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Pakistan defeats New Zealand in World Cup and qualifies for Final
Book their place in the final at MCG opposite one of India and England; Rizwan named player of the match.

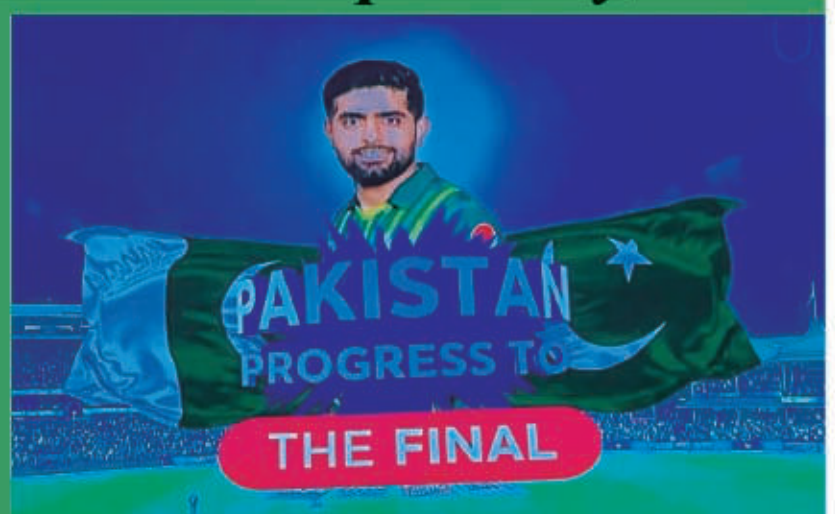
Shaheens the road to final of ICC T20 World cup 2022
Babar can repeat the famous 1992 world cup history

Sports Desk
In an interesting match, Pakistan defeated New Zealand in the T20 World Cup T-20 and qualified for the final. As Babar Azam and Co sneaked into the T20 World Cup semi-final, Pakistan fans started likening the team's run Imran Khan and his team had during the 1992 World Cup. And it seems the dream is alive as Pakistan thrashed New Zealand to secure a place in the final just like they did during the 1992 World Cup's semi-final. The win means Pakistan will be playing its third T20 World Cup final since the tournament started in 2007. The Black Caps had set a 153-run target for Pakistan which the Men in Green chased down with ease. Before this game, everyone had questions about the opening pair of the team and it seems the 105-run partnership between



Williamson and Mitchell brought New Zealand back into the game. The partnership was looking threatening for Pakistan and had it continued New Zealand may have needed a higher total. However, Shaheen dismissed Williamson in the 17th over to stop New Zealand's charge. For New Zealand, Mitchell was the highest scorer and remained unbeaten for 53. Playing XI Pakistan: Babar Azam (c), Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Mohammad Harris, Shan Masood, Ifrikhar Ahmed, Shadab Khan, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Wasim Jr, Naseem Shah, Haris Rauf, Shaheen Shah Afridi. New Zealand: Kane Williamson (c), Devon Conway (wk), Finn Allen, Glenn Phillips, Daryl Mitchell, Jimmy Neesham, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee, Ish Sodhi, Lockie Ferguson, Trent Boult.

Muhammad Mudasar
After the disappointing start of Pakistan but somehow the men in green managed to reach the finals of the ICC T20 WORLD CUP, Australia with the help of some performances and especially the Netherlands upsetting mighty South Africa. In every tournament, Pakistan is always the underdog. Men in green start their campaign at a slow pace but the favors quote of former English player NASEER HUSSAIN "Pakistan cricket at its best, one minute down next minute up. After the Zimbabwe match, no one expected Pakistan can qualify for the semis but "qudrat ka nizam" Pakistan can qualify for the semis as well as the final. "The team has performed so well in the



