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Education of 386000 students at risk in Balochistan

CM Bizenjo in trouble after JUI demands attractive portfolios: Achakzai

Syed Ali Shah Analysis

The education of 3,86,000 students is at risk in flood-affected areas of Balochistan. Floods and heavy rainfall damaged around 3,000 government-run primary, middle and high schools across the province.

The damage to schools across Balochistan has affected the schooling of 3,86,000 students. This figure is as per the data shared by the Balochistan Secondary Education Department. Although, the independent sources put the number of students and damaged schools higher than what is being quoted by the officials.

Floods damaged this school in interior Balochistan: Photo provided by UNICEF

The out-of-school children ratio in Balochistan is already higher than in the rest of the country. The education department admits that still, over 1 million children are out of school in the province, lagging behind other provinces of Pakistan in all key social indicators.

Reconstruction of schools a major challenge for the government

The recent monsoon has further compounded the problems of students. The number of government-run primary, middle and high schools in Balochistan is over 15,000. The reconstruction of 3,000 damaged schools is a major challenge for the provincial government, which appears to be least



bothered about the state of education in the province.

So far, the data is only shared at the departmental level. The government has not spoken about the reconstruction of damaged schools and resuming educational activities there. UNICEF has only established 22 temporary learning centers (TLCs) with over 2,000 enrollments. This is simply nothing as compared to the number of students deprived of education.

Govt, opposition solely focusing on PSDP

The provincial coalition government and the 'friendly' opposition have solely focused on their schemes in the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) 2022-23. They want to get the schemes completed and implemented by hook and crook and uttered not a single word about the reconstruction of damaged schools.

The reconstruction of schools and ensuring the availability of basic facilities would require billions of rupees. The lives of students should not be put at peril to study in damaged classrooms as anytime the damaged rooms and walls can collapse. So no risk should be taken in this regard.

The Balochistan government, UNICEF and other non-governmental organizations on national and international levels working for the promotion of education should take notice of the situation and ensure the reconstruction of damaged schools. Then, the students should be allowed to keep continue their stalled studies.

Sardar Muhammad Khondai

CHAMAN: Parliamentary leader Awami National Party (ANP), Asghar Khan Achakzai on Sunday said the Chief Minister Mir Qudus Bizenjo was in trouble after the Jamiat ul Ulama e Islam (JUI) demanded attractive portfolios.

"JUI F demands attractive ministries", Mr. Achakzai told reporters. He noted that it was very difficult for the Chief Minister to withdraw



portfolios from his own party members. His remarks have come after the mainstream opposition party i.e. JUI F lawmakers gathered in Islamabad to meet Maulana Fazal ur Rehman to seek his consent about their participation in the coalition government.

The religious party is yet to make a formal announcement in this regard. However, sources said the party has been seriously considering the option of becoming an ally in the Mir Qudus Bizenjo-led government in Balochistan.

"There is no opposition in Balochistan Assembly", Asghar Achakzai said. He said JUI F and Balochistan National Party (Mengal) had already extended their full support to the CM Balochistan in the no-confidence motion.

Asghar Achakzai said that the religious party was least bothered about the miseries of the people of Balochistan rather they were striving to get attractive ministries. "We would raise our voice against every justice", he stated.



QUETTA: A gypsy family is setting up tents for accommodation on the roadside of Samungli Raod.

Foreign aid for flood victims to help stabilize rupee: Ahsan Iqbal

KHAIRPUR NATHAN SHAH: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal Sunday said that the foreign aid being received for the flood victims in the country could help stabilize the Pakistani Rupee.

He said although the country had faced more than \$30 billion in losses due to the recent floods and torrential rains across the country, but Pakistan's economy was able to come out of the crisis.

He was talking to media persons during his visit to the flood-hit areas of Tehsil Khairpur Nathan Shah, Sindh.

He said at this time, everybody should participate in the relief activities rather than engaging in politics.

The minister also reviewed the relief camp in the area established by the Pakistan Navy. He was briefed on the navy's rescue mission and relief activities.

Ahsan Iqbal, who also heads

National Flood Response Coordination Center, inquired about the difficulties being faced by the local administration, civil society and the people residing in the camp.

He said the climate change issues had brought disaster in the country but the spirit of Pakistani nation was indomitable to overcome this disaster with unity and solidarity. He said even a developed country could not cope with such a huge destruction, but the people of Pakistan, the federal and provincial governments, civil society and the friendly countries were all working together to get out of this calamity.

Ahsan said humanity was reeling from this calamity as the problems of the people affected by the floods were huge. "It is duty of every Pakistani who is spared from the ravages of floods to contribute to the rehabilitation of the victims," he said adding that children and women among the most vulnerable due to food shortage. INP

Noshki: Police arrest 3 kidnappers one person recovered

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Noshki: Police arrested three accused involved in demanding ransom and recovered one person. Three suspects involved in the kidnapping for ransom of a young boy were arrested, police sources said.



"The kidnappers were demanding Rs 6 Million for the release of our son", the parents of the young boy told in a press conference at Police Station Noshki.

Superintendent of Police (SP), Ghulam Hussain Bajoi and SHO Sanaullah Mengal said that the complainant Shakeel Ahmed Barich filed an application that unknown people had kidnapped his cousin and they were demanding a ransom of Rs 60 lakh.

On the instructions of DIG Rukhsan Mr. Nazir Ahmed Kurd, the police started an investigation. During the investigation, the police along with the ATF raided a house located in the area of ??Tariz, where three kidnappers involved in kidnapping for ransom were present.

The police recovered an X Corolla, a 125 motorcycle, and a pistol used in the crime of kidnapping for ransom. The police also detained four suspicious persons who are being investigated.

A cash reward of one lakh rupees was given to the SP and the police team for the successful operation.

A miner dies in Dukki coal mine incident

Hussain Zarkoon

A miner died in a coal mine incident in Balochistan's Dukki district on Saturday morning. Levies sources said the miner was working deep inside the mine when a landslide hit him. The coal miner was dead on the spot.

The victim was identified as Shahid Akbar, a resident of Swat Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Rescue workers reached the spot and retrieved the dead body of the miner from the mine.

