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Supreme Court rejects formation of full court

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ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court of Pakistan has rejected the appli-cation about the formation of a full court to hear the ruling of the deputy speaker Punjab Assembly. The component parties of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) had demanded of the apex court to form a full court bench to

deputy speaker of Punjab Assembly, Dost Muhammad Mazari would be announced tomorof Punjab Muhammad row at 11:30, a short order from the apex court stated.

The verdict was announced after a marathon hearing that began at 1 pm and lasted more than eight hours, during which time a three-member bench presided by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial heard the arguments of the government and



its allies' counsels.

Justice Bandial made the remarks during the hearing of a petition filed by PML-Q leader Chaudhry Parvez Elahi challenging Punjab Assembly Deputy Speaker Dost Mohammad

Mazari's decision in the chief minister's re-election last week which led to Hamza Shehbaz's

ISLAMABAD: Vice President of PML-N Maryam Nawaz Sharif addressing a press conference along with, President Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman, Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, at Prime Minister Secretariat in Federal Capital. **Balochistan Govt releases Rs.92.2** million for floods victims

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: Balochistan government has released Rs.92.2 million for the heirs of victims of recent floods and rains in the province. Chief Minister Mir Quddus Bizenjo ordered the release of funds for the victims of floods and rains, Farah Azeem Shah, the Spokesperson gov-ernment of Balochistan said on Monday evening.

In Balochistan, the death toll in rains-related incidents rose to 102 in the province 33 children and 30 women are also among the dead, Naseer Ahmed Nasar, the Director-General Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA)

The government has announced Rs.2 million for each heir of the victims of floods and rains-related incidents. The Balochistan government and federal government each would provide Rs. I million for the family members of those who lost their

lives. Floods damage 580kms roads, 11



Floods damaged 580 kilometers of roads, eleven bridges and five dams have been damaged in the province due to rains. 706 cattle have also been swept away and died in the Roaded beautiful Forth Areas Sheb. flooded channels, Farah Azeem Shah informed. She said that the provin-cial government is continuing the relief operation in the rain-affected districts. And the administration, PDMA and other institutions are active in the rain-affected areas and

are doing their best to protect the lives and property of the people in the current emergency situation. The spokesperson stated the gov-

ernment is trying to provide all pos-sible relief by moving the people to safe places and continuing the relief activities. Taking possible measures, she that the relevant institutions have been instructed to take measures on a war footing for the restoration and repair of the structures affected by the rains.

Loralai: A heroic man saves lives of 5 people stranded in floods

Iqbal Kakar

A heroic young man saved the lives of five people stranded in floods

Balochistan's Loralai district on Sunday. A brave coal contractor AttaUllah Luni rescued five people from flash floods unleashed by torrential rains.

Mr. Luni put his life in danger and entered his vehicle in flood water and saved five human lives. The video of Atta Ullah Luni rescuing the stranded people went viral on social media and people appreciat-

ed his bravery. "What I did was all for humanity and saving human lives" Attaullah Luni told Quetta Voice. He said

five stranded people were helpless when rushed to his vehicle and entered floods on outskirts of Loralai. "They heaved a sigh of relief when I ran my luxury vehicle in floods of water", he recalled the move-

All five people were reduced one by one and Mr. Luni brought them out of the flood

People belonging to various walks of life demanded of the Balochistan government to announce a special award for Mr. Luni in recognition of his brave step when the stranded people were in desperate need

COAS presides over 249th Corps Commanders' Conference

Rawalpindi: 249th Corps Commanders' Conference was held at GHQ today. General 249th Corps Qamar Javed Bajwa, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) presided.

Forum took comprehensive review of the security situation with particular focus on Border and Internal Security.

COAS lauded successful

cers and men to ensure security of borders and safety of masses. COAS also appreciated the efforts of formations in relief operations to mitigate challenges of people affected due to floods and heavy rainfalls in the country

The forum reaffirmed resolve of Armed Forces to extend

582 tested positive, 2 fatalities reported due to COVID-19 in last 24 hours

ISLAMABAD: As many as 582 tested positive while 2 deaths occurred due to coronavirus in the last 24 hours in the country

The latest statistics of the National Institute of Health, Islamabad's (NIH) data transpired Monday that 19389 tests were conducted of which 582 returned posi-

The positivity ratio stands at 3

percent.
With two deaths during 24 hours the tally of fatalities has soared to 30469.ONLINE

PML-Q MPAs tell court they did not get any instruction from party head for Punjab CM polls

ISLAMABAD: Moonis Elahi has said that none of PML-Q party MPAs got any instruction from the party head during the Punjab CM polls to not vote in Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi's favor.

The PML-Q leader said this during a media briefing outside the

ing a media briefing outside the Supreme Court on Monday.

He said the 10 party members, which include his neighbour the daughter of Chaudhry Shujaat

Hussain, did not receive any verbal or written instruction from the

party head to not cast vote in Elahi's favor.

"They all are here with me today and they can vouch for it that they did not get any instruction from the party head," Elahi added.

He stated that nine members have made the same statement in person before the apex court whereas Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi joined the session through video link to state the same.INP

hear the case about the ruling of deputy speaker PA. Judgment about the ruling of the deputy speaker of Punjab

A three-judge bench will decide the fate of the ruling of the deputy speaker PA tomorrow (Tuesday).

PPP co-chairman

Asif Zardari leaves

for Dubai

KARACHI: Pakistan People's

left for Dubai in the wee hours of

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Zardari left Karachi from Jinnah

PPP co-chairman will return to

questions. He said that Asif Zardari suddenly left for Dubai where he

may take fresh instructions from

sources.

Death toll rises to 102 in **Balochistan rains**

News Desk

QUETTA: The death toll rose to 102 in rains and floods-related incidents in Balochistan on Monday afternoon. The third spell of monsoon rains has also played havoc in various parts of the province, which covers half of the country in terms of area.As per statistics shared by the Provincial Disaster shared by the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), most of the deaths were reported from Quetta, Loralai, Barkhan, Pishin, Bolan, and other parts of the province. Among the dead, 32 were children and 28 were women, the Director-General PDMA, Naseer Ahmed Nasar told Daily Quetta Voice. The third spell of monsoon has swept away small bridges and inflicted damage to QuettaKarachi, Sibi, Chaman, and Zhob highways. Damages to roads have caused the suspension of traffic in

various parts of the province.

Passengers suffered a lot in scorching heat on the Quetta-Karachi highway after some parts

of it were swept by flash floods unleashed by torrential rains on Monday morning. The passengers were directed by the administration to use alternative routes to reach their destination (Karachi) and avoid traveling on the highway.





ISLAMABAD: Rangers personals arriving at Supreme Court during Supreme Court reserves verdict on formation of full court for hearing Punjab CM election case, at Supreme Court.

BFA recovers unhealthy edible oil and ghee in Quetta

Health Desk

Balochistan Food Authority recovered a huge quantity of sub-standard oil and ghee bottles from the provincial capital, Quetta. The BFA officials raided on a factory synthesizing and selling low quality and unhealthy oil and ghee.

Attempts to sell unhealthy food items on the name of local brands were thwarted by BFA this Monday morning. The factory producing such illegal edible oil was located on the Eastern Bypass of Quetta, Director BFA Muhammad



Bazai.We recovered hundreds of filled and empty bottles of sub-stranded oil and ghee sold on the name of

local brands, DG BFA told Quetta Voice. A rapid rise in the cardiovascular diseases has been seen in the last few years due to usage of unhealthy edi-ble oil and ghee, Health officer of BFA commented. It has been seen that people cooking food in good quality oil has improved their health complications.

