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Imran to not let Championship for the first time in Balochistan him from supporters: Asad

PML-N criticises Imran for 'playing politics' on army chief's appointment

Senior-most officer to become army chief, PML-N top brass decide in London

Nawaz will never let COAS to be appointed on merit: Imran

Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal has said that the next army chief will be announced before November 29.

"When the prime minister returns to the country, he will make the announcement in the

make the announcement in the next few days or two."

He said the prime minister had his "eye" on the issue and the announcement would be the announcement would be done at the "appropriate time". Planning Minister Ahsan Idbal has said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will only have one criterion for the army chief's appointment: maintaining Pakistan's impentrable defence and taking the military's professionalism to a higher standard. "We have to do the army chief's appointment on a professional, instead of political, basis."

Iqbal said the issue was a "routine appointment" and speculation should be avoided on the matter.

Imran only politician in country's history to play politics on army chief appointment:
Ahsan Iqbal

Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal has criticised PTI Chairman Imran Khan for being the only politician in the country's history to play politics on the army chief's appointment appointment.

Appearing on Geo News show 'Naya Pakistan', Iqbal said it was "regrettable" that someone for the first time in the country's history was trying to play politics on the issue. "Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will announce the army



chief's appointment in time on merit and professional basis. PTI terminates membership of Khurram Hameed Khan

Rokhri The PTI has terminated the The PII has terminated the membership of estranged leader retired Major Khurram Hameed Khan Rokhri for "violating party policy" and speaking on the media against the party's stance without permissions of the party's stance without permissions.

sion, according to a termination notice issued today.

The notice, a copy of which is available with Dawn.com, said Rokhri was now "no more in PTI" and called on media groups to not invite him as a party member or face legal action as a result.

Imran wants nation to participate in long march PTI chief Imran Khan has

called on the nation to participate in the party's long march for future generations.

"If we act like sheep, then God will let us remain like this," he said, urging the nation to fight for their freedom and



their rights.

He went on to say that nations seldom had the chance to change their fate but said that now was the time for Pakistan. Imran wants army chief's appointment to be made

according to merit
Former premier Imran Khan
has said that the appointment of
the next chief of army staff
(COAS) must be made accord-

ing to merit.

However, he said that those in power had not done anything on merit and questioned if they would rightfully select the army chief on merit.

"They want their own army

"They want their own army chief because they want to steal."

Prosperous countries have strong institutions: Imran
PTI chief Imran Khan said
that the "thieves" had come
into power because of their
"handlers".

"There is murder of morality in this country," he said, adding that such things don't occur in civilised countries.



"These thieves have only one other achievement apart from their corruption, they managed to slowly finish their cases," he said, adding that they had wreaked havoc in the country.

He went on to say that a country is unable to prosper when it forgets its morals.

"Prosperous countries have strong institutions. What they are doing in London is dramat-ics," he said, claiming that Nawaz Sharif had never looked at merit when making appoint-

at merit when making appointments.

Senior-most officer to become army chief, PML-N top brass decide in London

After crucial meetings between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif in London, it was decided Friday to appoint the military's senior-most officer as the next army chief, Geo News reported.

The decision was taken

The decision was taken during a meeting of the PML-N leadership, with

Nawaz party Sharif, vice president Nawaz, and Prime Maryam Minister Shehbaz Sharif in

presence.

COAS Bajwa is set to retire on November 29 and the PML-N — the major stakeholder in the ruling coalition — has resolved to appoint the senior-most officer whose name is at the ton

appoint the senior-most offi-cer whose name is at the top in the list that would be sent to the government.

Following his fourth and two-hours-long meeting with Nawaz, PM Shehbaz told journalists that the army chief's appointment is a constitutional matter and would decide in line with the constitution the constitution.

Apart from the crucial matter of the army chief's appointment, the high-level huddle took important decisions in London and the PML-N will later take the coalition partners into confi-dence over them.

Police arrest murderer of PTI Balochistan leader Nargis Baloch

Superintendent of Police(SP) Sadar Division Naveed Alam stated that the husband of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)'s Leader from Balochistan Nargis Baloch has been arrested in connection with the murder of his former wife. It is noteworthy that earlier three children of Nargis Baloch were also brutally murdered.



Mr. Naveed Alam stated this on Friday while holding a press conference along with SP Saryab Division Shoaib Masood, ASP Sadar Division Adeel Akbar, SHO Airport Police Station Abdul Hai Baloch, and Investigation Officer Saud Khan.

The accused was wanted in multiple crime cases

According to police sources, the ex-husband involved in the murder of PTI Women's Wing leader Nargis Baloch was arrested. Two weeks before the murder of his ex-wife, the accused had also shot and

injured another woman.

SPs Naveed Alam and Shoaib Masood said that on August 20, 2022, accused Attaullah killed his ex-wife Nargis near Shaheen Bungalows Saryab Road. She was shot and killed when she was going to appear in court

The accused had opened fire and injured another woman

Earlier on August 03, he had opened fire and injured another woman Zahra in the Sariab Road area of Quetta

However, she miraculously escaped unharmed, and a case was registered at Sariab Police Station.

The police were making desperate efforts to arrest the accused and the airport police station took action and detained Attaullah from Kali Ismail.

SPs Naveed Alam and Shoaib Masood said that the police are the guaranter of public safety and all

police are the guarantor of public safety and all resources are being used to suppress the criminal ele-

In response to a question, they said that the police have decided to make Quetta city free from drugs and the crackdown is ongoing against the elements involved in the sale and purchase of drugs.

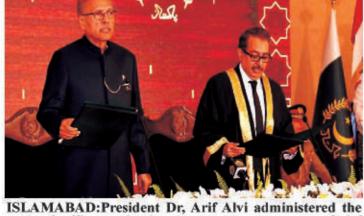
National Boxing Championship for the first time in Balochistan

Sports Desk

National Boxing Championship is going to be held in Quetta, Balochistan from November 24 to 29, 2022. More than 300 men and women boxing players and

officials will participate from all the provinces.

Through the support and coordination of the Balochistan Sports and Youth Affairs Department, as well as the efforts of the Balochistan Boxing Association the 39th men's and 3rd women's National



oath of office to justice Aamer Faroog as the Chief Justice of Islamabad High Court(IHC), at an oath-takin ceremony,held at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Imran to not let bulletproof shield separate him from supporters: Asad

FAISALABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Secretary General Asad Umar announced that Imran Khan would not let 'anything bulletproof separate him and the people as he is a kaptaan (captain) who loved his people, and did not

want to be away from them.
The remark comes after leaders from the incumbent government advised the former premier to erect a bulletproof shield on his container as a safety measure following the alleged assassination attempt against him

During the party's Haqeeqi Azadi During the party's Haqeeqi Azadi march Asad, in a message to the chief justice of Pakistan, declared that "Toba, Chinot, Faisalabad, Jhang, Sindh, Punjab" all stood in support of Imran Khan, and that the PTI supporters would not back down, or bend before anyone.

"What this nation and history decide about you, is up to you now," he added. Quoting Imran, Asad stated that the PTI chief was standing despite being shot and

standing despite being shot and questioned if the nation was ready

He furthered that he would con-verse with Imran in the evening who "will be happiest to hear that the women, sisters and daughters of Toba" joined in the march. The convoy, led by Asad Umar and other party leaders, passed through the Gojra tehsil where he was welcomed outside Hamza Usman's residence.

He thanked the local people in a short speech and then the procession began to move towards its des-tination. Later, Asad Umar and PTI leader Shahbaz Gill reached Kalma

Chowk in Toba Tek Singh. Earlier, PTI Vice Chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi stated that screens would be put up in Gujrat for Imran to address the people and

party workers.

