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## Pakistan defeats New Zealand in World Cup and qualifies for Final

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Book their place in the final at MCG opposite one of India and England; Rizwan named player of the match.

Sports Desk

ed New Zealand in the 20 World Cup T-20 and qualified for the

As Babar Azam and to sneaked into the 20 World Cup semifinal, Pakistan fans started likening the eam's run Imran Khan and his team had dur-ng the 1992 World

And it seems the ream is alive as akistan 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 orld Cup final since e tournament started

The Black Caps had et a 153-run target for Pakistan which the 1en in Green chased own with ease.

Before this game, veryone had quesions about the opening pair of the team and it seems the 105-run artnership between



Rizwan should end the

Mitchell's half-century helped New Zealand set a 153-run target after New Zealand skipper Kane skipper Kane Williamson opted to

bat first.
Pakistan was off to a flying start when they confined New Zealand at 49/3 at the end of the eight overs.
But a 68-run partnership between Kane

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 the highest scorer and remained unbeaten for 53. Playing XI Pakistan: Babar

Azam (c), Mohammad Azam (c), Mohammad Rizwan (wk). Mohammad Haris, Shan Masood, Iftikhar Ahmed, Shadab Khan, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Wasim Jr. Naseem Shah, Haris Rauf, Shaheen Shah Afridi. New Zealand: Kane Williamson (c). Devon Conway (wk). Devon Conway (wk), Finn Allen, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell, Mitchell Neesham, Southee, Ish Sodhi, Lockie Ferguson, Trent Boult.



Shaheens the road to final of ICC T20

World cup 2022 Babar can repeat the famous 1992 world cup history

**Muhammad Mudasir** 

After the disap-ointing start of akistan but someow the men in green nanaged to reach the inals of the ICC T20 WORLD CUP, Australia with the help of some per-formances and espe-Netherlands upset-ing mighty South

In every tourna-nent, Pakistan is Iways the underdog. Men in green start their campaign at a slow pace but the favors quote of for-mer 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



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 his-

tory. 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 World

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

captaincy of Imran

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 men in green repeat 1992 history 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 sit-

uation 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

"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 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 Zahedan on Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili, deputy commissinceristan, Abdul Aziz Odall, deputy collinas-sioners 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.

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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



Delegations between the two countries have for-warded 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.

#### Govt to withdraw appeal against Shariat Court's verdict, will implement 'interest-free' banking system as soon as possible

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday announced that the government will be withdrawing the State Bank (SBP) and National Bank's (NBP) appeals against the Federal Shariat Court (FSC) direction to the government of the state of t for complete transformation of the banking system into Shariah-com-pliant banking by December

The FSC verdict in the long delayed case was announced in April. The court had ruled that the federal government and provincial governments must amend relevant laws and issued directives that the country's banking system should be free of interest by December 2027. Commercial banks and the cen-

tral bank had subsequently filed an appeal before the Sup-reme Court (SC) challenging the FSC

In his press conference today on the matter, Dar said: "With the permission of the prime minister and consultation with the SBP



overnor, I'm announcing on behalf of the federal government that the SBP and NBP will with-draw their appeals from the SC and our government will fully try to as quickly as possible imple-ment an Islamic system in Pakistan."Dar said there was lots of detailed discussion on the mat-ter over the last few weeks and a future roadmap was discussed

with the SBP governor as well. The finance minister acknowledged that there will be many challenges in implementing the

FSC verdict and the entire banking system and its practices could not be immediately shifted to a new system but nonetheless, the government had decided to with-draw the appeals in the next few days and pivot Pakistan to an "interest-free" direction within the stipulated time by the FSC. The first petition for the aboli-tion of the interest based banking

tion of the interest-based banking system in the country was filed in the FSC on June 30, 1990.

The then chief justice of the FSC, Dr Tanzeelur Rehman, had constituted a three-member bench that delivered judgment in the case on November 14, 1991, and sought its implementation by April 30, 1992.

The then PML-N government had challenged the decision in the page court Vegre later.

apex court Years later on December 23, 1999, the SC upheld the decision of the FSC and directed authorities to ensure its implementation by June 30, 2000. Subsequently, a review appeal was filed in 2002. Web Desk

Divided America votes on Biden as Florida governor scores big

US President Joe Biden's agen-da 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



As polls closed in the midterm elections, Republicans were pro-jected to have picked up at least two seats in the House of Representatives but did not imme-diately show evidence of a major nationwide wave ahead of what is

expected to be a long count.

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

Balochistan government must appoint the Chief Information Commissioner to empower the citizens to have access to official informa-tion 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 set says Nasrullah Zery.

of yet says Nasrullah 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 floodaffected people, the magnitude of the disaster, the need for relief goods, etc. available on any relevant website of the government of Balochistan

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.

