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# PTI likely to be out ANP HDP to be part **Balochistan** coalition

Syed Ali Shah

Pakistan Tehrik e Insaf (PTI) is likely to be out of the Balochistan coalition government after Jamat ul Ulema e Islam (JUI) supremo Maulana Fazal ur Rehman put the former ruling party's ouster as a condition for joining the government.

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"If we join the government then there has to be no PTI", a key lawmaker from the JUI F told Daily Quetta Voice. He requested anonymity. The religious party, which has 12 lawmakers in the house of 65 is all set to join the coalition government in Balochistan soon. The provincial amir of the JUI Maulana Abdul Wasey is expected to have a crucial meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Quddus Bizenjo tomorrow (Friday).

"Maulana

"Maulana categorically told us that there should be no PTI", JUI lawmaker

"Maulana categorically told us that there should be no PTI", the lawmaker mentioned while quoting the religious party chief. He however said, "We have no objection over Awami National Party (ANP) and Hazara Democratic Party (HDP)"

(HDP)".
The former ruling party has two ministers including Mir Naseebullah Marri and Mobeen Khilji and Sardar Babar Musakhail, the deputy speaker





of the Balochistan Assembly. The party's former provincial chief Sardar Yar Muhammad Rind has already distanced himself from party affairs a

#### Zamarak Achakzai of ANP and Khaliq Hazara of HDP are ministers

AP's Zamarak Achakzai is the provincial minister and Malik Naeem Bazai, is the parliamentary secretary. However, Khaliq Hazara of the HDP is also a minister in the Chief Minister Mir Quddus Bizenjoled cabinet. The two parties were also the allies of former CM Balochistan Jam Kamal Khan.

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Differences surfaced within the ANP as its parliamentary leader Asghar Khan Achakzai stood by Jam Kamal Khan, the old ally when Mr. Bizenjo and opposition parties submitted a no-confidence motion. However, Zamarak Achakzai and Malik Naeem Bazai remained in the Bizenjo's camp to maintain their powers.

CM Bizenjo is expected to withdraw portfolios from two PTI ministers and some BAP ministers to accommodate the religious party in the coalition government. In this whole situation, there has been no word from the Balochistan National Party (Mengal), another key opposition party that supported Mr. Bizenjo against Jam Kamal Khan.

# Sardar Akhtar Mengal and Maulana Wasey discuss political situation

Dawood Ahmed

ISLAMABAD: Balochistan National Party (BNP) Chief Sardar Akhtar Mengal and Jamiat ul Ulema e Islam (JUI) provincial amir, Maulana



Abdul Wasey discussed the prevailing political situation in the province on Thursday evening.

The BNP Chief visited the Maulana and discussed the political situation. "We were allies in the opposition and Sardar Sab discussed our new

move of joining the government", Maulana Wasey told Daily Quetta Voice via telephone.

The religious party is all set to join the Balochistan coalition government very soon.

"We have handed over our demand to the Chief Minister Mir Quddus Bizenjo", Maulana Wasey mentioned.

mentioned.

The Maulana is expected to meet the CM Balochistan on Friday (tomorrow) to discuss the joining of the government and the implementation of the party's demand.



NEW YORK: Ursala Von Der Leyen President EU Commission calls on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

# **Top 10 Position** holders in FA FSc Results 2022 BBISE

Syed Muhammad Yaseen

Balochistan Board Intermediate and Secondary has announced the Annual FA, FSc (HSSC) results for the year 2022. According to a press release from the BBISE, a total of 84,489 students appeared out of which 79,688 candidates cleared the FA and FSc exami-

nations in 2022. Ahmed Mustafa S/o Zubair Qaiser of Tameer E Nau College Quetta secured the first position by getting 1,067 marks in FA, FSc exam 2022. However, Ahmed Muzammil S/o Abdul Rasheed Khan and Muhammad Kamil Khan S/o Raaz Muhammad of Tameer E Nau College, Quetta, and BRC, Zhob secured the second posi-

You can find out your result



by visiting the official website of BBISE.

Here, is a list of the top 10 position holders of the FA and Sc results in 2022 announced

by BBISE. Later on Shaukat Ali Sarparah, the Controller Examination BBISE thanked the total faculty of board and inspecting teams for conduct-ing FA and FSc exams in 2022.

#### Japanese Ambassador regional, security situation with COAS

RAWALPINDI : Mr Wada called on General Qamar Javed Bajwa, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) at GHQ in Rawalpindi, today

During the meeting, matters of mutual interest, regional security situation and collaboration / part-nership in humanitarian measures were discussed. COAS said that Pakistan values Japan's role in global and regional affairs and we look forward to enhance our bilateral relationship

The Ambassador expressed his grief over the devastation caused by ongoing floods in Pakistan and offered sincere condolence to the families of the victims. He offered full support to the people of Pakistan. He also appreciated Pakistan Army's efforts for assisting civil administration in rescue and relief efforts in flood affected

The COAS thanked for Japan's support and reiterated that assistance from our global partners shall be vital in rescue / rehabilita-tion of the victims.INP

#### Pakistan suffered \$5b due to regime change: Fawad Chaudhry

ISLAMABAD While reacting to Supreme Court (SC) advice of returning to National Assembly (NA), former information minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Fawad Chaudhry on Thursday said Pakistan has suf-fered \$5 billion due to regime

Taking to Twitter, the former federal minister said that the Supreme Court (SC) has no idea that regime change operation has so far caused \$5 billion loss to Pakistan in terms of currency alone.INP

## Reconciliation between CM Balochistan and Senator Manzoor Kakar

Staff Reporter

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Quddus Bizenjo and Secretary General of the ruling Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) Senator Manzoor Kakar held a meeting and ended differences. CM Bizenjo who is also the President of the BAP held a meeting with the angry BAP SG Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar at the residence of provincial minister Sardar Abdul Rehman

"Differences ended between the two leaders", an insider of the meeting told Daily Quetta Voice. He said Sardar Khetran had invited

the two BAP leaders including the M Bizenjo to sort out issues through political means.

This reconciliation has come a week after Senator Kakar lashed out at CM Bizenjo for what he called the latter's incompetence and non-serious attitude towards the party and official issues A video shared on the Chief Minister's official WhatsApp group show CM Bizenjo, Senator Kakar, Senator Abdul Qadir, and others in a pleasant mode. This development has also come a day before crucial talks also come a day before crucial talks between Jamiat ul Ulema e Islam (JUI) and CM Bizenjo about the religious party's intention to be part of the coalition government.



#### FM Bilawal Bhutto Zardari urges IMF for new terms amid floods

NEW YORK: Foreign Minister (FM) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said that the floods in Pakistan are a global disaster and should be understood at the global level. FM Bilawal Bhutto in an inter-

view on French TV in New York and said that an agreement was recently signed with the IMF for economic stability, but all the esti-mation and figures of the agree-ment were washed away by the recent flood.

The floods have caused a loss of

\$30 billion to Pakistan, he added and said that the situation has changed after the flood, and the IMF should discuss new terms. FM Bilawal said we don't want

aid but justice from the international community New York, Sept 22 (INP): He said that unfortunately today India has changed, which is no longer secular, its policy is Islamo-fascist and Islamophobic, Muslims consider themselves unsafe in India, it has usurped and

Occupied Kashmir.
Earlier, FM Bilawal Bhutto
Zardari has said Hungary can take
advantage of investor-friendly climate in Pakistan and enter into
joint ventures with Pakistani companies especially in Special Economic Zones.INP

### President urges youth, women to benefit from Google's Career Certificate Program

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday urged the country's youth and women to actively enroll and benefit from the 15,000 online courses offered under Google's Career Certificate program.