He detailed that the march would move towards Gujrat after Zuhr prayers, and that the procession would pause at Rahmat Elahi Chowk and then finally reach the GTS Chowk where Imran Khan will address the crowds.INP

Dr. Malik calls for political strategy to cope with extremism in Balochistan

News Desk

A strong political strategy is needed against poverty, extremism, and ignorance in Balochistan, the Central President of the National Party, and former Chief Minister of Balochistan, Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, stated while addressing party workers

"There is a need to promote positive val-ues against negative social trends and tradi-tions in the province", Dr. Malik said.

Nations can not progress without an intel-lectual, political, and national party to high-light social consciousness. Nations can progress through hard work and positive educational activities and values. He expressed these views in a conversation with colleagues who joined the party from Kalat and Zamran at Regional Secretariat

The National Party is struggling for the fair distribution of national resources, equally vested powers, and for national equality. The people of Balochistan have confidence in the party that the political strategy will be set in the right direction.

Famous political figures of Kalat and Turbat Wajah Fazal Rind, Jameel Fazal Rind, Naveed Rind, Shoaib Rind, Ghulam



Qadir, Muslim, Rustam Muhammad Khan, Azizullah Du Shambe, Miraj Ibrahim, Akram son of Haji Aslam, while from n of Haji Muhammad Ayaz, Aveed, Abdul Razzaq, Naveed, and Muhammad

Mansoor, Shahi, and Muhammad announced their joining of National Party. Former Chief Minister of Balochistan Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, Central President of the National Party said that the National Party is a party of conscious political work-

Party is a party of conscious political work-ers who are truly representing the people. National Party's Central General Secretary Jan Muhammad Buledi, Central Committee members Waja Abul Hasan, retired Justice Shakeel Baloch, and other central and provincial leaders were present in the induction program.



Championship will be held in Quetta.

More than three hundred men and women athletes and officials from various departments including Pakistan Army, WAPDA Pakistan Navy, and Pakistan Police will participate in the first Boxing National Championship held in Balochistan.

The teams will arrive for the competition at Quetta on November 23 while the closing ceremony will be held on November 29. All the championship matches

will be held at PSB Hall Ayub Sports Complex.

The players will be provided with the best residential transportation and other facilities during the championship. Strick security will be provided to avoid any unwanted incidents during the championship. It should be remembered that the National Boxing Championship is going to be organized for the first Championship is going to be organized for the first time in Balochistan.

Police check post attacked in Chashma Kalat

Abdullah Lehri

Miscreants lobbed a hand grenade at a police check post in the Chashma area of Kalat district on Friday evening. Police sources said one policeman was injured in the attack. The injured policeman was rushed to Kalat hospital for medical treat-

The assailants sped away on their motorcycle from the spot. Police and levies personnel reached the spot and started an inves-tigation into the incident. Security was tightened in and around Kalat district in the aftermath of the attack



Achakzai sacks Raza Muhammad Raza and UbaidUllah Babat from PKMA

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: Chairman Pashtoonkhwa Awami Party (PKMAP), Mehmood Khan Achakzai sacked former senator Raza Muhammad Raza and former provincial minister Ubaidullah Jan Babat over violation of party policy. In a state-ment signed by the PKMAP chief Mahmood Khan Achakzai, the two central leaders of the party have been sacked

and their basic membership is terminated.

Raza Muhammad Raza and Ubaidullah Jan Babat are the two main central leaders of the party. There was no immediate reaction from the two leaders sacked by the party chief.

Their basic membership and position are terminated and they will have no connection with PKMAP after today 11 November 2022. It has been said in the statement that these gentlemen were in contact with some senior

leaders of the party to form their own separate party or to join another

The above-mentioned persons were also continuously engaged against the member parties of the

(PDM), Movement (PDM), a political front formed with the will and approval of the party. Despite the party's policies and alliances, they continued

lic meetings against party policy, the party statement stated. to issue statements in pub-In the meeting of the

executive committee of the main body of the party held on 19 January 2022, of which these two men were ex-officio members, they were warned after a long discussion to reform but they themselves. failed to do so.

Subsequently, both members basic memberships have been terminated, the statement conclud-

QUETTA VOICE Editor Asim Khan SSGC: Why this

discrimination with **Balochistan?**

As the winter sets in, the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) comes into the limelight. Based on its track record, complaints regarding no gas pres-sure, and low gas pressure against the company are nothing new in Quetta

and other parts of Balochistan.

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

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

Last year BHC declares 'other charges' null and void Consumers also complain about receiving increasing bills from the SSGC every winter. Thanks to the Balochistan High Court (BHC), which declared the company's 'other charges' in every bill a null and void last year.

Despite the court's clear instructions, the consumers have been getting high bills. A well-placed source in the company told this daily that more than 80 percent of gas meters are tampered with/ faulty. Now the question arises, meters tampered with without the knowledge of the company, or some black sheep inside the company are complicit in this regard?

SSGC has to put its own house in order The answer is simple, the company has to put its own house in order prior to take action against the consumers stealing gas. In this whole situation, when this daily tried to take an official version of the company. We were simply told the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the company is based in Karachi. Gas was explored from Balochistan's Sui tehsil of Dera Bugti in 1952. Industries and factories developed through the same supply over decades.Balochistan is yet to get the position of PRO in the company. This step-motherly treatment of Balochistan must be stopped and consumers in this part of the country should be treated like consumers elsewhere.

Facing future floods safely

Pakistan's floods of 2022 were the latest, and most damaging yet, addi-tion to the long history of floods in the country. As the muddy waters slowly recede, the need for speeding up action to face future floods stands clear.

Floods have been the most frequent natural dis-aster in Pakistan Yet, decisions for land-use and habitation do not reflect this reality. The rising intensity of floods has been concurrent with an increasing population in the flood plains of the Indus river. It is this confluence of water and peo-ple in floodplains that creates the tragedy of lost lives and property. The flood of 2022 has led to reported losses of over 1700 lives, affected 33 million people, and incurred damages of over \$40 billion (amounting to 11.5% of the 2021 nation-al GDP). The flood of 2010 led to a loss of over 1200 lives, loss of homes for over 14 million people, and damages of over \$43 billion. The flood of 1992 led to a loss of 2000 lives, affected more than 9.3 million people and incurred damages of over 1 billion dollars. This list continues on. Each was declared the worst flood in Pakistan's history. Each was unprecedented at its time of occurrence. There is precedent for unprecedented floods in

having one of the world's largest irrigation

systems, water channels across Pakistan con-

fronted acute water shortages due to less or

from February through June of this year. Water

reservoirs remained unfilled or partially filled leading to hamper-ing economic activities.

Before the recent rains

brought relief for the residents of Cholistan, Thal and other desert areas of the country, life was upturned, forcing

hundreds and thousands

of people to migrate with their cattle to greener pastures and urban centres in desper-ate search for water.

Although all provinces confronted acute water

shortages as of late June, Sindh faced the worst of it with a record 40 per

System Authority (IRSA) expected a 22 per cent water shortage for the Kharif season,

worse with a water shortage of 38 per cent.

eventually ended with the beginning of the monsoon season in July,

but heavy rains made things look even worse.

Flash floods caused by

abnormally heavy mon-soon rains have killed

with Balochistan among

Management Authority (NDMA), July turned

550 people so far,

River

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It is time to focus on setting a different kind of precedent — one with a clear focus on elevating the safety of people in rural, flood prone areas, and elevating the well-being of farmers who bear the most losses.