## QUETTA VOICE 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. Mismanagement, injudicious distribution of development funds coupled with a lack of political commitments are the underlying reasons behind backwardness of

Track record shows, successive governments have always launched politically motivated development schemes to please their influential supporters. Constituency, individual and political schemes always dominated the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) in every year's financial budget. Nexus among the Chief Minister's Secretariat, the Planning Development and Finance Department continue to deprive the constituencies of other lawmakers.

Opposition's constituencies were ignored

Opposition lawmakers constituencies remained ignored during last three-years of former chief minister, Jam Kamal Khan's government. Despite agitation in and outside the assembly, the opposition lawmakers were not able to force government to allocate funds for their constituencies

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. That's why, provincial governments prefer not to hold local bodies elections rather decentralization of development projects.

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. The province has already spent Rs. 40bs and it has more than 40bs for the remaining year. It means the deficit is close to Rs. 100bs.

Chief Minister Quddus 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. Action should match

## 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 signifi-cant variation of average weather conditions-say, conditions becoming warmer, wetter, or drier—over several decades or more. It's the longer-term trend that differclimate entiates change from natural weather variability. The climate is the fundamental part of the world Because our agriculture and indus-trial system are dependent on climate and a lot of commodities required in indus-tries is directly coming from agriculture to industries. Moreover, climate control is essential for every state or even for every individual to take significant caution about the weather.

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. representative from all over the world, United Nation and different compa-nies Chief executives were participating in this conference; talking about the same issue how to solve it and what measures are taken for this. The members of the summit emphasise using mit emphasise using technologies which are free from pollution like the solar system and wind tur-

Anthropogenic causes of climate change. Humans more specifically, the greenhouse gas greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that human activity gener-ates—are the leading cause of the earth's rapidly changing cli-mate today. Greenhouse gases play an important role in keeping the planet warm enough to inhabit. But the inhabit. But the amount of these gases in our atmosphere has skyrocketed in recent

the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, our current concentrations of carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide "are unprece-dented compared with the past 800,000 years." Indeed, the atmosphere's share of carbon dioxide—the planet's chief climate change contributor— has risen by 46 per cent since preindustrial times.

The burning of fos-sil fuels like coal, oil, and gas for electricity, heat, and transporta-tion is the primary source of human-generated emissions. A second major source is a deforestation, which releases sequestered (or stored) carbon into the air. It's estimated that logging, clearcut-ting, fires, and other forms of forest degradation release an average of 8.1 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide per year, accounting for more than 20 ne than 20 per cent of all global CO2 emissions. Other human activities

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over the last few weeks,

that generate air pollu-tion 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. Activities like agriculture and road agriculture and road construction can also change the reflectivity of the earth's surface, leading to local warming or cooling.

Though our planet's forests and oceans absorb greenhouse gases from the atmosphere through photo-synthesis and other processes, these natural carbon sinks can't keep up with our ris-ing emissions. The resulting buildup of greenhouse gases is causing alarmingly fast warming world-wide. It's estimated that the earth's average temperature rose by about 1 degree Fahrenheit during the

20th century. Every state should take reasonable care the world.

change in the world and look after the system of industries which is the major cause of climate change. The devel-oped countries now oped countries now take measurements to stop climate change and work on technical and advanced tech-nologies which help out to stop the emis-sions of several gases which destroyed the which destroyed the climate. They also work on agriculture to produce new seeds and plants which support environmental protection. They also use the solar system and wind turbines instead of using fossil fuels which are causing climate change, Japan and other developed countries of the world work on electric world work on electric vehicles it is also significant for climate change. Every individual must take too much care about climate change because it is one of the leading causes of the world which affects all over

## A very unique relationship

decades. According to

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. For China and China-Pakistan relations, these two major events came one after another, the sig-nificance is self-evident

and far-reaching 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. It has charted the course and established the guide to action for the cause of the Party and the country. General Secretary Xi Jinping was re-elected by a unanimous vote at the first plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee. That will provide the most fundamental political guaran-tee for China to embark on a new journey towards

ry in all respects.
Facing a highly uncertain world, in which our times and history are changing in ways like never before, China is responding to these responding to these uncertainties with its own certainty, hedging the instability of the international situation with the stability of its domestic and foreign policies, and providing a strong and lasting impetus for the recovery of the world economies with highquality development and

high-level opening up, making unremitting efforts for the peaceful development of the region and the world with a responsible attitude. As President Xi told PM Shehbaz, China will con-tinue its fundamental poltinue its fundamental pol-icy of opening up and providing new opportuni-ties to Pakistan and the rest of the world through continuous development. PM Shehbaz was the

first head of government tirst head of government to visit China after the 20th CPC National Congress, and China received the Pakistani prime minister with pre-mium courtesy. President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Keqiang and Chairman Li Zhanshu of the Standing Committee of Standing Committee of the National People's Congress held talks with him. Both sides issued a joint statement and signed or concluded a number of agreements/MoUs in the

areas of e-commerce, digital economy, export of agricultural product, financial cooperation, property, infrastructure, flood relief, post-disaster reconstruction, Global Development Initiative, animal disease control, livelihood, cultural cooperation, space, geo-sciences as well as law enforcement and security

