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Traders to stage sit in against robbery incidents on Quetta Karachi highway

: Why this discrimination with Balochistan?

Quetta Voice Special Report

As the winter sets in, the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) comes into the imelight. Based on its track record, comdaints regarding no gas pressure, and low as pressure against the company are noth-ng new in Quetta and other parts of

Balochistan.

Currently, Quetta, Kalat, Ziarat, Pishin, Mastung and other parts of Balochistan are under the grip of dry cold weather. However, most of the residents of these areas are deprived of a gas supply. In Quetta, the SSGC officials manage to make sure the provision of gas supply to posh and VIP areas, whereas, the poor and the marginalized neighborhoods remain deprived of the facility.

However, the situation turns from bad to worst in Ziarat, Kalat, Mastung and Pishin when it comes to the gas supply in chilly weather. Residents of these districts complain that SSGC has crossed QESCO in



Last year BHC declares 'other

Consumers also complain about receiv-ing increasing bills from the SSGC every winter. Thanks to the Balochistan High Court (BHC), which declared the compa-

ny's 'other charges' in every bill a null and void last year.

daily that more than 80 percent of gas meters are tampered with/ faulty. Now the question arises, meters tampered with without the knowledge of the company, or some black sheep inside the company are complicit in this regard?

SSGC has to put its own house in

The answer is simple, the company has to put its own house in order prior to take action against the consumers stealing gas. In this whole situation, when this daily tried to take an official version of the company. We were simply told the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the company is based in Karachi. Gas was explored from Balochistan's Sui tehsil of Dera Bugti in 1952. Industries and factories developed through the same supply over decades.

Balochistan is yet to get the position of PRO in the company. This step-motherly treatment of Balochistan must be stopped and consumers in this part of the country should be treated like consumers elsewhere.

Imran halts PTI's long march after reporter crushed to death by his container

The long march was called off for the day after a reporter of a local TV channel, Sadaf Naeem died after she was crushed under PTI Chairman Imran Khan's container on

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief Imran earlier in the day said that his party was with the Pakistan Army and wants it "to be strong". The former premier made these comments during his address on the third day of the 'Haqeeqi Azadi' march to Islamabad.

During the speech, Imran maintained that whenever

"we criticise the army it is always constructive criticism

The former ruling party has been critical of the security establishment with Imran criticising the director general of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), whose Thursday press conference he had been depouring during had been denouncing during his address on the first and second day of the march.

In his message to the establishment today, Imran, how-ever, refrained from his criti-cism of the DG ISI. "India don't misunder-

stand, we stand with our army," he said, adding that the neighbouring country was celebrating after DG ISI's press conference as it believes that the army and Imran Khan are having "a face-off". "I want to tell India that this

army is ours and I can never be against it," the former

prime minister said. He furthered that "When General [Pervez] Musharraf removed these two corrupt parties [PML-N and PPP] people distributed sweets... because people were tired of their theft."

Musharraf gave a NRO to these thieves... he caused us more harm than our ene-" he claimed.

Referring to the country's establishment, the ex-PM said 'you made cases on these people. You told everyone how corrupt [they] are. Your joint investigation report [JIT] proved how corrupt Nawaz Sharif and Asif Ali Zardari are."

He added that "if today you tell us that now you have decided to side with these thieves", the people will not

"Don't think that we are sheep... We have a right to differentiate between right and wrong. If you stand with these thieves, the people will not stand with you," he main-tained. The PTI chief went on to say that he wants to see the army as a "strong institution" and wants the people to stand with them Imran hits back at ShehbazImran Khan hit back at Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif as he resumed his 'Haqeeqi Azadi' march to Islamabad from Muridke.Web Desk



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addressing a delegation of YouTubers in Lahore.

Traders to stage sit in against robbery incidents on Quetta Karachi highway

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: The traders' community has announced to stage a sit-in on the Quetta Karachi highway against increasing incidents of robberies. Rahim Agha, the President Balochistan's traders communithe President ty said incidents of looting and robberies were on a constant rise on the Quetta-Karachi

highway He said it was very difficult for the traders' community to keep continuing their business on the highway linking Balochistan with Sindh because of robbery incidents. "Traders will stage a sit-in at Lak Pass against this lawlessness", Mr.



Agha said in a statement issued

on Sunday evening.
National Party (NP) has announced support the sit-in called by the traders' community against the increasing incidents of robberies on the highway. In a statement issued by the party secretariat, the NP has decided to support the protest of the traders' community against incidents of kidnapping and robberies on the highway.



Journalist Sadaf Naeem crushed to death by Imran's container

Dawood Ahmed

ISLAMABAD: Sadaf Naeem, a female jour-Insaf (PTI) Imran Khan's container during the long march of the former ruling party on Sunday. PTI Chief Imran Khan called off the long march for today in the aftermath of the killing of the female reporter associated with

According to the channel, the reporter was run over by PTI Chairman Imran Khan's container. The media outlet said that Naeem fell from the container after which she was crushed by the vehicle.



sonnel was killed and that Imran had himself gotten off the vehicle to inspect the incident while Rescue 1122 was alerted as well. "We are not 100 percent sure about the iden-

tity but the reports are very bad," he said prior to the confirmation by the channel. Fawad requested the public to take caution

while walking along Imran's container, adding that the lives of all people contributing to the march were "precious and respected". As a result of the incident, the PTI called off today's activities in solidarity.

Senior journalists and anchors lashed out at the media houses for their failure to provide

the media houses for their failure to provide safety training to the journalists covering such events.

Various projects started for development of Gwadar Balochistan: Hamal Kalmati

Mir Hamal Kalmati, a member of the Balochistan Assembly on Sunday said that the implementation of development projects worth billions of rupees has been started in the Gwadar district.

A significant amount of money for the construction of blacktopped roads is also included in the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP), which includes 250 million for Gwadar city, 130 million for Pasni city, 80 million for Jewni, 50 million for Ormarha, 50 million for Peshkan and 50 million for Sarband.

Construction of blacktop street worth Rs: 13 million for the Hindu community

The project includes the construction of a blacktop street worth Rs: 13 million for the Hindu community, including the construction of a boundary wall worth Rs: 13 million, and Rs: 60 million for transformers and poles across the district

and poles across the district.

The plan includes the construction of two dams in Ormara, in which 90 million rupees have been allocated for the Pulkani dam and 150 million rupees for the Thusk dam. "The implementation of various projects for the provision of public health to the people of Gwadar is going on", Mr. Hamal Kalmati said.

On November 1, the development institution of

Hospital will be handed over Hospital, where the people will be provided with basic high-quality modern treatment facilities free of

charge.

150-bed Pakistan-China Friendship Hospital
Apart from this, a 150-bed Pakistan-China
Friendship Hospital is also under construction to provide better public health facilities to the people, on which work is going on rapidly. At a cost of 3.3 billion rupees, work is underway on various projects to devel-

op the city on modern lines.

An agreement was signed for the supply of additional electricity from Iran to the Gwadar district to improve the electricity system in the Makran division including Gwadar. Apart from this, Makran division including Gwadar is also connected to the national grid station

Mobile company tower blown up in Mangochar Kalat

Abdullah Lehri

A tower of a private mobile company was blown up in Balochistan's Kalat district on Saturday Levies sources said the tower was blown up in the



Mangochar area of the district Levies said unknown miscreants had planted explosive devices close to the tower in Mangochar.

The explosives were detonated through a remote control. The tower was damaged in the blast. Levies personnel reached the spot and started an investigation into the incident. The miscreants had also blown up a tower of the private mobile company in Kalat dis-trict a few days back.

