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Govt castigates Imran for 'backtracking' from foreign conspiracy narrative

Rebuttal is a reminder of 'vicious role' Imran played to harm Pakistan's external relations, says premier

Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Monday that PTI chair-man Imran Khan's rebuttal of the foreign conspiracy narrative was a reminder of the "vicious role he played to harm Pakistan's external rela-tions while pursuing his own petty politics".

In an interview with British newspaper British newspaper Financial Times, Imran who has repeatedly claimed that a US-backed conspiracy was behind his ouster in April — said he no longer "blamed" the US administration for his removal from power. The PTI chief also said he wanted a "dignified"

Islamabad. "As far as I'm con-cerned it is over, it's behind me," the newspaper quoted Imran as say-

between

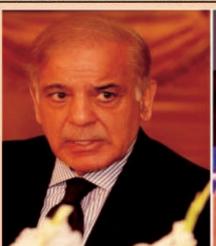
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In a tweet today, the premier said that the nation was shocked by Imran's "deceit and treachery inflicting irreparable damage on Pakistan".

Meanwhile, Information Minister Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, in a series of tweets, said that the former premier will have to provide an answer for the apparent change in his narrative.

She addressed Imran and said that putting the matter behind him would



not suffice. "You will have to give an answer for the narra-tive on the basis of which lies and chaos were spread in the country," she said, adding that withdrawing the claims without giving an expla-nation would not be

nation would not be enough.

Lambasting Imran for "playing with national interest", the information czar said the former PM cannot get rid of all the accusations by saying "it's behind me".

"After destroying the country with his lies, Imran is now telling everyone to forget the US conspiracy narrative,"

conspiracy narrative,

she said.
"Does Imran think his supporters are sheep and goats?"

The PML-N minister said the PTI chief is backtracking from his narra-tive of US conspiracy, imported government and the regime change opera-tion because it never

tion because it never existed in the first place.

"Today, Imran Khan has given up on his narrative of imported government and regime change," Marriyum added, saying that the real face of the party's so-called Haqeeqi Azaadi had been "completely exposed". The information minister accused Imran of putting the country's foreign relations in grave danger for the sake of power.

"Imran played a dirty game with national interests in his lust for power.

ests in his lust for power. He pulled off tricks and

"US conspiracy" and a "regime change opera-tion." "The parliament should hold him accountshould hold him account-able," he demanded, adding that the incumbent government was labelled negatively by the former premier The PML-N leader also maintained that the PTI chief's alle-ations brought diesegations brought disre-spect to the House and the country.Imran says propaganda cell 'feeding journalists' Meanwhile, in an address via video link later in the day, Imran claimed that a "propagan-da cell" in Pakistan was

da cell" in Pakistan was
"feeding journalists"
against him.

"They [the journalists]
are told to pick and
choose things from my
interview and then turn it
against me," the former
premier claimed, lamenting that the propaganda
cell was trying to misconstrue his words.

He also said that the
propaganda had reached
the extent where two
journalists had to clarify
that their work was being
"presented in an incorrect

"presented in an incorrect way" tacking up his remarks in the interview with Financial Times, Imran insisted that throughout his 26 years in politics, he had been per-sistent about maintaining good relations with all the countries but accepting slavery of none. And I have always said this. Look at my interviews over the years. Web Desk between the two countries in the aftermath of the clash.

A flag meeting was also held between the two countries after the incident. The Pakistani authorities demanded of the Afghan govern-

Pak Afghan border Chaman remains closed for second day

People living on both sides of the border suffered difficulties,DC Chaman

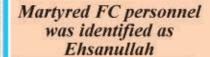
Administration has decided to take steps for further strengthening of the security

Sardar Muhammad Khondai

CHAMAN: Pak-Afghan border Chaman remained closed for the second consecutive day after an armed clash. Security sources said an armed accused opened fire and martyred a frontier corps personnel at the border. Three security personnel were also injured in the attack They were shifted to Chaman hospi-

tal for medical treatment.

Pakistani border guards deployed at the border quickly retaliated and pushed back the Afghan forces. The authorities closed the border at Chaman after the attack from the Afghan side, a security official told Daily Quetta Voice. He requested anonymity since he was not authorized to speak to the media.



The martyred FC personnel was identified as Ehsanullah. The funeral prayer of the FC soldier was offered in Chaman and a large num-ber of people belonging to various walks of life participated in the funeral prayer.

Security was tightened in and around the Friendship gate located



ment hand over the accused involved in the attack. However, no breakthrough was made during the flag meeting

"We will keep the border closed", DC Chaman

"We will keep the border closed" Deputy Commissioner Chaman, Abdul Hameed Zehri said. He said the administration has decided to review the border security and take steps for further strengthening of the

People living on both sides of the border suffered difficulties because of the closure of the border. Long queues of people and vehicles were witnessed on both sides of the border. der. Pedestrian movement and business activities came to standstill

after the clash.

The Afghan side has also beefed up security and deployed additional troops after the incident.





Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar held a preparatory meeting on visit to Afghanistan with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar, at Finance Division in Islamabad.

Nawab Zehri and Sadiq Umrani invite Jam Kamal to join PPP

From Our Correspondent

KARACHI: Former Chief Minister Balochistan, Nawab Sanaullah KARACHI: Former Chief Minister Balochistan, Nawab Sanaullah Zehri and central leader of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Mir Sadiq Umrani invited former CM Balochistan, Jam Kamal Khan to join PPP. The two PPP leaders called on the former CM and Chief of the ruling Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), Jam Kamal Khan in Karachi.

"We ask Jam Sab to join PPP", Mir Sadiq Umrani told Daily Quetta Voice via telephone. He said the former CM is yet to give any formal response to the invitation extended by PPP.

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Jam Kamal remained the CM and federal state minister for petroleum in the former prime minister Nawaz Sharif-led federal government.



ing into power through a 191 sub engineers to be recruited in C&W Balochistan: Sardar Khetran

Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA: Balochistan Minister of Communication and Works (C&W) Department, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran on Monday said 191 sub-engineers in the depart-ment would be appointed. "I have approved the summary for the appointment of sub-engineers", Sardar Khetran informed the

put the country and its people at stake. After teaching lies to the nation, Imran now says

that the US conspiracy is over."She questioned how Imran could tell

everyone to leave the US

conspiracy narrative behind when he had kept

appealing to the Supreme
Court to take notice of it.
Climate Change
Minister Sherry
also termed Imran's
recent claims as the

'mother of all U-turns"

separately, addressing the parliament later in the day, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said Imran should not be allowed to

go scot-free after the series of allegations lev-elled against the "import-

government for com-

Balochistan Assembly session. Within the next couple of days. the posts would be advertised in local newspapers, the minister mentioned. He said he has directed the C&W department to make sure appointments are on the basis of merit. "If any irregularity or viola-tion was reported", I would step down and present myself for accountability.



Arif Muhammad Hassani levels serious allegations against chair-man senate Sadiq Sanjrani Lawmakers from the opposition and treasury benches spoke at length about the issues relating to the province. In response to serious allegations leveled by former maker from the Awami National Party (ANP) asked the speaker to pass a ruling about the formation provincial minister Mir Arif Jan Muhammad Hassani against the chairman of the senate Sadiq Sanjrani, Sardar Khetran suggest-ed the former minister avoid leveling blame.

Arif Muhammad Hassani claimed that the brother of the chairman senate was involved in smuggling in Dalbandin and other bordering areas with Iran. He said the Customs department has also submitted a report in this regard. Mr. Hassani demanded action against the chairman senate Mir

Sadiq Sanjrani. Shaheena Kakar demands new district for Muslim Bagh Speaking on point of order, Shaheena Kakar, a female law-

of a new district in Muslim Bagh. She said Muslim Bagh was one of the oldest tehsils in the country and the commissioner and deputy com-missioner had already endorsed the

establishment of a new district.

