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ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo discussed the possible entry of Jamiat ul Ulama-e-Islam (JUI) with Chief of Balochistan National Party (Mengal), Sardar Akhtar Mengal and Chairman Senate Saadiq Samraji and Member National Assembly (MNA) Aslam Bhoctani on Monday.

They discussed the prevailing political situation in Balochistan and the possible joining of the cabinet by the JUI. The political leaders discussed the Balochistan situation with CM Bizenjo.

BNP member provincial assembly, Sanaulah Baloch was also present on the occasion. This meeting has come after the religious party announced joining the cabinet.

Sardar Mengal also held a meeting with JUI Chief Maulana Fazal ur Rehman the other day in the federal capital. JUI F and BNP Mengal have



decided to make a joint decision about joining the government or staying in the opposition, a key leader of the BNP told Daily Quetta Voice. He requested anonymity since he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The JUI has already handed over a charter of demand to the CM Balochistan in Islamabad. The party has held three meetings with CM Bizenjo regarding the joining of the government. So far no breakthrough has been made about the expansion in the Balochistan cabinet despite repeated rounds of talks.

Sardar Muhammad Khondai

A group of armed men attacked a police check post in Chaman, Pakistan's bordering city with Afghanistan. The incident left one police constable martyred, Hameed Zehri, Deputy Commissioner Chaman said.

The attackers would be arrested, the DC assured. Two motorcycle riders opened fire on a police station at Boghra Road Chaman, near the Pak-Afghan Border. Soon, after the incident, the police cordoned off the area as a search operation went underway.

The terrorists succeeded in escaping the spot of the



incident. Senior police officials and other high-ups reached the spot of the incident. They asked the police and other law enforcement agencies to arrest the culprits and bring them to book.

This is not the first time that policemen were targeted in Chaman. Terrorists have repeatedly attacked policemen and levies personnel in Chaman in the past. Senior police officer Muhammad Ali Kasri also reached the spot and directed the police to apprehend the culprits behind the terrorist attack.

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ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf receiving German Ambassador to Pakistan Alfreid Gramnas at Parliament house.

Balochistan sees 3,131 malaria cases in past 24 hours

QUETTA: The number of vector-borne disease, malaria is sharply increasing in the flood-hit districts of Balochistan on Monday.

As per sources, five flood-hit districts of Balochistan including, Jaffarabad, Nasirabad, Jhal Magsi and Dera Bugti have reported as many as 3,131 malaria cases.

The report say during the last 14 days as many as 37,224 malaria cases have been registered in the aforesaid districts of Balochistan. The current positivity ratio for the vector-borne disease is recorded at

Panadol shortage crises persist despite 10% increase in price

ISLAMABAD: The Panadol shortage persists despite 10% increase in the price of Panadol under the Consumer Price Index.

As per details, Panadol is the most prescribed drug by the medics to treat the ailment of dengue, and fever and also used as pain relief. Panadol has seen an increase in demand in the market due to the resurgence of dengue in the country. Patients are suffering greatly as Panadol is unavailable in the market. Not just Panadol, but all paracetamol brands are in limited supply, and Panadol spray is also difficult to get in stores.

The production of the local pharmaceutical firms decreased as a result of the rise in the price of paracetamol raw materials on the international market. More than 50 lakh tablets of Panadol and aspirin are consumed each day in Lahore. The recent shortage was caused by less than a quarter of the supply of Panadol INP.

UN hikes Pakistan aid appeal five-fold amid 'second wave of death and destruction'

The United Nations has revised up its humanitarian appeal for Pakistan five-fold to \$816 million from \$169 million as it seeks to counter a surge in water-borne diseases following the country's worst floods in decades, an official said on Monday.

Nearly 1,700 people have been killed in floods caused by heavy monsoon rains and melting glaciers in a crisis that the government and the U.N. have blamed on climate change.

"We are now entering a second wave of death and destruction," Julien Harries, UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Pakistan said at a Geneva briefing.

"There will be an increase in child mortality and it will be very terrible unless we act rapidly to support the government in increasing the provision of health, nutrition and water and sanitation services across the affected areas," he said. Meanwhile, a press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign

Father kills son in Chaman district of Balochistan

A father opened fire and killed his own son at Rehman Kadal road in Chaman on Monday. The accused was identified as Mal Mahagazi and his son as Najeeb Ullah, Jehanzeb Khan, a senior police officer told Daily Quetta Voice.

