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Death toll rises to 25 in rains related incidents in **Balochistan: DG PDMA**

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QUETTA: The death toll in rains-related incidents across Balochistan reached 25 on Tuesday night. This was revealed by the Director-General of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Naseer Ahmad Nasar while talking to Daily Quetta Voice.

Mr. Nasar mentioned that over three dozen people have also been injured in rains-related incidents in the province. Torrential rains and flooding have also dam-aged more than 300 mud-walled houses on the outskirts of Quetta. "Three women and four children are also among the dead", the DG

News Desk

In view of the recent rains in Gwadar, Pakistan Army relief teams have arrived in

the port city. Pakistan Army has developed a compre-

hensive organizational setup with the Gwadar Civil Administration to deal with

any situation.

The major objective behind moving the Pak

Pak Army relief

teams reach Gwadar

after rainfall

Army was to provide timely relief and support to the people in the case of an emergency after heavy rainfall.

Due to heavy rains in Gwadar this morning, some low-lying areas have been inundated and rescue teams of the Pakistan Army have been dispatched to the area. The Army is ready to help the people of Gwadar in

QUETTA: People salvage usable items from their house that was

NCOC issues fresh

guidelines for Eid ul

Adha as COVID cases rise

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Tuesday issued fresh guidelines for Eid ul Adha, urging people to fol-

low the issued SOPs as coronavirus cases climb across the country.

COVID cases witnessed a spike in the mid of June, with officials fearing that the infections would spread further due to shopping and the celebrations leading up to Eid ul Adha.

Eid UI Adha prayers should be organisssed in open spaces under stringer COVID.

gent COVID protocols. In case of any compulsion to offer the prayers inside mosques, then all windows and doors should be kept open for ven-

tilation to minimise the chances of disease spread.

Preferably 2-3 Eid prayers should be organised at one single venue with staggered timings to allow maximum people to offer prayers with COVID-

All ulemas leading Eid prayers should be sensitised to keep sermons and khutbaas short so that people remain present in the prayer venues for a

Efforts should be made to discourage sick, elderly and young children from attending Eid prayers. Under no circumstances should people be

allowed to enter the prayer venue without a proper face mask. There should

be multiple entry and exit points at the prayer venue to avoid jumbling up of individuals/prevent transmission of disease. Venue organisers should

ensure the availability of a sufficient quantity of hand sanitisers at the

entry points. It should be mandatory for all coming for prayers to use sani-tisers before entering the venue To ensure social distancing protocols,

damaged by heavy rain, on the outskirts of Quetta.

The government has declared an emergency situation in Quetta to tackle the situation. "The next 48 hours are crucial", said DG 48 hours are crucial PDMA Naseer Ahmad Nasar. Central Balochistan, Northern Balochistan, and Balochistan areas are in a more

dangerous situation. Heavy rains with strong winds started in many areas of the province in the afternoon. According to reports, two girls were swept away by floodwater near a dam in the Eastern Bypass area. Quetta's district administra-tion and rescue teams launched relief operations in the areas affected in the rainfall. Forty affected families in Goharabad were shifted to a temporary relief camp in a school building.

of Bolan resulted in flooding in Geshtri drain in Machh, which swept away four miners. Local people saved a man in injured condition, while a search has been underway for others. The miners were belong to Marri tribe, which were returning to homes when swept away by the floodwater. Heavy rains in Quetta yesterday left many trees and electricity poles uprooted. The provincial capital and its surrounding areas were plunged into darkness after several feed-ers of the Quetta Electric Supply Company (Qesco) were

According to the Met office, northern and central parts of Balochistan will receive more heavy rains with thunderstorms.

PM directs authorities to remain alert during monsoon rains

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan has directed all depart-ments including state Disaster Management Authorities to be high alert to deal any emergency situa-tion in the wake of heavy monsoon

The PM said that no negligence or laxity would be tolerated in this regard. He directed the District Administration, State Disaster Management and other relevant agencies to inspect the landslide sites and keep the office abreast of the situation in the region.

the situation in the region. He said that all communication roads should be restored as soon as possible and people should be kept updated on the condition of high-

ways.
"In case of any loss of life or property due to rains anywhere in Azad Kashmir, relief should be provided to the victims immediately", he added.
The Prime Minister also sought a detailed report regarding the damage caused by the recent rains in Azad Kashmir INP

Pakistan highly values its protnerly relations with Turkey: COAS

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa has said that Pakistan highly values its brotherly relations with Turkey which are deeply rooted in history and entrenched in cultural and reli-

gious affinities. He was talking to General Musa Avsever, Commander of Turkish Land Forces who called on at General Headquarters (GHQs) on

The visiting dignitary acknowledged the professionalism of Pakistan Armed Forces and vowed to enhance cooperation in various fields. He also pledged to play his role for further improvements in diplomatic cooperation Pakistan at all levels INP

IT sector offering incentives to attract FDI: Amin

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Syed Amin-ul-Haque on Tuesday said the IT sec-tor had vast potential and incentives to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) He made these remarks in a meeting with the rep-resentatives of the Norinco Group China, said a news release They discussed cooperation in the tele-com sector, Backhaul Fiber Optics Network, and Safe City project.In view of its long association with Pakistan, Norinco showed keen interest to further the strategic rela-tionships by undertaking joint ventures in the field of telecommuni-cations The officials and represen-tatives of Norinco including Maj General (Retd) Ali Farhan, Brig (Retd) Tahir Islam INP



QUETTA: Children sitting on derbies of collapsed house due to recent rain in different area at Seriyab road locality. 8 people died in this incident.

District Quetta declared

as calamity hit area after

heavy rainfall

were confined to their homes as roads and streets were completely inundated. "We have been a hostage since yesterday as our streets have been completely inundated." Muhammad Akram, a resident of Nawa Killi told Quetta Voice via telephone. Langove visits the PDMA office to

review the relief operation Balochistan home minister, Mir Balochistan home minister, Mir Zia Ullah Langove visited PDMA's office and revived the ongoing relief and rescue operation in the province. DG PDMA, Naseer Ahmad Nasar briefed the minister about the steps taken by the authority to support rains and floods affected people. "Reach out to all affected people" Mir Zia Ullah Langove directed PDMA officers. Flash floods and torrential rains have also swept away small bridges and delayed check dames in various areas of Balochistan. This has badly exposed the construction quality of bridges and dams across the Province. "Our Dam was twice swept away by flood water" Gul Muhammad, a resident of Killi Jungle Thor Khail lamented. He demanded the national accountabilidemanded the national accountability bureau (NAB) launch an investigation into the construction of the dam.

Dead body of one of three kidnapped girls recovered in Musakhail

Abdul Rehman Musakhail

Staff Reporter

Relief Commissioner and the Director-General Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) have declared Quetta as a calamity-hit district after heavy rainfall.

According to a notification issued by the Relief Commissioner/DG PDMA, Quetta has been declared a calamity-hit district after heavy mon-soon rainfall on July 5 Torrential rains have claimed 25 lives and injured over a dozen people

lives and injured over a dozen people in the provincial capital. Over 300

mud-walled houses have also been damaged as a result of the heavy rainfall in the outskirts of Quetta.

Government declares an emer-gency to tackle the situation

streets in the poor neighborhoods of

The provincial government has already declared an emergency to tackle the situation. Most roads and

Levies found the dead body of one of the three kidnapped minor girls was recovered in Balochistan's Musakhail district The minor girl was tortured to death, acting Deputy Commissioner Musakhail, Kaleemullah Kakar told Daily Quetta Voice. The minor girl was five years old.

"The girl was first rapped and then brutally murdered", another administration official revealed. He requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter. The dead body was brought to Musakhail Bazar and the heirs of the victim also reached the dis-

trict headquarters hospital.

The dead body of the minor girl brought to Quetta for post-

mortem

The dead body of the minor girl was brought to civil hospital Quetta for postmortem. Despite repeated attempts, this scribe was not able to speak to the police surgeon to get verified information about the cause of death.

No information about the whereabouts of two missing girls in Musakhail. "We want an immediate recovery of the kidnapped girls". Sadraduddin Musakhail, a tribal and political elder said. He said the government has totally failed to recover

the kidnapped girls.
"We have formed a team to make sure the unhurt recovery of the kidnapped girls", Kaleemullah Kakar explained. He said the administration was coordinating with local elders of the area to recover the kidnapped



This is a human tragedy Sadruddin Musakhail lamented Political parties have also staged protest demonstrations to mount pressure on the administration to make sure the recovery of kidnapped girls. "This is a human tragedy", Sadruddin Musakhail lamented.