The prevailing mindset of flood management has to change. In the past, money has been poured building levees and flood protection infra-structure, and then again on re-building higher and reinforcing more the structures to "fight" the next flood after each cycle of levee breaches, infrastructure failure, and devastation of lives and properties. Gilbert White, a prominent 20th century a profithent 20th century geographer, noted this adverse cycle, and advo-cated for including the role of humans in dam-ages resulting from natu-ral disasters. He warned about the trap of building levees, followed by even-tual breaching and flooding, and then rebuilding again, with increasing level of damages in each flooding episode. The so-called "levee effect", empirically observed in empirically observed around the world, points around the world, where to the paradox where building higher levees has led to increasing levels of flood damages. This is due to flood protection infrastructure cre-ating a perception of flood security, leading to

relaxation of rules for land-use and construction over time, and increasing density of habitation. This results in greater exposure of lives and properties to floods. It is time to see and stop this cycle. This can be done if policymakers and people recognise the role of human decisions in con-tributing to the disaster. When we recognise responsibility for our actions, we gain agency

What are the changes needed? First, a concep-tion of flood security as the emergent outcome arising from interactions of people with their envi-ronment. These interac-tions are governed by physical laws of nature and institutions (policies, rules and norms) devised by humans. There is a need to structure these interactions in particular ways in order to be able to steer emergent level of flood security towards a desirable state. Second, a systems approach for addressing

approach for addressing the complex challenge is needed. Establishing a 'goal-seeking' system structure to attain desired targets of flood safety is important. It entails setting clear and shared goals, having sensors for measuring the state of flood security, having accurate and timely communication of that information to relevant actors,

having a process that assesses the situation (condition) based on the information, and having decision-makers with necessary authority that take corrective action. If all of these elements are linked appropriately, to produce a feedback structure at district, provincial and federal levels and function with necessary speed and resources, then level of flood security can rise. Presently, agencies and

organisations exist that monitor and forecast weather, forecast floods, conduct disaster risk management and aid in disaster response. However, shared goals of flood safety are absent. Additionally, components that produce information at local levels at required times are absent or inadequate. Additionally, components that have the authority and resources to take corrective action are lacking. These deficien-cies can be addressed. Goals and targets for flood safety can be insti-tuted and adopted from federal to district levels. Necessary links that con-Necessary links that connect existing agencies can be established. Sensing and monitoring, such as through periodically updated flood-risk maps, can be generated at tehsil and building lot-level These can be shared with the public (to inform

as well as to inform pub-lic officials in land-use planning. Local evacua-tion plans for people and moveable assets (such as livestock) in rural areas can be put in place, and early warning systems can be installed. Community education programmes that raise awareness about safety and evacuation procedures can be conducted. Actions for efficient drainage and storm water passage can be taken. Flood resilient designs and construction, and aid for households to live in lower risk areas can be provided. Financial solutions, such as funds in which land owners contribute towards flood loss compensation needed, can be created. Such literal 'rainy-day funds' can be drawn up at time of need Overall, regular processes for shortterm and long-term flood risk assessment and corrective actions can affect flood security in positive ways. These actions are ways, these actions are not as costly as some may think. High resolution, frequently updated, land imagery from earth-observing satellites has been available for free for more than a decade National agencies and universities within Pakistan have capacity for geospatial data analy-sis and flood risk map-

dents of their flood risks)

Climate challenge

Long denied and then ignored, climate change is now taking a toll in Pakistan as the country sits at high risk of being run out of water and braces for intense and unprecedented weather

patterns.
Pakistan is breaking its own records of being one of the worst-hit countries by climate change, almost every year, According to the Global Climate Risk Index, Pakistan ranked eighth most vulnerable country in the world. In May, the UN enlisted Pakistan among the top 23 countries facing drought emergencies over the past two years Between 1998 and 2018 the country is estimated to have lost nearly 10,000 lives to climaterelated disasters and suffered losses amounting to about \$4 billion from 152 extreme weather

events Analysts have estimated Pakistan's climate migrants over the past decade at around 30 milweather patterns coupled with lack of readiness are not only endangering lives of millions of resi-dents but also leading to food insecurity and dwindling economic out-

look Although heatwaves had started impacting the country for the last many years, this year's premature heatwave has made ripples, forcing millions to readjust or reduce their daily workload or life pattern. The unprecedented

intense heatwave that began in as early as April also sent shockwaves to the country's economic outlook, espe-cially to Punjab. The province produces more than 50 per cent of the total wheat of the country, but the premature heat resulted in early harvesting that led to missing production targets. Punjab witnessed an

unprecedented and premature rise in temperature varying from 41 degrees C to 47 degrees C in different parts, shaving off the spring season completely this year. It is not that 47 degrees C in the country is an abnormal tempera-ture, the problem is that wheat and other crops need certain temperatures at a certain time for their growth. The extreme heat episode in March and April led to a significant reduction in the per acre yield from over 40 munds to 28 munds. In May, the federal government decided tons of wheat from the international market to meet domestic needs.

This year's intense and blistering heatwave didn't spare mango production either, as the country faced nearly a 50 per cent drop in mango production. Punjab alone, which pro-duces 70 per cent of the total mangoes, faced a 60 per cent drop in mango production dur-ing the 2022 season. The ideal temperature for good flowering of

mango must be 13 degrees C to 30 degrees C, but this year the temperatures in those days hovered around 40 degrees C. Year-on-year tempera-

increases brought plague after plague in rural and urban areas. In 2020, Punjab faced the most devastat-ing locust infestation in nearly 30 years, which affected 15 per cent of the area of the province. Experts believe that the rising temperature of the Indian Ocean is one of the main reasons for the invasion of locusts in the

South Asian region. Also, increasing tem-perature is one of several reasons for deadly air pollution in the country. According to experts, rising temperature is intricately linked with the climate crisis because warmer temperatures create an environment for smog formation and can lead the air to stagnate - preventing dirty air from leaving an area. Air pollution thus inequalities and paves the way for human rights violations.

Deteriorating air pol-lution is also leading to indirect costs such as lower labour supply and productivity, migration of skilled labour, and volatility in the financial

Rising temperatures are not an exclusive or sole reason for low yield of several crops in Pakistan, but prolonged droughts and below-nor-mal rains have their part

By Dr Ameena Tanvir to play as well. Despite

out to be the wettest month since 1961, with 181 per cent more rain average Balochistan 450 per cent and Sindh 308 per cent more rain than the annual average the disaster agency said. Unusual and torrential

rainfall in Karachi caused havoc, forcing residents to stay at home during weekdays. The provincial government also announced a day off to cope with the heavy challenge During the second spell of monsoon rains, the city received more than an entire summer's worth of rain in one day Over 50 casualties have been reported in Sindh.

Successive govern-ments, on their part, avowed to mitigate climate challenges and keep the issue as one of the top priorities. But little has been done in this regard due to lack of funding, attention and will power.

This year's devastat-ing floods have inflicted infrastructure Balochistan and Sindh It will take the govern ment years to rebuild resilient infrastructure since it is barely surviving a default-like situation currently. Lack of awareness among people and the absence of sustainable policies are some other factors that will keep Pakistan's fight against the looming climate change challenge unaddressed at

least in the foreseeable

limate affairs cientists have

have long clamored that human activity on Earth has weather

calamitous changes we are witnessing today. The United N a t i o n s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has confirmed that climate change makes heatwaves hotter and more frequent According to the research, greenhouse gas emissions have heated the planet by an estimat-1.2 degrees Celsius (2.16 degrees Fahrenheit) over the last two cen-

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The Nature journal published an article this month detailing what its authors say is proof that heatwaves in Europe have increased three-tofour times faster than in other northern mid-latitude areas such as the United States. The reason for this, according to the article, is due to the fast west-to-east air stream, or atmospheric circulation, which is carrying hot air across the north-ern atmosphere.

