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QUETTA: Jamiat ul Ulema e Islam (JUI) rejected the invitation of Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Quddus Bizenjo for joining the provincial government. This was announced by JUI F Balochistan Amir, Maulana Abdul Wasey while addressing a press conference on Monday evening.

Opposition leader in Balochistan Assembly, Malik Sikandar Advocate and other party leaders were also present on

Assembly, Malik Sikandar Advocate and other party leaders were also present on the occasion. "We have decided in principle to reject CM Balochistan's offer", Maulana Abdul Wasey told a crowded press conference.

He said the Chief Minister was not giving portfolios as per the presence and support of the religious party in the Balochistan Assembly. "JUI F will not make any compromise over governance", he said. From now onward, we will intensify our campaign against bad will intensify our campaign against bad governance in Balochistan, the Maulana

Maulana Wasey said his lawmakers



has taken place soon after JUI (F) announced that they will not join the

announced that they will not join the Balochistan government.

The two groups parted ways when during Jam Kamal's govt Budget session when a JUI F MPA was injured by a police vehicle at the gate of the provincial assembly. Soon, after this incident, the JUI (F) joined Abdul Quddus Bizenjo and played a key role in a successful No-Confidence motion against Jam Kamal Khan, the former CM of Balochistan.

The IUI Provincial Ameer and Former

The JUI Provincial Ameer and Former CM met up soon after JUI's rejection of joining the provincial government has created many questions in the minds of the public. Both groups termed this meetup as a reconciliatory or sudden one and hesitated to answer the question of another No-Confidence motion against

However, Molana commented that some BNP lawmakers have reached the bedroom of Quddus Bizenjo. We will play role of a strong opposition and try to correct the shortcomings of govt, Molana Wasey added.



would raise voices against what he called the sale of government jobs and develop-ment projects in the province. "Our party would not be silent now", the Maulana

warned
This announcement on behalf of the religious party has come two weeks after CM Bizenjo invited JUI to join the government. Mr. Bizenjo and Maulana Wasey held four meetings to reach a consensus with regard to the implementation of the charter of demand given by the religious party for joining the government. However, no breakthrough was made in the negotiations.

Ice melted between Former CM Balochistan Jam Kamal and JUI (F) law-makers on Monday. The former Chief Minister Balochistan Jam Kamal went to the home of Molana Wasey, the Provincial Ameer of JUI (F) and met





ISLAMKOT: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif offering dua after inaugurating Commercial Operations of Phase-II of Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC) during his visit to Thar Coal Mines Block-II, Islamkot.

IED blast kills 2 people in Kalat **Balochistan**

Abdullah Lehri

KALAT: On Monday morning, at least two people were killed in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast in Balochistan's Kalat district Levies sources said the incident happened in the Johan area of Kalat.

Levies said a vehicle carrying relief goods for flood affectees hit a landmine, which exploded with a big bang. Two people were killed on the spot. Levies personnel reached the site and shifted the dead bodies to the

district headquarters hospital Kalat. Levies reached the Johan area where the bomb exploded and launched an investigation into the incident. Home Minister Balochistan, Mir Ziaullah Langove strongly condemned the terrorist incident and directed the deputy commissioner Kalat to submit a report. In a statement issued here on Monday afternoon, Mr. Langove stated that the perpetrators of the blast would be brought to justice and they would not



Landsliding kills a coal miner in Zardalu Harnai

Landsliding killed a coal iner in Balochistan's Harnai district on Monday morning. Levies sources said the coal miner was working deep inside the

fied as Irfanullah, a resident of Shangla Swat. Rescue workers shifted the dead body to district headquarters

him. Rescue workers tal administration handed retrieved the spot and retrieved the body from mine. The victim was identidures Poor safety conditions have claimed thousands of precious human lives in coal



Balochistan has great potential to produce organic cotton: Speakers

News Desk

QUETTA: To mark World otton Day, WWF-Pakistan's Cotton Day, WWF-Pakistan's Organic Cotton Programme, in collaboration with the Agriculture Extension Department (AED), organized a seminar on "Organic Cotton Production in Balochistan" at the auditorium of the University of Balochistan, Quetta. More than 80 people from different walks of including representatives of textile groups, senior professionals from the agricultural field, and other government departments, academia and researchers, students, civil society, and farmers' representatives participated in the seminar. Mr. Inam-ul-haq, Director General Balochistan Agriculture Research Institute was the chief guest on the occasion, while the honorable Vice Chancellor, University of Balochistan Dr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman and Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Syed Ainuddin also graced the event with their pres-

Vice Chancellor Balochistan University, Dr. Shafiq ur Rehman addressing the seminar "In developed societies, people are more conscious about their food and apparel and the demand

food and apparel and the demand for organic cotton and sustainable products is on the rise' Hafiz Mohammad Bakhsh,

Programme WWF-Pakistan, gave an overview of WWF-Pakistan's organic cotton initiatives Balochistan. He thoroughly briefed the participants on the organic cotton production system while emphasizing its positive impact on the environment, farmers' livelihood, and the national economy. He stated that "In developed societies, people are more conscious about their food and apparel and the demand for organic cotton and sustainable products is on the rise. The province of Balochistan has great potential – due to its climate and vast areas of virgin land – for the cultivation and promotion of

Dr. Habibullah Shah, Deputy Director Agriculture Department and the focal person for the Organic Cotton Programme highlighted the scope, potential, and challenges being faced in promoting organic cotton in Balochiston. ing organic cotton in Balochistan. He further said that "AED is a nat-ural partner of WWF-Pakistan and farming communities in upscaling organic cultivation of cotton in the province, strengthening its supply chain and exploring new opportu-

nities".

Dr. Arif Shah Kakar, renowned entomologist from the Agriculture Department, explained in his presentation that organic farming pro-motes biodiversity and benefits the ecosystem as it discourages the use

and application of GMOs, synthetic pesticides, and fertilizers, which are hazardous for human health and our environment. Sustainable farming methods are applied in organic cotton cultivation with less water required for irrigation, he added.

Crop diseases, low soil fertility

and productivity issues need to be resolved: DG ARI

Mr. Inam-ul-haq, Director of General Agriculture Research Institute Balochistan thanked WWF-Pakistan and the AED for organizing such an important event in Quetta and emphasized the need for engaging research institutions for innovative solutions to manage problems and issues such as crop diseases, low soil fertility, and pro-ductivity, water scarcity and many

Dr. Shafiq-ur-rehman, Vice-Chancellor University of Balochistan said that; as evidenced by the recent floods, Pakistan has been facing the worst conse-quences of climate change, and we must revert back to sustainable practices in agriculture and other sectors to withstand and minimize the disastrous effects of climate change. Promoting organic agri-culture could be one feasible and effective solution to most of the climate change-related issues being faced by the country.