PM Shehbaz twice in less than two months, and personally invited him to visit China immediately after the 20th National Congress. This well demonstrates the uniqueness of China-Pakistan

President Xi met with

relations and Pakistan's important position in China's overall diploma-cy. This matchlessnes lies at the highest levels of strategic coordination and political mutual trust - this is why the term 'ironclad friendship' is used to describe the relationship between the two countries. Pakistan sees its relations with China as a cornerstone of its foreign policy. China, as President Xi told PM Shehbaz, views its rela-tions with Pakistan from a strategic and long-term perspective, and puts it as a priority in China's neighbourhood diploma-

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 and the attempts to stir up Xinjiang-related issues at the Human Rights Council Likewise, China guarding its sovereignty, territorial integrity, security, and promoting its socio-economic development and prosperity. Our close coordination has gone beyond the bilateral level to the multilateral and international arena jointly promoting the implementation of the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative, and working together to make global governance more just and equitable.

tions are also unmatched in the strong support of practical cooperation underpinned by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, which has played a leadwhich has played a lead-ing role in the Belt and Road Initiative. Under CPEC, 47 projects have been started or complet-ed, with a total invest-ment of more than \$25 billion, and 150,000 jobs have been created have been created.

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. China also agreed to actively advance the Karachi Circular Railway and encourage Chinese enterprises to participate in solar and other renew-

able energy projects.

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. corridor, industrial corridor, digital corridor and green corridor will become an important part of the high-quality development of CPEC. Moreover, Pakistan's exports to China are pected to exceed \$4 billion this year. Among them, agriculture serves as an emerging growth

trade surplus with China reached \$640 million last year, an increase of 13

Pakistan's agricultural

During this visit, facilita-During this visit, facilita-tion arrangements for cherry exports to China were made. China wel-comes Pakistan to explore China's mega-market; the country also welcomes more high-quality Pakistani food and agricultural products for entry. Pakistan's and agricultural products for entry. Pakistan's efforts to strengthen security guarantees for Chinese investors, and efforts to solve the issues facing the CPEC IPPs will help encourage Chinese investors to start businesses in Pakistan and unleash a broader potential for business cooperation.

cooperation.
China-Pakistan relations are further unique also due to the sincerity flirting with sadness. What turned things around and is this happi-ness sustainable? between the two to help each other through it all. China's people will not forget that after the 2008 Wenchuan earth-quake, Pakistan donated all tents in reserve. Facing unprecedented floods in Pakistan this year, China in no time provided Pakistan a full range of assistance, with the total amount of funds and materials reaching 660 million yuan. During PM Shehbaz's visit, China announced an extra 500 million yuan emergency aid for post-disaster reconstruction, making the total aid to 1.16 billion yuan (36 billion rupees), ranking first than embrace it. among other countries China also sent expert teams on post-disaster

type A personality, happiness was married to my professional life. The

## **Collision** with happiness very morn-ing I wake up and ask myself

unhappy professionally but happy personally. Perhaps this sounds obvi-

the answer is that I'm actually happy. This is a strange and out of body strange and out of body experience because this hasn't been the case for the majority of my life. As little as six months ago, I was feeling unhap-py every morning, bor-dering on restlessness and litting with sadness

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

paternity leave was a strange window into realising it's possible to be

istoric

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

So I started experi-

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

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

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

## Innovation for prosperity

China-Pakistan rela-

making rapid economic strides have 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. Even Bangladesh which was way behind Pakistan in economic development at the time of its creation in 1971, has performed better than us with its annual exports of \$52 billion, almost double than those of Pakistan.

The problem is that Pakistani governments get so caught up in tackling routine day-to-day prob-lems 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

designed Properly 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 infra-structure along with suit-able policy frameworks that support nascent indus-tries. These policies must particularly support research and development in the private sector, offer tax breaks for industries in high-technology fields, and provide access to capital and markets as well as support measures for 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 and base the country's energy pro-duction on imported oil. Today India uses 55 per

cent of its natural coal reserves for energy pro-duction, 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 The utilization of our plentiful clean energy sources such as water, wind and sun for our enerrequirements remains

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 that a country possesses - the level of education, culture, and demographics. Then demographics. comes natural resources such as oil, gas, and miner-als. A country's climate that is conducive for agri-culture, its geographical landscape that is con-ducive 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 crimi-nals in a fair and equitable The second important

component is government

policies that can act as a

powerful enabler to prop-erly use the resources a country possesses. These policies include investin high-quality school, college and university education, promotion of research, development commercialization with particular focus on new and emerging tech-nologies, the ability to create a business-friendly environment through ease of-doing business, the law and order situation and favourable trade policies.