Most scientists appear to agree that tempera-tures will continue to rise unless humans cease adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere Without a drastic change in the way mankind con-ducts its business, heatwaves are predicted to worsen. Tackling climate change should be a top priority for every country today.Heatwaves that occurred once every decade are now happening at three times that rate. The 2015 Paris and year's Glasgow climate conference were intended to bring the issue to global attention and generate movement on the ground. But current climate policies are not sufficient to avoid the dangerous effects of global warm-

property owners and resi-

Today, wildfires are raging in Spain, France, Greece, Portugal, Morocco and Italy. Over one thousand people have died so far and many thousands more have been evacuated from their homes out of concern for their safety. Climate change plays a significant role in the cause of wildfires since it increases the hot and dry tinderbox conditions that help fires start and then spread quickly. Less precipitation means dry land and vegetation. This means that when a fire starts, it burns faster and more intensely. Hot and dry conditions are a perfect recipe for a massive inferno.

it is impor However. tant to note that not every fire is caused by climate change. Forest management programs, which deal with how forests are maintained specifically to prevent massive infer-nos, are often insufficient. In addition, it is often careless people who ignite fires through arson or simply by barbe-cuing. Human fire starters aside, they don't cause actual heatwave. Individuals are not responsible necessarily lectively composed of individuals, it does fall on each and every one of us to take steps to mini-mize our carbon footprint. There is a reason why famed reality star Kylie Jenner was slammed on social media for posting a photo of her private jet parked next to boyfriend Travis Scott's plane, asking "You wanna take mine or yours?" And she was slammed again for taking her jet in the end for what turned out to be a paltry 12-minute flight. Heatwaves that

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Global energy security By Maximilian Hess

Not since World War II has the threat to global energy security been as severe as it is today.

Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine and the consequent geo-eco-nomic war between the Kremlin and the West disrupted global gas markets at a scale unprecedented in recent history. The Kremlin's use of its power over energy markets as leverage - and Europe's efforts to wean itself off of Russian natural gas and avoid a massive shortage this winter triggering price hikes and rerouting flows around the world.

No one is left unaffected, even those who thought they had prepared for every eventuality. For example, Pakistan, which had secured several longterm natural gas import contracts to increase its security recent years, has seen partners break those deals to send their gas to new clients offering to pay more. The coffers of both the developed and developing world are

drained Meanwhile, the Kremlin is using the global energy crisis it created to sustain its economy in the face of severe international sanctions. Moreover, it is weaponising Europe's dependency on Russian natural gas to try and break Western resistance to its ambitions in Ukraine Earlier this week, Moscow tried to tighten its squeeze on

Europe further, saying it plans to reduce gas sup-plies through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline to Germany to just 20 percent capacity. In response, European Union energy ministers

swiftly announced an agreement for the bloc's members to gut gas usage by 15 percent this winter. This winter.This was an attempt by Europe to show it would not give in to Russian pressure and abandon Ukraine in order to fill up its gas reserves. Such conflictdriven demand reduction, however, means that an already likely recession is now all but guaranteed. Following Gazprom's latest cuts, analysts already predict the EU will not be able to reach its own target of refilling gas storage to 80 percent capacity by winter. Now that Europe made it clear that it is finally – and perhaps much belatedly – ready to take the steps

cut its need for Russian gas at any cost, the Kremlin will do everything it can to inflict maximum pain on Europe in the short term, while the dependency remains.

A recent German poll-ound that at the found that at the moment, 58 percent of the population is sup-porting sanctions porting sanctions against Russia despite potential negative impacts for Germany. President Vladimir Putin is working to bring that number down - down to the point that it becomes

Germany's leaders to push for policies to sup-port Ukraine and help the West win its con-frontation with Russia The waining of public support for the sanctions regime in the face of economic difficulties is an equally significant risk for other European governments.

Europe's leaders are now facing the her-culean task of simultaneously helping their industries survive on a reduced energy supply, supporting Ukraine's war effort and maintaining public support for the sanctions regime amid a cost-of-living crisis largely manufac-tured by Russia that seems to have no real end in sight.

Energy is perhaps the front in the ongoing geo-economic battle etween Russia and the West, and thus Europe needs to strengthen its hand there first.

After moving to address the demand side of the equation, now it needs to address the supply side of the problem to be able to shore up its economy to the furthest extent possible, and insulate public sup-port for Kyiv and the sanctions regime against Russia.

There are some obvious steps that European governments can take but have been reluctant to in fear of domestic backlash – to resolve the supply issue swiftly. The Netherlands, for

example, can pump billions of cubic metres of extra natural gas across Europe by increasing production at the Groningen gas field. Bewilderingly, howev-er, it is still planning to take the entire operation offline next year over the risk of minor earthquakes in the surroundng area and some pushback from environmentalists. Germany can also increase its future capacity to supply energy simply by extending the lifespan of its nuclear power plants that are meant to come offline at the end of the year. The governing coalition said it is now considering this option, but the Greens - includ-ing Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock continue to resist the move. The party's stance on this issue is somewhat understandable – after all, Germany's Green Party was in large part borne out of Germany's Cold

War-era anti-nuclear m o v e m e n t Nevertheless, by blocking a relatively straight-forward and low-risk solution to a major problem facing the nation, it risks failing the test of being a responsible government partner at a time of war, ess than a year after its best-ever election result Beyond increasing their own produc-tion capacity by any means possible. European nations

should of course also

work on forming new

partnerships with suppliers outside their region. The global gas crisis and its impacts are by no means limited to Europe. It is therefore imperative that Europe seeks to bring together the international com-munity to coordinate global supply.

When the world last faced such a major ener-gy crisis, the Allies had

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the world's oil supplies.

British Petroleum and

and private players from across the world to develop a strategy for

this winter

its predecessors, and the forefathers of the modern United States energy majors, controlled most of the Middle East's petroleum at the dawn of World War II. Britain As the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) and Inequality.org have docuestablished Petroleum Warfare Department and the Petroleum Board — which brought together all allied energy firms, their lives and livelihoods A new report from Oxfam dramatizes how hundreds of millions of including US ones even before Pearl Harbor have slid further into poverty during this time period. In a detailed examination of the food brought the US into the conflict directly - to coordinate supplies for the war Today, owner-ship of global energy supplies is far more diversified. And while and agriculture industry. Oxfam found that billionaires in that industry saw their wealth increase by the US has pledged to pandemic. An emergency windfall tax on their use its role as a liquefied natural gas (LNG) wealth increase alone (to say nothing of their pre-pandemic billions) could end world hunger and double the incomes of 545 exporter to support Europe, a fire this June at its flagship liquefica-tion plant in Freeport, Texas has seen export capacity fall by some 17 percent. Thus addressmillion small-scale farming global gas shortages will require a coming together of key public

Inequality and hunger eginning on May 24, the W o r I d with more than \$5 million,

Economic Forum is gath-ering in Davos, Switzerland for an in-per-son meeting, discussing the global tax system and financial inclusion. Thanks to protests and new research, however, participants will not be able to avoid the elephant in the room: the surging inequality of wealth dur-ing the pandemic.

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A group of over 150 millionaires released a strong statement calling on Davos attendees to face the dangers of runaway wealth inequality and speak out in favor of national efforts to levy progressive income and wealth taxes on the ultra-wealthy. "The truth is that 'Davos' doesn't deserve the world's trust right now," the statement reads. "For all the countless hours spent talking about making the world a better place, the conference has produced little tangible value amidst a torrent of self-congratuations."