Nasrullah Zarai of the
Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party
(PKMAP) also endorsed the estabhishment of the new district. He said it was the constitutional right of the people of the area to get a new district in the area.

Saleem Khosa, a former provincial minister diverted the attention of the bourse toward the elight of

of the house toward the plight of the flood-affected people of Sohbat Pur. He said still the entire district was still inundated and people were facing a lot of problems.

Legislation to extend army chief's tenure should be revoked: Rana Sanaullah

ISLAMABAD: In a bid to avoid conflicts and politics over the appointment of the army chief, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah on Monday suggested that the leg-islation introduced during PTI's government to extend the tenure of the army chief should be abol-

In an interview with a private TV channel, Sanaullah said that the legislation will keep disturbing every army chief in the future as

Referring to the procedure for the appointment of the chief justice of Pakistan, the interior minister underscored the need for devising a formula for the appointment of COAS. He was of the view that the senior-most officer should be appointed as the next army chief through a judiciary-like system. "The prime minister has discre-



tion regarding the army chief's appointment," he said, adding that the prime minister should consult with all the stakeholders about the appointment.

The interior minister said that the prime minister will announce the name of the new COAS in the

Responding to a question about the differences between Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz over the name

of the next army chief, the interior minister termed the reports as

Earlier in the day, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif maintained that the army chief's appointment will be done on the prime minis-

Speaking with journalists out-side the National Assembly, the minister said. "The prime minister has discretion regarding the army chief's appointment; therefore, the prime minister will make a deci-

sion on the appointment."

When questioned if a decision on army chief's appointment has been made, the defence minister

responded in the negative.

Responding to another question about the role of PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif in the appointment, Khawaja Asif said that it will be done on the "premier's discretion"

and he will decide.

When asked if Nawaz Sharif was not being consulted on the minister said: minister matter, the minister said:
"Consultations have not yet taken
place on the army chief's appointment. These are just newspaper
reports."Last week, PM Shehbaz
flew to London — after returning
from his visit to Egypt to attend
and co-host the United Nations'
COP27 — where he met the PML-COP27 — where he met the PML-N supremo and party's senior lead-ership. It was reported that discussions during these high-level meet-ings revolved around crucial polit-

the new army chief's appointment.

Meanwhile, after extending his visit twice following health reasons, the prime minister returned to Islamabad earlier today, however, the decision on the important appointment Web Desk

ical matters in Pakistan including

Imran says consulting a 'convict' on CO appointment violation of Secret Act

FAISALABAD: Addressing the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) long march at Mandi Bahauddin on Monday, former prime minister Imran Khan stressed that his party's policy was not to make enemies of anyone, but not be slaves to any country.

The deposed premier's remarks came amid the hullabaloo in government quarters over his Financial Times interview in which he stated that he had put the 'US conspiracy' mat-

ter "behind him".

"No sane man wants to have enemies. But we don't want to be anyone's slaves," the PTI chief said at the march

"A propaganda cell is feeding journalists. They pick up things that I say and purposely misinterpret them," Imran said adding that the cipher was in the NSC, parliament as well as with the president.

"What is the issue in this? When we say that we are moving forward, it means we want good relationships," he clar-



"Our journalism has reached a point where even foreign journalists have to clarify their stories," Imran added.

Earlier, speaking of rule of law, the PTI chief said the country could not progress until there was rule of law.

"Today if you see the global index... countries where rule of law exists, you will see that all countries on the top slots are the most prosperous. Pakistan, on the other hand, ranks 129 on the rule of law index. How then do we think that this country will prosper? It can't!"Rule of law will not only help the country progress but also give the people that this country will prosper? It can t! Rule of law will not only help the country progress but also give the people 'real freedom', for which this movement stands, the party chief added referring to the PTI's long march. "We want rule of law in this country. If an ex-PM can't get an FIR register as per his claims... It is my right as per the Constitution to file an FIR. But I was unable to register it," he said as he spoke about the FIR registered in the Wazirabad attack case. INP

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Balochistan Education Sector Plan, Go beyond words

Much has been said about the Balochistan Education Sector Plan (BESP) 2020-25 on the official level and among the academia and international donor agencies. Undoubtedly, some officers of the education department and donor

agencies deserve appreciation for preparing the Plan.

The estimated cost of the five years BESP is Rs. 72 billion as per the data shared with journalists during a function in this regard in Quetta the other day. Attractive banners, books, and brushers with the best paper quality were given to the participants of the function held at Quetta's luxury hotel. As usual, very few individuals bothered to read the information in bags given to them by organ-

The Secondary Education Department had prepared the BESP 2020-25 in collaboration with European Union, Global Partnership for Education (GPE), and UNICEF. Thanks to these organizations for extending support to the Balochistan government in improving the quality of education. Nevertheless, these international donor agencies should also go beyond words and ensure sustainable efforts to improve the state of education in Balochistan.

Most of the teachers, parents are unaware of BESP 2020-25

When educationists, academicians, bureaucrats, ministers, and representatives of donor agencies were addressing the BESP function, parents and teachers in remote remained unaware of the Plan. This daily asked some teachers and parents about the BESP 2020-25. They simply said, "What is this?".

Subsequently, the target group is unaware of the BESP 2020-25 and the multi-

billion rupees spending on the Project. Most of the speakers spoke about the quality of education. In reality, speaking about the quality of education is like daydreaming in Balochistan, lagging behind other provinces of the country in terms of key social indicators.

Over 6,000 schools with one teacher in Balochistan The education minister Naseebullah Marri lamented that 70,000 teachers and the quality still low. Palvasha Jalalzai, the education specialist of UNICEF put some critical questions about the one-teacher one-school, teachers training in

To be very precise, the government and donor agencies should come out of Quetta's only luxury hotel and mobile teachers, parents, political people, media, and religious scholars at the district level to improve the state of education in

Gender budgeting- a tool for gender removing inequalities



of of Article 25 Constitution Republic Pakistan says that there will be no discrimination among the citizens on the basis of sex. It means that the rights of men and women shall be equal. Gender equality is a basic fundamenright in any selfrespecting society. Do ground realities sub-stantiate this assertion? Are there even playing grounds for

both genders? If not, why it is so? And how can gender mainstreaming be achieved?

Gender Responsive, Gender Sensitive and Gender Aware budget-

There are many policy options to reduce this imbalance but budget is important as a policy and planning instrument

for governments that can be used for reaching the goal of Gender Equality. Gender Responsive, Gender Sensitive and Gender Aware budgeting in a country, region, or a province can create enabling environment to bring equality? The fun-damental objective of gender budgeting refers to refining budget and related policies with a view to promoting gen-der equality as an inte-gral part of human rights. Gender budgeting makes the gender-specific effects of budg-ets visible and raises awareness about their frequently implicit dimensions of discrimination against women.