Who is Imran Khan to advise in the matter of COAS appointment, asks Khawaja Asif

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif on Sunday rubbished PTI Chairman Imran Khan's alleged proposal on army chief's

appointment, saying "who is he to advise in the matter" Addressing a press conference in Sialkot on Sunday, Asif referred to the prime minister's claim that he rejected a proposal from Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan about the appointment of army chief, and instead offered him dialogue on "Charter of Democracy and Charter of Economy

Talking to vloggers on Saturday, the prime minister said that the PTI chairman offered talks with the government a month ago through a mutual businessman friend to resolve two issues, one of which was the appointment of the army

chief, "Imran Khan offered [to conduct] negotiations," Prime Minister Shehbaz told vloggers. "The first matter was the army chief's appointment and the second was holding early elections," he added.

Defence Minister Asif in today's presser said the appoint-



ment of the army chief is the prerogative of the prime min-

ister according to the Constitution

"The real face of the PTI chief has been exposed before the public. Who is Imran Khan to advise in the matter of army chief?" the minister added.

The defence minister said November would be a decisive month as political matters entered a "crucial stage".

He also lashed out at the PTI chairman over hard-hitting statement against military leaders, saying the former pre-mier was criticising army while soldiers were rendering sacrifices against terrorism.

Asif also downplayed PTI's long march on Islamabad, saying, "Imran Khan began long march with merely 10-12,000 people while in Muridke there were only 2,500 people. Despite using government machinery, PTI failed to gather people." Speaking about Imran's demand to hold early elections, Asif said the constitutional term of the National Assembly will end in August next year and the polls would be held on their stipulated time. Web Desk

in Balochistan

The curse of narcotics has ruined our society. Thousands of young people fell prey to the curse of heroin during the last four decades in Balochistan, Pakistan's least developed province. In Quetta, it is very difficult to walk on Jinnah Road because of the young heroin addicts

begging and snatching things on the roadside.

First, they (addicts) beg and then try to snatch anything from mobiles to watches and purses from women. Such incidents have frequently taken a place with addicts snatching purses, mobiles, etc, and sneaking into the main city nullah, which snakes through Quetta's high-security

This situation prompted the Quetta police and the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) to launch an operation in the main nullah the other day. CTD and police claimed to have killed eight alleged drug peddlers during an exchange of fire. This was for the first time that police and

CTD conducted such a targeted operation.

Fate of thousands of addicts is still shrouded in mystery

However, the fate of thousands of young addicts still shrouds in mystery as the government is yet to make a plan for their complete rehabilitation. The challenge for the government is to stop the narcotics smuggling from Afghanistan and rehabilitate the addicts.

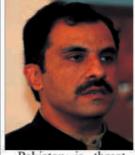
Officially an awareness campaign on social media, radio, newspapers, and TV channels should be launched to create awareness among the people about the curse of narcotics. This would be a good initiative

to prevent the youth from falling prey to drugs.

History of heroin dates back to USSR invasion of Afghanistan in 1979The menace of narcotics in general and heroin, in particular, dates back to the USSR's invasion of Afghanistan at the end of December

The war in Afghanistan had and has direct impacts on Pakistan in general and Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces in particular. It is a common saying that 'Kalashinkove and Heroin' culture is the product of the Afghan war, which distorted the true tolerant face of the two provinces.

QUETTA VOICE Looming threat of climate change in Pakistan Muhammad Jehangir Kakar Muhammad Jehangir Kakar



Pakistan is threat-ened with the chal-lenges of climate change. Be it global standing or regional vulnerability caused due to climatic threats, Pakistan is on crossing the red line. This is so alarming as much as it is so interesting. Is there someone looking after climate change at

the provincial or federal level in Pakistan?
There is none!
Ministry of Climate
Change at the federal level is downplayed to act only as a regulator and one that has the technical capacity to still maneuver only unto the limitations of checking the quality of

ambient airs.

Similarly, at all the provincial levels, there

could ensure that any climate-oriented data is being collected. The are environmental pro-tection agencies that look after the conformof environmental aforementioned agenregulations in various sectors contributing to certain types of pollutions. These provincial agencies act as regulators and with a stick they enforce the environmental laws which can cater for only a limited version or a cies only ensure the quality of air by recording the various gaseous emissions in the ambient airs. The Pakistan Metrological Centers throughout the country pick up con-ventional weather data can cater for only a limited version or a speck of what forms the big idea of climate change. At the provincial levels like at the federal level, there is no agency that is technically sound, composed of such professionals and equipped with such facilities as to counter the grand by various means but is hardly translated into making a mean-ingful statement on

to counter the grand horror of climate change. No climate change data being collected at the provincial level the provincial level
As for the data and statistics, there is as much fragmentation and silos-approach as much it is in the intergovernmental coordination mechanism. The question is not of the dearth of ampleness of data however it is how the data is made meaningful. Not at any provincial-level one

mgful statement on where we stand on climate change.
As for policies, laws, rules and regulations, we are more affluent than the developed nations. When it comes to drafting policies, odes are worth writing to our expertise but to our expertise but when given to see them on the ground being implemented; only darkened eulogies are symphonized at shrieks ad infinitum. The laws are being multiplied each day and have become as difficult as to remember the exact number of laws on one single

National Climate Change Policy

ment of the past being pushed to nullity though it was the vital document that elevated document that elevated the Division of Climate Change to a Ministry level yet the promising implementation never has come off until this date. Though a devolved subject yet the NCCP grants the legitimacy to the Ministry of Climate Change to wreathe all the provinces together in

wreathe all the provinces together in one garland of beauti-ful working and legal integration to manage the national issue of

climate change.
The Climate Change
Act 2017 was another
move towards climate consolidation that promised to establish the Pakistan Climate Change Authority, Climate Change Council, and Climate Change Fund all of which were last time seen in 2017 when the said Act was passed. The vision 2030 remains a virgin vision

thus far.
Ministry of Climate
Change must realize
that it is the organization at the federal level entirely responsible for

catering for climate change affairs. The integration of such a central body with the provinces would be the next challenge given to over politicization of everything. Climate is something which should not be made political though globally it is something which has become an element of political decisiveness as in the Biden-Trump thaw.

Nature and nurture

Nature and nurture along with the potential of Pak-Met office and reach are to be integrated and enhanced fully at the federal and provincial levels with the climate change organizations. levels with the climate change organizations so formed above. The data and statistics need to be enhanced and made up to the mark as being internationally acceptable with proper transcriptions and applications of data. A lot must be done to keep the generalists away from making any decisions and calling the shots and the professionals are given the entry are given the entry who have both the capacity and the legit-

How to promote strategic culture of research in Pakistan?

The culture of research with analytical skills, critical thinking and strategic insight is essential for transforming a country from being poor and underdeveloped to a successful one. Societies where there is culture of innovative and creative research are able to turn around and seek excellence in economy, good governance, rule of law, accountability, and human and social development with a focus on better education and

vibrant institutions. What is meant by a cul-ture of research and why Pakistan, the world's fifth most populous country, is unable to seek a break-through in utilising its human resource for developing a strategic mind with a focus on research and development? Davindra Thakur in his book, Research Methodology in Social Sciences, states: "The term research is meant any inquiry or investigation regarding any phenomenon or event in order to discover facts. Tariq Malik in his book, Meliorism of Research Methodology, maintains that the word research "comes from the French 'rechercher' (to search again or survey) and is defined as a careful, systematic, patient investigation undertaken to dis-cover or establish facts and relationships.

C.R Kothari in his Research Methodology Methods and Techniques, states: "Research in common parlance refers to a search for knowledge. One can also define research as a scientific and systematic search for pertinent information on a specific topic. In fact, research is an art of scientific inves-tigation. We all possess the vital instinct of inquisitiveness for, when the unknown confronts us, we wonder and our inquisitiveness makes us probe and attain full and fuller understanding of the unknown." When research is not understood or is disregarded as something irrelevant, the outcome is degeneration of society and failure of state. Viewed in the context of Pakistan, research was never given a priori-ty by the state which considered it as a threat to its

nterests.

