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here should I take my young daughters", a mother narrates her ordeal

Syed Muhammad Qaseem

The powerful waves of the floods left many people shelterless in Quetta and dif-

ferent parts of Balochistan. The affectees are still in desperate need of food and shelter after passing almost a month.

"Where should I take my young daughters, It has been 23 days since the floods swept away our house", Maryam, an aged woman bursts into tears while narrating her ordeal

The torrential rains unleashed by flash floods wreaked havoc across the province. The merciless waves swept away 65,000 houses in Balochistan. The floods claimed many precious lives primarily children, women, and aged men were among the dead. Dozens of women and children can be seen on the roadside waiting for relief and support in the northern outskirts of Quetta. "Here, floods washed away more than two dozen houses", Abdul Wasey, a young man displaced by floods stated.

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"We have not received any tent or sup-port from the government", the woman frustratedly stated. However, a private charity organization had provided a tent to



Maryam and her family members.

been 23 days since her home was swept away in the floods, but still, the govern-ment did not provide any type of support.

So one can imagine the situation of flood

"I had sent my daughters to our relative's house, I along with my younger son are staying on the roadside ", Maryam told Daily Quetta Voice.

Like Maryam, there are many women, children, and aged men who are facing difficulties. Nasirabad is among the worst flood-hit areas in Pakistan, where a large number of affected are without support. Nasirabad is in desperate need of medical staff and medical supplies from the provincial government. Especially, thousands of cial government. Especially, thousands of pregnant women are deprived of basic health facilities and nutrition.

Pakistan is one of the top five countries

vulnerable to climate change

Pakistan is marked as the 5th most vulnerable country to climate change across the globe. The recent floods were marked as heavy floods in the history of Pakistan. All of the government institutions participated to cope with the floods, and the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shehbaz Sharif was also visiting different flood-affected areas of the country to step up rescue and

relief activities.

The current flood situation seemed to be out of the control of the Federal and Provincial governments. The International Community must help Pakistan to fight Climate Change since the country's emis-sions are ignorable.

PM waives two months electricity bills of flood-hit people

Sohbatpur: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has announced to waive two months electricity charges of the people living in flood-hit areas.

He was talking to media on Wednesday after his visit to the flood ravaged areas of Sohbatpur district in Balochistan.

The premier announced that the govern-ment would not charge electricity bills for the months of August and September from the people hit by the catastrophic floods in order to facilitate the victims already bur-

dened by the natural calamity.

In addition to that, PM Shehbaz also announced continuation of the government's facility in September to waive off Fuel Adjustment Charges for electricity consumers across the country on usage up to 300 units.

He said the facility would be extended beyond the flood-relief areas, benefitting around 210 million consumers in the coun-

He said that every eye was tearful seeing the large scale destruction in the aftermath of monstrous floods. He said that the entire

nation was facing the gigantic challenge of floods unitedly.

He also directed the authorities concerned to ensure the availability of drinking water and life-saving medicines on priority basis in Sohbatpur. He said a mechanism would be established to revive the crops of

wheat and cotton in the flood-affected areas. He said two trucks carrying bottled water would reach in the area by tonight while 10 tonnes of the commodity would be available in the next two days. He stated that the coalition government along with the provincial government was making utmost efforts to provide relief to the new utmost efforts to provide relief to the peo-ple in the flood-hit areas Earlier, Prime

concern over different diseases being spread in the flood-affected areas asking



SUHBATPUR: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif talking to media after visiting flood relief camp district

DC Naseerabad Ayesha Zehri hands over cheque to singer Wahab Bugti

Ali Jan Mangi

Deputy Commissioner Naseerabad, Ayesha Zehri handed over a cheque of Rs.2 lakh to famous singer Wahab Bugti on Wednesday. Bugti has been displaced by floods. Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Quddus Bizenjo announced the compensation amount for the famous singer a few days back. The DC Naseerabad took to

social media network Twitter and announced the handing over of the cheque to the famous singer. The video of the famous singer who was part of the CokeStudio famous song "kanayari" went viral on social media last

Scores of people tweeted



the video of the famous singer and posted it on Facebook. This prompted the Chief Minister of Balochistan to announce the compensation

for the famous singer.

Bugti posted his photo along with his kids outside his destroyed house in Dera Murad Jamali Balochistan. People asked the government to rehabilitate the famous

Global climate change threat to planet, future generations: NA speaker

ISLAMABAD: Assembly Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf on Wednesday said that global climate change was a major threat to the planet and future gen-

erations.

Addressing the closing ceremony of "Third Inter-Parliamentary Union Regional Seminar on Control Parliamentary Union Regional Seminar on Control Parliamental Parlia Achieving Sustainable Development Goals for Parliaments of Asia-Pacific," he thanked the member countries for showing unwavering solidarity with the people of Pakistan in the current difficult time.

The speaker termed the move of the National Assembly of Pakistan a resounding success to make members of the Asia-Pacific region agreed for presenting an emer-gency resolution at the forthcom-ing IPU General Assembly in

Rwanda.

"Unwavering solidarity that all participating countries have expressed in support of the resilient people of Pakistan stands tall in an exemplary and united effort to face the devastation caused by the recent floods." the speaker added.

He informed the participants of the event that Pakistan faced record monsoon rains and melting

record monsoon rains and melting glaciers in northern mountains that triggered floods, which had killed more than 1,391 people; displaced

33 million people; swept away houses, roads, railway tracks, bridges, livestock and crops.

The speaker said that the Climate Change Risk Index of 2021, reports that Paliestan ranked. 2021 reports that Pakistan ranked eighth among countries most vul-nerable to climate crisis despite contributing less than 1% to global carbon emissions."Pakistan is paying a heavy price for climate change," he added INP

Minister Shehbaz directed the authorities to expedite the relief efforts and expressed his

the administration to take measures to con-trol them. During his visit to the flood-hit Sohbatpur district, he was briefed over the ongoing relief efforts to address the chal-lenge of damages in the aftermath of calamitous floods. He instructed the author-ities to not halt their relief work, no matter how much funds they needed for the reha-bilitation of the flood affectees. INP

Qadir Patel Directs PMC To Conduct MDCAT 2022 in one day

Syed Muhammad Yaseen

The federal minister for health Abdul Qadir Patel has directed the Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) to conduct the Medical and Dental Colleges Entry Test (MDCAT) 2022 in one day. The Federal Minister has paid a surprise visit to PMC headquarters in Islamabad this

MDCAT Delayed Due to Flash Floods:

The PMC had notified delay in MDCAT 2022 in the wake of flash floods countrywide. All of the provinces fell prey to the destruction of Floods caused by torrential rains. Earlier both Balochistan and Sindh health departments had requested PMC to postpone its MDCAT for the safety and security of aspirants.

Changes in PMC Syllabus expected: The latest notification by the PMC consisted that the commission may bring some changes in mdcat syllabus and update students regarding it

MDCAT on Provincial or Federal Level: Today's visit by the federal minister to the PMC office about one-day MDCAT gives a sign

of test on the federal level but according to the past interviews and statements of Abdul Qadir Patel the test would be taken on provincial levels



as per their syllabus. PMC vs PMDC:

It has been two months since the PMC vs PMDC quarrel is going on. However, last month Prime Minister Mian Shehbaz Sharif dismissed membership of all council members of PMC and new people were appointed later. Surprisingly two to three weeks ago the Senate Committee for Health passed the PMDC bill and work on the reestablishment of the institution is underway.

Turkey provides relief goods for flood affectees in Pakistan

News Desk

Turkey provided 630 tons of relief goods for the flood-affected people in Pakistan. A train of 28 bogies carrying relief goods for the flood-affected people reached the Pak-Iran Taftan border from

western Turkey, a Pakistani official at Taftan told Daily Quetta Voice.

The officials of Turkey's Red Cresent handed over the relief goods to the Pakistan Red Cresent Society.

goods which will be distributed among the affected people, the official informed.