The president, in his virtual address to the launching ceremony of the Google Career Certificate Programme, under which Google was offering high-end online courses like IT support, automation, project management, UX design, data analytics, digital marketing & e-commerce etc., in Pakistan.The progam was launched in collaboration with the Institute of Rural Management (IRM) and

IGNITE.In his message, the president said that the initiative would bring vibrancy among Pakistani youth and women to help increase their participation in the economy, besides improving the digital economy of Pakistan.He added that enhanced digitalization would increase the inclusion of women in the economy, besides enabling women and youth to market their services throughout the world using ICT tools He further said that digitalization would increase the efficiency of businesses and accelerate their processes, besides giving opportunities to unem-ployed people to contribute to the economy.INP

# Govt to subsidise Panadol, Paracetamol: PM

WASHINGTON: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that the gov-ernment would provide subsidy to the producers of Panadol and Paracetamol medicines to make them affordable for the people.

Shehbaz Sharif was chairing a Zoom meeting of the authorities con-cerned to review the pace of various flood relief and rehabilitation activi-ties in the flood-hit areas across Pakistan on Wednesday.

Expressing his views, the prime minister apprised that today he held meetings with the president of World Bank and managing director International Monetary Fund and comprehensively discussed the flood situation in Pakistan. They expressed their grief over the losses and assured to extend all possible help and support Pakistan, he added.

The prime minister said that he had cautioned that millions of vulnera-

ble children were deprived of essential food items and could fall ill with diseases like diarrhea.

Due to widespread devastation caused by floods, the people in Pakistan could not face the challenge alone with their limited resources, he said and urged the world community, international organizations like WB and IMF and other friendly countries to support them and provide the flood victims

the much-needed relief. The meeting was attended by Finance Minister Miftah Ismail, Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, Advisor to Prime Minister Ahad Cheema and other senior officers concerned.

Shehbaz Sharif is currently in New York to attend the high-level general debate of the 77th Session of UN General Assembly (UNGA77), sched-



uled from 20 to 26 September. The prime minister reviewed the distribution of food items, tents and medicines in the affected areas. He ordered the authorities concerned to make use of all available resources to distribute essential food items, espe-

cially baby food in the affected areas on emergency basis.

He also took stock of the restoration of roads, rails, bridges and other infrastructure damaged in the devastating floods, and ordered the relevant

The prime minister, who is also the PML-N president, congratulated Ahsan Iqbal for his acquittal in a NAB case by Islamabad High Court. Terming it good news, the prime minister regretted that the previous government was involved in the witch-hunting of its opponents and tried to implicate them in false cases through awayard manner.

implicate them in false cases through awkward manner.
President of the World Bank David R Malpass has stressed that Pakistan should be prioritized for reconstruction through the collective support of

the international community.

He was talking to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in New York on the sidelines of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly. The President expressed sympathy and condolence over the damage and destruction caused by the flood. He also expressed the World Bank Group's willingness to help Pakistan in its reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts. He pledged to immediately re-disburse 850 million dollars to help Pakistan in flood relief efforts. INP

# QUETTA VOICE Editor Asim Khan The curse of narcotics in Balochistan

The curse of narcotics has ruined our society. Thousands of young people fell prey to the curse of heroin during the last four decades in Balochistan, Pakistan's least developed province. In Quetta, it is very difficult to walk on Jinnah Road because of the young heroin addicts begging and snatching things on the roadside.

First, they (addicts) beg and then try to snatch anything from mobiles to watches and purses from women. Such incidents have frequently taken a place with addicts snatching purses, mobiles, etc, and sneaking into the main city nullah, which snakes through Quetta's

This situation prompted the Quetta police and the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) to launch an operation in the main nul-lah the other day. CTD and police claimed to have killed eight alleged drug peddlers during an exchange of fire. This was for the first time that police and CTD conducted such a targeted operation. Fate of thousands of addicts is still shrouded in mystery

However, the fate of thousands of young addicts still shrouds in mystery as the government is yet to make a plan for their complete rehabilitation. The challenge for the government is to stop the narcotics smuggling from Afghanistan and rehabilitate the addicts.

Officially an awareness campaign on social media, radio, newspapers, and TV channels should be launched to create awareness among the people about the curse of narcotics. This would be a good initiative to prevent the youth from falling prey to drugs.

History of heroin dates back to USSR invasion of Afghanistan in

The menace of narcotics in general and heroin, in particular, dates back to the USSR's invasion of Afghanistan at the end of December

The war in Afghanistan had and has direct impacts on Pakistan in general and Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces in particular. It is a common saying that 'Kalashinkove and Heroin' culture is the product of the Afghan war, which distorted the true tolerant face of the two provinces.

# **Multivariate Aspects of Climate** Change in Pakistan

Syed Mansoor Ahmed

**EDITORIAL** 

Climate change steams unbeatable challenges in the future. According to the World Bank report, Pakistan stands 6th in affectee of climate change. The awful and deadly floods of 2010, and 2011, extremely dry weather in a rainy area, and fluctuation in actual and fluctuation in actual climate pattern is alarming and despairing signs among all the dwellers of

the town.
Climate Change and Agriculture in Pakistan
In addition, Pakistan is a semi-arid country. The focal and dependent source of water is from the snow-covered Himalayan and the Karakorum in Northern Areas, Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, and the Sutlej rivers flow through this area. Within the water calculus, the country's entire agriculture is dependant on water flow from the Indus river.Glacial flood outburst also poses a serious threat to the country's climate in the Karakorum range. The sole aim was reaching and understanding the possible nodes of surge-type glaciers, which are characterized unsteady movements and frequent frontal advances of glaciers. As result, it causes natural

hazards by obstructing river channels, forming ice-dammed lakes, which kilometers Karakorum Range 39 gla-K a r a k o r u m Highway.Recently, global will ultimately cause GLOFs and pose threats warming and subsequent climate change have downstream of the water. After meaningful analy-sis, it revealed that a surge between 1998 and 2002 generated GLOFs.Damages

increased the constant state of fear and the risk of missive outburst flood-ing in the respective mountainous region. The comprehensive field evidence, local testimonies by the natives, modern applications of remote sensing, and cross-correlation feature-tracking techniques provides the improved understanding of glacier surges and ice-dam formation disclosed lake flooding displaced more than 6,000 people from upstream villages the scale future threat Glaciers in Pakistan: It is also noted,

ciers are responsible for ice-dam formation. On the other hand, 36 gla-ciers build ice barriers in the running rivers due to frontal advance, near to the densely populated areas of the Karakorum region. By constant observation of the prevailing and growing threat of climate change, it is airing the endless future threat only due to the GLOFs. For instance, the Indus River System (IRS) is the jugular vein of irrigation in Pakistan. It is providing water for almost 90% of the food product in Pakistan. The ice-dam formation due to the GLOFs will slow

down the water flowing pace downstream. And could raise a deep impasse among the units for water distribution for-mula. In the end, it will ultimately surface the challenge of food insecu-rity in Pakistan.