The deputy speaker Balochistan Assembly, Sardar Babar Musakhail had also direct-ed the Inspector General of Police and Chief Secretary to submit a report regarding the kid-

napping of minor girls.
Rights groups have also expressed serious concern over the kidnapping of minor girls and demanded of the government to use all available resources for their recovery. "This is an inhuman and barbaric act, the perpe-trators should be brought to justice", Allauddin Kakar, the Chief Foundation Women Balochistan said.

Mr. Kakar said the community and government should join hands to expose the elements involved in such kinds of heniosu

3 people killed 2 injured in Panjpai Quetta firing

At least three people were killed and two injured in a firing incident in Balochistan's Panjpai area on



said armed men opened fire on a vehicle and killed three people on the spot Two people sustained injuries and they were shifted to Quetta for medical treatment. The victims were stated to be local tribesmen. The assailants fled away from the spot unhurt.

Police and levies reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway. The rea-

incident went underway. The rea-son behind the killing could not be immediately ascertained.

President, PM pay tribute to Kargil war hero on 23rd martyrdom anniversary

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday paid tribute to Captain Karnal Sher

Khan for his valour and bravery on the 23rd anniversary of his martyr-In their separate messages, the president and the prime minister said the sacrifice of the national

hero, also the recipient of the high-est gallantry award Nishan-e-Haider, would always be remem-

President Dr Arif Alvi said the nation was indebted to the immense sacrifices rendered by the martyred soldiers for the sover-eignty of their motherland.INP

venue organisers to ensure prominent marking (6 feet apart) to allow sufficient space/distance between individuals People should be encouraged to perform abulution at home before coming for the prayers and also bring their own prayer mats to the venue Efforts should be made to sensitise people to refrain from embracing and handshaking after the prayer to avoid chances of disease transmission. Web DesK Torrential rain exposed drainage system in Quetta

Syed Ali Shah Analysis

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 every

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 particular.

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 of Balochistan. Most streets and roads in poor neighborhoods of Quetta were inun-

dated by the rainwater. It was not possible for the people to walk or drive on roads completely inundated 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 provincial 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

Rainy water needs to be reserved to maintain the depleting water table in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan.

QUETTA VOICE Editor Asim Khan Water shortage

in Balochistan

The scarcity of water poses a serious threat to human life in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan. Environmentalists and experts on the water issues have warned of an alarming situation with regard to water scarcity in Quetta in near future.

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

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

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

Private tankers are meeting the demand of more than 70 percent population of the city. Tankers owners are minting money from the people right under the nose of WASA and district administration. Per tanker is available at Rs. 2,000 to 3,000. No mechanism to check the quality of waterMore importantly, none checks the quality of water. Nobody knows whether the water is contaminated or clean for drinking. Since it is a matter of human health and life, therefore, the provincial govern-ment should evolve a mechanism to check the quality of water. Set aside, the increasing rates of water tankers association. Depleting water table in Quetta, Pishin, Killa Abdullah, Kalat, Mastung, Noshki and Chaghi have forced the growers to cut their green trees. This has made a large number of people jobless as most of the people in Balochistan are financially dependent on agriculture and livestock.

Construction of delay and check dams imperative

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

Is Pakistan stronger now than in 2016?

With his targeting of the US government (as he prepared for an ouster that he knew was coming the moment he decided to manufacture Notification Gate), Imran Khan has set the bar for behaviour that is deleterious to Pakistan's core national interest. But there is context to this behaviour that

needs to be considered. needs to be considered.

The post-2016 regime
in Pakistan behaved
incredibly responsibly in
handling the fallout from
India's Balakot attack in
February 2019. It also
helped secure relative
peace on the Line of
Control through a reestablished ceasefire. But
how has the Islamic how has the Islamic Republic of Pakistan responded to the unilater-al change in the status quo in Kashmir that was enacted with the full support of the spectrum of the Indian polity on August 5 that same year? Here, the record merits

more scrutiny. For many security analysts, the responsible and mature handling of the February 2019 Balakot crisis was misinterpreted by India as an invitation for the unilateral change in status quo in Kashmir enacted on August 5. Thanks to the enduring integrity of the movement for freein Kashmir, the legalese being deployed by New Delhi has no impact on hearts and minds in the Valley. But

many would argue that the Pakistani posture on India post 2016 has been weak and needs revisit-

ing.
India today is a regional hegemon driven by radical religious revisionism. It is essentially a bully. One that is being underwritten by the US's need for a series of regional alliances that can help contain China. Bullies, especially bullies with powerful friends, need to be challenged, not assuaged. Pakistan's post-2016 regime has been informed by the right instincts on India -but it has not altered or adjusted to the realities of changing geoeconomics and geopolitical align-ments. Forget the impact that this obduracy may have had on Kashmiris in the Valley. It may have had more immediate deleterious effects on a number of other key rela-

Pakistan's posture with India probably informs how other countries talk to Pakistan. Take a deep look at how Iran, Afghanistan and China engaged with Pakistan during the post-2016 regime era. If there is consistency, it is that all three key neighbours of Pakistan have sought to pressure Pakistan into behaviours that are in keeping with those coun-tries' interests - notwithstanding whether they are good or bad for Pakistan.

The jury is still out on the extent to which they have succeeded or failed, but if Pakistani military and civilian leaders that are currently not in key deci-sion-making roles want to forge a different path for-ward for the country they need to figure out a new Pakistani paradigm for how it deals with its neighbours and the four regions for which it is a geographical, economic, logistics and security synapse: South Asia, Central Asia, the Persian Gulf and GCC, and

China

Afghanistan – no matter who is running it –
wants all the advantages
of an open border with
Pakistan, without recognizing the border.
Pakistan's mistake, for
over 70 years, is failing to
decide whether it wants a decide whether it wants a hard border or a soft bor-der, and the concomitant policy framework that follows thus, of course, suffers from schizophre-nia. Open the border for our sisters and brothers on Sunday Close it because of terrorists on Tuesday Open it because exports to Afghanistan are valuable on Thursday. Close it because dollar flow to Kabul is causing downward pressure on the Pakistani rupee on Friday. Let some Afghans and Pakistanis run back and forth across the bor-der without papers on Saturday. And force oth-

ers to stay on one or the

other side of the border on Monday. The result? Let's take stock. Despite the important role played by the post-2016 regime in stabiliz-ing the region, and possibly saving thousands of lives through last sum-mer, and especially through the months of July, August and September 2021, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan gets no credit from either the West or from Afghans. Instead, is stuck wearing the stink of airstrikes in Afghanistan and the

stench of negotiating on the 25th Amendment at

home. One could argue that Afghans and those interested in the security of the region as it relates to Afghanistan have taken Pakistan for granted, in part because it has demonstrated such keen willingness to compro-mise with India – why would it then resist com-tromises. promise Afghanistan? For proof, one need look no further than at Mullah Yaqoob's attempts to serenade South Block operators into a conversation about defence cooperation between the Hindu Rashtra and the Islamic

Emirate of Afghanistan. The situation in Tehran may be even more alarming Egged on by the post-2016 regime, Imran Khan himself left no stone unturned in signal-ing a willingness to bend

backwards to address a litany of issues that the Ayatollahs and the IRGC have had with Pakistan since the revisionist revolution in Iran altered the geopolitical map of the region in 1979. What Iran really wants is something Pakistan cannot and should not even consider riving to it. A decoupling giving to it. A decoupling of Saudi Arabia's core national security interests from those of Pakistan's is Iran's principal strate-gic objective. Even if this is taken to be a legitimate concern for Tehran, the manner of its pursuit is

Here too, Pakistan's internal dynamic is at fault. Pakistani Shias have endured four decades of hatred, target-ed assassinations, takfi-rization, and discrimina-tion. This has created the opportunity for exploita-tion of a significant por-tion of Pakistan that Tehran has availed. It took the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi's integration and merger with the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan for some sanity to be restored in Pakistan's view of its security Both Ashfaq Parvez and General Sharif helped General Kayani Raheel establish clarity on the integral role of sectarian harmony in Pakistan. The post-2016 regime has not reversed course on that clarity, but has failed to establish and sustain an

Focusing on people's problems By Abdul Sattar

We are in the most unfortunate age of Pakistan's political history where every political entity is trying to appease non-democratic forces. From a pliant prime min-ister to the 'revolution-

opposition leader, everyone is trying to reach the height of flat-

For them, appeasement is the only way to enter the power corridors of the country. Therefore, they do not want to take any concrete action that might help alleviate the suffer-ing of more than 220 million people of this country, who are being crushed under rising inflation and poverty, falling living standards, paucity of basic amenities and the terrible spectre of hunger and starvation. But our political elite -from PM Shehbaz Sharif to Imran Khan - is not bothered about it. The former is adding to the woes of the people by opening the flood gate of inflation, while the latter is busy spending billions of rupees on holding political gatherings and

protests.

