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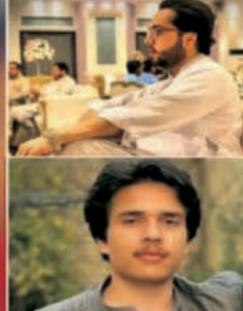
US announces additional grant of \$10m for Pakistan

Quetta: Murderer of 3 brothers turned out to be their own brother

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QUETTA: The murderer of three brothers turned out to be their own brother in Quetta's Railway Society. "We have arrested the accused brother in connection with the murder of his own brothers", Abdul Haq Umrani, the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Operations told Daily Quetta Voice.

There was no immediate response from the family of the murdered brothers since



the parents were suffering from dumb agony and trauma.

Three young brothers identified as Zaryal Khan, Zarang Khan, and Saidal Khan were killed in a firing incident in Quetta's Railway Society. The victims were sons of well-known medical professional Dr. Nasir Ashezai.

"We are interrogating the accused Qais Khan", Mr. Umrani said. The accused was shifted to the police station for interrogation. The victims were coming back from a wedding when killed by their

own brother, the SSP mentioned.

Police have also recovered the pistol used in the incident. "The accused opened fire on greed for wealth", police stated. The accused used to quarrel with his brothers on property issues, police narrated.

The victims were buried in the presence of thousands of mourners in Chaman's Murda Karez area. People expressed sympathies with the broken parents who suffered the tragedy of their young sons.

Funeral prayer of 3 brothers murdered in Quetta offered in Chaman

Sardar Muhammad Khondai

CHAMAN: Funeral prayer of three young brothers was offered in the Murda Karez area of Chaman on Tuesday evening. Unknown armed men opened fire and killed three brothers in the Railway Society area of Quetta.



Thousands of people turned out to participate in the funeral prayer of the three brothers. Politicians, tribal elders and people belonging to various walks of life participated in the funeral prayer.

Police said the victims were sons of renowned doctor Dr. Nasir Ashezai, a resident of Chaman. The victims were coming back from a wedding party when attacked by the accused in the area. Police said the attackers escaped unhurt from the spot.

Balochistan Police Chief, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh ordered an inquiry into the incident and the arrest of the culprits behind the tragic incident. So far, no arrest has been made, police sources said. "We are interrogating the incident", a senior police official told Daily Quetta Voice. He requested anonymity since he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Three young brothers killed in Quetta

Sardar Muhammad Khondai

Three young brothers were killed when armed men opened fire on their vehicle in Quetta's Railway Society area. Police sources said the victims were the sons of Dr. Nasir Khan Achakzai.

They were coming from a wedding ceremony when armed men attacked them. All three were dead on the spot. The assailants escaped unhurt from the spot.

The dead bodies were rushed to civil hospital Quetta. Police reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway. The victims' ages were 8, 12, and 18 years, police said.

"Government fails to protect people's lives": Achakzai



"Government has failed to protect the lives of the people", Asghar Khan Achakzai, the provincial president Awami National Party (ANP) said. This is a barbaric act, he said.

Home Minister Balochistan, Mir Ziaullah Langove strongly condemned the incident and directed the police to apprehend the culprits behind the barbaric act.

The Inspector General of Police Balochistan, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh took notice of the incident and ordered the police to submit a report and ensure the arrest of the culprits.

PMA YDA appeal CJ BHC to take suo moto notice

Pakistan Medical Association and Young Doctors Association demand-

ed that Chief Justice Balochistan High Court take suo moto notice of the tragic incident. They lashed out at the police for their failure to protect the lives of the people.

"This the worst precedent of barbarism", Dr. Bahar Shah, the President of YDA said in a statement.

The photos of the three brothers murdered in the firing incident also went viral on social media and people expressed sympathies with the broken parents and demanded the government arrest the culprits.

The dead bodies of the three brothers murdered in the firing incident were shifted to Chaman for burial. Panic prevailed in the border city with Afghanistan in the aftermath of the tragic incident.



DADU: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif talk to flood effected of district dadu at tent city established at village Jakhro.

US announces additional grant of \$10m for Pakistan

WASHINGTON : Foreign Minister (FM) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said Pakistan seeks United States (US) assistance and cooperation in climate change justice.

Speaking at a joint press conference with his US counterpart Antony Blinken after meeting in Washington, he said Pakistan is facing a huge natural calamity and devastation which has affected millions of people across the country.

FM Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said Pakistan is among the ten countries worst affected by climate change.

He said with US cooperation, hundreds of projects of the green revolution can be initiated.

Bilawal said the contribution of Pakistan is below 0.8 % in greenhouse gases emission.

Speaking on the occasion, US secretary of State Antony Blinken announced an additional grant of ten million dollars under the head of food security for Pakistan.

He said the US has extended an

amount of 55 million dollars so far for the assistance of flood affectees in Pakistan.

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He said America is standing with the flood victims in the hour of difficulty and will continue their help.

Earlier, delegation level meeting held at State Department in which stock of enhanced bilateral engagement in trade, energy, food, health and areas of mutual interest and cooperation were discussed.

The foreign minister thanked US side for continued support Pakistan following the devastating climate catastrophe in the country.

Antony Blinken, on the occasion said that the meeting was aimed to reaffirm our close partnership for economic prosperity, regional stability, and food security. He also emphasized continued support for flood relief, including nearly 56.5 million dollars in aid. INP

Mengal, Bizenjo and Sanjrani discuss Balochistan political situation

Dawood Ahmed

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Balochistan National Party (Mengal), Sardar Akhtar Mengal, Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo and Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani discussed the prevailing political situation in the province.

Mr. Sanjrani hosted a dinner in the honor of the CM. Leaders from the BNP Mengal were also present on the occasion. All three leaders discussed the possible joining of the Jamiat ul Ulama e Islam (JUI) in the coalition provincial government, an insider of the meeting told Daily Quetta Voice.

The JUI handed over a charter of demand to the Chief Minister a few days back. A deadlock persists between the ruling coalition and the religious party. The party has demanded important portfolios in the coalition government.

This meeting has come a day



after the CM sought two days' time from the religious party with regard to the implementation of their charter of demand. Former Chief Minister Jam Kamal also called on the JUI F Balochistan Amir Maulana Abdul Wasey on Monday evening.

PM highlighted climate change impacts on Pakistan in UNGA effectively: Tarar

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) Attaullah Tarar Tuesday lauded Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for effectively highlighting the climate change impacts on Pakistan, besides the Kashmir issue during his maiden address to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

"Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in his address to the UNGA has effectively pointed out the negative impacts of climate change on Pakistan and highlighted plight of the Kashmiris in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir," the SAPM said while addressing a news conference here.

The PM in his address said that despite negligible carbon emissions, Pakistan's economy and people

were paying the dual cost of climate injustice and high global warming causing massive flash floods which required the world leaders to take immediate remedial actions.

He said the PM also highlighted that Pakistan had never seen a starker and more devastating example of the impact of Global Warming. "Life in Pakistan has changed forever," he quoted PM as saying.