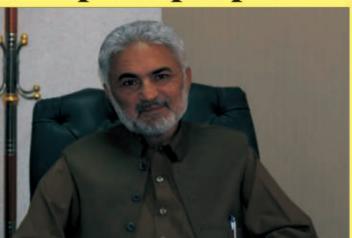
Social Welfare Balochistan determined to assist helpless people: Kakar

News Desk

The Secretary of the Social Welfare Department Balochistan, Latif Kakar stated the department is fully committed, determined, and engaged in addressing and resolving the problems of vulnerable, mar-ginalized, and voiceless people of the Province through an institutionalized mechanism

The focused classes of vulnerable, marginalized, and voiceless peo-ple consist of children, persons with disabilities, drug addicts, old age /elderly people, ill population, trans genders, poverties stricken people, Human Rights victims, unemployed population, beggars and homeless people, minorities/women, females affected by family and other violence, etc, he expressed these views while talking to Daily Ouetta Voice

The Department, with hole-hearted dedication and the proactive role of its skilled and committed workforce/human resource, is engaged in the physical protection of children, Mr. Kakar said. Social Welfare is busy with legal assistance and the provision of Non-Formal Education. It provides baby day care services to the babies of public employees, imparting special education to special children/persons



with disabilities, and providing them with requisite and necessary

Providing shelter to old age people; sheltering females affected by domestic and other violence in Dar ul Aman, providing them legal aid as well as vocational Training. Treating and rehabilitating drug addicts, providing medical treatment to the ailing poor population suf-fering from seven fatal diseases, and providing financial assistance to general poor people in the field of Education, Sports, and Health.

Protecting all kinds of Human Rights victims, imparting vocational training in different trades to the unemployed population of the Province; sheltering beggars and homeless vagabonds, and preventing them from begging by imparting vocational skills. The department will implement service /employment quotas reserved for minorities, women, and persons with disabilities respectively

would like to convey my message to all the concerned officers and officials of this department, civil society members, and the public, in general, to leave no stone unturned", Mr. Kakar said. We must extend full cooperation and encouragement in exercising the mandate for actualizing the collective and encompassing welfare of the entire social fabric of Balochistan, he added.

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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

Floods damaged this school in interior Balochistan: Photo provided by

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

Pakistan in all key social indicators.

Reconstruction of schools a major challenge for the government

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

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

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

The reconstruction of schools and ensuring the availability of basic facili-ties 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

Character building and education

Ali Hassan Bangwar

Character building is a cognitive and behavioural process of learning, adapting and assimilating the core ethical norms and civic values. It is the enculturation of the masses within the established social values and personality traits that ultimately lead to sustainably inclusive development. The individ-ual and collective sense of responsibility, honesty, civic sense, accountability, dilidiscipline, resilience, punctuality, truthfulness, justice, integrity, transparency and rational judgment are universal values central to character

building. Though family, peer groups, society and media as the agencies of socialisation play a considerable role in enculturation, educational institutes shoulder the greatest responsibility in the nation's character building. An educa-tional system has two

major functions: one, major functions: one, equipping the aspirants with the knowledge of the specific field through pragmatic pedagogical practices and reading culture; and two, infusing ethical codes and established beliefs which lished beliefs which lead to a better understanding of self and surrounding. Though all education systems across the world essentially work in the former, the holistic productivity of a country's education system is judged by how far it bodes well in the latter.

This is because crude knowledge without character is a tool for exploitation and persecution. The education system that hardly emphasises character building ends up producing symbolic literates who are not only incapable of contributing to development but also prove, in most cases, national liabilities. An enlightened education cultivates mutually beneficial individuals and collective social traits. It equips students with cognitive, cultural, social and physical skills necessary for a promising career; refines their personality; enables them to meet the demanding dynam-Unfortunately, education system lags far behind on both

It is almost incom-

fronts.

patible with dynamics demands of the age. The national education system built on colonial legacy, outdated curriculum, distorted historical accounts, excessive religiosity elite-centric approaches cannot equip students with the state-of-the-art knowledge base necessary in contemporary times. This is clear from the fact that though the world might do wonders in quantum mechanics, AI, virtual reality, the internet of things, we are entan-gled in the classical notions of Newtonian physics and internet connectivity issues. Our education system

promotes a herd mentality designed around falsified historical accounts, mythical propositions and conservative approaches to life. It is fraught with the colonial legacy and myopically framed rhetoric. The national curriculum, content and moral aspects have so carefully been designed that nurture ill-founded narratives dear to the power elite — a remnant of colonial

Meanwhile, character development is a secondarily important element in most of the educational institutes in Pakistan. The traits that build national character are barely practised and pro-fessed. Though Islamiat and ethics are taught in some educational institutes, they are more theoretical than applied. The civic apathy, incompetency, procrastination and fractured kinship testify to flaws in educa-tion. Moreover, the disturbing trends of intolerance, racism, xenophobia, blind political, ethnic and religious allegiance, political engineering, rampant corruption, terrorism and sectarianism are mainly manifestations of education without character. You need to rethink your existence if you believe only illiterates harm Pakistani society.

Had it been so, the national stakeholders and leadership with socalled elite educational backgrounds would not have brought the country to this sorry far. Against the backdrop of the moral crisis facing the country, the need for character education is overwhelm-ingly high. We must not lose sight of a bitter reality that our existing education system won't navigate the needs and test of the modern Assimilating morals and core character-building values into the national curricula, predenoical practices pedagogical practices and academic culture would go a long way in producing an upright population.

The climate IDP

Many internally dis-

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) remain among the most vulnera-ble people in the world. The Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement define IDPs as "persons or groups of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in par-ticular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situa-tions of generalized vio-lence, violations of lence, violations of human rights or natural or human-made disasters, and who have not crossed an internationally recog-nized border."

IDPs are often referred to as refugees. However, they do not fall within the legal definitions of a refugee. Pakistan's diverse geography and climate expose the coun-try to a wide range of cli-mate-induced disasters such as floods and land-slides. Although Pakistan has contributed the least to the climate crisis (it is responsible for less than one per cent of the world's planet-warming gases), it is the eighth most vulnerable nation to the climate crisis, according to the Global Climate Risk Index.

According to the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), 16.6 million IDPs and 94 disaster events were recorded in Pakieta from 2008 to Pakistan from 2008 to 2021. During this period, floods triggered most of the displacements (15.4 million), followed by earthquakes (1.1 million). Other climate-induced

disasters which triggered internal displacements in Pakistan included chronic droughts, extreme tem-peratures, and frequent

occurring storms. In 2021 alone, 70,000 displacements were recorded in Pakistan, all of them trig-gered by climate-induced disasters. The recent erratic monsoon rains of 2022 have caused cata-strophic floods and affected an estimated 33 million across Pakistan. The climate change-driv-en disaster has claimed the lives of over 1,400 people and displaced millions, including women, children, older people, and people with disabili-

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has revealed that flood water has washed away more than 1.7 million homes, displacing millions of people within Pakistan, who require shelter, food, healthcare and other

essentials.
Additionally, it has been revealed by the UNFPA that an estimated 75,000 pregnant women are affected by the recent floods, and 40,000 are expected to deliver their babies in September 2022. Women and girls are particularly exposed to the risk of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) during disaster events. The UN Women has revealed that more than 70 percent of women suffer various forms of gender-based discrimina-tion in humanitarian

placed children in Pakistan have lost access to education as their schools have been washed away. Many chil-dren would be forced to quit school and engage in child labour to earn a livelihood to help their families. Pakistan already has the world's second-highest number of out-ofschool children with an estimated 22.8 million children aged 5-16 not attending school, as per Unicef. It will be extremely challenging for Pakistan, which is still

Additionally, the WHO has revealed that about 900 health facilities have been damaged across Pakistan. This places IDPs at risk of aggravated disease outbreaks such as dengue fever, malaria, polio, and Covid-19.

recovering from school closures due to Covid-19,

to send internally dis-

placed children back to

Despite a high number of recorded IDPs in Pakistan over the years and the vulnerability faced by them, the country has no national laws policies implemented that specifically apply to IDPs. The Land Acquisition Act 1894 is the only legal document that refers to displace-ment. However, it only applies to the acquisition of land for public purpos-

es and companies.
Article 25(1) of the constitution states: All citizens are equal before law and are entitled to equal protection of law. It is also important to note that Pakistan ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in June

Article 2(2) of the ICCPR obligates Pakistan to take "the necessary steps, in accor-dance with its constitutional processes and with the provisions of the pres-ent Covenant, to adopt such laws or other measures as may be necessary to give effect to the rights recognized in the present Covenant." Therefore, Pakistan should enact legislation that specifically protects the rights of IDPs.