Rescue workers shifted the dead body to district headquarters hospital Dukki. The hospital administration handed over the dead body to the victim's heirs after the completion of necessary official procedures.

Hazardous working conditions inside the coal mines of Balochistan have claimed thousands of precious human lives.



Such incidents inside coal mines of Dukki, Harnai, Mach, Bolan, Chamalang and other areas of Balochistan are the order of the day.

Despite repeated appeals, the Balochistan government has failed to improve working conditions for the coal miners. "No safety arrangements for the

poor coal miners", Pir Muhammad Kakar, the central leader of All Pakistan Mines and Minerals Association said. Mr. Kakar demanded of the provincial government to improve working conditions for the poor coal miners in coal mines located in various parts of the province.

Facilities to be improved at Quetta Airport: Civil Aviation Minister

Staff Reporter

Civil Aviation Minister, Khwaja Saad Rafique visited the Quetta Airport on Friday. The Civil Aviation Minister reviewed passenger facilities at the Quetta Airport and directed the Airport authorities to bring more improvements.

The authorities of Civil Aviation and Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) briefed the minister. National Airline PIA is operating airline services from Quetta to the 3 main cities of the country i.e Islamabad, Lahore, and Karachi. A private airline is also running weekly 3 airline services from Islamabad.

"The other private airlines of the country should

also start their airline services with Quetta Airport", Minister Civil Aviation Stated.

Khwaja Saad Rafique told that It is our national duty to connect the far-flung areas of the country with each other through aerial connection.

The minister also visited the Hirak area of Bolan where an ancient British-built bridge collapsed due to the flash floods. The railway track was damaged in 104 locations, and even in some areas, the railway track was completely flooded. In this situation, it was not possible for the railway authorities to functionalize their train services.

However, the Minister assured that the railway track with Iran at Taftan will be restored by the 30th of September, and railway services will be functional as soon as possible.

Pakistan mulls importing Russia oil on deferred payment

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan can import oil from Russia on deferred payment as both countries are in talks to discuss the possibility, a senior government functionary revealed on Sunday after the recent meeting between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Samarkand.

The official, who was part of the prime minister's delegation, told The Express Tribune that PM Shehbaz at least held three meetings with President Putin. "One was formal and the rest were informal," the official, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, added.

The official, when asked, rejected claims of the previous government if there was any proposal on the table for importing oil from Russia on discounted rate.

"What we have discussed during the recent interaction with the Russian side is the possibility of importing oil on deferred payment," the official said.

Russia has shown inclination to consider the proposal, the official said. If the proposal is meterised it will be a landmark development given that Pakistan imports oil from Gulf countries and in the past Saudi Arabia and UAE supplied Pakistan oil on deferred payment.

It is not clear if the government can pursue the option given the likely opposition from the United States.

A source in the foreign office disclosed that the US has never explicitly asked Pakistan not to import oil from Russia but "advised us that it is better if we don't enter into such venture with Russia".

Former prime minister Imran Khan has repeatedly accused the US for being behind his ouster in April. Imran said he was punished for pursuing



an 'independent foreign policy' particularly for his efforts to deepen ties with Russia. The US has always denied meddling in the internal affairs of Pakistan.

The recent meeting between Shehbaz and Putin, according to observers, dispelled such conspiracy theories.

The transcript released by the Russia side after the meeting between Shehbaz and Putin did not drop any hint if Moscow was not willing to work with the new government often labelled as the US "puppet" by Imran and his supporters.

Putin while stressing that Russia viewed Pakistan as priority in Southeast Asia and Asia overall had invited Prime Minister Shehbaz to visit Moscow.

The Russian strongman sought progress on Pakistan Steam Gas Pipeline as well as making offer to supply Pakistan gas through pipeline. The steam gas pipeline project, in limbo since 2015, will supply LNG from Port Qasim in Karachi to Punjab. The pipeline will be laid by Russian company but the work on the project is yet to kick off because of likely US sanctions.

Defense Minister Khawja Asif told a news conference on Saturday that Russia also offered supply of wheat to Pakistan in view of the potential shortage of food grain due to the devastating floods that have caused massive damage to the crops.

Initial estimates suggest that agriculture growth in Pakistan may contract for the first time in more than two decades. The standing waters in Sindh may delay the sowing of wheat this season triggering the shortage. Russia is one of the largest exporters of wheat. Web Desk

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Balochistan needs inclusive development

Balochistan, the country's resource-rich province is lagging behind all other provinces in terms of key social indicators including education, health, sanitation, clean drinking water etc.

Track record shows, successive governments have always launched politically motivated development schemes to please their influential supporters.

Opposition's constituencies were ignored. Opposition lawmakers' constituencies remained ignored during last three-years of former chief minister, Jam Kamal Khan's government.

This is irony of fate that the mandate of the lawmakers is to frame laws since the assemblies are called legislative assemblies. But legislators are least bothered about the legislation rather they take keen interest in construction of roads, buildings etc.

Development deficit of Balochistan is likely to be Rs. 100b

Balochistan government announced to have allocated Rs. 172 bs for the PSDP during the financial year 2021-22. However, currently the government has more than Rs. 40bs as per the statement of ruling party's Spokesman Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran.

Chief Minister Qudus Bizenjo needs to put his house in order and introduce a strict financial policy to ensure completion of development projects.

According to Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI), Pakistan is the 5th most vulnerable country to climate change.

Pakistan received heavy rainfall in this monsoon. The rainfall was followed by extreme flash floods in many parts of the country.

Balochistan is the most vulnerable to climate change.

Balochistan is the most vulnerable province of Pakistan to climate change. Many times this province has faced different types of natural disasters due to climate change.

Vulnerability of Balochistan Pakistan to Climate Change

Syed Muhammad Qaseem



The floods swept away dams and destroyed the buildings, houses, roads, and bridges in Balochistan, KPK, and Sindh.

tribut of Balochistan. Punjab is also facing smog and heatwave as a result of climate change.



down of physical communication between the provinces.

The flood waves destroyed the infrastructure in Balochistan. The primary source of income for Balochistan is agricultural.



large scale, and people faced economic issues. Life in the province was totally paralyzed as it faced a prolonged Sui gas suspension.