The Karakorum

Range, more important-ly, is the home of the

one Road Initiative
(OBOR) by giving with a
potential corridor through the Karakorum Highway from Khunjerab to the seaport at Gawadar in Balochistan (CPEC) on the Indian Ocean. Therefore, the smooth running of the traffic on the roads is the keynote for progressive economic development. While the ice barriers in rivers due to frontal advance could nundate the blacktops of the Karakorum Highway. The dislocation and dissolution of roads will give birth to never-ending challenges due to the factor of GLOFs.In the same run, these lakes and GLOFs attracted media, political, and scientific attention because of the repeated outburst of floods. So, it needs the heart blood as well as collective effective efforts to bring down the scale of the future threat without causing infinite

#### The tsunami of price hikes By Khalid Bhatti

The coalition government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is struggling at multiple fronts. Leaving aside the challenges it faces on the political front, I just want to concentrate on price hikes and the rising inflation in this

At the moment, the government is struggling to cope with two immediate challenges: the revival of the economy and the devastation caused by the unprecedented rains and floods. Both are equally chal-lenging and important

On the one hand, the government is strug-gling to provide relief to 33 million flood-affectpeople in Sindh, Balochistan, southern Punjab and Pakhtunkhwa Khyber (KP). These people desperate-ly need food, shelter and medical care. The crisis-ridden economy is now struggling to deal with the worst flooding in the coun-try's history. On the other hand, the government has to take steps to control the record high

inflation. Since this coalition government came to power in April 2022, the inflation rate, measured by the Consumer Price index (CPI), has jumped to 27.26 per cent from 13.8 per cent. The rate measured by the Sensitive Price Index (SPI) also stands at a record high of 42.5 per

The tsunami of price hikes has increased the suffering and miseries of the working class and the poor. The govern-ment has so far failed to

control the prices of food, energy and utilities and seems clueless helpless to deal this unbridled inflation. The rising inflation

has created a cost-of-living crisis and the working class finds it hard to pay electricity bills and home rent or feed their families. When they were in opposition, the leader-ship of the PML-N, the PPP, the JUI-F and other political parties that the PTI government was incompetent and had failed to bring down the prices of essential commodities.

They said that the PTI government's economic policies were responsible for high inflation and needed to be changed. They further added that the PTI goveconomic ernment's team was not capable enough to deal with the situation.

These leaders gave assurances that once the Imran Khan led government was ousted from power and the coalition government came to power, everything would be fine and the economy would be in capable and safe hands. This government has been in power for the last five months, but

instead of providing the promised relief to the people, it has burdened them with further hikes in the prices of food, energy and utilities and imposed more indirect taxes. We have been drowned in the tsunami of price hikes created by this capable government and its economic team.

Even though Pakistan has secured a deal with the IMF and received \$1.16 billion, it still cannot arrest the continued rise of the dollar. The Pakistani rupee is losing value on a daily basis. The rising dollar the weakening and rupee are making imports more expen-sive. The government and the State Bank of Pakistan are helplessly watching the fall of the

rupee. The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics data shows that electricity prices rose as high as 123.37 per cent year-on-year while motor fuels increased by up to 87.34 per cent. price of one unit of electricity for domestic consumers consuming up to 200 units has increased from Rs10.42 to Rs20.

The government has abolished the previous two slabs for consumers of 200 and 300 units and is now charging a flat rate of Rs20 per unit for 200 units and more than Rs24 for 300 or units. The current elec-tricity bills have tricity become a nightmare for low-income

They receive electric shock every month when they receive their bills. In the last four months, the electricity bills have doubled.

Finance Minister Miftah Ismail used to criticize the PTI governfor accepting conditions and surrendering to the IMF, when he was in opposition. He used to claim that he would negotiate a better deal with the IMF if given the oppor-tunity. But he has also failed to convince the IMF to ease the condi-tions in the revived programme.

Now he is implement-ing almost all the harsh conditions of the IMF under the revived programme, and the people have been burdened with more inflation.

The government is asking the people to tighten their belt, but the right are and the rich are not ready to tighten their belt. They will continue to enjoy tneir perks and privileges. The massive subsidies and tax exemp-tions given to them are here to stay.

No government taxes the rich to increase its revenue and end poverty. The elite resist the wealth, inheritance and property taxes. An overwhelming majority of traders and business owners are not ready to pay income tax and are still out of the tax net. As a result, every gov-ernment ends up shifting the burden of the crisis to the working and middle classes.

Climate Change:

Meanwhile, rigorous critical exploration of the

Attabad Lake of Hunza Valley in Gilgit-Baltistan is the distinctive event to

justify the future threats

of climate change in the center of freshwater. The

and inundated over 19

With a massive hike in the prices of petrol, diesel and electricity, the government has laid the basis for a new tsunami of price hike. This massive increase in the prices of petrol and electricity has increased cost of production and created a cost of living crisis. Not only will goods transportation become expensive due to these hikes, but cost of production will also go up. The government has

created conditions where people will be forced to make choices between feeding their families and providing education to their chif dren. They will be forced to choose forced to choose between buying bread and medicine. The new wave of price hikes will push millions of people below the poverty line. The lower-middle and working classes have been hit hard by this new tsunami of price hikes.Four out of six families in Pakistan earn less than Rs40,000 per month, and nearly 60 per cent of these families earn less than Rs25,000 per month. The Rs2000 per month targeted subsidy provided by the government to help poor families in these difficult times is not likely to help them in a big way to cope

ome leaders are power hungry in the extreme Some leaders have an ' insatiable desire for power'. Some leaders have an ardent lust of domination'. This 'ardent lust of domination' is no different from 'extreme selfishness'. leaders attempt draw everything to center in ourselves, which we think will enable us to gratify every other passion. Lust is a passion. force intense psychological producing intense desire for something." Some have lust for money, others have lust

for power.

Some leaders deliberately create 'cults of hatred'. There are two types of cults - religious and political. Cults - both religious and political - can last for a long time. Cults religious and political can be extremely dangerous. dangerous for their followers and political cults can be extremely dangerous for their

country. According to Dr Janja Lalich, professor emeritus of sociology at the California State University, there are 11 common traits of cult leaders: charisma, narcissism; lack of guilt; spiritual bondage; lack of remorse; spiritual abuse; pathological liars; twisting facts;

authoritarian; lack of boundaries and use of media. Cults are a "risky form of human behavior that diminishes our contact with reality and devalues anyone outside the

There are two types of personality cults of political leaders: "ritu-als of leader worship" and "propaganda that portrays the Teader positively". Political cults can have serious political consequences as the probability of street violence rises manifold. Political cults often threaten civil war and openly defy rule of law. Most political cults are destructive in nature. The presence of political cults in a democra-

cy means increased political violence. Within political cults, the 'leader is always right'. Within political cults, the leader is 'projected as a messiah' Political cult leaders are extremely apt at iour of the youth. The narrative that cult leaders stir up is 'us versus them'. Cult leaders frequently peddle 'alternative facts' and cults are full of conspiracyaddled members. Cult leaders claim that they are the only ones who represent the people-all their "political competitors are just part of the immoral, corrupt elite." Quite often cult members do not even

realize that they are

part of a cult.
Political cults in established democracies with strong institu-tions are less of a threat than a nuisance. But, political cults in fragile democracies with weak institutions are a clear and present danger Political cults damage democratic institutions including parliament and the judiciary and the judiciary. Political cult leaders also damage the mili-

tary and the police.

I read somewhere that "lust for power is surely to be counted as one of the worst characteristics of a human being." One man's lust for power destroyed Germany. man's lust for power behind Cambodian genocide. One family's lust for power destroyed Syria.