Pakistan can take inspiration from the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and incorporate them into its national legislation. The national legislation. The Guiding Principles were presented to the UN Commission on Human Rights in 1998. They identify the rights and guarantee protection to IDPs in all states of their displacement. Although displacement. Although the Guiding Principles are not legally binding, they have attained signif-icant authority since their inception. At the World Summit in September 2005 in New York, the Guiding Principles were recognized as an impor-tant international framework for the protection of

Recently, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres visited the flood-affected areas of Sindh and Balochistan and stated that "there is a very unfair situation, in relation to the level of

By Rida Tahir

destruction we are seeing in Sindh." He added that "it is essential for the international community to understand that Pakistan, including Sindh, needs today mas-sive financial support to overcome this crisis," while emphasizing that this was not a matter of

generosity, but justice.
The international community should support Pakistan as it responds to the unprecedented cli-mate-induced floods. Many IDPs remain dis-placed for years. The international community should pledge to support Pakistan until all IDPs return home after the reconstruction of their homes and villages.

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Collision with happiness

very morn-ing I wake up and ask myself if I'm happy. This is a termble habit for my mental health but over the last few weeks, the answer is that I'm actually happy. This is a strange and out of body experience because this hasn't been the case for the majority of my life. As little as six months ago, I was feeling unhappy every morning, bordering on restlessness and litting with sadness flirting with sadness. What turned things

around and is this happi-ness sustainable? ness sustainable?
Six months ago, I was on paternity leave and had made big plans to pursue long term professional goals that I never had a chance to pursue because of my full time day job. I thought the extra time I had on paterextra time I had on pater-nity leave would allow me to pour myself into those goals but week after week, I was literally doing nothing to move the needle on that front. Instead, I was finding happiness in spending time with my daughter, wife and parents. As well as the joy of doing noth-ing. But I was trying to fight this feeling, rather than embrace it.

All my life, being a type A personality, happi-ness was married to my professional life. The paternity leave was a strange window into realising it's possible to be

unhappy professionally but happy personally. Perhaps this sounds obvious to most people but it was a profound realisa-tion for me. I'm also the kind of person who likes to reinvent his life every few years and by that I mean change everything. Originally, I had planned to use the paternity leave as an opportunity to rein-vent myself. But the burden of this reinvention was weighing me down because of the lack of progress rather than exciting me.

So I started experi-

So I started experi-menting with doing something different half way through my paternity leave. Instead of chang-ing everything at once, I started changing one thing a week and tried to chew on small pieces of it deadly. For background, I wanted to start two side wanted to start two side gigs, play tennis thrice a week, get closer to religion, make a new YouTube video every day, re-evaluate my purpose in life and take care of my new born baby during the paternity leave. The expectations were crushing me instead of inspiring me. So I started doing something radically simple. For one week, I told myself the only way I'd evaluate whether my day is a success is if I woke up in the morning and did a gratitude exer-cise, where I'd write down three things I'm grateful for in my diary. That's it. That's the only

Transcending

limits

thing I'd evaluate myself on. Everything else could wait, I was on leave after The gratitude exercise had a transformational

impact not just on my week — because I week — because I focused on what I was grateful for rather than what I didn't have or was behind on — but it also had a snowball effect that would rip through the existing pillars of my life. The following week the gratitude exercise became easier to do because it was turning into a habit so I decided to take on one more task. Setting up a tennis date for next week. One date instead of three. The next week I played tennis. The fol-lowing week I increased the frequency to twice a week. I felt so energised and excited at the end of my games and the morning after. Week by week, I added

a new habit or goal I wanted to achieve and because I was setting expectations so ridicu-lously low, I was actually able to achieve change and feel happy about my progress rather than denigrating myself for not making progress. Fast forward six months and my life stands transformed. I'm now playing tennis regularly, having dinner with a friend every week, reading the newspaper, doing gratitude exercises and getting closer to God, I didn't

There can be no economic miracle in Pakistan!

hen Ishaq took oath as federal finance and revenue minister more than a week ago, there was an instant depreciation in the rate of the dollar versus the rupee; rise in the stock exchange index; and reduction in the prices of petroleum products. Does it mean that one person, who has twice earlier served as federal finance minister escaped Pakistan five years ago because of corruption charges, can cause an economic miracle? Is there any rational basis of Dar's claim to fix the economy by stabilising the exchange rate; lower the interest rate and mitigate inflation?

Moreover, the meager \$8 billion forex reserves, just enough to pay for only three weeks of imports, is another cause for concern. It will be nothing short of a miracle if Dar is able to have a paradigm shift in the economy because of harsh realities that will not allow the country to escape from the escape from the inevitable. In the ongoing fiscal year, Pakistan has to arrange \$40 billion external financing. This is besides the \$20 billion worth of losses the recent floods have inflicted Artificial appreciation of the rupee against major currencies will not work because of high demand of the dollar for imports

and for other purposes. In today's Pakistan, miracles to salvage the economy are certainly not going to happen because of ground realities which are highly unfavorable. Neither the IMF nor the World Bank or the

friendly countries will come for the rescue of Pakistan because the country is constantly requesting donors to waive loans and provide more financial resources in order for it to avoid a financial default. Even in recent devastating floods, the country has not received substantial amount of financial assistance unlike in the case of the 2005 earthquake. Trust deficit and rampant corruption tend to discourage donors from proyiding cash assistance. Images of floods and the forceful appeal of the UN Secretary General to help Pakistan in this moment of crisis failed to bring positive results. Under the circumstances, Dar's taking up the economy is a major test case for the PML-N led coalition

government. Things were also difficult when Dar took over as finance minister in 2013 because of the PTIsit-in in Islamabad in 2014, but he managed to deal with that crisis. This time the situation is because Pakistan's economy is in dire straits and a country of 222 million people with a conglomeration of internal and external threats along with the devastation caused by the floods cannot have a smooth sailing for Dar despite his so-called magical skills. In 2013, the PML-N enjoyed a two-thirds mandate; but in 2022, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is heading a coalition of around a dozen parties - and that too with a razor thin majority.