It is believed that in the past, rulers and politicians were reluctant to carry out any anti-people agenda for fear of the people's reaction. The ruling elite would not resort to frequent price hikes, fearing it could infuriate people, prompt-ing them to take to the streets and weakening these rulers' hold on Even the most popular leaders could not dare to take steps that might create resentment

among the people and would keep an eye on the issues faced by ordinary Pakistanis. For instance, when, in 1953, the Khawaja Nazimuddin government was rocked by allegations that it was involved in creating wheat shortages, the then prime minister had to

People's issues also dominated the politics of Ayub Khan where not only the working class fiercely guarded their interests but other ordinary Pakistanis were also conscious of their rights and ready to protect them. When the dictator increased the prices of wheat and sugar, it creat-ed a political storm prompting the late poet Habib Jalib to criticize the ruler whose pro-rich policy had wreaked havoc with the lives of millions of Pakistanis, forcing them to live in poverty. It was during this time that the famous '22 families' term was popularized by some pro-people intellectuals and poets who held the elite class responsible for the suffe ing of millions of citi-

Such policy did not go unnoticed and people resisted it at all forums. Students, workers, peasants, trade unions, women's organizations, professional professional groups, poets, intellectuals and several other sections of society got united to challenge the mighty dictator-ship of Ayub, taking to the streets and criticizing him to the extent that he finally resigned and was sent packing in an unceremonious way.

During ZA Bhutto's time, politics on people's issues seemed to be everywhere, and these problems took precedence over everything else. The morale of an ordinary person was high, and s/he was ready to go to any extent to protect the few gains s/he made

since the decline of Ayub. But, unfortunately, unnecessarify dragged religion into politics, infuriating clerics and resorting to sledgehammer tactics against those who advised him to stick to the manifesto of the party. His policies strengthened the religious right-wing that managed to topple his government with the help of a dictator whose regime heralded the death of pro-people politics in Pakistan.

Zia patronized religious organizations and promoted sectarian outfits. This policy depoliticized people, prompting them to focus on the issues that were not concerned with day-to-day life. The use of religion as be the order of the day Zia created a number of organizations that still have the potential to change the entire political discourse within no time through their militant agitation or violent tactics

PML-N founder Nawaz Sharif and other political leaders who came after General Zia tried to follow his legacy. introducing regressive laws, and did little to undermine the religious and sectarian organisations that hampered the

democratic development and growth of the coun-try. Like Zia, they also patronized such groups in a bid to enhance their vote bank. Such policy boomeranged on the right-wing Punjab-based political party with some extremists targeting the party in a lethal way Nawaz was attacked at a religious seminary when a seminary student hurled a shoe at him. Another PML-N leader Ahsan Iqbal nearly escaped death when he was shot at

a political gathering.

The reconciliation between the PPP and PML-N in the late 2000s led to hopes that the religious right-wing would be undermined, but the advent of Imran Khan on the political horizon once again gave space to this section. Many from the Jamaat-e-Islami and other religious factions joined the PTI during the last 20 years, especially after 2011, stuffing the party with obscurantist forces Khan started employing religion as a tool for political purposes. He undertook number measures that appeased the religious right - from Darul Uloom Haggania to the urban middle class

once again shifted from day-to-day problems to religious topics. Instead of coming up with any concrete policies that could have extended sup-port to millions of Pakistanis who were condemned to live a life of abject poverty, Khan, as the PM of the country,

by money, influence

all major political par-

ties indulge in the

same practice to lure

electables from other

parties to strengthen

their position at the

expense of others. Can

political parties justify

the presence of so

many parliamentarians

within their ranks who

have contested every

election on the ticket

have never contested

two elections from the

platform of a single

party. And yet every

embrace them. It is

surprising to see lead-

wants

There are many par-

of a different party?

liamentarians

The tragedy is that

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tion. Political

offered religious sermons at a time when his party members and allies were allegedly siphoning off taxpayers money right

under his nose.
From the PTI to PML-N, ANP to PPP, JUI-F to JUP, all political parties seem to have given up plans to serve the people None of them is interest ed in solving the myriad of mundane issues that matter in the lives of millions. All of them want to raise religious, national or ethnic issues that cannot address poverty, inflation, shelter and unemployment. It is this attitude of the main-stream political parties that has disappointed the people. The Awami Workers

Haqooq-e-Khalq Party, Party, Communist Party of Pakistan, National Party, Red Workers Front, the Struggle Group, the International Socialist, Pakistan Mazdoor Kissan Party, Pakistan Mazdoor Ittehad and a few other left-wing groups are among those political among those political entities that are still raising the basic issues of the people. From land-grabnegatively bing in Karachi to cli mate-related catastrophes in Gilgit-Baltistan and from unbearable inflation to privatization of staterun entities, they are vehemently opposing the policies of the govern-ment which is creating problems for the people expand

Also, these parties are

also trying to address

gender- and minority-related issues, but, unfor-tunately, none of these parties is part of main-stream politics.

A war foretold

holds holds its Summit in Madrid on June 28-30. the war in Ukraine is taking center stage. During a pre-Summit June 22 talk with Politico, Nato's Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg bragged about how well-prepared Nato was for this fight because, he said: "This was an invasion that was predicted, foreseen by our intelligence services." Stoltenberg was talking about Western intelli-gence predictions in the months leading up to the February 24 invasion, when Russia insisted it was not going to attack Stoltenberg, however, could well have been talking about predictions that went back not just months before the inva-

sion, but decades.
Stoltenberg could have looked all the way back to when the USSR was dissolving, and highlighted a 1990 State Department memo warning that creating an 'anti-Soviet coali-tion' of Nato countries along the USSR's border would be perceived very

Stoltenberg could have reflected on the conse-quences of all the broken promises by Western offi-cials that Nato would not eastward Secretary of State James Baker's famous assur-ance to Soviet President Gorbachev was just one example. Declassified Soviet, German, British and French documents posted by the National Security

Archive reveal multiple assurances by Western leaders to Gorbachev and

leaders to Gorbachev and other Soviet officials throughout the process of German unification in 1990 and 1991.

The Nato Secretary General could have recalled the 1997 letter by 50 prominent foreign policy experts, calling President Clinton's plans to enlarge NATO a policy error of 'historic proportions' that would 'unsettle tions' that would 'unsettle European stability'. But Clinton had already made a commitment to invite Poland into the club, reportedly out of concern that saying 'no' to Poland would lose him critical Polish-American votes in the Midwest in the 1996

Stoltenberg could have remembered the predic-tion made by George Kennan, the intellectual father of US containment policy during the Cold War, when Nato moved ahead and incorporated Poland, the Czech Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary in 1998. In a New York Times interview, Kennan mistake' marked the beginning of a new Cold War, and warned that the Russians

After seven more Eastern European coun-tries joined NATO in 2004, including the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuaniaich, which had actually been part of the former Soviet Union the hostility increased further. Stoltenberg could have just considered the words of President Putin

would 'gradually react

quite adversely'

many occasions that Nato enlargement represented enlargement represented
'a serious provocation'.
In 2007, at the Munich
Security Conference,
Putin asked, "What happened to the assurances
our Western partners
made after the dissolution
of the Warsaw Pact?"
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But it was the 2008

Nato Summit, when Nato ignored Russia's vehement opposition and promised that Ukraine would join Nato, that really set off alarm bells. William Burns, then US ambassador to Moscow, sent an urgent memo to Secretary of Condoleezza "Ukrainian entry into Nato is the brightest of all redlines for the Russian elite (not just Putin)," wrote. "In more than two and a half years of con-versations with key Russian players, from knuckle-draggers in the dark recesses of the Kremlin to Putin's sharpest liberal critics, I have yet to find anyone have yet to find anyone who views Ukraine in Nato as anything other Russian interests.