He said the accused father opened fire and killed Najeeb Ullah his own son. The victim was 22 years old and belongs to the Mahagazi tribe.

Mal Mahagazi opened fire with a pistol and killed his son Najeeb Ullah. The Levies force reached the spot and arrested the accused to investigate the incident. Levies shifted the accused to levies station for interrogation and a case was also registered against him.

Earlier another incident occurred in which a brother opened fire and killed his brother. This incident has come a day after a son, opened fire and killed his own father in the Kharaband area of Quetta.

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar confident of bringing dollar below 200

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Ishaq Dar Monday accused PTI Chairman Imran Khan of destroying the economy and assured the masses that he would bring the dollar value below 200 with the help of his policies.

"The actual value of the Pakistani rupee is less than 200 against the greenback and it will be brought down as it is currently undervalued," he said during Geo News programme "Capital Talk."

He mentioned that the dollar value is strong internationally, but "we will bring it down below 200 against our currency soon."

Since Dar took over in on September 28, the seasoned politician and chartered accountant faces the daunting task of stabilising an economy that has for months been in a tailspin, facing multiple threats of high inflation, a widening current account deficit and falling reserves.

He has strongly favoured intervention in currency markets in three previous stints in the job and is also expected to strengthen the currency which closed at Rs227.29 against the US dollar today.

The finance minister went on to say that Khan's speeches at his public gatherings reflect his frustration, saying that "deals and favouritism are part of Khan's fate."

"Khan contested the elections by cracking deals and staged demonstrations by cracking deals," he said, lambasting the PTI chief for holding Islamabad hostage for 26 days which delayed the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project.

Warning him of serious repercussions, Dar urged Khan to take him seriously and stay within his limits.



"Khan and his entire team are obsessed with me because they fear that we [PML-N] will stabilise the economy of Pakistan once again as we did back in 2013," he said, reiterating his suggestion that the country needs a charter of the economy.

The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) is an independent institution and it does not involve in manipulative activities," he said while replying to a question regarding the PTI leader Hamid Azhar accusing Dar of manipulating the economic data.

Speaking about former finance minister Miftah Ismail, Dar said: "I have to handle the International Monetary Fund (IMF) matters, so from now on, neither Miftah nor anybody else has to worry about anything."

A day earlier, Miftah termed the government's decision to not increase the petroleum development levy (PDL) this month without IMF approval, "reckless."

"Ishah is my colleague but he has his own point of view and I have mine," he said, advising him not to worry about the IMF as it is now his responsibility to deal with the body. "I know how to do it as I have solutions and have been dealing with them for the last 25 years."

The finance minister said: "Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif himself told me that during the United National General Assembly (UNGA) session, where Miftah was also present, he proposed IMF officials freeze taxes to which they did not refuse."

"I believe that the flood-and-inflation-weary people should not be burdened further," he said while taking a jibe at his fellow PML-N member for "burdening the masses" with his policies Web Desk.

Deadly Traffic Incident on Zhob-DI Khan highway, 10 including women killed

A deadly traffic incident has claimed 10 lives including women on Zhob to Dera Ismail Khan Highway on Monday evening. A tractor of goods collided with the bus coming from the opposite direction on the highway, officials said.

The injured were rushed to Dera Ismail Khan for medical treatment. A senior administration official in district Sherani told Daily Quetta Voice that the incident happened in the territory of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. An emergency was imposed in the district headquarters in Zhob to provide timely treatment to the injured in the accident. However, so far no



injured has been brought to the hospital, the hospital administration told Quetta Voice.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Editor Asim Khan

Balochistan prone to natural disasters

Balochistan, the country's largest province in terms of the area is prone to almost all types of natural disasters. Quetta, the provincial capital and various parts of the sparsely populated province have suffered natural disasters including drought, floods and earthquakes during the last one and half decades.

A recently mild earthquake measuring 5.4 on Richter scale in the province's Washuk district near the Jamrud border led to send any alarm bells in the power corridors. The tremors felt a couple of days ago in the wee hours damaged around 300 mud-walled houses in Killi Sand area of Basma Tehsil of Washuk district.