On the Kashmir issue, he noted that the PM said Pakistan desired peace with all its neighbours including India, however, sustainable peace and stability in South Asia remained contingent upon a just and lasting solution to the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. INP

Ishaq Dar takes oath as Senator

ISLAMABAD: Senior Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz's (PML-N) Leader, Ishaq Dar on Tuesday took oath as a senator, after living five years in self-imposed exile in the United Kingdom.

Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani administered the oath to Ishaq Dar.

PTI members tore the copies of the agenda of the meeting to register their protest and also surrounded the dais and chanted slogans.

Dar was elected to the upper house of the parliament on a technocrat seat in the elections held on March 3, which was notified by the Election Commission of Pakistan on March 9, 2018.

Ishaq Dar reached Pakistan the other day along with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif after an exile of more than five years.

In February this year, Dar had requested Senate chairman to virtually administer the oath in the wake of restoration of his election notification, but his request was turned down.

Leader of the House in Senate, Azam Nazir Tarar welcomed the PML-N stalwart and expressed the hope that Dar would steer the country out of challenges.

He urged Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) members to respect law as the accountability court had suspended the permanent arrest warrants of Ishaq Dar till October 7, in a reference pertaining to holding of assets beyond known sources of income. INP

Pakistan has come out of int'l isolation due to govt's efforts: PM

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif Tuesday describing his meetings with world leaders on sidelines of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) moot in Samarkand, Uzbekistan and 77th session of the UN General Assembly as "encouraging" said Pakistan had come out of international isolation due to the efforts of present coalition government.

"By straining relations with various countries, the previous government had put Pakistan in isolation," the Prime Minister told a press conference here.

He said the way former prime minister Imran Khan used to talk about various countries was not appropriate for a country desiring to have good relations.

The Prime Minister, who arrived in Pakistan last night after his official visits to the United Kingdom and the United States, said during his recent visit to Uzbekistan to attend the SCO moot in Samarkand, the flood situation in Pakistan vis a vis climate change was highlighted.

He said that Pakistan despite having less than one percent share in the global carbon emission was facing the severe negative effects, which was also evident from the recent devastating floods in the country.

Shehbaz Sharif said during the SCO moot as well as his meeting with various leaders including Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi etc. he highlighted the



losses caused by floods in Pakistan and the leaders besides expressing their solidarity also assured their cooperation to mitigate the suffering of flood-hit people.

The Prime Minister said that similarly during his address at 77th session of the UN General Assembly as well as the sideline meeting, he highlighted that with overall economic loss of over US \$ 30 billion, the recent devastating floods had caused 1500 deaths, destroyed millions of houses and destroyed infrastructure.

Shehbaz Sharif said that during his address to UN General Assembly, he forcefully presented Pakistan's view-point and stance on the issues of Kashmir, Palestine and Islamophobia. He said that plight of Kashmiris in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), atrocities in IIOJK, August 5, 2019 illegal action of India in IIOJK and treatment meted out to Muslims in India was also highlighted in the address. The Prime Minister said that during his visit to the United States to attend the UN General Assembly he was effectively assisted by Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Minister for Climate Change Sherry Rehman, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb, and others. About his visit to UK, the Prime Minister said that besides representing Pakistan at the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, he also attended the reception hosted by King Charles, who expressed sincere sympathies for the flood-hit people of Pakistan and talked fondly about the friendly ties. INP

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Education of 386000 students at risk in Balochistan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Syed Mansoor Ahmed

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

Climate Change and Agriculture in Pakistan

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

hazards by obstructing river channels, forming ice-dammed lakes, which will ultimately cause GLOFs and pose threats downstream of the water. After meaningful analysis, it revealed that a surge between 1998 and 2002 generated 6 GLOFs. Damages by Climate Change:

Meanwhile, rigorous critical exploration of the Attabad Lake of Hunza Valley in Gilgit-Baltistan is the distinctive event to justify the future threats of climate change in the center of freshwater. The lake flooding displaced more than 6,000 people from upstream villages and inundated over 19

Multivariate Aspects of Climate Change in Pakistan



kilometers of the Karakorum Highway. Recently, global warming and subsequent climate change have increased the constant state of fear and the risk of massive outburst flooding in the respective mountainous region. The comprehensive field evidence, local testimonies by the natives, modern applications of remote sensing, and cross-correlation feature-tracking techniques provides the improved understanding of glacier surges and ice-dam formation disclosed the scale future threat. Glaciers in Pakistan. It is also noted, historically, in the

Karakorum Range 39 glaciers are responsible for ice-dam formation. On the other hand, 36 glaciers build ice barriers in the running rivers due to frontal advance, near to the densely populated areas of the Karakorum region. By constant observation of the prevailing and growing threat of climate change, it is airing the endless future threat only due to the GLOFs. For instance, the Indus River System (IRS) is the jugular vein of irrigation in Pakistan. It is providing water for almost 90% of the food product in Pakistan. The ice-dam formation due to the GLOFs will slow

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

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

Importance of Physical Therapy

By Dr Aqib Sagheer

Physiotherapy as described by World Physiotherapy is a health care profession concerned with human function and movement and maximizing physical potential. It is concerned with identifying and maximizing quality of life and movement potential within the spheres of promotion, prevention, treatment/intervention, habilitation and rehabilitation.

It uses physical approaches to promote, maintain and restore physical, psychological and social well-being, taking into account variations in health status. It is science-based, committed to extending, applying, evaluating and reviewing the evidence that underpins and informs its practice and delivery. Physiotherapists and Physical Therapists (PTs) work within a wide variety of health settings to improve a broad range of physical problems associated with different 'systems' of the body. In particular, they treat neuromuscular (brain and nervous system), musculoskeletal (soft tissues, joints and bones), and cardiovascular and respiratory systems (heart and lungs and associated physiology). Physiotherapists work autonomously, often as a member of a team with other health or social care professionals. Physiotherapy practice is characterized by reflective behaviour and systematic clinical reasoning, both contributing to and underpinning a problem-solving approach to patient-centric care. People are often referred for physiotherapy by doctors or other health and social care professionals. Increasingly, as a result of changes in health care, people are referring themselves directly to physiotherapists (first-line access) without previously seeing any other health care professional.

