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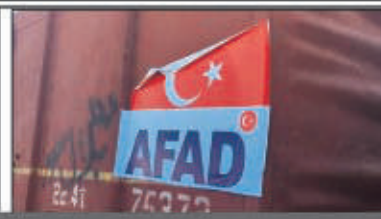
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## “Where should I take my young daughters”, a mother narrates her ordeal

Syed Muhammad Qaseem

The powerful waves of the floods left many people shelterless in Quetta and different 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.

**“We have not received any tent or support from the government”**

“We have not received any tent or support from the government”, the woman frustratedly stated. However, a private charity organization had provided a tent to



Maryam and her family members.

Maryam’s house was located in Nawa Kili, the northern outskirts of Quetta. It has

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

So one can imagine the situation of flood affected in Nasirabad division, which was completely flooded.

“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 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 emissions 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 government 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 burdened 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-

try. 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 people in the flood-hit areas. Earlier, Prime Minister Shehbaz directed the authorities to expedite the relief efforts and expressed his

concern over different diseases being spread in the flood-affected areas asking the administration to take measures to control them. During his visit to the flood-hit Sohbatpur district, he was briefed over the ongoing relief efforts to address the challenge of damages in the aftermath of calamitous floods. He instructed the authorities to not halt their relief work, no matter how much funds they needed for the rehabilitation of the flood affectees. INP



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

## 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 Qaddus 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 month.

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 singer.

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

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

Addressing the closing ceremony of “Third Inter-Parliamentary Union Regional Seminar on 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 emergency resolution at the forthcoming 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 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 Pakistan ranked eighth among countries most vulnerable to climate crisis despite contributing less than 1% to global carbon emissions. “Pakistan is paying a heavy price for climate change,” he added. 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 noon.

**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 soon.

**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 re-establishment 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 Crescent handed over the relief goods to the Pakistan Red Crescent Society. The goods contained tents, blankets, mattresses, and other relief

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. Earlier, Turkish Red Crescent had brought

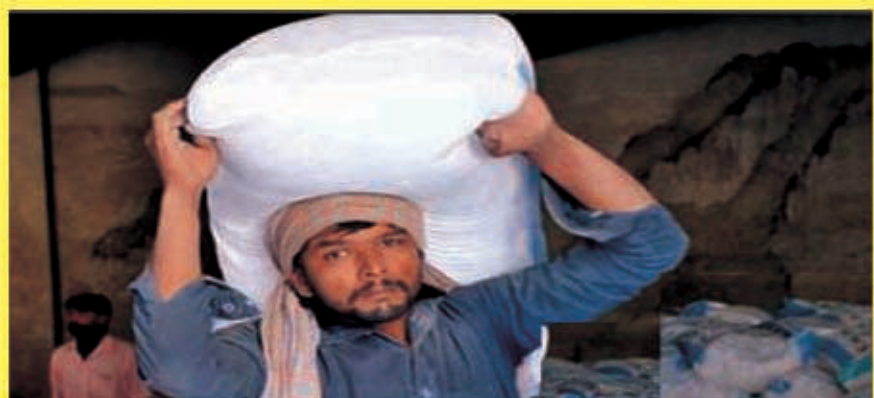
two hundred tents, nineteen blankets, three hundred mattresses, and other relief materials to the affectees in Pakistan by a trowler.

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

## Punjab Govt to provide 0.65 Million 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 of Pakistan. The decision was taken when Engr. Zamrak Achakzai, the Provincial Food Minister Balochistan was called on Chaudhary Pervaiz Elahi, the Chief Minister of Punjab yester-



day. 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 added.

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

in the province. 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 said.

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.



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 108,229 acres in Balochistan, 130,140 acres in Punjab, the Ministry of National Food Security and Research reported.

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 billion. 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 billion. 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 reported. 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. He instructed the authorities to not halt

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 victims. "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

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 premier that so far 400,000 people were treated in the medical camps. He further 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

Public-private collaboration key to unlocking renewable energy potential: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has great potential to produce renewable energy through public-private partnerships, which will reduce dependence on fossil fuels and assist in decreasing the circular debt and emissions of greenhouse gases. Irfan Ahmed, Independent Director HESCO (Hyderabad 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 now, he pointed out that wind and solar have only been used for 2 gigawatts and 0.8 gigawatts, respectively. Irfan added that the installed capacity to provide energy is 34,000MW which is less compared to the true potential. He said per capita electricity consumption 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 are needed to precisely predict what demand will be in a country and how much renewable energy

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, 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," 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 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 products in July 2022. Irfan said the problem being faced by the energy

sector is mounting circular 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 sector. 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 problems being faced by the energy sector. He said local and foreign investment 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. A report of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) shows that improving competitiveness, ambitious 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

Military rescues another 87 people stuck in flood-hit areas

RAWALPINDI: The military teams have rescued another 87 people by carrying out 18 helicopter sorties in different parts of the country devastated by floods. 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 sorties. Weather Forecast During the last 24 hours, rain/thundershower with isolated heavy rainfall occurred in south and eastern Sindh, eastern Balochistan, Kashmir, Upper KP and GB. Hot and humid weather remained elsewhere in the country. Yesterday's highest

maximum temperature recorded at Turbat 42C, Sibi and Lasbela 41C. In next 24 hours, rain/wind/thundershower (with isolated heavy falls) is expected in Punjab, KP, eastern Sindh, GB and Kashmir. 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. In Balochistan districts include Quetta, Naseerabad, Jafarabad, Jhalagsi, Bolan,

Sohbatpur and Lesbela. KP include Dir, Swat, Charsadda, Kohistan, Tank and DI Khan and in Punjab include DG Khan and Rajanpur. So far 516 Army Aviation helicopters 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 affectees. Moreover, until now 4570 stranded individuals have been evacuated through helicopter sorties. So far 147 Relief Camps and 278 Relief Collection points in Sindh, South Punjab & Balochistan have been established across the country for flood affectees. INP

Sh Rasheed slams govt over dollar rate, expensive flour

RAWALPINDI: Awami Muslim League Pakistan (AMLP) leader Sheikh Rasheed on Wednesday slammed the incumbent government over a huge number of Ministers in the cabinet, US dollar's rate and price of flour in Pakistan as the poor people will be facing more issues. Taking to twitter, the former 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 important months, while he added that everyone is after Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan. INP

PML-N MPs face another FIR in Punjab Assembly ruckus case

LAHORE: Eight members of Punjab Assembly belonging to PML-N have filed a joint application 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 MPs prayed that their 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 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 MPs including Rana Mashhood, Rukhsana Kausar, Saiful Malook. INP



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

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

LAHORE: Pakistan 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-seated. 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

investigation in 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) 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 Mashhood 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 said. Rana Mashhood claimed that more than 15 government MPs 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't run for a longer period. Before this, the Sessions Court heard the case of vandalism in Punjab Assembly in which the court ordered Atta Tarar and 11 other PML-N leaders to join the investigation. The court extended the pre-arrest bail of PML-N leaders till September 19 and ordered police to submit the record of investigation 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 standing in Kashmir, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kambar-Shahdadkot, Larkana and Jamshoro," he said. "We will drain out this water to the river, which will pass through the Manchar 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 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



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

Islamic banking industry grows under RDA: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: More 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 Pakistan. The RDA received more than \$5 billion dollars through 456,732 accounts of overseas Pakistanis 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. 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 expatriate Pakistanis out of the

nine million will take advantage of RDA and its various features in the future," said Dr Murtaza Syed. Dr Murtaza Syed said that RDA gained global recognition as brother country Turkey worked with the SBP team to implement its own version of the programme. 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-resident 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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