There is no doubt every human being should eat good quality food and consume energy in exercise for living a healthy life. Before buying any food item a person should check the expiry date.

his foreign masters. Criticizing the PPP co-chairman, he said that the former president left for Dubai at a time when the entire Sindh province is affected by monsoon rains.INP Dollar inches towards Rs230 amid political unrest

ISLAMABAD: The American currency gained 63 paisas against Pakistani Rupee and reached Rs229 at the start of the interbank trading The last closing of the US dollar was Rs228.37 against Pakistani Rupee SBP Governor Dr. Murtaza Syed in an exclusive SBP podcast said that Pakistan have podcast said that Pakistan have achieved the very important milestone of the staff level agreement with IMF and the program is fully on track. Also, SBP Deputy Governor Dr. Inavat Hussain in an exclusive with SBP Podcast said that since December 21 PKR has depreciated by 18% and 12% of it is owing to strengthening of US\$ globally, "Domestic factors are also at play. INP

ongoing counter terrorism oper-ations and paid rich tribute to the supreme sacrifices of officomplete support to civil administration in rescue / rehabilitation activities.Online Anti-diarrhea campaign launched in Balochistan: CS

Staff Reporter

Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili on Monday said an anti-diarrhea campaign was underway in the province. The first case of diarrhea was reported on April 17, 2022, in Balochistan's Dera Bugti district. "Government of Balochistan came into action after we received diar-rhea and cholera cases in the Dera Bugti district", the CS said.

The World Health Organization

(WHO) also provided support and assis-tance to the provincial government at all times and in every way, CS Balochistan mentioned. Cholera, diarrhea and gastro has affected thousands of people in Quetta and other parts of the province. Most of the cases were reported from Zhob, Dera Bugti, Barkhan, Kohlu,

Khuzdar and other parts of Balochistan.
"WHO provided emergency medicines, tents, and other essential items to



the people affected by rains and floods in the province", he stated. For the prevention of diarrhea (cholera), it is necessary to administer anti-diarrhea drops to all people during the campaign in the respective districts.

"Keeping people safe from various diseases is the prime responsibility of the government", Abdul Aziz Uqaili

Clean drinking water should be pro-vided to the citizens and the provincial government is taking steps to provide clean drinking water to the people, he assured. The equipment and medicines provided by WHO should be delivered to the affected areas so that the affectees can benefit, he added.

The media has also supported the provincial government in every way and covered every program and hope that the media will continue to cooperate with the provincial government in the future, Mr. Uqaili concluded.

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Torrential rain exposed drainage system in Quetta

Torrential rains badly exposed the drainage system in Quetta, the capital of Balochistan province. Heavy rainfall brought joy to the people living in posh areas of the city, whereas, woes to people living in poor neighborhoods and marginalized areas. A heartbreaking video of two teenage boys being swept away in the rainwater in Quetta's Sariab Road area was widely shared on social media. This really pained

Hundreds of heartbreaking images of rain survivors were shared on social media outlets. This simply exposed the system in general and Quetta's drainage system in

Rains-related incidents claim 7 lives

Rains-related incidents claimed seven precious human lives as per the statistics shared by the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA). Women and children were also among the dead. PDMA's media managers were sharing videos of their operations when people were facing the brunt of heavy rainfall in various parts

Most streets and roads in poor neighborhoods of Quetta were inundated by the rainwater. It was not possible for the people to walk or drive on roads completely

Billions of rupees were spent but with no impact

Billions of rupees have been spent on the drainage, construction of roads, bridges beautification and master plan of the city. However, one hour's heavy rainfall exposed all claims on behalf of the concerned departments.

Thousands of people have settled in the middle of nullahs/waterways over the years without the permission of the Metropolitan Corporation. MCQ appears to be a

silent spectator when it comes to people constructing their houses on waterways. PDMA has rather become a ghee and sugar distribution agency rather than coping with natural disasters in Balochistan.

Rainfall also exposed the traffic system

Rainfall has also exposed the traffic plan of the city. Nevertheless, the traffic policemen and Seargent deserve to be appreciated for ensuring the flow of traffic as streets and roads were giving an image of river flooding.

Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Quddus Bizenjo must have mercy on the provin-

cial capital, which houses around 3 million people. Beyond political and personal interests, the provincial government should improve the drainage system, stop illegal settlements on waterways, ensure transparency in funds allocated for the construction of roads, bridges and etc.

Rainy water needs to be reserved to maintain the depleting water table in Quetta

Education under attack

Palestinian universities are under attack once again Later this month, the Israeli authorities are expected to put into effect a 97-page ordinance, called Procedure for Entry and Residence for Foreigners in Judea and Samaria Area (PDF), which would grant the Israeli Ministry of Defence and thus, the military, absolute power to determine how many and which foreign academics and students can visit, study or work at all 15 Palestinian universities and colleges in the West Bank.

The "procedure" limits the number of staff allowed to work for any of these 15 universities and colleges to no more than 100 "distinguished lecturers researchers," noting that "applications for a permit under this section will be approved if it is demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the authorised [military] official, that the lecturer contributes significantly to academic learning, to the area's economy, or to advancing regional cooperor to ation and peace"

Moreover, under the new the Israeli authorities will not only determine who can or cannot teach in Palestinian universities but will also restrict the time foreign academics can reside in the West Bank to one semester. which ensures that foreign professors will no longer be able to become permanent members of the academic staff at any of West Bank's institutions of higher eduFinally, the procedure will only allow up to 150

foreign students to study in the West Bank at any given moment, while restricting their stay to one semester as well. Israel's attempt to exert total control over Palestinian universities is, of course, nothing new. But its approach to Palestinian higher education was once significantly different.

Back in the early 1970s.

when Israel's occupation of the West Bank was in its early years, the Israeli authorities provided Palestinians with permits to establish universities in the occupied territories Security officials were under the impression that the establishment of universities could help Israel normalise the occupation and thus foster Palestinian support for Israeli rule.

This policy backfired. The universities established under occupation rapidly became sites for political organising and mobilisation for Palestinian liberation.

Furthermore, within a relatively short period, these universities produced a fairly large Palestinian professional class. The labour market in the occupied territories did not have much to offer these young graduates - Israel was almost exclusively hiring unskilled manual labourers for its construction and agricultural industries, and military authorities were attempts by Palestinians to

industries or develop the service sector.

Not surprisingly, the lack of jobs created bitterness among unemployed and underemployed graduates. Alongside thousands of university students - who were equally concerned about their future prospects these graduates eventually served as a primary force in bringing about the first wave of mass resistance to Israeli rule: the Intifada of

Seeing the prominent role students and graduates took on during the first Intifada, Israel swiftly learned its lesson and began imposing severe restric-tions on Palestinian universities. Birzeit University, for instance, was practically closed year round from 1988 to 1992. All of the other universities also faced long-term closures.

In the decades that followed, numerous proce dures have been introduced to restrict Palestinian higher education. The primary aim of these policies, ranging from limiting the movement of lecturers and students to putting restrictions on subjects that can be taught, was to undermine Palestinian economic development and the circulation of knowledge that can be used to mobilise generations vounger against colonial rule.

Given this half-century long history of academic obstructions and repression, it is difficult

to find anything new in the restrictions to academic freedom that Israel is due to introduce in the West Bank later this month. The "procedure" is, after all, just one more draconian policy in a long line of draconian poli-

cies targeting Palestinian higher education. And yet, there has been an interesting development since the announcement of the procedure in February. In addition to Palestinian

universities themselves, international human rights organisations, and profes-sional associations such as the Middle East Studies Association and the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (in which I serve as chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom), an Israeli university publicly voiced concern in an official capacity over an Israeli policy that would undermine the academic freedom of Palestinians.

In an arguably unprecedented move, the General Assembly of the Hebrew University sent an official letter to the Israeli military commander of the West Bank, emphasising the problematic restrictions set out in the procedure. At first glance, the pen-

ning of this letter appears to be a step in the right direction - until now, the only support Palestinian higher institutions education received from Israeli academia came from Israeli academics organising, protestopen letters criticising the

attacks Palestinian academic freedom in their personal

By Neve Gordon

capacity Nevertheless, a careful reading of the letter quickly shows that this is hardly the

important gesture of soli-

darity it first appears to be.