Trends in Canada and Australia, for example, are even exploring the role of the physiotherapist within the triage system of emergency departments. Physicians like Hippocrates, and later Galenus, are believed to have been the first practitioners of physiotherapy, advocating massage, manual therapy techniques and hydrotherapy to treat people in 460 B.C. After the development of orthopaedics in the eighteenth century, machines like the Gymnasticon were developed to treat gout and similar diseases by the systematic exercise of the joints, similar to later developments in physiotherapy. The earliest documented origins of actual physiotherapy as a professional group date back to Per Henrik Ling "Father of Swedish Gymnastics" who founded the Royal Central Institute of Gymnastics (RCIG) in 1813 for massage, manipulation, and exercise. In 1887, PTs were given official registration by Sweden's National Board of

Health and Welfare. Because the body of knowledge of physiotherapy is quite large, PTs tend to specialize in specific clinical areas. These include: MSK / Orthopaedics / Cardiorespiratory/Neurology/Paediatrics/Medicine/Rheumatology/Older People / Geriatrics/Medical Conditions/Pain/Women's Health/Oncology/Extended Scope Public Health/Stroke is the main cause in the world for paralysis in which one side of the body becomes weakened and having hearing speech impairments and having difficulty in walking. Physical therapists are specialists skilled and educated in proper rehabilitation methods. They are knowledgeable about surgical procedures and treatment goals and work closely with your referring physician in order to develop individualized rehabilitation programs. Physical therapists blend their knowledge about surgical procedures and rehabilitation with what they identify about your body—providing the ultimate customized care. They will look at your movement patterns, habits, and limitations; evaluate your rate of healing; and design a program that will help you return to action. A patient with stroke needs a physiotherapist to enable him to walk make them independent. Different hospitals in Pakistan are doing work and focuses especially on rehabilitation

like Shifa International Hospital in Islamabad in which physiotherapists are working in different departments like in surgical ice orthopaedics and others. Physiotherapists enable the patients to make them independent. Physiotherapy is an important intervention that prevents and mitigates the adverse effects of prolonged bed rest and mechanical ventilation during critical illness. Rehabilitation delivered by the physiotherapist is tailored to the patient's needs and depends on the conscious state, psychological status and physical strength of the patient. It incorporates any active and passive therapy that promotes movement and includes mobilization. Early progressive physiotherapy, with a focus on mobility and walking whilst ventilated, is essential in minimizing functional decline. Many people, especially in Pakistan, are unaware of the benefits of physical therapy despite that they just want painkillers. Due to a lack of awareness and not having education they are unable to know about it. In COVID 19 Physiotherapist also plays a role with other multidisciplinary teams and helped the patients to breathe. There are many techniques which are used for breathing that physiotherapists used for their patients. 8th September is World Physical THERA-

PI DAY it is celebrated all over the world for the awareness of physical-related issues it is celebrated to raise awareness about the crucial contribution of physical therapists and chronic pain therapies done by them to keep people well and fit. This day marks the unity and solidarity of the global physical therapy community. It is an opportunity to recognise the work that physiotherapists do for their patients. All the importance of physiotherapists are accepted worldwide but in Pakistan, they are not having jobs many of them are jobless and having mentally stressed. They lack a council, and numerous institutions are awarding Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees while failing to meet the requirements, which would lower the calibre of physiotherapists. I kindly ask the government to act so that the HEC CRITERIA are met. As it was once said, "Knowledge is power." I also urge young physiotherapists to work hard in their studies to advance their knowledge and abilities. I also implore them to raise awareness of physical therapy in their communities and assist those who are dependent in becoming self-sufficient. About Author: The writer is a Doctor of Physical therapist (DPT)/MS-SPT and currently working in a private hospital in Islamabad.

US gun violence

By Belen Fernandez

On July 27, two top executives from prominent US gun companies – Marty Daniel of Daniel Defense and Christopher Kilroy of Sturm, Ruger and Co – appeared before the United States House Committee on Oversight and Reform chaired by New York Democrat Carolyn Maloney. The hearing came on the heels of the latest succession of massacres – the Buffalo supermarket, the Uvalde elementary school, the Highland Park July 4 parade – that have come to define life in America. As the Guardian noted, this "marked the first time in nearly two decades that the CEOs of leading gun manufacturers testified before Congress". The CEO of Smith and Wesson Brands – which according to the committee earned at least \$125m in 2021 alone from the sale of assault-style rifles, a frequent prop in mass shootings – had declined to participate in the attempt at oversight. But the two willing invitees presumably spoke for the US gun industry as a whole when they shot down the notion that their products and aggressive marketing practices have anything to do with rampant killing. Kilroy insisted that a firearm is an "inanimate object" that cannot accrue responsibility, while Daniel – whose

firm manufactured the inanimate object that slaughtered 19 school kids and two teachers in Uvalde – maintained that the blame must be assigned to the individual "murderers". In Daniel's view, "these murders are local problems that have to be solved locally". For her part, Maloney took the opportunity at the hearing to express her "hope [that] the American people are paying attention today", noting "it is clear that gun makers are not going to change unless Congress forces them to finally put people over profits". But were we Americans really paying attention, we would have noticed long ago that our country is entirely predicated on putting profits over people – from the corporate destruction of the environment to the manic incarceration of poor minorities to a healthcare system that is decidedly ill. This is not to mention US behaviour abroad, where the "war on terror" and other forms of military slaughter with US-made weapons have also produced many, um, "local problems". In her initial invitation to the three arms executives to testify before the House committee, incidentally, Maloney encouraged them to "explain to Congress and the American people why they continue to sell products to civilians that

are meant to be used in the battlefield". Which brings us to the following question: When the US converts the world into a battlefield, how do Americans know where to draw the line? More precisely put, it is not immensely shocking that a country that incalculates its citizenry with a macho, shoot-'em-up attitude vis-a-vis other human populations might end up with some, well, "murderers" on its hands – particularly when the domestic panorama is one of dystopian capitalism and acute alienation. As for the culpability of US gun manufacturers in scenes of armed sociopathy from Buffalo to Uvalde, there is no denying that the industry itself is morally depraved – and yet it is merely fulfilling a nefariously lucrative function made possible by general systemic depravity. The fundamental blame for mass shootings does not lie with the CEOs of Daniel Defense and Sturm Ruger – just as the blame for US-bound migrant deaths does not lie with oft-scapegoated human smugglers, whose reprehensible business is only made possible by America's brand of deadly capitalism and profit-driven border militarisation schemes. On July 29, two days after the House Committee on Oversight hearing, the US House voted to ban assault weapons.

What floods can't wash away

By Ghazi Salahuddin

There is something decrepit and old in rural Pakistan that the floods have not washed away. So, will it be any different when the waters that have drowned entire settlements in one-third of the country finally recede and the everyday existence of the people is gradually restored? What evidence we have is compelling: the social degradation and subjugation of the poor has remained intact through our repeated upheavals. The state of misery and deprivation that the present floods have brought to the surface is the same or even worse than the condition that had emerged during the 2010 floods. We do have a weakness of not being able to learn our lessons. That is how we did not take many preventive measures that could have reduced the impact and the pain of this unprecedented monsoon tragedy. But I am thinking more about the fragility and the state of the human rather than the physical infrastructure. Let us look at the snapshots that portray the state of rural society. Elected leaders and local landlords are obliged to be seen on the scene, in the midst of their constituents and, in a sense, their 'ryot'. Every such encounter underlines the gap between the