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"Until participants acknowledge the simple, effective solution staring them in the face - taxing the rich - the people of the world will continue to see their so-called dedication to fixing the world's prob-lems as little more than a

performance." The letter is signed by actor and activist Mark Ruffalo, as well as sup-porters of the In Tax We Trust movement including Abigail Disney, Morris Pearl, and Nick Hanauer. These millionaires delivered the In Tax We Trust

By Chuck Collins letter directly to the World Economic Forfum offices in New York and Geneva, and attended pro-taxation demonstrations at the out-

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Pakistan urges 'sustained' engagement with Taliban to promote human rights, end terrorism

Pakistan has called for "greater and sustained engagement" with the Taliban government to promote the world community's goals in munity's goals in Afghanistan with respect to human rights, especially women's rights, politi-cal inclusivity and counter-terrorism, saying those

objectives could not be achieved by isolating it. "What could not be realized through force. cannot be achieved through isolation, sanc-tions or financial coer-cion," Ambassador Aamir Khan, deputy permanent representative of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Atlas

Honda Limited engages

in the manufacturing and marketing of motorcycles and spare

parts primarily in Pakistan. The business,

founded in 1962, works with a network of deal-ers to provide its goods. Additionally, it sends its goods to the United

Arab Emirates, Afghanistan Bangladesh, and

Nigeria. Prior to 1992, the

business was known as

Atlas Autos Limited. The company is based

in Lahore. Atlas Honda Limited

is a subsidiary of Shirazi Investments (Private) Limited.

Muhammad Rehan on the firm's future plans and effects of the fluc-tuating exchange rate on its production and

Q: What are the rea-sons behind fluctua-tions in the exchange rate? How it negatively

And what steps are being taken to over-come the effects?

A: Undoubtedly, the

rupee's devaluation against other curren-cies, especially the US

is negatively

WealthPK had a talk with the company's Financial Manager to the UN, told the General Assembly on Thursday.

"A coercive approach could lead to renewed violence and conflict, strengthen terrorist groups and generate a new flow of Afghan refugees - which none of Afghanistan's neighbours are in a position to accommodate," he said in a debate on the situation in Afghanistan.

The U.S. government, which fought the Taliban for two decades in Afghanistan and has designated several Taliban leaders as international terrorists, has been push-

Atlas Honda keeps

innovating to stay strong in

market: WealthPK

impacting our business.

A rising Japanese yen and dollar generally has a negative effect on our

profits since it appreci-ates the value of imported raw materials.

ing for "limited" diplomatic engagement with the Taliban

remarks, his Ambassador Aamir Khan said Pakistan fully shares the international community's desire to ensure full protection of human rights, especially women's rights and greater political, social and gender inclusion.

Regardless of ideologi-al considerations, he said, the world must welcome that - after 40 years - one authority controls the entire territory of Afghanistan, with no Afghanistan, with no credible challenge to its authority INP

modity prices, creating significant business challenges. How is your

Khurram Dastagir launches **AMI system in IESCO**

LAHORE: Members of Civil Society hold a rally in favor of Pak Army outside

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power Engineer Khurram Dastgir on Friday said all electricity meters installed at Rawalpindi Cantonment and Rawalpindi City Circle are being switched to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) in first phase with an estimated cost of \$ 95 mil-

press club in Provincial Capital.

Addressing at launching ceremony of AMI project here at Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO), the minister said new technology is being introduced to reduce power sector losses, enhance quality of billing and recoveries and control power load-shedding and address consumers com-

GUJARAT : PTI Central leader Shah Mehmood Qureshi

plaints of over billing. said

Development Bank (ADB) has provided \$ 170 million financial assistance for the AMI project which would help round the clock monitoring of meters. All power distribution companies (DISCOs) have already been directed to install AMI meters on all industrial, com-mercial, bulk power supply and agriculture connections in order to ensure round the clock monitoring of the meters, he said.

He said AMI system would help identify areas of power pilferage and power losses. The system would also be installed at all high losses

Wazirabad incident FIR lodged by

police holds no value: Qureshi

feeders and transformers in all DISCOs, he said.

The minister said earlier, AMI system was installed at Multan and Lahore Electric Supply Companies at very limited level.

He said performance and issues of DISCOs were thoroughly reviewed in August and September. The IESCO AMI system would be repli-cated in other DISCOs, he added.

Khurram said that on the directives of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, all out efforts were being made to reduce cost of electricity so that maximum relief could be given consumers.INP

Security beefed up at Imran's Lahore residence

PIAF expresses full

confidence on

Mian Anjum

LAHORE The Executive Committee of the Pakistan Industrial & Traders Associations

Front (PIAF) along with all major markets, besides industrial and

trade bodies' representatives, from across the provincial capital, have expressing full confidence in the

leadership of its patron-in-chief Mian Anjum Nisar here on Friday at the main PIAF office Gulbarg.

While addressing the EC meet-ing, which met with Mian Anjum

Nisar in the chair, PIAF Chairman

Faheem ur Rehman Saigol along with other participants showed full solidarity with Mian Anjum Nisar, saying that more than 90% of the members of PIAF are with him, rejecting the all other self-styled factions in this trade body.

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In the meeting a big power show was performed by the Mian Anjum Nisar group of PIAF in the big gathering which was participated by hundreds of businessmen, belonging to all sectors of trade and industry in Lahore.

PIAF Patron-in-Chief Mian Anjum Nisar, on this occasion, thanked all the members, who came to attend the meeting and said that his group has the support

came to attend the meeting and said that his group has the support of more than 150 members of PIAF, including the officials of Lahore Chamber and Market Committees which is a proof of our performance.INP

LAHORE: In view of security concerns of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan, a security wall has been construct-ed outside his residence in Lahore, it was reported on Friday.

According to media reports, security was enhanced outside the former prime minister's residence in Lahore's Zaman Park after a security alert was issued by the Special Branch. Furthermore, check posts were also set up at the entry and exit points of Zaman Park and more security cameras. Park, and more security cameras were also installed to ensure safe-

A special desk was also set up to keep a record of visitors to the for-mer premier's residence. Authorities also posted women police officers for checking at entry points. Meanwhile, Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Lahore Ghulam Muhammad Dogar visited Zaman Park and reviewed the security arrange-

ments. Advisor Omar Sarfraz Cheema also reached Zaman Park and said that according to the latest reports the PTI chief is facing security threats and his security is being increased INP

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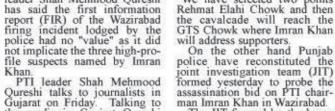


buying. Q: How has your macroeconomic and political events. Additionally, we have a diverse vendor base and run two manufacturing facilities to reduce the chance of disruptions. The ongoing observa-tion contributes to maintaining operations without supply disrup-tions Q. There are sharp fluctuations in com-

and



company progressed so far? A: After experiencing a rather prolonged market downturn as a result of Covid-19-related lockdowns, motorcycle sales are starting to pick up again. During this time, Atlas Honda (PSX: ATHL).INP



the media in Guajrat Qureshi said the complainant should have been given priority but the "police seemed helpless", adding it showed "some people are above the law". He said that adherence to the rule of law was vital for Pakistan to progress. He stated that long march on Islamabad will move towards Gujrat after the Zuhr prayers.
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The JIT formed by the home department will be convened by Dera Ghazi Khan Regional Police Officer Syed Khurram Ali. It has four members: CPO Lahore (Establishment-II) Tariq Rustam Chohan; AlG/monitoring investigation Ihsanullah Chohan; District Police branch, Vehari Officer

Muhammad Zatar Buzdar, and CTD Lahore SP Naseebullah The team was formed by the

Punjab Home Department at the request of Punjab police chief Faisal Shahkar.