The provincial disaster management authority (PDMA) announced sending relief goods to the displaced people. Fortunately, no human loss was caused when earthquake tremors jolted one of the backward areas of the province since people were sleeping outside their rooms owing to scorching heat. The earthquake has almost gone unnoticed as it did not affect any of the major cities. However, officials have visited the area to meet the earthquake survivors and people displaced. The media too have called-shooter to the damages. Torrential rains also claimed 13 lives in Dera Bugti, Jhal Magsi, Jafarabad and districts of Balochistan. 207 houses were damaged, 3 water dams burst, 2 bridges and 10 communication roads were also damaged as a result of heavy rainfall. Similarly, floods in Nasarabad, Jafarabad made half a million people homeless and destroyed over 2,000 houses, during 2017. A strong earthquake in Pakistan's low of the Jamrud district area, a 5.2 that killed over 200 and injured more than 300 on October 29, 2008. In April 2013, an earthquake in Mashkan near Pak-Iran border killed dozens and injured over 100. In September 2013, a powerful earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale killed 228 people in Balochistan's Awaran. Thousands were displaced when the powerful tremors jolted the area in 1935, the deadliest earthquake raged the entire Quetta city to the ground. After the earthquake, the building code, which fixed 300 feet height for buildings in the city. For some time, people followed the code. But, gradually, people violated the code and constructed more than 300 tall buildings, plazas, shopping malls, markets in the heart of Quetta city. Based on past experiences and lessons future threats of natural calamities, the government officials need to chalk out a comprehensive strategy to cope with any emergency situation. The scale of the natural calamities cannot be predicted at this point in time. However, what is humaraly humanly is lessson to be learned from Turkey and other countries when it comes to earthquakes and other natural calamities.

More providing relief goods, tents and blankets do not offer any solution rather a comprehensive strategy needs to be made to tackle future situations. Building code in Quetta city, which is located in the earthquake sensitive zone should be implemented strictly. Populations living in floods danger zones or water-ways should be evacuated and settled in safer places.

Above all, the PDMA should go beyond distributing relief goods and the authority should engage geologists, environmentalists and researchers to analyze, assess and review future climate dangers to sensitize policymakers.

Syed Mansoor Ahmed

Climate change stanns unbeatle challenges in the future

According to the World Bank report, Pakistan stands fifth in affective of climate change. The awful and chaotic situation in 2019 and 2021, extremely dry weather in a rainy area, and fluctuations in actual climate pattern is alarming and departing signs among all the dwellers of the town.

The Climate Change and Agriculture in Pakistan. In addition, Pakistan is a semi-arid country. The local and dependent source of water is from the snow-covered Himalayan and the Karakoram in the Northern Area, Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, and the Sutlej rivers.

Within the water calculus, the country's entire agriculture is dependent on water flow from the Indus river Gilaal. Flood out-our people's lives. The threat to the country's climate in the Karakoram range. The side rim was reaching and melting the possible nodes of surge-type glaciers, which are characterized by unsteady movements and frequent frontal advances.

As a result, it causes natural hazards by obstructing river channels, forming ice-jammed lakes, which will ultimately cause GLOFs and pose threats downstream of the water. After meaningful analysis, it revealed that a space between 1998 and 2002 generated 5 GLOFs Damages by Climate Change. Meanwhile, rigorous scientific exploration of the Atchafal Lake of Hunza Valley in Gilgit-Baltistan is the distinctive event to justify the future threats of climate change in the form of freshwater. The lake flooding displaced about 6,000 people from upstream villages and inundated over 19

Multivariate Aspects of Climate Change in Pakistan



kilometers of the road network in the Karakoram Range. 29 glaciers are responsible for ice-dam formation. On the other hand, 26 glaciers built a barrier in the running rivers due to frontal advance, near to the densely populated areas of the Karakoram region. By constant observation of the prevailing and growing threat of climate change, it is arising the endless management only to the GLOFs. For instance, the Indus River System (IRS) is the jugular vein of glacier surges and ice-dam formation disclosed the scale future threat to the GLOFs in Pakistan. It is also noted, historically, in the

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

The Karakoram Range, more importantly, is the home of the encircling One Belt Over Asia Initiative (OBOR) by giving with a potential corridor through the Karakoram Highway from Klunjerab to the seaport at Gwadar on the Arabian Sea. Therefore, the smooth running of the traffic on the roads is the key for progressive economic development. While the barriers in rivers due to frontal advance could inundate the blackspots of the Karakoram Highway. The dislocation and dissolution of roads will give birth to never-ending challenges in the form of GLOFs. In the same run, these lakes and GLOFs are posing a political, scientific and attention because of the repeated outbreak of floods. So, the heart blood as well as collective effective efforts to tackle the scale of the future threat without causing infinite miseries.