Reasoning, critical thinking, probe, inquiry and searching for truth means opening up of the minds of people challenging policies and its narraing policies and its narra-tives aiming to misguide people and hiding truth. Promoting a strategic culture of research means when the two major words 'why' and 'how' are not suppressed by the state and society. When reasoning and question-ing become a part of societal discourse, it means people, particularly the youths, are empowered to search for the truth and strengthen the process of innovation, creativity and discoveries. Since strate-gy is an art focusing on how to do things, research gives emphasis on why to seek truth. Both are compatible as no society can progress and develop without unleash-ing the process of strate-

The neglect of research.
The neglect of research in Pakistan could be gauged from the fact that despite having world's best soil and canal system the country has had tem, the country has had to import food items worth billions of dollars annually. There does exist Pakistan Agricultural tasked to enhance agricultural production and improve quality of crops. But, PARC has utterly failed to conduct research which can augment per acre yield of major crops like wheat, rice, maize, soya bean, vegetables and fruits because it lacks caliber and professionals. But with mediocre professionals, how can one expect such organisations to conduct innovative research to transform Pakistan into a South Asian bread basket? Focus on research and innovation tends to ensure not only high per acre yield but also quality

of agricultural products.

The invention of 'Maxi-Pak' wheat by PARC during the sixties was an exception, happening several decades ago when there was adherence to merit vis-avis fulfilling official posi-tions related to research innovation Furthermore, research requires intelligence and brilliance of people of any country. Bangladesh, unlike Pakistan, is not a cotton growing country but its innovative and brilliant scientists and industrialists decided to mport cotton and process it into garment products. As a result, a non-cotton

growing country is now exporting garments worth \$35 billion, which is more than the total exports of Pakistan. more than the total exports of Pakistan. Poverty alleviation and empowerment of women are the two achievements of garment industry in Bangladesh which was not possible without innovation.

Pakistan cannot overcome its economic predicament unless it promotes the strategic cul-ture of research by taking three measures, as fol-lows. First, quality, free and compulsory educa-tion at the grassroots level needs to be introduced so that the present and future generations of this country are empow-ered with knowledge, analytical skills and criti-cal thinking. With national resources plundered and corruption rampant, the country can never emerge as a successful state with a vibrant economy, impressive ranking on human security index and effective mechanism to handle natural disasters, poverty and social backwardness. Western and non-western societies - where the leadership has promoted the culture of research and innovadiscoveries,

Dr Moonis Ahmar tional institutions leading

to the emergence of a critical mass essential for a vibrant strategic culture of research.
Second, freedom of thought and intellectual

discourse about address-ing critical issues in Pakistan remained nonexistent which deepened the culture of patronisa-tion and suppressing truth. Otherwise, there would have been vibrant research centres and poli-cy-oriented thinktanks dealing with domestic and foreign policy chal-lenges. In the strategic culture of research there are four requirements professionals, resources programmes and leader ship. Unless Pakistan focuses on attaining aforementioned conditions, the country would remain on dole for its economic survival economic survival; extremism and terrorism would continue to destabilise society; and the youth of the country will be frustrated and in wilderness. Finally, the role of philanthropists in promoting the strategic culture of research is imperative as is evident in developed societies the World Bank where billions of dollars of funding is provided by those who are resourceful and want to serve humanity by investing in education, research centres and institutes.Whereas, the ground realities in Pakistan are different where those with financial resources are primarily not interested in developing a culture of research which.

o concessions

e owe \$55 billion to multilateral

organiza-tions. The IMF is in no mood for any conces-sions. The IMF wants fiscal consolidation. The World Bank is in The World Bank is in no mood for any concessions. The IMF and the World Bank both want energy sector reforms. Between 1951 and 2011, the US sent in \$67 billion. The US withdrew the last of its troops from

troops from
Afghanistan in August
2021. We are a 'front
line state' no more. We
are a 'major non-Nato
ally' no more.
We need at least \$34

billion just to keep our country afloat for the next 12 months. We need to reschedule \$27 billion worth of our bilateral debt. We need bilateral debt. We need to 'repurpose' our multilateral loans. We need financing from the IMF's 'food shock window'. We need dollars from the Global Climate Fund, the Global the Global Environment Facility and the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility of

The IMF wants fiscal consolidation. That means a revenue mobilization strategy and the broadening of the tax base. The IMF also wants a 'flexible mar-ket-determined exchange rate' and a tight monetary poli-cy Almost all our multilateral lending multilateral institutions want ener-gy sector reforms. That

two things: eliminating losses, depoliticizing 'gas and power tariff setting and adjusting tariffs to cost recovery There's a bloodbath

going on in our energy sector. In 2018, when the PTI formed the government, circular debt stood at Rs1.1 trildebt stood at Rs1.1 trillion. It has now crossed
Rs2.6 trillion and is
projected to hit Rs5
trillion by 2025. We
must move from a 'single buyer model',
where the government
is the only buyer, to a
'multiple-buyer-multiple-seller-model'. Red
alert: The power sector
will make or break
Pakistan's economy
and the circular debt
will definitely break
the power sector. There the power sector. There are no more conces-sions out there. We must put our house in

order.
There's a bloodbath going on inside what we euphemistically refer to as Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs). This year the government will dole government will dole out Rs1.2 trillion in 'grants'. This year the government will dole out Rs664 billion in 'subsidies'. PSE domestic debt is at Rs1.4 trillion. PSE external debt is at Rs1 trillion. Let us put our house in order. Privatize.

The 'Commodity Operations Debt' is

The 'Commodity Operations Debt' is now Rs1 trillion. The government's wheat policy has been a complete failure. The gov-ernment's sugar policy

Animal cruelty

has been a complete failure. The 'procurement price model' has been a complete failure. Let us disband the Pakistan Agricultural Storage & Services Corporation Limited (PASSCO) – and save Rs200 billion a year. Let us embrace the World Bank supported 'Strengthening Markets for Agriculture and Rural Transformation (SMART) programme. (SMART) programme. There are no more con-cessions out there. Let us put our house in order.

Our government

Our government wants to win the next election. Our govern-ment wants concessions. Our government wants to dole out subsi-dies. The world is in a mood to give us more concessions. They all want us to put our house in order. There's donor fatigue and there's lender fatigue. We are in no mood to put our house in order. We want more concessions. We are in no mood to bring down our deficits. The deficits mean a severe economic crisis in the waiting. A prolonged economic crisis almost always turns into two things: a political crisis and eventually a humanitarian crisis. Take a pick: a humanitarian crisis or putting

our house in order. The writer is a columnist based in Islamabad. He tweets @saleemfarrukh and can be reached at: farrukh15@hotmail.c

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Demographic engineering

Indian authorities have recently permitted tempo-rary residents in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) to register as voters. This is yet another attempt by the Indian government to change the

demographic features of

Kashmir. This move follows the promulgation of a new domicile law after the repeal of Article 370 of the Indian constitution, revoking the special sta-tus of the state and its bifurcation into two territories. The announced measure is likely to add 5 million more voters, which the local popula-tion fears would allow the BJP government to alter the demographics of the

region. It is a sinister move to convert the Muslim majority into a minority in due course of time and has rightly been rejected and condemned by Pakistan. The action constitutes the blatant viola-tion of the Geneva Convention and the UN resolutions on the Kashmir dispute. After the end of World War II, as a consequence of the initiative taken by the International Committee of Red Cross, the Diplomatic Conference for the Establishment of International Convention for Protection of Victims of War was held in Geneva, which adopted the fourth Geneva Convention on 12 August 1949. It is one of the four treaties of the Geneva