feudal lords and the 'wretched of the earth'. As if they live in separate worlds – which they do. In recent days, the magnitude of the disaster Pakistan is now suffering has excited global concern. It has become evident that this catastrophe has exceeded the damage that the floods of 2010 had wrought. And the havoc caused in 2010 was in itself monumental, the kind that would provoke the nation to learn many lessons. I remember spending much time in a large relief camp set up near Khairpur during those floods by an NGO with which my wife is associated. The state of those internally displaced persons, who came from a rather distant location, was pitiable. For example, there were children not going to schools. Women seemed to be totally marginalized. There were other attributes of a quality of deprivation that comes from a criminal lack of social development and a negation of social justice. Incidentally, one knew the leader who had been elected by these people and had seen the glimpses of the life he lived. The idea here is not to be specific about how a number of feudal lords have been negligent about the fundamental needs and rights of the

poor people who survive under their patronage. With whatever improvements that have been made in some sectors, the social subjugation of the poor has remained the same. The point I am making is that natural disasters tend to reveal the strengths and weaknesses of a society and test the capacity of a system to deal with the havoc that is created. At the same time, disasters provide an opportunity to rebuild many structures 'nearer to the heart's desire'. An already impoverished country like Pakistan has suffered an unbearable loss in a disaster that observers have noted is of biblical proportions. Very tough times are ahead and the political whirlwind that is rising will make it harder for the coalition government, also burdened with economic stringency, to manage this crisis. In this situation, inflation has hit the people like another storm. Food shortage in the near future is possible. There is also a threat of public disorder and widespread social unrest. Destitute people who seek food and shelter have the potential of disturbing the equilibrium of a society. One silver lining is that philanthropic organizations, civil society activists and

concerned citizens have come out in a big way to provide relief to flood victims. They are doing this with a passion that restores one's confidence in the social commitment of our people. This is one area, philanthropy, in which we excel. The official agencies are also in the field – and they bear a larger responsibility and have greater resources to rescue and protect the displaced families. Eventually, those who have suffered the most in rural settlements will need to be empowered with education and human dignity and a sense of freedom to live their lives as they wish. For too long have they suffered subjugation and exclusion and neglect, undermining our ability to deal with natural disasters and to confront other challenges to national cohesion. It would be expected that the massive dislocation that the floods have caused will also sow the seeds of social change. A dominant aspect of that change should be the mainstreaming of the marginalized and the emancipation of the suppressed sections of our society, mainly the women. And this has to be done across the entire spectrum of the body politic. But the focus on the agricultural communities and rural settlements is dictated by

the plight of those who have been affected by the floods. They are in such a state of misery that they hardly have any strength left to fight for their survival. The landowners – a part of the ruling elite that has usurped the wealth of this nation – have a vested interest in maintaining this relationship of social and democratic inequality. Talking about this feudal class, I am reminded of the apparently subversive views of a former country head of UNDP. I have previously quoted him from an interview that was published some years ago after his departure. Its heading was: 'Pakistani elite needs to decide whether or not they want a country'. The concluding paragraph of that interview said: 'I have visited some very large landowners who have exploited the land for centuries, paid nearly zero money for the water and how they almost sometimes hold people in bondage. And they come to the United Nations or other agencies and ask us to invest in water, sanitation, and education for the people in their district. I find that quite embarrassing'. Ah, but the capacity of our 'very large landowners' to be embarrassed is as limited as the lives of their constituents.

Selling lies

By Nick Licata

We are in an era of disinformation. That term is thrown around by all political persuasions to accuse their opponents of not being truthful. The systematic dissemination of disinformation, however, is more than just lying. It is a political strategy in a war to take control of public power. Its intended purpose is to create confusion, which leads to rejecting government institutions entrusted to deliberate over verifiable facts. There is a significant difference between lying about a particular action or product and a disinformation campaign to undermine public trust in a democratic republic. A classic example of the former is how the tobacco industry lied or created doubt about scientific findings that demonstrated that smoking caused lung and cardiac diseases. Up to the mid-Fifties, the tobacco industry had succeeded in elevating smoking to be one of the most popular, successful, and widely used items of the early 20th century. In response to the mounting evidence that smoking cigarettes damaged one's health, the tobacco industry hired the nation's lead-

ing public relations firm. The industry followed the consultant's advice and focused its efforts on disrupting the usual processes of knowledge production in medicine, science, and public health. Consequently, the leading tobacco companies embraced the scientific discourse that assumes there is always more to know. The tobacco industry's strategy was to exaggerate that principle in order to spread doubt and uncertainty about the known facts. The tobacco industry's campaign did not attack the validity of scientific institutions to analyze the facts; instead, they accused scientists of not wanting to find the correct data. Eventually, the tobacco industry lost its battle by paying over \$206 billion through a court settlement. However, that punishment was only achievable because it was delivered by an independent court system that fairly weighed the facts. Borrowing a page from the tobacco playbook, Donald Trump has not directly attacked the concept of democracy; instead, he undermines the credibility of democratic institutions by accusing them of not treating him and his supporters fairly. For example, he

attacked Congress for not throwing out Biden's electoral votes, and he condemned the courts for their tossing out his 60 cases challenging the outcome of the election. His repeated message was that the election was rigged. All politicians and political parties can be justly accused of lying from time to time about their accomplishments or their intent to accomplish things they have no power to do. However, past efforts from major political players have stayed within a sandbox of playing with democratic institutions. Trump stepped outside that sandbox on the night of the 2022 presidential election when he tweeted, "This election is a total sham and a travesty. We are not a democracy!" He mistakenly thought that Obama had won the election without the majority popular vote. Four years later, Trump won his presidential election without winning the popular vote, but he didn't mention that fact. Instead, when the polls indicated that he might lose the 2016 election to Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton, he claimed it would have been rigged if she had won. Then, if

Sindh govt issues 56,000 mt. tn subsidized wheat quota to flour mills

KARACHI: Sindh govt, in a bid to control skyrocketing flour prices, provided flour mills with 56,000 metric tonnes of wheat.

The wheat has been provided at a subsidized rate of Rs58.25 per kg. Flour mills have been provided with 2400, 100 kg bags of wheat. The quota would be issued completely until September 30.

However, the subsidized quota would not be provided to mills that

plea-bargained with the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and mills that are shut.

The release of the wheat quota would result in lowering the flour prices in the open market. Wheat has already dropped by Rs10 per kg in the open market and is selling at Rs80 per kg.

Flour mills in Karachi have been provided with 22,400 metric tonnes of subsidized wheat, taking the retail price of

flour down from Rs125 to Rs105.

Other districts such as Shaheed Benazirabad, Larkana and Sukkur have also been provided with their quota. The provision of the quotas to flour mills would result in a dropped flour price.

The Sindh government started releasing the quota to flour mills across the province in a bid to stabilize flour prices on September 23. INP



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Rana Tanveer Hussain talking to vice Admiral Naveed Ashraf (H) Deputy Chief of Naval Staff who called on him. Parliamentary Secretary Education Zab Jaffer also present.

ECP again summons Imran Khan in contempt case

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has again summoned former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan, Asad Umar and Fawad Chaudhry in contempt of court proceedings on October 11.

On August 19, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) issued a contempt notice to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan, Asad Umar, and Fawad Chaudhry.

Khan was asked to appear before ECP in a contempt case after his reply was termed "unsatisfactory".

A four-member bench of ECP headed by Sindh member Nisar Durrani heard the case. PTI's counsel Faisal Chaudhry appeared before the commis-

sion.