last three matches and they followed that today. I want to thank the crowd, it feels like we are playing at home," said Pakistan captain Babar Azam. Some critics are hoping, Babar can repeat the famous 1992 world cup history. Pakistan made an awful start to this tournament but now seems to have almost unstoppable momentum as they look to repeat their success in the 1992 50-over World Cup in Australia under the captaincy of Imran Khan. Men in green secure the finals seat but the question is who will be facing Pakistan in the finals of the ICC world t20, India or England? PAKISTAN will face either England or India in Sunday's final, which will be played in Adelaide on Thursday. But Pak fans want Pak - India clash in the final at Melbourne cricket ground on Sunday and to take group stage match revenge. Can Pakistan's second T20 title, Can Pakistani fans sing Dil Dil Pakistan at Melbourne cricket ground, it will be known on Sunday.



President Dr, Arif Alvi being briefed about development projects and the overall law and order situation in khyber (akhtunkhwa), at Governor House.

Zia Langove distorts facts about Balochistan: Agha Hassan Baloch

Staff Reporter
QUETTA: Federal Minister for Science and Technology and the Central leader of Balochistan National Party (Mengal), Agha Hassan Baloch on Wednesday said that home minister Mir Ziaullah Langove distorted facts about Balochistan. Addressing a press conference, he said the minister was completely unaware of the situation in Balochistan. This reaction on behalf of the BNP has come a day after the home minister asked the BNP Mengal to stop propaganda against security forces. "We cannot close our eyes on issues relating to Balochistan", Agha Hassan Baloch said. He said such statements of the rulers have further complicated issues in the province. Malik Naseer Shahwani, the parliamentary leader of BNP in the Balochistan Assembly, Musa Baloch, and others were also pres-

ent on the occasion. He said the BNP Chief Sardar Akhtar Mengal has always spoken about the issue of missing persons. He said the party is part of the federal government but it never meant that the party would compromise over Balochistan issues. The federal minister informed that the Islamabad High Court (IHC) had empowered Sardar Akhtar Mengal to be part of the committee with regard to the issues of students in Islamabad. "Zia Langove should avoid such irresponsible language about Sardar Akhtar Mengal", he cautioned.

Pak Iran joint border commission meeting kicks off in Zahedan

Staff Reporter
QUETTA: Pakistan and Iran joint border commission meeting started in the Iranian city of Zahedan on Wednesday. Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili, deputy commissioners of the bordering districts with Iran, law enforcement agencies officials, and members of chambers of commerce and industries in Balochistan are participating in the meeting. CS Balochistan Mr. Uqaili is leading the Pakistani delegation. Governor Sistan-Balochistan, Madras Khayabani leading the Iranian delegation. The two-day joint border commission meeting is discussing the movement of people at the Pak-Iran border, bilateral trade, drug traffic, and other issues relating to the more than 900kms border between the two countries.



Delegations between the two countries have forwarded various proposals about boosting bilateral trade between Pakistan and Iran and the way forward. The two countries always hold the border commission meeting after every quarter. The two countries would issue a joint declaration at the end of the commission meeting about the issues and boosting the bilateral trade.

Divided America votes on Biden as Florida governor scores big

US President Joe Biden's agenda hung in the balance on Tuesday on a tense election night, with one potential 2024 challenger, Ron DeSantis, winning a crushing victory for a new term as Florida's governor.



As polls closed in the midterm elections, Republicans were projected to have picked up at least two seats in the House of Representatives but did not immediately show evidence of a major nationwide wave ahead of what is expected to be a long court. With Republicans hammering Biden over stubbornly high inflation, his Democratic Party's slender majorities in the House and Senate were on the line but the clearest early results were in the governors' races. DeSantis, who has made a name in Florida by railing against Covid mitigation measures and transgender rights, was projected to have secured a landslide win of up to 20 points against a folksy former governor, four years after squeaking by in his longtime swing state. "We will never, ever surrender to the woke mob," DeSantis told a victory rally, using a derisive term for social justice campaigners. "Florida is where woke goes to die," he said. But if the 44-year-old views his victory. Web Desk