The floods claimed many precious human lives. Most of them were children, women, and aged men.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) need to make disaster management plans to handle such situations.

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Not by elections alone

By Ghazi Salahuddin

These are times that, in Thomas Paine's words, "try men's souls".

of economic, political and social disruptions. Unfortunately, the tragedy of the floods and the magnitude of the human misery that they have caused have not brought the nation together.

I am desisting from taking note of or interpreting many statements and moves made by the PTI leader this week to add to the tally of his U-turns and reversals in his political stance.

ability have become elusive. An election campaign is sure to raise the temperature and subvert any attempt to bring the nation together to build for the future.

If elections are meant to strengthen the democratic foundation of our polity, the outcome would hardly be propitious without the induction of democratic values of tolerance, rule of law and respect for the fundamental human rights of the citizens.

Meanwhile, suspense is building up about how the PTI leader would cope with his coming encounters in the courts of law and if he would be disqualified in this process.

In a statement issued on Thursday, which marked International Day of Democracy, Senator Raza Rabbani made certain points that are notable.

As for Imran Khan, he views himself to be riding a wave and in no need for the hidden hand of the neutrals that helped him in 2018.

"There are two Pakistans", he remarked. "One is a drowned Pakistan and the other is the elite's Pakistan. This apathy towards the sufferings of millions is a

Future directions

By Atta-ur-Rahman

As the floods sweep across much of Pakistan, they have highlighted the need for proper water management.

In contrast China has constructed 80,000 large dams, and India has built over 5000 large dams while Pakistan has only two big dams.

The country's river systems are dependent on melting of glaciers in the snow-covered Himalayas and with global warming, increased flooding is to be expected both in terms of overflowing rivers as well as flash flooding due to unusually heavy rains.

country has dismally failed to tap into its real wealth, our children, by neglecting education.

Pakistan's main problem is that its exports are at a miserable level of about \$30 billion since we are exporting only low value textiles, agricultural products etc.

To achieve this, a number of steps need to be taken. Our universities and research centers must integrate innovation and entrepreneurship into their programmes.

Where stands the National Assembly?

By Aasiya Riaz

The National Assembly of Pakistan is the only popularly elected federal house where 272 seats are allocated to each province and the federal capital on the basis of population.

looking at the assembly's performance in law-making, assembly debates and questions raised, oversight of government by committees and other key performance indicators.

Our constitution has set a minimum requirement of 130 days for which the assembly must be in session.

While PILDAT looks at a whole host of performance indicators, let us discuss just a few basic ones. For instance, how consistently are assembly sessions held in a year? Even though we have completed five-year tenures of three successive national assemblies since 2002 and the current and 15th National Assembly has completed four years out of its five-year tenure, there is no set calendar of assembly sessions which is a standard practice of parliamentary systems.

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When a sitting takes place, what is its usual duration? Just three hours or under. This average has been almost consistently maintained by successive assemblies since 2002.

House of Commons last eight hours a day on average and sittings in the Indian Lok Sabha are of six hours on average.

Another strange phenomenon in our National Assembly is that sittings are often adjourned without completing the set agenda for the day.

We have a constitutional provision by which at least one-fourth of the total membership of the Assembly has to be present during a sitting of the Assembly or the sitting has to be suspended or adjourned due to lack of quorum.

Successive premiers' disregard for the national Assembly can also be gauged by the fact that they rarely announced major policy decisions on the floor of the House.

Like other global democracies, these functions are elaborately laid down in our constitution. From qualifications on who can contest election to assembly tenure and from procedure of introducing and passing laws to details on the most crucial power of the assembly on scrutinizing and passing the federal budget, a long chapter on parliament in our constitution covers it all.

How does the legislative assembly exercise these constitutional responsibilities? PILDAT has been analyzing this question periodically by

US gun violence

By Belen Fernandez

On July 27, two top executives from prominent US gun companies - Marty Daniel of Daniel Defense and Christopher Killoy of Sturm, Ruger and Co - appeared before the United States House Committee on Oversight and Reform chaired by New York Democrat Carolyn Maloney.

are meant to be used in the battlefield". Which brings us to the following question: When the US converts the world into a battlefield, how do Americans know where to draw the line?

For her part, Maloney took the opportunity at the hearing to express her "hope [that] the American people are paying attention today", noting "it is clear that gun makers are not going to change unless Congress forces them to finally put people over profits".

But were we Americans really paying attention, we would have noticed long ago that our country is entirely predicated on putting profits over people - from the corporate destruction of the environment to the manic incarceration of poor minorities to a healthcare system that is decidedly ill.

In her initial invitation to the three arms executives to testify before the House committee, incidentally, Maloney encouraged them to "explain to Congress and the American people why they continue to sell products to civilians that

UNICEF says 3.4mn Pakistani children need immediate support amid floods

ISLAMABAD: United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has issued an alert that three point four million children in Pakistan need immediate lifesaving support in the wake of devastating floods in the country. According to UNICEF, floods have affected over 16 million children in Pakistan. The situation on the ground in Sindh was "beyond bleak" with many malnourished children battling

diseases like diarrhoea, malaria and dengue fever, as well as painful skin conditions, a UNICEF official said. Earlier on September 11, UNICEF decided to increase the number of mobile clinics in flood-hit areas of Pakistan. According to sources privy to the matter, UNICEF announced to increase in the mobile health clinics in northern areas of the Sindh province with the cooperation of the provincial government.

"The number of UNICEF-run clinics in flood-hit areas has now increased to 66," they said, adding that currently, 18 clinics each are operational in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 15 in Balochistan. The UN watchdog reported that at least 16 million children, among 34 million total, have been affected by floods in the country. The floods have damaged over 1.1 million homes, and 18,000 schools. INP



HYDERABAD: Pakistani army members load medicine onto trucks to be distributed among flood-affected people, in Dadu.

Gastro claims six lives in Khairpur flood relief camps in 24 hrs

KHAIRPUR: At least six persons in flood relief camps in Khairpur district, including five children, died by gastroenteritis in 24 hours on Sunday.

Sindh Health Department in an alarming report, earlier said that over one million people in flood-affected areas of Sindh have been infected by various diseases including gastroenteritis.