This is the second batch of relief goods from Turkey for the people who are severely affected by raging floods in Pakistan The goods contained tents, blankets, mattresses, and other relief tests. Turkish Red Cresent had brought

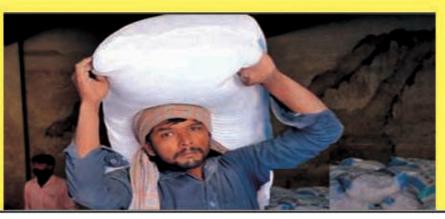
two hundred tents, nineteen blankets, three hundred mattresses, and other relief materials to the affectees in Pakistan by a trawler.

Another train from the Turkish Red Crescent will also reach the Taftan border soon with relief goods.

Punjab Govt to provide 0.65Million tons of wheat to Balochistan

News Desk:

The Punjab government is going to provide 0.65 million tons of wheat to Balochistan. The Punjab govt will provide this wheat for the flood relief to the resource-rich province Pakistan. The decision was taken when Engr. Zamrak Achakzai, the Food Minister Balochistan was called on Chaudhary Pervaiz Elahi, the Chief Minister of Punjab yester-



There is no doubt Balochistan suffered the most in recent flash floods, CM punjab stated. All the International organizations and Federal Govt should provide relief to Balochistan for compensation of the massive destruction caused by Torrential rains, he

Balochistan government had requested Punjab province to provide it with wheat inorder to compensate the ongoing wheat crisis

As elder province Punjab has always supported Balochistan and is ready to provide 0.65 Million tons of wheat to Balochistan to end up the ongoing wheat crisis in the crisis, Ch. Pervaiz Elahi

We are thankful to Punjab for this support in hard times and will use our machinery to do timely supply of wheat to Balochistan, Engr. Zamarak Achakzai said while thanking the CM Punjab.

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Floods expose construction quality of dams in Balochistan

Flash floods unleashed by torrential rains exposed the construction

rlash floods unleashed by torrential rains exposed the construction quality of dams across Balochistan. Heavy rainfall wreaked havoc in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan recently. Floods swept away dozens of small delay and check dams in different parts of the province.

Over the years, the provincial and federal governments constructed hundreds of dams to check the wastage of rainy water. Successive governments merely celebrated the completion of projects rather than focusing on the construction quality of dams. Although, the dams and lakes constructed by British colonial rulers in different parts of Balochistan are still intact even after more than a century.

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Breaching of dams puts human lives at peril

Breaching of dams not only failed to save rainy water rather it also put human lives at peril in Pishin, Barkhan, Lasbella, Kohlu, Killa Abdullah, Killa Saifullah and other districts of the province. Rains-related incidents have claimed 65 lives till the filing of this editorial. This is simply disastrous and a failure from all concerned quarters.

Flash floods also swent away poorly constructed roads and standing

Flash floods also swept away poorly constructed roads and standing crops in various parts of the province. This all needs a thorough investigation. Irrigation and Communication Works (C&W) departments are known for commission and corruption.

Commission, corruption a common word in C&W and Irrigation

This is a good opportunity for those at the helm of affairs to make sure transparency in the utilization of funds by the two departments. Since word commission is an open secret in the two departments, the Chief Secretary of Balochistan should form a high-powered committee comprising committed and honest retired and serving officers to probe into

The quality of construction of roads in Quetta and all districts of Balochistan should also be probed to improve socio-economic conditions. The irony with Balochistan is that first the province has meager

resources and second they too are ruthlessly used/ swallowed.

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Quddus Bizenjo and his coalition partners must go beyond words and launch an inquiry into the breaching of dams and damage to roads.

The climate threat

For many of the country's Generation Z, they have never seen anything as devastating and horrendous as the ongoing floods. At the time of writing this piece, one-third of Pakistan is practically under water with 33 million people most adversely affected.

Some statistics are in order, though they may not portray the full scale of disaster: more than 1300 people including 400 chil-dren are dead; 1.1 million cattle-heads have perished and crops standing on hun-dreds of thousands of acres have been washed away.

The last time Pakistan suffered anything similar was in 2010. Our losses from the super floods of the time ran into about \$10 billion then, as per the World Bank's damage needs assessment survey. Now the situation appears to be much grimmer and scarier than before.

This time, going by the discussions in policy cir-cles, the economic damage runs into anything close to \$15 billion, if not more. This devastation has come at the peak of an economic

crisis of epic proportions.

There is only one explanation for the flood disaster: climate change. The monsoon events are clearly induced by climate has induced by climate hazards. Pakistan's shift from winter into the summer was swift and sudden with virtually no spring. The summer effect was aug-mented by a four-fold

increase in the temperature April and May this year. There was news of forest fires and experts predicted

droughts and dry weather. Pakistan's share in eenhouse gas emissions is less than one percent but we rank at the eighth position exposed to the dangers of climate change. We are bearing the brunt of the actions of economically powerful countries for no

fault of ours.

As the UN secretarygeneral recently put it in
his message at the launch
of the UN flash appeal,
Pakistan is "awash in suffering" and the menses. fering" and the monsoon our people are facing has been on "steroids". He was spot on when he said, "Today it is Pakistan, tomorrow it could be your country." His visit to the flood-hit areas of Pakistan will serve to globally spotlight the predicaments and massive ordeal people are facing in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and else-

where. Pakistan is located at one of the geographical hotspots that is 15 times more likely to suffer from climate impacts. As the recent floods have established, we are ground zero of the fast-approaching cli-mate catastrophe. Pakistan is also located at a place on the globe which bears the brunt of two major weath-er systems. One is responsible for causing high tem-peratures and drought, and

the other brings monsoon

rains. While the role of climate change in increasing the intensity and changing the pattern of monsoon rains is well documented, Pakistan faces another uphill challenge in the form of immense glaciers, which makes the country even more vulnerable to the deadly impacts of cli-

mate change. Pakistan's northern region, namely KP and Gilgit-Baltistan, are home to 7200 glaciers, often referred to as the third pole. The increase in tem-perature, an offshoot of perature, an offshoot of global warming, resulted in melting of glacial ice, creating 33 lakes that experts say face the risk of sudden bursting. If this happens, it will endanger the lives of the millions of the people living in these the people living in these areas.
A threat of droughts and

A threat of droughts and intense monsoon rains is the work of climate change. It is time for the developing world, particularly Pakistan, to call a spade a spade. We need to question the large global colluters for their climate. polluters for their climatethreatening actions. The Global South should not allow itself to be left at the mercy of the Global North. If developing countries

like Pakistan suffer the consequences of the actions and policies of the developed world, the damage would not stay with us. It will come to haunt the

world in numerous other

ways. The whole idea of maddening material develop-ment needs a revision. The development model should be a win-win for all, not a win-lose matrix as it is at the moment. The world needs to explore the moral basis of development. What the world agreed to at the Conference of Parties (COP26) in

Glasgow last year falls way short of the challenge that has come our way. It is important that serious dis-cussions take place on finding ways and means to provide much needed cli-mate finance to the vulnerable countries. The developed countries should come good on their commitment to set up a 'dam-age and loss fund' to support countries that face climate threats. Before COP27 takes place in Egypt later this year, it is equally important to include the idea of a climate stock take' as a regular feature to ensure accountability and transparency to determine the level of compliance with NDCs.Developing countries such as Pakistan need support not just in clisignificantly in climate adaptation. We need building to capacity building to respond to the emergent nature of the climate

threats.
The ideas of 'climate justice' and 'climate equal-ity' should become the building block for a new

By Amanat Ali Chaudhry framework of cooperation between the Global North and Global South. At COP27, Pakistan as the chair of a group of 77 developing countries plus China should push these ideas as a solution to the predicaments posed by climate change.

It needs to be under-stood that climate change is much more than floods, forest fires and droughts. Pakistan's climate vulnerability is directly linked with poverty, as both rein-force each other. Climateinduced catastrophe means not just the loss of lives and livelihoods but also billions of dollars lost in infrastructure damage, more inequality, and increase in commodity

Climate change has come to be identified as one of the principal variables shaping the national security paradigm. The country's ability to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has been undermined by the unfold-ing tragedy. COP27 offers an opportunity to the world to revisit the climate threat perception and improvise policies to fight it. The threats and dangers that used to be highlighted in seminars and drawing discussions are playing out in the real world Pakistan should embark on 'climate diplomacy' to evolve con-sensus for a global prompt action to fight the hazards. The following is instruc-tive in this regard.