Balochistan government urged to form information commission

News Desk
QUETTA: Politicians, members of the legal fraternity, civil society, and journalists have demanded of the Balochistan government to form an information commission without any further delay. The demand was raised at a conference organized by the Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) with the support of the European Union in a local hotel in Quetta. Balochistan government must appoint the Chief Information Commissioner to empower the citizens to have access to official information under the Right to Information (RTI) act. Accessing government information remains a challenge in Balochistan due to the flawed implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act and the absence of an independent appellate body. The Balochistan Government was bound to establish an information commission within six (6) months of the enactment of the act, but it is almost 2 years now that the law is implemented without any information commission. CPDI Chief Mukhtar presented an analysis of the RTI. Mukhtar Ahmed Ali, Executive Director of CPDI Presented the analysis of the Balochistan RTI Act 2021. He discussed the loopholes in the act and presented recommendations to amend the act in light of regional and international best practices and the requirement of Article 19-A of the Constitution. Mukhtar said that Section 7(2) of the Act requires the applicant to attach a copy of CNIC with the application.



Mr. Muhammad Kabir Muhammad Shahi, a Former Senator talked about the importance of the eighteenth amendment and the legislation as per the needs and cultural norms of the community. He also criticized the clauses pertaining to absolute exemptions in the RTI Act. Member of Provincial Assembly Mr. Nassrullah Zery questioned the inability of the government to implement the act. No Public Information Officers (PIOs) have been designated in departments across Balochistan as of yet says Nassrullah Zery. **Jalila Haider calls for access to accurate information** Social Activist and Advocate Ms. Jalila Haider stressed the need for access to speedy and accurate information during the relief and rehabilitation in post-disasters and floods. There is no information about the flood-affected people, the magnitude of the disaster, the need for relief goods, etc. available on any relevant website of the government of Balochistan said Jalila. MPA Ms. Shakeela Naveed criticized the negligence of the government in drafting and finalizing rules of business, allocation of budget, and formation of the commission. She further stressed that the culture of secrecy is embedded in our system so badly that even member provincial assemblies face difficulty in getting certified information. Mr. Adil Jahangir, Executive Director of Aid Balochistan stressed the need for the formation and finalization of Rules of Business. He said that Aid Balochistan has drafted and shared rules with the government but the response of the government is still awaited.

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Editor: Asim Khan

Balochistan needs inclusive development

Balochistan, the country's resource-rich province is lagging behind all other provinces in terms of key social indicators including education, health, sanitation, clean drinking water etc.

Track record shows, successive governments have always launched politically motivated development schemes to please their influential supporters.

Opposition's constituencies were ignored. Opposition lawmakers constituencies remained ignored during last three-years of former chief minister, Jam Kamal Khan's government.

This is irony of fate that the mandate of the lawmakers is to frame laws since the assemblies are called legislative assemblies. But legislators are least bothered about the legislation rather they take keen interest in construction of roads, buildings etc.

Development deficit of Balochistan is likely to be Rs. 100b

Balochistan government announced to have allocated Rs. 172 bs for the PSDP during the financial year 2021-22. However, currently the government has more than Rs. 40bs as per the statement of ruling party's Spokesman Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran.

Chief Minister Qudus Bizenjo needs to put his house in order and introduce a strict financial policy to ensure completion of development projects. The government should ensure inclusive development and end the practice of exclusive development so that this backward province could come at par with other parts of the country.

Climate change, the prime challenge for Human Beings

By Syed Abid Shah

Climate change in the world is one of the most horrible issues. Climate is a significant variation of average weather conditions—say, conditions becoming warmer, wetter, or drier—over several decades or more.

But now recently a 3 day's summit was arranged in Glasgow Scotland about climate changes in the world which is the leading

cause of the several issues of the world. The representative from all over the world, United Nation and different companies Chief executives were participating in this conference; talking about the same issue how to solve it and what measures are taken for this.