Instead of compre-hending the danger of crossing "the brightest of all redlines", President George W Bush persisted and pushed through inter-nal connection within opposition within Nato to proclaim, in 2008, that Ukraine would indeed be granted membership, but at an unspec-ified date. Stoltenberg could well have traced the present conflict back to that Nato Summit - a Summit that took place well before.

Politics of defections

politics has once again its ugly face in the last few days. Power poli-tics is all about power, privilege, position and money with no room for ideology. Such polities promotes political corruption and opportunism. That is what we are witnessing right now. The PTI wants to retain power through any means and the opposition wants to oust it via any

Many lawmakers who contested the 2018 general elections on the PTI ticket have decided to ditch the ruling party. It may be remembered that the PTI leadership was happy when many electables ditched the PML-N and PPP to join the PTI before the 2018 elections. The current ruling party had at the time made all sorts of compromises to gain power. And now opposition parties are doing the same, relying on the same people to oust the PTI government that had brought the PTI to power.

We need principled and ideology-based politics to strengthen democracy and poli-tics in Pakistan. Political opportunism and corruption will

further erode the credibility of the democrat-While it was the

beneficiary of defec-tions in 2018, the PTI is now crying foul and accusing the opposition of indulging in horse trading and corpractices. Infortunately, the PTI failed to establish healthy democratic traditions and culture in the country. And now opposition parties are encouraging defec-tions from within the

Politics of defections is not going to strengthen democracy, democratic norms and the political culture. undemocratic practices and traditions not only undermine parliamentary democracy but also taint the public image of elected representatives. Both the PPP and PML-N have suffered in the past due to the defections. But it seems they are not ready to learn lessons from the past.

The PTI is facing a revolt as nearly two dozen members of the National Assembly have declared publicly to side with the opposition during the vote no-confidence. Different media reports are indicating that more lawmakers are ready to join hands

with the opposition The PTI allies are

closely watching the developments to make their own decision. It seems that Prime Minister Imran Khan is in deep trouble. Under the present circumstances, it is not hard to predict which side allies are going to

Political defections are not a new phenomenon in Pakistani politics. We have seen in the past how parliamentarians have changed their political loyalty overnight to serve the larger national interest' - or their suddenly awakened conscience. Generally, the sea-

son of political defections starts a few months before the general elections. But this time it started a bit earlier. Many electables change political loyalty before almost every election. These electables have no permanent commitment with any political party.

The PTI government is blaming the opposi-tion for these defections, alleging that they have been offered money and other incentives for their votes. Such allegations not only tarnish the image of elected representatives but also raise questions on the

By Khalid Bhatti integrity, legitimacy

ers who support and and transparency of encourage defections in other parties, but the electoral process and politics. cry foul when their The whole debate own do the same.

around the allegations What else can we of horse-trading and expect from a political vote selling in the nosystem that is based on money, power and patronage? When policonfidence move has created the impression that use of money in tics is not based on the electoral process is ideologies, principles confined just to the and a democratic spirelections. However, this is a much more it, it can only produce a culture of political serious issue. Wealth is not just used during corruption, rigging and horse trading. The elections but also to cleansing of a political enter into politics. The system is the responsibility of the political leadership. But the leadership of today is fact is that electoral politics, whether it is at the union council level or within nationnot playing its role in al and provincial conthis regard. Pakistan's democrastituencies, is plagued

cy is still an elitist democracy. People's democracy - or rather a participatory democ-racy - is still a distant dream for the people. The overwhelming majority of parliamen-

tarians belong to the elite. And the results of every election simply reflect the fact that parliamentary politics and the political system are controlled by the elite and privileged while political activists who belong to the middle and working classes have consciously been kept out of this system. The working classes and the poor have been

alienated from this

political system.

Transcending limits

istoric moments warrant introspec-tions and reflection. The contemporary pandemic-ridden world seems to be at the crossroads. The prevailing onslaught of Covid-19 against humankind calls for a comprehensive contemplation on what went wrong in our quest for modernisation. The pandemic has resulted in an unprecedented crisis, the likes of which the world has not seen since World War II. Rather than viewing it as a traditional fleecing event, we need to mull over the lessons the pandemic is trying to teach us. When deliberating, one may be forced to conclude that something is wrong with what we have been doing. We shouldn't be oblivious of an inevitable principle: one gets what one gives. When we harm nature, nature harms us

back. Among all creatures, humankind is high up the evolutionarily ladder due to unmatched cognitive abilities and intellectual prowess. These intellectual abilities were inherently aimed at distinguishing good and evil, and regulat-ing life on earth in a manner that benefits not only humans but their surroundings. Paradoxically humans have outstepped and outreached their assigned authority and overestimated themselves as an omnipotent entity enjoying complete impuni ty of all their activities

Rather than running the affairs and utilising the intellect and bounties in a just and sustainable manner, men have badly embezzled with nature's resources at the cost of destruction of other forms of life and of natural ecosystem. The recently released UN IPCC's terrifying sixth assessment report on the anthro-pogenic destruction of global climate is but a single instance of mankind's high-handedness against their surrounding environment. Even men didn't spare his fellow beings.

A few in the world hold majority of the wealth —

the result: millions of people are currently consumed by poverty, hunger and disease. The rich-poor divide widens as time passes by Global poverty and widescale inequality are on the rise. Laws are made and broken for and by the rich, while the poor remain entangled in them. Merciless pogroms are a norm. The week dies of being preyed and conby capitalist predators. The tyranny against and persecutions of the weak, and the atrocities of rulers over their subjects have surged as time passes by. The growing scourge of terrorism and extremism, rising populism and dema-goguery, and fascist political leadership is the new normal. Mass adulteration, hoarding, black-marketing, organised crimes, cheating, manipulating exploitating have

Ali Hassan Bangwar become common traits of

There is an ever-rising trend of flattery and hypocrisy, while everything remains centered around material success. Morality, ethos, empathy and compassion are all considered as outdated notions. One might wonder how is NASA even think-ing of colonising Mars if we have utterly failed to learn to live peacefully on earth despite being here for millenniums. Though heinous acts may go unattended or

unpunished by our judicial system, we must realise the earth has its own system of justice. Floods, droughts, forest fires, heat waves, tsunamis, epidemics, earthquakes, torrential rains and violent volcanic eruptions are just a few of the consequences that have come about due to our actions. COVID-19 among other cataclysms questions the sustainability of the exist-ing global order and the underlying principles of globalisation. The pandemic has given humankind the opportunity to rethink and reform existing socio-political and economical orders in line with principles of egalitarianism, eco-friendlessness, compassion and empathy. Rather than wasting resources on weapons, we must utilize it for the underprivileged, the poor and the weak. Since we have already prospered materially, we now need to invest in humanity if we want to shield ourselves

Monsoon

downpours lashes Islamabad, other

parts of country

ISLAMABAD Monsoon down-pours lashed at different parts of the country including Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Sialkot, and others on

Weather in federal capital and Rawalpindi turned the weather pleasant after rainfall with strong

wind. While Rain-wind-thunder-

shower in other parts of the coun-try like areas of Sindh, Balochistan, Kashmir, upper Punjab and upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa made weather pleas-

As per a spokesperson of met office, the rains will continue dur-ing the next twelve to twenty four

hours. He said rainfall of 72 mm

has been recorded in Islamabad and 86 mm in Rawalpindi.

According to rescue 1122 officials, the water level has reached the dangerous level at Nullah Leh

Nine outlaws rounded up in Capital

ISLAMABAD Islamabad Capital territory police have arrest-ed 09 outlaws from different areas of the city and recovered narcotics and weapons with ammunition during the last 24 hours, a Police Public Relation Officer

He said that, DIG (Operations) Sohail Zafar Chatha had ordered crackdown against criminals Following these orders, Bhara Kahu Police team apprehended accused namely Nisar Khan and recovered 1425 gram

heroin from him. Likewise, police during snap checking apprehended two drug peddlers namely Mohsin Shahzad and

Muhammad Sardar and recovered 1600 gram heroin from their pos-

Similarly, Karachi company police arrest-ed three accused namely Noman Hussain, Muhammad Ahmed and Waheed Khan and recovered two 30 bore pistols with ammunition from their possession. Bani Gala police

accused involved in Zeeshan illegal activity, while Sihala police arrested accused namely Ghayas and recovered one 30 bore pistol from him.