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ISLAMABAD: Women take keen interest in handmade items at a stall during a exhibition on the craft of needlework title "Embroidering Dreams" at a local hotel in Federal Capital.

India's call for coherent response to defeat terrorism misleading

ISLAMABAD: India's so-called claim of the need of a coherent response to defeat terrorism in Africa is nothing but a mislead-ing statement as New Delhi itself has been employing state spon-sored terrorism to suppress the freedom struggle in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir and is also involved in sponsoring and abetting terrorist activities in Pakistan.

During a UN Security Council debate on 'Counterterrorism in Africa: An imperative for peace, security and development, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ruchira Kamboj, "A strong, effecand coherent response that reflects the international comcommitment to defeat terrorism is essential in Africa as elsewhere.

Terrorist groups in Africa continue to target civilians and peacekeeping forces, across conflict zones. Sadly, the worst recipients of their atrocities have been women, children and vulnerable sections of the population," Kamboj added. It is ironic that on one

side, India is calling for coherent response to a conerent response to defeat terrorism in Africa, but on the other, New Delhi itself is resorting to state terror-ism to brutally suppress the people of HOJK for demanding their inalienable right to self-determination Leave determination. Leave aside the Kashmiris, India's own minorities

state-sponsored terror-

Not only this, Indian intelligence agencies are also financing and carrying out terrorist activities in Pakistan with the aim of destabilizing the country. It is widely known that before Taliban took before Taliban took over Afghanistan in August 2021, Indian embassy and its consulates operating in Afghanistan had become hubs of terror sponsorship Pakistan. against

Time and again Pakistan has provided concrete proof of Indian involvement in financing, sponsoring and car rying out terror activi-ties in Pakistan using terrorist organizations like Bloch Liberation Army and Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan INP

capacity sufficient to meet load demand: NA informed

Power generation

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly was informed on Friday that power generation apacity is sufficient in the country to meet the load demand.

In a written reply, the Power Division said government attaches the highest priority to avoid load shedding.

It said the government prioritized utilization of local fuel based plants to reduce power shortfall. Similarly, bottlenecks for imported fuelbased plants are also being removed to maintain

smooth supply chain.
In another other written reply, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed that our Missions abroad remain continuously engaged with the local governments to facilitate and assist overseas Pakistanis, including those who are illegally living in various countries. The House will now again meet on Monday at 5 p.m.INP

Pakistan-Iran Joint **Border Commission** agrees on boosting bilateral trade

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan-Iran Joint Border Commission has agreed on boosting bilateral trade The two countries issued a joint declaration at the end of the 24th annual meeting of the commission in Islamabad.

Pakistan-Iran Joint Border Commission has taken important decisions on border security, human smuggling and prevention of drugs, promotion of mutual cooperation for the establishment of peace and order on both sides of the border.

The Commission also agreed on provision of facilities to businessmen for an increase in trade activities exchange of sports and culture and educational delegations and other related issues.

The Pakistani delegation was led by Chief Secretary Balochistan Abdul Aziz Uqaili while the delegation from Iran was led by Sistan-Balochistan Governor for Law and Order and Enforcement Ali Raza Marhamati. In the two-day quarterly meeting of joint border commission, delegations forwarded various proposals about boosting bilateral trade between Pakistan and Iran and the way forward INP

KARACHI: A youngster is playing football in a painting street of Malir area as football fans paint walls of different countries National flags in Provincial Capital ahead of upcoming FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. Street crime on raise in Karachi

KARACHI: Karachi witnessed "alarming increase" in street crime after the flash floods hit parts of the country especially Sindh province, Additional Inspector General (AIG) Karachi Additional Javed Alam said Friday

made remarks while briefing the media on police response against increasing crime rates in Karachi. "After the recent floods, Karachi has seen an extraordinary increase in street crimes in the city," he said, adding that police have intensified action against rising crime.

He went onto say that Overall 736 police encounters took place this year in which 176 criminals were killed while over 800 injured Last month, Sindh police launched 'Talash (search) App' to fight rising street crimes in Karachi with the help of modern equipment and improve policing.

The app launched by Sindh Inspector General of Police (IGP) Ghulam Nabi Memon at Central Police Office

Karachi Speaking at the cere-mony, Ghulam Nabi Memon said Sindh Police was increasing its capacity to ensure prevention of crimes with the help of tech-nology so that the criminal elements, whether they are terrorists or street criminals are not able to escape from the police

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DG Khan Cement posts healthy growth in profit

ISLAMABAD: Khan Cement Company Limited's net sales climbed 32% to Rs43.3 billion in the first nine months of the previous fiscal year 2021-22 fiscal year 2021-22 (9MFY22) from Rs32.8 billion over the corre-sponding period of FY21.

The gross profit, show-ing 32% growth, stood at Rs7.9 billion in 9MFY22 compared to Rs5.9 billion over the same period of

The before-tax profit increased 35% to Rs4.9 billion in 9MFY22 from Rs3.6 billion in 9MFY21. profit-after-tax The

rose 27% to Rs3.7 billion in 9MFY22 from Rs2.9 billion in 9MFY21

The earnings per share (EPS) stood at Rs8.26 in 9MFY22 compared to Rs6.5 over the same period in FY21, showing a growth of 27%, reports WealthPK Shareholding As of June 30, 2021, directors, their spouse(s), and minor children owned 4.29% of the company's total shares. Associated companies held 31,77% of the shares, NIT and ICP 0.42%; banks, develop-ment financial institu-tions, non-banking finan-

cial institutions 5.03%; insurance companies 6.31%; modarabas and mutual funds 6.56%; general public (local) 19.47%; general public (foreign) 1.07% and others 12.59%. ers' 12.59%. Performance in 2020-21During the fiscal year 2020-21, the company generated revenue of Rs45 billion against Rs38 billion in 2019-20, regis-tering an increase of tering an increase of 19%. The gross profit for FY21 was Rs8.1 billion compared to a loss of Rs1.6 billion in FY20,

registering a massive growth of 409% in profit.

The loss-before-tax for FY21 was Rs2.9 billion compared to the loss of Rs4.6 billion in FY20, showing a decrease in the loss by 37%. Similarly, the profit-after-tax for FY21 was Rs3.7 billion as compared to a loss of Rs2.15 million in FY21, showing a decrease in the loss by a whopping 272%. Earnings Per Share The earnings per share (EPS) was Rs3.67 in 2019, but then dipped to minus Rs4.93 in 2020. EPS However, the bounced back the bounced back and jumped to Rs8.49 in 2021, before dropping to Rs6.78 in 2022. Profit or loss over yearsProfitability profit ratio and profit before and after tax remained healthy in 2017 and 2018, but decreased The company suffered

before and after-tax loss-es in 2020. However, the gross profit ratio and profit before and after tax increased decently in 2021. DG Khan Cement Company is a public-limited entity by shares incorporated in Pakistan in 1978 under the now repealed Companies Act, 1913. INP

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Govt move for interest-free banking system laudable: Mian Zahid

Says business community unconditionally supports the decision, govt must ensue swift implementation

KARACHI: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen

collaboration with Serena Hotel at local hotel.

to Sindh Rangers

122 illegal

immigrants

arrested

KARACHI: Sindh Rangers and police in their joint action rounded up 122 illegal immigrants, who were attempting to enter Sindh from Balochistan.

spokesperson, the personnel of the paramilitary forces and police searched the passenger bus in a rou-

tine practice wherein they encountered the 122 suspects who, Rangers and police claimed, were Afghan citizens having illegally penetrated into

The arrested included 89 men, 20 children and 14 women, the Rangers spokesperson said. During the biometric verification, their Pakistani identity

ould not be proven, after which they were handed over to Balochistan gov-ernment for deportation to Afghanistan.