The third vital compo-nent 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. In contrast to research in government laboratories, research studies carried out in privatesector institutions have a razor-sharp focus on the cost-effective development of commercially viable new products for the local market or for

exports.

To profit from innovation, a country requires to focus on carefully selected commercially important projects with effective coordination of R&D personnel with design, pro-duction and marketing activities. These are best conducted in private organizations. It is understandable that more than 50 per cent of R&D expenditure in the most advanced countries comes from the private sector. Unfortunately, in Pakistan it is less than one per cent mainly due to myopic government policies.

Looking forward, it is imperative that the government should target critically important high-technology products for manufacture and export, and give major incentives to industries to invest in these fields. Opportunities are plentiful and range from biosimilars, nutraceuticals and vaccines in the pharma industry, lithium batteries for the automobile industry, extraction and processing of precious minerals for the electronics and materials industries to products related to artificial intelligence, cyber security and internet-of-

things for the IT sector. The defence industry too presents huge opportunities for Pakistan in some emerging areas such as the manufacture and export of swarm drones controlled by powerful AI software. This area is already shaping the directions of future warfare as evident from ongoing Ukraine-Russia war.

To develop a national innovation system so that

passing day.

By Atta-ur-Rahman the country can migrate to technology-driven knowledge economy, Pakistan must follow two parallel paths: (a) declare a national education emer-gency and make massive investments in quality school, college and university education, leading to 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 indus

assessment and health-

care to Pakistan to assist

in disaster relief and

trial groups. 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, pharma-ceuticals, and defence products, to name a few Simultaneously, we need to focus on the services sector including banking, broadband penetration and telecommunications that back 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. The science, technology and innovation policy for Pakistan was approved in January 2022, and it has many excellent recommendations. It is time this policy was implemented with a sense of urgency as we are following behind as an omnipotent entity other nations with every enjoying complete impuni

## Transcending limits

moments warrant introspec-tions 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. The pandemic has resulted in an unprecedented crisis, the likes of which the world has not seen since World War II. Rather than viewing it as a traditional fleecing event, we need to mull over the lessons the pandemic is trying to teach us. When deliberating, one may be forced to conclude that something is wrong with what we have been doing. We shouldn't be oblivious of an inevitable principle: one gets what one gives. When we harm nature, nature harms us

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

ty of all their activities

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

A few in the world hold majority of the wealth —

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

Ali Hassan Bangwar become common traits of

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

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

#### 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

An analytical report released by Kashmir Media Service in connection with the fateful day India illegally occupied Junagarh State through an act of brazen aggression and continues to occupy it even after the passage of 75

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 said that it was the dream of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah that Junagarh should be part of Pakistan. It said only the people of Junagarh have the right to decide its political

The report pointed out that India is illegal-ly holding both Kashmir and Junagarh and Pakistan is committed to continue its efforts for their libera-tion 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 Pakistan may cooperate Pakistan may cooperate in emergency manage-ment 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

Center of Earth Sciences,
Co-Founder of
International Association
for Disaster Risk
Reduction (IADRR).
In an interview to
China Economic Net
(CEN), he said natural
disasters are a common
challenge for mankind,
and disaster prevention and disaster prevention and reduction is also a common topic for all countries in the world, especially in countries along the 'Belt and Road Initiative' "

Ientioning the floods in Pakistan, "We're happy to Pakistan, "We're happy to share our experience with Pakistan in many fields," Cui noted, adding that such fields includes sys-tematic understanding of debris-flow formation mechanism, risk assess-ment, monitoring and early warning; the devel-opment of integrated disopment of integrated disaster mitigation tech-niques; systematic understanding of the mecha-nisms for earthquake induced geological hazinduced geological haz-ards such as seismic land-slide and dammed lake,

slide 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.

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And the casualties are even more, especially in South Asia, where the casualties in some cases have reached ten times.

"Therefore icining hands "Therefore, joining hands in the prevention and control of natural disas-

control of natural disas-ters is of great signifi-cance," Prof. Cui told China Economic Net. Prof. Cui has long been engaged in mountain haz-ard research with a focus on debris flow and land-slides, as well as water and soil conservation.