Cases against all the nominated accused have been registered and further investigation is underway.

DIG (Operations) Sohail Zafar Chatha (Operations) ordered to intensify the crackdown. "Safety and security of the citizens is our foremost priority and no laxity will be tolerated in this regard" he added INP

Political, military leadership agree to hold talks with TTP

ISLAMABAD: ISLAMABAD: The political and military leadership has agreed to hold talks with the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) within the framework of the constitution.

the constitution.

The talks will be overseen by a parliamentary steering committee. Cases against the banned movement will not be withdrawn while FATA integration will not be

roll back.
The PTI in Parliament did not attend the parliamentary committee on national security, while Baloch leaders said there should be talks with those who went to the mountains.

According to sources, the sixth in-camera meet-ing of the Parliamentary Committee on National Security was held on Tuesday under the chair-manship of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif in which political, military and parliamentary leadership participated.

The meeting discussed important issues includ-ing the overall national security situation in the country. According to sources, the Prime Minister briefed the comthis series of talks started and briefed on the dura-tion of the talks so far, the meeting was informed that the meeting was facilitated by the Government Afghanistan with the TTP.

Negotiations are underway. The negotiating committee consists of government-led civil and military representatives. The committee is negoti-The committee is negoti-ating within the frame-work of the Constitution of Pakistan. During the briefing, military leader-ship apprised of the dan-gers posed at home and abroad.

The meeting was

abroad.

The meeting was informed about the steps taken to address the threats to the security of the country and the administrative matters on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

The meeting was informed that Pakistan has played a very responsible and positive role for peace and stability in

Afghanistan.
Pakistan will continue its constructive role for peace and stability in Afghanistan, it was hoped that the territory Afghanistan will not be

the participants of the meeting.

It was stated by the political leadership in the meeting that Pakistan's efforts and sacrifices in the war against terrorism were recognized by the world.

The political leadership said that peace was restored in the country thanks to the unparalleled sacrifices of the Pakistani nation and the Armed Forces of Pakistan.

The political leadership expressed satisfaction with the strategy and progress made According to sources, it was decided in the meeting that no one's cases would be disposed off

Those who have cases will face the courts. A rehabilitation program for those sitting on the other side will be implemented. The parliamentary committee will oversee the negotiation process with

The meeting was informed that most of the talks with the TTP have reached the final stages The meeting was attend ed by Corps Commander Peshawar Lieutenant General Faiz Hameed, President Azad Kashmii Sultan Chaudhry Mehmood



Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail presided over the meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of

CMEC improving Pakistan's traditional agriculture outlook

ISLAMABAD: There is a great potential in expanding the value chain of agricultural products in Pakistan. If the country brings average crop yield to par with that of the world, Pakistani farmers can generate additional revenue, says a report pub-lished by Gwadar Pro on

Tuesday.

In this regard, China Machinery Engineering Corp (CMEC) is playing a vital role in helping Pakistan change its traditional agricultural outlook and embrace mechaniza-tion and agricultural tech-nologies for crop yield improvement.

Dai Bao, Leader of the Project of

BEIJING: Pakistan's export of

rice to China crossed \$277.56 million in the first five months of FY21/22, up 9.73 percent year on year. Pakistan remained

one of the major broken rice suppliers to China, Gwadar Pro

reported quoting General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China

CMEC in Pakistan, held a meeting with senior PPP leader and ex-Senator Sehar Kamran on Monday and discussed innovative farming and agriculture cooperation between China and Pakistan. "We discussed corporate

farming, mechanization of agriculture, agriculture agriculture, agriculture technology innovation, potential fields between China and Pakistan, etc.", Mr. Dai told Gwadar Pro.

Both leaders agreed that there was a great potential for corporate farming in chili, cotton, oil seeds, and animal fodder. In fact, CMEC has suc-ceeded in establishing six model farms under the Pakistan-China Red Chilli

Pakistan rice export to China

increases nearly 10pc

973,000 tons of rice worth \$437

"Last Year, China imported

Contract Farming Project in Punjab and northern

Sindh.

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ul Amin Mengal also visited the Nullah Leh and reviewed the arrangements made there to deal with any emergency situation.
Rain poured in Murree,
Wazirabad, Gujrat, Sialkot and
others cities while thundershower

is also expected in Karachi.
Earlier, at least seven people
were killed and 20 other were
wounded in rain-related incidents in different parts of Balochistan

including the provincial capital Quetta on Monday.

The torrential rains played havoc provincial capital where six persons, including three women, died as roofs and walls of several houses collapsed in Sariab area of Cheets. Quetta. Several localities of the provincial capital are also without electricity while roads were sub-merged under rainwater INP

Nation observes martyrdom anniversary of Captain Karnal Sher Khan

ISLAMABAD: The 23rd martyrdom anniversary of Kargil War
hero, Captain Karnal Sher Khan
Shaheed Nishan-e-Haider is being
observed on Tuesday He was born
in district Swabi of Khyber
Pakhtunkhwa in 1970. During the
Kargil conflict on the Line of
Control in 1999, he emerged as the
symbol of courage and inflicted
heavy losses on the Indian forces. heavy losses on the Indian forces, while defending the five strategic posts at the height of 17,000 feet in Gultray He was martyred on this day in 1999 gallantly defending the motherland and was decorated with country's.INP

Badar uz Zaman, Commercial Counselor of the Pakistani Embassy in Beijing, said that mittee on the current situ-ation in the country while allowed to be used against Pakistan, sources Barrister currently broken rice, especially IRRI-6, IRRI-9, and Semi or Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas, Foreign Secretary Sohail Mehmood, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar Online the military leadership briefed the parliamentary committee on the security Commander Corp wholly milled rice are the main Peshawar Lt. Gen. Faiz Hameed and DG ISI also varieties of rice exported to China while Basmati and other top varieties still need to work hard to capture the Chinese marsituation and the progress of the talks with the TTP gave a briefing. The Chief of Army Staff also answered the questions of They informed all the backgrounds in which

ATC sends MQM leader Babar Ghauri on 7-day physical remand

errorism court (ATC) in Karachi on Tuesday handed over Muttahida (MQM) leader Babar Khan Ghauri to police on day physical remand.

Babar Khan Ghauri was arrested by police on Monday night minutes after he landed at Karachi airport while returning from the United States ending his seven-year self-exile.
Amid strict security

arrangements, the police on Tuesday produced former federal minister and leader of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement Qaumi Movement (MQM) Babar Khan Ghauri before an anti-ter-rorism court (ATC).

During the court hear-ing today, the police informed the court that the former federal minister was arrested in a terrorism case registered in

Ghauri rejected the allegations levelled against him by Saulat Mirza. He also pleaded with the court to order the police to provide him

with medicines. To this, the ATC ordered police to provide medical facilities MQM leader

Later, the ATC handed over Babar Ghauri to police on seven-day physremand adjourned further pro-ceedings till July 12. The Sindh High Court

(SHC) Tuesday extended protective bail to Ghauri till July 14 in two separate cases related to corruption reference and

million from Pakistan. Seven new Pakistan rice exporters have been added to the approved list which has risen to 53 in 2021 China relaxed import restrictions on Pakistani rice which helped rice export to China" Badar mentioned.

He believes that within a few

vears Pakistan will become the largest rice exporter to China. In the first five months, broken rice, commodity code (10064080), crossed about \$42 million, an increase of nearly 865.26% as compared with last year, which was \$4.32 million. Semi or wholly milled rice, commodity code (10063020), reached \$132 million, according Badar Uz Zaman said that Pakistan is using traditional and especially social media platforms here to raise awareness about Pakistani rice in the Chinese market.

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail in a meeting with Taimur Khan Jhagra Provincial Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Finance at

LHC issues detailed judgment on five reserved seats of Punjab Assembly

RAWALPINDI:Pak Army officials stand on Gawalmandi nalla

lai bridge and inspection during heavy rain downpour in the

LAHORE The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Tuesday issued its detailed judgment over five reserved seats of the Punjab Assembly.

