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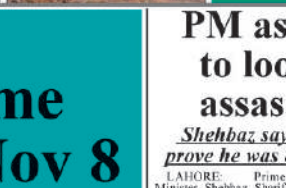
Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chief Imran Khan announced a resuming Azadi March towards Islamabad from November 8 (Tuesday), addressing a news conference at the Shaikat Khanani Hospital in Lahore. Mr. Khan said the Azadi march would be resumed from Wazirabad. "I will be addressing the march every day," he said. "We have decided that our march will resume on Tuesday from the same point in Wazirabad where I and I's others were shot, and where



Muzammar was martyred, Imran said. "I will address the march from here (in Lahore), and our march, within the next 10 to 14 days, depending on the speed, will reach Rawalpindi. Imran said that once the march reaches Rawalpindi, he would then join it and lead it himself. Imran 'welcomes' judicial commission but says fair, impartial probe impossible. PTI Chairman Imran Khan has said that he welcomes Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's decision to ask the Supreme Court to form a judicial commission for a judicial commission on the attack on his

long march but also said that a free and fair probe cannot take place in those he holds responsible to control all the agencies. In a press conference in Lahore, he said, "Shehbaz Sharif spoke of the judicial commission and I welcome this but my first point is that would it do? When all the agencies come under the three people I've named, who will investigate? How can we have an impartial and fair investigation? It can happen. That's why I asked them to resign so the investigation can be fair."

Quetta administration demolishes encroachments in Mian Ghundi



Quetta administration demolished encroachments in Mian Ghundi area on Saturday evening. According to an official handout issued here, the administration launched the anti-encroachment drive on the instructions of the chief secretary of Balochistan. Some members of the land mafia had occupied the land of the Balochistan Forest and Wildlife Department in the Mian Ghundi area of Quetta. The administration demolished all concrete walls constructed by the land mafia. "Encroachments demolished in Mian Ghundi area", Shahab Baloch, Deputy Commissioner Quetta said. He said

PM asks for full court to look into Imran's assassination claims

Shehbaz says will quit politics if Imran can prove he was connected with assassination bid

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has sought constitution of a 'full court commission of the epic court to probe into Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan's allegations that the premier, interior minister and a senior military officer are responsible for the assassination bid on him in Wazirabad.

Later, in a high-level meeting presided over by the PM, it was decided that in light of the Friday night statement of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the federal government would initiate a legal action against Imran Khan and other PTI leaders for issuing false statements against the state and its institutions. The PM had earlier in the day hinted at taking such action. Hours after Mr. Khan had addressed the nation from the hospital on Friday and once again accused the PM, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah and a senior intelligence agency officer of hatching a conspiracy to eliminate him, the ISPR had issued a strongly worded statement, rejecting the "baseless and irresponsible" allegations by the PTI chief against the military Web Desk.

Quetta: Investigation into Bhosa Mandi police encounter demanded

News Desk

Family members of the two alleged 'drug traffickers' killed in the Bhosa Mandi area of Quetta during a police encounter demanded a judicial probe into the incident. "My brothers were innocent", Haji Muhammad, the brother of the two alleged drug traffickers claimed. He demanded of the provincial government to launch a judicial probe into the incident. Despite repeated assurances, the Daily Quetta Voice was not able to speak to police officials. Although, police sources termed the two young men as drug traffickers on Saturday. The charge vehemently denied by the family members of the dead. Police on Saturday morning claimed to have killed two drug traffickers during an exchange of fire in the Eastern outskirts of Quetta, the provincial capital of Balochistan province. The alleged accused Fida Muhammad and Habibullah were killed in what police claim during an exchange of fire. "Police also opened fire on me and I received bullet



injuries in my legs", Haji Muhammad, the brother of the two alleged drug traffickers said. "I was in the Bolan medical complex hospital and police released me on condition of ending a protest", Haji Muhammad narrated.

Quetta police claimed to have killed 2 drug traffickers

Staff Reporter

Quetta police claimed to have killed two drug traffickers in the Khattiqabad Shabeed police jurisdiction. Police also arrested one alleged drug trafficker after an exchange of fire, a police official said. He requested anonymity since he was not authorized to speak to the media. Police claimed they conducted a raid in the Bhosa Mandi area of Eastern Bypass Quetta. During the raid, the accused opened fire on police and policemen quickly retaliated. As a result of police retaliation, two drug traffickers were killed, the police official claimed. Two drug traffickers, Fida Muhammad and Habibullah were killed during the exchange of fire. Police also recovered narcotics from the spot. Hairs and relatives of the dead men staged a protest demonstration against the incident. They demanded of the high-ups to raise notice of the incident and thorough



ly probe into the incident. The protesters were later peacefully dispersed. So far, there has been no formal statement on behalf of the Balochistan police regarding the killing of two drug traffickers.