Policymaking and elite monopoly By Zirgham Nabi Afridi

"If we will not endure a king as a political power, we should not endure a king over the production, transportation, and sale of any of the necessaries of life...If we would not submit to an emperor, we should not submit to an autocrat of trade." These are the words of John Sherman, a US senator in 1890 credited for the

Sherman Antitrust Act. Antitrust laws are antimonopoly laws that seek to promote market com-petition by regulating anti-competitive conduct. These laws gained global prominence in 2001 when the US government filed an antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft.

2010, Union Since European several complaints investigated antitrust against Google, finding it guilty in three cases and handing it fines of over 8 billion euros. There is currently an ongoing case the US government against Facebook's parent company Meta for accumulating monopoly power by acquiring innovative competitors and burying successful app

Why are these anti-monopoly laws called antitrust? Until the 1880s, states in the US kept monopolies in check by preventing companies from extending their control over other business entities outside state boundaries. In 1882, an oil refiner named John D Rockefeller came up with a way to circumvent this restriction. He placed ownership of all his oil properties, located across different states, into one legal structure called a

On paper, this legal tool gave Rockefeller's oil companies the facade of being independently run within separate state borders. Having been consolidated in a trust however, the trust's board however, the trust's board of directors had the power to fix prices for all the properties across different states. With this new legal tool, Rockefeller built the largest and most powerful monopoly of the era. The legal mechanism he pioneered payed the way for neered paved the way for other tycoons to consoli-date their monopolies through trusts, becoming large enough to dictate prices, seizing control of the US economy.

That is when, in 1890, John Sherman pushed for what would become known as the Sherman Antitrust Act. The Act went after trusts and prohibited other anti-competitive agreements and conduct that monopolised or attempt-ed to monopolise the market. The Act authorized the Department of Justice to punish compa-nies and individuals violating the law.

The Sherman Act, and other antitrust laws that followed, allowed for free and open markets,

which in turn, promoted aggressive competition among industrialists and among industrial sellers. It resulted in giving consumers - both individuals and businesses - the benefits of lower prices, higher quality products and services, more choices, and greater

With the antitrust laws keeping industry giants in check, it allowed for talented young men and women, from modest backgrounds and no links industrialists and politicians, access to their country's resources and markets. These young-sters drove innovation in the semiconductor indus-try in the US in the 1950s. Robert Noyce started

his own semiconductor company in 1957 at age 29, and later, in 1968, founded Intel, makers of the infamous Pentium series. He was the son of a church reverend who at times struggled to put food on the table for his family. His co-founder, Gordon Moore, was the son of a deputy sheriff with a very humble income. At one conference in

the 1980s, Robert spoke of how the semiconductor industry he and other youngsters from humble backgrounds had found-ed, had grown to become giants that added billions of dollars to the US economy from corporate taxes alone (\$18 billion that decade). Today, Intel is worth \$132 billion. Another example of antitrust laws giving space to talented young-sters to shine is in IBM's delayed entry into the personal computer mar-ket and Steve Jobs found-

ing Apple.
In the 1960s, IBM was a dominant force in the mainframe computer market globally. It was best placed to introduce and mass produce PCs. However, it was so afraid of its monopoly being broken up by the government that it made a delib-erate decision to watch from the sidelines as youngsters like 21-year-old Steve Jobs revolu-tionized the PC industry out of their parents' garage Steve was the son of a Syrian immigrant, of a Syrian immigrant, adopted by American middle-class parents with no connections to politi-cians or industrialists. Today, Steve Job's Apple is worth \$2.5 trillion (that's right, trillion).

This is the playbook for success for any developing country, especially Pakistan: divert and concentrate the country's limited resources towards enacting and aggressively enforcing antitrust laws and policies; and, provide Pakistani graduates a level playing field to start their own research cen-tres, farms and manufacturing industries in direct competition to those owned by the elite. This will reduce brain

drain, directly result in the improvement of pro-

example, can pump bil-

duction efficiency in the country's agricultural sector and multiply the industrial base. The jobs created and the tax revenue generated from the burgeoning corporations will dwarf any short lived benefits gained from

The last 75 years of economic policymaking in our country has deliberately kept us from this playbook. While the American spirit prides itself in being anti-kings and anti-autocrats in both and anti-autocrats in both politics and industry, we as a nation are in constant search of shortcuts in the form of saviours and messiahs in both domains

As a result, whether civilian, military or hybrid governments, the first port of call for economic policy recommendations has stupidly always been to go to the same tycoons from whose stranglehold we need to free the country's econo my.The collective outcome of economic poli-cies over the last 75 years has therefore been stifling competition and ensuring whoever was on top 73 years ago in ownership of this country's resources, has stayed on top.

Today, 64 per cent of Pakistan's farmland is owned by five per cent of the country's population (SCOPE, 2013) KSE-100 is dominated by direct or indirect share ownership concentrated in the hands.

Politicizing a disaster

By Malik Muhammad Ashraf

he floods caused by cli-mate change-induced rains in the country have submerged nearly one-third of Pakistan, affected the lives of more than 33 million people, led to at least 1,300 deaths, damaged crops, destroyed 1.5 million homes and killed 727,000 cattle. The devastation wrought by these floods is decidedly far bigger than the 2010 floods and has indicated a trend for the increased impact of climate change in the years to come. The unfolding tragedy

has invoked a tremen-dous response from the international community and friendly countries which continue to send relief goods and financial assistance to help Pakistan cope with the situation. The UN secretary general, after having seen the scale of destruction first hand, made an appeal to the world community to assist Pakistan in this hour of adversity. After the conclusion of his two-day visit, he said: We see here in Pakistan, nature is striking back with devastating consequences. I have seen many disasters in the world but I have never seen climate carnage on

He also warned the international community that all countries would suffer damages beyond their capacity to adapt if the world failed to respond to the challenge of climate change. Keeping in view the gravity of the situation and the resources involved to overcome the impact of the floods, he said that he would strongly advocate for 'debt swaps' with the IMF and the World Bank through which develop-Pakistan – instead of paying back loans to foreign creditors – would be able to use that money to invest in climate resilience, investments in sustainable infrastruc-ture, and green transition

of their economies. USAID Chief Samantha Power, who recently announced an additional \$20 million in aid, bringing the total US assistance to \$50 million, also echeed similar sentialso echoed similar sentiments and told the media that she had not seen this scale of flooding and devastation in her year experience. She felt that massive resources required for rebuilding would be hard to mobilize, but the international community was eager to contribute as much as it could, knowing what a difficult blowback this was going to be for the people of Pakistan.

It is estimated that Pakistan's economy, which is already under great stress, will have to bear an additional burden of \$20 billion for rehabil-itation and rebuilding,

and it might take years to complete the process. However, it is encouraging to note that the government and all state institutions including the armed forces are at the forefront to mitigate the suffering of the flood-affected population. The Pakistan Army seems to have taken the lead in this regard. Like Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the COAS is also visiting flood-affected areas. and it might take years to

flood-affected areas.

The army has established 117 relief camps and 25 field medical camps where more than 25,000 people have been treated so far. It has dis-tributed close to 5,500 ration packs and provided 1,200 tents to the affectees. According to the ISPR, 7,522 army troops have been deployed along with 50 beets for sessue and boats for rescue and relief work. The army is also using helicopters to rescue people and distribute ration among stranded in the affected areas. The Army Flood Relief

Coordination Centre has been established under the Army Air Defence Command with a mandate to coordinate rescue and relief efforts in cooperation with stakeholders at the army level. Country-wide collection points have been estab-lished to synergize the efforts with respect to the collection and distribution of relief items. It is indeed a national. Inequality and

Global energy security

Not since World War II has the threat to glob-al energy security been as severe as it is today.

Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine and the consequent geo-eco-nomic war between the Kremlin and the West disrupted global gas markets at a scale unprecedented in recent history. The Kremlin's use of its power over energy markets as leverage - and Europe's efforts to wean itself off of Russian natural gas and avoid a massive shortage this winter triggering price hikes and rerouting flows around the world

No one is left unaffected, even those who thought they had prepared for every eventuality. For example, Pakistan, which had secured several longterm natural gas import contracts to increase its energy security in recent years, has seen partners break those deals to send their gas to new clients offering to pay more. The coffers of both the developed and developing world are b e i n g drained Meanwhile, the

Kremlin is using the global energy crisis it created to sustain its economy in the face of severe international sanctions. Moreover, it is weaponising Europe's dependency on Russian natural gas to try and break Western resistance to its ambitions in Ukraine Earlier this week, Moscow tried to tighten its squeeze on

Europe further, saying it plans to reduce gas sup-plies through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline to Germany to just 20 percent capacity. In response, European Union energy ministers swiftly announced an agreement for the bloc's

members to gut gas usage by 15 percent this winter.This was an attempt by Europe to winter.This show it would not give in to Russian pressure and abandon Ukraine in order to fill up its gas reserves. Such conflictdriven demand reduction, however, means that an already likely recession is now all but guaranteed. Following Gazprom's latest cuts, analysts already predict the EU will not be able to reach its own target of refilling gas storage to 80 percent capacity by winter. Now that Europe made it clear that it is finally – and perhaps much belatedly – ready to take the steps

cut its need for Russian gas at any cost, the Kremlin will do everything it can to inflict maximum pain on Europe in the short term, while the dependency remains.

A recent German poll found that at the moment, 58 percent of the population is sup-porting sanctions against Russia despite potential negative impacts for Germany. President Vladimir Putin is working to bring that number down - down to the point that it becomes

Germany's leaders to push for policies to sup-port Ukraine and help the West win its con-frontation with Russia The waining of public support for the sanctions regime in the face of economic difficulties is an equally significant risk for other European governments.

Europe's leaders are now facing the her-culean task of simultaneously helping their industries survive on a reduced energy supply, supporting Ukraine's supporting Ukraine's war effort and maintaining public support for the sanctions regime amid a cost-of-living crisis largely manufac-tured by Russia that seems to have no real end in sight.

Energy is perhaps the front in the ongoing geo-economic battle etween Russia and the West, and thus Europe needs to strengthen its hand there first.

After moving to address the demand side of the equation, now it needs to address the supply side of the prob-Iem to be able to shore up its economy to the furthest extent possible, and insulate public sup-port for Kyiv and the sanctions regime against Russia.

There are some obvious steps that European governments can take but have been reluctant to in fear of domestic backlash – to resolve the supply issue swiftly. The Netherlands, for

lions of cubic metres of extra natural gas across Europe by increasing production at the Groningen gas field. Bewilderingly, howev-er, it is still planning to take the entire operation offline next year over the risk of minor earthquakes in the surroundng area and some pushback from environmentalists. Germany can also increase its future capacity to supply energy simply by extending the lifespan of its nuclear power plants that are meant to come offline at the end of the year. The governing coalition said it is now considering this option, but the Greens – includ-ing Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock – continue to resist the move. The party's stance on this issue is somewhat understandable – after all, Germany's Green Party was in large part borne out of Germany's Cold War-era anti-nuclear m o v e m e n t Nevertheless, by blocking a relatively straight-forward and low-risk

solution to a major problem facing the nation, it risks failing the test of being a responsible government partner at a time of war, less than a year after its best-ever election result Beyond increasing their own produc-tion capacity by any means possible.

should of course also

work on forming new

nations

European

partnerships with suppliers outside their region. The global gas crisis and its impacts are by no means limited to Europe. It is therefore imperative that Europe seeks to bring together the international com-munity to coordinate global supply.

When the world last faced such a major ener-gy crisis, the Allies had

significant control over the world's oil supplies.

British Petroleum and

and private players from across the world to develop a strategy for

this winter

its predecessors, and the forefathers of the modin the foom: the stirging inequality of wealth during the pandemic.

As the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) and Inequality.org have documented over the last two ern United States energy majors, controlled most of the Middle East's petroleum at the dawn of World War II. Britain years of a global pandemestablished Petroleum ic, billionaire assets have surged while millions lost Warfare Department and the Petroleum Board — which brought together all allied energy firms, their lives and livelihoods A new report from Oxfam dramatizes how hundreds of millions of including US ones even before Pearl Harbor people around the world have slid further into poverty during this time period. In a detailed examination of the food brought the US into the conflict directly - to coordinate supplies for the war.Today, owner-ship of global energy supplies is far more diversified. And while and agriculture industry. Oxfam found that billionaires in that industry saw their wealth increase by the US has pledged to \$382 billion during the pandemic. An emergency windfall tax on their use its role as a liquefied natural gas (LNG) wealth increase alone (to say nothing of their pre-pandemic billions) could end world hunger and double the incomes of 545 exporter to support Europe, a fire this June at its flagship liquefica-tion plant in Freeport, Texas has seen export capacity fall by some 17 percent. Thus addressmillion small-scale farm-In January, an analysis by the Fight Inequality Alliance, Institute for Policy Studies, Oxfam, and the Patriotic Millionaires found that an ing global gas shortages will require a coming together of key public

annual wealth tax starting

at just 2 percent for those

eginning on May 24, the W o r I d 3 percent for those with over \$50 million, and up to 5 percent for billion-aires could generate upwards of \$2.52 trillion a Economic Forum is gath-ering in Davos, Switzerland for an in-per-son meeting, discussing the global tax system and financial inclusion. year. That's enough to lift 2.3 billion people out of poverty, fund vaccines for everyone in the world, and Thanks to protests and new research, however, participants will not be deliver universal health-care and social protections for all the citizens of lowable to avoid the elephant in the room: the surging and lower-middle-income countries. A group of over 150 millionaires released a

strong statement calling on Davos attendees to face the dangers of runaway wealth inequality and speak out in favor of national efforts to levy progressive income and wealth taxes on the ultra-wealthy. "The truth is that 'Davos' doesn't deserve the world's trust right now," the statement reads. "For all the countless hours spent talking about making the world a better place, the conference has produced little tangible value amidst a torrent of self-congraptications." self-congratulations."
"Until participants acknowledge the simple,

effective solution staring them in the face – taxing the rich – the people of the world will continue to see their so-called dedication to fixing the world's prob-lems as little more than a performance." The letter is signed by

actor and activist Mark Ruffalo, as well as sup-porters of the In Tax We Trust movement including Abigail Disney, Morris Pearl, and Nick Hanauer. These millionaires delivered the In Tax We Trust

hunger By Chuck Collins letter directly to the World with more than \$5 million, Economic Forfum offices in New York and Geneva, and attended pro-taxation demonstrations at the out-

pound in Davos itself.

As the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) and Inequality org have documented over the last two years of a global pandemic, billionaire assets have surged while millions lost their lives and livelihoods.

A new report from Oxfam dramatizes how hundreds of millions of people around the world have slid further into poverty during this time period. In a detailed examination of the food and agriculture industry, Oxfam found that billion-aires in that industry saw their wealth increase by \$382 billion during the pandemic. An emergency windfall tax on their wealth increase alone (to say nothing of their pre-pandemic billions) could end world hunger and double the incomes of 545 million small-scale farm-

ers.
In January, an analysis by the Fight Inequality Alliance, Institute for Policy Studies, Oxfam, and the Patriotic Millionaires found that an annual wealth tax starting at just 2 persent for these at just 2 percent for those with more than \$5 million, 3 percent for those with over \$50 million, and up to 5 percent for billionaires could generate upwards of \$2.52 trillion a year. That's enough to lift 2.3 billion people out of poverty, fund vaccines for everyone in the world

Goods, rainfall affected 2.84 million acres of crops in Sindh: Report

KARACHI: The recent floods and heavy rainfall have caused damage of over Rs297 billion and destroyed over 2.84 million acres of crops in Sindh, 778,742 acres in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), and 108229 acres in Balochistan, 130,140 acres in Punjab, the Ministry of National Food Security and Research reported.