Gender impacts of budgets and policies Gender budgeting thus identifies the gen-der-specific implications of public finance which is usually presented as gender-neutral - and, in particular economic policies. Gender budgeting is therefore regarded as a core strat-egy for raising aware-ness and understanding of gender issues and the gender impacts of budg-ets and policies. When

Balochistan, the first question that strikes us that, 'Is there any study ever conducted to find out the Gender Gaps? Did we undertake any post or pre-budget assessment of the annual budget on different segments of the society, especially women, who form almost 50% (48.76%, to be specific)of our national popu-lation? In Balochistan, this ratio is 47.47%. If our budget is not Gender

Sensitive, almost half the population is left out. In our set up womenempowerment starts and ends with the provision of Sewing Machines, the opening of embroidery centers, or the holding of few cultural shows. It means a gender-based assessment of budgets, incorporating a gender per-porating a gender per-spective at all levels of the budgetary process, and restructuring rev-enues and expenditures is required in order to promote gender equali-ty. As mentioned above female population in Balochistan is 47.4% and their needs are completely ignored at

all levels and they are hardly involved in the budgetary process. An analysis of PSDPs since 2013-14 till 2020-21 shows that there was not a single project in the years 2013- 14 1st 2014-15, as if women did not. Exist or they were not worthy of any consideration. Then from 2015-16 to 2019-20, there were one to three projects and the total outlay ranged from 12% to .22%. It shows how much priority that 47,49% of the population gets in the province. Although the world over women is

not categorized as a vulnerable group.
In Balochistan, they are not only vulnerable but also marginalized But the treatment they get in Pakistan, espe-cially in Balochistan, they are not only vulnerable but also marginalized in the real sense of the world. A UN Report on Women said that compared to men, women have 26% fewer chances of employment, and around 75% of the women labor force works in unregulated force sector of the economy. Why they are considered vulnerable because

they are solely dependent on male counterparts both at home as well as at the w o r k p l a c e . Surprisingly there are no separate Rest Rooms(Washrooms) for Rooms (Washrooms) for ladies in Secretariat and directorates. For the entire female population, there is only one female park in Smugli Road and they have no recreational facilities whatsoever. whatsoever.

Women development department manned by male officers

There is a women's
Development
Department, mostly
manned by male officers and workers, who
are supposed to work
for the welfare of
female workers. They
lack the capacity to forlack the capacity to for-mulate and implement plans for female uplift. Conditions outside the capital city are simply deplorable. Economic Development will remain an unrealized dream unless the gov-

ernment takes concrete steps through gender budgeting for Gender mainstreaming and using this untapped potential.

Climate change: common enemy of Pakistan and India

Imran Jan

There are situations There are situations where the enemy of your enemy is also your enemy. Nothing would fit that description better than climate change for Pakistan and India. Pakistan is the 8th most vulnerable and India the 7th most vulnerable country to the ravages of climate change. Climate change is a global threat. Nevertheless, how Nevertheless, nations would guard against it makes it a very country-specific threat. The devastating results of it are very much specific to nationality, class and race. Poorer nations, lower classes and discriminated races are affected by climate change worse than others as if climate change had a human mind filled with all the prejudices our societies have conjured

The news headlines or social media memes about this year breaking the previous records of excessive heat do not become obsolete and can be used every year. No need to delete those memes because the year ahead would be hotter than the one we are in right now and so on and so forth. This March, heatwayes

up, lived with and died

in India broke a 122-year record. A farmer in the Punjab region of India interviewed by The New York Times said, "We used to wear jackets in March." Well, now they wear blankets of heat. Pakistan saw a cholera outbreak in Sindh this year while also grappling with multiple wildfires including in the supposedly cooler capital city of Islamabad. India is the major grain supplier of this region and supplies food rations to its farmers as well. With as much as as well. With as much as 30% reduction in wheat yield, the longstanding concerns about food security have resurfaced in India and the region, including Nepal and Bangladesh, which rely on India for wheat

In August 2020, right during the height of the pandemic, the climate change driven extreme rains in drenched monsoon Pakistan Karachi in a 19-inch rain, which usually drowns a city with no functional drainage system. Thousands of homes of the poor were destroyed. More than a 100 people were killed. The Marriott bombing in Islamabad killed about 54 people. The Mumbai terrorist attack killed 164 people. In 2015, the heatwave in Pakistan' Sindh province killed more than 1,000 people. Between 1998 and 2018, Pakistan has lost over 10,000 lives due

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more than \$4 billion losses since 1998 due to climate related events.

The floods in Assam this year affected more than half a million people across 1,000 villages. The Modi-led government has tried to remove from Assam the Bangladeshi immigrants using faithbased discriminatory law called the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). I can confidently state that the Bangladeshi immigrants did not affect more than half a million more than half a million people across 1,000 villages. According to the Assam state water resources department, every year Assam loses nearly 8,000 hectares of land due to the expanding Brahmaputra river caused

by climate change. Karachi's severe mon-soon rain of 2020 led to the submerging of the markets and warehouses, causing a damage of \$150 million. Karachi came to a standstill for about a week, which caused the country to lose \$449 million daily. Do the math. And that does not include the massive off the grid economy, which we all know is much larger than the official one. Excessive heat has

been found to bring the work performance down among people. India loses 259 billion work hours annually due to excessive heat. It translates as worth roughly \$622 billion Purchasing

When I think about the heat, fire, glaciers and water, I want to let the Pakistanis and the Indians know not to fear the missiles we both have made but rather the cars we drive and the electricity we consume. Fear the fire and the water. One doesn't kill the other. They are
both killing us. The
chances of an Indian
dying at the hands of a
Pakistani are much smallrethen from best or her er than from heat or by drowning. And vice

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It's come full circle

ith one foot on a banana peel, we are standing at an abyss. PM Shehbaz Sharif and the PML-N face mortal political and economic challenges, and the government has shown little resolve to confront them head-on. Domestic petroleum prices are up more than 40 per cent within the last few days, and energy prices have quickly followed suit.

It is morbidly satisfying that Shehbaz Sharif and the PML-N — of motorway flyover and

motorway, flyover, and underpass fame -should face rising fuel prices in their ultimate battle for political sur-vival. For decades, our cities have facilitated private car owners at the expense of pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users. The Shehbaz Sharif model of urban development, albeit with different speeds of with different speeds of execution, pervades other political parties and leaders as well; large-scale gray infrastructure like signal free corridors, flyovers, underpasses, and ring roads with obscene levels of service have els of service have become the norm in cities around the coun-Cities, Islamabad to Turbat, have become sprawling sites of speculatively held vacant plots in shady housing schemes.

This is our real tragedy. Our current economic crisis is our Frankenstein's own own Frankenstein's monster staring right back at us. Consider these examples: Capital Smart City Islamabad is approximately 40 kilometres from Blue Area. DHA City Karachi is over 60kms from Frere Hall. These and other Hall. These and other projects exclusively tar-get car owners: only the most influential five per cent of our urban popu-So what to do when

the most influential people's financial and residential interests move 50kms from the city's economic hubs? Build expressways, signal-free corridors, ring roads, Lyari Expressways, and Leh Expressways to coddle them. These projects help the elite bypass the city's con-cestion often by taking gestion, often by taking a longer route. Sometimes flyovers and underpasses address particular points

of congestion in the city's road network. As these projects material-ize, the richest few begin to travel more and more to reach their workplaces, meet friends, or for other everyday tasks. Because there's no public transit and whatever transit exists is class incompatible - people drive, often in their sparkling Preparing for

By Faizaan Qayyum The same logic has unfortunately extended to inter-city travel. We have prioritized motorhave prioritized motor-ways and highways over railways. Our railways network has shrunk from over 8500kms of tracks in 1950s to around 7,800kms today. This has been accompa-nied by a drastic drop in the railways' share of traffic: while the service carried over 86 per cent of all freight traffic in the 1950s, its current share stands at a meager 4-6 per cent. Similarly, Pakistan Railways has gone from the single gone from the single largest carrier of passen-ger traffic in the 1970s to carrying less than 10 per cent of all passen-

gers today. This drastic decline is According to one esti-mate, the state spent three times as much on intercity road infrastructure than it did on rail-ways. The uniformed state's patronage of entities has combined with private car owners' interests to completely overpower socioeconomic efficiencies associated with rail travel. All these develop-

ments are brazen examples of elite capture. Only around 10 per cent of all urban households own cars, and yet all of our cities have seen massive infrastructural investments that favour

What is the cost of a protest? By Nadeem Iqual

Never has the constitutional right of assembly ever been put to the test till now. This has now changed. While the federal government wants to curb this right in the public interest, the Punjab government sup-ports it. The fear is that the right to protest in Islamabad may be subjected to prior official permission.