In its 13-page verdict, the high court has ordered the Election Commission of Pakistan to notify members on reserved seats of the Punjab Assembly

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minister's election. The ECP should immediately notify the memers on reserved seats, the LHC bench said while hearing a plea filed by PTI lawmakers.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) had approached LHC over nominating new members on the vacant reserved seats of the Punjab

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The court accepted his application and extended protective bail. The SHC also sought details of ongoing against MOM leader.The court also issued notices to IGP issued notices to IG Sindh Police, NAB INP

Pakistan

Finance Division. REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICE (IP/BCC FIRM)

Balochistan Human Capital Investment Project Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No: IDA-6713-PK. -D679-PK Assignment Title: Hiring of Implementing Partner/BCC Firm to Increase awareness on the benefits of Project supported activities/Health, Nutrition

Reference No: PK-HD-GOB-249316-CS-QCBS

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Balochistan Human Capital Investment Project (Health Component), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for plementation of its Social & Behaviour Change Communication aspects.

The services of the Implementing Partner/Behaviour Change Communication firm would include support groups formation and BCC sessions at community level, BCC sessions at project covered schools and clusters, functionalization of Grievance Recress Mechanism at selected Health facilities in District Quetta, Pishin, Killa Abdullah and Chagai, and ensuring full consistency with the TOR's referred to in this REOI.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the primary procurement stage for the assignment can be found at the following website: http://www.gpeb.gob.pk.or can be obtained at the Office Address, House # 26-A Chaman Housing Scheme

The Project Management Unit, Balochistan Human Capital Investment Project now invites eligible Implementing Partner/BCC firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested firm should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The attention of interested IP/BCC Firms is drawn to Section III. paragraphs, 3,14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers' July 2016 Revised November 2017 and August 2018, setting

forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. IP/BCC Firms may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. (Please also attach firms' registration certificates, Article/Memorandum of Association/Partnership Deed/JV Agreement in case of

A consulting firm(s)/ Joint Venture(s) will be selected in accordance with Quality and Cost Based Selection Method of the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services' (July 2016) revised November 2017 and August 2018. Shortlisting Criteria for assessing an Expression of Interest will include: a) Minimum 7 years of experience in the field of behaviour change communication and social mobilization.

b) Should have completed at least 2 projects of similar scale and complexity in past 6years (Project completion certificates for completed projects should be attached with EOI. And relevant details such as client, professional area of services, cost of the services, location and coverage, completion period and photographs etc. should be attached to the EOI. Similar details of projects in hand may also be given.). c) The firm should have professional technical staff conforming to the required

scope of work covered under TORs (See Team of Key Experts/Required Staff in the TORs). Specific CVs and nomination are not required at EOI/ shortlisting

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours. i.e. 10:00 to 17:00 hours. Expressions of Interest (EOI) may be delivered in written form to the address given below by 8th August,2022. EOI must be delivered anor to completion of shart isting. Tel: +92812864128-9

Project Management Unit, Balochistan Human Capital Investment Project Attn: Project Director (Health)

PTI writes to SC against Hamza Shehbaz's 'relief package' ISLAMABAD: akistan Tehreek-e-

Pakistan Insaf (PTI) has written a letter to the Supreme Court (SC) of Pakistan to take notice of the 'relief package' announced by Hamza Shehbaz ahead of the by-polls on 20 Punjab Assembly seats

According to details, PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry wrote a letter to the Registrar of the SC to take notice of the shelper package announced by Hamza Shehbaz. The package is an effort to rig by-elections on July 17 in Punjab INP

TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer (Building) CW, Physical Planning & Housing Department District Sibi invites sealed percentage rates tenders based on Composite Schedule of Rates, 2018 Government of Balochistan amended upto-date from interested contractors/firms for the mentioned below:- Earnest Money 2% in shape of call deposit, Tender Fee Rs 2000/- (in shape of green challan form deposited in head of account C-02716 and time Limit Two Years for

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2	TSE- 222387116313	CONSTRUCTION OF ANIMAL SHEES TOLLET BLOCKS, CLINIC UG & OH TANK FOR LIVE STOCK DEPARTMENT DISTRICT SIBLINGS POZZOT 1689/7908	48.663 Million
3	TSE- 222307116263	CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-PURPOSE HALL AT GOVT: BOYS HIGH SCHOOL KURAK DISTRICT SIBI. PSDP NO.6367 22021 2982	14.851 Million
	TSE+ 222307116283	CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-PURPOSE HALL AT GOVT: GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL KURAK DISTRICT SIBL	14.851 Million

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The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Rules, 2014. Eligibility: The contractors must have registration with Tax authorities i.e. (NTN & Sales Tax department, and BRA) (ii) valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in required Category C4, C5, C6 & above in relevant discipline i.e. CE01, CE10, (iii) Three years Relevant work Experience (iv) Financial Capabilities / Turn-over of Last Two Year. Method of Procurement:-Single Stage, One Envelope Procedure Bid Security: The Bid Must accompany bid security in the form of call deposit of amount specified above in the name of the undersigned from scheduled bank. Biding / Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned upon payment (nonrefundable) bidding documents fee mentioned above through ent (nonrefundable) bidding documents fee mentioned above through green challan (the NIT and bidding documents can also be downloaded from www.bppra.gob.pk under TSE No. given above against each scheme ISSUANCE: The tender documents issued from the date of publication of this NIT upto 18/07/2022 at 11:00 am during office hours. SUBMISSION:-Last date for submission of documents from advertisement published in newspapers up to 18/07/2022 at 12:00 (A.M). OPENING: The tenders will be opened on 18/07/2022 at 01:00 (P.M). Place of Issuance, submission, inquiries and opening will be Address:-The Executive Engineer (Building), Physical planning & Housing Department Jail Road District Sibi. TELEPHONE NO: - 0833

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 Address Executive engrbuildingsib (74@gmail.comFax No.0833-9230020.BID VALIDITY PERIOD:Ninety (90 days), TERMS & CONDITIONS:-Terms and conditions are mentioned (incorporated) in detail in bidding documents. A procuring agency may cancel the bidding process at any time prior to acceptance of bid or proposal, as per provision in BPRRA, rule 2014.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (BUILDING CW, PP&H DEPARTMENT

PRQ No.11-04-07-22 DISTRICT SIBI.

Committee on missing persons reiterates commitment to resolve matter ISLAMABAD: The cabinet's Affairs Faisal Sabzwari also put his

sub-committee on missing persons on Tuesday reiterated its commitment to resolve the issue of missing persons as soon as possible, keeping in view the seriousness of the issue.The second meeting of the cabinet sub-committee on Enforced Disappearances and Missing Persons was held here under the chairmanship of Federal Minister for Law and Justice, Senator Azam Nazir Tarar. The meeting was attended by Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Faisal Sabzwari, Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation Shazia Mari and Interior Ministry officials Former Senator Farhatullah Babar participated in the meeting on special invitation and put forward his suggestions to the committee to resolve the issue of missing per-sons Federal Minister for Maritime

suggestions before committee The committee once again expressed its commitment to resolve the issue of missing persons as soon as possible According to the press release, it was agreed to ensure the participation of all stakeholders in the forthcoming

meetings of the committee. Human rights activists working on missing persons, representatives of human rights organizations and representatives of state institutions would also be invited to attend future meetings.Federal Minister for Human Rights Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Chairperson Rights Group Defense of Human Rights Pakistan Amna Masood Janjua, Senator Tahir Bizenjo and Ameer Haider Khan Hoti from Awami National Party would also be invited to attend the next meeting of the committee. The next meeting of the committee would be held on Thursday (July 14) at 3 p.m. The committee once again expressed its commitment to resolve the issue of missing persons as soon as possible. According to the press release, it

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Quality education, character building of students imperative for prosperity: President

SWABI President Dr Arif Alvi here Tuesday said that quality education and character building of students were imperative for progress and prosperity of the country.

Addressing the 26th convocation of Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Science and Technology, Topi Swabi,

the president said besides Islam, our rich culture, history and the society had laid great emphasis on education and character building of students and educational institutions should focus in this direction to make the country economically strong.

Eulogizing the educational services of GIK Institute of Science and Technology Top, he said the parents should also deserve appreciations for enabling their children to read in the country's top educational institutes. He said those parents, who visited abroad for employment had a great desire to concentrate on character building and personality development of their children, adding additional responsibilities laid on the guardians and teachers to focus on character development of all students whose parents were working overseas.

The president said he was a chancellor of about 40 to 42 universities having a close contact with the senate and executive board of GIK Institute and found that this premier educational institution was going in the right direction.