The general assembly insists that the military should not intervene in decisions regarding a person's academic qualifications, but still accepts that the occupying military has the right to determine whether a lecturer, researcher or student poses security threat and deny them access to Palestinian

universities. "There are," it argues, "no security considerations that justify this kind of intervention because it is clear that in any case all lecturers, researchers and students need to receive an individual entry permit from security officials."

In other words, the Hebrew University accepts the basic assumptions informing Israeli rule over Palestinians: the legitimacy of one ethnic group dominating another ethnic group, and the use of laws and official policies to sustain and enhance that domi-

The letter is tepid, at best. But it does raise an important question: why, after nearly half a century did an Israeli university suddenly decide to voice concern about repressive

So much for independence

Every year on July 4, to much fanfare and revelry, the United States marks its 1776 independence from Britain.

The date is also an official holiday in Puerto Rico and other de facto US colonies. So much for

"independence" I was born in the US in 1982, and, before definitively freeing myself from the "land of the free" in 2003, got to experience many a Fourth of July celebration. One year, when I was 12 or 13 and living in the Texas capital of Austin, my family and I attended a massive Independence Day gath-ering by the river, complete with deafening music and fireworks that permanently traumatised our dog Bounder. Although this was more than 25 years ago, I can still recall being dispro-portionately moved by the Lee Greenwood song, God Bless the USA - a staple of July 4th fesconvulsed Bounder

beside me begins: "And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free - and, indeed, as I stood there surrounded by my fellow Americans in a city named for a colonis-er and slaveowner, I felt my heart swell with pride at the thought of this inexplicable freedom that, according to the tune, we somehow col-

lectively enjoyed. Anyway, that's pretty much how cheap patriot-ism works.In her acclaimed book Notes on a Foreign Country, jour-nalist Suzy Hansen incidentally cites this very same Lee Greenwood anthem, which she and her classmates sang one day on the school bus in New Jersey during the US invasion of Iraq in 1990 - not to be con-fused with the 2003 US invasion of Iraq or the apocalyptic US sanctions that, as late American diplomat Madeleine

Albright admitted, had killed some half a million Iragi children as of 1996. To be sure, Iraq is far from the only place on Earth that has long had to suffer the deadly reper-cussions of self-righteous American entitlement and ignorant nationalist fervour. As Mark Twain reportedly said: created war so that Americans would learn

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Americans, at the end of the day? Even as the country manages to spend trillions upon trillions of dollars on belliendeavours, themselves Americans deprived basic rights as affordable healthcare, education and Homelessness housing is a veritable epidemic in the US – and has reached a level not seen in drasti-

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blood and played dead".

I dare say that is not what freedom looks like This Fourth of July, I am not "proud to be an American" – and I never should have been. Anyway, that's pretty much how cheap patriot-

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Dear Pakistani women: you are not welcome

n what now seems a firm pattern, Pakistan plummeted down near the absolute bottom in the recent Global Gender Gap report published by the World Economic Forum.

shows The report progress on closing the gap between men and women across four pillars: economic participation, education, health and political empowerment. Pakistan ranks 145th out of 146 countries, beating Afghanistan. Last year, Pakistan ranked 153rd out of 156 countries. It will take 197 years for South Asia to close the gender gap. This is the worst performing region in the entire world. What we live and expected just came out in black and white -Pakistan is a terrible country for women. The only place, in the world, that is worse for women is

Afghanistan. Pakistan has managed to close the gender gap by 56.4 per cent. This is momentous by Pakistani standards, but still an international embarrassment. The report is measured in terms of gaps, and not of levels. This makes international comparisons possible. The idea is to report the gap to a country's existing resources by its people. This is important because comparing levels puts the Global South at a disadvantage as it has less resources. Measuring gaps also makes assessing the developed world easier as despite a multifold excess of resources there, the gender gap exists. Not a single country in the world has achieved gender parity - although Iceland is close and sits at the top of the gender gap

Compared to global averages, Pakistan lags behind on every single pillar. The worst performance is on economic participation and opportunity. Pakistan bottoms out on labor force participation and the income gap between men and women. That makes sense. Of all the women that could be working, only 21.4 per cent work, according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. Most women in Pakistan are employed in agriculture sector where the pay gap is high. The nature of work that women do is hard labour unskilled mostly work. On the other end of the the spectrum, fewer women are seen in senior fewer and managerial positions. There are more women in low-paying jobs, and fewer women in high-paying jobs - amounting to a rising gender gap. While Pakistani women's income, in relation to men, has gone up by less than five per cent this past year, such incremental

fully reduce the gender Women's representation in the domain of leg-islators, senior officials

changes cannot meaning-

and managers in Pakistan is abysmal. Things are a little better in the domain of professional and technical workers. The state of affairs ren-

ders one speechless. We see this reality unfold every day in our lives. We see the sort of jobs women are offered, we see very few of them in the formal sector but a disproportionate amount of them in the informal sector. The informal sector offers next to no legal and organizational protection and no health insurance. Yet, when one sees the reality painted in black and white in international comparisons, it is heartbreaking. Women and men in Pakistan appear to work very hard and then we learn that women here are only bet-ter off than women in Afghanistan. Other things start making more sense. Like the 16.5 million Pakistanis that have left Pakistan in the previous decade, in search of better economic opportunities; if there ever was a wakeup call. How do we ensure a Pakistan that works for half of its population? We need to get more women working and we need to create better jobs for them. Now, before we do that, we also need the economy to grow - which it won't for the next couple of years on account of the structural reforms underway. But after the reform there is a tiny window to improve things. That's when we get women to work.

'Picturesque' protests

In March, as Sri Lanka's economic crisis unfolded, desperate people started gathering in front of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's respective official residences to protest endemic corruption, nepotism and mismanagement in the country.

They set up an encampment on the Galle Beach in front of the Parliament, which came to be called GotaGoGama (the village demanding that 'Gota' - President Gotabaya Rajapaksa resign from office). The University Students' Federation joined the protests in massive, well-organ-ised rallies. Hundreds of trade unions called a island-wide general strike in support.

As I monitored international media's coverage of these protests, I recognised some familiar discrepancies often seen in the coverage of such events in the Global South.

Most news sources, for example, initially referred to the people at GotaGoGama encampment as "protesters. But as the moved in, deploying tear gas and water cannons, and at times, live bullets against these same people, rather than describing the events as they are attacks on protesters by

security forces - news reports started referring to what was unfolding

When members of the Rajapaksa family their political reportedly cronies bussed in their supporters - themselves destitute people paid a few thousand rupees and bottles of arrack - to attack the protest site and destroy the 'village', reports containing references to 'mobs', 'rioters' and 'clashes' further prolif-

As Dilini Algama, a PhD student of English Linguistics at Justus-Liebig-Universitat Giessen in Germany, noted in a conversation on Twitter, it was always clear who was armed, and who instigated the violence. Yet German news outlets referred to chaos and 'unruhen'. which, explained Algama, can also mean 'riots'. There was "little to no clarification about the violence of pro-govern-ment and pro-Rajapaksa groups, or that tear-gas and water cannon toting military provoked and assaulted protestors". Moreover, "phrasing the violence as a 'clash between two groups' delegitimises the protests and equates

people practicing their democratic right to protests with the vio-lence of groups dis-patched by the state to

intimidate and stop them", she added. This

is nothing unique to Sri Lanka - we often see similar narratives of clashes' and 'riots' in the international coverage of protests and police actions against them across the Global South, most infamously evident in Palestine.

> however, the reality of the protests was not misrepresented through narratives about "clashes". Due to the island's colonial past, and the fact that Europeans many Scandinavians Germans, Russians and Britons - regularly holiday there, other prob-lematic attitudes that reduce the protests into one-dimensional Orientalist fantasies have also crept into the coverage.