Two children Asifa 8, and Wakeela 2 died by gastro in Kotdiji taluka of Khairpur. An unnamed three-year girl died in Thari Mirwah, while two children and a woman died

the government providing medicines required for prevention of dengue fever. "People also facing diarrhoea, gastroenteritis and other diseases apart of dengue in flood affected areas", he added. "The number of dead by contagious diseases at Taluka Hospital Garhi Khairo has reached to seven, hospital sources said. According to the statistics issued by Sindh Health Department, as many as 1,079,000 people were suffering from infectious diseases after heavy rains and subsequent floods wreaked havoc in the province. Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah in a visit to flood affected areas said that

the government providing medicines required for prevention of dengue fever. "People also facing diarrhoea, gastroenteritis and other diseases apart of dengue in flood affected areas", he added. "The number of dead by contagious diseases at Taluka Hospital Garhi Khairo has reached to seven, hospital sources said. According to the statistics issued by Sindh Health Department, as many as 1,079,000 people were suffering from infectious diseases after heavy rains and subsequent floods wreaked havoc in the province. INP

Imran Khan to launch vertical development projects on Oct 22

LAHORE: Former prime minister and PTI Chairman Imran Khan has announced that the groundwork for 100+ vertical developments under the first Central Business District Punjab (CBDP) will be launched in Lahore on Oct 22 as this project will convert the dead capital into viable transactions channeling wealth generation for the country, besides reshaping entire infrastructure of the vicinity. On his Twitter handle on Sunday, Imran wrote: "Pak's 1st central business district, @CBDPunjab, will accommodate 100+ vertical developments adding 600b+ to country's economy. To compliment futuristic vertical development, groundwork will commence Oct '22 on Lhr's Main Blvd reshaping entire infrastructure of the vicinity. On his Twitter handle on Sunday, Imran wrote: "Pak's 1st central business district, @CBDPunjab, will accommodate 100+ vertical developments adding 600b+ to country's economy. To compliment futuristic vertical development, groundwork will commence Oct '22 on Lhr's Main Blvd reshaping entire infrastructure of the vicinity. "CBD Punjab tasked with converting dead capital into viable transactions channeling wealth generation for the country. Similar projects with immense potential will be launched across Punjab leading to econ growth & prosperity by providing multiple opportunities for domestic & FDI." INP

Land possession underway for Katlang Economic Zone: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: The upcoming Katlang Economic Zone located in Mardan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province will help boost economic activity, create job opportunities and reduce poverty, reports WealthPK.

Talking to WealthPK, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zones Development and Management Company (KPEZDMC) official Muhammad Qureshi said the process for the possession of 3,770 Kanal land in Sarobi for the development of Katlang Economic Zone is still underway.

Katlang will be a great opportunity for investors for grading, and packaging fresh fruits as well as other agro-based products. The official said the area will offer a unique opportunity for industrialization in the district.

It is one of the most economically developed areas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Agriculture, horticulture, and manufacturing (including large businesses like the sugar industry and other

industrial concerns like cigarettes, textiles, drinks, ceramics, edible oil/ghee, soaps/shampoo, etc.) are the industries on which the district is based, Qureshi explained.

The area has the potential to develop into a multifaceted hub of mining, heavy manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism. Katlang is especially famous for Topaz and Quartz, Qureshi said.

Pink topaz, which is very rare and sought-after, is found in abundance in a mine close to the settlement of Katlang tehsil. The majority of crystals here are in loose form but of good grade. This specimen is a remarkable matrix piece with a solitary topaz crystal and a colourless quartz crystal that is around the same size, the KPEZDMC official added. According to WealthPK research, by developing modern economic zones, the KPEZDMC plans to facilitate industrial growth for creation of jobs, enhancement of skills, and increased productivity which will

ultimately help reduce poverty and stabilize the economy of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The KPEZDMC intends to build 17 economic zones around the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor in order to promote industrialization. In addition to the development of new economic zones and management of the existing industrial estates, the KPEZDMC also provides marketing, management, financial and technical assistance to industrialists throughout the province.

According to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa investment Pitch Book 2021 the province is offering investment opportunities for major mineral resources, which include world renowned Swat Emerald, Pink Topaz of Katlang, Peridot Ruby, and Sapphire in Kaghan-Naran Valley. Other resources include cement grade limestone, coal, phosphate, silica sand, rock salt and gypsum, soapstone magnesite and barite, chromite and other industrial minerals. INP

Pakistan condemns arbitrary arrest, illegal detention of Islamic scholars in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has strongly condemned the arbitrary arrests and illegal detention of prominent Islamic scholars, including Maulana Abdul Rasheed Dawoodi, Maulana Mushtaq Ahmed Veeri and five members of Jamat-e-Islami, in Indian illegally occupied jammu and kashmir (IIOJK).

According to Kashmir Media Service, Foreign Office Spokesperson in a statement issued in Islamabad said these arrests have marked a new low in the Indian forces' blatant and continued onslaught on the human rights of the innocent Kashmiris. The illegal detention of the Kashmiri Islamic scholars while

the true representatives of the Kashmiri people are already under Indian custody under fictitious cases and on fallacious grounds, is yet another Indian attempt to rob the Kashmiri people of their distinct religious and cultural identity, he added.

The spokesperson said the reprehensible arrests of the Kashmiri Islamic scholars under the draconian Public Safety Act (PSA) that defies all international humanitarian laws, is a deplorable step by the Indian authorities.

He said these scholars have not only been unjustifiably arrested but shifted from Kashmir to a prison in the Hindu majority

Jammu. These politically motivated arrests are clearly meant to stifle the voice of the Muslims of IIOJK and further marginalize them, he lamented.

"Pakistan calls for the immediate release of these religious scholars and all other Kashmiri prisoners illegally detained by India. We also urge the international community to take note of the dangerously growing trajectory of Islamophobia in India, instigated at the behest of the BJP-RSS nexus, that is aimed at suppressing the Muslims of India, denying them space to freely practice their faith and attacking their places of worship", the statement added. INP

Motorway Police shuts down M2, issues fresh advisory for commuters

ISLAMABAD: The National Highway and Motorway Police (NH&MP) issued a fresh advisory for commuters that the M2 motorway has been shut down near Thokhar Niaz Baig for construction work.