As a scientist who has also been devoted to applying disaster risk reduction knowledge and techniques in catastrophic events at home and

abroad, as well as in mountainous areas, infra-structures and scenic areas, Cui has successful-ly applied mitigation techniques to the mega debris-flow events in Venezuela and Zhouqu,

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 strophic 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 shar-ing and disaster preven-tion mechanisms, noted Cui, adding that the top priority is to help priority is Pakistan INP



JAPAN: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi with participnets of 18th Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) during his officials 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 noncompliance 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. ISLAMABAD: Speakers at Review.

Review.

The webinar organized by the Kashmir Institute of International Relations in collaboration with the World Muslim Congress, IMWU, and IAPSD on the sidelines of the 41st session of Universal periodic review was

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 Jastrzembska, 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. "Given the scale of human 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' 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 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.

hearing. "At the last hearing, we had

asked two questions. Faisal Vawda's lawyer Waseem Sajjad has submitted a reply after working really hard," CJP Umar Ata Bandial "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.

"A copy of the reply of Faisal Vawda's lawyer should be provided to the lawyer for

the election commission," he

The hearing of the case was then adjourned till November

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#### PTI to resume long march tomorrow: Fawad Chaudhry

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader and former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry on Wednesday said that PTI's long march will resume from tomorrow (Thusday)

(Thursday). According to details, former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry Tehreek-e-Insat's Haqiqi Azadi March will start again tomorrow. The PTI leader further said there

will be a meeting of the officials of the Gujranwala and Lahore divi-sions today, after which a senior leadership meeting of the party will be held.

He said Imran Khan will be in Rawalpindi to lead the march in the third week of November INP

#### Punjab govt decides to form JIT to probe attack on Imran

LAHORE: The Punjab government on Wednesday decided to form a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) to probe the assassination attempt on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan.

The decision to form the JIT was taken in a meeting of the Punjab Cabinet Committee on Law and Order, which was chaired by the chairman of the committee, Raja Basharat, through a video link from Rawalpindi.

In the meeting, it was decided that the Joint Investigation Team will be headed by Additional IG Highways Patrol Riaz Nazir, other members of the JIT will include representatives of the relevant

agencies.

The Punjab Cabinet Committee
has also decided to provide special
security to Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Imran Khan and in the second phase of the long march, strict security arrange-ments have been made for the con-

Chairman Committee Raja Basharat said that the police and district administration should keep in touch with the local leadership of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf, bullet-proof rostrum and glass will be installed on the container, deploy-ment of snipers and other security arrangements should not be neglected

In the meeting, it was also decided to talk to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf to open the motorways soon and give way to the judges.INP



LAHORE: Pakistan Navy and Rangers march past the tomb of national poet Allama Mohammad Iqbal during 144th birth 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 interestfree, Islamic banking system and withdraw in the coming days 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 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 Supreme Court of Pakistan against the

"Because this is ordained in the Holy Quran, I believe the barometer of our deci-sions 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 bank

National Bank will withdraw their appeals from the Supreme Court and that their govern-ment will try their utmost to enforce the Islamic system of bank-ing as soon as possible. He prayed for divine

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 years cannot suddenly move to a different sys-tem. 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

#### SBP hints at easing import policy

at easing import restrictions imposed by the govern-ment to keep foreign exchange reserves under tight

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.

Earlier, at the Sustainable Banking Conference, Governor State Bank Jameel Ahmed highlighted Pakistan's vulnerabilities to the impacts of climate change He went on to add that the SBP had launched an Environmental and Social Risk Management manual as part of the central bank's ongoing efforts to promote green banking in Pakistan.Addressing the audience, IFC Regional Director for the Middle East, Pakistan and Afghanistan Khawaja Aftab Ahmed stated that the launch of the Environmental.INP

#### 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 moved 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

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 Fateha after laying floral wreath during Change Of Guard ceremony during 144th birth anniversary ceremony of the poet of the east, Dr Allama Igbal. **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 justice of Pakistan

Wednesday remarked was it not appropriate to make the newly elected mem-bers 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 I Election Pakistan following the reference sent by PTI Chairman Imran Khan which stated these 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 dis-gruntled PTI members changed their lawyer and their new Advocate Umar Aslam appeared the before court

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 Punjab

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 members the

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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### Disagreements should be expressed peacefully: US State Dept

WASHINGTON: The US on Tuesday reacted to the ongoing tense sit-uation 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

of State last week Secretary of Anthony Blinken.

