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QUETTA: Jamiat ul Ulema e Islam (JUI) rejected the invitation of Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qaddus 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 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 governance in Balochistan, the Maulana mentioned.

Maulana Wasey said his lawmakers



with the Jamiat Lawmakers. The meeting has taken place soon after JUI (F) 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 Qaddus Bizenjo and played a key role in a successful No-Confidence motion against Jam Kamal Khan, the former CM of Balochistan.

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 the CM in the province.

However, Molana commented that some BNP lawmakers have reached the bedroom of Qaddus 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 development 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) lawmakers 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.

## Landsliding kills a coal miner in Zardalu Harnai

Hanif Tareen

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

mine when landslide hit him. Rescue workers reached the spot and retrieved the body from mine. The victim was identified as Irfanullah, a resident of Shangla Swat. Rescue workers shifted the dead body to district headquarters

hospital Harnai. The hospital administration handed over the dead body to the heirs after completion of necessary official procedures. Poor safety conditions have claimed thousands of precious human lives in coal mines of Balochistan.



## Balochistan has great potential to produce organic cotton: Speakers

News Desk

QUETTA: To mark World Cotton Day, WWF-Pakistan's Organic Cotton Programme, in collaboration with the Agriculture Extension Department (AED), organized a seminar "Organic Cotton Production in Balochistan" at the auditorium of the University of Balochistan, Quetta. More than 80 people from different walks of life 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 presence.

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 for organic cotton and sustainable products is on the rise" Hafiz Mohammad Bakhsh,



Manager Organic Cotton Programme WWF-Pakistan, gave an overview of WWF-Pakistan's organic cotton initiatives in 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 organic cotton".

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 Balochistan. He further said that "AED is a natural partner of WWF-Pakistan and farming communities in upscaling organic cultivation of cotton in the province, strengthening its supply chain and exploring new opportunities".

Dr. Arif Shah Kakar, renowned entomologist from the Agriculture Department, explained in his presentation that organic farming promotes 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 productivity, water scarcity and many more.

Dr. Shafiq-ur-rehman, Vice-Chancellor University of Balochistan said that, as evidenced by the recent floods, Pakistan has been facing the worst consequences 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 agriculture could be one feasible and effective solution to most of the climate change-related issues being faced by the country.

## 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 affectedes 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 be spared.



## 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, marginalized, and voiceless people of the Province through an institutionalized mechanism.

The focused classes of vulnerable, marginalized, and voiceless people 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 Quetta 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 assistive devices, he added.

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 suffering 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.

"I 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.



PM inaugurates 330 MW Power Plant of Thar Energy Limited

THARPARKAR: Prime Minister Shabbaz Sharif has inaugurated a 330 MW power plant under CPEC Block II completed by Hubco company in district Tharparkar on Monday.

ing electricity from Thar Coal required an extensive road network, bridges and an airport. The Chief Minister said that the Sindh government built the infrastructure of Thar by spending 750 million dollars.

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.

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 capital includes technical skills, education, communication skills, creativity, experience, problem-solving skills, mental health, leadership qualities, personal resilience, etc.

Pakistan's spending on education has improved over time though, still the spending constitutes a very low percentage of GDP. He said the governments of other countries actively enhance human capital by offering higher education to people.

improved with investments 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 productivity.



QUETTA: Police personnel 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 epidemic proportions in Pakistan as the health ministry reports over 41,000 cases of the disease in Pakistan this year on Monday.

sources. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 11,613 dengue virus cases and nine deaths reported, while in Punjab this year 9,410 cases and 25 deaths reported, according to sources.

disease during the past 24 hours. 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.

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 election.

old one, which is being collected with a new mechanism," he said. "We had collected 61.9 million rupees tax before the court's stay order," he informed.

said. "The website will also give information about spending of the tax money on a specific project," he said. "The tax money will be spent with honesty, people could ask about the spending," he said.



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 spaces, WealthPK reports. Pakistan has a seafloor of about 1,050 kilometres along the Makran Coast with a larger exclusive economic zone and continental shelf.

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

maritime industry. The development of 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.

Punjab asks federal govt to release further Rs19b in PSDP

LAHORE: The Punjab government Monday approached the federal government to get its due share in the PSDP.

As per details, Punjab could not get a PSDP share in proportion to the population from the federal government. The Punjab government contacted the federal government for PSDP share and has requested to release Rs19billion more in funds.



KARACHI: Rangers personnel 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 (DHA).

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

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.

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.

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

ISLAMABAD: In a major development, 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.

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 production of lubricating oil, grease, antifreeze, urea aqueous solutions and sealing grease.

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Advertisement for 'شہدائے وطن' (Martyrs of the Nation) featuring a table of names and dates, and contact information for the Balochistan Human Capital Investment Project (BHCIP).

Legal notice from the District Banking Court, Balochistan at District Court/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA, regarding a suit for recovery of Rs: 42489040-73.