Slow pace of development projects in Quetta



UK called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Finance Division

Renowned political figure Rahat Malik passes away

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: Renowned political figure, author and writer, Rahat Malik breathed his last on Sunday morning. Family sources confirmed the death of the well-known political personality. Late Malik was suffering from a protracted illness. Rahat Malik was associated with National Party, a Baloch nationalist political party. Former Chief Minister and the Chief of NP, Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, Senator Mir Tahir Bizenji, Mir Jan Muhammad Buledi and other party leaders have expressed grief and sorrow over the sad demise of Rahat Malik. "In their joint statement, the



prayed that may Allah bless on the departed soul and give patience to the broken family members. In presence of a large number of political workers and people hailing from various walks of life, Rahat Malik was laid to rest in Quetta on Sunday evening.

Syed Ali Shah Analysis
The pace of the development projects in Quetta is slow. Various suburbs of this provincial capital presents a bleak picture when it comes to development projects and the availability of basic facilities including water, education, health, road network, and sanitation. Billions are pumped by the federal and provincial governments to bring this city at par with other developed parts of the country, but with no tangible results. For instance, the dualization of the Sabzal Road, Sabzal Road is yet to be completed in spite of passing three years. Sabzal Road is yet to be constructed. Former Chief Minister Balochistan, Jam Kamal Khan inaugurated a portion of the Sabzal Road, which was really a good addition to the development and beauty of Quetta. However, a major portion of Sabzal Road is yet to be completed. Dirty water on the surface of the road and piles of garbage made peoples' lives miserable. Residents of the area have made repeated

appeals for immediate construction of the road. Chief Minister Mir Qudus Bizenji has also visited the road and directed the construction. Despite this, the road is yet to be constructed. This actually exposes the bad governance in Balochistan. **Action should match the directives of the high-ups**
Sabzal Road and other ongoing development projects in Quetta with the media and people. This will improve transparency and accountability. A viable master plan needs to be evolved to address the city's problems including on influx of people, new settlements, traffic, water, education and health problems.

PM dashes to Egypt Today to attend UN climate summit

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will depart to Egypt Monday to take part in the "Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Impaction Summit" being held on November 7-8. The delegation going with Prime Minister Shehbaz includes Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhatti Zardari, cabinet members and other senior officials. This summit is taking place as part of the 27th UN Climate Change Conference (COP-27). At the invitation of the Egyptian Presidency of COP-27, the prime minister would also co-chair, along with his Norwegian counterpart, a high-level roundtable on "Climate Change and the sustainability of vulnerable communities" on 8th November. PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The prime minister will also participate in other high-level events as a speaker, including the UN Secretary General's roundtable to launch the "Early Warning Systems for Executive Action Plan" and the "Middle East Green Initiative Summit" on November 7, being hosted by the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman. The prime minister is also scheduled to hold bilateral meetings with



several world leaders on the margins of the summit. COP-27 is taking place at a time when millions of people in Pakistan, and millions more in other parts of the world, are facing severe adverse impacts of climate change, the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a related press release. As a developing country most affected by this phenomenon, Pakistan would make a robust call, inter alia, for urgency of climate solidarity and climate justice, based on the established principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. In its capacity as the incumbent Chair of the Group of 77 and China, which is the largest negotiating bloc of developing countries in the UN system, Pakistan would also lead the Group in the climate change negotiations, including in thematic areas such as climate finance, adaptation, mitigation, and capacity building. It was added. The COP is the supreme decision-making body under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which meets on an annual basis to review and advance collective efforts to address climate change. As a main stakeholder, Pakistan would continue to proactively make positive contributions to the global climate change debate, negotiations and collective action, the spokesperson added. INP

Multivariate Aspects of Climate Change in Pakistan

The curse of narcotics in Balochistan

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

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

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

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

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

Syed Mansoor Ahmed

Climate change strains unbreakable challenges in the future. According to the World Bank report, Pakistan stands as a major climate change. The swif and slow fluctuations in climate change. The swif and slow fluctuations in climate change.