"We strongly con-demn the shooting," he said, adding, "We con-tinue to strongly condemn the shooting of

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 com-

mitted to a democratic and peaceful Pakistan, and we stand with the people Pakistan." Asked if he had a message of calm to offer, Price said they remain concerned about

Pakistan in recent days and that all parties

should never resort to

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"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 com-mitted to Pakistan, which has a long history of democratic identi-We stand with the people of Pakistan. On the reported curbs on freedom of expres-sion in Pakistan, Price

responded by saying

Washington routinely raises concerns about press freedom to all stakeholders around the world. We do that as a mat-

ter of course in Pakistan We'll continue to have those conversations Pakistani authorities, he said. free

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

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On the other hand, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Allama Iqbal, a public holiday has been declared across the country today (Wednesday). Federal and provincial institutions will remain closed on this day, while all private and public educational institutions of the country, State Bank and other federal and provincial departments.

public educational institutions of the country, State Bank and other federal and provincial departments have also been declared a holiday today.

The 145th birth anniversary of national poet Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal is being observed today (Wednesday) all over the country with traditional zeal and enthusiasm. The federal government has announced November 9 as a public holiday, in connection with the birth anniversary of the country's national poet and philosopher Allama Muhammad Iqbal Allama Muhammad Iqbal was born in Sialkot on November 9, 1877. He is also recognised as national poet, and known as Muffakir-e-Pakistan (thinker of Pakistan), Shair-e-Mashriq (poet of the east) and Hakeemul Ummat (doctor of the Muslim ummah) and is credited with sparking the pan-

## PN ships participate in Int'l Fleet Review at Japan

Participation in IFR aimed at strengthening bilateral ties, explore new vistas of defence cooperation

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Navy Ships comprising PNS NASR and PNS SHAMSHEER Port-called Yokosuka, Japan and participated in International Fleet Review (IFR) organized to commemorate 70th anniversary of founding of Japan Maritime Self Defence Forces (JMSDF).

The IFR formation comprised of 38 units including 18 ships and submarines from different navies. The visit of PN Ships to Japan and participation in IFR is aimed at strengthening bilateral ties, enhancing interoperability between navies and to explore new vistas of defence cooperation.

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RAWALPINDI: Cricket fans celebrate Pakistan's victory in the ICC men's Twenty20 World Cup 2022 semi-final cricket match against New Zealand, in the city.

#### JUP organizes rally to support **Pakistan Army**

MARDAN: Jammiat Ulema-e-Pakistan (JUP) on Wednesday organ-ized rally here on Wednesday to sup-

port Pakistan Army.

Addressing the rally, the speakers were of the view that the general public is standing shoulder to shoulder with Pak Army for the defence of the mothedard.

motherland.

They said law enforcement agencies have rendered great sacrifices to restore peace in the country.

The speakers asked the Chief Justice of Pakistan to take suo-moto

action on the ongoing protests across the country which are adversely rou-tine activities of the public and hurting business activities as well.INP

#### Three women abducted in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD: Three women were abducted from different localities of Faisalabad on Wednesday, police said. According to details, Sumera Kausar was kidnapped by unknown culprits from Bismillah Sidhupura. Kaneez Fatima d/o Jannat Bibi was abducted by accused Umer Daraz and his accomplices.

Culprits kidnapped Muskan d/o Kaneez Fatima from 101-GB area of Faisalabad.

The police after registering separate. FAISALABAD: Three women were

The police after registering separate cases in all incidents at concerned police stations started efforts for

#### recovery of abducted women.INP Love marriage youth shot dead in name of

honour

KARACHI: A youth was shot dead at the doorstep of his house by his in-laws on Wednesday in what the fami-ly of the deceased described was an act of 'honour killing' in Landhi area of Karachi.

According to the father of the deceased, his son Adnan had contracted a love marriage five years ago against the will of his in-laws. Since then, his in-laws had been seeking ret-ribution and had attempted to target him at our house in which his younger son was hurt.

Following that attack, his in-laws reconciled with them but that also turned out to be a trap for his son, the father added.

The victim's father said that Adnan's in-laws called him outside the house today and his two brothers-in-law along with their two uncles, shot Adnan five times, leaving him dead on the spot.

The slain youth's uncle, on the other

hand, said that Adnan was married in 2017 of his own free will and he was the oldest of the five siblings.INP

#### Dengue claims two more lives in Lahore

LAHORE: Dengue cases kept growing in Lahore as 94 new con-firmed infections were reported in the provincial capital while the deadly virus claimed two lives during the last 24 hours on Wednesday.