NH&MP said that traffic has been diverted at the M-2 motorway near Thokhar Niaz Baig Loop, NHA Office towards the north.

In a tweet, motorway police said that the M2 motorway has been diverted at Thokhar Niaz Baig, Lahore city entrance from M2 and GT Road, due to repair and construction work on the road. INP



ISLAMABAD: Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed posing for a group photograph along with Honorary Council General Republic of Lithuania Masood M.Khan, Newly Arrived Ambassador of E.U Dr. Riina Kionka Danish Ambassador Jakob Linulf and others during a reception at Masood M.Khan residence, in Federal Capital.

Pakistan posts 90 more coronavirus infections, single fatality

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has diagnosed another 90 people with coronavirus infections while one fatality was reported during the last 24 hours, showed the statistics released by the National Institute of Health (NIH) on Sunday morning.

According to NIH data, the death toll in the country now rose to 30,606 while the number of total infections now stood at 1,571,822 after adding the fresh 90 cases.

During the last 24 hours (Saturday), 14,663 tests were conducted throughout Pakistan whereas the positivity ratio stood at 0.61 percent. The number of patients in critical care was recorded at 89.

Meanwhile, the NIH has issued further guidelines for vaccination of young children against Covid-19. In a tweet uploaded on Saturday, the NIH said in the first phase children between the age of five

and 12 are now eligible for coronavirus vaccination. Dose 1 will be administered at the start of vaccination while the Dose 2 will be administered after 21 days of the first dose (not more than 56 days).

The NIH further said that the vaccination is absolutely free and is available at all the vaccination centres.

With 5,664 new coronavirus infections being reported in a day, India's total tally of Covid-19 cases rose to 4,45,34,188, while the active cases increased to 47,922, according to the Health Ministry data updated on Sunday. The death count climbed to 5,28,337 with 35 fatalities which includes 21 deaths recorded by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated the active cases comprised 0.11 percent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate increased to 98.71 percent, the ministry said. A study

recently showed that having a high body mass index (BMI) is associated with an increased risk of Covid-19 infection and prolonged Covid than having high blood pressure. The findings were done by Dr Anika Knuppel from the MRC Unit for Lifelong Health and Ageing, University College London, UK, and colleagues. It was being presented at this year's European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) Annual Meeting in Stockholm, Sweden (19-23 Sept). "Early in the pandemic research identified diabetes and obesity as risk factors for becoming severely ill with COVID-19. And we know that many people living with type 2 diabetes are also carrying excess weight. Our early findings support the idea that obesity-related mechanisms may be responsible for the excess risks of COVID-19 associated. INP

China's Tianjin pledges RMB 10 million relief for Pak-flood victims

BEIJING: To support the relief and rehabilitation efforts of the Government of Pakistan, the People's Government of Tianjin Municipality has announced a relief assistance package of RMB 10 million for the flood victims.

The relief items include tents, food packages and blankets needed urgently in Pakistan.

The decision to this effect was conveyed through a letter addressed to Ambassador Moin ul Haque by Li Hongzhong, the Party Secretary of Tianjin, Gwadar Port reported on Sunday.

Sharing his grief and condolences with the bereaved families, Mr. Li Hongzhong said that as All-weather Strategic Cooperative Partner and Iron Brother, China stands with the people of Pakistan in this difficult time.

Expressing his good wishes for the early rehabilitation of the flood victims, Li reaffirmed the resolve of Tianjin Municipality to continue to deepen ties with the friendship cities and provinces of Pakistan. A formal launch ceremony of the relief goods was held through a video link. INP

PMD predicts Rabi ul Awwal moon on Sept 27, Eid Milad on Oct 09

KARACHI: Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has predicted that there is "no chance" of sighting the new moon of Rabi ul Awwal, 1444 AH on the evening of Sep. 26 i.e., 29th of Safar.

Thus, the first day of Rabi ul Awwal will likely fall on Wednesday September 28. The new moon of Rabi ul Awwal, 1444 AH will be born on crossing conjunction point at 02:54 Pakistan Standard Time (PST) on Sept. 26, 2022 (Monday), weather department said in a statement.

According to astronomical parameters, there is "no chance" of sighting the new moon of Rabi ul Awwal, 1444 AH on the evening of Monday Sep. 26 i.e. 29th of Safar. The weather is expected to be fair or partly cloudy in most parts of the country on the evening of Monday Sep. 26, according to the climate record. The Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12th day of Rabi ul Awwal), is projected to be fall on Sunday (October 09). A meeting of the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee is expected to be held on the evening of September 26 for sighting the new moon of Rabi ul Awwal 1444 AH.

The meeting of Zonal and District Ruet-e-Hilal committees also expected to be held for collecting evidence in respect of sighting of the new moon at their respective offices. INP



HYDERABAD: Workers of Faizan Global Relief Foundation (FGFR) are busy in packing food bags for displaced people in various areas of Sindh, at Markaz Dawat-e-Islami Faizan-e-Madina.

Slow import LC processing hinders manufacturing units' performance: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Delay in approval for import of essential items for manufacturing different products is seriously affecting the productivity of many industries in Pakistan.

Despite lifting the import ban on HS (Harmonized System) codes 84 and 85 in which many industrial and daily use products are included, delay in processing the Import Letter of Credit (LC) is depriving the businessmen of handsome profits.

Slow documentation delays manufacturing making it difficult for the industries to meet the export or local orders. Some units have stopped production due to the lack of essential parts. The small scale (SMEs) and large scale (LSMs) manufacturers are suffering a lot due to this situation. The non-operational units have suspended the operations leading to unemployment, with labourers suffering the worst.

Discussing this situation in detail with WealthPK, media coordinator and public relations officer (PRO) for Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) Zulfiqar Ahmad said, "This slowdown in the processing of Import LCs has made it worse for industrialists - at both small and large scale - to meet the expenses. The unavailability of manufacturing parts has made the situation worse. If the situation persists a

little longer, it can deprive many people of sustainable living.

The key products falling under the HS codes 84 and 85 are mostly related to the IT products, home appliances, chilling units, power generators, telecom, steel, and automobile industries, etc.