In his arguments, Chaudhry said LHC has suspended the showcause notice of the ECP and it would be better to wait until the high court's decision.

He said Imran Khan respects all constitutional institutions including the Election Commission of Pakistan. ECP's member from KP said to Faisal Chaudhry that your client remained prime minister of Pakistan and respecting the state's organs is his duty.

Chaudhry said there is a lack of confidence with the ECP and he pleaded with the electoral body to give another date of the case as the LHC will hear the matter on September 29.

Later, the court adjourned the hearing of the case until

October 11 and directed Imran Khan, Asad Umar and Fawad Chaudhry to appear in-person.

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Rebuilding of flood-hit schools needed on war footing: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: The recent floods have destroyed about 19,000 schools in Pakistan that need to be rebuilt on a war footing to thwart the dropout of thousands of children, WealthPK reports.

The unprecedented monsoon rains and floods caused huge losses to different sectors in the country. The heavy rains were estimated 67% above the normal level. Due to the destruction of houses, 5,500 schools are being used as shelters by the flood victims.

Experts said that the government should establish more temporary learning centres (TLC) and alternate learning modalities throughout the country to save the precious time of students.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Education told WealthPK that the disastrous floods destroyed the education infrastructure very badly. He said that according to provincial education departments, nearly 670,000 students were affected in the country due to the destruction of schools by floods.

Sindh has been affected badly by the floods as nearly 16,000 schools have been completely destroyed in the province.

Nearly 600 schools have been damaged in Balochistan and 1,180, schools have been affected in Punjab while 1,090 educational institutions have been damaged in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by floods.

Many schools in different areas of the country are still marooned in the floodwater and can't be made functional.

"Thousands of students, who had been preparing for the start of the academic year, have found their schools completely submerged with books, blackboards, chairs and tables floating in the water. In the three provinces of the country, 15 universities are still stranded in the water and are unable to continue educational activities," said the spokesperson.

He said that the recent floods left almost 40% of Pakistan's landmass submerged and displaced about 33 million people. Besides claiming thousands of precious lives and causing huge economic losses, the floods have left the country's fragile education system in tatters.

"According to a survey conducted by all district education officers, a total of 1,121 rooms, 264 washrooms, 188 bound-

ary walls, 24 examination halls and 20 offices have been damaged by heavy rainfall and floods in Balochistan," he said.

He said that 30 temporary learning centres (TLC) were established in the Pishin district of Balochistan for 3,600 students. One TLC has been established in Lasbela for 100 children. Education supplies for 35,000 children have already been assigned to Sindh and Punjab.

"Universities have taken some swift measures such as deferring collection of tuition fees for students in flood-hit areas. But universities have also been called upon to play a bigger role by taking part in relief activities and in long-term planning to avert such floods in the future," the spokesperson for the Ministry of Education told WealthPK.

In a statement, Higher Education Commission (HEC) Chairman Mukhtar Ahmed said that the collection of dues from students in flood-affected areas was stopped immediately and deferred for some time.

He stressed the need for following public-private partnership models and developing and implementing INP

Imran Khan's bail extended in Section 144 violation case

ISLAMABAD: An Islamabad district and sessions court has extended interim bail of former prime minister and PTI chief Imran Khan in a case pertaining to the violation of Section 144 in Islamabad during the party's rally on August 20.

The PTI chairman and other PTI leaders were booked in the Aabpara police station.

Dr Babar Awan, the lawyer of Imran Khan appeared before the court and sought exemption from court appearance for his client.

The investigation officer of the case along with the record also appeared before the district and sessions court. Imran Khan is currently in Lahore, therefore he cannot appear before court, Babar Awan said and pleaded with the court to extend interim bail of the PTI chairman. Later, the court extended interim bail of Imran Khan until October 13. INP

CSS screening test: court reserves judgement on date extension plea

KARACHI: Sindh High Court (SHC) on Tuesday reserved its judgement on the date extension plea for the screening test of Central Superior Services (CSS).

According to the details, the SHC heard the plea for an extension in the application date for the screening test of the CSS exam.

Advocate Kunwar Raj Ali Wahid argued that many candidates could not apply for the screening test due to heavy rainfall and flooding in the province. The date for the application should be extended, he added.

Previously, the last date for application was August 24, 2022. INP

Rupee continues sharp recovery against us dollar

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee on Tuesday extended its recovery against the US Dollar, appreciating by Rs3.30 in the interbank.

According to the forex dealers, the local currency gained Rs3.31 against the US dollar in the interbank market. Currently, the dollar is being sold at Rs234.31 by the banks, while the same is being sold at Rs234 to 236 in the open market. It may be noted that on Sunday, Miftah Ismail resigned as the finance minister and the PML-N huddle held in London. INP



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari presenting shiled to Xavier Castellanos Mosquera, Under-Secretary-General for National Society Development and Operations Coordination, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) during visit.

72-member cabinet case: Court expresses displeasure with Sh Rashid

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) Tuesday expressed displeasure over a political petition filed by former interior minister Sheikh Rashid, saying an exemplary fine will be imposed if such a silly matter is taken to court again.

Challenging the appointment of 72 cabinet members in the IHC, Sheikh Rashid contended that it is a violation of Article 92(1) of the Constitution.

The petition stated that the cabinet of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif includes 72 members, which include 34 federal ministers, seven state ministers, four advisers and 27 special assistants.

He had requested the court to set aside the appointments of the PM's aides that exceeds the prescribed limit. IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah took up the matter today

(Tuesday) and reprimanded the petitioner for "disrespecting" parliament, saying such a mindset has damaged the forum.

At this, Sheikh Rashid's counsel said that they have no other forum for this other than the IHC. "Too much disrespect of the Parliament has taken place and such a petition should not be filed again with the court."

The IHC chief justice remarked that elected representatives are in parliament and the court will not interfere in its affairs.

"Did the petitioner publish the list of special assistants and advisers when he was in the government?" he asked. IHC CJ Minallah asked Sheikh Rashid whether he ever visited Adiala Jail when he was the interior minister. "You have no idea what's happening there."

"Sheikh sahab, we respect you and do not

demean parliament," the IHC CJ said, adding that the court respects parliament as well and does not interfere in the executive's matters.

"You can come to us if your basic rights are affected, but not like this." The IHC CJ stated that this is a baseless petition and the court could have imposed a fine but showed restraint this time.

IHC CJ Minallah advised Sheikh Rashid to return to parliament and fight his case as it is the biggest forum.

"Parliament makes the government accountable why are you dragging court in this? We respect you and keep court away from political issues," he said.

To this, the former minister requested to withdraw the petition. However, the IHC CJ responded that an order will be issued over it. INP

Chinese agriculture company to donate hybrid rice seeds to Pakistan

BEIJING: "To support Pakistan in its fight against the floods, we will donate some seeds of hybrid rice to Pakistani farmers. We will also send more technicians to the country to support post-flood reconstruction", said Mr. Zhou Xusheng, Director of Pakistan Business Department, Wuhan Qingfa Hesheng Seed Co., Ltd. a Chinese developer and provider of hybrid seeds, in an interview with China Economic Net (CEN).