In the meantime, 393 dengue infected patients received treatmePnt in the government hospitals of Lahore. On the other hand, there is a slight

decline in dengue cases in Islamabad as 26 cases of mosquito borne virus were reported in the Federal Capital during 24 hours with the same mortal-ity rate of 11 fatalities. INP

Aamir Zulfiqar Khan favourite in race for Punjab IGP post

LAHORE: Aamir Zulfiqar Khan, a senior officer of Pakistan Police Service (PSP), is favourite in race for the post of Punjab Inspector General of Police (IGP). It is to be noted here that Aamir Zulfiqar Khan has also been the staff officer of Chief Minister Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi Another senior police officer, Fayyaz Ahmed Dev, is second favourite in the race for the Punjab IGP.It also merits a mention here that former IGP Faisal Shahkar had refused to work under the Punjab government, and he had requested the establishment division.INP

#### ECP fixes plea to block Imran Khan's victory notification for hearing

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Wednesday fixed Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's plea to block the victory notification of PTI chairman Imran Khan for

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The ECP will take up plea of PML-N MNA Ali Gohar Baloch next week. The PML-N lawmaker has pleaded with the ECP to stop the victory notification of Imran Khan in the by-elections on the basis of his disqualification in the Toshakhana case.

The ECP declared Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Imran Khan disqualified in its verdict in the Toshakhana reference, last month.

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"Imran Khan being declared disqualified and unseated from his National Assembly seat," the ECP said." He has been disqualified under Article 63, 1(P), over submitting a false statement and declaration".

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"His disqualification under Article 63, 1(P) has been for his current parliament membership", the ECP said in its 36-page detailed judgment of the reference.

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#### China's Sichuan province donates goods worth RMB 500,000 to Pakistan

BEIJING: As Pakistan has entered the post-flood rehabilitation stage and keeping in view that the winter months are fast approaching, business entities and individuals of Sichuan, a province in southwestern China, donated goods worth approximately RMB 500,000.

According to China Economic Net (CEN) on We, the donated goods comprise much-needed items such as warm blankets, tents, water-resistant camp lights, water purification units, leather boots,

In collaboration with the Pakistan Studies Centre of Sichuan University, donations in kind of up to seven tones were received by the Consulate General of Pakistan.

the companies which donated included, but were not limited

to, Sichuan University, Sichuan Enterprise Group, Industrial K.cen Zhongke Industrial
Development (Pakistan) Co.
Ltd, Zhongjing Supply Chain
Management Co. Ltd, Trunk
Public Welfare Group, Chengdu

The Consulate General has arranged the first non-governmental arranged flight, PK871, which flew out of Chengdu representatives from

where representatives from NDMA received the cargo.

Agha Hunain Abbas Khan, Acting Consul General, said that the rains have finally stopped and the flood waters have started to recede. However, the true scale of the damage has just begun to reveal its unly head. Initial estimates its ugly head. Initial estimates have put the total cost to Pakistan at around \$30 billion.

#### Joint efforts needed to avert Pakistan-like flood situation: expert said at CIIE Forum

BEIJING: Joint efforts are needed to address climate change and avert Pakistan-like flood situation, said Rahul Ahluwalia, Minister-Counsellor and Director for Financial & Professional Services and Investment at the British Embassy in Beijing while addressing the Climate Change and Low Carbon Development Forum 2022 held on November 6 in Shanghai According to China Economic Net (CEN) on Wednesday, the event was held on the sideline of the ongoing fifth China International Import Expo (CIIE).He said, "I'm here not to talk about the need for climate action. If the wildfires raging in Australia and California, the devastating floods in Nigeria and Pakistan and the worst drought in China's history are not enough to prove the seriousness and urgency of

gonna change,"
Themed "Coping with climate change and promoting low-carbon development", the forum is co-hosted by China Council for the Proposition of Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and co-organized by China Chamber of International Commerce, SMI China Council, and World Resources Institute. On the occasion discussions were held on hot topics such as green finance, sustainable transformation, and new energy technolotion, and new energy technology All countries should join hands on the path of green, low-carbon transformation, innovation, and sustainable development, noted Ren Hongbin, Chairman of the CCPIT, adding that climate change is related to that climate change is related to the survival and development of mankind and the well-being of future generations.INP



ISLAMABAD: People are facing difficulties during walk at Aabpara Market due encroachments in front of shop and footpath, as needs to attention for concern authority, in Federal Capital.

#### **Iqbal Day: Change of** Guard ceremony held at Poet of the East's mausoleum

LAHORE: A prestigious change of guard cere-mony was held here on Friday at the mausoleum of Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal in connection with the 141st birth anniversary of the great poet, philoso-pher and visionary. A smartly turned out contingent of Pakistan Navy, clad in immaculate whites, assumed ceremonial guard duties with traditional spirit and enthusiasm. Governor Punjab Baligh-ur-Rehman and Major General Muhammad Shahbaz Rehman and Major General Muhammad Shahbaz Khan Garrison Commander also visited Mazar-e-Iqbal and offered fateha and laid wreaths. On the other hand, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Allama Iqbal, a public holiday has been declared across the country today (Wednesday). Federal and provincial institutions will remain closed on this provincial institutions will remain closed on this day, while all private and public educational institutions of the country, State Bank and other federal and provincial departments have also been declared a holiday today. The 145th birth anniversary of national poet Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal is being observed today (Wednesday) all over the country with traditional zeal and enthusiasm. The federal government has announced November 9 as a public holiday, in connection with the birth anniversary of the country's national poet and philosopher Allama holiday, in connection with the birth anniversary of the country's national poet and philosopher Allama Muhammad Iqbal. Allama Muhammad Iqbal was born in Sialkot on November 9, 1877. He is also recognised as national poet, and known as Muffakir-e-Pakistan (thinker of Pakistan), Shair-e-Mashriq (poet of the east) and Hakeemul Ummat

