper and quality trims and buckles, is dependent on import.

The skills of middle managers are in need to be

Badar Shahbaz

appointed as Focal Person to CM Punjab

LAHORE: Badar Shahbaz Social appointed as Social Media Focal Person to Chief Minister of Punjab Hamza Shahlbaz Sharif. Badar shall look after social media affairs of the Chief Executive of the most populous province

of Pakistan.

Taking it to twitter,
Badar said, "I'm honored
to be named as Chief
Minister of Punjab
Hamza Shahbaz's Social Hamza Shahbaz's Social Media Focal Person. I owe him my gratitude for believing in me and giving me the chance to restructure the social media platform, which had reached new lows under the previous administration."

The newly appointed focal persons said, "The operations of social media will be redesigned to be more contemporary and my top aim will be to combat misinformation and ensure freedom of speech on online plat-

He further said that the office will serve as a link between the Chief Minister's office and the general public. We'll use digital media to make the servels's voices heard the people's voices heard, as popular opinion is the foundation of a democrat-

ic system, he added. He went on to say, "The online monitoring system for complaints and inquiries about various topics will be established as soon as possible."

Badar was also thank-

ful to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for mentoring him throughout this journey.INP

People witnessing unspeakable atrocities by Indian troops in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD: Indian brutalities are at its peak in illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir as the people in the territory are witnessing unspeak-able atrocities at the

hands of Indian troops.

Killings, arrests and torture are widespread in IIOJK and besides killing the Kashmiris, the Indian troops are destroying their properties and demolishing their homes in the occupied territory, said a report released by the KMS, Sunday.

It deplored that the

Indian atrocities against the Kashmiris had increased manifold since Aug 5, 2019 when the Modi-led fascist Indian government repealed Kashmiris' special status and imposed military siege in the territory.INP

Govt orders fool-proof security for PTI dissident Noor Alam

able destinations.

rials from China.

PESHAWAR: Taking notice of the attack on the house of PTI dissident MNA Noor Alam Khan, the interior minister has asked the authorities to provide the politician from Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa fool-proof security.
Rana Sanaullah on Sunday took
notice of the assault by some ruffians on the house of MNA Noor
Alam and directed the secretary
interior to provide fool-proof security to dissident PTI member and his
family.

He asked the secretary to contact the KP IG police and CCPO asking them to take measures to provide security to Mr Alam and his family. He warned PTI Chief Imran Khan

to refrain from the folly of making political rivalry into personal feud and breaching the sanctity and secu-

rity of home.
"I warn Imran and his goons to

abstain from taking law into their hands. Noor Alam is not alone. The law and we all stand by him," he

Rana Sana deplored that the man (Imran) who was demanding free-dom in all other three provinces was indulging in lawlessness himself in the PTI-run KP province.He asked

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HYDERABAD: Workers of Asgharia Students Organization shouting slogans against Israel and America during a protest rally against Israel and America on the day of established Israel government in Palestine.

Foreign exchange reserves dipped by \$6b in two months: Asad Umar

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Asad Umar has said that since no-confidence motion the foreign exchange reserves of the State Bank of Pakistan have dipped by more than \$6b.

Asad Umar, while addressing a press conference along with PTI leaders in Islamabad, said that the depleting reserves are putting the rupee under pressure which lost Rs15 against the dollar.

Asad Umar said that the country had bumper output of four major crops last year, the industry grew by 10 opercent and the exports increased

by 26percent and the exports increased by 26percent.

He credited the PTI's policies for these bumper crops, adding at the time when food prices are rising all over the world, former PM Khan's "farmer-friendly policies" resulted in record output of four major crops.

Umar also credited Khan for 26per-cent growth in the country's export

cent growth in the country's export last year and said that former premier focused more on exports more than any other prime minister and made them a central part of his economic Umar said during the last year of the PTI government, the production of electricity increased by ten per-

"But since the [current] govern-ment came into power, worst load shedding started in the country," said Outlining the previous government's achievements, Umar said the economy was improving before a "foreign-sponsored no-confidence"

motion was moved in the Parliament. He blamed the current government

for high inflation, which Umar claimed, was highest in 11 years. He also reminded Finance Minister Miftah Ismail of his criticism when the previous government hiked the

"Mittah [Ismail], you said who could afford Rs137 per litre petrol and that the PDM wouldn't allow the [PTI] government to increase even a single rupee on petrol."Just remember this statement when you hike the petrol prices, said Umar.INP

Miseries of families continue unabated in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD: As the world is observing the International Day of Families, today, the miseries and victimization of the Kashmiri families at the hands of Indian troops and police personnel continue unabated in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and

According to a report released by he Research Section of the Kashmir Media Service on the occasion of the International Day of Families, today, Jammu and Kashmir, being the most militarized zone in the world, has witnessed killings, enforced disappearances, torture cases, rapes and other brutalities by the Indian forces over the three decades. More than 8,000 vanished only in the custody after they were arrested by the Indian troops, police and paramilitary forces during cordon and search operations and house raids since 1990. The report revealed that thousands

of families of victims of enforced disappearances have been working tire-lessly to trace their missing ones. Also the families of those the disappeared people suffer economically

because in most cases, the breadwinner of the family is targeted.

The report said that over a dozen

The report said that over a dozen women, including Hurriyat leaders Aasiya Andrabi, Naheeda Nasreen, Fehmeeda Sofi and Insha Tariq Shah were facing illegal detention inside Kashmir jails and in infamous Tihar Jail in India. They are being victimized only for representing the Kashmiri people's righteous demand and aspirations.

The cruel practice of Indian troops, paramilitary and police personnel under black laws have given rise to tension, harassment, atrocities and

tension, harassment, atrocities and injustice, which are now common phrases used in Kashmir.

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The impunity provided to the troops and police personnel through draconian laws like Armed Forces Special Powers Act, Disturbed Areas Ac, Public Safety Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act gave them the license to kill arrest and horses. the licence to kill, arrest and harass the people and ransack their posses-sion without being questioned and the tragedy is that the burden of proof is shifted on the victims. INP