"The cost of production has already increased manifold due to a lot of taxes and slow banking process is another irritant. The operational expenses are also increasing due to this situation. When the imports will be received after a hectic process, obviously the production cost will mount. In this case, who will be responsible to recoup the loss of manufacturers? "Already, a large part of manufacturing in Pakistan depends upon imported raw material, machine parts, etc. Both the trade and business communities are worried a lot. This situation must be properly addressed to keep the economic activities going," Zulfiqar added. He said although it was a serious situation, it could be covered by showing a little more devotion and efficiency on the banks end. "To cope with this situation and prevent it from recurring, the State Bank must launch one-window operation for quick processing of such requirements. It is not only important for the business community, but also worth it for a smooth socio-economic cycle in the country," he said. INP

50 women completes six months courses at Pak-China Vocational Institute

ISLAMABAD: As many as 50 female students received 15 days free of cost hands-on training after completing their six months courses in Pak-China Technical and Vocational Institute, Gwadar.

The course is a part of China's efforts for women empowerment, offering them an excellent chance to become an integral component of the "high-tech man force" direly needed for Gwadar free zones as well as national and internationally competitive markets.

According to Gwadar Pro on Sunday, these female trainees received on-site skilled and professional training in five trades including Cargo Handling, Office Management, Chinese Language, Crane Operation and Financial Accounting.

They belonged to the first batch of 6-month course conducted by PCT & VI in collaboration with National Vocational and Technical Commission (NAVTC) of Pakistan under Prime Minister's Youth Skills Development program.

PCT & VI Principal Muhammad Hatif told Gwadar Pro that all female students of impoverished local communities of Gwadar seem to be naturally talented.

They needed an opportunity to show their mettle and once chance came, they seized it and capitalized in professional way. Among them few are likely to get job letters from banks and companies working in Gwadar port, he disclosed.

"There was total 130 trainees in first batch. Out of them, 90 were male students and 50 were female students," he replied a query.

These trainees are supposed to be technically and professionally trained and prepared for Gwadar Free Zones, he said, because companies in the Zone will direly seek such kind of skilled

and qualified manforce. The development has unleashed employment for Gwadar youth especially females in the business activities. With technical and professional education, and other allied facilities awarded to them free of cost, Gwadar Youth will prove to be an agent of change, transforming a small fishing town to a modern smart city, said Sohail Asghar, project director of PCT & VI.

Another PCT & VI official revealed that after the six-month course, a three-year course is planned. Students will spend one year in PCT & VI Gwadar and one and

half years will be in the Shandong Institute of Commercial Technology (SICT) in China.

Later, students will learn practical experience as an internee in courses' related industry in China, he added.

"SICT has also agreed to design curriculum in line with requirements of industries. They also consented to bear operational cost of the institute for 3 years for Chinese faculty members' boarding and lodging expenses."



RAWALPINDI: Dengue patients getting medical treatment in the dengue isolation ward at DHQ Hospital, in the city.

Russia has offered Pakistan wheat in addition to gas: Asif

ISLAMABAD: Russian President Vladimir Putin has offered Pakistan wheat in addition to gas supplies keeping in view the damage to the country's breadbasket following catastrophic floods, said Defence Minister Khawaja Asif on Saturday.

Asif further said the Russian president has also invited the prime minister and the visit will take place. "They have said that they can give us gas, Russia said that they have gas pipelines in Central Asian countries and the pipelines could be extended to Pakistan via Afghanistan. These talks have taken place."

The defence minister also said that Russia has appreciated Pakistan's stance on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

He further said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will undertake his maiden visit to China at the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping during the first week of November.

The defence minister said President Xi extended the invitation during a meeting between the two leaders in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit.

Asif added that the prime minister's meeting with the Chinese president was extremely successful. He said President Xi expressed his commitment to take forward the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project and also described Pakistan as an "all-weather strategic friend".

Asif concluded by saying that all SCO members have expressed willingness to support Pakistan as it suffers from devastating floods.

Shehbaz to appoint new COAS in November

The defence minister reiterated that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will appoint the country's new army chief in November in accordance with the Constitution.



HYDERABAD: Young girls displaced from floods queue to receive donated food in Sehwan.

Flour crisis persists in Balochistan

QUETTA: Flour crisis continues in Balochistan for past three weeks, with the mill owners blaming the provincial government for failing to procure the required wheat this year.

According to details, the prices of flour have skyrocketed in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan while the commodity was not available in most shops across the province. Meanwhile, a 20-kg bag of flour was being sold from Rs2,380 to Rs2,500.

Earlier on September 13, flour mill owners have blamed the provincial government for the ongoing flour crisis in the province, alleging that the food department failed to procure wheat according to the requirement for this year.

Pakistan Flour Mills Association (PFMA) Balochistan chapter representatives said there was a huge gap between the demand and supply which created the crisis.

They said flour mill owners were being blamed for the crisis, while in reality, the provincial government has imposed an inter-provincial and inter-district ban on the transportation of wheat during the harvesting season.

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It is pertinent to mention here that the death toll from flash floods triggered by heavy rains has reached 299 in the province. The spokesperson of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) confirmed that the death toll in Balochistan floods reached 299 including 136 men, 73 women and 90 children.

At least 181 persons including 92 men, 40 women and 49 children were injured in rain-related incidents across Balochistan while more than 65,000 houses were partially or fully damaged. INP

Punjab CM approves provision of gas to villages, industries

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi has approved a project, in collaboration with private sector, for gas supply to villages and industries on Sunday.

According to details, the decision was taken during a high-level meeting chaired by the Punjab chief minister. The project will be completed in the collaboration with private sector.

Speaking on the occasion, CM Pervaiz Elahi noted that the provision of environmentally-friendly green fuel would end environmental pollution.

Punjab CM further said the provincial government was committed to fulfill the long-standing demands of the villagers and industrial sector.

Earlier in June, the OGDCL notified the discovery of gas reserves found in 4 wells in Rajanpur Punjab. The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited notified the discovery of oil reserves in four different wells in Rajanpur city of Punjab.

The notification issued by OGDCL said that the gas reserves discovered amount to 2.081 million standard cubic feet per day (MMSC/D). INP

India continuously violating international laws, conventions in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD: India is continuously violating all international laws and conventions in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and is using black laws like Public Safety Act (PSA) and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) to arrest innocent Kashmiris.