He urged students to recite the famous Dua (prayer) of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Mosa (AS) on which He

(Hazrat Mosa AS) had prayed Allah Almighty to open his chest by granting self-confidence, contentment and boldness and ease his task, and make loose knot (the defect) from his tongue so that they understand his speech. He said everything could be achieved in life by strictly adhering to this famous Dua of Hazrat Musa (AS). The president said cases of Islamphobia had been increased in the neighbouring eastern country. He said that Pakistan was created on the basis of two-nation theory and today's the vision of fore fathers, who created an independent state for the Muslims of Subcontinent in the shape of Pakistan was proved correct

after witnessing rising cases of Islamophiba and human rights violations against minorities especially Muslims

in the neighbouring eastern country.

The president said great freedom fighters Syed Ahmad Shaheed and Shah Ismail had embraced Shahadat (martyrdom) while fighting for independence of Muslims against colonial rulers and Sikhs at Balakot.

He said renaissance movement started by the great Sir Syed Ahmad Khan for education, social and political empowerment of Muslims was carried forward by poet of the east Dr Muhammad Iqbal and successfully concluded by father of the nation, Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinah in the shape of Pakistan on August 14, 1947. He said Pakistan was created after a lot of sacrifices and it was responsibility of all of us including students to work tirelessly for its strengthening and prosperity. INP

Govt plans to switch 1.2 million tube-wells to solar energy

ISLAMABAD: Minister for National Food Security and Research Tariq Bashir Cheema Tuesday said over 1.2 million agriculture tubewells would be switched to

1.2 million agriculture tubewells would be switched to solar energy to reduce input cost and enhance farm income, particularly that of the small land holders. Addressing a press conference, the minister said that a task force was being formed to finalize modalities and engage commercial banks to finance the facility. Under the facility, the farmers would have to repay the loans in installments up to three years. He said, the initiative has been taken on the directives of Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif, who has also asked for formulating short and long term policies to ensure tangible results in shortest possible time with focus on reviving agriculture sector for maintaining food safety and security as well as prosperity of farming communities. While reaffirming the government's commitment to ensure proper rate of return to the farmers for their produces as well as enhancing the output of all major to ensure proper rate of return to the farmers for their produces as well as enhancing the output of all major and minor crops, he said that recommendation for cotton intervention price was finalized and put on agenda of next meeting of Cabinet for approval He said that the initiative was aiming at encouraging the farmers to bring maximum areas under cultivalion of this crop of vital importance, adding that area under crop sowing during last season reduced by 37 percent, which was replaced by rice, maize and sugarcane. The minister further informed that government was also keen to announce minimum support price for wheat before the start of the sowing season in order to encourage farmers to sow more wheat for attaining self-sufficiency in staple grains production and reduce reliance on import-ed wheat and edible oil that were enhancing pressure on much needed foreign exchange reserves.

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The minister said that government was aware of rising inflation and the problems being faced by the common man in the country, adding that steps were taken to protect them from the inflationary pressures. He said that government through its Utility Stores Corporation network was ensuring provision of essential commodities on controlled rates and provided wheat, flour and other commodities during the holy month of Ramzan. In order to avert any possible shortage on food grains by the emerging Russia-Ukrine conflict, the government had beefed up its strategic reserves and enhance wheat procurement targets of all provincial governments and PASSCO, adding that it was also decided to import about 3 million tons of wheat to ensure smooth supply throughout the year-Highlighting the relief measures introduced by the incumbent government for agriculture sector, he said that sales tax on tractors was withdrawn, whereas seed cotton and tractors was withdrawn, whereas seed cotton and canola were exempted from sales tax, adding no tax was levied on fertilizers to facilitate the growers.

He said that government was paying special focus on small scale growers as they were about 92 percent of total farming community having less then 12 acres of land, adding that measures would be introduced to ensure their access to credit facility and saving them from the exploitation of middle man INP

Qureshi says he will never rejoin PPP

KARACHI: Continuing its upward trajectory against the US dollar in the interbank market for the last three sessions, the rupee on Tuesday registered a downward trend in the interbank market amid unconfirmed reports suggesting a delay in resumption of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Rupee slips

against US dollar

According to the forex dealers, the greenback gained Rs1.84 in the interbank market against rupee during intraday trading on Tuesday. The US dollar was trading at Rs206.25 against local currency at 12.25 pm.

However, in the open market, the US dollar is being sold between Rs207 to 2018. The local unit closed at 204.56 the other day, registering an appreciation of Rs0.29 or 0.14% against the US dollar.INP

PPP observing 'Black Day' on 45th anniversary of 1977 coup

ISLAMABAD: Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said on Tuesday that the country is fighting the remains of Zia-ul-Haq. Today marks the 45th anniversary of Zia-ul-Haq's coup on Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto's government.

Chairman of Pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari issued a state-

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari issued a state-ment on the 45th anniversary of miligeneral Zia-ul-Haq's coup on a democratically elected government. July 5, 1977, is the darkest day in Pakistan's history, he said.

The PPP Chairman said that 45 years ago on this day, the first elected Prime Minister of Pakistan was ousted. The Zia-ul-Haq's regime birthed the extremist and Kalashnikov culture in the country he added.

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Bilawal added that the people of Pakistan fought against Zia-ul-Haq's fascist regime steadfastly. The country has not still recovered from the dam-aged Zia-ul-Haq caused during his 11-

year-long unconstitutional regime.

The PPP had announced to term July 5 as a black day. Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa former president Humayun Khan has termed July 5 as the black day in the history of the black day in the history of Pakistan, when the undemocratic forces trampled the Constitution of Pakistan and imposed dictatorshipINP

COVID-19: Pakistan's positivity ratio drops to 3.45pc

ISLAMABAD: The COVID-19 positivity ratio in Pakistan has dropped to 3.45per cent as the country reported 653 new cases during the last 24 hours, the data released by the National Institute of Health (NIH) showed on Tuesday.

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According to NiH, a total of 18,950 samples were tested, out of which 653 turned out to be positive.

The national positivity rate now stands at 3.45per cent, the NIH said, adding that country reported no Covid-related death in the last 24

It added that 162 people are in critical condition.Meanwhile, surprisingly, Karachi's COVID-19 positive ratio has dropped down to 7.92% in a single day even though it was recorded at 20.61% a day earlier.INP

NCOC urges people to stay indoors during Eid holidays

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) Tuesday issued fresh guidelines in view of the upcoming Eidul Azha, urging people to follow the standard operating procedures (SOPs) to prevent Covid-19 infection.

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The forum has advised the people to stay indoors during the Eid holidays and observe precautionary measures in view of the rising trend of Covid cases. "It has been advised to undertake minimal necessary travel during Eid holidays as the risk of a new wave was imminent". INP

MULTAN: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Vice-Chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi has rejected rumours regarding his inclusion in Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and meeting with Asif Ali Zardari, ARY News reported

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi giving away medals to the position holders during the 26th

Convocation ceremony of Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering and Technology.

Addressing a corner meeting in connection with the upcoming by-poll in PP-217 Multan, the former foreign minister has denied a claim made by Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Raja Riaz regarding his inclusion in the PPP.

"I am part of the PTI family and the vice-captain of Imran Khan," he said while rejecting

Khan," he said while rejecting rumours.

Mr. Qureshi said he felt awkward by calling Raja Riaz as the opposition leader. "I reject the claims of Raja Riaz and will never rejoin the PPP," he said. He claimed that PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif and PPP co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari offered him to join their parties

before joining the PTI.

The PTI leader also accused the PML-N-led Punjab government of using state machinery in by-elections. "The state machinery is being used in the by-election on the directions of Hamza Shehbaz but the PTI would not allow pre-poll rigging in the by-election," he added It is pertinent to mention here that by-polls on 20 vacant added It is pertinent to mention here that by-polls on 20 vacant seats of Punjab Assembly will be held on July 17 For the by-election in PP-217 Multan, the PML-N has fielded Naeem, who was de-seated by the Election Commission for voting against his party, PTI's direction in the chief minister Punjab election. Against him is Shah Mahmood Qureshi's son, Zain Qureshi, who is PTI's candidate. In the 2018 general election, PP-217 was won by Muhammad Salman Naeem, who contested independently after he was refused a ticket by the PTI. He defeated PTI's Shah Mahmood Qureshi, INP

Speakers denounce India for using black laws to suppress press freedom in HOJK

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a webinar hosted by Kashmir Institute of International Relations (KIIR) and World Muslim Congress (WMC) strongly denounced the Modi government for using black laws like UAPA to suppress press freedom and dissent in the Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

The webinar titled 'UAPA: A

The webinar titled 'UAPA: A hanging sword on journalists and human rights defenders in IOK was organised on the sidelines of the 50th session of UN human Rights Council in Geneva.