Anthropogenic causes of climate change. Humans—more specifically, the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that human activity generates—are the leading cause of the earth's rapidly changing climate today.

the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, our current concentrations of carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide "are unprecedented compared with the past 800,000 years."

The burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas for electricity, heat, and transportation is the primary source of human-generated emissions. A second major source is a deforestation, which releases sequestered (or stored) carbon into the air.

that generate air pollution include fertilizer use (a primary source of nitrous oxide emissions), livestock production (cattle, buffalo, sheep, and goats are major methane emitters), and certain industrial processes that release fluorinated gases.

Though our planet's forests and oceans absorb greenhouse gases from the atmosphere through photosynthesis and other processes, these natural carbon sinks can't keep up with our rising emissions.

Every state should take reasonable care

about the climate change in the world and look after the system of industries which is the major cause of climate change. The developed countries now take measurements to stop climate change and work on technical and advanced technologies which help out to stop the emissions of several gases which destroyed the climate.

A very unique relationship

By Ambassador Nong Rong

A few days ago, the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China was successfully concluded, and so was Prime Minister Shehbaz's maiden official visit to China.

The 20th CPC National Congress took place at a critical time as China embarks on a new journey to build into a modern socialist country in all respects and advance toward the Second Centenary Goal.

Facing a highly uncertain world, in which our times and history are changing in ways like never before, China is responding to these uncertainties with its own certainty, hedging the instability of the international situation with the stability of its domestic and foreign policies.

high-level opening up, making unremitting efforts for the peaceful development of the region and the world with a responsible attitude.

PM Shehbaz was the first head of government to visit China after the 20th CPC National Congress, and China received the Pakistani prime minister with premium courtesy.

President Xi met with PM Shehbaz twice in less than two months, and personally invited him to visit China immediately after the 20th National Congress.

relations and Pakistan's important position in China's overall diplomacy. This matchlessness lies at the highest levels of strategic coordination and political mutual trust.

The uniqueness of China-Pakistan relations lies in mutual support on issues concerning each other's core interests. This year, Pakistan gave firm support to China in response to Nancy Pelosi's visit to the Taiwan region.

China-Pakistan relations are also unmatched in the strong support of practical cooperation underpinned by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

During this visit, facilitation arrangements for cherry exports to China were made. China welcomes Pakistan to explore China's mega-market; the country also welcomes more high-quality Pakistani food and agricultural products for entry.

The 11th JCC was held on October 27, during which the leaders of the two countries reached an important consensus on the ML-1 project for its early implementation.

In the next phase of CPEC, we will step up cooperation in industry, agriculture, science and technology to better serve Pakistan's industrialization and enhance its export competitiveness.

Pakistan's agricultural trade surplus with China reached \$640 million last year, an increase of 13 times year-on-year.

China-Pakistan relations are further unique also due to the sincerity between the two to help each other through it all. China's people will not forget that after the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake, Pakistan donated all tents in reserve.

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Collision with happiness

M Bilal Lakhani

Every morning I wake up and ask myself if I'm happy.

This is a terrible habit for my mental health but over the last few weeks, the answer is that I'm actually happy.

Six months ago, I was on maternity leave and had made big plans to pursue long term professional goals that I never had a chance to pursue because of my full time day job.

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

unhappy professionally but happy personally. Perhaps this sounds obvious to most people but it was a profound realisation for me.

So I started experimenting with doing something different half way through my maternity leave. Instead of changing everything at once, I started changing one thing a week and tried to chew on small pieces of it daily.

thing I'd evaluate myself on. Everything else could wait. I was on leave after all.

The gratitude exercise had a transformational impact not just on my week — because I focused on what I was grateful for rather than what I didn't have or was behind on — but it also had a snowball effect that would rip through the existing pillars of my life.

Week by week, I added a new habit or goal I wanted to achieve and because I was setting expectations so ridiculously low, I was actually able to achieve change and feel happy about my progress rather than denigrating myself for not making progress.