In Sri Lanka's case

Sri Lanka's protest movement is idealistic and focused on collective care. Organisers at GotaGoGama, for example, set up a free food station that provides meals for protesters and the destitute, a medical aid tent, and a library, where anyone can come and read books or organise a "People's University" session hosting discussions on social and political issues. The protesters at the village have been consciously and strategically educating each other, through "teach-outs", about the conditions that created this economic crisis, and the

way successive leaders

used ethnonationalism to obtain votes and power. They have been working to bring together people who have purposefully, and for political ends, been divided across ethnic, religious, and class divides since Sri Lanka's independence. The protesters have

also put on educational

shadow-puppet shows,

sung raucous island

(catchy tunes, often accompanied by cheeky lyrics commenting on social conditions), chanted inventive slogans, and made some of the most hilarious protest posters I've ever seen.In some international reports, however, these strategic and undeniably effective efforts to bring about change and bring a nation together have been portrayed as youthful naivete, infantalising the movement and making it look somewhat less serious

and impactful than its Western counterparts. Throughout protests, people from different religious and ethnic groups, who have been trained to be deeply suspicious of each other, broke fast together during the month of Ramadan, celebrated Easter, and had fun on the Buddhist holiday Vesak. On a few occasions, a kat-tadiya, or an exorcist came to do an exorcism ceremony to cast out evil demons from the

island. They've educat-

By M Neelika Jayawardane ed each other about the state's violence against their communities especially violence tar-geting the country's Muslim and Tamil peo-Ambika Satkunanathan and others repeatedly noted Tamil people,

especially those in the North and the East could not, without inviting further state surveillance and bodily harm, protest as freely as did the Sinhala in Colombo. They honoured the Tamil victims of the civil war together, and invited the surviving families of those forcibly 'disappeared' in the North and the South to speak

Representatives of various religious organisations also attended the protests to bear witness to the events, and try to offer some protection to protesters from the violence of police. Sri Lankan Armed Forces and Forces and extrajudicial groups looking to harm them.

Images of Catholic nuns forming human chains to protect protestors were undeniably potent. So were those showing Catholic and Anglican priests, Muslim imams and Hindu maulanas, priests, and Buddhist monks, all in their religious robes sitting together at Galle Face Beach, chatting and sharing views. Together, they have

held vigil, overnight, at

the main protest.

Palestine's victories

November 2006, the Israeli military prevent-Palestine-based footballers from partici-pating in the final match of the Asian Football Confederation qualification group stage. The news had a major demoralizing effect on all Palestinians. Even rare moments of hope and are happiness crushed by Israel. As disappointing as the

Israeli decision was, it was hardly compared to the collective shock felt by Palestinians every-where when, in 2007, Palestinian players were not allowed to participate in a decisive World Cup qualifying game against Singapore. Instead of Singapore. Instead of showing solidarity with Palestinians and con-demning Israel, the International Football Association decided to award an autovictory matic

Singapore of 3-0.
This is why Palestine's latest qualification is historic, as it is more proof that Palestinian resilience has no bounds. It sends a message to Israel as well, that its unjust draconian measures will never break the spirit of the Palestinian people.

The latest achievement should also be placed within another context. It is the third time in a row that the Palestine national team qualifies for the Asian cup finals, thanks

to an impressive squad that represents all Palestinian communities, at home and in the Diaspora. This moment, is bittersweet. however. Many Palestinian foot-ballers, who should have been present in the Sports Center Stadium in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia – where the qualification rounds were held - were missing. Some are in Israeli prisons, others are maimed or killed. Much of the killings happened Indeed, 2009 was a ter-

rible year for Palestinian football. In January 2009, three Palestinian footballers, Ayman Alkurd, Shadi Sbakhe and Wajeh Moshtaha, were killed during the Israeli war on the besieged Gaza Strip. All three were seen as promising athletes with bright futures. Two months later. Darwish was killed by an Israeli sniper near Ramallah The 18-yearold was slated to become

a big name in Palestinian football, too. In July of that same year, the tragedy of Mahmoud Sarsak began. Sarsak had only been a member of the Palestine National Football Team for six months when he was arrested and tortured by Israel in a painful saga that lasted for three years. He won his freedom after undergoing a hunger strike that lasted for over 90 days. The permanent health issues Sarsak was

left with, however, meant

By Ramzy Baroud

that his once-promising sports career was over. Arrests, torture and killings of Palestinian footballers became a reg-ular headline in Palestine. This includes the killing of former Palestinian football star, Ahed Zaqqut, in 2014, and the deliberate shooting of the feet of Jawhar Nasser Jawhar, 19, and Adam Abd Al Raouf Halabiya, 17. The two players were attempting to cross an Israeli military check-point in the occupied West Bank to return home after a long training ses-

These are but mere examples. The targeting of Palestinian sports is a constant item on the Israeli military agenda. Palestinian stadiums are often bombed during Israel's brutal wars on Indeed, 2009 was a ter-

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CH SHUJAAT, FAZLUR REHMAN DISCUSS POLITICAL SITUATION OVER CALL

LAHORE Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) Chief Chaudhary Shujaat Hussain and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Monday held a consultative conversation on call

In their telephonic contact, the two leaders thor-oughly discussed the political situation in the

country. It is pertinent to mention here that the political chaos has deepen in Punjab due to the constitutional clash between the opponent parties amid the

FUZHOU: Pak-China olive cooperation pos-sesses has immense

potential, says a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on

Monday quoting Chen Rui, General Manager of

Fujian Baihejiang Industrial Development

Co., Ltd.
"As one of the main olive producing areas in

China, the processing industrial chain in Fujian Province is still far from perfect. The supply of high-quality olives is in short supply; besides, the by-product market also

contains unlimited poten-

tial Namely, the market space is huge. In the future, if we can intro-duce excellent olive vari-eties from countries along

the Belt and Road, including Pakistan, and carry out planting and

processing technology exchanges with them, undoubtedly it will be a win-win situation," Chen

dible olives are rich in nutrients, providing pro-tein, carbohydrates, fat,

vitamin C, calcium, phos-phorus, iron and other

minerals. Its content of vitamin C is 10 times that of apples and 5 times that

Punjab Chief Minister

The dispute started over Shujaat Hussain's over Snujaat Hussain's letter that declared the PML-Q votes in favor of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Hamza Shahbaz. While it served as a setback for Hamza's opponent, who is none other than the PML-Q leader Pervaiz Elahi him-

self. Where Shujaat Hussain's letter harmed PML-Q internally, it also raised serious questions regarding Supreme Court's verdict over the interpretation of Article

Pak-China olive cooperation

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can produces about 1,500 tons of olive oil and 830 tons of table olives per

year, all of which are con-

year, all of which are con-sumed domestically.

Now, Pakistan is the only South Asian country to be included in the International Olive Council, Farhan Pasha,

the science officer in charge of the olive program at the Barani Agricultural Research Institute, told CEN that the main areas in Pakistan fit for olive cultivation

fit for olive cultivation are Balochistan, KPK and

Punjab, etc. Pakistan has 10 million

acres of land suitable for

olive cultivation, which is almost twice as much as

Spain, the world's largest

ofive oil producer. Nevertheless, the culti-

vation and processing of edible olives in Pakistan is facing a series of chal-

lenges, which also brings opportunities for agricul-

tural cooperation between China and Pakistan in this

According to Farhan Pasha, Pakistani olive

growers often need to use

costly imported fertilizers or pesticides when faced

with pests and diseases, but this is beyond the pur-chasing power of most ordinary farmers.