In January, a foreigner had been arrested who reached National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) to get a computerized national identity card (CNIC).

As per details, a local resident and his mother along with the foreigner.

his mother along with the foreigner had reached the Jhang NADRA office to apply for a CNIC for the foreigner.

The mother and the son showed the

foreigner as their son and brother respectively.

During the identification process, the NADRA staff caught the fraud and rounded up the fraudster group, which

was later handed over to the

Ayaz Sadiq

becomes

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Ayaz Sadiq has been appointed the convener of the federal cabinet's exit

control list (ECL) committee.

The federal cabinet approved the reorganization of the ECL committee

organization of the ECL committee through circulation of a summary. The other members of the ECL committee include Commerce Minister Naveed Qamar, Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb and Communications Minister Asad Mahmood Earlier, Azam Nazeer Tarar was removed from the chairmanship of the legislation committee.

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The federal cabinet approved the appointment of Tahir Hassan as the

Radio Pakistan director general (DG) This approval was also granted through circulation of a summary. He has been appointed as the DG for three years. INP

Sindh seeks delay

in Karachi LG

polls fourth time

KARACHI: The Sindh cabinet on

Friday approved a proposal seeking adjournment of local government (LG) polls in Karachi by three more

The cabinet approved the proposal under Sindh Local Govt. Act 2013

through a circulation summary. The provincial government also wrote a letter to the election body for postpon-

ing the by-polls for three more

It is pertinent to mention here that the ECP had postponed the local government (LG) elections in Karachi scheduled for October 23. It was the third time ECP had postponed the second phase of LG polls in Sindh INP

months, it emerged on Friday.

ISLAMABAD:Federal Minister

According

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and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Friday said that the decision of federal government to introduce interestfree banking system is commend-

The government will also withdraw two review appeals from the Supreme Court of Pakistan against the Federal Shariat Court (FSC) verdict on usury within the next few days which has gone down very well with the business community, he said.

ian Zahid Hussain said that Federal Finance Minister Ishaq

Dar has announced the withdrawal of two review petitions filed by the State Bank of Pakistan and National Bank of Pakistan against the judgment of the Federal Shariat Court to transform Pakistan's economic and financial system as Riba-free in five years which is highly laudable.

In interaction with the business community, the veteran business leader said that this bold decision will help transform the economy as per the spirit of Shariah.

The Federal Shariat Court in its decision in April declared the prohibition of Riba and Government immediately

announced to comply with the verdict but two banks the State Bank of Pakistan and the National Bank of Pakistan filed appeals against the judgment.

Now, the decision to withdraw petitions is an expression of the firm resolve of the Government not to take refuge behind lame excuses and instead start taking measures towards an interest-free

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The business leader said that we hope the Government would move beyond verbal assurances and ensure the completion of the whole exercise strictly within five

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Close cooperation b/w Pakistan, Turkey vital for promoting trade: President ICCI

Commends MoU signed by PIA and Turkish Airline to facilitate business community

ISLAMABAD President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari has said that the close cooperation between Pakistan and Turkey holds key importance to promote trade and exports of both countries. He said that direct

trade and exports of both countries. He said that direct air links play an important role in promoting business and people-to-people relations.

The ICCI lauded the initiative of PIA and Turkish airlines to sign a code-share agreement on the 75th anniversary of their diplomatic relations that would enable Pakistani passengers to fly to Europe, UK and USA from Istanbul that would also help the business community in accessing these markets. He said this while talking to Ali Battal, General Manager Islamabad &North, Turkish Airline during his visit to Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

hsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that Turkish Airline serves 252 international destinations in 122 countries and Pakistan has no direct air links with Central Asia. He proposed that Turkish Airlines should launch flights from Istanbul via Pakistan to Central Asian States that

would help Pakistan to improve trade ties with these countries. He said that Turkish Airlines should consid-er direct flights from Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi to

er direct flights from Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi to other countries to facilitate the business community and the general passengers.

He said that at least one flight in a week for the business community would be helpful in exploring various potential markets for trade and exports. He said that the Turkish Airline should cooperate with Pakistan in improving the performance of PIA. He said that PIA has offered discounts to ICCI members on domestic and international flights and proposed that Turkish airlines should also consider such a facility for ICCI members.

Speaking at the occasion, Ali Battal, General Manager Islamabad & North, Turkish Airline said that their Airline is connecting Pakistan with different countries, which will be beneficial for further improving bilateral ties between our two countries. He said that Turkey and Pakistan are brotherly countries based on common religion & culture and Turkish Airline is planning to extend its services in Pakistan to provide best services to the business community and the public passengers. He assured that Turkish Airline will do its passengers. He assured that Turkish Airline will do its best to facilitate the ICCI delegations in visiting foreign countries for business tours. Fahd Waheed, Senior Vice President ICCI, Zafar Bakhtawari, Amir Hamza, Rizwan Chheena, Raja Imtiaz, Abbas Hashmi, Maqsood Tabish, Parveen Khan, Nasira Ali and others also spoke at the occasion and gave useful proposals to promote strong cooperation in aviation sector between Pakistan and Turkey. INP

Toshakhana case: LHC judge request CJ to form larger bench

LAHORE Lahore High Court on Friday plead the CJ LHC to form a larger bench to hear the plea challenging disqualification of former prime minister Imran Khan in the Toshakhana case. Judge Sajid case Judge Sajid Mahmood Sethi took up the plea filed by Jabir Abbas, a resident of Mianwali.

Advocate Azhar Siddique represented the petitioner. He argued that ECP is not a court and it cannot disqualify law-

Commission of Pakistan can take action on a decla-ration after 120 days not later than that, the appli-cant said. The LHC was asked to nullify the ver-dict of Imran Khan's disqualification in the Toshakhana case as the ECP narrated the constitu-

The plea further stated that if anything illegal has happened, the matter should be forwarded to the relevant authorities, and ECP cannot disqualify anyone.

After the initial hear-ing LHC Judge Sajid Mahmood Sethi asked the chief justice to constitute a larger bench for the hearing of the case. The ECP declared Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Imran Khan dis-qualified in its verdict in the Toshakhana reference, last month INP

89,600 cusecs water released

ISLAMABAD: Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Friday (IRSA) on Friday released 103,700 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 63.300 cusecs.

According to the data released by IRSA, the water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1522.02 feet and was 124.02 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 29,300 cusecs while outflow was

The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1149.35 feet, which was 99.35 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water were recorded 12,400 cusecs and 30,000 cusecs respec-

World needs climate finance alliance to cope with future climate catastrophes: **Sherry Rehman**

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman on Friday said the world needed a climate finance alliance to deal with the future tsunami of environmental disasters.

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Speaking at the 27th meeting of the conference of parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) Forum on Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region of the United Nations, the Minister demanded that a public and private financing system should be created at the forum to assist worst impacted countries due to environmental degradation for enhancing cli-

mate resilience and preparedness Senator Rehman said climate change events were on the rise in the Asia-Pacific region, adding, "This is a period of much-needed adaptation

The Minister underscored that the concern was how the world would protect its societies from the climate emergency. "We are at ground zero of climate stress," Sherry Rehman said.

The Living Indus initiative involved projects that would reduce carbon emissions whereas the project's objectives included ecceptation.

ject's objectives included ecosystem restoration, river protection and a resilient future, she said INP



QUETTA: Peoples shifting protestor of Balochistan Physiotherapy Association during hunger strike outside QPC.

SECP registers 2,361 new companies in October 2022

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has registered 2,361 new companies during the month of October, showing an increase of 17 percent as compared to the registra-

tion of last month.