Conventions. While the first three

conventions dealt with combatants, the fourth Geneva Convention was the first to deal with humanitarian protections for civilians in a war zone. Currently, 196 countries are party to the 1949 Geneva

In 1993, the UN Security Council adopted a report from the secretary general and a commission of experts which concluded that the Geneva Conventions had passed into the body of customary international law, thus making them binding even on non-signatories to the conventions whenever they engage in armed con-Article 27 of the eneva IV states:

Geneva Protected persons are entitled, in all circum-stances, to respect for their persons, their honour, their family rights, their religious convictions and practices, and their manners and cus-toms. They shall at all times be humanely treated, and shall be protected especially against all acts of violence or threats thereof and against insults and public curiosi-

Article 49 of the Geneva IV says: "The Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies." Article 32 of the convention adds: "The High Contracting Parties specifically agree that each of them is prohibited from taking any measure

of such a character as to cause the physical suffering or extermination of protected persons in their hands. This prohibition applies not only to murder, torture, corporal punishments ... but also to any other measures of brutality by civilian or military agents.

Giving voting rights to non-residents and allow-ing people from the Indian mainland to buy property in IIOJK is in breach of Article 49 of the fourth Geneva Convention.

Indian security forces in IIOJK are the occupying power by all definitions since Kashmir's fate, as per UN resolutions, is to be decided through a plebiscite held. through a plebiscite held under the auspices of the world body, a position which the UNSC has reiterated in its three informal meetings after the Modi regime revoked the state's special status.

After the scrapping of Article 370 of the Indian constitution, the entire population of Kashmir is under siege, and they have been denied contact with the outside world there is a complete lock-down in the valley, and people are not even given access to mosques. International media, human rights organiza-tions like Amnesty International and even UN Human Rights commission in its reports has corroborated blatant violations of human rights in IIOJK. The discovery of mass graves at 38 sites also lends currency to the inhumane treatment of

By Malik Muhammad Ashraf the local population by

probe, doubt, inquiry, investigation and fact-finding have made inroads into their educa-

Indian security forces Through the foregoing actions India has not only torn asunder the fourth Geneva Convention but also pummelled the UN resolutions with regard to the plebiscite and breached international

law with impunity.

It is indeed regrettable that neither the UN nor the big powers have shown real interest in stopping India in its tracks and resolving the Kashmir conflict as per the UN resolutions. Their indifference to the developments taking place in the valley and the fallout of those provocative measures is encouraging hegemonic

interesting to note that an Indian journalist close to the BJP regime later revealed that the

Pulwama incident was

stage-managed by the

Modi government to win elections and find an

excuse to take action

against Pakistan.

Indian hegemonic designs in the region.
India is being ruled by a diehard follower of the supremacist RSS ideology of Hindutva, which takes inspiration from Naziem It has already. any such eventuality would lead to perennial instability in the region and foreclose any chance of resolution of the Kashmir dispute. The Modi government is rightly perceived as a threat to peace and security in the region. Pakistan has been persist-Nazism. It has already started showing its ugly enhanced Indian hostility towards Pakistan. Indian leaders have repeatedly threatened Pakistan of ently warning the world and the UN about Indian designs and urging them to intervene before it is dire consequence, and on February 2019, India made its intentions clear when it sent planes to bomb imagined terrorist camps in Balakot, osten-sibly in retaliation for the too late military Pulwama incident. It is

Pakistan and India are nuclear powers, and any military confrontation between them can have disastrous consequences not only for them but also for the entire region and beyond. Those who cry hoarse from every con-venient rooftop to pro-nounce their humanitarian credentials and adherence to international law.

the UN Charter and

Conventions.

tions, international law

and the fourth Geneva

Convention is being sup-

ported for a permanent seat in the Security

Council, besides prop-ping it up as a regional superpower through transfer of nuclear tech-nology and NSG waiver in complete violation of

the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty?

They fail to realize that

in Pakistan India has also been supporting insurgency in Balochistan and acts of terrorism throughout the "he indiffercountry as corroborated by the revelations made ence, callousness, and conthe captured Indian tempt that so spy Kulbhushan Jhadav. Is it not a pity that a state which has shown no respect for UN resolu-

many people exhibit toward animals is evil first because it results in great suffering in animals, and second because it results in an incalculably great impoverishment of the human spirit." I did not pen these words. Albert Einstein did. Islam also forbids treating ani-mals cruelly or killing them except for food. Zabiha rules stipulate how an animal to be slaughtered must not be mistreated or caused undue pain. Yet, animal cruelty is rampant and exists in varied forms in countries like ours.

We live in a country where political leaders have been known to hold political rallies with caged and chained lions, and where animals like turtles given away as party favours at chil-dren's birthdays. Many well-to-do people pay a lot of money to purchase expensive cats, dogs, or birds but treat them callously. Cruelty towards animals is not the reserve of rich people only Cruelty to animals especially donkeys, horses and mules is also widespread. These animals are overworked, under-fed,

and harshly beaten by their owners. Some recent attempts at humane dog population management and mass vaccinations in Karachi have dissipated. Instead,

the recent uproar following the negligence of animal owners and attacks by guard dogs on pedestrians in Karachi unleashed another unwarranted attacks on dogs all over the country. Several neighbourhoods started instigating municipal organisations to shoot stray dogs on sight. Use of strychnine poison was once again allowed to poison dogs.

There is a general absence of adequate laws related to animal welfare and animal slaughter, and the existing laws that exist are not adequately implemented. Pakistan's Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (1890) aims to protect many animals, including draught ani-mals. This law is however outdated and does not reflect the prevalent sci-entific, cultural, or commercial compulsions per-taining to animal welfare. It is time to update this law to protect both pet and wild animals, to institute mechanisms for their care, and define consequence for those who are neglectful towards ani-

mals. It is encouraging that the Halal Authority Act (2015) has not only mandated humane treatment of animals throughout the slaughter process, but also prohibited animals from seeing one another being slaughtered. However, there has been

little implementation of While animal abandon-

ment is illegal in Pakistan, there is scant regulation on how animal owners should care for their animals. Moreover, zoos across Pakistan are notorious for their poor conditions. Prompted by international criticism over the Islamabad zoo's maltreatment of the elephant, Kaavan, the Islamabad High Court issued an unprecedented ruling last year. It ordered that the entire zoo of over four hundred animals to be closed and all the animals within it to be transferred to appropriate wildlife sanctuaries in the short period of two months. The rush to empty the zoo caused the death of a pair of lions which passed away, two days apart, during their transfer from the zoo to a farmhouse in Kasur city instead of a sanctuary as had been directly by the court.

Pakistan also urgently needs to enact legislation detailing specific welfare requirements for the rearing of farm animals dur-ing distinct phases of rearing, transport, and slaughter. Such requirements must be legally binding and species-spe-cific and aligned with international animal welfare standards. Regular inspections of farms and slaughter establishments would have to be carried out with a special focus on animal welfare or the situation on the ground will not change for the

Second phase of Covid vaccination for children will begin tomorrow in Karachi

KARACHI: The second phase of the paediatric drive for Covid vaccination will begin Tuesday from Nov. 1 in

Hyderabad.

Over 2.5 million children up to 11 years of age will receive their second dose of Covid vaccine to protect them from the virus.

The areas to be covered under the drive include districts Central, East, West, South, Malir, Korangi, Kaemari in Karachi division and Hyderabad district.

In a statement, Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho said: "While inci-dences of Covid have declined in Pakistan, we must still protect the younger popula-tion with paediatric doses of the Covid vaccine."