A district administration can easily manage long marches or an assembly of people, but in the case of Islamabad, the highest and all-powerful constitutional bodies like the federal cabinet, Supreme Court, and high court are also involved in allowing or banning the activity. And instead of getting

guidance from the local district administration or traffic police, the citizens of the twin cities of Islamabad Rawalpindi tend to interpret off-screen arguments among contesting powers before sending their children to school or going to work. In this process, they also try to decode the body language of the personnel law-enforcement agencies to see how they are going to deal with

aggressive protesters. In Pakistan, the right to assembly is also interpreted as the right to protest. There are no conditions on the freedom of assembly except that it has to be within the legal parameters and

should be undertaken without violating any laws. However, different court rulings have held that the right to protest is not absolute, and peaceful protesters cannot infringe on the funda-mental rights of other citizens. Public functionaries thus have to ensure that the constitutionally guaranteed rights of every citizen

are protected.

Maintaining public order is a crucial responsibility of the state and its functionaries, but preventing a protest from turning violent remains a challenge for them. Limitations on the right to assembly are enforced by a duty magistrate who can employ remedial measures if s/he considers that the protest may pose danger to human life, health, or safety, disturb public tranquillity, or turn violent. As per the law, only a government func-tionary can initiate legal proceedings against vio-

At present, people in Islamabad are surrounded by unending uncer-tainty; they are not sure whether the recently resumed long march will lead to a 'dharna' (sit-in). Protests in Islamabad are unique as people from other cities meet in the capital to demonstrations; there is limited to no

participation by the To counter the PTI

long march, the federal cabinet approved a Rs410 million supple-mentary grant for the Ministry of Interior in October. This was in addition to the more than Rs200 million already allocated in the annual budget for similar pur-poses. Among the 33 ministries and divisions of the federal government, the interior division is the largest admin-istrative unit. It has 237,821 civil armed forces (CAF), which comes out to be 42 per cent of the actual work-

ing strength of 565,082. Rumours have it that PTI workers will come for a prolonged protest, equipped with gas masks, bed sheets, blankets, towels, additional clothing, small-size clothing, small-size tents, sling-shots, marand batons. It bles, seems the protesters are set to fight law-enforcement personnel.To deal with any untoward situations, the government has deployed at least 13,086 personnel – 4,199 Islamabad police officials, 1,022 Sindh police officers, 4,265 FC personnel, and 3,600 Rangers – in different areas of the capital. The law-enforcement agencies have been provided with 567 teargas guns with 50,050 teargas shells, 500 12-bore guns

with 37,300 rounds, 2,430 masks, 335 vehi-

cles, 17 paper ball guns, 11,000 paper balls, 10,500 spray paint, and

26 megaphones to counter any violation made by troublemakers.

A big portion of this law-and-order maintenance is running cost. For example, food charges for 15,000 officials of the capital and other district police for five days is over 41 million. The per-day rent cost of one container is Rs25,000. There are reportedly 380 containers around the city. The more the sit-in is delayed, the more costly it will become.

This taxpayers' money can be spared if protests are peaceful, but disruption of public life does cost a lot. It is tough to quantify the total loss as, in addition to government functionaries and lawmakers, the judges' time in adjudicating protest-related matters also cost the exchequer.

According to one estimate, during 2012-2018, the total economic loss to the country because of protests in Islamabad was Rs1.5 billion. In 2018, while replying to Rana Sanaullah Khan (the incumbent interior minister), the then interior minister, Brig (r) Ijaz Shah, told the National Assembly that over the last seven years, the country's economy suffered an estimated loss of over Rs1.1 billion due to sit-ins and lockdowns held in Islamabad. This included the PTI-led 126-day-long sit-in in 2014 and the Faizabad sit-in by the TLP in Although an 2017. attempt was made to get statistics from the statistics from the provincial home departments, only Punjab shared the details of the loss, which came to around Rs400 million. However, the ministry did not share its calculations

The objective of all the protests or rallies is to make headlines and remain in the news. Therefore, spin-doctors keep generating various media-friendly events and photo ops. Recent analysis of big protests shows that the main target of protesters is to restrict the movement of around 25,000 members of the federal core bureaucracy. This includes 13,222 staff of the secretariat in different ministries and 8,253 employees of the constitutional bodies like the PM Office, Supreme

Commission, parliament, and other attached departments including the FBR and PTV. These offices are located at the Constitution main Avenue D-Chowk, which is located on the junction of Constitution Avenue and 2km-long Blue Area, is a target area of organizing highimpact rallies. But this area has already been declared a red zone where no protest can be held. Now, the federal government has extend-ed this restriction.

Election

Court,

events unfold over the last few weeks has been painful, primarily

because Pakistan's priorities

are all wrong We are glued to our phones and television screens, anxiously waiting for more chaos and drama With all these distractions like long marches, conspiracy theories, and mindless mudslinging, we are losing sight of reality. And the reality is that Pakistan is on the verge of bankruptcy, closer than it has ever been before The education system not only lacks structure, it is completely outdated, and the water shortage is extremely alarming. While we are caught up in this political tug of war, Pakistan is rapidly nose-diving. Instead of focusing on the political circus, let's discuss the most pressing issue Pakistan currently faces.

The first course of action should be to stabilize the economy. Thankfully, the government slashed the subsidy on petroleum products. This is not a long-term solution, but it needed to be done in order to regain stability. While Pakistan must continue to engage with the IMF, it is also important to plead their case smartly during negotiations. One could argue that this deal fails to take context into account. With the withdrawal of

the grind example, instituting a land Afghanistan and the war in Ukraine which has sent the global economy into a tailspin, the IMF should seek to take context into consideration, especially for third world countries. However, one has to be realistic. The IMF will continue to be

harsh on Pakistan unless we

show evidence that we are

working towards restructur-

ing our economy. In order to become a globally competitive economy, Pakistan must introduce market-orientated reforms. There is so much talk about Pakistan's weak export performance. Upon examination, it is clear that the export market is subpar due to deep structural issues. Pakistan's exports have continually fallen behind its South Asian competitors since the early 1990s. Since 1990, Bangladesh's exports have increased 6.2 times compared to Pakistan's, measured in terms of

exports per capita. To strengthen the export market, the current and future leaderships have to make unpopular decisions and stick to them. Over the years, governments have continued to dole out large export subsidies without a shred of evidence that these subsidies have helped boost exports. Going forward, governments have no choice but to bite the bullet and say no to special interests. For

By Humayun Gauhar

tax and rationalizing agriculture to create efficient farming choices can be done. However, sticking to the policy and carrying through requires courage from the government, and support from the public. To achieve long-term economic stability, Pakistan must have the will to put the interests of the people ahead of the privileged few. That means taking bold decisions, like

removing land subsides and

charging for excessive water

We also know that the economy cannot be restructured if political instability continues. Now more than ever, principles need to be put above petty political feuds. Pakistan must take a leaf out of Bangladesh's book, as it shows that you don't need complete, but just semi political stability and continuity to achieve economic growth. For that to happen, Pakistan needs to get past the first hurdle. Political tumult and confrontation has done nothing but create hardship and upset. The people have had

enough. Pakistan needs to prepare itself for a hard grind. With the steep rise in inflation, there is bound to be more social unrest around the corner. It is highly doubtful that the politicians will tone down their rhetoric and work together.