Cult leaders have a tendency to "transform the most mild government into the most insupportable tyranny. Yes, a cult leader needs minded people to serve as subordinate instruments in his pursuit of power." Democracy is about 'rights of the people'. Democracy is about the 'protection of freedoms' Political cults threaten the rights of the people. Political cults threaten freedoms. Political cults are a clear and present threat to democracies, especially fragile democra-

# Beyond the charter of economy

By Dr Khaqan Hassan Najeeb

with this economic situ-

ation in the long run.

The Charter of Economy is perceived as a minimum agenda to be agreed to by political par-ties, despite different ide-ologies. The thought process is that such a charter can somehow shield the economy from the yaggries of political the vagaries of political swings. This is indeed a noble thought. However, it may be an uphill task to follow through, consider-ing this would essentially mean that all political parties contest elections on a common manifesto. Institutional memory is

ture sector.

In February 2020, the Planning Commission published a Cluster vital in government. A thorough attempt to come up with a kind of Charter of Economy was made by the PML-N and PPP in 2009, which I was honoured to support in put-ting together. A compre-hensive document coverhensive document cover-ing all areas was com-piled after due delibera-tions, which is available on the shelves of the Finance Division. Some commentators, less famil-iar with the functioning of the government, may not fully appreciate the extent of policy work undertaken over the years within the government projects within the government and by development partners. Many reports and policy papers within the government ministries, planning commission as well as in the public domain can form part of a revised. Charter of

revised Charter Economy. As an example, let us consider the documents put forth in the agriculture sector alone, to get a sense. A pioneering study was initiated by the gov-ernment in 2017 for the rice sector. It took two years to analyze the whole value chain, start-ing at farm-level production, processing, storage, value addition and marketing. In a similar man-ner, useful work was compiled by a committee of experts at the Planning Commission in 2018 for repairing the cotton sector, providing recommendations, some of which can be considered for molecular to the considered for implementation. A com-prehensive document in the shape of National Food Security Policy was also developed in 2018 to reinvigorate the agricul-

Development Based
A g r i c u l t u r a l
Transformation PlanVision 2025 for 33 agriculture commodities. The tasks for the short-term are clearly defined and prioritized in this plan.

An agriculture
Emergency Program was
also put together in 2020
envisaging work through
18 Public Sector Development Program

It is quite unfortunate that, despite all these doc-uments, Pakistan has one of the lowest crop yields in the region, its agricultural marketing system is underdeveloped, and the sector remains vulnerable to climate risk and pest attacks. The intent of highlighting this record is to merely give a glimpse of the extent of work of the extent of work awaiting execution. Of course, the quality of work can always be upgraded and improved through peer reviews. Additionally, there is work by NGOs, INGOs, multilaterals along with reform and growth strate-gies by development practitioners. This plethora of work can be used to forge yet another agenda (Charter of Economy) if so desired Amalgamation is the easier part. Shaping it into actionable points is the more useful and grueling task as that alone will provide a way for-ward for the necessary

changes in the economy.

Pakistan's success in policy and structural reform has generally been through a more focused approach. Let us review this approach where a dedicated team of smart men and women, not a committee or commission, has been assembled with an outcome of some worthwhile results in the country.

Let me give two exam-ples of work I have undertaken in Pakistan. In 2012, we initiated seri-ous work on Ease of Doing Business (EODB) reforms in Pakistan. The modus operandi was a focused team along with key stakeholders to con-duct diagnostics, forge an actionable plan and fol-low through with quan-tifiable results. It took several opteling years of several grueling years of research and a new report took the form of the first ever National Doing Business Reform

Business Reform Strategy 2016. We followed our work by inviting the first ever data challenge mission of the World Bank to Pakistan for engaging directly with contributors and to get the most accu-rate statistics on Pakistan. At the Economic Reform Unit (ERU) we were aware that multiple business-related reforms were not being adequately cap-tured by the EODB report. For the first time, Pakistan was recognized as one of the Top Ten reformers of the world in the 2017 publication of the World Bank Ease of Doing Business Report. Additionally, the country's ranking was upgraded by four notches. This was no meagre feat. Pakistan had been on a downward slide for several years, hurting its motorway police, to digi-tal data sets and deregula-tion of the telecom sector, are some worthwhile image internationally as a destination for invest-

in 2011, my colleagues and I at the ERU had realized that the government did not have a handle on the number, financial per-formance and share hold-ings of State Owned Enterprises (SOEs). A small but nimble team was energized, consider-ing the broad scope of the task at hand. We pub-lished in 2013 the first ever report of around 203 SOEs which the Government of Pakistan supported or regulated or

had some stakes in. Our insight has created our insignt has created a country wide realization of the high level of inefficiencies, sizable financial losses and unbearable burden on the exchequer created by SOEs. In follow-up reports we high-lighted the need to more lighted the need to move on restructuring and divestment. In the first example one was able to show tangible results and in the second build a strong narrative by put-ting evidence on the table. The point that the two examples demon-strate is that a focused approach can work in Pakistan to bring about a change, through a dedi-cated team bypassing a

The Pakistan of today The Pakistan of today is fighting an existential economic task much beyond the purview of a necessary programme supported by the IMF. It is strongly proposed that on the same lines of bypass surgery, the country dedicates resources and a small team of sensible experts to oversee an In a similar vein back ble experts to oversee an agriculture sector turnaround, an energy sector revamp and further revamp and further deregulation of the economy with a focus on small- and medium-sized

businesses.
Desirables in these Desirables in these three sectors can be articulated. Focus in agriculture should be clear: to raise productivity and reduce cost, adjust to climate change and shift from grain to fruits and vegetables. The energy sector is challenging the country's solvency with both its overbearing effect on the fiscal as well as balance of payments. The necessary surgery has to involve efficiency gains through divestment gains to invoive efficiency gains through divestment and a change in the ener-gy mix of the country. On the regulatory side we can strive to further do away with overlapping regulation between local, provincial and federal provincial and federal levels. As we move to digitize and automate processes our focus would be on the bulk of

businesses.

clogged system. There are other exam-

e are in ples of success in various fields with a similar approach: bypass surgery approach: bypass surgery Building the insurmount-able nuclear deterrence, to a decent income supdisinformation. term port programme, to a new

thrown around by all political persuasions to accuse their opponents of not being truthful. The systematic dissemination of disinformation, however, is more than just lying. It is a political strategy in a war to take control of public power. Its intended purpose is to create confusion, which leads to rejecting government institutions entrusted to deliberate over verifiable facts.

There is a significant difference between lying about a particular action or product and a disinformation campaign to undermine public trust in a democratic republic. A classic example of the former is how the tobacco industry lied or created doubt about scientific findings that demonstrated that smoking caused lung and cardiac diseases. Up to the mid-Fifties, the tobacco industry had succeeded in elevating smoking to be one of the most popular, successful, and widely used items of the early 20th century.

In response to the mounting evidence that smoking cigarettes damaged one's health, the tobacco industry hired the nation's leading public relations firm. The industry followed the consultant's advice and focused its efforts on disrupting the usual processes of knowledge production in medicine, science, and public health. Consequently, the leading tobacco companies embraced the scientific discourse that assumes there is always more to know. The tobacco industry's strategy was to exaggerate that principle in order to spread doubt and uncertainty about the known facts. The tobacco industry's campaign did not attack the validity of scientific institutions to analyze the facts; instead, they accused scientists of not wanting to find the

correct data. Eventually, the tobacco industry lost its battle by paying over \$206 billion through a court settlement. However, that punishment was achievable because it was delivered by an independent court system that fairly weighed the facts.