EPI project director Dr Irshad Memon said

it was mass vaccina-tion that helped the world hit by the pan-demic return to nor-

malcy. "We must pro-tect our children now keep them safe from Covid as well," he said, while urging parents and school administrations to step forward and step forward and facilitate the govern-ment in reaching chil-

During the first phase of the vaccina-tion drive that began in September, a total population of 2,518,312 between the age group of 5 and 11

ISLAMABAD: A group photo of Parliamentary Secretary industries, Production Dr Syeda Shahida Rehmani, CEO NPO MuhammadAlamgir Chaudhary and others during visit National Productivity Orgnaization Head office.

Artillery battles engulf Ukraine's southern front

KYIV: The thrill of a pre-cise artillery strike was fading as the Ukrainian defenders of as the Okraman detenders of the last village before the invading Russians cowered for safety in the shattered remains of a school. Puffs of smoke revealed where the Russians had suf-fered their latest losses along the flat and almost completely

the flat and almost completely lifeless terrain of Ukraine's southern front.

A drone gliding somewhere above the darkening horizon beamed back images suggest-ing that two Russians had been killed in one of the artillery strikes.

The news created a brief stir of excitement among the mid-dle-aged men in the huge howitzer the Ukrainians had briefly wheeled out into an open field.

But a day of heavy return fire on what remained of the

frontline village of Kobzartsi threatened to get substantially worse as the sunset.

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Two paramedics stationed with the unit exchanged knowing glances and took a few steps further back into the protective ruins of the next-door gym.

"They won't let us forget that they are still there," 24-year-old welder-turned-medic Andriy said of the Russians stationed on the opposite side of the field. "It can get bad out here," his slightly older partner Oleksiy agreed.

Both men and others serv-

Both men and others serv-ing with Ukraine's armed forces hide their full identities out of military security considerations. "But we know that their side is suffering much more than we are," Oleksiy said with a hint of a

confidence could

Tough contest between Imran

prove vital as Ukraine tries to keep a rousing northern coun-teroffensive from stalling in the treacherous steppes of the south. Ukraine's ultimate goal is Kherson — a gateway city to both Kremlin-annexed to both Kremini-announced Crimea and the Sea of Azov shoreline, which fell under

Military analysts believe the Ukrainians have about six weeks before the winter freeze makes any further advances much more difficult to pull

An aide to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Moscow had sent in further reinforcements and now had 30 battalion tactical groups around Kherson. Each such fully-equipped unit has up to 800 soldiers and controls a specific section of the front INP

disqualified in Toshakhana

reference. But the PTI head

moved to the Islamabad High

Court against the ECP ver-

During the hearing the case on Oct 24, IHC Chief Justice

Athar Minallah remarked that

PTI Chief Imran Khan had

not been barred from contest-

ing in future elections.

Two officials martyred in terrorist attack on police check post

Turkey,

Russia holding

telephone talks

on grain deal at all levels

ANKARA: Turkey is con-ducting "telephone diplomacy" with Russia on the situation with

the grain deal at all levels, but

details are not disclosed, a source in Istanbul told Sputnik.

said that Moscow was suspending its participation in the grain deal following Ukraine's drone

attack on vessels of the Russian Black Sea Fleet in Sevastopol. "At all levels," a source said

when asked whether Ankara is conducting telephone conversa-tions with Moscow on the situa-

The source noted that "the sit-

"In such difficult moments,

uation is complicated" when asked whether any details of

Ankara's "telephone diplomacy'

details should not be disclosed.

The process is underway," the source added, refusing to specify when Turkey's official position on the situation would be made

According to the source, there

is no clarity on the fate of the grain deal yet, but there are still

hopes to find a consensus. INP

tion with the grain deal.

would be made public.

The Russian defense ministry

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Two officials were martyred and four injured in a terrorist attack on

Khan on Sunday.

According to details, the terrorists attacked Daraban police check post in Dera Ismail Khan, in which a private officer, hired on daily wages, of the wildlife department along with a policeman was mar-tyred, while four policemen were also injured.

The martyred police officer has been identified as Hazrat Hussain and the wildlife officer has been identified as Nimatullah. The injured namely Bilal, Imran, Nasrullah and Nageebullah have been shifted to District Hospital

On the other hand, a heavy contingent of Dera police and security forces reached the spot. They cor-

South Korea's Yoon declares mourning period after Halloween crush kills 151

SEOUL: South
Korea's President Yoon
Suk-yeol declared a
period of national
mourning on Sunday
after a Halloween crush
killed some 151 people
in a packed nightlife
area in Seoul.
Yoon expressed con-

Yoon expressed con-dolences to the victims, mostly teenagers and people in their 20s, and his wishes for a speedy recovery to the many

This is truly tragic, he said in a statement. "A tragedy and disaster that should not have happened took place in the heart of Seoul last

night."

A huge crowd celebrating in the popular Itaewon district surged into an alley on Saturday night, emergency officials said, adding the death toll could rise.

could rise.

It was the first Halloween event in Seoul in three years after the country lifted Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing. Many of the partygoers were wearing masks and Halloween cos-

Early on Sunday cos-tumes and personal belongings mingled belongings mingled with blood spots in the narrow street. Survivors huddled under emer-gency blankets amid throngs of emergency workers, police, and

Many of those killed were near a nightclub, Choi said. Many of the victims were women in their 20s, while the for-eigners killed included people from China, Iran, Uzbekistan and Norway, he said.

Rescue workers work at the scene where a stampede during Halloween festivities Halloween festivities killed and injured many people at the popular Itaewon district in Seoul, South Korea, October 30, 2022.—Yonhap via Reuters
Witnesses described the crowd becoming increasingly unruly and agitated as the evening

increasingly unruly and agitated as the evening deepened. Chaos erupted just before the 10:20 p.m. (1320 GMT) stampede, with police on hand for the event at times struggling to control the crowds, witnesses said.

Moon Ju-young, 21, said there were clear signs of trouble in the alley before the incident. He told Reuters it was more than 10 times

was more than 10 times

as crowded as usual. Social media footage showed hundreds of people packed in the narrow, sloped alley crushed and immobile as emergency officials and police tried to pull them free.

Choi, the Yongsan district fire chief, said all the deaths were likely from the crush in the

alley. Fire officials and witnesses said people connesses said people con-tinued to pour into the alley after it was already packed wall-to-wall, when those at the top of the slope fell, sending people below them toppling over oth-

One woman said her daughter, pulled from the crush of people, survived after being trapped for more than an hour.

A street in Itaewon district is pictured full of people before a stam-pede during Halloween festivities killed and injured many in Seoul South Korea, in this image released by Yonhap on October 30, 2022.—Reuters

A makeshift morgue

was set up in a building next to the scene. About four dozen bodies were wheeled out on wheeled stretchers and moved to a government facility to identify the victims, according witness.INP

and PDM candidate as balloting opens in Kurram by-poll KURRUM: The polling for Commission of Pakistan declared former prime minis-ter and PTI Chief Imran Khan

the by-election on National Assembly seat NA-45, Kurram has started today (Sunday). A tough competition is expected between PTI Chairman Imran Khan and PDM candidate Jamil Kham.

The balloting was started at 8am and it will continue till As many as 14 candidates

are vying for the seat but the hard contest is expected between PTI Chief Imran and the coalition government-backed PDM candidate Jamil

from philanthropists.

help the affectees.

Minister of Punjab on Sunday.