Miller Int'l China, local NGO join hands to work for flood-affected people

International China and Million Foundation (MSF) have joined hands to work for the people affected by the recent devastating floods in Pakistan.

This was disclosed by Zeshan Afzal, co-founder of the MSF, in a post, with the caption, 'A Million Smiles for Humanity Corporates from China,

according to Gwadar Pro. Muzzaffar Paracha, Airlink tated the signing between MSF and Miller Int. China, Zeshan wrote.

Communications is an official partner of various Chinese mobile phone companies for the distri-bution of cellular sets and accessories, and it also assembles some Chinese smartphone brands with technical assistance from TCL and Transsion Holdings Co.

Miller Int'l also handed over a cheque of Rs 2 million to MSF for flood-

Muhammad received the cheque on behalf of Miller Int'l China from Maryam, Head Marketing Airlink and Adnan Aftab, GM Airlink, Zeshan wrote. MSF is beginning the

2nd phase of rehab activities for flood-affected families across Pakistan, especially keeping in view the winter season, he wrote. 'We thank our brotherly country China and its corporates for sup-porting Pakistan in these difficult times.INP

Pakistan's SMEs sector needs to undergo 'green transformation': WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Pakistan need to undergo a green transformation to achieve environmentally, socially, and economically sus-tainable development, said an expert.

Dr Masood Arshad, Senior Director Footprint, WWF

Pakistan, said while talk-ing to WealthPK that a component of Pakistan's economic growth is SMEs.

Pakistan's economic growth is SMEs. However, they also contribute to global environmental degradation. "SMEs in developing countries like Pakistan are less likely to adopt green practices, and recently, it had been very hard to force SMEs to adopt sustainable green innovation practices innovation practices because of multiple barri-ers associated with it e.g. lack of financial resources, weak enforce-ment of environmental regulations, lack of green knowledge-sharing coop-eration among SMEs, and poor environmental management system in indus-tries," Dr Masood pointed

"In order to arrest environmental degradation, thorough research is needed to enhance environment quality, which can be improved through green innovations, espe-cially in manufacturing

industries," he said.
"SMEs need more knowledge and access to knowledge and access to financing so they can invest in suitable measures. Green credit guidelines are needed to make it possible for SMEs to access capital for green investments, and on the other hand, key private and public sector actors have to build the capacity to implement and monitor progress around these progress around these guidelines," Dr Masood

suggested. He also shared that although Pakistan is not contributing much to cli-mate change, it ranks among the top 10 most vulnerable countries and is exposed to its adverse impacts such as extreme weather events, more per-sistent droughts, floods,

and heatwaves.
"It would be beneficial for the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to collab-orate with Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) to develop Pakistan's green SME sector through green financing. If this initiative is targeted towards ecofriendly startups or green SMEs, it can result in the robust growth of robust growth of Pakistan's green industries and environmental sustainability," he added. "Although the

Government of Pakistan is trying to mitigate envipollution through various policies such as environmental taxes and subsidies for industries, there is also a need to focus on intangible resources to enhance environmental-friendly

practices in manufactur-ing SMEs," he said. WWF-Pakistan is cur-rently implementing over 30 projects, including work on forests, freshwater, species, marine and coastal areas, climate change, education and awareness, poverty-envi-ronment linkages, and policy research and advocacy integrating conser-vation with sustainable development initiatives through a holistic approach. It is working to create awareness through advocacy campaigns, seminars and activities with communities, and has been encouraging innovation by funding startups in partnership with diverse stakeholders with a focus on recycling. The organisation has also been working to gauge the scale of the problem in Pakistan, and is monitoring plastic waste in hotspots across the major cities INP



ISLAMABAD: Nusrat Nasab, CEO Agha Khan Agency for Habitat called on Chairman NDMA, Lt. General Inam Haider Malik at his Office.

GPA invited tenders for **Perimatric Security** System Gwadar Port

city safe and secure for local and foreign investors, Gwadar Port Authority (GPA), Ministry of Maritime Affairs, is introducing the latest secu-rity system at Gwadar Port.

In this regard, according to Gwadar Pro on Monday, the GPA has issued a notice inviting tenders for Perimatric Security System at Gwadar Port. The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Regulatory Authority (PPRA), Pakistan, who is responsible for prescribing regulations and procedures for public procurement, later invited firms and contractors who have sufficient experience in the rele-

vant field, qualified personnel and are financially to join the project, titled "Perimatric Security System Gwadar Port" and released the required pre-

and released the required prescribed tender document.

The tender documents containing detailed specifications, terms, and conditions may be obtained from the office of the Project Director at GPA Head office Gwadar as well as from GPA Camp Office Karachi. In the presence of bidders or their representatives, the bidding will be hosted on November 29, 2022, at Gwadar Port Authority Head Office, Pak -China Friendship Avenue, Gwadar. The method

of Procurement will be fol-lowing the 'Single Stage Two Envelope procedure under Rule 36 (b)' of 'the Public Procurement Rules-2004' while the GPA may reject all bids or proposals as per PPRA Rule No. 33. 'Perimeter security System

'Perimeter security System Gwadar Port' will be a built-in multipurpose system that detects threats, performs sur-veillance, and analyses attack

patterns.
The Federal and Provincial governments of Balochistan are making all-out efforts to ensure the security of investors and tourists in Gwadar city.INP

Forex reserves crunch keeps pulling Pakistani rupee down

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani rupee kept losing its value against the US dollar in the interbank on Monday.

According to the money dealers, as the trading activity resumed today after a break of two days, the American currency seemed to glide confi-dently pushing down Pakistani rupee. During morning activity, the dollar was up by 11 paisa and traded for Rs221.75.

The PKR is slumping against the dollar due to massive decline in country's for-

eign exchange reserves.

Pakistan foreign exchange reserves slipped sharply by \$956 million by week ended on November 04, 2022 owing to external debt payments, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said on Thursday.

The major debt retirement includes repayment of government's commercial loans. Refinancing of these loans is in process, which will improve foreign exchange reserves in coming weeks, the central bank said.

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i.e. October 28, 2022.

Besides this, the remittances sent by overseas Pakistanis in October were also shrunk by 9% and the remittance inflow was \$2.2 billion. The major debt retirement includes repayment of government's commercial loans. Refinancing of these loans is in process, which will improve foreign exchange reserves in coming weeks, the reserves in coming weeks, the central bank said. The foreign exchange reserves of the country have been recorded at \$13.721 billion by week ended November 04, 2022 as compared to \$14.679 billion a week ago i.e. October.INP

PDWP approves three development schemes

LAHORE: The Punjab Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) approved three development schemes of Urban Development and Roads Sectors with an estimated cost of Rs 2,633.714 million.

These schemes were approved in the 27th meeting of Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) of current fiscal year 2022-23 presided over the Chairman Planning & Development Board Abdullah Khan Sumbal.