The report issued by ne Food Security Security Ministry shows that the recent flood and heavy rainfall have destroyed crops on 2.84 million acres including 1.467 million acres of the cot-ton crop, and over a mil-

I S L A M A B A D : Pakistan has great poten-tial to produce renewable

energy through public-

dependence on fossil fuels and assist in decreasing the circular debt and emissions of

Electric Supply Company) and Adviser Energy Update, told WealthPK that Pakistan

has significant potential to produce solar and wind energy. He said Pakistan can produce 2 million megawatts of energy from solar and 0.4 million MW from wind Until

MW from wind. Until now, he pointed out that wind and solar have only

been used for 2 gigawatts

and 0.8 gigawatts, respec-tively.Irfan added that the

installed capacity to pro-vide energy is 34,000MW which is less compared to the true potential. He said

per capita electricity con-

sumption in Pakistan is one-fifth of the world average. "But at the same

time, energy wastage is three times the world average," he pointed out. Sustainable policies

greenhouse gases.

Independent HESCO

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lion acres of rice crop. Other damaged crops include 101,000 acres of date farms, 45,000 acres of sugarcane, 29,000 acres of chilli, 42,000 acres of onion, 12,000 acres of tomato, and 30,000 acres of multiple

vegetable crops.

The report shows that at least 1976 cattle lost their lives due to heavy floods in Sindh.

It adds that a total of 778,742 acres of crops were damaged in KP amid the recent floods and rainfall causing damage of over Rs3.66 bil-lion. The affected crops include 4794 areas of maze, 3882 acres of rice,

957 acres of tobacco, 938 acres of vegetables, 837 acres of pulses, 2596 acres of date farms, 60 acres of sugarcane, and 85 acres of potato crops. While in Balochistan

108,229 acres of crops were affected while 24,854 cattle and over 81,000 chickens were reported dead causing damage of Rs19.84 bil-

While in Punjab over 130,140 acres of crops were affected by devastating floods and rainfall and over 865 animals were reported dead amid the calamity, the Food Security Ministry report-ed.INP

Public-private collaboration key to unlocking renewable

will be connected to the grid," Irfan said. He said the government and private sector should work together to unlock the potential of renewable energy. He said the government should set policies and be consistent about them by setting a roadmap in terms of renewable energy demand for the private sector. After that, he said,

energy potential: WealthPK

the private sector must be encouraged to step up.
"Had more and more energy demand been met by renewable sources; we would need less imported fuel. In addition, the emission of toxic material from greenhouse gases would have decreased,"

would have decreased, the HESCO official said.
Data from the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) shows that Pakistan imported 1,542,715 million tons of oil in July 2022. Oil is primarily used in the transport and power sectors. The transport sector tors. The transport sector consumed 64% and the power sector consumed 25% of the total imported oil in the first month of FY23 According to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), Pakistan imported \$1.436 billion worth of petroleum prod-ucts in July 2022. Irfan said the problem

being faced by the energy

sector is mounting circu-lar debt which has reached trillions of rupees. He added that the distribution losses during the supply chain is a major disruption being faced by the energy sec-

tor.
According to
WealthPK research, circular debt in Pakistan has
reached Rs2.253 trillion.
Irfan said the
Competitive Trading
Bilateral Contract Market
(CTBCM) is the fundamental model that could
help in solving the prob-

help in solving the prob-lems being faced by the energy sector. He said local and foreign invest-ment should be deployed to solve the fundamental issue of distribution losses. He said policymakers should address those policies that are in favour of their people, and provide energy equity to the whole nation.

of the A report of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) shows that improving competitiveness, ambi-tious targets, and policy support are putting renewable power on course for new highs in Pakistan. The growth of renewable capacity (wind, solar, and bagasse) is forecasted to accelerate in the next eight years, with INP



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Education Rana Tanveer awarding to position holder student in a ceremony of class 5 & 8 centralized exams held at IMCG f6-2 on Wednesday. Parliamentary Secretary Zeb Jafar DG FDE Dr Ikram Principal Aliya Durrani also present.

PM Shehbaz directs to expedite flood relief operations

SOHBATPUR: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed the authorities to expedite the relief efforts and showed his concern over different diseases being spread in the flood-affected areas asking the administration to take measures to control them Prime Minister Shehbaz

on Wednesday visited flood-hit areas of district Sohbatpur in Balochistan. He was briefed over the ongoing relief efforts to address the challenge of damages in the aftermath of calamitous floods.

instructed the authorities to not halt

RAWALPINDI: The military

teams have rescued another 8'

people by carrying out 18 heli-copter sorties in different parts of the country devastated by

According to a statement issued by the National Flood Response and Coordination Centre (NFRCC) so far 4,570

stranded Individuals have been

evacuated through helicopter

During the last 24 hours, rain/thundershower with isolat-

ed heavy rainfall occurred in south and eastern Sindh, eastern Balochistan, Kashmir, Upper KP and GB. Hot and humid

weather remained elsewhere in the county. Yesterday's highest

Weather Forecast

floods.

sorties.

their relief work, no matter how much funds they needed for the rehabilitation of the flood affectees. "You have enough funds, if you need more, just let us know. But don't be sluggish in the relief efforts," he added. The premier asked the authorities to drain floodwater on urgent basis as it was spreading different kinds of diseases among flood vic-tims. "The flood-hit people are becoming prey to numerous ailments and the authorities must act swiftly to control the situation," he emphasized.
PM Shehbaz also

Military rescues another 87 people

stuck in flood-hit areas

maximum temperature recorded at Turbat 42C, Sibi and Lasbela

In next 24 hours, rain-wind/thundershower (with iso-lated heavy falls) is expected in Punjab, KP, eastern Sindh, GB

Damages of Infrastructure & Private Properties During the last 24 hours no

infrastructure damage. A total of 12418 Km roads and 390

Bridges have been damaged.
Worst affected districts of
Sindh include Qambar Shahdad
Kot, Jacobabad, Larkana,
Khairpur, Dadu, Noshero Feroz,
Thatta and Badin.

and Kashmir.

announced that the tents donated by Turkiye would be distributed among Balochistan flood affectees. He said that 5 million mosquito nets had already been distributed among the flood victims. The Balochistan chief

secretary briefed the pre-mier that so far 400,000 people were treated in the medical camps. He fur-ther informed that 190,000 houses were damaged due to floods in Sohbatpur.

During his visit, the prime minister reviewed the relief arrangements and also interacted with the flood victims.INP

Sohbatpur and Lesbela.

DG Khan and Rajanpur.

KP include Dir, Swat, Charsadda, Kohistan, Tank and DI Khan and in Punjab include

So far 516 Army Aviation hel-icopters sorties have been flown

to various areas for evacuation of stranded people. In last 24 hours, 18 sorties have been

flown and evacuated 87 stranded

individuals & delivered 32.88 Tons of relief items to the flood

tant months, while he added that everyone is after Pakistan Tehereek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan INP PML-N MPAs face another FIR in Punjab

Sh Rasheed

slams govt over

dollar rate,

expensive flour

RAWALPINDI Awami Muslim League Pakistan (AMLP) leader Sheikh Rasheed on Wednesday

slammed the incumbent govern-

ment over a huge number of Ministers in the cabinet, US dol-lar's rate and price of flour in Pakistan as the poor people will be

Taking to twitter, the former Interior Minister Rasheed said that

Interior Minister Rasheed said that after the electricity bills, school fee of children and house rent, poor people cannot light their stoves.

While talking about the duration of National Assembly, he said that the duration of assembly cannot be extended without President's

order.
Rashid went on to say that

September and October are impor-

facing more issues.

LAHORE: Eight members of Punjab Assembly belonging to PML-N have file a joint application in a local court to transfer the

Assembly

ruckus case

ton in a local court to transfer the case relating to ruckus in provincial assembly to another court.

Through their application submitted on Wednesday in the Additional Sessions Judge Muhammad Jamil Bhatti's court, the PML-N MPAs prayed that their bail pleas should be shifted to the court of another Additional

bail pleas should be shifted to the court of another Additional Sessions Judge Yaseen Mohal.