Natural floods can't wash away

There is something decreed in the rural Pakistan that the floods have not washed away. So, will be any different when the waters that have drowned entire settlements in the third of the country finally recede and the everyday existence of the people is gradually restored?

What evidence we have is compelling the social degradation and subjugation of the poor has remained through our repeated upheavals. The state of misery and deprivation that the present floods have brought to the surface is the same or even worse than the condition that had emerged during the 2010 floods.

We do have a weakness of not being able to learn our lessons. That is how we did not take many preventive measures that could have reduced the impact and the pain of this unprecedented monsoon tragedy. But I am thinking of the fragility and the state of the human rather than the physical infrastructure.

Let us look at the snapshots that portray the state of rural society. Elected leaders and local landlords are obliged to be the scene, in the midst of their constituents and, in a sense, a 'royal'. Every such encounter underlines the gap between the

Energy efficiency

Pakistan faces the worst recession in the climate crisis despite its small carbon footprint. The country is geographically connected to the roof of the world with the highest mountain ranges, and the glacier melt is giving way to devastating floods in the monsoon. The recent disasters are a wake-up call and require immediate action by the government.

All stakeholders need to create an outreach programme, and use at an individual level can start with energy conservation. Amidst the pressing need to address the climate crisis by cutting greenhouse gas emissions and reducing carbon footprint, energy efficiency makes sense.

Energy efficiency means consuming less energy to achieve the same results, and it is the best way to reduce gas emissions and achieve our climate goals. A small fraction of energy efficiency is energy conservation and commercial level, which will help lower the electricity bills at both the residential and commercial level. As a result, businesses will be more competitive and efficiently manage the demand. All of this also means few gas emissions as few fossil fuels will be burnt for energy.

Italy's win

Italian voters struck in a right-wing parties in the general election held on September 25. As expected, the right-wing coalition has managed to win a majority in the Italian parliament and is likely to form the government. The right-wing parties got 7.4 million votes and 85 MPs. The Democratic Party (PD) has received 15.1 million votes and 7.7 per cent of the total votes.

The left in Italy has once again failed to capitalize on the cost-of-living crisis and the struggling economy. Its poor performance is concerning. The center-right party has lost ground in the last 15 years and failed to reclaim its space so far. The country's right-wing parties have taken full advantage of this situation. The League has emerged as the biggest loser of the 2022 elections among the right-wing parties. The long-serving reformer right-wing prime minister and media tycoon Berlusconi has lost 4.3 per cent of the total votes and his 32 senators. Meloni's party has gained 87 seats as compared to its performance in the 2018

elections. The right-wing coalition of Brothers of Italy, The League and Forza Italia has won 43.82 per cent of the votes and nearly 237 MPs in the house of 400, and 115 senators in the Senate of 206 members. The center-left coalition led by the Democratic Party has bagged 25.2 per cent votes and 85 MPs. The Democratic Party (PD) has received 15.1 million votes and 7.7 per cent of the total votes. The turnout was significantly low at 63.8 per cent in the 2018 election. The turnout was 73 per cent in 2018, which was a 10 per cent drop in four years and shows that a big gap has developed between the existing parties. The Italians hardly find any political party that has emerged as the biggest loser of the 2022 elections among the right-wing parties. The long-serving reformer right-wing prime minister and media tycoon Berlusconi has lost 4.3 per cent of the total votes and his 32 senators. Meloni's party has gained 87 seats as compared to its performance in the 2018

Strategic exhaustion

Pakistan is currently facing many of the familiar symptoms of strategic exhaustion like the slow growth of its economy, rapidly piling up external debts, high inflation, depreciation of its currency, political instability and discontent, rapidly growing public debt, and increasing difficulties faced by the country in providing resources for its security and foreign policy needs.

These alarming indicators call for urgent and decisive policy changes to ensure the nation's economic and sustainable economic growth and political stability. Our inability to do so would expose the country to strategic dangers on the pattern of what happened to the erstwhile Soviet Union.

Several factors are responsible for this alarming state. The foremost among them is the political and economic policy of the immaturity and lack of far-sightedness of our politicians and the interference of the establishment in political affairs since 1958. This overt and covert interference over the past seven decades in political affairs has prevented democracy from taking root in the country, undermined the sanctity of the constitution, encouraged corruption by weakening

Energy efficiency

The recent government has set the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation (NEEC) Policy 2020. The policy aims to improve energy efficiency and conservation, which requires all citizens to be more environmentally cognizant and to examine their energy use more closely. This shift for some segments of the population, but a large impact will be felt by the middle class and will require a lifestyle shift. It will compel large industrial energy users to document their energy use and report on potential options to improve their energy conservation methods, and all others to proactively work towards doing more with less.