Therefore, if China provides effective meas-

ures to increase produc-tion or control pests and

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Meanwhile, a three-member bench of the SC headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial will hear the petition filed by Pervaiz Elahi against Deputy Speaker Dos Muhammad Mazari's rul-

ing over the election of Punjab CM on Monday. Furthermore, Chaudhary Shujaat was not summoned by the Supreme Court and he will not appear. Chaudhry Shujaat and Salik Hussain are said to be

diseases, this will be the most ideal result. Chen put forward a specific

plan for this. Biopesticides are our

best choice due to ordi-nary pesticides may cause soil hardening or pesti-

cide residues. Even the most common

Even the most common biological materials such as well-proportioned ginger and pepper spray can have a very good sterilizing and insecticidal effect. In terms of pest control, we use breeding beneficial insects, such as ladybugs to kill peets."

ladybugs, to kill pests." s for fertilizers, Chen emphasized that in most

cases, his olive orchard chooses organic bio-fer-

tilizers, such as chicken

and sheep manure, which are of great help in

increasing production. At present, there are two main varieties of edible

olives, in his orchard, with a total planting area of about 2,500 mu (about

166.67 hectares). In the past five years, the annual output has been about 500,000 kilograms, and the annual output value can reach 50 million

Among them, Meixiang No. 2 has out-standing yield, with each

tree can bear 250-400 kilograms during the annual picking season in August. "Under the framework of CPEC.INP

KARACHI: Army troops busy in relief and rescue operations after a heavy rain-

fall in Provincial Capital. Several people have died in rain-related incidents

CM Punjab election case: Supreme Court bars entry of politicians, ministers

ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court of Pakistan on Monday barred ministers and politicians from entering into its premise as the court will hear a petition from Parvez Elahi against the ruling of deputy speaker Punjab Assembly during the election for CM Punjab

According to sources privy to the development, only the applicants and respondents and their lawyers will be allowed to enter the Supreme

minister will be No allowed to enter the premises of the apex court," they said. Previously, it was reported that major political leaders would likely be present in the Supreme Court during hearing of a plea against deputy speaker Punjab Assembly's

speaker Punjab Assembly's ruling.
From PTI, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Asad Umar, Fawad Chaudhry, Shireen Mazari, Umar Ayub, Babar Awan, Pervaiz Khattak and Aamir Kayani will attend the Supreme Court's proceedings.
PML-N's Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Khurram Dastgir, Rana Sanaullah are also likely to appear in the Supreme

to appear in the Supreme Court. Nazir Tarar, Ahsan Iqbal, Saad Rafiq and Amir Muqam, Ayaz Sadiq, Atta Tarar, and Malik Ahmed Khan are also expected to appear before the court.PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto

Zardari, JUI leader Fazlur Maulana Asad, Khalid MQM-P Magbool arrangements will be made inside and outside the Supreme Court INP

MQM-P'convener Khalid Magbool Siddiqui, Awami National Party Ameer Haider Hoti will also come to the court.BNP's Akhtar Mengal, Aslam Bhutani are also likely to appear in the Supreme Court, while Q-League chief Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain, Salik Hussain and Tariq Bashir Cheema will also come to the SC.The security has also been informed regarding Chaudhry Shujaat's arrival at the Supreme Court, he will confirm his letter in the court, on this occasion strict security

Catastrophic monsoon rains leave 14 dead, 27 injured in Pakistan today

ISLAMABAD: Heavy monsoon showers and strong winds have wreaked havoc across the country with 14 casualties reported within a span of 24 hours on Monday as images and videos of raging flood waters in urban and non-urban areas alike going viral

Authorities also confirmed that as many as 27 people were injured in rain-related incidents over the country.

Punjab
In Faisalabad, four people, including two tourists, lost their lives when the roofs of two buildings, a private hotel and a house, collapsed due to heavy

rains.A nine-year-old boy was electrocuted in Rehman town Rescue officials told reporters that around 17 people electrocuted town.Rescue were injured in separate roof and wall collapse incidents in the district.Faisalabad Rescue 1122 District Emergency Officer (DEO) Ehtesham Wahla claimed the incidents took place due to

the negligence of the public.
"They did not repair the vul-nerable buildings in time which resulted in catastrophe," he added.Meanwhile, the Faisalabad building control authority sprang into action to mark dangerous structures before their collapse could claim

more lives.In Lahore, a person was killed and three others were wounded from debris when a mud roof in Daroghawala caved in, according to Rescue 1122 officials. The survivors were pulled out from the rubble sent to the hospital for medical treat-ment. A further five people were wounded in Lodhran, located on the northern side of Sutlej River, when the roof of a house col-

lapsed on top of them.
On the other hand, the Rawalpindi district administration has issued a warning to the public to protect themselves from the floodwaters accumulat-ing in Nullah Leh INP

Pakistan condemns baseless comments by Indian defense minister

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has completely rejected and strongly condemned the unwarranted and totally unacceptable comments made by the Indian defense minis-ter at a recent event in Jammu.

In a statement, Foreign Office spokesperson Asim Iftikhar Ahmad said the Indian minister in his remarks distorted the well-established historical facts about the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, levelled baseless allegations and hurled threats against Pakistan. He said this is not the first time

that a senior Indian politician has tried to cast aspersions on the legitimate, indigenous and just freedom struggle of the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

However, he said provocative statements by Indian political figures cannot alter reality.

The spokesperson said India

The spokesperson said India needs a reminder from history that the Jammu and Kashmir is an internationally recognized dispute that remains on the agenda of the United Nations and its solution lies in the implementation of the rele-vant UN Security Council resolu-

He said Pakistan will always continue to lend all possible sup-port to the people of Indian illegaloccupied Jammu and Kashmir in their just struggle to attain their right to self-determination. INP

2 killed as rain continues to lash Karachi for second day

KARACHI: Intermittent rainfall lashed parts of Karachi for a second consecutive day on Monday, claiming the lives of at

least two people.
Police surgeon Dr Summaiya
Syed told Dawn.com that the bodies of two men were brought to Civil Hospital Karachi from Lyari and SITE area early morn-ing She said that both deaths were caused by electrocution.

A day earlier, at least three people had died from electrocu-tion as the fresh spell of heavy downpour paralysed life across the city, prompting the govern-ment to declare today a public holiday in Karachi and Hyderabad division. A rain emergency has also been emergency has also been imposed in the province Data released by the Provincial Disaster Management Authority showed that during the last 24 hours, PAF Masroor Base (200mm) recorded the highest amount of rainfall, followed by Keamari (188mm), (164mm), Surjani (164mm), (153mm).INP



KARACHI: Motorists facing difficulties due to accumulated rain water at Court Road after the heavy rain in Provincial Capital.

COVID-19 positivity rate sees uptick in Pakistan, reaches 3%

ISLAMABAD: After several weeks of fluctu-ating stats, the COVID-19 positivity rate has reached 3% in Pakistan, with 582 fresh cases reported during the last 24 hours, the National Institute of Health, Islamabad's (NIH) data showed Monday morn-

The new infections were detected after diagnostic testing on

9,389 samples. Meanwhile, 178 coronavirus patients are being treated in critical care units of different medical facilities across

the country. What is COVID BA.5 variant and why is it reinfecting so many

BA5, part of the Omicron family, is the latest coronavirus variant to cause widespread waves of infection globally.
According to the World Health Organisation's most recent report, it was behind 52% of cases sequenced in late June, Organisation's

up from 37% in one week. In the United States, it is estimated to be causing around 65% of infections. BA5 is not new. First

identified in January, it has been tracked by the WHO since April. It is a sister variant of

the Omicron strain that has been dominant worldwide since the end of 2021 and has already caused spikes in case rates - even with reduced testing - in countries including South Africa, where it was first found, as well even with as the United Kingdom, parts of Europe, and Australia.

Coronavirus

worldwide have now been rising for four weeks in a row, WHO data showed.

Why is it spreading?
Like its closely related sibling, BA4, BA5 is particularly good at evading the immune protection afforded either by vaccination or prior infection.