Borrowing a page from the tobacco playbook, Donald Trump has not directly attacked the concept of democracy; instead, he undermines the cred-itability of democratic institutions by accusing them of not treating him and his supporters fairly. For example, he

Selling lies By Nick Licata attacked Congress for not throwing out Biden's electoral votes, and he condemned the courts for them tossing out his 60 cases challenging the outcome of the election. His repeated message was that the

election was rigged. All politicians and political parties can be justly accused of lying from time to time about their accomplishments or their intent to accomplish things they have no power to do. However, past efforts from major political players have stayed within a sandbox of playing with democratic institutions. Trump stepped out-

side that sandbox on the night of the 2012 presidential election when he tweeted, "This election is a total sham and a travesty. We are not a democracy!" He mistakenly thought that Obama had won the election without the majority popular vote.

Four years later, Trump won his presidential election without winning the popular vote, but he didn't mention that fact. Instead, when the polls indicated that he might lose the 2016 election to Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton, he claimed it would have been rigged if she had

# SHC seeks progress report in mithi gang-rape, suicide case

THARPARKAR: The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Thursday has sought progress report in Mithi gang-rape and suicide case within two weeks.

Earlier this week, Sindh High Court (SHC) Chief Justice (CJ), Ahmed Ali Shaikh took notice of Mithi gang-rape and suicide case.

DIG Mirpurkhas, Zulfiqar Mahar, SSP Tharparkar, Hassan Tharparkar, Hassan Sardar, family members of the rape victim and others appeared before the court.DIG Mirpurkhas Zulfiqar Mahar presented

report before SHC CJ in the rape case, stating that four accused have been arrested in the case, while further investigation was underway. The SHC while directing to conduct DNAs of the accused in the case, asked the police to cooperate with the victim's family in the case Later, the hearing of the case was adjourned

for two weeks On Monday, a victim of gang rape allegedly committed suicide in village Mehran Soomro within the limits of Kaloi Town of Tharparkar.The body of

the victim was sent to Taluka Hospital Dipol Town for postmortem on late Sunday night. The girl was reportedly abducted by some "unknown" persons five days back and kidnappers, who, after raping her had left her at a deserted place near her village. The victim in her written complaint with police had stated that she was criminally assaulted when she was going to Hyderabad to receive official documents of the pension of her father who

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For example, due to an increase in per capita income and consumer expenditure, China is close to becoming an upper-income country with increasingly health & fitness-conscious consumers. They are spending

money on quality and imported food while online buying is becom-ing an increasingly pop-ular mode of purchase.

To get maximum space in China's market, Pakistan exporters should keep in complimaximum ance with import guide-lines, they should devel-op a brand and build a website in the Chinese language, emphasize on health features of their products, prepare attrac-tive and convenient packaging, make use of e-commerce platforms like Alibaba and JD, and promote their products through live-streaming and social media plat-forms. INP



ISLAMABAD: Iraqi Ambassador to Pakistan Hamed Abbas Laftah calling on Federal Minister for Interior Rana Sana Ullah to discuss progress on Pakistan-Iraq Zaireen Management Agreement.

## Infirm Pakistani rupee steadies a bit against US dollar

ISLAMABAD: The infirm Pakistani rupee which has been bearing the onslaught of the aggressive US dollar for the last several trading sessions has shown some revival signs as the local unit has inched up by 40. local unit has inched up by 40 paisa in the interbank trading on

The foreign currency dealers said that during the morning trading activity, the Pakistani rupee fared well against the US dollar as the American currency traded at Rs239.25 by 10am, lower by 40 pairs from yester. lower by 40 paisa from yester-day's close.

On Wednesday, the US dollar came closer to skyrocketing to another historic high against the Pakistani rupee as it gained 74 paisa in the interbank trading and concluded at Rs239.65, a few paisa away from hitting a record level against the Pakistani currency.

However, the banking market sources pegged the US dollar at close to Rs240.75. Within two months, the rupee returned to the record devalued position it attained on July 28 while the currency dealers in the banking market said the dollar broke all records as it crossed Rs240.

After the disbursement of IMF \$1.16 billion tranche last month, Finance Minister Miftah Ismail said a few days ago that the Pakistani currency would

start stabilizing after some time. On Sept 18, the Saudi Arabi also rolled over a \$3 billion debt for one year on the existing tough terms and the International Monetary Fund also announced support for Pakistan's flood-relief efforts but without giving any addition-

al loan.
IMF Resident Representative
Esther Perez Ruiz on Sunday

issued a brief statement, making clear the global lender's approach towards Pakistan in the aftermath of the devastating floods

Perez said that the IMF was deeply saddened by the devas-tating impact of the floods in Pakistan, offering sympathies to the millions of victims of the

"We will work with others in the international community to support, under the current programme, the authorities' relief and reconstruction efforts, and especially their ongoing endeav-our to assist those affected by the floods while ensuring sus-

the floods while ensuring sus-tainable policies and macroeco-nomic stability," Perez said.

According to the State Bank of Pakistan, country's current account deficit has fallen to \$0.7bn in Aug compared to \$1.2bn in July.INP

#### ECP orders reissuance of notice to Imran Khan over code violation

Manchhar lake

water receding: govt

initiates survey to plug cuts

JAMSHORO: Sindh Irrigation Department has initiated a survey to plug cuts administered in Manchhar Lake as water level

going down, sources said on Thursday.

further dropped after water drain-ing out into the Indus River. The water level in Manchhar has dropped to RL 120 while the lake's capacity level has been RL 123,

according to sources.
Sindh Irrigation Department on
Tuesday said that daily 1.5 Lac
cusecs water being discharged into
Indus River from Manchhar Lake.

"Floodwater also receding in various areas after the water level going down in Manchhar Lake," rescue sources said. "The water standing in Jhangara and Bajara union council has also dropped," sources added

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and Bhanbha union councils and link roads have restored, sources

Water level going down at the villages of UC Shaikh, while five union councils are still flooded with water, irrigation sources said. Manchhar Lake, spreading over Dadu and Jamshoro districts of Sindh is the learner for

Sindh, is the largest freshwater reservoir in Pakistan. The lake is at the centre of flooding in Sindh's districts on the right bank of the

The water of flash floods from

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No one appeared before the ECP bench on behalf of Imran Khan, whereas, the lawyer for KP Chief Minister Mehmood Khan appeared before the ECP bench and argued that the Charsadda district monitoring officer had also issued a notice on the same issue INP

# Contempt case: 710 policemen to be posted for court security

ISLAMABAD: The police will deploy 710 policemen including two SSPs for security during contempt hearing in Islamabad High Court (IHC) against former prime minister Imran Khan today

The high court will indict Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman in a contempt case over allegedly issuing threat to Additional District and Sessions Judge Zeba Chaudhry.

In an elaborate security plan, surroundings of the high court premises in the federal capital will be monitored with Safe City Cameras, according to a security order.

ments within the IHC premises Moreover, FC and Rangers officials will also be posted within the court premises.
All security officials will be

unarmed except those posted at the rooftop, security order read. SSP-Operations Jameel Zafar will be responsible for the overall security outside the high

court premises.

According to the security order, no official on duty could use mobile phone. The wireless will only be used for duty, and departmental action will be taken in case of unnecessary use of the wireless.