Through Moon Khokhar and Nasir Chohan Advocates they pleaded to the court that as per one FIR their bail pleas were being heard by one court, but the filing of another FIR in the same case they had applied for the bail in another court. They urged the judge to club their bail pleas in connection with both FIRs Through Moon Khokhar and Nasir Chohan Advocates they pleaded to the court that as per one FIR their bail pleas were being FIR their bail pleas were being heard by one court, but the filing of another FIR in the same case they had applied for the bail in another court. They urged the judge to club their bail pleas in connection with both FIRs. The interim sessions judge reserved his verdict on the joint application of the PML-N MPAs including Rana Mashhood, Rukhsana Kausar, Saiful Malook.INP



SUHBATPUR: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif visit a school setup at flood relief camp district Suhbatpur.

To form govt in Punjab in few days: **PML-N** leaders

LAHORE: Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leaders have claimed that the party will form government in the province again and Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi will be de-

After appearing in Sessions Court in Lahore, special assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) Attaullah Tarar said that resources of Punjab government have been used for the statements against the Centre. While he added that the Punjab bureaucracy is also not willing to work with them

While talking about the case, he said that this case is baseless and false. "We have joined the investigations ourselves while going to the police. On the other hand there is a man who is not joining the

Toshankhana case. He is hidden behind the pre-arrest bail," he said, adding, that they will be defeated in this case. He also suggested Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan to join the investigation.

Tarar went on to say that in Punjab, CM Elahi and his son Moonis Elahi are protecting Imran Khan, resources of the province are used against Army and Judiciary. He also said that the numbers in Imran Khan's public rallies is also decreasing.

On this occasion, the PML-N leader Rana Mashood accused Punjab CM Elahi that he has forgotten about the flood affectees and spending money on his people This province used to help everyone and now the

people of this province have been ignored. Flour price in Punjab must be cheaper like we did," he

Rana Mashood claimed that more than 15 government MPAs are in contact with PML-N. He said that Punjab CM have stopped showing concern about the flood affectees. He said that this company won'

run for a longer period.

Before this, the
Sessions Court heard the case of vandalism Punjab Assembly in which the court ordered Atta Tarar and 11 other PML-N leaders to join the investi

The court extended the pre-arrest bails of PML-N leaders till September 19 and ordered police to submit the record of investi gation in next hearing. INP

Sindh lashed with 1100mm rain and 30 MAF water: Murad Ali Shah

KARACHI: Extraordinary 1100mm rainfall lashed Sindh in this monsoon, Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah has stated while pointing to the gravity of the calamitous weather that wreaked havoc in the province. "According to estimates around 30 million-acre-feet water entered in the province," he said. "Now the seventh spell of monsoon has started". "Indus River while passing through Sindh divides the province in two parts and there is water on both sides of the river," CM Shah said "Presently seven to eight million-acre-feet water. and there is water on both sides of the river," CM Shah said. "Presently seven to eight million-acre-feet water standing in Kashmore, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kambar-Shahdadkot, Larkana and Jamshoro," he said. "We will drain out this water to the river, which will pass through the Manchhar Lake," he said. "This all water will pass through the Left Bank Outfall Drain (LBOD) to discharge in the sea," Shah said. Sindh's chief minister said that Punjab has received 52 percent more rainfall in this season, while Sindh has got 800 percent more rainfall in this season, while Sindh has got 800 percent more rainfall than average. "This or that Wadera is taking decisions, it is misgiving," he said. "All decisions being made by the irrigation department, "if someone wants to talk with me over it, he is welcome, I will answer it," Murad Ali Shah said. INP

NOTICE INVITING TENDER The Hepatitis Program Quetta invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items. Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is requ

Procurement of Hepatitis Amplification Kits, RNA Extraction Details in Tende Kits & Other Consumable items

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LAHORE: A vendor is displaying clay bells for customer attraction alongside a road at Johar Town, in Provincial Capital.

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مكامت الليمات (اسكة) بلوچتان كـ دَير ماييان فينك استاف المسفول كذرك عشيركرده آماميان بحاله PRQ No. 2509.07.02.2022 و RQ No. PRQ No. 2837/04-03-2022/2703.21-02-2022 بيد شدج إرثى و بياني صور تعالى دوية في اعتبارات كي موفر شده كية در كي فيب له اعروج الب جناب سريزى سكرا ايجيشن ويادلسنت سيحتم سرمطاق وجد ولل مغرره تاريخ كومنطه بوقي اور فميث الغروي سدهام كالقين فيتزجن ديكر أمنث بملي كرير كارهن مكاملوا علقة ومركف الجيكش اقس سه كى جاسكى في و كرشراند حسب مايل ب-

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Islamic banking industry grows under RDA: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: than half of \$5 billion Roshan Digital Account (RDA) inflows during the last two years came through Islamic banking accounts, which shows the burgeoning growth of the Islamic banking industry in

The RDA received more than \$5 billion dollars through 456,732 accounts of overseas Pakistani from 175 countries within two

years of its launch. Deputy Governor of SBP Dr Murtaza Syed said that more than half of Roshan Digital Accounts had been opened in Islamic banks and 50% of \$3.18 billion investment was made in the Islamic Naya Pakistan Certificates

RDA was launched by SBP in September 2020. The scheme got rapidly popular among overseas Pakistanis.

government-backed A government-backed digital account facility is being offered by Pakistan's retail banking sector to cater to the needs of Islamic consumer financing of Pakistani expatriates. The scheme provides expatriates with the opportunity to acquire property and motor vehicles in their home country while living abroad. "In recognition of overseas Pakistanis' preference for

the Islamic version of Roshan Digital Accounts,

SBP hopes that more expa-triate Pakistanis out of the

nine million will take advantage of RDA and its features in the said Dr Murtaza various

Dr Murtaza Syed said that RDA gained global recognition as brother coun-try Turkey worked with the SBP team to implement its own version of the pro-gramme. The SBP is planning to enhance the menu of services under the scheme. The central bank wants to introduce insurance products, Takaful, pension plans and services for non-resi-dent Pakistanis, who have more than 50% ownership of local entities, to open their accounts in both local currencies as well as foreign currency.INP

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quettes manufacturing plant in Quetta, brought from Burma after World War II. However, after the

gas supply to Quetta in 1980, it was scraped as it was too worn out to be used. "Since then, there is no other regular plant operational in the country."

Muhammad Yaqub also spoke about the official

studies conducted to see benefits of producing coal briquettes. He said samples were taken for physicochemical analysis of raw coal from different spots in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province like Orakzai, Kurram and Kohat districts, etc. "Tests were carried out at the Fuel Research Centre of Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in Karachi. A 500-kilogramme batch of coal briquettes was also manufactured there for further comparison tests." Muhammad Yaqub added that after physico-chemical analysis, another analysis of the smoke emissions from both raw coal and

coal briquettes was carried out. (The results are shown in the above two tables) Muhammad Yaqub strongly recommended the manufacturing of coal

strongly recommended the manufacturing of coal briquettes in Pakistan to overcome the energy crisis, especially in gas-starved areas. "Coal briquettes are ideal for being used for domestic and industrial purposes and will also minimise deforestation in the country." Yasir Shaheen Kahlil, assistant director at the Geological Survey of Pakistan, told WealthPK that globally, coal was an important constituent in the overall energy mix, and in Pakistan, it was found abundantly in different locations. "A commercially viable coal briquettes plant needs to be established for producing

DAILY QUETTA VOICE Thursday, S ADB provided \$1.31b to Pakistan in 2021 for social sector development

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) provided \$1.31 billion to Pakistan in terms of loan and grant during last year (2021), which was comprised \$0.3 billion in program lending, \$1.01 billion from project lending and \$3 million from grants.

The financing was aimed at to reduce poverty and improve the country's prosperity and resilience by supporting infrastructure, urban services, private sector, energy and food security, transport networks and social

porting infrastructure, urban services, private sector, energy and food security, transport networks and social services, said a document of the bank.