#### Pakistani, French FMs to work jointly to tackle climate change

ISLAMABAD Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and his French counterpart French counterpart
Catherine Colona have
expressed the desire to
collaborate on addressing
the challenges of climate
change, the Foreign
Office said in a statement
released on Wednesday.
During a meeting held

During a meeting held on the sidelines of Conference of Parties (COP27) summit in the Egypt's resort city of Sharm el Sheikh, the two foreign ministers agreed to strengthen relations between Pakistan and France in diverse fields. Bilawal Bhutto com-mended the efforts of

President Emanuel Macron as part of the global campaign to mitigate the effects of the

The foreign minister so thanked the Government of France for extending relief assis-tance to the victims of devastating floods in

Pakistan. Minister for Affairs Hina State Foreign Rabbani Khar was also present during the meeting.INP

#### Zardari, Bilawal condole death of journalist Asim Yasin's mother

KARACHI: PPP Co-Chairman and former president Asif Ali Zardari, and PPP Chairman and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari have expressed their condolences to journalist Asim Yasin on the death of his mother on Wednesday.

Asif Zardari extended his condolence to the journalist and stated that the death of a mother is an indescribable shock for children.

Meanwhile, Bilawal Bhutto also expressed his deep sorrow over the passing of the mother of the journalist. He added that the party's workers and leadership are with Asim and Amir Yasin during this difficult time.

Both Asif Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto prayed for the high ranks of the

#### ummah) and is credited with sparking the pan-Islamic thought among Muslims.INP VC PU terms Iqbal Day as accountability day Says Iqbal's philosophy a beacon for youth,

wanted to see qualities of "Shaheen" in them

LAHORE: Vice Chancellor
Punjab University and
Government College University
Lahore Professor Dr Asghar
Zaidi along with other teachers
attended Mazar-e-Iqbal, laid
wreaths and offered Fatiha.
On this occasion, the ViceChancellor paid tribute to Allama

Chancellor paid tribute to Allama Iqbal in his comments in the book of visitors. He said that Iqbal Day is actually a day of accountability for us. He said that in view of the turmoil in the countable of the turmoil in the countable of the turmoil in the countable of the turnoil in the countable of turnoil in turnoil in the countable of turnoil in turn try, we should think whether we have understood the teachings of Allama Iqbal in true spirit or

have we followed it in a correct

manner? Prof Dr Asghar Zaidi said that in view of the current situation of the country, it was necessary to benefit from the teachings of Allama Iqbal. He said that Iqbal's philosophy was a beacon for the youth. He said that Shaheen in Iqbal's poetry was not just a poetic term but he wanted to see these qualities in the youth

qualities in the youth.

The VC PU said that we were proud that Allama Dr Muhammad Iqbal had been student of Government College University and University of the Punjab.INP



JAPAN: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi attending 18th Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) during his officials

#### Key decisions of election. selection to be taken this month: Sh Rashid

RAWALPINDI: Awami Muslim League Pakistan (AMLP) leader Sheikh Rashid on Wednesday said that the Rawalpindi meeting and the meeting in London are the final round of important deci-

Taking to Twitter, former interior minister wrote that all important decisions from election to selection will be made in Pindi this month. He added that the incompetent and unpopular government is a threat to economic, political and national security.

He also called out the government for the international visits, saying that Pakistan did not receive as much aid as the government has spent on foreign

ther said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan's delay in coming to Rawalpindi is part of the impor-tant strategy. While he claimed those who are making fun of the registration of FIR against attack on Imran Khan will be politically

He also said that he nation will be on the streets, while they [Sharif family] will be celebrating new years in London. He said that the Supreme Court

is the last hope. Rashid said that Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif and former President Asif Ali Zardari's desires are dying.

While he also claimed that the The former federal minister fur- elections will soon be held.INP

#### ANF seizes marijuana parcel sent from US

ISLAMABAD: The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Wednesday continued its operations against drug smuggling

throughout the country.
According to the ANF sources, 1.55 kilograms of marijuana were recovered from the parcel sent from the United States (US) at Lahore International Airport.

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Khan International Airport. The ANF also recovered two kilograms of heroin from a man of Lahore. Cases were registered under the Anti-Narcotics Act and investigations were started

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