The webinar was addressed by noted human rights activists, aca-demicians and law experts from different Prof, Dr. Amina Mehmood of International Islamic University, Director LFK

Advocate Nasir Qadri and Owars Bin Wasi acting Dean of social science Rafiha University Advocate Rehana Ali UK others and moderated by the KIIR Chairman Altaf Hussain Wani. In his initial remarks the KIIR

chief while referring to Modi government's systematic clampdown on civil society, journalists, human rights defenders and politi-cal activists in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir said that the occupation authori-ties have been using so-called anti-terror laws as a weapon to silence the voices of dissent in the occupied territory. He said that in addition to PSA, AFSPA and other draconian laws, the decades old draconian laws, the decades old anti-terror law UAPA was being used by India as a weapon.INP

Peoples bus service routes to be expanded to Clifton, DHA

KARACHI: On the demand of citizens, the Sindh transport

department has decided to
expand the routes of the
People's Intra-District Bus
Service in Karachi.
According to details, the
People's Bus Service will soon
start its services on Clifton,
Defence and Gulshan-e-Hadeed

This decision has been taken in a meeting chaired by Sindh Minister for Information, Transport and Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon on Monday. The meeting also agreed to further increase the routes of People's Bus Service in Larkana city.

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According to a statement, there will be four routes of People's Bus Service in Larkana and the deputy com-

missioner has been given the task of planning and submitting the proposal of new routes.
"It was also decided in the meeting that Peoples Intra-District Bus Service will start its operations in Larkana from July 16 with a fleet of 16 buses."

buses,"
On this occasion, Transport
Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon
has directed the National Radio
Transmission Company (NRTC)
to finalise the additional routes
of Karachi city in consultation of Karachi city in consultation with independent experts within

two days.

He also ordered the installation of RTS system in People's Bus Service by August 25, as it will equip the buses with the facility of real-time tracking, Wi-Fi and CCTV cameras INP

ISLAMABAD, power shortfall in the country has reached about 6,500 megawatts as the demand for electricity has increased to a record level due to extreme heat. According to Power

Power

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Division sources, the demand for electricity is a record 27,144 MW while the total production is 20,324 MW. Media reports revealed

Media reports revealed that, the duration of load shedding in urban areas has exceeded 12 hours and the duration of load shedding in rural areas has exceeded 16 hours. In addition, more than 2,000 megawatts of electricity is being wasted due to losses. The duration of power outages in areas with higher line losses has reached 18 hours.

There is hours-long load shedding in some

load shedding in some areas due to tripping and overloading, added sources INP

Pakistan reports 653 coronavirus cases, no death in 24 hours

LAHORE: Pakistan has reported no death in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has risen to 1,539,275. The nationwide tally of fatali-ties stands at 30,403 on

Tuesday.
Pakistan has conducted 18,950 tests in the past 24 hours out of which 653 persons were tested posi-tive for the disease. The COVID Positivity Ratio was recorded at 3.45 per-cent.INP

Container smuggling urea to Afghanistan seized

KHYBER: The Customs officials on Tuesday seized a container with consignment of

er with consignment of urea fertilizer at Torkham border crossing here.
Additional Collector Customs Muhammad Tayeb has said that the department's officials during search of an export container at the border crossing recovered a concrossing, recovered a consignment of 40 tonnes of urea fertilizer, being smuggled to Afghanistan

"Fake documents of rice cargo were prepared for the container INP

Passing-out parade of Aero Apprentices in Korangi Creek

KARACHI: The Passing-out Parade of Aero Apprentices was held at PAF Airmen Academy, Korangi Creek, Karachi, on Tuesday.
Air Marshal Waqas Ahmed Sulehri, Chief Project Director JF-17, Pakistan Air Force, was the Chief Guest at the occasion. Earlier on his arrival, Air Vice Marshal Zubair Hassan Khan, Air Officer Commanding, PAAK received the Chief Guest. A total of 1601 Aero Apprentices including trainees from allied countries and Pakistan Navy successfully completed their training. While addressing the ceremony, the

While addressing the ceremony, the Chief Guest said, "Modern warfare is an exceedingly vast and complex domain, which demands thorough

knowledge and inventiveness. We are facing complex and unusual challenges involving inventions and innovations offered by science and technology. We must prepare ourselves to face all such challenges being professionally focused and technically accurate". The chief guest also awarded trophies to high achievers. Asghar Khan Trophy for the Best in Aeronautics was awarded to AC Danish Liaqat. Nur Khan Trophy for the Best in Avionics Technology was Danish Liagat. Nur Khan Trophy for the Best in Avionics Technology was awarded to Aero Electromech Technician-II Arslan Latif. Air Officer Commanding Trophy for the Best in General Service Training was awarded to Academy Sergeant Aircraftman Awais Abid INP



KARACHI: People struggle to move forward during the heavy monsoon rain downpour, in Provincial Capital.

ATC grants physical remand of KU attack accused

KARACHI: Police produced an alleged facilitator of the Karachi University suicide attack in antiterrorism court (ATC).

Chinese teachers of the Confucius Institute were targeted in the suicide bombing that killed four

Police produced alleged facilita-tor and master-mind of the attack, Dad Bakhsh, in the court today and sought his physical remand for fur-

ther investigation.
The ATC granted physical remand of the accused to police till

July 16.
According to police, the suspect has been Karachi commander of the outlawed outfits the BLA and BLF. "He is the master mind of the sui-cide attack on Chinese teachers in Karachi University," police

"The accused was also facilitating attacks on Chinese nationals in Karachi," police said.

The Counter-Terrorism
Department (CTD) had arrested the accused on Monday.
The suicide attack killed at least four people including three Chinese teachers who were working for the Confucius Institute at the University of Karachi.

The blast was carried out by a female suicide bomber of a banned

terror organisation
The footage showed the suspected suicide bomber reaching the department in an auto-rickshaw and then standing at a distance when another burga-clad woman, who was already standing there approaches her, communicates something and woman hands over a

NHA to link CPEC M-14 with Pak-Afghan border

ISLAMABAD: The Government of Pakistan has decided to connect Ghulam Khan, North Waziristan with Motorway 14 (M-14) 'a project of the western alignment route of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)? via a 184KM long Motorway.

According to Gwadar Pro on Tuesday, the National Highway Authority (NHA) on Monday issued a request for proposal (RFP) of consultancy services for the

al (RFP) of consultancy services for the Feasibility Study and Detailed Design for the Construction of the Motorway

for the Construction of the Motorway from Ghulam Khan to Esa Khel Interchange (184 KM Approx).

The project will be financed by the Federal Government of Pakistan through PSDP 2022-23 through Separate Head/allocation.

Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on July 19, 2022, at NHA headquarters in Islamabad while procurement will be carried out by adopting the "Single Stage Two Envelops" procedure.

The proposals complete in all respects in accordance with the instructions provided in the RFP document in sealed

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before August 10, 2022.
Esa Khel Interchange is located over M-14 in Mianwali district of Punjab, which is in proximity to the Lakki Marwat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Between Mianwali and Ghulam Khan falls Bannu district of KP. After Farkham and Chaman, Ghulam Khan is Torkham and Chaman, Ghulam Khan is the third most important crossing between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Afghanistan has already started bene-fiting from Gwadar Port and the country received the first consignment of bulk cargo from the United Arab Emirates in July 2020. Ghulam Khan crossing, at the Pak-Afghan border point, is the shortest route connecting CPEC's western route with Afghanistan, Central Asian States and beyond The proposals complete in all respects in accordance with the instructions provided in the RFP docu-ment in sealed envelopes, which should reach on or before August 10, 2022 Esa Khel Interchange is located over M-14 in Mianwali district of Punjab, which is in proximity to the Lakki Marwat dis-trict of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Between Mianwali and Ghulam INP



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Health Services Abdulgadir Patel talking to media on the occasion of inaugurating dispensary at Kohsar Complex.