The total number of registered companies was recorded at 180,996, whereas foreign investment has been reported in 77 new companies, said a press release issued by SECP here

These companies have foreign investors from Afghanistan, Austria, Australia, Bangladesh, China, Denmark, Iran, Italy, Jordan, Korea South, Lebanon, Lithuania, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Yemen, Tunisia, Turkey, the UAE, the UK, and the US.

Total capitalization (paid-up-capital) with regard to newly incorporated companies for the current month stood at Rs3 billion. In October, about 60 percent com-

panies were registered as private limited companies, while 37 percent excise and taxation department.INP

were registered as single member

companies.
About 03 percent were registered as public unlisted companies, not for profit associations, foreign compa-nies and limited liability partnership (LLP). Nearly 99.8 percent compa-nies were registered online.

The real estate development and construction sector took the lead with incorporation of 432, information technology 355, trading 279, services 234, food & beverages 93, e-commerce 92, tourism with 84 and education 83. Meanwhile, 72 companies tion 83. Meanwhile, 72 companies registered in corporate agricultural farming, 56 in marketing & advertisement, 45 engineering, power generation with 44, and 814 companies were registered in other sectors. As a result of integration of SECP with the Federal Board of Revenue and various provincial departments, 1,969 companies were registered with FBR for the generation of NTN, 81 companies with EOBI, 47 companies with PESSI/SESSI and 57 companies with excise and taxation department. INP

EFU enhances investment portfolio while tackling challenges

ISLAMABAD: The WealthPK has interviewed EFU General Insurance interviewed EFU General Insurance Limited's Finance Officer Manan Mehboob and discussed a host of challenges, including economic volatility, cyber security, climate change, and technological advancement, as well as the company's policies and strategies to not only address and effectively tackle them, but also to better understand the customer needs and save the investment portfolio. The following are the details of the interview.

the interview. Q: Economic volatility and cyber security have risen as serious chal-lenges. How does the company plan to tackle them?

A: The company is fully aware of issues such as climate change, economic volatility, and cyber security and has developed a number of ways to neutralize their affects. to neutralize their effects.

We continuously evaluate and modfy our cybersecurity policies and procedures to safeguard our resources and employee and policyholder data from external attacks. Under the direction of an experienced board of

directors (BoD), we have built up internal talents and competence that effectively handle economic uncertainties over time.

Q: How social interventions can impact socioeconomic welfare of stakeholders?

A: While maintaining successful company operations, our social actions have always been directed toward the economic and social wellbeing of our stakeholders. The resources that we continually deploy and investments that we make are what have an impact. While the company has proper health, safety, and environmental rules and procedures for its employees, it also participates in a variety of philanthropic activities and health-related initiatives for soci-

ety as a whole.

Q: Who develops the company's investment policies and how do you try to save your investment portfolio from the potential market risks

A: The company has a board-level investment committee that meets at least once a quarter to review the investment portfolio. INP

made new FO spokesperson Additional ISLAMABAD: Secretary Asia and Pacific Ambassador Mumtaz Zahra Baloch on Friday was appointed as Spokesperson of the Foreign Office, according to a foreign ministry's notification.

Mumtaz Zahra Baloch

She has replaced Asim Iftikhar who has been appointed as an ambassador of Pakistan to France.

ISLAMABAD: First Lady Begum Samina Alvi takes interest in exhibition of handmade crafts and

organic products titled Embroidering Dreams organized by Behbud Association of Pakistan in

ambassador of Pakistan to France. Mumtaz Baloch, a career diplomat, has previously served as Pakistan's ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Deputy Head of Mission at Pakistan's embassy in Beijing, Counselor for Political Affairs at Pakistan's embassy in Washington DC and as Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations, Geneva.

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At the foreign ministry, she has served as Director (America). Director (Security Council and Human Rights) and Director (Strategic Planning) in the Office of the Foreign Secretary. Mumtaz Zahra Baloch holds

Master degree in Physics from the Punjab University, Lahore, a Master in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, USA, and a degree from the prestigious Ecole Nationale d' Administration,

France.

Meanwhile, Saima Sayed, currently serving as Director General of Strategic Communications has been appointed as the deputy spokesperson of the Foreign Office.

Also a career diplomat. Saima

Also a career diplomat, Saima Sayed previously served as Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN, First Secretary at Pakistan's high commission in New Delhi and as Second Secretary at Pakistan's embassy in Paris.

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At the foreign ministry, she has served as Director (Arms Control & Disarmament& Science Diplomacy), Deputy Chief of Protocol and Deputy Director Europe.INP

'Thanksgiving Day' observed on withdrawal of appeal against FSC's verdict on interest

observed 'Thanksgiving Day' at every nook and cranny of the country Friday nook and cranny of the country
as the government has
announced to withdraw the
appeal challenging the decision
of Federal Shariat Court (FSC)
on abolition of interest (Riba)
from the Supreme Court.
Assuring all-out support to

this noble cause, they said they would cooperate with the government at all forums.

They thanked the government particularly Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Finance Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar for taking such a bold step to get rid of the interest-based system from the financial institutions of the

Country.

On the appeal of Pakistan
Ulema Council (PUC), Prime
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Ulema, Representative for Interfaith Chairman Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, Maulana Dr Abu Bakr Siddique (Islamabad), Allama Abdul Haq Mujahid (Multan), Qazi Mutiullah Saeedi (Gujarat), Maulana Asadullah Farooq (Lahore), Maulana Asad Zakaria (Karachi) and others welcoming the government's move against the interest-based system, said Pakistan was ready implement the Islamic finan-

cial system in the country.

They said the government's announcement had infused a wave of happiness in the entire nation and it was being welcomed not only in Pakistan but also in the entire Muslim coun-

They expressed the hope that the initiative would make Pakistan economically stronger

Pakistan abstains on UNGA resolution voicing concern over volatility in Afghanistan since Taliban takeover

UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan Thursday abstained on a UN General Assembly resolution that expressed deep concern over the volatility in Afghanistan since the 2021 takeover of the Taliban, and the persistent violence and presence of terrorist groups as well as abuse of human rights, including those of women, girls and minorities, saying that the text was "unbalanced and unrealistic". The 193-member Assembly passed the resolution by a recorded vote of 116 in favour to none against with 10 abstenrecorded vote of 116 in favour to none against, with 10 abstentions. China, Russia, Belarus, Burundi, North Korea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe were the other abstainers. The resolution, entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" reiterates its unwayering commitment to

international humanitarian law and the human rights of all Afghans Deeply concerned about the dire economic and humanitarian situation, it called on the Taliban to ensure the security of humanitarian workers there Also by the wide-rang-ing resolution, the Assembly expressed deep concern about the growing repression of fundamental freedoms and strongly emphasized the need to investigate allegations of human rights abuses in Afghanistan.It reiterated its serious concern about the continuing violence and the presence of terrorist groups such as Al-Qaeda and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) also known as Da'esh. The resolution noted with grave concern that millions



ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Umar Ata Bandial administering the oath of offices to Justice Athar Minallah, Chief Justice of Islamabad High Court Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Judge of Sindh High Court, & Justice Shahid Waheed, Judge of Lahore high Court, as Judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan at the Supreme Court.

launch Karachi-Sukkur bullet train project KARACHI: The Sindh government has asked the World Bank for financ-

Sindh Govt plans to

ing to import three hundred electric

buses for Karachi city.

The proposal came in a meeting between Sindh Minister for Information, Transport and Mass-Transit Sharjeel Memon and a delegation of World Bank led by practice manager transport Shomik manager transport Mehndiratta in Karachi.

The Sindh government and representatives of the World Bank also agreed to carry out a joint survey of the Bus Rapid Transit Yellow line in Karachi.INP