The company has been providing hybrid seeds of rice, canola and vegetables to Pakistan for nearly twenty years. In particular, it registered the first hybrid rice variety - QY0413 in the history of Pakistan.

According to Mr. Zhou, North Sindh, home to 60% of the hybrid rice in Pakistan, is one of the worst-hit areas in the floods. It is expected that the export of rice, which is an important means for Pakistan to earn foreign exchange, will suffer greatly.

"It may take three years for the rice production and export in Pakistan to recover", Mr. Zhou added. "By sending more technicians to the rural areas, we aim to improve the effective use of fertilizers and pesticides to achieve maximize production with minimum cost", he said. As extreme weather conditions have become more frequent, the company has laid out a blueprint to minimize losses from natural disasters. INP

Audio leaks: PM House, Secretariat staff made part of investigation

ISLAMABAD: The Investigative team established on the matter of audio leaks extended the investigation to the staff of the Prime Minister's House and the Secretariat on Tuesday.

According to the sources, the staff of the Prime Minister's House and the Secretariat were also investigated pertaining to the probe launched over the secret recording at the Prime Minister's House and important places.

Furthermore, the movement of personnel of the PM's House and Secretariat has also been restricted.

On the other hand, the meeting of the National Security Committee will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) in which the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) will give a briefing on the investigation of the matter. In the investigation, a decision will be made on whether the security of the PM's House was breached or not. According to the sources, the staff of the Prime Minister's House and the Secretariat were also investigated pertaining to the probe launched over the secret recording at the Prime Minister's House and important places. INP



ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister Ata Tarar addressing a press conference.

Economic diplomacy important as world entered geo-economic phase: ICCI President

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari on Tuesday said that the world had entered the geo-economic phase and economic diplomacy was very important in international relations.

While addressing a dinner reception hosted by the ICCI in honor of foreign diplomats and business community here, he said that in this modern age of economic wars, the smooth growth of trade and investment played a very important role in the development and prosperity of a country.

Ahsan said that this goal could be achieved in a better way by setting up new industrial estates and special economic zones, rationalizing the taxation system, facilitating the promotion of exports, and integrating the economy of Pakistan with the global economic hubs.

The promotion of business, trade and investment activities in a country ensured economic stability, he added.

Therefore, he said, it was vital for Pakistan to maintain and promote cordial relations with the international world in order to explore new avenues of trade and investment promotion.

He said that this gathering was a right step in the direction of developing close cooperation of their business community with the diplomatic community.

The ICCI president said that the country was

currently facing great economic challenges due to which the businesses were also facing significant problems.

"We believe that the best way for Pakistan to overcome these economic challenges is to further enhance trade relations with other countries" he said.

He said the business and industrial sectors were the backbone of economy.

"We believe that Pakistan would achieve

better growth when our businesses and industries flourish," he added.

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First phase of Rashakai Economic Zone to be completed in December: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: The first phase of the development of Rashakai Economic Zone has entered its final stages and will be completed in December, said a senior official.

While talking to WealthPK, Ahsan Laiq, Acting Manager at Rashakai Estate Office, said work on the first phase started in 2021 and has now entered the final stages of its completion.

"Development work on Rashakai Economic Zone was divided into three phases. The first phase involved developing 350 acres of the total 1,000 acres of land allotted for

the zone," he said.

In the first phase, infrastructure was to be developed. Infrastructure development represents the most important step in the development of any economic zone, because it is the hard structure essential for the initiation of economic activity.

"Almost 90% of the electricity grid has been completed. The total allocation of electricity to Rashakai Economic Zone is 10MW. Power pylons have also been erected for distribution of electricity throughout the zone. The final connection of poles through

electricity wires will be completed before December," he said.

Ahsan said a sewerage network has also been laid down in the economic zone. He said the main road of the Rashakai Economic Zone has also been laid down completely.

"Here instead of charcoal black-top variant, concrete roads have been laid down. Due to industrial activity, there will be a lot of heavy traffic with trucks full of goods moving around. Normal roads do not have the capacity to handle such heavy traffic. Therefore, concrete roads have been laid

down to prevent the deterioration of infrastructure in the future," Ahsan said.

To provide convenience to investors, a reception building at the entrance of the zone has also been completed. It will get operational before the end of this year. A private bank has also started functioning there to serve the incoming investors. The bank and the reception are housed in the administration building which will be responsible to manage the whole economic zone. The administration building is also complete.

"Some big names

have already lined up to start operation in Rashakai Economic Zone. They include Century Steel from China, Pakistan Oxygen and Dawn Bread," he said.

In addition to these big names, he said, a few small ones have already started their operations in Rashakai Economic Zone.

Ahsan said Rashakai Economic Zone has been marketed in various events in Beijing and also in Pakistan so that investors can get knowledge about the development opportunities there. INP

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Imran can't evade punishment by blaming constitutional institutions: Sherry

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman on Tuesday said PTI Chairman Imran Khan could not evade punishment in Toshakhana Disqualification Reference by leveling blames against constitutional institutions.

The minister in a tweet responded to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman's statement. Sherry Rehman said, "The PTI is persistently targeting the Election Commission of Pakistan after the Toshakhana Disqualification Reference. The PTI leaders including Imran Khan continued to raise questions on the jurisdiction of the constitutional institution."

She added that the PTI Chief had now turned to be an astrologer and predicting about the audio leak issue. The minister alleged that the PTI leadership was trying to avoid punishment by making the institution controversial.

"Imran Khan is clearly guilty in Toshakhana disqualification case. If other political leaders continue to suffer punishment in similar cases, is Imran Khan above the law and institutions?" Sherry Rehman queried. The minister emphasised that law should be one for all.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif addressing a press conference at Prime Minister house.

Jamshed Dasti arrested in Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI: Police on Tuesday arrested former Member National Assembly (MNA) and chairman Awami Raj Party Jamshed Ahmed Dasti from Rawalpindi over dishonesty, ARY News reported.

According to sources, Jamshed Dasti was absconder in a case of dishonesty. There was a case against Jamshed Dasti on the complaint of Truck Drivers' Association for not returning Rs3.8 million.

Dasti was arrested after he checked in a hotel in Rawalpindi, the sources said.

Sources further informed that Jamshed Dasti would be handed over to the Muzaffargarh Police.

Pakistan reports 39 coronavirus cases, no death in 24 hours

LAHORE: Pakistan has reported no death in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of confirmed positive cases has surged to 1,572,410. The nationwide tally of fatalities stands at 30,612 on Tuesday.

According to the latest figures by the National Institute of Health (NIH), at least 39 persons were tested positive for COVID-19 across the country in the past 24 hours.

Pakistan has conducted 8,634 tests in the past 24 hours out of which 39 persons were tested positive for the disease. The COVID Positivity Ratio was recorded at 0.45 percent. INP

Sara Inam case: unlicensed Kalashnikov recovered from Shahnawaz

ISLAMABAD: Police on Tuesday recovered an unlicensed Kalashnikov from the custody of Ayaz Amir's son Shahnawaz in the murder case of Sara Inam.