Working to rehabilitate flood victims with support from philanthropists: CM Punjab LAHORE: The Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi on Sunday said that the Punjab government is working to rehabilitate flood victims with it's resources and donations

ormer Member National Assembly Mian Mehmood and Mian Hassan Yousuf met the Chief

During the meeting, the two mentioned political leaders gave a check of Rs. 100 million for CM Flood Relief Fund, on which Mr. Elahi expressed gratefulness for their generosity and

In this regard, Punjab CM said that helping

He further mentioned that the implementation of the comprehensive program for rehabilitation and resettlement of the flood victims has

flood victims is nothing less than worship. Wealthy people have generously contributed to

Among 142 polling sta-tions, 119 have been declared 'sensitive' and 24 are declared 'highly sensitive'.

There are a total 198,618 registered voters in NA 45 constituency, and among them, the number of male voters is 111,349 and number of woman voters is 87,269.

According to the Kurram district police officer, as many as 2,100 policemen have been deputed to perform security duty during the balloting

On Oct 21, a four-member bench of the Election



Special Repersentative to PM to interfaith harmony and Middle East, and Chaiman Pakistan Ulema Council Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi addressing press conference in islam-

LAHORE: People are busy is buying old books from a stall at Nila Gumbad area in Provincial Capital.

How and why finding meaning in life can improve well-being

ISLAMABAD: today's consumerist, fast-moving culture, the pursuit of meaning in life may not be every-one's immediate goal. However, research shows that finding meaning in life, whatever that might be for the individual, could significantly benefit

well-being. Share PinterestWhy searching for, and finding meaning in life improve our sense of well-being?

well-being? Image credit: Studio Firma/Stocksy.

The pursuit of meaning has underlined human activity for millennia, if not longer—stretching back to thinkers like Aristotle and Plato all the way up to modern-day philosophers, psychologists,

and scientists. While different understandings

understandings of meaning coexist, both secular and religious thinkers agree that "meaning-search" is a quintessential part of being human — whether they believe that it stems from biological evolution or an innate predisposition innate predisposition. In the Islamic tradition, for example, this is known as the "fitra."

The central role played by the search for meaning in human experience should come as no surprise. Research shows that not only does finding a sense of meaning in life inform our goals and priorities, but it also shapes how we respond to life's twists and turns.

START QUIZ How do we derive

meaning in life?
A recent study published in Nature Human BehaviourTrusted Sourcealso suggests a fourth source of derivexperiential apprecia-tion, or appreciating the small things in life, such as a simple coffee or the beauty of a sunset. When asked whether

any of these four facets are more beneficial than others for psychological well-being, Prof. Joshua Hicks, professor of social and personali-ty psychology at Texas A&M University, one of the authors of the study cited above, told Medical News Today: "My guess is that an optimal sense of mean-ing is derived from high levels of each of the facets.INP

Man shoots dead step-sister in Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI: In a tragic incident, a man opened indiscriminate fire on his step-mother, step-sister and younger step-brother in Rawalpindi on Sunday, killing of them and injuring two others seriously.

As per reports, 18-year-old step-sister Komal died on the spot, while the mother and brother were shifted to a hospital in critical condition. The accused killer and assaulter, Babar Khan,

managed to escape from the crime scene. According to sources, the mother and younger brother were shifted to DHQ Hospital's emergency ward in a critical condition. However, the body of the girl has been shifted to mortuary. In a tragic incident, a man opened indiscriminate fire on his step-mother, step-sister and younger stepbrother in Rawalpindi on Sunday, killing of them and injuring two others seriously. As per reports, 18-year-old step-sister Komal died on the spot, while the mother and brother were shifted to a

Man arrested for sexually assaulting girls KARACHI The police claimed to

have arrested a suspect involved in sexually assaulting two minor girls in Awami Colony of Karachi's Korangi

In a statement, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Korangi Abraiz Ali Abbasi said that the accused sexually assaulted two minor girls within two days.

Two cases were registered against the accused – identified as Sabir. "The accused, even today, abducted another girl and tried to rape her," the SSP Korangi added. Upon receiving information, Awami Colony police arrested the accused in an immediate operation. The victims were shifted to hospital for medical tests, SSP Korangi added.

Earlier in October, a flood-affected girl was allegedly gang-raped by two persons in the Clifton area of persons in the Clifton area of Karachi. According to details, a minor girl – residing at the flood relief camp – was abducted from outside a shopping mall at Karachi's Clifton Block 4.

Later, the flood-affected girl was found at the same place at 02:00pm. She was later shifted to Jinnah

Postgraduate Medical Center (JPMC) after her health deteriorated, where the doctors confirmed she was 'gang-

The police, while quoting the vic-tim, said that two identified persons abducted a minor girl and sexually assaulted her. Hospital sources told

that the girl is eight or nine-year-old. Meanwhile, the police surgeon office has also confirmed that the girl was subjected to gang-rape. "A com-plete medical examination of the vic-tim was carried out," the police surgeon said, adding that the girl was also infected with fungus due to

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hospital in critical condition. INP More than 150 killed in Halloween stampede in Seoul

SEOUL: More than 150 people were killed and scores more were injured in a deadly stampede at a packed Halloween event in central Seoul late Saturday, officials said, in one of South Korea's

worst-ever accidents. South Korea's President Yoon Suk yeol declared a period of national mourning Sunday, saying the gov ernment would pay for the medical care of those injured and the funerals of those who

The crowd surge and

capital's popular Itaewon district, where local reports said as many as 100,000 people — mostly in their teens and 20s had gone to cel-ebrate Halloween, clogging the area's narrow alleyways and winding streets.
"In the centre of

crush happened in the

Seoul, a tragedy and disaster occurred that should not have hap-pened," Yoon said in a national address.

The government "will thoroughly investigate the cause of the inci-dent and make funda-

mental improvements to ensure the same accident does not occur again in the future."

"My heart is heavy and it is difficult to con-tain my sorrow," he added Wearing green jackets that denote a national emergency, national emergency, Yoon and other top officials visited the scene of the accident early Sunday and spoke to emergency workers, footage on local TV showed

Earlier, eye-witnesses had described being trapped in a narrow, sloping alleyway, scrambling to get out of the suffocating crowd as people ended up piling on top of one anoth-

Paramedics, quickly overwhelmed by the number of victims, were asking passers-by to administer first aid, just on the edge of the

"There were so many people just being pushed around and I got caught in the crowd and I couldn't get out at first too," 30-year-old Jeon Ga-eul told.

The fire department said at least 151 people,

including 19 foreigners, were killed in the stampede, which occurred around 10:00 pm (1300 GMT)."My heart is heavy and it is difficult to contain my sorrow," he added Wearing green jackets that denote a national emergency, Yoon and other top officials visited the scene of the accident early Sunday and spoke to emergency workers, footage on local TV showed Earlier, eye-witnesses had described being trapped in a narrow, sloping alleyway, scrambling.INP



CHINIOT: A lady doctor is checking of an old woman in a free medical camp organized by Anjuman Islamia at Matrooma Jhan Road in the city.

DAILY QUETTA VOICE Monday, October Killer of former CJ BHC arrested from Kharan: DIG CTD Balochistan

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: The Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD), Ayetzaz Ahmed Goraya on Saturday said the killer of former chief justice Balochistan High Court (BHC), Muhammad Noor Meskanzai was arrested from Kharan. from Kharan. "The accused Shafqatullah

has confessed to killing the former chief justice", Ayetzaz Goraya told reporters at a crowded press conference. Former CJ BHC Muhammad Noor Meskanzai was killed in a firing incident outside a mosque on October 14 this year month. Mr. Goraya said the accused were getting instructions from his commander based in a neighboring country. He preferred not to mention the name of the

Accused confesses killing Muhammad Noor Meskanzai

Ayetzaz Goraya stated that the accused has also confessed to carrying out various terrorist activities in Balochistan. During the press conference, the video of the accused Shafqatullah was played before the journalists. "I have entrusted the task to kill Muhammad Noor Meskanzai", the accused in



had carried out other terrorist activities as well. He also disclosed the names of two co-

accused involved in terror activities in Balochistan.