Climate Change and Agriculture in Pakistan. In addition, Pakistan is a semi-arid country. The local and dependent source of water is from the snow-covered Himalayan and the Karakoram in the Northern Areas, Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, and the Satlaj rivers flow through the area.

hazards by obstructing river channels forming ice-dammed lakes, which will ultimately cause GLOFs and pose threats downstream of the water. After meaningful analysis, it revealed that a surge between 1998 and 2002 generated 6 GLOFs Damages by Climate Change.

Meanwhile, rigorous exploration of the Anash lake of Hunza valley in Gilgit-Baltistan is the distinctive event to study the future threat of climate change in the lake of freshwater. The lake flooding displaced more than 6,000 people from upstream villages and inundated over 19 kilometers of the Karakoram Range 39 glaciers are responsible for ice-dam formation.



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The tsunami of price hikes

The coalition government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is struggling at multiple fronts. Leaving aside the challenges it faces on the political front, I just want to concentrate on price hikes and the rising inflation in this article.

At the moment, the government is struggling to cope with two immediate challenges: the revival of the economy and the devaluation caused by the unprecedented rains and floods. Both are equally challenging and important tasks.

On the one hand, the government is struggling to provide relief to 33 million flood-affected people in Sindh, Balochistan, southern Punjab and the Federally Administered Tribes Territory (FATTA).

Lust for power

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Beyond the charter of economy

The Charter of Economy is perceived as a minimum agenda to be agreed to by political parties, despite different ideologies. The process is that such a charter can somehow transcend the vagaries of political swings. This is indeed a noble thought. However, it may be an uphill task to follow through, considering this would essentially mean that all political parties contest elections on a common manifesto.

Institutional memory is vital in government. A thorough attempt to come up with a kind of Charter of Economy was made by the PMU-N and PPP in 2009, which I was honored to support in putting together. A comprehensive document covering all areas was completed after due deliberations, which is available on the shelves of the Finance Division. My comments, along with the other 18 Public Sector Development Program points, were included in the document.

It is quite unfortunate that, despite all these documents, the quality of the lowest crop yields in the region, its agricultural productivity is very low. The underdevelopment, and the sector remains vulnerable to climate risk and pest attacks. The intent of highlighting this record is a revised Charter of Economy.

down the water flowing past downstream. And could raise a deep impasse among the units for water distribution formula. In the end, it will ultimately surface the challenge of food insecurity in Pakistan.

The tsunami of price hikes

The tsunami of price hikes has increased the suffering and misery of the working class and the poor. The government has so far failed to control the prices of food, energy and utilities.

The rising inflation has created a cost-of-living crisis and the working class finds it hard to pay electricity bills and home rent or feed their families.

The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics data shows that electricity has risen as high as 123.37 per cent year-on-year while motor fuels increased by up to 81.34 per cent. The price of one unit of electricity for domestic consumers consuming up to 200 units has increased from Rs10.42 to Rs20.

The government has introduced the previous two slabs for consumers of 200 and 300 units and is now charging a flat rate of Rs20 per unit for 200 units and more than Rs24 for 300 or more units.

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Punjab IG decides to step down

LAHORE: Punjab Inspector General (IG) of Police Faizal Shehkar has decided to step down from his office, citing personal reasons on Sunday.

In a letter to the federal government, the Punjab IG Faizal Shehkar said he cannot continue discharging his duties due to personal reasons.

It may be noted that Pakistan Muslim League-Q leader Moina Elahi, son of Punjab Chief Minister Pervez Elahi, held an important meeting with PTI Chairman Imran Khan at Shaikat Khan Memorial Cancer Hospital, Lahore.



LAHORE: Vendors are busy in displaying secondhand warm clothes at their workplace in Container Market in Provincial Capital.

Mir Balakh Sher Mazari laid to rest in Rajanpur

RAJANPUR: Funeral prayer of the former premier Mir Balakh Sher Mazari was offered at Mazari Stadium in Rajanpur district on Sunday.

Later, the deceased was laid to rest in his ancestral town Rajanpur Mazari, INP.

Judicial commission needs to probe killing of Arshad Sharif, Azam Swati's issue: Fawad

LAHORE: Senior leader of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Fawad Chaudhry has demanded the proposed judicial commission to also probe the killing of journalist Arshad Sharif and the matter of Azam Swati.