Energy conservation is central to managing the energy crisis we see today. All of us - individuals, businesses, governments and groups - must recognize the benefits of less consumption and joint efforts to reduce emissions. Even though we are seeing a transition to renewable energy, the demand is high, and it is expected that natural gas will continue to be a significant energy source for many years to come. If

we can use electricity and all renewable energy wisely and efficiently, we can help Pakistan become more energy secure. The starting points can be more efficient and controllable appliances and equipment, especially for heating and cooling; improved shading and thermal envelopes (improving the way a building's walls, ceiling, and floors prevent heat transfer); smart meters to measure energy use; distributed energy generation and storage; such as wind and solar fuel switching (replacing inefficient fuels with cleaner and economic alternatives); equipment, training, and advice for better energy management.

Rupee keeps on growing stronger against US dollar

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against the rupee is artificial and I am telling you that the actual value of the rupee has been manipulated," he emphasized.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development Sajid Hussain Turki met Wakako Sakurai Founder and CEO of Plus -W a Japanese global recruiting company.

Food insecurity another big challenge in flood-hit areas: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Food insecurity has emerged as another big challenge in the flood affected areas of Pakistan, as robbers loot the relief goods before they could reach the victims of the elements and epidemics, reports WealthPK.

relief goods were looted last week, provoking protests from the flood victims. Following the frequent incidents of robbery, several organizations have reportedly suspended the flood relief operations.

families in Punjab and 331 families in Gilgit-Baltistan have received the cash assistance. Faisal Ibrahim, a flood affected person from Charsadda, said the robbers had looted many trucks between Charsadda and Charsadda while the genuine victims were waiting for assistance.

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LHC orders NAB to return Maryam's passport

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court has ordered the authorities to return the passport of PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

The order was passed by a three-judge bench of the Lahore High Court headed by Chief Justice Muhammad Anwar Chaudhry and comprising Justice Ali Baqir Naif and Justice Ijaz Saleem Khan on Monday.

In her miscellaneous petition, Maryam had stated that the bureau had confiscated her passport in the Ch Sugar Mills case. She stated that after a passage of four years, no reference even had been filed adding that confiscating passport of a citizen is violation of basic constitutional rights.

PA body orders PML-N's Ata Tarar to appear at its next meeting

LAHORE: The privilage committee of the Punjab Assembly (PA), in its hurriedly called meeting on Monday, ordered PML-N's Islamabad leader Ata Tarar to appear in the next meeting of the committee, failing which police would produce him before the committee handover.

Sources said that the committee met with Chaudhry Ali Akhtar in the chair. Senior Punjab Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal, Punjab Health Minister Dr. Younis Khan and member of the Punjab Assembly (MPA) Sachin Sohal Rana, all from PTI, submitted to the committee an applicant against Tarar for making an objectionable gesture with a finger during the PA session some time ago.

Sources disclosed that the PTI MPAs, in their application, requested the committee chairman to punish the PML-N leader for damaging the House's sanctity through his gesture. The committee chairman, on the occasion, expressed his strong displeasure that Tarar did not appear before the committee last time as it had summoned him in connection with the same incident. INP

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HYDERABAD: A leader of Jamat-e-Islami Siraj ul Haq addressing a gathering of displaced people from flood during his visit of Al-Khidmat city near Jamshoro Toll Plaza in the city.

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Relations between Pakistan, Germany based on shared democratic values: Pervaiz Ashraf

ISLAMABAD Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf on Monday said that relations between Pakistan and Germany are based on shared democratic values and multifaceted corporations.

Parliamentary diplomacy and cooperation between National Assembly and German Parliament Bundestag could further strengthen the existing ties, the speaker expressed these views while talking to Ambassador of Germany Alfred Gramas who called on him.

Speaker while highlighting the calamitous effects of climate change in Pakistan remarked that the recent flooding has submerged one-third of the country and left more than 33 million Pakistanis homeless, said a news release.

In this regard, the National Assembly of Pakistan has moved an emergency resolution in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) conference in Rwanda to underline the developed nations of the world to compensate for irreversible losses due to the climate crisis in developing countries like Pakistan.