The outlawed Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) had claimed the responsibility for killing the former top judge of the province

of the province.
CTD Chief was leading the
JIT probing the murder of
Meskanzai

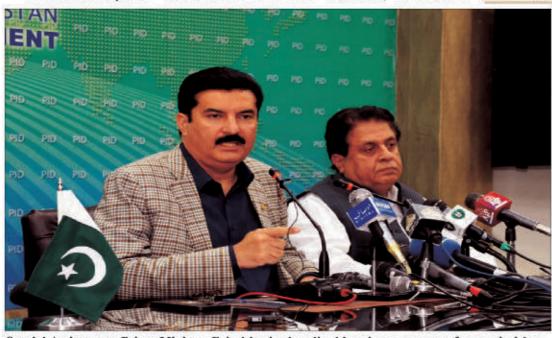
The Balochistan govern-ment had formed a Joint Interrogation Team (JIT) comprising officers of all law enforcement agencies to apprehend the elements behind the killing of Muhammad Noor Meskanzai. The DIG CTD was leading the JIT.

When asked about attacks on policy workers in Pishin

on polio workers in Pishin and Chaman, he said efforts were on to apprehend the cul-

prits involved in attacks on polio workers in Balochistan. "There is a long list of mar-tyrs of security forces and police", the CTD police chief

Mr. Goraya however dispelled the impression about the killing of missing persons in custody. He said the CTD produces every accused before the court of law and trials him as per law of the land.



Special Assistant to Prime Minister Faisal karim kundi addressing a press conference in islam-abad.

Female reporter's death: Imran Khan ends Sadhoke phase of PTI long march

MURIDKE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman Imran Khan has announced to end long march's Sadhoke phase after the tragic death of a female reporter in an accident.

A female reporter from a private news channel namely Sadaf Naeem died in a horrific accident during PTI's

Channel 5 reporter Sadaf Naeem was crushed to death by a container after falling from another container.

Female reporter death, PTI long march, Imran Khan, Sadaf Naeem

It was learnt that Sadaf fell down from a container while trying to jump to a nearby container and was crushed by another container-carrying truck. Following the accident, Imran Khan immediately left his container vehicle

and rushed to the accident site.
The PTI chief announced to end the long march's Sadhoke phase following the reporter's death in the tragic accident. He expressed condolences to the deceased reporter's family. Khan said that PTI marchers will resume its journey from Kamoke city on Monday (tomorrow).INP

Senate Chairman remains unhurt in car accident

DI KHAN: Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani escaped unhurt after his car lost control and met an accident near Dera Ismail (DI) Khan.

Dera Ismail (DI) Khan.

According to details, the Senate chairman was travelling to Dera Ismail (DI) Khan when his car lost control due to the failure of hydraulic brake system and met an accident.

Reports said that Sadiq Sanjrani was safe and remained unhurt in the accident. He was later shifted to another vehicle.

another vehicle.
Federal Minister Talha Mehmood
and Senator Abdul Ghafoor Haidari
were also travelling along with Sanjrani to attend the wedding cere-mony of JUI (F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman's nephews.INP

Dost Muhammad Mazari remanded into Punjab ACE custody

LAHORE: Judicial magistrate Lahore on Sunday remanded former deputy speaker Punjab Assembly Dost Muhammad Mazari into Punjab Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) cus-tody for two days in an alleged land-

grabbing case.

Dost Muhammad Mazari was arrested by ACE Punjab yesterday from a private hospital.

According to Punjab ACE, Dost Muhammad Mazari had been arrested

in a case related to 40,000 acres of

Dost Muhammad Mazari was removed as PA deputy speaker through a no-confidence motion by PTI and allies back in July. He ruled in favour of PML-N's Hamza Shahbaz in the CM election INP. the CM election.INP

FIA nabs three passengers with fake travel documents in Karachi

KARACHI: Three passengers have been arrested by Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) officials at Karachi airport over possessing fake travel docu-

Sources said the passengers arrived in Karachi from Iran with fake travel documents. The arrested have been identified as Tayyab Raza, Afzal Ahmed and Hamza Magsood, who landed at Karachi airport with fake

Austrian Visas on their passports. The accused have been handed over to the FIA's anti-human trafficking

cell for interrogation.

Yesterday, the Federal Investigation
Agency (FIA) immigration officials
arrested three passengers from
Karachi's Jinnah International Airport
who were named on the exit control

PIA set to resume flight operations to turkey

KARACHI : Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has decided to restart flight operations to Turkey from

November 14. A PIA spokesperson revealed that the flights will be operated to Istanbul from the Islamabad and Lahore airports. The airline's Airbus A320 will be used for the

Turkey flight operations. The PIA spokesperson said that two flights would oper-ate from Lahore and four weekly flights from weekly Islamabad.

Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) on Sunday resumed direct flights between Islamabad and

The first flight, PK-854, departed from Islamabad air-

port at 6:45 am and would arrive at the Beijing Capital International Airport at 2:55 pm. This plane will return to Islamabad later in the

evening.
The operations between the two capitals resumed after a gap of over two and a half years. The last PIA flight flew on this route in February 2020.Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) on Sunday resumed direct flights between Islamabad and Beijing

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Imran's politics of 'lies' would not attract people's support: Senator Rubina Khalid

Niazi's politics of lies would not attract the Pakistani peo-ple," said the Provincial President of the Pakistan People's Party Women's Wing Senator Rubina Khalid here on

Sunday Talking to the media, here, PPP Senator Rubina Khalid said that the aim of the "rioters' long march" was to divide the Pakistani nation and spread negative propaganda against the state institutions. Those who brought a crowd of millions to Islamabad could only gather a few thousand people, the people had once again rejected their narrative, added Senator Rubina Khalid. The Imran-led PTI wanted to "destabilize the country by including armed people in the crowd", adding their wish would never be fulfilled, said Senator Rubina Khalid.

Senator Rubina Khalid alleged that he [Imran] wanted to attack the integrity and peace of the country and "had become a "threat" to the coun-

try.
"If Imran Khan thinks that he would increase the pressure on the institutions, which in turn will put pressure on the federal government, then this is his erroneous misunder-standing," said the senator.INP

FPCCI's UBG demands immediate appointment of Administrator for holding free and fair statutory annual election

LAHORE: The United Business Group in the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sunday demanded the Government for immediate appointment of Adminstrator for holding free and statutory and legal belated annual election of the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, an Apex trade body in the country. The FPCCI Executive Committee Members, Mian Muhammad Adrees Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Dr Nouman Idress Butt, Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry Suhail Hussain Malik Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mian Muhammad Amjad Sahiwal Chamber of Commerce and Commerce and Commerce and Commerce and Commerce and Industry Suhail Hussain Malik Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Commerce a Group in the Federation of

Industry in a joint press statement said that President Federation is bound by law to convene meeting bound by law to convene meeting to constitute impartial election commission and announce election schedule by Ist half of October every year and evenafter show cause notice of delay taken by the DGTO for violation of Rule 14 and 16. The Federation is still adament to not comply with law. adamant to not comply with lawful obligations for timely conduct of election. They said in prevailing sorry state of affairs, no other option except appointment of Administrator as per Section 16 of TO Act to ensure rule of law besides taking stringent action against the delinquents. They further stated that implementation of amendment organisationNP

trade and Nadeem and recov ered weapons.INP

HYDERABAD: Activists of Sindh Sahafi Sangat hold a protest against murder of Arshad Shareef in Kenya outside press club.