Innovation for prosperity

By Atta-ur-Rahman

Countries making rapid economic strides have their primary focus on innovation to create the ecosystem abilities so that they are able to manufacture and export high-tech goods.

Unfortunately, Pakistan has failed miserably in this area because of the myopic policies of its successive governments. The result is that our exports have stagnated below \$30 billion for decades while nations such as Singapore or Korea, which are much smaller than us, have moved ahead with their exports ten-fold higher.

The problem is that Pakistani governments get so caught up in tackling routine day-to-day problems that they cannot see the forest for the trees. They fail to focus on the big picture, how to lift a country out of poverty and how to set up a strong innovation system that can propel it towards a technology-based knowledge economy.

Properly designed national industrial and innovation policies can give a country a competitive advantage in emerging high-tech fields and earn it much-needed foreign exchange. This requires sustained investment in research and development in selected areas to create the required high-quality

human capital and infrastructure along with suitable policy frameworks that support nascent industries. These policies must particularly support research and development in the private sector.

The natural resources of a country must be properly utilized for optimum industrial growth. Let us take the case of energy. Pakistan has one of the largest coal deposits in the world, but disinterested politicians decided several decades ago to ignore this valuable resource.

Today India uses 55 per cent of its natural coal reserves for energy production, and Pakistan seven per cent. Selfish acts carried out by our leaders in the energy sector have pushed the nation into poverty for decades to come.

To establish a robust innovation system, there are three major interconnected components. The first is the resources (endowments) available to a country. The most important one is the human resources — the level of education, culture, and demographics.

that is conducive for agriculture, its geographical landscape that is conducive to tourism, and its system of governance also hold importance. Other essential factors are the integrity and technical competence of its leaders and its system of justice that can swiftly provide justice and punish criminals in a fair and equitable manner.

The second important component is government policies that can act as a powerful enabler to properly use the resources a country possesses. These policies include investments in high-quality school, college and university education, promotion of research, development and commercialization with particular focus on new and emerging technologies.

The third vital component in the national innovation system is the role of the private sector. Research and development programmes carried out under the umbrella of the private sector play a critically important role in the transition to a knowledge economy, and this is where Pakistan is ranked among the weakest countries in the world.

the country can migrate to a technology-driven knowledge economy. Pakistan must follow two parallel paths: (a) declare a national education emergency and make massive investments in quality school, college and university education, leading to the creation of top-class universities and research centres closely linked with industry — as done by Singapore, Korea and China; and (b) incentivize corporate research and development efforts in carefully selected fields by the country's largest industrial groups.

Our government's efforts need to be focused on IT, mineral resources, manufacture of automobiles, ship building, semiconductors, batteries for electric cars, next-generation solar cells, pharmaceuticals, and defence products, to name a few. Simultaneously, we need to focus on the services sector including banking, broadband penetration and telecommunications that offer huge possibilities.

The innovation process must be primarily driven by the private sector, and this is where the successive governments have failed miserably to provide the necessary incentives, laws and ecosystem to make this possible.

Transcending limits

Ali Hassan Bangwar

Historic moments warrant introspection and reflection. The contemporary pandemic-ridden world seems to be at the crossroads. The prevailing onslaught of Covid-19 against humankind calls for a comprehensive contemplation on what went wrong in our quest for modernisation.

Among all creatures, humankind is high up the evolutionary ladder due to unmatched cognitive abilities and intellectual prowess. These intellectual abilities were inherently aimed at distinguishing good and evil, and regulating life on earth in a manner that benefits not only humans but their surroundings.

Regardless of their impacts. Rather than running the affairs and utilising the intellect and bounties in a just and sustainable manner, men have badly embezzled with nature's resources at the cost of destruction of other forms of life and of natural ecosystem.