The existential threat to the coalition govern-ment in the shape of Imran Khan is real, and it will be difficult for the PML-N "financial wizard" to lead a paradigm shift in the economy. The threat of famine following massive floods looms large and the government has meager resources to import food items in order to prevent a crisis situation. With all economic indicators predict-ing a hopeless situation, what magic wand is Dar going to wave to fix the issues which tend to aggravate the country's political and economic situation!

One needs to analyse three major realities which will continue to undermine Dar's "mystic" skills for an economic turnaround. First, the reality of corruption, nepotism, bad gover-nance, absence of rule of law and lack of accountability needs to be taken seriously. Miracles never happen when the country is unable to deal with issues which seriously work ethics.

Nations are not built by mere words or rhetoric but must eradicate the culture of corruption and nepotism. How can a country be pulled from the brink of an economic disaster when it lacks the motivation, integrity and planning on the part of those who matter? Dar cannot let miracles

happen because his hands are not clean, as well as of many others who hap-pen to be his coalition partners and frontrunners of his own party.
Constant begging from
donors and friendly
countries will not help
because the elitist culture Pakistan is totally oblivious of ground realities pertaining to serious political and economic crisis. Artificially reducing prices and appreciation of rupees versus the dollar would be counterproductive and generate further crisis.

Second, no economic miracle is going to hap-pen unless our leadership has eight qualities in theory and in practice: hard work, integrity, brilvision, commitment, dedication, planment, dedication, plan-ning, and wisdom. Looking at the other models of success, partic-ularly in developing world, one can learn from former Singaporean PM Lee Kuan Yu, former Malaysian PM Mahathir Mohammad. former Mohammad, former Chairman of Chinese Communist Party Mao Zedong and Nelson Mandela, the founding Dr Moonis Ahmar

president of post-apartheid South Africa. Other models of success are found in the UAE, Qatar, Muscat and Oman. Since the inception of Pakistan, leadership vac-uum and the lack of qualities essential to successfully run a country is a bitter reality.

Whether in civilian or in military control, Pakistan failed to emerge as a role model in good governance, rule of law and sound work ethics. Laziness, incompetence, dishonesty, fraud and cheating became acceptable norms which miti-gated Pakistan's rating in human development index, corruption percep-tion Index and human security index Deterioration of quality of life of people in terms of absence of clean and safe drinking water for all, quality and compulprinciple: one gets what one gives. When we harm education, housing, nature, nature harms us public transport and hygienic food are major back. challenges. When people at the helm of affairs are hated because of their corruption and nepotism, how can Pakistan put its own house in order?

Third, miracles will not

happen unless there is culture of merit in

Pakistan When decisions

are made on the basis of

vested interests and likes

and dislikes, the country

can never emerge as a successful state. Erosion

of merit has a long histo-

ry in Pakistan which eroded the trust of capa-

ble and qualified.

tion. The contemporary pandemic-ridden world seems to be at the crossroads. The prevailing onslaught of Covid-19 against humankind calls for a comprehensive contemplation on what went wrong in our quest for modernisation. The pandemic has resulted in an unprecedented crisis, the likes of which the world has not seen since World War II. Rather than viewing it as a traditional fleecing event, we need to mull over the lessons the pandemic is trying to teach us. When deliberating, one may be forced to conclude that something is wrong with what we have been doing. We shouldn't be oblivious of an inevitable

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Among all creatures, humankind is high up the evolutionarily ladder due to unmatched cognitive abilities and intellectual prowess. These intellectual abilities were inherently aimed at distinguishing good and evil, and regulat-ing life on earth in a manner that benefits not only humans but their surroundings. Paradoxically. humans have outstepped and outreached their assigned authority and overestimated themselves as an omnipotent entity

enjoying complete impuni-

ty of all their activities

Rather than running the affairs and utilising the intellect and bounties in a just and sustainable manner, men have badly embezzled with nature's resources at the cost of destruction of other forms of life and of natural ecosystem. The recently released UN IPCC's terrifying sixth assessment report on the anthro-pogenic destruction of global climate is but a single instance of mankind's high-handedness against their surrounding environment. Even men didn't

spare his fellow beings.

A few in the world hold majority of the wealth the result: millions of people are currently consumed by poverty, hunger and disease. The rich-poor divide widens as time passes by. Global poverty and widescale inequality are on the rise. Laws are made and broken for and by the rich, while the poor remain entangled in them. Merciless pogroms are a norm. The week dies of being preyed and consumed by capitalist predators. The tyranny against and persecutions of the weak, and the atrocities of rulers over their subjects have surged as time passes by. The growing scourge of terrorism and extremism, rising populism and demagoguery, and fascist politi-cal leadership is the new normal. Mass adulteration, hoarding, black-marketing, organised crimes, cheating, manipulating exploitating have

Ali Hassan Bangwar become common traits of

There is an ever-rising trend of flattery and hypocrisy, while everything remains centered around material success. Morality, ethos, empathy and compassion are all considered as outdated notions. One might wonder how is NASA even think-ing of colonising Mars if we have utterly failed to learn to live peacefully on earth despite being here for millenniums.

Though heinous acts may go unattended or unpunished by our judicial system, we must realise the earth has its own system of justice. Floods, droughts, forest fires, heat waves, tsunamis, epidemics, earthquakes, torrential rains and violent volcanic eruptions are just a few of the consequences that have come about due to our actions. COVID-19 among other cataclysms questions the sustainability of the existing global order and the underlying principles of globalisation. The pandemic has given humankind the opportunity to rethink and reform existing socio-political and economical orders in line with principles of egalitarianism, eco-friendlessness, compassion and empathy. Rather than wasting resources on weapons, we must utilize it for the underprivileged, the poor and the weak. Since we have already prospered materially, we now need to invest in humanity if we want to shield ourselves

PM inaugurates 330 MW Power Plant of Thar **Energy Limited**

THARPARKAR: Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has inaugurated a 330 MW power plant under CPEC Block II com-pleted by Hubco com-pany in district Tharparkar on Monday.

On the occasion, he was given a detailed briefing about the CPEC projects by Chief Minister of Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah.

The Chief Minister briefed that CPEC is a game changer for

game changer for Pakistan's economy. He said that generat-

ing electricity from Thar Coal required an extensive road net-work, bridges and an

airport.
The Chief Minister said that the Sindh gov-ernment built the infra-

ernment built the infra-structure of Thar by spending 750 million dollars.

He informed that, according to the geo-logical Survey of Pakistan, Thar coal has 175 billion tons of coal reserves and it has a total of 13 blocks, we were working on Block II and Block I. He further informed that, in 2014, work was started on a coal mine

power project under CPEC and in 2015, the federal government issued a sovereign guarantee for the project. The Chief Minister ect. The Chief Minister said that, the power generation capacity of this power project will increase to 2640 MW by the end of this year.

He further informed that, there will be an extraordinary increase extraordinary increase in the country's economy from Thar coal by the year 2030.INP

Human capital development key to economic growth in Pakistan: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Human capital (skills) development is key to the economic growth of a country. Human capi-tal includes technical skills, education, com-munication skills, creativity, experience, problem-solving skills, mental health, leader-ship qualities, personal resilience, etc.
It is the responsibility

of a government to help its citizens attain these skills and participate in economic growth.