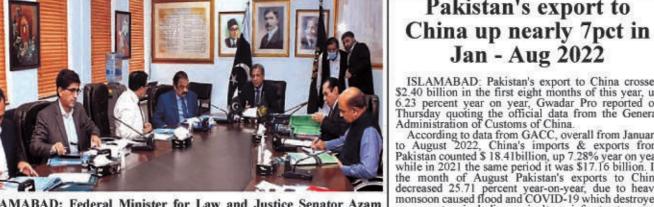
"Barbed wires will be erected across the high court premises,

"Armored vehicles will be deployed with 500 short-range and 500 long-range shells," as per the security plan. Moreover, vehicles will be on alert for response with 3000 shells. A five-member bench - com-

prising IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah, Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb, Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri and Justice Babar Sattar - will start the proceedings at 2:30pm

She said her heart was with the people facing this calamity and she expressed her resolve to visit Pakistan again and again to extend help to the flood affectees here. INP

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's export to China crossed \$2.40 billion in the first eight months of this year, up 6.23 percent year on year, Gwadar Pro reported on Thursday quoting the official data from the General Administration of Customs of China.

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According to data from GACC, overall from January to August 2022, China's imports & exports from Pakistan counted \$ 18.41billion, up 7.28% year on year while in 2021 the same period it was \$17.16 billion. In the month of August Pakistan's exports to China decreased 25.71 percent year-on-year, due to heavy monsoon caused flood and COVID-19 which destroyed many sectors including agriculture, infrastructure, and industry.Dr. Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan, Executive Director, Center for South Asia & International Studies (CSAIS), Islamabad, told Gwadar Pro that China is Pakistan's largest trading partner besides being the second largest export destination and last year, especially despite the pandemic, the bilateral trade was growing by a big percentage. "Unfortunately, due to deadly floods, 33 million people have been forced to leave their houses. 18,000 square kilometers' agriculture has been destroyed. Its massive destruction including that of the cotton crop would be disastrous. INP

#### Karachi: ANF recovers crystal meth from Australia-bound parcel

KARACHI: The Anti-Narcotic Force (ANF) on Thursday foiled an attempt to smuggle crystal meth to Australia via a local carrier company located on Shahrah-e-Faisal

An ANF spokesperson told that the total weight of the parcel was 49 kg, and the drug was soaked into women's and children's clothes. The parcel was booked by a Chaman resident, he told Anti-Narcotic Force has filed a case against the smuggler under the anti-narcotics act Earlier on August 3, the ANF seized three kg of crystal ice from an Afghan national at the Pak-Afghan border in Chaman. The Anti-Narcotic Force during a routine checking at the Pak-Afghan border recovered three kg of crystal ice from an Afghan national named Imaruddin. The accused was trying to smuggle narcotics to Pakistan from Afghanistan via the Chaman border, the Anti-Narcotic Force officials said.A case was registered against the Afghan national under the anti-narcotics

#### QUETTA: UNHCR provincial Head Irvin Policar giving certificate among participants during skill development program organized by Society for Community and Promotion of Education Balochistan. BTBU appoints first honorary professor from Pakistan

BEIJING: Dr. Liu Minhua, Vice President of Beijing Technology and Business University (BTBU), China presented Prof. Manzoor Hussain Soomro, a Pakistani expert who received the Friendship Award from the Chinese government in 2020 and 2021, with a Letter of Appointment.

The BTBU Honorary Professor
Appointment Ceremony and SIEM
Lecture, Dr. Liu Minhua extended a
warm welcome to Prof. Emeritus
Manzoor Hussain Soomro. The vice president said, Prof. Manzoor has been working with BTBU for many years, China Economic Net (CEN)

reported.
The appointment of Prof. Manzoor as the first Honorary Professor of the university is to thank him for his important contribution in the past and to usher in further achievements together in the future.
Prof. Manzoor has profound attachment with Chinese and rich

experience in working with interna-tional organizations. We look forward to Prof. Manzoor's continued contribution to the international development of the university and his valuable suggestions to us.

Prof. Manzoor expressed his gratitude to BTBU for its invitation and trust, and highlighted that he would contribute more to the international development of BTBU and the construction of the 'Belt and Road' in the

As part of the agenda, Prof. Manzoor delivered the 16th lecture on International Economics and Management (SIEM) for the fresh-men of the School of SIEM on the topic of Youth and the Sustainable Development Goals.
On the occasion, Prof. Manzoor

stressed that young people constitute an influential force in promoting sustainable development in the United Nations. Students are encouraged to develop a global vision, shoulder their responsibilities towards their family and country, actively implement global development initiatives, and contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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**QUETTA:** Civil society hold protest outside QPC on occasion of internationals Day of Peace.

# Jolie nudges world to 'do more' to help Pakistan flood affectees

ISLAMABAD: Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie who is currently on Pakistan visit to show solidarity and support for the flood victims visited National Response Centre Flood Coordination

(NFRCC) on Thursday. humanitarian activist has come to Pakistan on Sept 20 to divert world's attention towards the large-scale destruction wreaked by recent monstrous floods which has put almost one-third of the country underwater.

Chairman Deputy

NFRCC Ahsan Iqbal welcomed Jolie and thanked her for visiting Pakistan during the most catastrophic floods in the history of Pakistan.

The Hollywood star who is a special UN envoy for refugees and had previously been in Pakistan as a special UN envoy after a deadly 2005 earthquake and after flooding in 2010, was briefed about flood response and measures

taken thus far. Jolie said she was deeply moved to see people's suffering during her yesterday's visit to Dadu

in Sindh province where she met flood victims. She said that she was with flood affected people and would make her efforts to let the world know the 'scale of devastation these climate changes have done and the life saving support they need.

The US star was impressed by the Pakistan Army which was busy round-the-clock in the relief activities. Whatever relief activi-

ties I have seen, they are

being provided by the Pakistan Army, Jolie said adding that the Army

men were saving people's She, however, said that the people whose lives

had been saved, they still were not safe. "The were not safe. "The destruction which I have seen, the world has no idea of it," she maintained.She was of the view that if the world help didn't reach in next few weeks, then these people could not survive. She said she had not seen such a large destruction in her entire live. She said that the affectees needed food, shelter and medical facilities on urgent basis. Last time when I came

here, I found Pakistanis hosting Afghan people, but today they have been confronting themselves with an enormous natural calamity, Jolie said urging the world to 'do more' to help the Pakistan flood affectees. world must take cognizance of the Pakistan situation as this is matter of life and death of millions of people, she added. She regretted that the countries which were less responsible to contribute to climate change they were bearing the brunt of global warming most INP

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# UN chief wants 'action' to address climate loss, damage payments to Pakistan

NEW YORK: The United Nations chief said Wednesday it was time for "meaningful action" on the issue of compensation for damage wrought by the climate crisis, especially in developing countries like Pakistan. Ahead of the forthcoming COP27 UN climate summit in Egypt, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sissi — the latter appearing by video link — co-hosted a meeting of world leaders for "frank exchanges" on climate action.

"My messages were stark," Guterres told reporters at the UN General Assembly following the meeting. "On the climate emergency: The 1.5-degrees limit is on life support — and it is fading fast," he said, referring to the Paris accord goal of limiting long-term warming to 1.5C above pre-industrial levels.

"You have all seen the appalling images from (flooding in) Pakistan. This is happening at just 1.2 degrees of global warming, and we are headed for over three degrees."

He called on governments to tackle "four burning issues" between now and COP27: greater ambition to keep the 1.5C possible; meeting financial commitments to the developing world; increasing support for adaptation measures, and the issue of "loss and damage."