A few in the world hold majority of the wealth — the result: millions of people are currently consumed by poverty, hunger and disease. The rich-poor divide widens as time passes by. Global poverty and wide-scale inequality are on the rise. Laws are made and broken for and by the rich, while the poor remain entangled in them.

become common traits of our culture.

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

Though heinous acts may go unattended or unpunished by our judicial system, we must realise the earth has its own system of justice. Floods, droughts, forest fires, heat waves, tsunamis, epidemics, earthquakes, torrential rains and violent volcanic eruptions are just a few of the consequences that have come about due to our actions. COVID-19 among other cataclysms questions the sustainability of the existing global order and the underlying principles of globalisation.

November 09 is Black Day for Junagarh

ISLAMABAD: November 09 is the Black Day for Junagarh as it was on this day in 1947 when India landed its troops and forcibly occupied the Muslim-ruled State in sheer violation of international law.

It maintained that Pakistan has a rightful claim on Junagarh state owing to a genuine Instrument of Accession to this end. Nawab Mahabat Khan, the then governor of Junagarh, signed an agreement of accession to Pakistan in accordance with the ideology of the country on 15 September 1947.

The report pointed out that India is illegally holding both Kashmir and Junagarh and Pakistan is committed to continue its efforts for their liberation from Indian illegal occupation. Kashmir and Junagarh are two international issues needing a solution, it said, adding that the international community including the UN must play an effective role to liberate the two regions from Indian illegal occupation. INP

China, Pakistan may cooperate in emergency management to control floods

BEIJING: China, Pakistan may cooperate in emergency management to control floods, said Prof. Cui Peng, Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and Co-Director General of China-Pakistan Joint Research Center of Earth Sciences, Co-Founder of International Association for Disaster Risk Reduction (IADRR).

standing of the mechanisms for earthquake induced geological hazards such as seismic landslide and dammed lake, and risk assessment methods based on dynamic process and scale-up effect. As per Prof. Cui, many countries are prone to natural disasters, and some of them are catastrophic. On average, the loss due to natural disasters in BRI countries is more than twice the world average.

abroad, as well as in mountainous areas, infrastructures and scenic areas, Cui has successfully applied mitigation techniques to the mega debris-flow events in Venezuela and Zhouqu, China, earthquakes in Nepal and Wenchuan, China, large dammed lake and geo-hazards along the Karakoram Highway in Pakistan. When he attended the Parallel Session on Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Management under the Fifth Hongqiao International Economic Forum for the Fifth China International Import Expo (CIIE) earlier this week, he said that coping with the risk of catastrophic disasters often requires the joint response of many countries, and all parties must strengthen international cooperation for disasters such as the floods in Pakistan. "We must further explore cross-border disaster information sharing and disaster prevention mechanisms," noted Cui, adding that the top priority is to help Pakistan. INP



JAPAN: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi with participants of 18th Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) during his official visit to Japan.

India failed to address key HR concerns expressed at UPR sessions: Speakers

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a webinar while expressing serious concerns over India's non-compliance with the recommendations agreed during UPR's 3rd cycle, have said that despite strong protests from human rights organizations including the United Nations and the OIC, the Indian government has failed to address the key human rights concerns expressed during third Universal Periodic Review.

attended and addressed by prominent human rights activists, law experts, academicians, and diplomats hailing from different parts of the world including Dr. Imtiaz Khan, Marry Scully, Cecilia Jastrzebska, Robert Fantina, Gurpreet Singh, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Sukru Guzel, Ms. Sheni Hamid, Mariana Zucca, Dr. Farhan Mujahid Chak, Ms. Farzana Yaqoob, Advocate Nasir Qadri Dr. Saira Shah, Laura Schamaz, Prof. Amna Mehmood, Advocate Parvez Ahmed Shah. The event was moderated by noted rights activist and Chairman Kashmir Institute of International relations Altaf Hussain Wani.