German Ambassador expressed solicitude with the flood affected and assured support to the National Assembly's call for the global fund through IPU to tackle the climate crisis.

Later on, the Ambassador of Norway to Pakistan Mr Per Albert Irgens also called on Speaker of National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf. Various matters about bilateral cooperation, economic ties, and the recent flood situation in the country were discussed.

Speaker remarked that Pakistan considers Norway as its loyal friend and an economic partner and desires to further strengthen its existing bilateral relations.

He also expressed the need to expand cooperation and interaction between the parliaments and parliamentarians of both the countries for exchange of knowledge and experiences.

He also said that the National Assembly of Pakistan being cognizant of the sufferings of the flood affected has proposed an emergency item for inclusion in the agenda of the 145th IPU Conference in Rwanda that will highlight the plight of flood-affected people of Pakistan.

Speaker sought the support of Norway for Pakistan's call for the inclusion of the flood crisis on the emergency agenda of the conference.

Norwegian ambassador expressed grief over the unprecedented losses during the recent flooding in Pakistan. He highlighted that more than 39,000 Pakistani diasporas in Norway have contributed greatly to the progress of the country. He also emphasized reviewing bilateral business concerns to make it more profitable for both sides. He also assured his country's support for National Assembly's call for the global fund through IPU to tackle the climate catastrophe INP.



ISLAMABAD: Former Prime Minister and Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Imran Khan arrives at the Islamabad High Court for contempt case hearing in IHC.

Okara woman commits suicide after her 'obscene' pictures went viral

OKARA: Okara woman committed suicide after her 'indecent' pictures went viral on social media, the local police said on Monday.

The dreadful incident took place in the limits of Haveli Lakha area of Panjrah's Okara, where a woman ended her life after her 'obscene' pictures went viral.

The police have arrested one accused in the case, while case has been registered against four suspects.

Raids were underway to arrest the rest of the suspects in the suicide case. Last month, a victim of gang rape allegedly committed suicide in village Mehran Soomro within the limits of Kalan Town of Tharparkar.

The body of the victim was sent to Taluka Hospital Dipol Town for post-mortem. The girl was reportedly abducted by some 'unknown' persons five days before her disappearance, who, after raping her had left her at a deserted place near her village INP.

Islamabad court extends Shahnawaz's physical remand for three days

ISLAMABAD: District and sessions court in Islamabad on Monday extended the physical remand of Shahnawaz Amir, the main suspect in the murder case of his wife Sara Inam, for three more days.

A few hours ago, the same court extended the interim bail of Sameena Shah, the main suspect's mother in the Sarah Inam murder case.

Additional Sessions Judge Sheikh Sohail heard the case and extended Sarwana's three-day interim bail until Oct 7.

The court adjourned the hearing of the case till Friday at the request of the father of slain Sarah Inam.

On September 26, 2022, a court in Islamabad had extended the physical remand of Shahnawaz Amir, whose father Ayaz Amir for three days and one day, respectively.

Islamabad police had arrested Shahnawaz for allegedly murdering his Canadian national wife Sara over a 'family issue' with the help of dumbbells, a day after she arrived in Pakistan from Dubai.

Sara, 37, was the third wife of the alleged murderer. The incident took place at a farmhouse located in the capital's Shalimar Town suburb where the suspect lived along with his mother. INP.

Islamabad registers downward trend in dengue cases

ISLAMABAD: Change in weather has decreased the number of dengue cases in Islamabad, the district health officer said on Monday.

According to the statistics provided by the DHO Islamabad, 44 dengue cases have been reported in the federal capital.

The DHO further said, the federal capital has so far reported 2,552 cases of dengue and six deaths.

On the other hand, at least 246 more dengue infections were reported in Karachi in the last 24 hours, the Sindh health department data sheet on Sunday.

According to the provincial health department report, so far 32 people had their lives due to the vector-borne infection in the mega city.

The majority number of cases in Karachi have been reported in district East, where 66 patients have been infected by the virus during the past 24 hours.

District Korangi reported 33 cases, Central 55, Malir 29, South 36, Keamari 13 and District West reported 10 cases INP.

Islamabad police produce missing Muneeb Akram before IHC

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad police on Monday produced a missing citizen, Muneeb Akram, before the Islamabad High Court (IHC).

IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah, who had asked the police and intelligence agencies to produce the missing citizen on Monday, heard the case.