The Modi-led fascist Indian government revoked Kashmir's special status in flagrant violation of international laws in August 2019 and is settling non-Kashmiris in the territory against United Nations resolutions, said a report released by the KMS, today.

It said as part of snatching the Kashmiris' identity, India is granting domicile status to non-locals on a fast-track basis, adding the RSS-backed BJP regime is plotting to deprive Kashmiris of their identity. People are even deprived of basic human rights in IIOJK, it added. The report said India is preventing the Kashmiris from exercising their universally recognized right to self-determination. INP

Sheikh Rashid says it's 'game over' for PDM

RAWALPINDI: Awami Muslim League (AML) Chief Sheikh Rashid Ahmed on Sunday said that the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) has reached its end. The nation has been plunged into a sea of inflation, all records have been broken.

In a statement on Twitter, Sheikh Rashid criticized the government over 'record breaking' inflation in the country he said due to severe inflation and economic crisis, ministers cannot go to their constituencies.

Turning his aim at the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari he said the Foreign Minister comes to Pakistan acting as a guest and does not even go to his office.

The former federal interior minister said that the petrol mafia is not allowing the government to reduce the price for three days, conciliation or conflict is to be decided soon.

He further said that there are 21 ministers without department in the government, the number of 70 ministers is against the constitution and he will move to the High Court against it. INP

PM Shehbaz Sharif to highlight climate catastrophe at UNGA session

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will highlight the climate-induced catastrophic floods in the country at 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York from 19th-23rd September.

In a statement on Sunday, Foreign Office (FO) Spokesperson Asim Iftikhar said the Prime Minister will be accompanied by the Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, other members of the Cabinet and senior officials.

PM Shehbaz Sharif will address the UN General Assembly on 23rd September in which he will focus on the challenge faced by Pakistan in wake of the recent climate-induced catastrophic floods in the country.

The Prime Minister will outline concrete proposals for collectively tackling the existential threat

Saleem Mandviwalla says there never was a corruption reference against him

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party leader Saleem Mandviwalla, refuting news about the return of a corruption reference against him, said that the reference filed against him was regarding wrongful allotment, not corruption.

The PPP leader said that news about the return of a corruption reference against him is false. "How can court return a corruption reference that NAB never filed?" the PPP senator questioned.

Saleem said that NAB had filed the 'Kidney Hills reference' against him for political engineering. 'Kidney Hills reference' was about the wrongful allotment, not corruption, he added.

He added that he faced the law after NAB's baseless allegations where the accountability watchdog could not prove

High Court against it. AML Chief said he is hopeful that the Supreme Court (SC) will restore the return of 150 corruption references of the rulers, National Accountability Bureau (NAB) amendments will be repealed and one crore overseas Pakistanis will get the right to vote. The former federal interior minister said that the petrol mafia is not allowing the government to reduce the price for three days, conciliation or conflict is to be decided soon. He further said that there are 21 ministers without department in the government, the number of 70 ministers is against the constitution and he will move to the High Court against it. INP

posed by climate change. He will also share Pakistan's position and perspective on regional and global issues of concern including Jammu and Kashmir, which is one of the long-standing unresolved disputes on the UN agenda.

On the sidelines of the UNGA session, the Prime Minister will participate in the Global Food Security Summit jointly organised by the African Union, European Union and the United States, and a Closed-door Leaders Gathering on COP-27 bringing together select world leaders to discuss climate change.

PM Shehbaz Sharif will hold a number of bilateral meetings with his counterparts from various countries, President of the General Assembly, the UN Secretary-General as well as heads of International Organisations, IFIs and philanthropic organisations. INP

anything. Accountability courts returned 50 NAB references declaring them out of the court's jurisdiction after the recent amendments to the Accountability Act of 1999.

The accountability court returned the Ramzan sugar mill reference against Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his son Hamza Shahbaz, NAB's reference against former Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani for corruption in USF funds, and six rental power corruption references filed against former Prime Minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf.

Moreover, courts returned references against PPP's Saleem Mandviwalla, Aijaz Haroon, former CM KP Sardar Mehtab Abbas and PPP senator Rubena Khalid after the recent amendments. INP



ISLAMABAD: Youngsters are enjoying Sunday Holiday at Shah Allah Ditta cave, in Federal Capital.

"No matter what Imran Khan says, the appointment of the army chief is a constitutional duty which the prime minister will fulfil in November," said Asif while addressing the media in Islamabad.

While saying that former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif never made the appointment of army chief a subject of discussion he added, "Nawaz Sharif has also fulfilled this constitutional duty four times."

The defence minister also criticized former premier and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan and added that Imran is trying to make the issue of the army chief's appointment "controversial". He further said that Imran is "saying things that should not be said."

Asif maintained that the PTI chief is harming the country and its interests in his attempts to regain power and also accused him of trying to prevent Pakistan from getting aid for flood victims.

The PML-N leader also said that Pakistan's national security is linked to its economic security and Imran is jeopardizing it with his constant attacks.

"Imran Khan repeatedly attacked national and economic security of Pakistan," he alleged.

The development comes at a time when efforts are underway to reset the troubled relationship between Pakistan and the US.

A senior adviser of the US secretary of state recently visited Islamabad, while the US President Joe Biden Administration approved \$450 million sale of the F-16 equipment in a sign that Washington wants to maintain a working relationship with Islamabad.

In the middle of all this, Shehbaz's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday are significant and show that Pakistan is trying to maintain a delicate balance in its ties with big powers. INP

Indus river water level drops to low flood at Kotri Barrage

LAHORE: The water level in Indus River has dropped to low flood at Kotri Barrage, according to the water data shared by the Flood Forecasting Division at its website on Sunday.

The water level in the river in upstream at Sukkur and Guddu barrages has dropped to normal flow.

The water inflow in the river at Kotri Barrage has been 2,94,500 cusecs and outflow in the downstream has been 2,68,500 cusecs.

It is to be mentioned here that the water level drop in the river, will facilitate easier discharge of the water standing in vast areas of Sindh into the river. The water of flash floods in Sindh's districts on the western bank of the river, still standing as a huge lake.