rights challenges that Kashmiris face, it is extremely disappointing to see that India's repressive regime led by Hindu supremacists has been brazenly flaunting the UPR recommendations and commitments regarding the improvement of the human rights situation in the Indian-held territory of Jammu and Kashmir", the speakers said. Terming India's 5th August 2019 decision as an outrageous attack on Kashmiris' national identity, the speakers on the occasion, called upon Indian government to reverse 5th August action, which they said was against the spirit of the Geneva conventions and UNSC resolutions on Kashmir. INP

SC adjourns case against Faisal Vawda's disqualification till Nov 21

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court Wednesday adjourned the hearing of a case against the lifetime disqualification of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Faisal Vawda till the week starting from November 21. A three-member bench, headed by the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP), conducted the hearing.

"New judges are coming to the Supreme Court. This case can be handed over to a new bench. One of us will join the new bench," he added. "My request is that this very bench should conduct one more hearing and end the case," lawyer for the election commission pleaded with the court. "We will make a decision regarding the formation of the bench and let you know," the CJP said to the lawyer for the election commission.

the election commission," he directed. The hearing of the case was then adjourned till November 21. "New judges are coming to the Supreme Court. This case can be handed over to a new bench. One of us will join the new bench," he added. "My request is that this very bench should conduct one more hearing and end the case," lawyer for the election commission pleaded with the court. "We will make a decision regarding the formation of the bench and let you know," the CJP said. INP

SBP hints at easing import policy

KARACHI: The central bank on Wednesday hinted at easing import restrictions imposed by the government to keep foreign exchange reserves under tight control. This was suggested by State Bank Governor Jameel Ahmed during a banking conference on Wednesday. While responding to media questions about the government's stringent import policy of the past few months, he said that commercial banks have been told to clear letters of credit (LCs) of up to \$100,000. Speaking at the 'Sustainable Banking Conference' held in collaboration with International Finance Corporation, Ahmed said that commercial banks must facilitate priority sectors when clearing LCs, particularly importing the remaining parts and machineries of projects which are near completion.

Three mowed down in firing by rival party in Sialkot

SIALKOT: Three people on Wednesday were killed by the firing opened by the rival party in Majra village located in the limits of Sialkot airport police station. According to 1122 rescue officials, three persons were mowed down while three others sustained injuries in the indiscriminate firing opened by some unknown people. Two of those killed in the incident were identified as Baqir (50) and passer by Afzaal (40). Another slain person is yet to be identified. Police shifted the dead bodies to a hospital. Those who got injuries were identified as Saram (14), Siddique and Izan. They were shifted to Sialkot hospital. Police said that the incident was result of an old enmity. The heirs of the deceased protested against the killing by putting bodies on the Sambrial Morr. INP



LAHORE-Nov09: Pak Army Officer offering Fatcha after laying floral wreath during Change Of Guard ceremony during 144th birth anniversary ceremony of the poet of the east, Dr Allama Iqbal.

Supreme Court adjourns case of PTI's de-seated MPAs

ISLAMABAD: During hearing of petitions filed by renegade PTI MPAs challenging the decision of their de-seating by the ECP, the chief justice of Pakistan on Wednesday remarked it was not appropriate to make the newly elected members of the assembly party to this case. A three-judge Supreme Court bench headed by CJP Umar Ata Bandial heard the pleas of the renegade PTI members of Punjab Assembly who were de-seated by the Election Commission of Pakistan following the reference sent by PTI Chairman Imran Khan which stated that these party MPAs violated the party discipline by giving vote in favour of PML-N candidate during the chief minister election in the Punjab Assembly this April. The de-seated disgruntled PTI members changed their lawyer and their new Advocate Umar Aslam appeared before the court today. Advocate Aslam requested the court to adjourn the hearing of the case as he took up the case only last

night and he had to study it. The CJP accepted his request. But he also remarked there was another interesting question related to this case, 'isn't it appropriate to make the newly-appointed members of the Punjab Assembly respondents in this case'. The court also allowed the de-seated member, Mohsin Ata Khan Khosa, to withdraw his appeal. After this, the court adjourned the hearing of the case for indefinite time. INP

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER. The Director Electricity (North), Energy Department, Government of Balochistan invites sealed tenders from interested contractors/firms based on composite scheduled rates 2018 On percentage rates for the work mentioned below with the Bid Security of 3% of estimated cost/offered rate in shape of Bank Guarantee or Deposit a Call. The non-refundable Tender fee deposited in head of account 003870 through Green Bank Challan in any National Bank of Pakistan located within Balochistan Province.