The approved development schemes included Construction of Cricket Stadium Samanabad, Lahore at the cost of Rs. 513.294 million, Construction / Widening / Improvement of Road from Kasur Bypass at Sahari to Bulandi Road via Kotli Rai Abu Bakar via Kotli Rai Abu Bakar, Length=19.10 Km, District Kasur at the cost of Rs. 1,686,594 million and Construction / Widening / Improvement of Road from Kasur Kot Radha Kishan Road at Theh

Kot Radha Kishan Road at Theh Rossa to Kotli Rai Abu Bakar, Length=4.60 Km, District Kasur at the cost of Rs. 433.826 million. Provincial Secretary P&D Board Dr. Muhammad Sohail Anwar Chaudhary, all Members of the Planning & Development Board, Provincial Secretaries of concerned departments, and other senior representatives of the relesenior representatives of the relevant Provincial Departments also attended the meeting.INP

Seminar on entrepreneurship opportunities in fisheries held

OKARA: The University of Okara's Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture organized a seminar on "Entrepreneurship Opportunities for Youth in Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector in Pakistan". The event was meant to inaugurate "Fisheries Week 2022" at the campus.

Dr Imdad Ullah Salaar, Deputy Director of Training, Fisheries Development Board, Islamabad was the guest speaker.

was the guest speaker. The speaker shared various innovative startup ideas for fisheries sector. The UO Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr Muhammad Wajid, presided over the event.

Dr Wajid highlighted the decline in local fish diversity in Pakistan and told that the already established Fisheries Research lished Fisheries Research Complex of the UO would carry out research on the biology of all those fish species which will be brought to Pakistan from brought to outside.INP



LAHORE: Residents of Pakpattan shouting slogans during protest in favor of their demands outside press club in Provincial

Racing bus drivers crash into each other, injuring 15

15 passengers sustained injuries in an accident between two buses whose drivers were in a race to drive past each other on Muridke Road, Narowal, police said on

Monday.
The footage of the accident reveals that the two buses can be seen racing on Muridke

The drivers of the two buses put the lives of hundreds of people at risk in their attempt to drive past each other. The bus travelling from Narowal to Lahore

kept making attempts to cross the other bus. We kept requesting the driver to drive the bus slowly. But, he was drunk, and he did not

listen to us," said the passengers.
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On Friday, the USD was closed at Rs221.64 and the PKR was depreciated by

Some politicians poisoning investment climate for personal interests: PEW

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Monday said some politicians are poisoning the investment atmosphere in the country for their personal interests.

The economy is not being allowed to recover because of continuous protests which are regrettable, it said. The country cannot afford political instability and chaos but those who want to grab power are blind to these realities, said Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President of PEW. He said that failed politicians are bent on making the country a wasteland as development is impossible in such a situation. Dr. Murtaza Mughal said that due to the increase in political temperature, the government could not focus on social welfare and the country is sinking into problems. The politics of conflict and protest have caused great damage to the country's economy, the people have been suffering from constant inflation, while some politicians are trying to gain power at any cost which is regrettable, he observed. Dr. Mughal said that the country's economy cannot afford more protests, but some elements are sabotaging the development process under a well-thought-out pla against which legal action should not be delayed. INP

Cloudy weather expected in the country

ISLAMABAD: Mainly partly cloudy weather is expected in most upper parts of the country, while rain-wind with thunderstorm and snow over the hills is expected in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, north-Balochistan, Islamabad, Potohar region, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir during evening and night during the next twelve hours.

Temperatures of some major cities recorded this morning: Islamabad four degree centigrade, Murree seven, Quetta ten, Lahore sixteen, Karachi twenty-two, Peshawar eleven, Gilgit zero and Muzaffarabad nine degree centigrade.

According to Met Office forecast for Indian Illegall Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, cloudy weather with chances of rain and wind thunderstorm in evening and night is expected in Srinagar and Leh, partly cloudy in Jammu while cloudy weather with chances of rain thunderstorm in likely to prevail in Pulwama, Anantnag, Shopian, and Baramulla.

On the other hand the districts of Swat, Der Upper, and Khyber received the first snowfall of the winter, bringing down the mercury further and blanketing the hilly areas with white snow.INP

ISLAMABAD: Motorists on their way during rainy weather at Jinnah Avenue.

NAB zeroing in on former accountability Czar Shahzad Akbar

ISLAMABAD: The National Accountability Bureau is zeroing in on former accountability Czar Shahzad Akbar in an assets beyond means

case on Monday.
Former SAPM on accountability Shahzad Akbar has come on the NAB radar as the antiwatchdog has started an investigation against him in a corruption case

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The watchdog has also summoned record of property that is in the name of his family members. The NAB has issued orders to the FDA, LDA and RDA to look into his assets.

The anti-corruption watchdog has received complaints of irregularity against Akbar while remitting money recov-ered from England. In this case, the NAB requested the FIA to put his name on the Exit Control List. Earlier, the bureau has sent a questionnaire consisting of 22 queries to Akbar.

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DIRECTORATE OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS BALOCHISTAN

Heyday for Pak-China ties after 20th CPC congress at a seminar titled 20th ture and long history of

LAHORE: A first of its kind gathering of league of Pakistani scholars and Chinese diplomats jointly subscribed the outcomes of recently concluded 20th CPC national congress and underlined the need to tap new diversity into Pak-China rela-tions as well as CPEC hailing new induction of fresh corridors including health corridor, industrial corridor, digital corridor, and green corridor in next phase of CPEC. The Pak-China frater-

nity held the consensus

CPC congress; party, policy, prospects and impacts on China-Pak Relations organized by Institute International Relations Media Research

(IIRMR) at local hotel here on Sunday. Shedding light on the

sense of new opportuni-ties, new cooperation and new development while discussing impacts of 20th CPC congress on Pak-China relations, Chinese consul general Lahore Zhao Shiren said that China terms people of

Pakistan real stakeholder besides government and Chinese leadership is ready to work jointly with every segment of society to let CPEC fortunes to trickle down to grass route level. On CPEC dismal

activity momentum he said that it is not appropriate to blame anybody for CPEC slowdown because now CPEC has bounced back with its natural form and pace and all projects will be executed on fast-track to make CPEC a full-on successful story,

At the time of conclusion of 20th Congress that has put the new leadership in place and solidified the party self-innovation outlining major policy initiatives both at domestic and both at domestic and foreign fronts, Mr Zhao announced that 2023 is to be marked as a year of China-Pakistan Year Tourism

Exchange. In this regard, he said the Gandhara Art Exhibition will be held at the Palace Museum in Beijing to showcase Pakistan's diverse cul-

interaction with China. With the gradual resumption of direct flights operation with more frequency, peo-ple-to-people exchanges between the two countries will surely become more active he addedAs 20th CPC Congress reaffirmed the commitments of the Party and the country to world peace and com mon development, with dedication to promoting a human community with a shared future through the Belt and Road.INP

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Pakistan should add 18-20m jobs yearly for stable economic growth

ISLAMABAD: For achieving stable economic growth, Pakistan will need to generate 18 to 20 million new jobs each year, said M Shahid, Manager of KP Securities (Pvt) Limited.

During an interview with WealthPK, he gave an honest assessment of the current state of the Pakistani econ-

Omy.

Q: How may your firm be impacted by changes in the economic and political landscape as well as other external factors, and how are you handling them?

A: The capacity of an organisation to promptly recognise and react to changes in the internal and external environment is a key factor in determining both its stability and profitability. Change is inevitable, and an organisation's ability to adapt to unanticipated market changes determines its sustainability.

The performance of an organisation is affected by elements such as economic and political direction of a country, how rival businesses are faring, cliental, etc.

The current political situation in Pakistan is affecting the performance and profitability of companies.

Q: What do you think the market sentiment is amid economic slowdown?

A: Market sentiment is rather depressed due to high inflation, tight monetary and fiscal policies, devastating effects of floods coupled with charged political atmosphere.



LAHORE: First Lady Samia Alvi inaugurating genetic screening Breast Cancer Center at

ACE Punjab recovered Rs16.67m, retrieved govt lands worth Rs681.7m

LAHORE: Chaired by Director General Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab Nadeem Sarwar, a meeting of regional directors on Monday reviewed the monthly performance of all regions of the performance. The meeting decided that the reports of high-profile cases of all anti-corruption regions will be sent to the DG ACE daily.