Ijaz Ali, an economist t the Centre of Business and Economic Research (CBER), Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, told WealthPk that human capital skills are one of the major sources of eco-nomic growth. "People nomic growth. "People will be more engaged and play their role in boosting economic growth if they have human capital skills."

He further said that halth and ducation are

health and education are two major pillars of the economy, but unfortu-nately, both these sectors were lacking devel-opment in Pakistan. "In the past three decades, government spending on health and education has remained low.

Pakistan's spending on education has improved over time though, still the spending constitutes a very low percentage of GDP."

of GDP."

He said the governments of other counties actively enhance human capital by offering higher education to people. "The government of Pakistan must improve the standards of educational institutions to suit the modern-day market needs. Provision of high-guali-

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ty education to students helps them contribute significantly to economic development."

"The health sector of Pakistan also needs improvement in terms of hospitals doctors." of hospitals, doctors, medicines and other related equipment. In Pakistan's rural areas, especially Sindh, Balochistan and Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa, there are

no proper hospitals, and the people have no access to quality healthcare," he pointed out. He said that the gov-ernment should increase funding for the health sector to make it better serve the people. Pakistan is one of the countries where life expectancy is abysmal-ly low, which should be improved with invest-ments in the health sector, he added.

Ijaz Ali said a well-developed information and communication technology sector (ICT) was imperative for increasing the economic growth as it expands its outreach and services to distant locations and increases labour pro-ductivity. He said it was heartening that Pakistan's ICT sector was booming, helping the country earn valuable foreign exchange through exports of serv-ices, while it was also promoting other sectors like digital health serv-

ices and e-commerce.
The IBA economist suggested that Pakistan provide ample opportu-nities in smaller cities as the existing infrastructure such as tech-nology parks were limited mostly to large cities. "Continuous pro-fessional development strategies and skills development policies are required to develop efficient human resource, which will help in promoting ICT-

enabled services in Pakistan." Ijaz Ali said that training and skills development.INP



OUETTA:: Police personal's lead the Eid Milad-un-Nabi procession for security purpose on the occasion of 12th Rabi Ul Awal.

Over 41,000 dengue virus cases in Pakistan this year

ISLAMABAD: Dengue virus cases spreading to epi-demic proportions in Pakistan as the health ministry reports over 41,000 cases of the disease in Pakistan this year on

According to sources, the Ministry of National Health in a detailed report said that 41,746 the mosquito-borne disease has been reported this

In last four days, 4194 dengue virus cases and six deaths have been reported across the country.

This year, dengue virus has claimed 84 deaths, most of them reported from flood-hit Sindh province. This year 12,947 dengue cases have been reported in Sindh with In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 11,613 dengue virus cases and nine deaths reported, while in Punjab this year 9,410 cases 25 deaths reported,

according to sources. Dengue fever claimed seven lives in Islamabad, while 3,169 infections reported in the federal capital territory.

In Balochistan 3,948 virus cases and Azad Kashmir 677 infections reported, however no deaths caused by the disease, sources said.

Moreover, no case of dengue fever reported in Gilgit-Baltistan region, according to sources.

There was no let-up in the number of dengue cases as Karachi reported another 247 infections of mosquito-borne

disease during the past 24

According to Sindh Health Department, as many as 247 cases of dengue fever were reported in the metropolis in the past 24 hours, taking the monthly tally to 2,193.

Among these cases, 45 belong to District East, 48 in

Central, 41 in Korangi, 45 in South, five in West, 17 in Malir and eight in Kemari District. So far, 10,673 cases of dengue fever have been reported in Karachi this year, the health department

Meanwhile, 43 patients lost their lives in Sindh due to mosquito-borne disease in 2022. Out of the total number of deaths, 39 belong to Karachi only.INP

50 per cent of furnace mills in Lahore closed

ISLAMABAD: There is a slump in Lahore and other parts of the

country as 50 per cent of furnace and steel rerolling mills in the city have been closed on Monday.

The reason for the closure of these mills is the lack of demand for steel products in the market for steel products in the market. Steel was melted at these mills

to produce TR, iron bars, garder and other products.

Presently, local iron bars cost Rs185,000 per ton while the branded ones Rs225,000 per ton.INP

Hareem Shah moves SHC to seek security after 'death threats'

KARACH: The famous TikToker Hareem Shah on Monday approached the Sindh High Court (SHC) seeking securi-

ty for her protection after receiving threats over unknown calls. Hareem Shah along with her husband Bilal Shah reached the

According to Hareem Shah's lawyer Munir Ahmad Khan, she has been receiving threats on social media accounts.

He pleaded the urgent hearing of the plea and named Sindh Inspector General (IG), Home Department, and others as the parties in the case.

The plea will be heard by a single bench consisting of Justice Aftab Ahmed Gorar, INP

Rupee gains 92 paisas against US dollar as it heads for 'true value'

ISLAMABAD: Even the downgraded rating by credit ratings agency Moody's couldn't stop the Pakistani Rupee from standing firm against the US dollar for eleventh consecutive day on Monday as it trades below Rs219 in the interbank market.

This means that the cost of a US dollar fell from Rs219.92 at the close on Friday to Rs219 on Monday. The value of the US dollar start-

red losing pace against the rupee since September 23, 2022, after having reached a high of Rs239.71. Since Federal Finance Minister

Ishaq Dar's return, the rupee has gained around Rs20,57 against the greenback.INP

ECP didn't consult govt over LG elections' date: Murtaza Wahab

KARACHI: Murtaza Wahab on Monday said that the election commission didn't consult with the administration over the date of local government

Administrator Karachi was talking to media after municipal tax collection hearing in the Sindh High Court (SHC).

The election commission has fixed the local election date of October 23 without consultation with the government of Sindh, he said.

Talking on the court hear-ing, Wahab said that the court has been informed that the tax has been imposed after fulfilling all legal requirements.
"It is not a new tax but an

government for PSDP share and has requested to

Punjab has asked the federal government to

It said that the issuance of Rs19billion was

Punjab government said they are short of

Rs35billion this year allocated for the completion

of the projects and there is an urgent need to

complete the projects and if the funds are not

issued in time, the cost of these projects would be

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"Past municipal administrations were giving pretext of not having powers but under the same powers we are work-ing and recovering tax," Administrator Karachi said. "The tax will deposit 3.25 billion rupees in a year to the KMC's account," he said. "It is a transparent system,

but some people who don't want transparency, are against it," he said. "The details of the tax amount will be given each month on the website," he said. "The website will also give information about spending of the tax money on a spe-cific project," he said.

"The tax money will be spent with honesty, people could ask about the spending, he said. "It was good when Naimatullah Khan had commercialized roads under the law, I am promoting trans-parency," he said. "I am per-forming every work in accor-dance with the law," he added.