PM Shehbaz Sharif expects to further deepen ties with china during his visit

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif has said that he expects to further deepen strategic relations and enhance trade and business ties with China during his upcoming visit on

ness ties with China during his upcoming visit on Tuesday, ARY News reported on Sunday.

"I hope the visit will result in further cementing our strategic relations and enhancing business and trade with China," he told China Global Television Network (CGTN) in an interview.

PM Shehbaz Sharif is scheduled to begin an official visit to China on November 1 (Tuesday). It's his first visit to the neighbouring country since he took office in April.

Unmute

Shehbaz Sharif is among the first batch of foreign leaders to visit China after the conclusion of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in Beijing.

"I feel really honored and deeply touched and it's very heartwarming to know that I am one of the first leaders from the world visiting my horotheely and friendly country China. That shows

brotherly and friendly country China. That shows and reflects the depth of our friendship and strength of our understanding and our bond," he

The prime minister said that he looks forward to his talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang and Chinese leadership to enhance cooperation in various fields.

'Kashmir not internal matter of India but nuclear flashpoint in S. Asia'

ISLAMABAD Kashmir is not an inter-Kashmir is not an internal matter of India but a nuclear flashpoint in South Asia as unresolved Kashmir dispute can provide the spark to light South Asia's nuclear fuse.

Simmering Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) situation needs immediate world attention and ignoring the lingering Kashmir dispute is not in anyone's

pute is not in anyone's interest, said a report released by the KMS,

today.
It said delaying the Kashmir solution has consequences for the world, adding just a solution to the Kashmir dispute is a prerequisite to end turmoil in the South Asian region

The report said the world must not remain indifferent to what is happening in Kashmir and it is time for it to take notice of the Indian atrocities in the occu-

pied territory. The United Nations, it said, should intervene to settle the lingering dispute according to its resolutions and aspirations of the Kashmiri people so that nuclear war in the region could be avoid-ed INP

Criminal Gangs Busted; cash Rs 24 million recovered

RAWALPINDI:Police busted 200 criminal gangs in the current year and arrested their 549 members, besides recovering 28 vehicles, 446 motorcycles, cash over Rs 24 million, a large number of weapons and other costitems from posses-

According to a Police spokesman, Wah Cantt, Rawat and Rwp Cantt police busted three gangs this week and arrested their six members who were allegedly involved in robberies, dacoities, murder and

other crimes.
Wah Cantt police arrested three members of a dacoit gang namely Shehzad Akhtar, Toqeer

Regarding assistance extended by China to the flood-hit people in Pakistan, he expressed gratitude for the Chinese leadership, people and com-

"China has supplied food items, medicines, mosquito nets and lots of other items for the flood-affected people," the premier added.

PM Shehbaz Sharif further said that the Chinese leadership had contributed in a very big

way and they want to know from the Pakistani government what else China could do to support the flood-stricken people. Appreciating the rapid development of China in economic, social and cultural fields, he opined that China believes in globalization and he want-ed to emulate the Chinese model of economic

development.

About China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which has entered a high-quality second phase, he said that the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has transformed the energy sector and infrastructure in Pakistan.

The road network constructed under CPEC in all parts of the country has shortened the travelling time and now people could easily reach from one place to another, the prime minister added.

PM Shehbaz Sharif noted that he would also discuss expanding the role of CPEC under the Belt and Road Initiative INP

Arshad Sharif murder: Investigation team interrogates Waqar Ahmed, brother

NAIROBI: A two-member inquiry committee, set up to investigate the murder of renowned journalist and former ARY News anchorperson Arshad Sharif, quizzed Khurram Ahmed, who was driving the vehicle carrying the slain senior journalist and his brother Waqar Ahmed in Kenya Reports said that the investigation team questioned Waqar Ahmed and Khurram Ahmed about the murder of Arshad Sharif. The Ahmed brothers were hosting a slain journalist in Kenya. According to sources, Khurram and Waqar Ahmed, who hosted Arshad Sharif in Kenya, described the shooting incident as a "misidentification". Waqar Ahmed told the probe team that he hosted Arshad Sharif at his friend's request

and ruled out that President and CEO ARY Digital Network Salman Iqbal had asked him to host senior journalist. "I met Arshad Sharif only once and that too on a meal," Waqar Ahmed told the investigation team, adding that he had invited senior journalist for a meal at his lodge outside Nairobi. "On the incident day, Arshad had a meal with us at our lodge. After the meal, Arshad Sharif left with my brother Khurram in car and half an hour later there was a report of firing on the vehicle," he told the team Waqar Ahmed told the investigation team that his brother Khurram miraculously survived the incident and they handed over his incident and they handed over his iPad and mobile phone to the Kenyan authorities. INP



Ms, Shazia, Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Security

PM visit to China further cement bilateral trades and fortify existing relations. Meher Kashif

ty Sunday viewed that up coming visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to China will further cement bilateral trade and fortify existing relations.

In a press statement issued here today, Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Meher Kashif Younis hoped that in the leadership of President Xi Jinping, a true friend of Pakistan, the relationship will be further strengthened. He said Chinese President recently announced during his visit to Uzbekistan that "Irrespective of the situation, China will always stand by Pakistan", which reflects the strong ties that bind both countries together. He said China is the third largest trading partner.

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He said the all-weather strategic cooperation, partnership and exchange of views on regional and global development will be strengthened solidified and visit will provide fresh impetus to the bilateral ties besides boosting trade. He said the and global dynamics are shifting rap-idly. He said the major areas of cooperation are

industry, agriculture and technology. He said in the second phase of CPEC, the private sector will take lead and help implement projects through business to business cooperation. He said in first phase of CPEC Pakistan is recoing the benefits tion. He said in first phase of CPEC, Pakistan is reaping the benefits of enhanced electricity capacity, better infrastructure and great employment Meher Kashif Younis further stated China has contributed significantly to the development of Pakistan's industrialization and fields of infrastructure, defence and techof infrastructure, defence and tech-nology. He said both leaders will vow to continue cooperation and deepen their strategic partnership. He said During the last 25 years the exports of China to Pakistan have increased at an annualized rate of 13.5%, from \$616M in 1995 to \$14.7B in 2020. In 2020, Pakistan exported \$1.97B to China.INP

Displacement and health: 'The anti-immigrant rhetoric needs to stop'

ISLAMABAD: Fleeing threats in your home country, surviving a journey that few can imagine, then, finally, if you are lucky, reaching a country you hope will welcome you. This is the reality for many refugees. But what then? A new World Health Organization report has concluded that many migrants and refugees face poorer health outcomes than local populations. We investigate why health systems must change to meet the needs of a world on the move.

the needs of a world on the move. Share on PinterestWhy do refugees healthcare needs often remain unmet? Image credit: Halfpoint Images/Getty

War in Ukraine, civil war in Syria, unrest and persecution in Afghanistan these are just a few of the situations leading people to leave their countries of

origin.

According to the World Health
OrganizationTrusted Source (WHO),
worldwide, more people are on the move than ever before

But what happens when they reach a country where they hope to be safe? For some, asylum will be granted and they will be made welcome, as evidenced by the efforts with Ukrainian asylum seek-ers in both the United States and Europe.

For others, uncertainty and a long battle to prove refugee status and gain asylum will follow. During this time, they may struggle to access healthcare, lead-ing to the "poorer health outcomes" described in the WHO report. Few people willingly leave their home

country, but circumstances sometimes make staying there impossible. War, nat-ural disasters, discrimination, and perseural disasters, discrimination, and persecution are some of the reasons people have to leave, all of which may leave mental and physical scars. To be able to undertake what is almost certain to be an arduous journey, most migrants are, according to the WHO report, innately healthy. Indeed, many will start their journey healthier than the host population in their destination country. INP