For this reason "BA5" For this reason, "BA5

has a growth advantage over the other sublin-eages of Omicron that are circulating," Maria Van Kerkhove, the WHO's technical lead on COVID-19, told a news briefing on

For many people, this means that they are get-ting re-infected, often even a short time after having COVID-19. Van Kerkhove said the Kerkhove said the WHO is assessing reports of re-infec-tions.INP

At least 17 dead after boat carrying Haitian

in The Bahamas NASSAU: Seventeen people died after a boat carry-ing dozens of Haitian migrants capsized off the coast of The Bahamas, authorities said on Sunday, as more Haitians attempt to reach the United States to flee gang

migrants capsizes

violence and poverty at home. Rescue teams recovered the bodies of 17 people, including an infant, and 25 people were rescued, Bahamian Prime Minister Philip Davis told a news conference. Davis said authorities believe they were on a speedboat heading for Miami.

"It is believed that the vessel capsized in rough seas," he said Up to 60 people may have been on board and more people were presumed missing, Police Commissioner Clayton Fernander said.Bahamian authorities said that two people were taken into custody, both from Bahamas, over the suspected human smuggling operation. All those on board recovered alive or dead or who were still missing were believed to be migrants from Haiti.The Bahamas is a frequent transit route for Haitians seeking to reach the United States. Dangerous sea voyages in rickety vessels have become increasingly common over the last year as Haitians flee poverty and rising gang violence INP

Woman among three die in rain related incidents in Punjab

FAISALABAD: Three persons including a woman died Monday amid heavy rains in areas of Punjab, According to the rescue sources, two persons died ter the roof of a house collapsed on them in

Faisalabad. It was learnt that 60-year-old Ashraf and 65-year-old Umar Hayat were rushed to a hospital after they came under the rubble. Both breathed their last in the hospi-

Meanwhile, an elderly woman died while a child girl sustained injuries after the wall of a house collapsed on

According to Rescue 1122, the body of the deceased woman identified as Taj Mai was shifted to Tehsil Headquarters (THQ) Hospital.

The girl, who sustained injuries in the incident, was also shifted to the hospital for treatment.

"The wall of the house collapsed due to heavy rain," said Rescue 1122 INP

I S L A M A B A D Chairman of Pakistan Hi Tech Hybrid Seed Association (PHHSA) Shahzad Ali Malik called for Pakistani farmers to use modern Chinese agricultural technologies to get bumper crops in order to make the country selfsufficient in food.

Talking to INP-WealthPK on Thursday, Mr. Malik said Pakistani growers should acquaint themselves with new technologies like mechanized direct-seeded rice (DSR), which saves 50 percent of water.

He said DSR is a technically and economically feasible and eco-friendly alternative to conventional puddled transplanted rice. Development of new rice varieties for direct seeding along with proper management practices can help in adoption of

DSR.
Seed priming technology can help us get rid of the problem of poor establishment of crop and can be further improved. Pakistan is among the top 10 producers of rice in the world contributing around eight percent to the world's rice trade.

He feared that unavailability of timely supply of water and power might affect the target of 8.6m tons of rice set by the federal committee on agriculture and urged rice growers to sow the best quality hi-tech hybrid seeds for better yield to

export.

During the first quarter of the last Fiscal Year 2021-2022, China imported more than 601.575 tons of different varieties of rice from Pakistan. The Chinese technology

yield: WealthPK Pakistan in rice process-ing and maintaining qual-ity. Rice exports to China are increasing substantially annually. Broken rice is also in great demand in the Chinese markets," said the PHHSA chairman.

HYDERABAD: A view of disturbed families migrating from the

Chinese tech can help

Pakistani farmers boost

Fatima Jinnah colony of Mehar Ali Society Latifabad.

He said 53 Pakistani rice enterprises are on the approval list of the General Administration of Customs China According to the Trade

Development Authority (TDAP). Pakistan Pakistan's exports to China in June 2022 increased by 8% to US\$251.30 million as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year when it was recorded at US\$232.74

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Karachi monsoon updates: Heavy rains bring city to standstill usual. There's

KARACHI: Parts of Karachi inundate as heavy monsoon rains continue for the second

consecutive day.

A satellite image released by Pakistan Metrological Department shows rings of clouds merging on Southeast of Karachi

This could cause further heavy rains in the city, said Metrologist Sardar Sarfaraz.

By mid-day and evening, the intensity of the rains are likely to

subdue, he said. City's District South is one the worst hit

areas as it received most rain in the last 24 hours. According to the sta-tistics shared by Pakistan Metrological

Department, Saddar area of South District received 217mm rain-fall in the last 24 hours highest in the city - fol-lowed by PAF Masroor Base (204mm) and

Keamari 188mm. The heavy monsoon rains have resulted in inundated roads, mak-ing it difficult if not impossible for people to

commute. MA Jinnah Road -one of the main arteries of the port city - is knee

deep in water near Light House market rendering it near impossible for shopkeepers to open their businesses while motorists were stuck.

There's stagnant water in the premises of the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation's head

Despite the request by the Sindh Bar Association to close the Sindh High Court for the day due to heavy rains in the city, the court remained open. The SHC Registrar said that the court is open for business as

ficult for the people and lawyers coming to court for the hearing of their cases Sindh chief secretary has said that the District South is the most affect-

water in the court's premises, making it dif-

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He said that water accumulated outside Jinnah Hospital has been cleared while the authorities are working to clear National Institute ardiovascular

Diseases A man was killed after a boulder

fell on his house in Orangi Town's Qasba Colony. There's kneedeep water in the court's premises, making it dif-ficult for the people and lawyers coming to court for the hearing of their Sindh chief secretary

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Three people cannot decide country's fate: Bilawal Bhutto

KARACHI: Bilawal Bhutto has reiterated that the coalition government only has one demand: the formation of a full bench to hear the case related to the Punjab CM's election.

Coalition government was addressing a press conference in federal capital ahead of hearing by the apex court on Chaudhry Parvez Elahi's petition challenging the Punjab Assembly deputy speaker's ruling. Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto said that this cannot happen that three people decide the fate of this

country. Three people cannot decide on whether this country will run on a democratic, elected or selective He repeated "It cannot be possible that three people change Pakistan's 1973 Constitution with just the

stroke of a pen" Earlier, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) vice president Maryam Nawaz on Monday said that

impact of Supreme Court's verdicts stays for decades and intensifies over time.

She alleged that petitions were being filed with the court and were not being fixed or were facing delay but the SC was opened at night so that PTI can submit a petition against PA Deputy Speaker ruling.

Our justice system is such that when a petition is filed, the people already know what bench will be constituted and the decision that will be given, she said.

Maryam gave several examples of the PML-N's legal woes, claiming that the party's leaders were being

discriminated against.

She said that since Hamza was elected chief minister of Punjab, he was not being allowed to work. "He



ISLAMABAD: Member of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab haudhry Moonis Elahi talking with media persons outside Supreme Court, during Supreme Court reserves verdict on formation of full court for hearing Punjab CM election case, at Supreme Court in Federal Capital.

Man kills aunt for 'honour' in Shikarpur

SHIKARPUR: A man shot his 48-year-old aunt dead for 'honour' in Mian Sahib area of Shikarpur, Sindh,

police said on Monday.

According to police, the accused was identified as Nisar. He killed his aunt Zainab Khatun, 48, who was the wife of his paternal uncle, in an alleged honour killing

The body of the deceased had been shifted to a nearby hospital for post-

mortem. The accused, however, managed to escape the scene after committing the

"The search for the accused is underway in the area. He will be arrested as soon as possible," police said.INP

Pakistani pilgrim's honesty makes country proud

RIYADH: A Pakistani Hajji set an example of honesty in Saudi Arabia

and made Pakistan proud.

According to Pakistan Hajj Mission spokesperson Syed Imran Ahmad, a pilgrim identified as Khalida Parveen belonging to Bahawalnagar left 1000 Saudi Rial and Rs157000 in the bus of Haji Mission.