To date, the bank has committed 723 public sector loans, grants, and technical assistance totaling \$37 billion to Pakistan. Cumulative loan and grant disbursements to Pakistan amount to \$28.27 billion, it added.

These were financed by regular and concessional ordinary capital resources, the Asian Development Fund (ADF) and other special funds. The ADB's ongoing sovereign portfolio in Pakistan includes 48 loans and 3 grants worth \$8.42 billion, it added.

The ADB also supported Pakistan in COVID-19 pandemic during 2021, which included a \$500 million loan to help procure and deploy safe and effective vaccine and a \$603 million loan of which \$3 million is from the ADF for an integrated social protection program to strengthen Pakistan's flagship Ehsaas program The loan is complemented by a \$24 million grant from the Education Above All Foundation.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Higher Education Commission Dr Mukhtar Ahmed called on President

Saudi envoy says campaign launched in KSA to help Pakistan's flood victims

ISLAMABAD: Nawaf bin Said Al-Maliki, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, tweeted Wednesday that a campaign had been launched in the Kingdom to help the flood victims of Pakistan.

He said that "Popular Saudi Campaign" had been launched the previous day for the aid of the flood victims, adding that the flood situation in Pakistan had been shown through pictures on Twitter.

Meanwhile, the second consignment from Saudi Arabia with relief goods for the flood victims arrived at

The Saudi ambassador, the Saudi consul general and the representatives of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) were there at the

airport.
The first consignment, containing rations and other relief items for the flood victims, had reached Pakistan last night.INP

Death toll in Swat car bomb blast rises to eight

SWAT: The death toll in Swat car bomb blast rose to eight after three more bodies were recovered from the site of the explosion on Wednesday. The Counter Terror Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has registered a case against unidentified people for

carrying out the bomb blast. On Tuesday, five people including a member of the peace committee, Idris Khan, and two policemen were killed in the car bomb blast in Swat.

The bomb was remote-controlled device and was fixed to the car of peace committee member Adrees

The TV channel report said that the bomb exploded when the car reached the area of Barah Bandai in the Swat

District Police Officer (DPO) Swat Zahid Marwat told the media that it was a remote-controlled bomb blast INP

Dengue outbreak getting worse in

Islamabad, Karachi

ISLAMABAD, KARACHI: The outbreak of dengue in the wake of calamitous floods and recent spells of heavy monsoon rains has assumed the proportion of an epidemic in the federal capital and the flood hit areas in Sindh, especially Karachi on

Wednesday.
In the federal capital, the number of dengue patients is rising with every passing day. On Tuesday, 128 dengue cases were reported in Islamabad, out of which 75 cases were reported in rural areas and 53 in urban areas. The total number of dengue patients has reached 871.

At PIMS Hospital, 39 new dengue patients while in private hospitals 55 patients were admitted yesterday.

As many as four people have suc-cumbed to the virus during the recent resurgence of the epidemic in the fed-

eral capital.

Monday's maximum temperature was recorded at Dalbandin and Sibbi where mercury reached 42°C while in Lahore, it was 34.2°C and minimum was 23°C.INP

Rescuer injured in Lahore market firefighting

LAHORE: A rescuer sustained serious injuries in firefighting at Bilal Ganj Market in Lahore late on

Tuesday night. Four shops were gutted in the blaze that broke out due to short-circuit. Rescuers put out the fire while one of the officials sustained injuries. The injured was taken to Mayo Hospital

Goods worth millions were reduced to

ashes. INP

US voices concern over media restrictions in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: The United States voiced alarm Tuesday over restrictions on the media in Pakistan, citing the silencing of a television network supportive of former prime minister Imran

"We continue to be concerned by significant restrictions on media outlets and civil society in Pakistan," State Department spokesman Ned Price told reporters. "We're concerned that media and content restrictions, as well as lack of accountability for attacks against journalists, undermine the exercise of freedom of expression... and an informed citi-zenry," he said.

Price pointed to the example of the TV channel, which was recent-ly taken off the air, in response to a question from a journalist of the network

The network is sympathetic to Khan, who was ousted in a parliamentary vote of no-confidence in April and replaced with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Authorities have also blocked online access to speeches by Khan, who is seeking to make a

political comeback.

The United States is a histori-cally of Pakistan, but the two nations have had a rocky relationship, especially over relations with Afghanistan's Taliban, with Khan in particular critical of US

military operations.

The United States in recent weeks has promised more than \$50 million to Pakistan as it grapples with its worst-ever floods that have left one-third of the nation

President Joe Biden's adminis-tration has also greenlighted a \$450-million sale for Pakistan to refurbish its F-16s, a mainstay of its air force, despite the growing US relationship with Pakistan's rival India rival India.

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FIA raids PTI Senator Saifullah Niazi's house in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: The FIA Cyber Crime Wing raided the house of PTI leader Senator Saifullah Niazi and confiscated his laptop, phone and other gadgets here on Tuesday

Sources said that the FIR team raided the house of the PTI senator last night and took into possession his laptop, mobile phone and other devices

Sources said that a website with the title of 'Na Manzoor' was being operated from the residence of Senator Saifullah.

The FIA has got search warrants from the Islamabad judicial magistrate beforehand to conduct the raid, sources concluded

PTI Chairman Imran Khan denounced the government's move to raid the house of Saifullah Niazi saying that the imported government and han-dlers were pushing the PTI to the wall while warning that there would be consequences.

Imran posted a tweet writing Their desperation led to their blacking out our Telethon for flood relief. Today they raided Senator Saif Nyazee's home & took away his cell & computer. Imported govt & handlers are pushing us to the wall. I am warning them there will be consequences they will have to face.

"On the one hand Imported govt telling us to stop doing politics bec of floods & on the other hand they are increasing their level of harassment & false cases against us, persecuting journalists who give our views a voice, suspending TV channels & YouTube to prevent my coverage."INP

SCO Summit: PM Shehbaz leaves for Uzbekistan on Todav

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will leave for Samarkand, Uzbekistan on May 15 to attend the annual meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's (SCO) Council of Heads of State (CHS), where cli-mate change will be on the agen-

According to a handout released by the Foreign Office on Tuesday, the premier will be visiting Uzbekistan from September 15 (Thursday) to 16 (Friday) at the invitation of President Shaykat Mirziyoyev, who will be chairing

the meeting.
"The prime Minister will be participating in the SCO summit on the invitation of Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, who would chair the meeting," the Foreign Office said in a statement.

The leaders of SCO members and observer states as well as heads of SCO organizations and other special guests will attend the

meeting.

Besides attending the summit,
PM Shehbaz Sharif will hold
bilateral meetings with other participating leaders on the sidelines
of the SCO summit.

At the forthcoming CHS, the SCO leaders will deliberate on important global and regional issues, including climate change, food security energy security, and sustainable supply chains. They will also approve agreements and documents that would chart the future direction of cooperation among SCO member states.

The SCO is a major transregional organization spanning South and Central Asia. Founded in 2001, the SCO upholds the values and principles enshrined in the "Shanghai Spirit" that include mutual trust, mutual benefit and pursuit of common development. The CHS is the highest forum

of the SCO, which considers and defines the strategy INP

The bank was also supporting government's development vision and envisaged country partnership strategy 2021–25 for Pakistan, focusing on three priorities including improving economic management, building resilience and boosting competitiveness and private sector development.

Under the country partnership strategy 2021–25, ADB will support Pakistan's development priorities by focusing on improving economic management, building resilience, and boosting competitiveness and private sector development ADB's assistance for domestic resource mobilization, financial inclusion, and energy sector reforms will support macroeconomic management. Financing for workforce readiness and health will help build resilience. Support for infrastructure and urban sector investments will improve rural connectivity and urban municipal services Improving access to finance and supporting public—private partnership will boost urban municipal services. Improving access to finance and supporting public—private partnership will boost competitiveness and private sector development to return the economy to a sustainable growth trajectory ADB will also help the country prepare for digital transformation through policy improvements, public institution strengthening, and relevant infrastructure investments. The ADB also committed \$300 million for the construction of Balakot hydropower plant on the Kunhar river near Balakot City in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. By 2027, the plant will add 1,143 gigawatt hours of clean energy annually to the country's energy mix, enhancing the energy sector's reliability and sustainability INP

Pakistan can produce clean energy through coal briquettes: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan can meet its household and industrial energy needs to a great extent if it establishes coal briquettes manufacturing plants in establishes coal briquettes manufacturing plants in
the mineral-rich provinces. The energy produced
from the use of coal briquettes will help the country a great deal in saving foreign exchange spent on
importing costly fuels for power generation.