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The meeting was informed that the Anti-Corruption Department has recovered 16.67 million during various raids and arrests and retrieved government lands worth Rs.681.7 million. In October, challans of 149 cases were submitted to the relevant courts, in which 79 cases have been decided. Similarly, permanent prosecutors have

been deputed to anti-corruption courts to provide legal assistance.

It was further told that the action under section 182 of CrPC was carried out in different regions on the submission of more than 20 false applications including 11 from Guiraguela. The including 11 from Gujranwala. The ACE has devised a plan of action against the touts and the people who

give false applications.

DG ACE said that 735 writ petitions are filed in the high court; 674 are pending and 16 cases have been decided in the high court. The ACE would further improve the prosecution system for early disposal of pending cases in the high court, he stated. He said that the anti-corruption department's trap-raid system is being further improved as the department has also arrested 10 absconders and one judicial fugitive. Elimination of corruption from institutions is the priority of the Anti-Corruption Department, he

Regional Directors were given a deadline to complete the pending inquiries by December 31, 2022, as action would be taken against those who do not complete the inquiries on

100 Episode Series "launched by China **Cultural Center in** Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: China Cultural Centre in Pakistan officially launched online documentary series "Foreigners telling Stories - Overseas Employees look at China"The 100 episode of documentary series comprises of the experiences of different Foreign Nationals working with different Chinese enterprises, organizations and companies. All of them work in the overseas branches of Chinese enterprises, including managers who lead the development and growth of their companies, technical experts who work in the front line of R&D, and a group of ordinary employees who struggle for a better life. It is Co-produced by Publicity Department of the Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China, Foreign Publicity Office of Shanghai Publicity Municipal Office of Committee Communist Party of China, Shanghai Municipal State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, Shanghai Municipal Municipal Supervision Commission of Economy and Informatization, Xinmin Evening News Agency and launched by China Cultural Center in Pakistan which can be seen by the official Facebook page.

China Cultural Center in Pakistan will comprehensively utilize all the humanity resources in the future to showcase Chinese history, culture and tourism, stories and will continue to make relentless efforts for a new chap-ter of China-Pakistan friendship.INP

Child abduction bid foiled, accused held

KARACHI: The traffic police foiled a bid to kidnap a child and held the abductor who was later handed over to police here on Monday.

An accused was taking away a child after abducting him but upon sight of traffic police near Rambo Centre in Saddar area of Karachi, the child start-ed raising hue and cry after which traf-fic police rescued the child and held

the abductor.

The nabbed kidnapper was handed over to Paraidi police who after registering a case against him have started an investigation.INP

ICLAPA continues surgery for Cleft lip and palate patients

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Cleft Lip and Palate Association (ICLAPA) continued the process of provid-ing free medical treatment

including surgery to the chil-dren with cleft lip and palate.

If needed, an ICLAPA's team of surgeons are avail-able to operate more affected children. According to the children. According to the Association's senior member Mrs. Farhat Akhtar Rehman, the surgery takes place at the Fuji Foundation Hospital and Heart International. "We welcome the affected patients to get the treatment on urgent has free of charge " she get the treatment on urgent basis free of charge, "she added. The parents of the affected children have been asked to contact Mrs. Farhat on her cell numbers 03335157676 and 0300-5192490 to get them regis-tered for the normal treatment or surgery. Mrs Farhat Akhtar Rehman said his organization had been provid-ing free medical facilities to the poor families since 2004 with the support of families, friends and philothropists. The ICLAPA was a group of volunteers, which relied on

donors to bring hope and hap-piness in the lives of people, for whom it was financially difficult to give treatment to their children. The noble mis-

sion was initiated by her late husband Dr Akhtar Rehman. According to the doctors, delay in treatment of the suffering children could lead to speech, behavioural and psy-chological problems making them vulnerable in society. Nearly 10,000 children with these deformities are born every year in Pakistan and alarmingly.INP

SHC reserves verdict on petitions against delay in LG polls in Karachi, Hyderabad

KARACHI: Sindh High Court (SHC) on Monday rejected MQM-P's application for becoming a respondent in the hearing of petitions against delay in the Sindh Local Government (LG) polls and reserved its verdict on those already under adjudication already under adjudication.

Separate petitions against the postponement of second phase of local bodies' polls in Sindh were filed by Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) and Pakistan Tehreek-e-

Insaf (PTI).

During the hearing, MQM's lawyer Advocate Tariq Mansoor pleaded with the court to include them as a respondent in the petition as the adjudication on the matter was underway

However, the court refused to entertain the plea and remarked that it could not be done imme-diately. MQM-P's lawyer said that the election commission told them that the polls have been delayed due to the defence exhibition.

The court asked the election commission officials about the time frame they required to con-duct the elections. The provincial election commissioner replied that they required only

The court asked MQM-P's counsel what their real issue was. He expressed doubt that free and fair elections could not take place without amendment

Drug peddlers go about their business without check

KARACHI: A video clip has surfaced showing people open-ly selling drugs in Karachi's Quaidabad area. In a video, drug peddlers can be seen freely selling heroin, ice and crystal meth in the limits of police station Shah Latif Town,

Drug sellers are active in Murghi Khana, Gobri Ground, Gosh Gali and under the Quaidabad flyover.

Earlier, in a viral video peole were seen queuing up outside a window of a house in Karachi's Baloch Para to buy narcotics.

It was worth mentioned here that the Sindh Assembly in August the current year echoed with concerns over the growing trend of sale and use of synthet-

ic drugs and narcotics in the city as opposition lawmakers raised the issue in the house urging the provincial government to take steps to curb the menace.

On that time replying to a call attention notice moved by Tehreek-i-Insaf's Pakistan Saeed Ahmed Afridi, Information Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said that the provincial government had a zero-tolerance policy against

the use and peddling of drugs. Mr Memon said that the Pakistan Peoples Party's Sindh government was committed to eradicate the drugs menace, adding that the drugs were smuggled to Sindh from other provinces where the PPP was not in power.INP

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Q: Who makes your company's investing policies, and how do you aim to protect the value of your investment portfolio from possible market risks?

A: The company's directors are committed to implementing a strong corporate governance system in conformity with the Listed Companies Code of Corporate Governance Regulations, 2019, issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan. It is the company's top priority to ensure compliance with the applicable laws and regulations. Our future strategies include constant augmentation of the company's diverse capital sources and broadening the investment portfolio to capitalise on sustainable enterprises that generate reliable returns.

O: What are causes of economic instability in the country, and how can we handle them?

A: Countries primarily depend on their natural resources and asset base to trigger economic growth. Pakistan is rich in natural resources, including oil and gas, significant copper and ore deposits, as well as enormous coal, salt, and gemstone mines. It also has strong manufacturing sectors like textiles, steel, cotton, sugarcane, sports and leather. We are fortunate to have a youth population of roughly 63%. INP

Sunrays Textile Mills profit up 66% in FY22

ISLAMABAD: The sales of Sunrays Textile Mills Limited increased by 12.93% to Rs9.75 billion during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2022 from Rs8.64 billion in the financial year 2020-21, reports WealthPK.

During FY22, the company's revenue and profitability increased significantly.

Sunrays Textile Mills was incorporated in Pakistan on August 27, 1987 as a public-limited company under the Companies Ordinance, 1984. The company is principally engaged in trade, manufacture and sale of yarn.