"This is the second or third incident of a person going missing. Tell me, why is this happening? Tell me, who is responsible for this?" the IHC chief justice questioned the representative of the Ministry of Defence.

The representative of the Ministry of Defence told the court, "We had asked our agencies to find out about the missing person after the order of this court. After the investigation of the two agencies, it was found that neither of them had him."

At this, IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah said, "Our intelligence agencies are among the best in the world. If any citizen is picked up, the job of the agencies is to find out about him, not to just say that 'we do not have him.'"

He added, "Now tell me, who is responsible for all this? This court, in its detailed judgment, has identified the responsible. If the boy was not found, the court would hold them all responsible. You are directed to read this judgment once." INP.

Govt moves SC to cancel Shahbaz Gill's bail

The federal government Monday filed an application in the Supreme Court to cancel the bail of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader Shahbaz Gill in a sedition case. So it was requested to the Supreme Court to annul the decision of the High Court on the bail of Shahbaz Gill INP.

Sindh police seek adjournment of LG polls for three months

KARACHI: Citing shortage of force, Sindh police on Monday sought adjournment of the second phase of the Local Government (LG) elections in the province, including Karachi.

According to a report forwarded by the provincial home ministry to Gil Murad Ali Shah, the shortage of personnel has been highlighted by the Sindh police due to rescue and relief work in the flood-hit districts of the province. The report said Karachi police currently have 23,000 policemen and for the peaceful conduct of LG elections in the second phase, there is a need of 39,000 cops. Karachi lacks 16,000 policemen for the smooth conduct of the LG polls as a number of policemen are discharging their duties in the flood-hit areas. It may be noted that the Sindh High Court (SHC) has sought a written reply from the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on the petitions filed by Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) against the delay in holding the second phase of local government (LG) polls in Sindh by October 25 INP.

Pakistan asks India to quit state terrorism in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Monday categorically rejected Indian External Affairs Minister's highly "irresponsible and gratuitous" remarks made at Vadodra, India, insinuating Pakistan's so-called involvement in "international terrorism."

"Instead of levelling baseless allegations against Pakistan, India is well advised to abjure its policy of state terrorism in India, the Foreign Office said in a statement.

"The Indian EAM's unfounded remarks are yet another manifestation of the Indian leaders' obsession to connect facts with respect to terrorism for misleading the international community and point fingers at neighbours in a bid to mask India's own well-known credentials as a state-sponsor of terrorism and a serial violator of human rights," it said, "nowhere is state terrorism more evident than in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK), where over 900,000 Indian occupation forces continue to terrorize, torture and torment innocent Kashmiris with impunity." The FO stressed "The world is also aware of the 'saffron terror' orchestrated and unleashed by the BJP-RSS zealots against Muslims in India." The Foreign Secretary said Pakistan is the only country that has stemmed the tide of terror INP.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi in a meeting with the representatives of various chambers of commerce and industry of Pakistan about breast cancer awareness campaign, at Awan-e-Sadr.

Pakistan needs to import 5 million cotton bales after flood damage: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan needs to import at least 5 million bales of cotton during the current fiscal year to meet the demand of textile value-addition chain, Pakistan Textile Mills Association (PTMA) said.

"Pakistan imported 3 million cotton bales last year and needs to import at least 5 million bales during the current fiscal year due to damage to the crop by recent floods," Shahid Sattar, Secretary General of PTMA, told WealthPK.

He said cotton is an important cash crop for Pakistan and a major raw material for its textile industry, representing 75% in the fibre mix of textile products.

Current estimates of losses to the cotton crop due to floods are 2.5 million bales, accounting for 36% of the expected yield this year," Shahid said.

He added that the current loss is valued at over \$1 billion as per the value-addition price of cotton. He said that Pakistan was already facing shortage of cotton, and floods have caused more damages to the crop in the country.

Shahid said the government should also help the textile sector in procuring extra amount of cotton from various countries so that Pakistan's largest export industry can meet its requirements.

He said that a delegation of APIMA was currently en route to negotiate with state procurer's office to meet future requirements of the textile sector.

Prices of Roti, Naan increased sans government's nod

LAHORE: People have now started feeling the pinch of diminished supply of subsidized flour as the Muttahida Naan Roti Association, Lahore, officials further said adding that the rail services between Pakistan and Iran have been restored after two months.