Earlier, in the hearing on the municipal tax, the court appointed two constitutional experts and former attorney generals, Munir A. Malik and Khalid Javed Khan, to assist the court in the case INP



KARACHI: Rangers personal standing on the spot after One person was killed and four others sustained injuries when a gas cylinder exploded in Karachi's Defence Housing Authority

US COAST GUARD SHIPS VISIT KARACHI AND CONDUCT MARITIME EXERCISES WITH PN & PMSA

Coast Guard Ships Karachi:US Coast Guard Ships CHARLES MOULTHROPE and EMLEN TUNNELL visited Karachi as goodwill gesture. Upon arrival at Karachi Port, USCG Ships were received by officials of Pakistan Navy and US Embassy with traditional warmth and cordiality. The US ships visit includes various operational activities including profession. tional activities including profession-al exchanges through meeting sessions at harbour and joint maritime exercises at sea. During the stay, Commanding Officers of USCG Ships called on Commander Pakistan Fleet and Director General Pakistan Maritime Security Agency. Matters of mutual interest were discussed during the meetings. On completion of the port visit, joint maritime exercises between USCG, PN & PMSA Ships

were conducted in North Arabian Sea. The exercises comprised defense against Asymmetric Attacks, Boarding, Search & Rescue Operations and Patrolling. The aim of the exercise was to build synergy and enhance interoperability. enhance interoperability.
Visit of USCG Ships and conduct

of joint maritime exercises is indicative of PN's recognition as a reckon-able force and shows its resolve to maintain regional stability and good order at sea under collaborative framework to cooperate with partner

countries operating in the region.

It is expected that the visit of USCG Ships and conduct of bilateral exercises will further promote the existing cooperation between the two countries in general and navies in particular.PR

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT BALOCHISTAN AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO.30-2022

National Bank of Pakistan through its Manager,

Plaintiff

Usta Muhammad Branch

District jaffarabad.

Versus M/s.Balochistan Rice Mill Proprietor Abdul Rahim s/o Hassan Resident of Village Abdul Rahim Jamali Usta Muhammad, Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS:42489040-73 ALONG-WITH COST OF FUND U/S 9 OF THE

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES ORDINANCE 2001). The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS: 42489040/73 balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be abtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty)days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In the defult whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint. Leave to appear may be obtain on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is 15-11-2022 at District & Session Court Dera Allah Yar.
GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 6th day of ctober, 2022.

> (MUNIR AHMED MARRI) JUGDE Banking Court Balochistan at Dera Allah Yar



KARACHI: A view Pakistan Navy, PMSA and US Coast Guard

Ships participating in bilateral exercise at Sea.

Exploring maritime spaces to enhance Pakistan's economic growth: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan can strengthen its economy and create job opportunities by taking advantage of the vast maritime s WealthPK reports. spaces,

Pakistan has a seafront of about 1,050 kilometres along the Makran Coast with a larger exclusive eco-nomic zone and conti-nental shelf.

Babar Ali Bhatti, a maritime specialist at Maritimes Study Forum, told WealthPK that maritime spaces provide plenty of opportunities for strengthening the country's economy. He said that by taking advantage of ocean-based living and nonresources Pakistan could avail much-needed economic opportunities and create jobs for the well-being

of the people.
"There is a gradual emergence of the blue economy in national maritime thinking. The

seas offer a number of opportunities for economic development. The government focus on the untapped maritime potential of the country and transition it from a brown economy to a blue economy," he

Baber Ali said that 70% of the earth's sur-face is covered by oceans. By volume and value, approximately 91% of trade is carried through the seas. "The approximately oceans are a rich source of living and non-living resources. Oceans sup-ply 32% of hydrocar-bons besides wind, wave, tidal, thermal and biomass energy,"

Pakistan needs to develop a comprehen-sive maritime policy and strategy by increasing maritime awareness and knowledge among poli-cymakers and the public besides encouraging public-private partner-ships to engage in the

maritime industry. The development of

> essary financial and technological support. According to esti-mates, these offshore oil fields will produce near-ly 34% of the total crude

> Using ocean resources to improve livelihoods, create jobs and stimulate economic growth could produce a global profit of around \$24 trillion per year, although the world only receives up to \$500 billion from the blue economy at present, according to the data available with WealthPK.INP

Pakistan's blue economy may face a number of challenges. However, Pakistan should boost its economy while developing maritime infrastructure, offshore resource development technology, strong fisheries and marine leisure. Building and operating economi-cally profitable industries requires all the nec-

oil in the country.

Lubricant oil industry ready to set foot in Gwadar Free Zone Phase II

ISLAMABAD: In a major develop-ment, Chinese lubrication Oil industry is ready to enter in Gwadar Free Zone Phase II as an affiliate of China's enterprise "Hengmei Technological Grease

Company" has agreed to establish lubricant blending plant in Gwadar. According to a Gwadar Pro's report on Monday, Hengmei Technological Grease Company has already been registered and incorporated in Security and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and after signing the sub-lease deal agreement, it will make its debut in Gwadar Free Zone Phase II ushering in a brand-new chapter of lubrication manufacturing & industry in Gwadar

Hengmei is an affiliate of the energy giant Sinopec, which focuses on devel-opment and production of greases for upstream petroleum exploration, pro-duction and refining. Sinopec namely Petroleum & Chemical

Corporation) is a Chinese oil and gas enterprise.

According to an official of Gwadar Port Authority (GPA), Hengmei has a wide scope of business to be set up in Gwadar including the sales and produc-tion of lubricating oil, grease, antifreeze, urea aqueous solutions and sealing grease. Apart from accelerating the industrialization process, it will provide numerous job and commercial opportu-nities for the local community. "Owing nities for the local community. "Owing to its excellent performance, Hengmer Lubricating oil was conferred with the honorary title of 2019 'leading brand' in the Chinese lubricating oil industry by Chinese Lubricating Oil Brand Summit Committee in 2019," he added.

It will be the fourth Chinese company to be making its mark in Gwadar Free Zone Phase II also called "North Gwadar Free Zone" which is in the phase of full-fledged development and construction INP construction.INP

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Court issues fresh arrest warrants for Sanaullah

RAWALPINDI: A local court in Rawalpindi on Monday again issued the arrest warrants for Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah directing the Punjab Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) team to present the latter before the

However, senior Civil Judge Ghulam Akbar rejected a request seeking to declare the interior minister a pro-claimed offender in the case.

During the hearing, the judge remarked how the court could immediately declare the minister a proclaimed offender when it issued his warrants only a couple of days ago. He ordered the ACE team to go back to Islamabad and arrest Sanaullah.

At the outset of the hearing, the investigation officer told the court that the accused was hiding. He said that the ACE team tried to arrest him but all in vain and pleaded with the judge to declare him PO.

But the judge rejected his request and reissued Sanaullah's arrest warrants.

On Saturday, the special court judge issued non-bailable arrest warrants for the interior minister for not appearing before the Anti-Corruption Establishment in connection with a corruption inquiry.

According to sources, the ACE team went to Islamabad to arrest Sanaullah but the Kohsar police station SHO refused to comply with the orders. The SHO contended that the warrants contained an address from Faisalabad. He insisted that neither Sanaullah was a resident of Kohisar vicinity nor had he set up any office here.

Sources further said that the Punjab Anti-Corruption Establishment team was carrying incomplete arrest warrants and left the federal capital without arresting the minister.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi in a meeting with the Secretary General of the Muslim World League, Dr. Muhammad bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa, who called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Sh Rashid says no role of Nawaz Sharif in making key appointments

ISLAMABAD: Former interior minister Sheikh Rashid on Monday prophesied that former prime minister and PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif's desire of making some important appointments would not be fulfilled.