Thousands of people have evacuated from katcha area in Thatta district as the flood stream from Kotri moving towards Indus delta to enter in the Arabian Sea.

Several flood-affected people have taken refuge at river dykes after their villages submerged in the water. The flooding in the river has badly hit the areas in the route of the river to the sea.

Floodwater has damaged crops and thousands of mud houses in the area.

Dengue epidemic: Islamabad reports 96, Karachi 324, Punjab 191 new cases in 24 hours

ISLAMABAD: The country is in midst of a dengue epidemic as Islamabad reported 96, Karachi 324 and Punjab reported 191 new cases in the last 24 hours.

According to the District Health Officer Islamabad Zaeem Zia, 96 new dengue cases were reported in Islamabad in the last 34 hours. At least four people have lost their lives to dengue in Islamabad in the current season.

Meanwhile, the Health Department Sindh told that 324 new cases were reported in Karachi in the last 24 hours while two people were reported dead. The total tally of dengue cases in Karachi this month has gone above 2500 while the death tally is 11.

As many as 403 people were diagnosed with dengue in Karachi yesterday, almost double the 202 cases reported the day before, data released by the Sindh health department showed on Saturday.

Moreover, Punjab reported 191 new cases in the last 24 hours. Rawalpindi reported 84, Lahore 60 and Gujranwala reported 10 cases, told the secretary of health Punjab.

In a statement, Secretary Health Punjab said that 80 cases of dengue virus were reported from Rawalpindi and 62 cases of the mosquito-borne disease during the past 24 hours. INP

Main objective behind conspiracy achieved with end to NAB cases: Fawad

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Fawad Chaudhry on Sunday said that the main objective of the conspiracy has been achieved as the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) cases worth billions of rupees have ended.

In a statement on Twitter, the PTI leader while lashing out at the incumbent rulers said that they have achieved the main objective behind the conspiracy of overthrowing the PTI government, and that he explained to be the NAB cases against the ruling political leaders. He said they have successfully ended the NAB cases worth billions of rupees against them. INP

Shazia Sarwar appointed first DPO in Punjab from Balochistan

LAHORE: Inspector General of Police (IG) Punjab has appointed Shazia Sarwar as the first female district police officer (DPO) hailing from Balochistan province.

IG Punjab Faisal Shahkar has appointed Shazia Sarwar, who hails from district Bolan of the Balochistan province, as DPO Layyah.

Shazia Sarwar is part of 40th Common and has remained posted in multiple districts of the province.

Speaking on her appointment IG Faisal Shahkar said that they are encouraging women deployment in police and multiple female cops are being posted at better positions in the field.

On July 22, the Punjab government

appointed Faisal Shahkar as new provincial Inspector General (IG) shortly after Rao Sardar refused to continue serving ahead of Punjab chief minister (CM) election.

According to the notifications issued by Establishment Division, Rao Sardar Ali Khan was replaced with Faisal Shahkar. Rao Sardar was appointed as Pakistan Railways inspector general with immediate effect.

The appointment came after top-ranking government officials - IG Punjab and Chief Secretary Kamran Afzal - refused to continue serving on their post. AD Khawaja, Faisal Shahkar and Inam Ghani were strong contenders for the IG Punjab post. INP



RAWALPINDI: People are busy is buying flour from a traditional flour mill shop at Jamia Masjid Road due to increase price of flour bags.

Karachi: Banned outfit commander arrested after shootout

KARACHI: The city police have arrested a banned outfit commander following a shootout in Karachi's Ittehad Town on Sunday.

According to details, the arrest was made after an exchange of fire between police and the banned outfit commander during a raid at a hideout at Ittehad Town locality of Baidia Town.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kemari, Fida Hussain, said that the terrorist commander was wounded during the exchange of fire. Meanwhile, the raiding team also recovered weapons and hand grenades from the suspect's possession.

The local commander was associated with banned outfit of Swat chapter. "The arrested suspect was

leading a ten-member gang and he was involved in street crimes and robberies in different areas of Karachi including district west, district central and district east," said Fida Hussain.

Earlier this month, the city police arrested as many as 26 illegal Afghans immigrants in Karachi's Al-Asif Square for illegally crossing the border.

According to details, the Sohrah Goth Police Station carried out an operation near the service road at Al-Asif Square and arrested 26 illegal immigrants.

A police spokesperson said that the raid was conducted by a patrolling officer. The Afghan nationals failed to show their Pakistani citizenship and relevant travel documents, they added. INP

PAF rescue, rehabilitation operations in full swing in flood-hit areas

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) rescue, relief and rehabilitation operations are in full swing in flood affected areas of KP, Sindh, Balochistan and South Punjab.

The PAF personnel had been working round the clock for the well-being and timely provision of basic necessities of food, shelter, drinking water and medical assistance to the flood victims, said a PAF news release.

In the last 24 hours, relief goods including 20,060 packs of cooked food, 8,851 water bottles, and 2,520 ration packs were distributed amongst the needy families of Rajanpur, Mitiari, Talhar, Machi, Bolani, Lashari, Norwah, Machka, Gharo, Jati, Kodario, Hajipur, Chuhar Jamali, Mirpur Khas, Saindad Village, Village Balu, Jhaal Maghs, Basti Sher Muhammad, Lakhra, Matyari, Saeedabad Shahdadkot, Sohbatpur, Basti Jageer Gabool, Fazilpur, and Allah Waraio Jamali.

The PAF emergency response teams also provided assistance to the flood affectees of Nasserabad, Jhal Maghs, Jacobabad, Khyarvi, Sindhri,

Sanghar, Goth Ismail, Kumhar, Sargal, Pholari, Dadu, Pagadar Shah, Mian Pota, Pashin, Qila Abdullah, Qila Saifullah, Thul, Sehwan, Nawab Shah, Sakrand, Esabhatti, Sukkur, Pir Patho, Uthal, Hyderabad, Mirpur Khas, Talhar, Nawakilli, Gulistan Killi Saleh and Killi Habibzai.

Moreover, free medical camps established by PAF were constantly providing free medical facilities to the locals. 489 patients were attended by medical teams of PAF deployed in field hospitals in the last 24 hours.

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