Last week, Shahnawaz Amir murdered his wife Sara by hitting a dumb-bell on her head. He claimed that he killed her in self-defense.

According to police, a handbag of deceased Sara Inam has been recovered from the residence of Shahnawaz in Chak Shahzad, Islamabad.

UAE Dirhams, US dollars debit and credit cards have been found in the purse of the deceased. Apart from this, the Mercedes car has also been recovered by the police team during a search operation in Shahnawaz's House. The police have failed in recovering the passport and cellphone of Sara Inam, so far. The police also found unlicensed Kalashnikov from the possession of Shahnawaz, the main suspect in Sara Inam case. After recovery of the weapon, Shahnawaz Amir has been booked in a separate case at PS Shahzad Town. INP

Dengue wreaks havoc as cases rise in Islamabad, Rawalpindi and Karachi

ISLAMABAD: Dengue epidemic has gripped the country as cases rise in major cities including the federal capital Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Karachi and multiple cities of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

According to District Health Officer (DHO) Islamabad, as many as 81 dengue cases were reported in the federal capital during the past 24 hours, taking the total number of infections to 2,072 in the current season. While six people have lost their lives to dengue in Islamabad, he added. According to a report issued by KP Directorate General Health Services, the death toll due to dengue fever in the province stands at nine. The province has so far reported 5,315 dengue hemorrhagic fever cases in the current season. While 333 new cases were reported in KP in the last 24 hours. While the economic capital of the country Karachi reported 330 new cases in the last 24 hours, taking the monthly toll to 4,991. A total of 32 people have lost their lives to viral infection in the provincial capital. However, Rawalpindi reported 164 new cases in the last 24 hours taking the toll to 1964. INP

Govt to take action against protesters who harassed Marriyum Aurangzeb

ISLAMABAD: Interior Ministry on Tuesday received data of 14 Pakistani who were involved in the harassment of Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb in London.

Earlier, the PML-N decided to pursue legal action against the Pakistanis who were involved in the harassment of Marriyum Aurangzeb when she was visiting a coffee shop in London.

The decision was taken in a consultative session of the ruling political party.

Interior ministry has decided to suspend the character certificates of Pakistanis released from Islamabad.

Meanwhile, the interior ministry is also mulling over suspending National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis (NICOP) and passports of the people involved in the act.

Earlier, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb had been heckled by overseas Pakistanis in central London when she reached a coffee shop.

A video surfaced on social media that showed a group of overseas Pakistanis surrounding Marriyum Aurangzeb in central London.

The overseas nationals criticised the information minister for paying foreign visits amid flood devastation across Pakistan.

It showed that Aurangzeb did not react to the overseas nationals' protest and kept making herself busy on her mobile phone.

Special Assistant to Prime Minister Attaullah Tarar condemned the incident and said that application will be submitted against the people who misbehaved. INP

India urged to mind 'inter-state norms' while commenting on Pak-US bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Tuesday urged India to refrain from commenting on the bilateral ties between the United States, stressing to respect basic norms of inter-state relations.

"India needs serious introspection of its diplomatic conduct," Foreign Office Spokesperson Asim Iftikhar said in response to media queries about unwarranted remarks by the Indian Minister for External Affairs.

Indian Minister for External Affairs S. Jaishankar had raised questions over the "merits" of the US-Pakistan relationship,

saying that Washington's ties with Islamabad had not served the "American interest".

The FO Spokesperson said Pakistan had longstanding and broad-based relationship with the United States, which had been vital in promoting peace, security and stability in the region.

"In recent months Pakistan-US relations have become robust and multidimensional, further deepening people-to-people and bilateral ties," he said. He said both countries were constructively engaged to maintain regional peace and security. INP

Water drops to 'below low flood' in Indus River at Kotri

LAHORE: The water level in Indus River has dropped below the low flood category at Kotri Barrage, according to the water record shared by the Flood Forecasting Division on Tuesday.

The water level in the river in upstream barrages on Indus has already dropped to normal flow.

Water inflow at Kotri Barrage measured 1,97,700 cusecs and outflow has been 1,66,900 cusecs. Floodwater level has dropped in several areas of Kotri, which were submerged owing to high flood in the river. People evacuated from the area have returned to their homes as the water level has dropped in the river. Twin menace of flash floods unleashed by unprecedented monsoon rainfall in Sindh and Balochistan, and flooding in Indus River has damaged crops and thousands of mud houses in the area. A huge lake has been created by the rainwater standing across a

very large area in Sindh, displacing millions of people in the province. As the flooding in Indus River going down, the rainwater standing in the submerged area getting passage to discharge into the river.

The water inflow in river at Guddu Barrage has been 60,300 cusecs and outflow of water 43,500 cusecs. The water inflow in river at Sukkur Barrage has been measured 56,700 cusecs and outflow 48,500 cusecs.

Indus River has been normal at Tarbela reservoir with water inflow 73,000 cusecs and outflow 76,500 cusecs. The water inflow in Indus at Jinnah Barrage Kalabagh has been 91,800 cusecs and outflow of water 83,800 cusecs.

The water inflow in river at Chashma has been measured 108,100 cusecs and outflow 87,400 cusecs. The water inflow in Indus at Taunsa Barrage has been 81,500 cusecs and outflow of water 61,100 cusecs. INP



TOKYO: Federal Minister for energy Khurram Dastgir Khan met State Minister Nakatani at Japanese Ministry of Economy Trade & Industry.

However, Imran Khan wanted a separate law and system for himself in which he was above everything. "Every citizen is accountable to the law and constitution, so why not Imran Khan?" She alleged that Imran Khan was first running away from probe and now was trying to run away from punishment.

"You cannot escape punishment by blaming institutions. Escape plans by blaming institutions will fail," Sherry Rehman said.

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Pakistan, India both US partners with different points of emphasis: State Dept

WASHINGTON: India and Pakistan are both partners of the US with different points of emphasis, the Biden administration said Monday, a day after visiting External Affairs Minister Jaishankar questioned the rationale behind the latest American F-16 security assistance to Islamabad.

This was stated by US State Department Spokesperson Ned Price during the State Department's press briefing.

He was responding to a reporter's question regarding the comment made by Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanya Jaishankar asking the US to review its relations with Pakistan and criticized the Biden administration for authorizing \$450 million for the F-16 program.

Jaishankar had said everybody knows where and against whom F-16 fighter jets are used. "You're not fooling anybody by saying these things," he said in response to a question during an interaction with Indian-Americans.

"We don't view our relationship with Pakistan, and on the other hand, we don't view our relationship with India as in relation to one another. These are both partners of ours with different points of emphasis in each," Ned Price told reporters at his daily news briefing. "We look to both as partners, because we do have in many cases shared values. We do have in many cases shared interests. And the relationship we have with India stands on its own. The relationship we have with Pakistan stands on its own," he said.