Hajj Mission. Another Pakistani pilgrim Haji Sajjad Anwar found this money from the bus during the journey, who imme-diately reported the money to Pakistan Hajj Mission's Sector Commander Ahmed Noor Waziri and assistant Khalid Karim.

Director Cooperation DIG Dr. Muhammad Akhtar Abbas, upon receiving the information, immediately searched for the original owner, Pakistani Hajin Khatoon Khalida Parveen, and under his supervision, Deputy Director Dr. Akhtar Abbas went to Hajin Khatoon's building and returned the money under his supervi-

DIG Dr Mohammad Akhtar Abbas said that Pakistani Haji has made us proud with his honesty.

The woman pilgrim praised the Haj Mission and Pakistani Haji after getting the money back. INP

PPP files petition to become party in Punjab CM election case

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) on Monday filed a peti-tion in the court to be considered as a party in the Punjab Chief Minister

election case. The petitioner took the stance that PPP is the coalition party of the Punjab government and it's sacrifices democracy and judiciary are not

hidden from anyone. Therefore, PPP should be made a party in the case keeping in view the essentials of justice, added the petition.INP

Packaged milk price increased by Rs25 per litre

ISLAMABAD: The storm of inflation continues haunting people as the packaged milk producers have increased the price of milk by Rs25 per litre on Monday.

Besides, many companies have also increased the prices of the packets of spices from Rs5 to Rs10 at least.

Moreover, the prices of biscuits of different brands have also increased from Rs5 to Rs10 at least.INP

PDM leadership about to flee country, claims Fawad

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Fawad Chaudhry said Monday while talking to media after his arrival at the Supreme Court (SC) that the leadership of the Pakistan Democratic Movement

(PDM) was about to flee country "The government has asked the Supreme Court to form a full bench. What will you say?" asked a reporter from the PTI leader. "All of them [PDM leadership]

have started running away," replied Fawad Chaudhry. "Today's press conference is the announcement of their escape," he claimed INP

Imran's facilitators must stop irrelevant intervention in politics: Saad Rafique

LAHORE Aviation Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique Monday urged peo-ple said that the only solution to aver the political crisis that facilitators of Imran Khan sitting in the institutions must intervention and let political forces decide about the political decisions.

Saad Rafique talking here alleged that 'Project Imran Khan' facilitators wanted to attack the parliamentary democracy of Pakistan followed by blue-eyed appointments in the Pakistan Armed Forces and indicious and Forces and judiciary and finally facilitators of Imran wanted to change the spirit of the Constitution of 1973.

He said if coalition parties would not bring no-confidence move against Imran then Imran with the help of facilitators would get two-third majority. He urged let politicians decide about the political decisions and if Imran khan wants to remove our government but only through the constitutionally no-confidence motion.

He said there would be no different decisions on a same issue. "This Imran Khan bash army and ECP and moves himself towards Article 6."

"If you want to fix the economy then Imran Khan should come up with the democratic ways," he further added. To a question, he replied, "Nothing will happen to Punjab". The minister said that Imran Khan wandalized that Imran Khan vandalized green belts of Islamabad during his long march. Has any-one asked him or held him accountable?PMLN VP already stated that Imran Khan is ladla (blue-eyed) but her party would not accept the unilateral decisions.INP

PML-N once again preparing to attack Supreme Court: Fawad

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Fawad Chaudhry on Monday said that Pakistan Muslim league-Nawaz (PML-N) has once again planned to attack the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Talking to media, Fawad said, "The PML-N is saying the form a full bench. This authority belongs to the Chief Justice, but there is no need to interpret any legal point in this case.

Former federal minister said that 22 crore Pakistanis are waiting for their rights. He said that the people will not let anyone violate the constitution. He said that people have risen to restore democracy in the country.He said the current government by force deprived the majority vote holders of the

provincial government and also in centre.He also attacked the Speaker Punjab Assembly Sardar Mohammad Mazari that he ran away.Earlier in a tweet on Sunday, Fawad said that Punjab cabinet formation has renewed the memory of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) attack on the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

He wrote that at that time retired judge Rafiq Tarar divided the Supreme Court by distributing the briefcases and today the same family is being used again against this institution.

Fawad Chaudhry further wrote in his tweet that the attack on the Supreme Court by the PML-N should be severely crushed. INP

Fawad Chaudhry responds to Maryam Nawaz

ISLAMABAD Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry on Monday demanded to place names of all government leaders on the Exit Control List (ECL).

According to details, Tehreek-e-Insaf leader Fawad Chaudhry, while reacting to the press conference of the leaders of the ruling parties, said that all the characters of the film "London Nahi Jaon Gee" were present in the press conference.

Regarding Maryam Nawaz, the PTI leader said that despite being on bail, the woman continued to hold a press conference against the judiciary. Fawad Chaudhry questioned how Prime Minister House Auditorium was given to Auditorium was given to Maryam Nawaz to hold a press conference. On Zardari's visit to Dubai,

Fawad Chaudhry said that Bilawal's father escaped knowing that his government was only for a few days, these peo-ple are guests for a few days and some have packed their belong-

He further said that Bilawal's only connection with Zulfiqar Bhutto is that he was born in Benazir's house, PPP has invested Sindh's money in Punjab, look at the situation in Sindh, when it rains, Karachi becomes

The PTI leader said that this government has done the work of bringing the Supreme Court under pressure.

He further said that these people are bent on blackmailing the Supreme Court, we demand that the names of the leaders of these parties be included in the ECL. all of them will try to escape from the country.INP

and questioned why they were not involved in hearing the PML-N's cases.

"One or two judges, who have always been anti-PML-N and anti-government, they are repeatedly included in the bench," she said. During the press conference, Maryam alleged that court decisions were favouring the PTI even though they were mocking the judicial system.

goes from parliament to court, and back and forth. What justice is this?

Meanwhile, dunng the media talk, Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman

endorsed Maryam's view saying that fingers were being pointed at the judiciary He said that the government wanted to strengthen the judiciary, where its decisions spoke for themselves. They shouldn't have any conflict or give the impression of a bias.

The PML-N vice president pointed out that there were many respected judges appointed to the apex court

He said that the government was given the mandate by the people was not being allowed to function.

"You are sitting behind a wall. You may decide whatever you want [...] and make politicians the culprit in the eyes of the public and defame them. But if there's moral courage, hold yourself accountable." The Maulana said that the government did not expect any justice from the current bench and reiterated

the government's demand for a full court bench. He went on to say that the government supported what Maryam said earlier, saying that this was their 'united stance" INP

E-custom clearance system installed in Gwadar Free Zone

ISLAMABAD: In order to give a strategic boost to commercial activities, an e-custom clearance system "Web Based One Custom" (WeBOC) has been installed in Gwadar Free Zone, Gwadar Pro reported on Monday.

It is a milestone development in the history of Gwadar Port Free Zone consisting of the South

Gwadar Port Free Zone consisting of the South Free Zone (Phase I) and the North Free Zone

Now all foreign and local companies already reg-istered or to be registered in Gwadar Free Zone will observe a phenomenal growth of their businesses enjoying paperless, ultra-fast, cost-effective and transparent processes and procedures.

It will be an impetus to foreign investors always

It will be an impetus to foreign investors always asking for the activation of E-custom functionality in Gwadar Free Zone. After fulfilling the prerequisite, foreign investment is highly likely to come, which is desperately needed for the struggling Pakistani economy in the current scenario.

The game-changing e-initiative aims to facilitate companies in Gwadar Free Zone to get integrated with Gwadar Port, customs, NLC, FBR, banking channels and other institutions to increase efficiency and reduce the time taken for processing in var-

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ious departments.
WeBOC in Gwadar Free Zone will help with the automation, standardisation and harmonisation of all trade procedures and logistic services related to

land, air and sea routes under the Pakistan Single Window (PSW). China Overseas Port Holding Company (COPHC) official said that investors and operators of the Free Zone have hailed the development as a watershed moment in the progress of Gwadar Free

Hamza moves SC over full court bench formation on Punjab CM plea

I S L A M A B A D : Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Hamza Shahbaz Sharif on Monday filed a petition in Supreme Court to form a full court bench on the plea filed by Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) leader (PML-Q) leader Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi in which he challenged the Deputy Speaker Punjab Assembly's ruling on Chief Minister Election on July 22. Appeals of deviant members against the Election Commission are also requested to be heard

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with a ruling case.