LAHORE: Pakistan Navy and Rangers march past the tomb of national poet Allama Mohammad Iqbal during 144th anniversary ceremony of the poet of the east, Dr Allama Iqbal in Provincial Capital.

Pakistan announces to move away from 'interest' based banking system

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Wednesday announced that it will move ahead to establish an interest-free, Islamic banking system and withdraw in the coming days appeals filed against it in the Supreme Court of Pakistan. This was announced by Federal Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday. He said that the appeals filed by the State Bank of Pakistan against the imposition of the Islamic banking system in the country. In a televised statement he said that in recent years the progress on imposing an 'Islamic' system of banking had faced hurdles and challenges. He further disclosed that when the Federal

Sharia Court earlier this year issued its verdict to impose an Islamic form of financial and banking system, the government had knowledge that the State Bank of Pakistan and National Bank - both representatives of the government in the banking and financial sector - had separately filed appeals in the Supreme Court of Pakistan against the verdict. "Because this is ordained in the Holy Quran, I believe the barometer of our decisions is the Quran and Sunnah, we all should follow it," he said. Dar said that with permission from Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and after due consultation with SBP Governor Jameel Ahmed, both the central bank and

National Bank will withdraw their appeals from the Supreme Court and that their government will try their utmost to enforce the Islamic system of banking as soon as possible. He prayed for divine guidance on imposing this new, interest-free system. He, however, reminded that there are a lot of challenges in implementing this system since Pakistan's entire banking system in vogue for the past 75 years cannot suddenly move to a different system. "The government has decided in light of teachings of the Holy Quran and Sunnah that the two appeals against the Federal Shariah Court's verdict by the government will be withdrawn and work to implement. INP

Disagreements should be expressed peacefully: US State Dept

WASHINGTON: The US on Tuesday reacted to the ongoing tense situation in Pakistan where PTI supporters have all but laid siege to Islamabad and has suggested that all parties should have the freedom to express disagreements but must do so peacefully. Asked during his daily press briefing about the protests and attack on Imran Khan, US State Department Spokesperson Ned Price initially reiterated the statement issued

last week by US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken. "We strongly condemn the shooting," he said, adding, "We continue to strongly condemn the shooting of Imran Khan." He expressed Washington's hope for a quick and thorough recovery of all who were injured, including Imran Khan. Price also offered condolences to the family of the individual who was killed. "Violence has no place in politics. We're

concerned about these reports of violence," he said and called on all parties to refrain from violence, harassment, intimidation and to respect the rule of law. "We are deeply committed to a democratic and peaceful Pakistan, and we stand with the people of Pakistan." Asked if he had a message of calm to offer, Price said they remain concerned about what happened in Pakistan in recent days and that all parties should never resort to

violence. "They should express their disagreements peacefully, using - employing universal rights - freedom of expression, freedom of assembly - but violence is never the answer." He continued that they are deeply committed to Pakistan, which has a long history of democratic identity. We stand with the people of Pakistan. On the reported curbs on freedom of expression in Pakistan, Price responded by saying

Washington routinely raises concerns about press freedom to all stakeholders around the world. "We do that as a matter of course in Pakistan. We'll continue to have those conversations with Pakistani authorities," he said. "A free press, informed citizenry - they're key for any nation and its democratic future. It's key in Pakistan; it's key around the world," he added. INP