Talking to the media, at Islamabad kutchehry, he said some important decisions were expected in the country before November 15, 2022.

Calling Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah a 'hired assassin', he said it was unfortunate that he was talking

was unfortunate that he was talking about using drones to drop shells on the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) workers during the party's expected march on Islamabad. "The nation is waiting for PTI Chairman Imran Khan's call for the march," he said, and added there was no room for delay in the appropriate the control of the march. in the announcement.

Mocking the coalition government for its control over just 27 kilometers of Islamabad's territory, the former interior minister made it clear to it that its days had been numbered. "I am telling you that you will have no place to hide in case any protestor dies dur-ing the march," he warned. He said that the law and order situa-

tion in the country had come to such a pass that now people were being loot-

ed openly in streets. Rashid said that Shehbaz Sharif was a weak prime minister. INP

Shehbaz Sharif becomes COP27 vice-chairman

ISLAMABAD: The United Nations Climate Change Conference – COP27, has announced to handover the vice-chairmanship of the confer-ence to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

on Monday.

Among the 195 countries of the United Nations, Pakistan has received the honour as result of the effective voice raised by PM Shehbaz Sharif at global and regional forums, regarding the need for urgent climate action

Egypt's President Abdul Fattah Al-Sisi has invited Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to co-chair the COP-27 meeting. PM Sharif will jointly chair the roundtable conference along with president of Egypt and the prime minister of Norway, being held in Egypt's Sharm-el-Sheikh from November 6-8.

The meeting will be attended by world leaders, think-tanks and the heads of governments and international financial institutions. This will be the 27th meeting organized by the United Nations regarding the prob-lems of climate change and the need

for their sustainable solutions.
Following the recent floods, Prime
Minister Shehbaz Sharif had effectively voiced for an immediate action on climate change, at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of State and Government, Samarkand and the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York.

The prime minister's proposal for a global cooperation on addressing the challenge of climate change had received endorsement by several countries. INP

Rizwan crowned ICC Player of the Month for September

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Mohammad Rizwan Monday claimed the ICC Men's Player of the Month the ICC Men's Player of the Month award as the International Cricket Council (ICC) today the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for September 2022. India's inspirational captain Harmanpreet Kaur was named the recipient of the ICC Women's Player of the Month award.

In a highly competitive field, Rizwan secures his first ever ICC Men's Player of the Month crown after a remarkable spell of scoring throughout September, and sees him overcome fellow nominees Cameron Green (Australia) and Axar Patel (India) to the prize The Pakistan star amassed a mammoth 553 runs from ten T201s, covering performances in ten T20Is, covering performances in the Men's Asia Cup.INP

IHC reserves judgement on admissibility of petition against Section 144 imposition

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday reserved the judgement on the admissibility of a petition against the imposition of Section 144.

IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah heard the petition which had been filed by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Asad Umar. Babar Awan, on behalf of petitioner Asad Umar, had appeared before the court.

It had been contended in the petition that imposing Section 144 to curb peaceful protests was unconstitutional. "The British Raj had created this law which is still being used today," read the text of being used today," read the text of

the petition.

"How is the petitioner affected by Section 144? Did anyone stop Asad Umar from taking permission for a peaceful protest?" the IHC chief justice questioned.

"Asad Umar is a leader of the PTI, and he has been engaged in a lot of political activities," Babar

Awan told the court.

"In the sit-in case, the Supreme Court has ruled that permission shall have to be taken for a peaceful protest. This party has its government in two provinces. Hasn't Section 144 been implemented there?" the IHC chief justice questioned further. tioned further.

The matter of law and order is to be looked after by the execu-tive. The court will never interfere in it," Chief Justice Athar Minallah stated. "Does the PTI not Minalian stated. Does the P11 not have governments in two provinces where Article 144 is applicable? When the PTI was in power, had Section 144 not been in force in Islamabad?" he questioned further. "This party has its government in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa You should first go. Pakhtunkhwa. You should first go to these provinces and get this law repealed by the assemblies. Get the law abolished through assem-blies and then come here," he said to Babar Awan.INP

Centaurus Mall GM says Sunday's fire was not major one

ISLAMABAD: The general manager (GM) of Centaurus Mall, Islamabad has said that the incident of fire that had erupted on one of the floors of the Mall Sunday was not a major one, and that only one shop had been damaged by it and no loss of life was reported on Monday.

on Monday.
Talking to media, Amir Khawaja has said that the mall's own team has investigated the cause of the blaze. As often is the case, the fire had spread from the kitchen," he disclosed Khawaja has promised to media personnel that details of the investigation will be chared with the black hard. be shared with them He has said that the firefighters man-aged to douse the flames in

only two hours.
The GM has informed that

overseas Pakistanis have invested their capital in the

And since, he has said, the mall's owner is from Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), even overseas Kashmiris have invested their money in it.

A fire had broken out in the

food court of the Centaurus Mall in Islamabad Sunday. No causalities were however, reported in the fire that was extinguished after two hours of hectic efforts.

Personnel of the Pakistan Navy and the PAF assisted in the firefighting mission. The mall was sealed off and

the district admin made a request to the Capital Development Authority (CDA) for reviewing the building structure.INP

IHC issues notice to FIA in PTI prohibited funding case

ISLAMABAD : The Islamabad High Court has issued a notice to the Federal Investigation Agency in Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's prohibited funding case.

IHC Justice Amir Faroog heard the petition filed by PTI Senator Saifullah Nyazee.

The judge issued notice to the

The judge issued notice to the FIA while directing to attach the petition with other applications pertaining to the prohibited

pertaining to the prohibited funding case.

During the hearing, Justice Farooq inquired if this was the same case already being filed in the court and was fixed for hearing on Oct 19.

The lawyer replied in affirmative. He told the court that first banking circle held an inquiry into the case and now the FIA cybercrime wing was conducting a probe into it. He said that the cybercrime had started a new inquiry into the funding raised through a webfunding raised through a webNyazee was detained by the FIA on Oct 7 in a case pertaining to the prohibited funding. The PTI leader was summoned by the agency several times but never showed up for investigation. The FIA on Fide Washington. tion. The FIA on Friday took him for interrogation and ques-

The FIA had also raided the residences of PTI leaders in Lahore and Islamabad to arrest

the party members named in the funding case over their alleged non-cooperation. The agency also detained PTI leader Hamid Zaman who looks after the affairs of Insaf Trust. On Saturday, the former ruling party approached the Islamabad High Court with a request to restrain the investigation agency from action against its leadership. In its petition, the PTI stated that after the removal of its government, the party had the party members named in the

of its government, the party had set up a website named "namnzoor.com" to collect donations from overseas Pakistanis.INP police and Elite force reached the place.INP site 'namanzoor.com



HYDERABAD: A large number of people participated in Dawat-e- Islami rally on the occasion of Eid-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) on the occasion of Eid-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW)...

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plish its mission and left empty-handed.

According to the ACE unit, the SHO of the Secretariat Police Station did not cooperate with it.

It further stated that the SHO even didn't scribble a report regarding their arrival and departure from the police station. It alleged that the police mistreated the ACE team.

The ACE officials said that tomorrow they would apprise the court of what happened to them today

On Saturday, the special court judge issued non-bailable arrest warrants for the interior minister for not appearing before the Anti-Corruption Establishment in connection with a corruption inquiry.