This last point has become a critical area in climate negotiations. It concerns damage already caused by multiplying extreme weather events, which neither the measures to mitigate global warming nor those to adapt to its impacts have been able to prevent.

PRESS INFORMA



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar along with Advisor to PM on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan Qamar Zaman Kaira addressing a press

#### Bahawalnagar: 12-year-old girl raped at gunpoint

BAHAWALNAGAR: In yet another incident of molestation, a 12-year-

old girl was raped at gunpoint in Bahawalnagar, Punjab on Thursday. The incident took place in Bahawalnagar's Pir Shah area, where an unknown accused kidnapped a 12year-old girl at gunpoint and raped

her.
The accused after raping the girl fled away from the crime scene. The police have registered case of the inci-dent and moved the rape-victim to the district hospital

In one such incident, a woman was raped during a robbery attempt in Faisalabad, last year.

10 men barged into a house located in Islam Nagar, a locality in Samundri, Faisalabad, while one of the men of the muggers' group raped the woman.INP

#### PTI moves SC against by-elections on October 16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Thursday moved Supreme Court (SC) against by-elections on eight constituencies of the National Assembly on October 16.

PTI in its plea submitted by Faisal Chaudhry stated that ECP wants to hold by-elections on its own 'will' in 'selected' constituencies which is against the constitution and rule of

PTI pleaded with the court to suspend the by-poll schedule until the judgment on the plea related to the resignation of 123 PTI MNAs.

On September 14, the election commission announced to organise LG polls in all districts of Karachi on October 23, whereas, by-elections in eight NA constituencies will be held on October 16

on October 16.
Earlier on September 8, the commission had postponed the scheduled by-elections in 13 constituencies. The decision was taken by the CEC Sultan Sikandar Raja while chairing a highlevel session.

It was decided that the by-polls scheduled for September 11, September 25 and October 2 will be postponed and the new dates will be announced soon. The election commission said that the by-poll was deferred due to the devastating rains and floods.INP

#### Over 21,000 flood affectees take refuge at 19 navy campsites: NFRCC

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Navy's four flood relief centres and 18 central collection points have collected and distributed over 1668 tonnes of food, 5775 tents, and 7,21,223 litres of mineral water among flood-affected peo-

According to the National Flood Relief Coordination Centre (NFRCC), 21,305 people have taken refuge in 19 Navy camps. Response teams of the Pakistan Army rescued at least 15,485 people, the NFRCC told.

The emergency response teams are equipped with 53 motorized boats and two hovercrafts, while two helicopters are busy in relief operations through-

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The NFRCC said a total of 475 peo-ple were rescued via 65 flights of the Navy helicopters, also distributing 4923 ration bags using it.

Pakistan Navy also established 77 medical camps that have treated over 81,527 patients so far, the NFRCC told, INP

#### PTI leader Abid Afridi's brother killed in Bara firing

BARA: Tribal leader Munsif Ali Afridi and a passerby were killed in firing by some unidentified attackers while a constable left badly injured in Bara area of Khyber District on

The incident took place when the tribal leader was returning after attending a jirga on the deteriorating

law and order situation in Bara. On his way, some unidentified armed men opened fire on him near Qambar Khel in the jurisdiction of Bara Agency. Resultantly, he and a passerby died on the spot while a constable were seriously injured, who was shifted to a hospital for medical treatment INP

#### Two-day exhibition kick-starts to commemorate 92nd National day of Saudi Arabia

ISLAMABAD: Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in collaboration with The Centaurus Mall, Islamabad has organized a two days exhibition to commemo-

two days exhibition to commemo-rate the 92nd National day of Saudi Arabia.

On this auspicious occasion, Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan, CEO Centaurus Mall hosted H.E. Nawaf Saeed Al Malkiy, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to celebrate the Saudi Arabia to celebrate the everlasting friendship between the two brotherly countries.

Mr. Sardar Yasir highlighted the strong bilateral relations between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. He further added that Pakistan accords great importance to friendly ties and the warmth existing between both the countries. He mentioned that KSA has significantly contributed towards economic growth, health and education sectors of Pakistan. Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan pointed out that over the years, the two countries have succeeded in developing a

unique synergy for mutual devel-opment. Saudi Arabia is home to the largest number of Pakistani expatriates in the region who are contributing significantly in the form of remittances, they remit nearly \$6 billion from Saudi

Arabia every year.

Speaking on the occasion HE
Ambassador of KSA appreciated
the role/contribution of nearly 2.7
million Pakistanis working in
Saudi Arabia in different
spheres/sectors. He reiterated to
further augment the bond between further augment the bond between both the nations. He stated that we will continue to enhance the bilateral trade with Saudi Arabia which stood at \$1.871 billion in 2017-18 with exports amounting to \$170 million and imports at \$1.7 billion. Since 1971, \$1.7 billion. Since 1971, Pakistanis have contributed toward building the Kingdom's infrastructure. Also present on the occasion the Federal Minster for Interior Rana Sanaullah highlighted the degree of respect the Pakistanis INP

# Over 55pc of Anti-Muslim content on Twitter comes from India, reveals study

ISLAMABAD: Over 55 per cent of Anti-Muslim content on the social media platform Twitter originates from India, reveals a

new study. A research by the Australian-based Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV), about 86% of anti-Muslim social media messages originate in the US, the UK, and India. It pointed out that between August 28, 2019, and August 27, 2021, there were at least 3,759,180 Islamophobic tweets on Twitter.

The report said, among Indiabased Twitter users, researchers says India ruling party, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is responsible for the dissemination and amplification of anti-Muslim hate, saying, "(the) BJP has actively nor-malised hatred towards Muslims such that 55.12 percent of anti-Muslim hatred tweets now origi-nate in India." As per the ICV researchers, India created the most with content. Islamophobic tweets, followed by the US (289,248) and the UK (196,376). The study also identified four significant themes that frequently appeared on Twitter when it was displaying when it was displaying Islamophobic content. The condisplaying nection between Islam and terrorism, the portrayal of Muslims as sexual assaulters, the conspiracy that makes false claims that Muslim immigrants are displacing white people in the West.INP

#### Call for allowing Kashmiris from across LOC to join events like Nanga Peer Festival in AJK

ISLAMABAD Preparations for Nanga Peer Festival 2022 at famous tourist resort Nanga Peer in Bagh, Azad Kashmir, are almost in final phase with tourist bikers, hikers and other sportsmen from Azad Kashmir, Pakistan and even abroad joining the gala, which is going to start from tomor-

Students from different educational institutions will also participate in the event.

The tourists and guests are warmly welcomed by organis-ers and government officials at Kohala bridge.

Festival will start on Friday and will continue till September 25. However, its part two Agri AJK Festival will last till 27 September. The chief organizer of the

event, Nisar Ahmad Shaiq, on the occasion talking to media men deplored that people of Azad Kashmir often enjoy events like Nanga Peer Festival, while their brethren in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir are even not allowed to go to parks in groups by the brutal Indian

He called upon the international community including the United Nations to put pressure on India to allow Kashmiris from both sides of the Line of Control to organize and participate in sports activities like Nanga Peer Festival without any hin-drance INP notice to Imran Khan over code violation

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No one appeared before the ECP bench on behalf of Imran Khan, whereas, Minister Mehmood Khan appeared before the ECP bench and argued that the Charsadda district monitoring officer had also issued a notice on the same issue. "How can hearing of the same issue be conducted at forums?" he raise he raised a

question. At this, the ECP Balochistan member said, We have issued notices over violation of the election code of conduct in different constituencies The state machinery and helicopter have been used relentlessly. The entire machinery of the province is in the hand of the chief minister. This case has been sent to us by the Joint Provincial Election Commissioner."INP

#### Shaukat Tarin joins FIA investigation through video link

ISLAMABAD: Former federal minster for finance Shaukat Tarin participated in the ongo-ing investigation of FIA against him through video link on Thursday.