Pakistan's state rail on Sunday said that Turkey's 13th 'Kindness Train' carrying 554 tons of relief supplies for Turkish victims, has set off for Pakistan.

Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Authority statement said the train has left Ankara and is expected to reach Pakistan in two weeks.

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A Naanah said how could he sell Roti at cheaper rates when he was purchasing flour at expensive rates after the subsidy was over?

He went on to say that the price of a bag of fine flour had gone up from Rs7,000 to Rs9,000. Expensive rates after the subsidy was over?

Now contrary to the government's rate list, the price of a 25kg bag of Roti's price is Rs10 while that of a Naan is Rs18, 100gms of flour is now available at Rs15 while Sada Naan of 120 grams at Rs10.

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Four more trains with relief goods from Turkiye arrive Pakistan

CHAGAI: Four more trains from Turkiye carrying tons of relief goods for flood victims have reached here, Pakistan Railways officials said.

Relief items from Turkiye included medicines, food items, officials further said adding that the rail services between Pakistan and Iran have been restored after two months.

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Sindh CM directs rapid drainage of water from farmlands

KARACHI: A session over floodwater drainage shared by Sindh chief minister was briefed on Monday that the water level in Manchar Lake has dropped to RL-117.35 from RL-123.3, while the water in Indus River goes down to normal at Gaddu, Sukkur and Kotri barrages.

The water also gushing in the Indus basin of the U.S. Bund, Danisar Canal and Aral Head and Tail, the Chief Minister Murtaz Ali Shah was informed INP.



QUETTA: Chief operating officer Rukhsana Foundation Sajjad Manzoor distributing Rishan among flood affected people at Khanoozi.

IHC directs to appoint Akhtar Mengal as convener of commission against harassment of Baloch students

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday directed the government to issue a notification appointing Akhtar Mengal as the convener of the commission that had been formed to prevent harassment of Baloch students.

The government must issue the notification for the purpose of Akhtar Mengal as the convener of the commission within three days," the court added.

The secretary to the commission should be established in the Senate. The commission must submit a report on preventing harassment of Baloch students in a month. IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah passed the orders.

Imaan Mazari appeared before the court on behalf of Baloch students while Additional Attorney General Manoor filed an application before the court on behalf of the federal government.

"Kamran Murtaza is available for his inclusion in the commission," said the additional attorney general while presenting his arguments before the court.

"This issue is important. Baloch students are studying in the institution for the purpose of education. Why are they unsafe? The court will issue separate orders on this matter," said the IHC chief justice.

"Why shouldn't Akhtar Mengal be included in the commission?" he questioned the additional attorney general who then replied, "As the court wills, we have no objection."

The IHC chief justice also asked Imaan Mazari to submit the issues of Baloch students to the commission's secretary.

The commission must submit a report to the court by November 7, the IHC chief justice said, and he adjourned the hearing of the case till November 7 INP.

ECC takes up wheat import agenda via Gwadar Port

ISLAMABAD: In order to materialize import agenda via Gwadar Port, Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) has finally taken up the agenda of importing wheat from Gwadar port in its 11th meeting. Gwadar Port reported on Monday.

ECC is Federal Institution responsible to authorize key economic initiative in Pakistan. As per the agenda list, the Ministry of National Food Security, Research and Extension (MNFSRE) has proposed to allow Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) to award the contract of imported wheat, initially for three smaller vessels not exceeding 40,000 MT tonnage, for berthing at Gwadar Seaport. The summary presented by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research regarding the import of wheat through the Gwadar seaport was deferred by ECC in its last meeting.

However, it was incorporated in the agenda for the meeting later. Wheat imports via Gwadar promises to usher in a new era of business, commerce and trade vibrancy at Gwadar port.

GFA official, dubbed the readiness to import wheat through Gwadar port a new milestone saving wheat import will spur up trade activities in Gwadar. "It will also boost up employability as when bustling activity will get underway, skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labor force will be required to handle the entire scale of work," he added.

In 2020, the federal government already allowed the import of wheat at the Gwadar port and onward transit to Afghanistan through bonded carriers-insured and seizable trucks having a tracking device.

Initially, for three smaller vessels not exceeding 40,000 MT tonnage, on the request of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), the Pakistan-Afghanistan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PAJCCI), the Gwadar International Terminal Limited and other stakeholders, issued an Office Memorandum (MO) titled 'Implementation of the import and export policy orders through shipping procedure and instructions for operationalization of the Gwadar Port' INP.