The company saw a substantial increase in top line, with the gross profit rising by 64.4% to Rs2.60 billion in FY22 from Rs1.58 billion the year before. The profit before taxation jumped from Rs1.23 billion in FY21 to Rs2.06 billion in FY22, with an increase of 66%.

Compared to Rs1.15 billion in FY21, the profit after tax stood at Rs1.91 billion in FY22, posting an increase of 66%.

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The earnings per share (EPS) rose exponentially due to the considerable growth in net profit, improving from Rs55.56 in FY21 to Rs92.26 in FY22.

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Shareholding pattern
As of June 30, 2022, the company's directors, the chief executive officer, their spouses and minor children owned 68.92% of shares. Individual investors held 24.47% of shares and associated companies possessed roughly 1%. Financial institutions, insurance companies and joint stock companies collectively owned nearly 1% of shares, whereas mutual funds held 4.62%.

13 injured as passenger bus overturns in Sheikhupura

least 13 people were injured when a passenger bus turned turtle due to over speeding here on Monday, rescue sources

According to details, the accident took place at Lahore near Ayesha Stop where a reckless driven passenger bus overturned As a result of accident

13 passengers sustained injuries and were shifted to hospital where condition of some wounded passengers was stated to be critical.INP

Narcotics smuggling attempt foiled

KARACHI: In a Joint Counter Operation by Pakistan Narcotics Maritime Security Agency and Collectorate of customs enforcement Karachi, smuggling of huge quantity of narcotics was averted.

During the operation five smugglers along with stateless boat carrying 420 kg of Ice crystal was apprehended from North Arabian Sea. The value of narcotics in International market is estimated to be Rs.4.9 bil-

Successful operation by akistan Maritime Pakistan Security Agency and Collectorate of customs enforcement Karachi resulting in seizure of large amount of narcotics is a testament to the fact that we are vigilant and remain committed in pre-venting use of Pakistani waters for any unlawful act/ purposes.INP

ANF seizes over 137 kg drugs

RAWALPINDI: Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) Pakistan on Monday seized over 137 kg drugs in five operations besides

arresting five accused.
According to ANF
Headquarters spokesman, ANF in an operation at Islamabad International Airport recovered 66 heroin-filled capsules from the possession of a passenger, resident of Nowshera, going to Doha via flight no PK-278.

In another raid at

In another raid at Burhan Toll Plaza, ANF seized over one kg opium from the possession of an accused, resident of Attock INP

Company's performance over the years In 2019, the company's sales revenue increased to Rs6.08 billion from Rs4.95 billion in 2018. The company's gross profit surged to Rs965 million from Rs637 million in the previous year, registering a 51.5% increase year-over-year. The profit-after-tax for the year jumped to Rs472 million, 67.4% higher than the previous year's Rs282 million. Resultantly, the EPS increased to Rs68.37 in 2019 from Rs40.85 a year before. In 2020, the company managed to increase revenues by 6.34% to Rs6.47 billion from Rs6.08 billion the year before despite the Covid-19 pandemic and difficult economic situation.

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However, the business's gross profit decreased from Rs965 million the previous year to Rs911 mil-

The EPS for the year increased to Rs81.18 from Rs68.37 the previous year.

In 2021, due to increase in demand for products, the company's top line increased to Rs8.64 billion from Rs6.47 billion in 2020.

The gross profit increased to Rs1.58 billion from Rs6.47 billion in 2020.

The gross profit increased to Rs1.58 billion from Rs911 million the previous year, principally because of rising demand and the economy's rebound after the Covid-19-induced restrictions were lifted. The net profit took a massive leap to Rs1.15 billion from Rs560 million the previous year. The company reported EPS of Rs55.56 for this year Recent results and future outlook A worldwide recessionary outlook and domestic structural reforms have created uncertainty INP

PIA flight skids off at Peshawar airport after landing

KARACHI: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flight skidded off at Peshawar airport after landing due to bad weather on Monday.

As per details, the PIA flight narrowly escaped disaster due to the intelligence of the pilot, who controlled the flight with his presence of mind after it slipped in landing.

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than two hours.

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According to sources, a PIA flight from Jeddah, PK-860, had to land at the Lahore airport after being hit by a bird. "The engine of the Boeing-777 miraculously survived damage from the hit," they said adding that the plane was later allowed to leave for Damam after an inspection from engineers. The plane got stuck near Taxi Way. The passengers were shifted to the lounge of the airport. Meanwhile, the Karachi-bound flight from Peshawar PK-351 has been delayed for more than two hours. The passengers are protesting against the authorities over the delay and complained for not providing any facilities. Separately, a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) plane made a landing at the Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore after being hit by a bird. INP



QUETTA: Activities of Balcohistan Physiotherapy Association hold protest

Minister to explore new employment opportunities for Pakistanis in different countries

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi left on a ten-day official visit abroad. He will visit Switzerland, Romania, Greece and Portugal where he will meet with the concerned authorities and the concerned authorities and Pakistani community.

The purpose of the foreign visit is to create new employment opportuni-ties for Pakistanis in different coun-tries, to discuss the problems of the Pakistani community with the authorities of the respective countries and to promote bilateral relations.

Federal Minister, Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi will also meet the Director General of the International Labor Organization in Geneva and discuss with him the rehabilitation and relief of the workers affected by the recent floods in Pakistan.
It should be noted that the Ministry

of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, with the sup-port of ILO, has already started a cash-for-work program for the reha-bilitation of flood-affected workers in Balochistan and Sindh, which will be extended to all affected areas of the

country. Federal Minister Sajid Hussain Turi said in his statement before the departure that Romania, Portugal, Italy, Greece and other western countries are in need of large-scale manpower and we are ready to sign agree-ments to send Pakistani workers and professionals to these countries.

He further said that he will talk to the authorities of the respective countries to facilitate the process of obtaining visas and immigration so that maximum Pakistani labor force and professionals can be sent to these countries in the shortest possi-

He added that due to overseas Pakistanis, Pakistan received record remittances of more than 31 billion dollars in FY22, which is a major part of economy.Online country's the

Okara woman shot dead on resisting robbery

OKARA: In a shocking incident, an Okara woman was shot dead on resisting a robbery, local police said

According to details, a woman was killed for resisting robbery in the limits of police station Sadar in Okara city of Punjab province.

The police said that the Okara

woman was withdrawing money from the online money transfer store when two robbers intercepted her and tried to snatch the money.

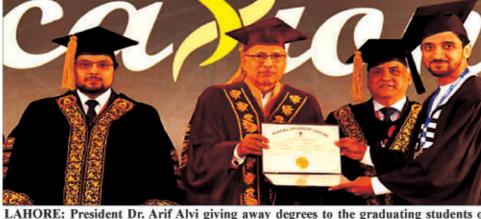
However, the woman resisted the robbers on which they opened fire on her which resulted in her death on the spot. The robbers fled the scene with the cash the cash.

It should be noted that the incidents of theft and robbery are continuously increasing in Okara, Punjab, in various incidents citizens were deprived of cash, mobile phones, motorcycles

In a separate incident, a pregnant woman was shot at by thieves during the Eidul Fitr holidays in Karachi, in the month of May, this year. The sad incident took place in the

New Karachi area where robbers opened fire on a pregnant woman. The woman's husband said he was stopped by the robbers when he with

his wife was going somewhere. The police said that the Okara was withdrawing money from the online money transfer store when two robbers intercepted her and tried to snatch the money. However, the woman resisted the robbers on which they opened fire on her which resulted in her death on the spot. The rob-bers fled the scene with the cash.It should be noted that the incidents of theft and robbery are continuously increasing in Okara, Punjab INP



LAHORE: President Dr. Arif Alvi giving away degrees to the graduating students of Minhaj University.