Earlier this month, the Biden administration approved a \$450 million F-16 fighter jet fleet sustainment programme to Pakistan, reversing the decision of the previous Trump administration to

suspend military aid to Islamabad for providing safe havens for the Afghan Taliban and the Haqqani network.

"We also want to do everything we can to see to it that these neighbours have relations with one another that are as constructive as can be possible. So that's another point of emphasis," Price said in response to a question.

Responding to another question if Pakistan aided the Taliban in a way that allowed them to come into Kabul, Price said, "it was not in Pakistan's interest to see instability and violence in Afghanistan. It is not in Pakistan's interest to see instability and violence in Afghanistan."

"The support for the people of Afghanistan is something we discuss regularly with our Pakistani partners, our efforts to improve the lives and livelihoods and humanitarian conditions of the Afghan people, and to see to it that the Taliban live up to the commitments that they have made," he added.

Pakistan is implicated in many of these same commitments: the counterterrorism commitments, commitments to safe passage, commitments to the citizens of Afghanistan, Price said. "The unwillingness or the inability on the part of the Taliban to live up to these commitments would have significant implications for Pakistan as well. So, for that reason, we do share a number of interests with Pakistan regarding its neighbour," Price said.

The United States, he noted, has been intently focused on the devastation that has resulted in the loss of life resulting from the torrential floods that have devastated large areas of Pakistan. "We have provided tens of millions of dollars in relief for these floods. INP

PN, PAF continue relief and rescue efforts

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Navy established 04 x Flood Relief centers and 18 x Central Collection Points all across the country. These collection centers have distributed 1,805 Tons ration, 6,503 x tents & 730,763 liter mineral water in various districts.

In addition, 22 x tent cities have also been established where 25,673 Personnel have been accommodated. Moreover, PN's 23 x Emergency Response teams (ERTs) deployed all over Pakistan have rescued 15,568 x stranded personnel.

Pakistan Air Force has provided 6583 Tents, 570,341 Food packages, 3453.26 Tons of ration, 287,183 liter fresh water, for the flood affectees. Moreover, PAF has established 46 Medical Camps where 72,228 patients have been treated so far. 20 Tent cities accommodating 19807 people, 54 relief camps and 03 central Aviation Hubs all across the country have also been established. PAF also carried out 262 sorties and evacuated 1521 people from the flood affected areas. INP

Court acquits Ayaz Amir in Sara Inam murder case

ISLAMABAD: District Session Court Islamabad acquitted journalist Ayaz Amir in the murder case of his daughter-in-law Sara Inam by his Shah Nawaz Amir.

There is no evidence about Ayaz Amir's involvement in the murder, the judge said.

The police demanded five-day custody of Ayaz Amir to further investigate the murder. While his lawyer argued that the police has not yet provided a legitimate reason for arresting his client.

However, the government lawyer said that Shah Nawaz called Ayaz on WhatsApp after he murdered his wife Sara. Ayaz has been named in the case by Sara's uncle, who is in Pakistan, he argued. Sara's parents have adequate proof against Ayaz, he argued. However, Ayaz Amir's lawyer argued that can section 109 be applied if a son contacts his father after killing someone. Would the police book everyone who was in touch. INP

Over 205,000 tons of wheat seeds required to tackle needs of flood hit farmers: NA body told

ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research on Tuesday was informed that over 205,000 tons of wheat seeds would be required to tackle with the needs of the farmers of flood affected areas in the country. The committee which met here with Member National Assembly (MNA) Rao Muhammad Ajmal Khan in chair, discussed the matters relating to revival of agriculture sector and overcoming the devastation caused due to recent flash floods and torrential rains. The meeting also deliberated on the arrangements so far made for the sowing of Rabi crops, particularly cultivation of wheat in flood hit areas in the country as wheat was the major cash crop and vital source to fulfill the dietary

needs of local population. Meanwhile, senior officials of Ministry of National Food Security and Research briefed the committee about the arrangements made for wheat sowing in flood hit areas in the country and other steps which were being taken to revive local agriculture sector after devastation of flash floods and torrential rains. It was further informed that government was preparing a special package of incentives for wheat growers of flood hit areas to restore and revive the agriculture in these areas, adding that the package would have special focus on enhancing area under wheat cultivation. Besides, it was also proposed to provide one bag per-acre DAP to farmers of the affected areas as an amount of Rs80 billion would be required to execute. INP



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadov speaks during a press conference at embassy of Azerbaijan.

China to help rebuild flood affected Pakistanis homes: Wang Wenbin

BEIJING: China will continue to do utmost efforts to help rebuild homes of Pakistan flood affected people, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Wang Wenbin said on Tuesday.

"Since floods hit, as Pakistan's friend and brother in time of need, China has rushed to Pakistan's aid."

The Chinese government has provided RMB 400 million worth of humanitarian assistance while China's civil society has also lend a helping hand, he said during his regular briefing held at the International Press Center (IPC).

The spokesperson remarked that China and Pakistan have had fruitful economic and financial cooperation. The Pakistani people know it best.

He said that instead of passing unwarranted criticism against China-Pakistan cooperation, something real

and beneficial should be done for the people of Pakistan.

Responding to a question about a joint statement delivered by Pakistan on behalf of nearly 70 countries at the 51st session of the Human Rights Council, expressing support for China's position on issues related to Xinjiang, Hong Kong and Tibet, he said that some countries used so called human rights issue against China but have failed time and again.

"The overwhelming majority of the international community have long been clear eyed about this," he added.

He said that China has unwavering resolve to uphold national sovereignty, security and development interests and the criticism would not stop its journey towards development and progress. INP

NA speaker emphasis to explore Pak-Kazakh economic potential

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf on Tuesday emphasized the need to explore immense economic potential between Pakistan and Kazakhstan.

The Speaker shared the remarks in a meeting with Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan Yerzhan Kistafin who called on him here.

The matters related to enhancing trade, relaxing visa policy, expanding parliamentary cooperation and support for National Assembly (NA) call for global funds through Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to combat climate catastrophe were discussed in the meeting.

Speaker while welcoming Ambassador remarked that Pakistan attaches great significance to its ties with Kazakhstan, a key Central Asian country which share mutual vision of regional cooperation. He said that parliamentary diplomacy could play a vibrant role in expanding mutual cooperation, adding he said parliamentarians on both sides can promote existing bilat-

eral ties through a mutual contact.

He mentioned that Pak-Kazakh Friendship Group in NA is actively working to expand relations between parliaments of both the countries.

He added that business communities of both countries should promote trade and investment by exploring investment opportunities to further improve trade relations.

Speaker highlighted that Pakistan was witnessing unprecedented climate challenges and to combat this colossal challenge NA has moved an emergency item for 145th IPU Assembly in Rwanda from Oct. 11-15, 2022.

He added that letter & resolution on the same had been sent to Chairman with a request to support Pakistan's stance in forthcoming conference. He also shared letter and resolution with Ambassador.

Ambassador while appreciating Speaker for warm reception expressed solidarity for flood affectees and shared condolence letter on the same from Chair of the Mazhilis. INP