Though the former finance czar participated in the Federal Investigation Agency probe against him but he failed to satisfy the grilling sleuths of the

inquiry team. Tarin, however, asked for more time to submit his reply after consulting his lawyers which was granted by the FIA. The FIA is grilling Tarin in connection with the controversial audio clips attributed to him INP



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Japan WADA Mitsuhiro in a group photo with participants during viewing exhibition titled "Haiku Art Illustrations Exhibition" held at the

Developing nations argue that historic polluters have a moral imperative to pay for the loss and damage, but the idea was shot down by rich nations at COP26, who offered only to start talking about the issue at COP27. A few days ago, the group of least developed countries meeting in Dakar once more pushed on the issue, calling for the establishment of a "funding mechanism" to deal with the damage caused by global warming. "I hope COP27 in Egypt will take it up, as a matter of climate justice, international solidarity and building

"I hope COP2/ in Egypt will take it up, as a matter of climate justice, international solidarity and building trust," said Guterres.

The water-borne diseases and malnutrition that are plaguing swathes of Pakistan after record monsoon floods threaten to be more deadly than the initial deluge, UN officials warned.

Pakistan has been lashed by unprecedented monsoon downpours flooding a third of the country -- an area the size of the United Kingdom -- and killing nearly 1,600 people, according to the latest government figures. More than seven million people have been displaced, many living in makeshift tents without protection from mosquitoes, and often with little access to clean drinking water or washing facilities.

United Nations humanitarian coordinator Julien Harneis said Pakistan faced a cascading "second disaster" from diseases such as dengue, malaria, cholera and diarrhoea, as well as malnutrition.

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"My personal concern is that mortality from the water-borne diseases, from malnutrition will be higher than what we've seen so far," he told a press conference in Islamabad on Wednesday.INP

# CJP Ata Bandial advises PTI to return to National Assembly

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Umar Ata Bandial has advised the PTI MNAs to return to the National Assembly (NA) by withdrawing their resignations.

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The PTI wants all of the 123 resignations declared approved. In its original petition before the IHC, it had sought an injunction against NA Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf's decision to approve resignations after giving personal audience to the MNAs — something the PTI has termed as 'peacemeal' approval of the resignations.

After the IHC rejected the PTI petition earlier this

week, the party challenged the ruling before the apex court, which heard the appeal on Thursday.

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from the party, said that the verdict of High Court in the acceptance of phase-vise resignations is final, speaker has the constitutional right to accept the resignations. Court said that doing intervention in the order of speaker can lead to the breach of Article 69, the PTI side must convince the court that what was wrong in

the High Court's ruling? CJP Bandial said that people had elected MNAs for five years and the PTI must play its role in the Parliament.

The top judge said that floods have displaced millions of people who do not have potable water and food and holding bye-elections on 123 seats would incur Look at the country's economic situation, he said questioning if PTI knew how much money will be spent on holding bye-elections.

The CJP also said that it was difficult to interfere

with the work of the speaker and Justice Minallah had given the verdict after careful consideration. He said that PTI must not act in haste and the court was offering it another opportunity to reconsider its

After giving his remarks, the CJP adjourned the case till indefinite time period.

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### Founder group sweeps 2022-23 ICCI annual elections

ISLAMABAD: In the annual election 2022-23 of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and

Chamber of Commerce and Industries, the Founders Group won all the seats of the executive committee with a huge majority.

Founders Group's Presidential nominated candidate Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari set a record by taking more 987 votes, the turnout in the election was also a record of more than 80%, in the history of the chamber, no candidate has ever received so many votes, so many turnouts has never been seen. After the announcement of the results, the supporters of the Founders Group had a great celethe Founders Group had a great cele-bration, raised slogans, distributed sweets, lifted the nominated presiden-

candidate Ahsan Bakhtawari on their shoulders and carried him in a baghi to his election office Blue Area in the form of a rally According to the details, polling continued uninterruptedly from 9 am continued uninterruptedly from 9 am to 5 pm in Chamber House G-8/1 Islamabad yesterday in connection with the Annual Election 2022-23 of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industries. According to the results announced by Chairman Election Zahid Maqbool and committee members Sheikh Abdul Waheed and Karim Aziz Malik, the Founders Group swept the elections in the AM class (Associate Class) of the Executive Committee and all the CM Class (Corporate Class). INP



called on Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in his

### Persecution of minorities in India and repression in IIOJK should cause of concern for world: Hina Khar

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State Hina Rabbani Khar has pointed out that growing intolerance, rising extremism, and persecution of minorities in India and its continued repression against Kashmiris in IIOJ&K should be a matter of grave concern for international community particularly the US.

Minister of State Hina Rabbani Khar said this when US Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom Rashad Hussain called on her in New

She said, "Pakistan attaches highest importance to the promotion and protec-tion of the rights of minorities. Their rights are protected in the Constitution of Pakistan and upheld by the judiciary.

The Parliament of Pakistan takes the protection of human rights of all citizens including minorities very seriously" The Minister of State said that reli-

religious minorities are playing very important role in socio-economic devel-opment of Pakistan. They are represented in Parliament, judiciary, and services. Conscious efforts are being made to integrate them into the political fabric and to enhance their representatively. Minister of State pointed out that growing intolerance, rising extremism,

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and persecution of minorities in India and its continued repression against Kashmiris in IIOJ&K should be a matter of grave concern for international community particularly the US Rashad Hussain offered his condolences on the loss of precious lives,

property, and infrastructure due to devastating floods in Pakistan. He appreciated Pakistan's continued engagement with the US on issues related to religious

#### IHC decides against indicting Imran Khan in contempt case

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has decided not to frame charges against former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan in the contempt case against him for threat-ening Additional District and Sessions Judge Zeba Chaudhry.

The IHC deferred contempt pro-ceedings against Imran Khan after the former premier expressed the willingness to apologise to Sessions Judge

Zeba Chaudhry.

A five-member bench – comprising IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah, Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kay-ani, Justice Miangul Hassan Aur-an-gzeb. Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri and Justice Babar Sattar - heard the contempt case against Imran Khan.

During today's hearing, the PTI Chairman sought permission from the larger bench to put his statement on the record. "I am ready to apologise to the female judge," he told the

court The former premier noted that his intentions were not to threaten the female judge. "It the court says so, I am ready to personally go to the judge and apologise," he said, adding that he would not repeat something like this in the future. Following this, IHC CJ Athar Minallah remarked that it would not

be appropriate to conduct contempt proceedings. The court decided to not indict the PTI chief after he agreed to apologise to Judge Chaudhry and the hearing was subsequently adjourned

till September 26 (Monday). The Islamabad High Court also directed Imran Khan to submit an affidavit in light of his statement to the court Strict security arrangements were made inside and around the court prior to the hearing. The num-ber of personnel deployed at sensitive ber of personnel deployed at sensitive places and important routes was increased. The entry of lawyers, law officers and journalists in the court-room was subject to entry passes, while the registrar of the high court also provided the facility to listen to audio cases in the press room and bar room. In a circular, the IHC noted that room. In a circular, the IHC noted that a 15-member legal team of former prime minister. INP