Coal briquettes emit very low quantities of toxic
gases, far below the standard set by the
Environmental Protection Agency.

Coal briquetts can be made out of large quantities of biomass available in Pakistan like wood
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ties of biomass available in Pakistan like wood chunks, sawdust, coconut husk, etc. Mostly starch is used as a binder in the production of coal briquetts, and paraffin, petroleum solvents, borax, sodium nitrate, etc are generally used as igniters. Sometimes, limestone is added to make the ashes white. Coal briquettes burn consistently, and are 40% more efficient than firewood, and produce very small levels of ash content – 2-10% lower than coal's 20-40%. Talking about the potential of coal briquettes in producing electricity, Muhammad Yaqub, the former general manager of geology in Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation, told WealthPK that coal briquettes could be manufactured by using indigenous sources. He said due to tured by using indigenous sources. He said due to its exothermic nature, coal has a tendency to self-heat, so it is not safe and easy to stockpile coal. "Turning the coal into briquettes helps solve the issue as coal briquettes last longer and are well resistant to humidity and spontaneous combustion. They are easy to burn, cost-effective, homogenous in composition and easy to transport." He recalled that because of the known coal sources in the Balochistan province, the British installed a bri-

Minister accuses Imran Khan of pushing country towards secularism

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Mian Javed Latif has accused PTI Chairman Imran Khan of pushing the country towards secularism, away from the religion.

Addressing a news con-ference here on Wednesday, Javed Latif said "Imran Khan wants to create anarchy in the country as he is using for religion for his politics."
He also showed some video clips of Imran Khan to make his point.

The minister said there could be a strong public reaction if Imran Khan's

tactics were not checked. Javed Latif warned there would be bloodshed in the country if Imran Khan's went ahead with

his politics.

He said "We respect the state institutions and there should not be double standards for political parminister

institutions should take note of Imran Khan's words, Imran Khan will not be given NRO.INP Pakistan writes to

India for dialogue over water issues next month: Sources

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and India would resume their dialogue on water-related controver-sies in the coming month, sources said on Monday.

Sources say that an Indian delegation will visit Pakistan for the second phase of the dia-logues to be held under the Sindh Tass accord.

According to details, Pakistan and Indian delegations would dialogue on water-related issues specifically on the Lower Kalnai, Kero and other hydro powerplants proj-ects under the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 (Sindh Tas accord). The Pakistani delega-

tion visited India for the first phase of the dialogue in May 2022 and now the delegation is to visit Pakistan for the next phase of the dialogue. The Indus Waters

The Indus Waters
Treaty was signed on
September 19, 1960,
between India and
Pakistan and brokered by
the World Bank. The treaty fixed and delimited the rights and obligations of both countries concerning the use of the waters of the Indus River system. The Indus River rises in

the southwestern Tibet Autonomous Region of China and flows through the disputed Kashmir region INP

quettes plant needs to be established for producing electricity. It will not only provide a sustainable livelihood source to the mining people, but will also play an important role in coping INP Pakistani rupee's rout continues at the hands of US dollar

ISLAMABAD: The rout of Pakistani rupee at the hands of US dollar is contin-ued as the greenback added another Rs1.58 to its valued on Wednesday in the interbank trading. According to the data provided by the forex dealers, the US curprovided by the forex dealers, the US currency kept up its upward march that has
been continued for the last two weeks.
The greenback traded at Rs233.50, up by
Rs1.58 in the interbank trading today by
noon. On Tuesday, the exchange rate of
the USD was fixed at Rs231.92 towards
the close. The rupee has been losing
ground against the dollar since Sept 2. It
fell by Rs9.2 during the last week to close
at Rs228.18.During the last 8 working
days, the exchange rate of dollar creet up days, the exchange rate of dollar crept up by Rs14.02. Though the country has received the stalled IMF tranche worth

\$1.166 billion last month but the market is still not reposing confidence in rupee as has been evident in the declining trend in the value of the local unit.

The other factors which are negatively impacting the Pakistan currency arise out of the financial losses in the wake of recent floods as the country's exports would be declining and imports would surge in view of rehabilitation of the flood-affected areas.

FPCCI President Irfan Iqbal Sheikh also pointed out the other day that the dif-ferential between interbank and open market was widened to Rs8 to Rs10 due to speculative trading by the commercial banks, rumours of further rupee depreciation and week implementation of policy tools by the State Bank of Pakistan.INP



RAWALPINDI: Doctor Samir Bin Abdul Aziz Al Tabib CEO Transformation Management Office of Ministry of Defence Kingdom Saudi Arabia (KSA) along with delegation held a meeting with Secretary of Defense Pakistan Lt Gen (Retd) Humayum Aziz at ministry of Defence Production.

Monsoon to bring flooding in rivers, alerts PMDA

LAHORE: The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has issued an alert to all concerned departments as Meteorological Department forecast monsoon rains for upper catchment areas of Ravi, Sutlej and Chenab rivers on Wednesday.

The PDMA in an alert issued said that the Authority has informed that well marked monsoon low over central parts of Madhya Paradesh may affect the upper catchment of eastern river Sutlej, Ravi and Chenab from Sept 17.

The water flows may increase ion eastern rivers along with their associated nullah/tributaries from Sept 18th. The water lever in the streams con-

nected to rivers may soar causing flood in the area. PDMA advised to shift the resident of most vulnerable areas to temporary relief camps/safe places as and when required. The provincial authority asked health department to mobilize medical team for provision of

first aid to the affecteees of urban flooding to avoid the epidemic diseases and relevant department to ensure required dewatering sets machinery available timely to avoid urban flooding. PDMA also issued fresh details of the inflow and outflow of waters in Punjab rivers. Last month also, authorities were on alert on Monday as India released another gush of floodwater in the Pakistani rivers, while the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) warned that the country was expected to receive 'above average rainfall" during the ongoing monsoon season.Officials from the Indus Water Commission of India informed their Pakistani counterparts that 170,000 cusecs water had been released into the Ravi after opening the spillway at the Ujh Barage at 5:30 pm. Pakistani officials said that the water was expected to enter the country by Monday midnight. INP

Missing Haseeb Hamza of Islamabad reaches home safely

ISLAMABAD: One Haseeb Hamza, who had gone missing in the jurisdiction of Islamabad's Shahzad Town police in August 2022, reached home safely on Wednesday morning in the backdrop of stern warning of Islamabad High Court (IHC) to the police and intelligence agencies.

The father of Haseeb Hamza appreci-

The father of Haseeb Hamza appreciated the efforts of Islamabad police for the safe recovery of his son, and he also thanked the IHC for its full support.

The family of Haseeb Hamza also thanked Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

and Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah It merits a mention here that IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah had directed the Islamabad inspector general of police (IGP) to produce Haseeb Hamza before the court by 11:30am on Wodnesday (today) Wednesday (today).

"If the missing person is not pro-duced, all the sector commanders of MI, ISI, IB and Special Branch will be

summoned before the court," he had warned.

On the other hand, the Sindh High Court (SHC) on Wednesday ordered the authorities concerned to accelerate their efforts for the immediate recovery

of six missing persons.

The court also sought a report from Sindh police, Home Department and other authorities within six weeks in this regard.

During the hearing of the case, a woman told the court that her brother Mehdi Ali Naqvi had been missing for five years. She said that at every hearing, some papers were handed over to her. We want the safe recovery of our brother. What will we do with these papers?" she questioned "Police and other law-enforcement agencies are making efforts for his recovery. The court is also examining all the cases. He will be recovered soon," the court remarked.INP



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail in a meeting with delegation of CNNC headed by its President Oversees Zhang Guoliang at Finance