According to sources, the ACE team went to Islamabad to arrest Sanaullah but the Kohsar police station SHO refused to comply with the orders. The SHO contended that the warrants contained an address from Faisalabad. He insisted that neither Sanaullah was a resident of Kohisar vicinity nor had he set up any office

Sources further said that the Punjab Anti-Corruption Establishment team was carrying incomplete arrest warrants and left the federal capital without arresting the minister.

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New water distribution system to boost agri sector in Pakistan: WealthPK

tribution of water among the provinces of Pakistan will not only reduce disputes among the federating units but will also prove beneficial for agriculture

by making accurate predictions about the availability of water in the country, WealthPK reports.

It is believed that the Water Accord Apportionment (WAA) tool will help to reduce disputes over the distribution of water among provinces. It will also make accurate predictions about the availability of water in the country so that about the availability of water in the country so that authorities can make decisions about water storage and runoff capacity of reservoirs for irrigation pur-

Muhammad Azam, a research assistant at Indus River System Authority (IRSA), told WealthPK that the traditional mechanism for the distribution of water usually took two to four minutes to exeof water usually took two to four minutes to execute, leading to inaccuracy in water inflows and outflows in reservoirs. He added that the new tool could run the system for distributing water within one to two seconds. "Moreover, the runoff capacity of rivers can also be measured with this software. It will benefit the agriculture sector by ascertaining as to how much water is available for the Rabi season and Kharif crops," he said. He said that the software was developed jointly by the Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR), the Indus River System and Authority (IRSA), the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA), the provincial irrigation departments (PIDs) and the Australian

With no fatality, Pakistan logs another 55 corona

I S L A M A B A D : Pakistan has reported 55 more coronavirus infections and no fatality dur-ing the last 24 hours, showed the figures released by the National Institute of Health (NIH) on Monday morning

on Monday morning. The death toll in the country remained the same at 30,620 while the number of total infections now rose to 1,573,081 after adding the fresh 55

During the last 24 hours, 9,117 tests were conducted throughout Pakistan whereas the pos-itivity ratio stood at 0.60 percent. The number of patients in critical care

was recorded at 22.

During the last 24 hours, the highest positivity ratio was recorded in Lahore where the infectivity ratio remained 1.20% with 11 new Covid-19 cases INP

One dies, several injured in Karachi cylinder blast

KARACHI: A person died and four others sus-tained injuries in a cylinder blast in Karachi on

Monday. According to the police, the blast took place at Khayaban-e-Jami, Phase-VII, Defence. The rescue teams rushed to the spot and started the rescue opera-tion. Police said that they were inspecting the nature of the blast. One of the injured persons was stated to be critical. INP

Driver dead, 2 students hurt in firing on school van in Swat

SWAT: Some unknown persons opened fire on a school van in Gali Bagh in Swat killing its driver and injuring two young

According to initial details, a school van was sprayed with bullets by some unknown miscre-ants at Gali Bagh who killed its drive and injured two small students sitting in the van. In another incident, two

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parties traded fire near a
school in Danoh
Timergirah, Lower Dir in
which three schoolgirls
were severely injured.
The injured students
were shifted to hospital
where their condition was

where their condition was stated to be critical. Soon after the incident,

government through the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR).

"It is an integrated effort because without involving all key stakeholders it is not possible to develop a centralised water management system that works according to the needs of all stakeholders," said Muhammad Azam. He said that the new system would ensure fair distribution of water among the federating units of Pakistan. "The water will be provided to provinces automatically based on forecasts and the Water Apportionment Accord (WAA) of 1991," he added. He said that the tool was more reliable and efficient because it was deployed and reliable and efficient because it was deployed and tested at different stages for three years. "Time series data gathered through this software will also assist in monitoring the supply and demand of water over time and help in making timely decisions in the long run. The data bank developed through the readings of this software will help in decision-making," he added. The IRSA official said that climate change and its effects on water reservoirs would also be more visible through that system. He said that the melting of glaciers in the tem. He said that the melting of glaciers in the Kharif season increased water inflows in rivers beyond storage capacity, which might cause floods. He added that predictions about the future based on data from the past helped policymakers to take steps to prevent any untoward incident in case of emergency.INP

US Coast Guard ships visit Karachi for joint exercises

KARACHI: Two ships of the US Coast Guard visited Karachi port on Monday, and as per the schedule, they will remain there till October 9, 2022.

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Led by US Coast Guard Capt. Eric Helgen, Commodore for Patrol Forces Southwest Asia, fast response cutters USCGC Charles Moulthrope (WPC 1141) and USCGC Emlen Tunnell (WPC 1145) visited Karachi port as part of an ongoing series of joint exercises and technical exchanges between the US naval forces and the Pakistan Navy.

"We are extremely excited to visit Pakistan as we build our relationship in a very dynamic region," said Helgen.

As we commemorate the 75th anniversary of US-Pakistan bilateral relations, our maritime security collaboration is just one example of the

laboration is just one example of the strong partnership between the United States and Pakistan, which

includes many areas of shared priorities such as trade, investment, com-batting climate change, education, public health, and cultural preserva-

public health, and cultural preservation.

"Our ties are strong and enduring, built on staff exchanges and joint exercises to enhance coordination and cooperation," said Helgen.

"Many US Navy ships have visited Pakistan over the years, which reflects the continued strong relationship and cooperation between Pakistan and the US."

The US delegation visited the Mausoleum of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and paid respects to the founder of Pakistan. Helgen laid a floral wreath at the mausoleum and signed the guestbook. He also visited the tombs of Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's first prime minister, and Fatima Jinnah, Muhammad Ali Jinnah's sister.INP



ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong calls on Former Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed at his Residence.

LHC orders Punjab govt to pay 10-year salary to heirs of late police inspector

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Monday ordered the gov-ernment of Punjab to hand a pay cheque to one of the family members of the inspector who died while wait-

of the inspector who died while watting for the payment of his salaries for 10 years.

During the hearing of the petition filed by deceased Mehmood Ali, the counsel for the provincial government told Justice Shahid Kareem that already some payment had been made

to the late inspector while the remaining amount would be paid soon.

Imran Raza Chadhar, representing the petitioner, however, disputed his statement, and said that not a single penny had been paid during the last 10 years. "Despite sickness my client had appeared in the court on the last date of the hearing," he said, adding, "After the hearing was over, he returned to his hometown in Kasur, but died on the way. Sadly, not a penny was paid even for his burial."

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said that everything was ready for the payment of remaining salaries to the deceased's family, and now only thumb impression of one of his fami-ly members was required.

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Lahore declared calamity-hit city due to smog

LAHORE: The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) on Monday issued a notification declaring Lahore a calamity-hit city due to

The notification, which was also produced in the Lahore High Court (LHC), lays out the measures to be

taken to control smog.

According to it, there will be a ban on all the activities that cause smog across the province.

Special teams will be formed to

control smog, and a crisis room will be established in the PDMA office. Industries that emit black smoke will be closed, and schools will be bound to buy buses to reduce emis-

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Those responsible for encroachments and wrong parking will be dealt with an iron hand. Smog advisory will be issued through departments concerned.

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