In the petition, it has been prayed that the ruling of Deputy Speaker Sardar Dost Mohammad Mazari is correct. The Election Commission Election Commission declared Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)
Chairman Imran Khan's
letter of instructions
against defecting mem-

bers valid.
While it has also been pleaded that the letter by PML-Q head Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain is also according to the law and constitution.INP

PTI files contempt plea against Governor Punjab

I S L A M A B A D : Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) filed contempt of court plea against Punjab Governor Baligh-ur-Rehman on Monday.

The petition for con-tempt of court was filed by PTI leader Mian Aslam Iqbal in the Supreme Court. It was stated in the peti-

tion that the Governor Punjab has insulted the court by swearing in the cabinet of Hamza cabinet of Hamza Shahbaz Therefore, contempt of court action should be taken against Baligh-ur-Rehman

The petition further requested to take contempt of court action against Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Hamza Shahbaz and Deputy Speaker Punjab Assembly Dost Mazari

It is pertinent to mention here that the political chaos has deepen in Punjab due to the constitutional clash between the opponent parties amid the Punjab Chief Minister election. The dispute started

over Shujaat Hussain's letter that declared the PML-Q votes in favor of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Hamza Shahbaz While INP

WeBOC. However, he revealed that in September, the 2019 WeBOC system was rolled out successful-ly at Gwadar port by the Pakistan Customs. INP Finance Ministry sends six names to PM for new State Bank Governor

ISLAMABAD: Finance Ministry has sent six names to the Prime Minister's Secretariat for the appoint-ment of State Bank Governor, it has

ment of State Bank Governor, it has been learnt on Monday.

The names proposed for Governor State Bank include Dr. Saeed Ahmed Sabak, President National Bank, Asim Meraj Hussain, Murtaza Syed, acting Governor SBP, Zafar Masood, Muhammad, Jameel Deputy Governor State Bank and Muhammad Ashraf Khan, former Governor State Bank The cabinet will approve one of the names in a meeting on Tuesday. the names in a meeting on Tuesday, sources saidAccording to sources, Zafar Masood is most likely to be appointed new Governor State Bank. Dr Murtaza Saeed is currently serv-

ing as acting Governor of State Bank of Pakistan. The position of central bank governor fell vacant on May 4 after the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) led coalition gov-

ernment decided against giving a sec-

Zone. "It will increase the efficiency of consign-

ment processing," they added. Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) Chairman Naseer Khan Kashani said that since trade activities have been picking up momentum in Gwadar Free Zone,

there is an acute need to put in place a vibrant sys-tem of E-Custom to help bolster entire manual business activities.

put trade management and business administration into high gear," he added. "It will also pave [the] way for end-to-end logistics solutions," he men-

A local businessman Agha Hayat said that a large number of government departments and organisa-tions have prescribed multiple "Registrations, Licenses, Certificates and Other permits (RLCOs)" for establishing and operating businesses. Many of these RLCOs envisage cumbersome

processing through manual application procedures. The launch of the mega initiative in Gwadar will reduce the compliance burden on businesses, he

"This will enhance ease of doing business in

Pakistan and as a result, it will improve the country's image and attract foreign direct investment," Muhammad Ali Baloch, another local businessman

Gwadar Custom House noted that Gwadar Port and Gwadar Free Zone are two different entities.

Gwadar Free Zone has now been equipped with

senior official of Collectorate of Customs,

"WeBOC installation in Gwadar Free Zone will

ernment decided against giving a second term to Dr Reza Baqir.

However, the government has failed to appoint a new governor of the State Bank of Pakistan despite interviewing six candidates due to the divisions within its ranks, violating a law that binds it to appoint the governor within one month.

The central bank has been without a permanent governor for the last over two months, particularly at a

over two months, particularly at a time when Pakistan's economy is fac-ing serious challenges and the central bank has the responsibility to control inflation. The SBP governor is a cosignatory of the Letter of Intent that is a prerequisite for clinching a deal with the International Monetary Fund (IME). (IMF) According to media reports, of the six people that have been interviewed so far, three have worked with the IMF, including the acting gover-nor, Dr Murtaza Syed INP



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Reform, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal talking with media persons outside Supreme Court.

Zaheer Abbas set to be discharged from London hospital soon Samina told Geo News on Sunday. "Prayers of fans and well-wishers have worked well and he has improved a lot. He will be out of the hospital soon, God willing," she

LONDON:Pakistan's legendary cricketer Zaheer Abbas is feeling a lot better and will be discharged from the hospital soon, according to his wife Samina Zaheer Abbas.

The right-hander was shifted to Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Saint Mary's Hospital in London on June 21 after he contracted Covid-19 and was critically ill.

Abbas's wife revealed that her husband was facing a "life and death

situation The former cricketer contracted

the virus while travelling to England from Dubai. He was also suffering from kidney pain and was diagnosed with pneumonia in London.
Earlier in July, he was taken off ventilator support after his health

condition improved. Zaheer Abbas has improved a lot. He is no more on oxygen support, his recovery has been well and he responded well to the treatment,"

The 74-year-old made his interna-tional debut in 1969 against New Zealand. He accumulated 5062 runs in 72 Tests, while scoring 2572 runs in 62 ODIs.

Abbas is currently being treated at the Hammersmith Hospital in London for damaged kidneys after

being discharged from Queen Mary's Hospital.

He also amassed 34,843 runs in He also amassed 34,843 runs in 459 first-class matches which included 108 centuries and 158 fifties. He is the only Asia batter to score a century of first-class centuries. The Sialkot-born was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame in 2020 in accounting of his wonderful recognition career.INP of his wonderful

UK's Sunak vows to get tough on China if he becomes PM

LONDON: Rishi Sunak on Sunday promised to get tough on China if he becomes Britain s next prime minister, calling the Asian superpower the "number one threat" to domestic and global security. The former finance minister s pledge comes after his rival in the final two of the race to lead the ruling Conservative party, Liz Truss, accused him of being weak on China and Russia. China s state-run Global Times has previously said Sunak was the only candidate in the contest with "a clear and pragmatic view on devel-oping UK-China ties". The Daily Mail, which has come out for Foreign Mail, which has come out for Foreign Secretary Truss in the race to succeed Boris Johnson, called that "the endorsement that nobody wanted" Sunak s proposals include the closure of all 30 Confucius Institutes in Britain, preventing the soft-power spread of Chinese influence through culture and language programmes. He also promised to kick the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) out of our universities" by forcing higher education establish-ments to disclose foreign funding of

more than 50,000 pound (\$60,000) and reviewing research partner-ships.Britain s domestic spy agency MI5 would be used to help combat Chinese espionage, and he would look to build "NATO-style" interna-tional co-operation to tackle Chinese threats in cyberspace.He would also study the case for hanning Chinese study the case for banning Chinese acquisitions of key British assets, including strategically sensitive tech firms. Sunak claimed that China was "stealing our technology and infiltrat-ing our universities" at home, "prop-ping up" Vladimir Putin abroad by buying Russian oil, as well as attempting to bully neighbours including Taiwan.He hit out at China s global "belt and road" scheme for "saddling developing countries with insurmountable debt".

"They torture, detain and indoctri-nate their own people, including in Xinjiang and Hong Kong, in contra-vention of their human rights. And they have continually rigged the glob-al economy in their favour by sup-pressing their currency," he pressing the added Online

KARACHI: Rescue worker shting people on boat at flooded area surjani twon locality.