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Country's bleak economy can't endure political turmoil, political instability: Iftikhar Malik

LAHORE: President SAARC's Member of Commerce and Industry Iftikhar Ali Malik has said that Pakistan is at a crucial juncture of time since its inception in the wake of COVID-19 and bleak economy can neither endure political turmoil nor afford political instability.

He said it is indeed important to increase our exports and for that purpose we need to reduce our cost of doing business so that our products can remain competitive in the world markets.

that all the sectors including the industrial sector should perform their national obligations and play their role in strengthening the economy while the government should introduce economic reforms and control the smuggling of raw material and finished goods.

AJK can be turned into model state by utilizing its natural resources: Tahir Khokhar

MUZAFFARABAD: Former parliamentary leader of MQM-in-exile Tahir Khokhar has said that Azad Kashmir and ex-minister of tourism and transport Muhammad Tahir Khokhar has said that by utilizing natural resources of Azad region, it can be made into a model state and poverty, ignorance and unemployment will be completely eradicated from the region.

various public delegations, former parliamentary leader of MQM-in-exile Tahir Khokhar said that Azad Kashmir has been blessed by nature with immense natural resources.

He said that not a single youth would have been unemployed, similarly, no government had allocated any position to benefit from the forests, mineral wealth, water resources, the political leadership has been using these resources only for their own temporary interest.



JAMSHORO: Vice Chancellor of Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) Prof. Ikram Din Ujjan posing for a group photograph team players during prize distributing ceremony of All Pakistan Inter University Table Tennis Girls Championship.

AJK PM appraises European Parliament delegation of IOJK situation

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of the European Parliament met the Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan in Muzaffarabad.

The delegation was briefed on the Kashmir dispute, human rights situation and the problems of the Kashmiri people.

and development has been going on rapidly in Azad Kashmir for the past several years.

LFK holds in-house discussion on 75 years of horrendous genocide in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD: The Legal Forum for Kashmir (LFK) hosted an in-house discussion titled "75 Years of Horrendous Genocide in IIOJK" in connection with the November 1947 massacre, also known as the Jammu Genocide.



LAHORE: Ireland women cricket team player plays a shot during one day cricket match between Pakistan and Ireland Gaddafi Stadium in Provincial Capital.

Kashmiri people will carry on martyrs' mission: Mushaal

ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Peace and Culture Organisation Mushaal Malik while paying tribute to the martyrs of Jammu massacre on their martyrdom anniversary, said that the brave Kashmiri people would carry on the martyrs' mission till they achieve their inalienable right to self-determination.

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RMB clearing arrangements to benefit Pakistan

BEIJING: China's central bank has signed an agreement with the State Bank of Pakistan to establish RMB clearing arrangements in Fikistan.

At present, the emerging markets demonstrated a low elasticity of demand for US dollars.

the UK pound, and the Korean won has decreased by 33%. The Yuan declined by 16%.

Govt should ensure disbursement of PM's Rs1.8tr kissan package to boost agriculture production: Shahzad Ali

LAHORE: Chairman United Business Group (UBG) of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FCCI) Shahzad Ali Malik has urged the government to ensure immediate disbursement of PM's Rs1.8 trillion kissan package.

He said that the Jammu massacre was the reminder of the criminal face of Hindutva forces, as scars of the gruesome massacre of Jammu Muslims are still fresh in the memory of Kashmiri people.

The Chairperson stated that on November 6, Jammu Muslims in huge numbers, including men, women and children were seemingly dispatched towards Pakistan in trucks but before they could reach their destination, they were attacked by Hindu extremists, Indian army and forces of Maharashtra.



RAWALPINDI: Propel are busy in buying warm jackets in Landa Bazar at Sadar bazaar area in the city.

Punjab IG seeks transfer of services as crisis over Wazirabad FIR persists

LAHORE: Inspector General (IG) Punjab Faisal Shahkar has requested for his services to be withdrawn from the Punjab government with immediate effect, as a deadlock persists over the registration of an FIR against an attack on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan.

In a letter to the provincial government, the IG Punjab had said that he can no longer continue to serve his duties owing to "personal reasons" and has requested to be placed at the disposal of the federal government.

On Thursday, the deposed prime minister had suffered a bullet wound to his leg after a gunman opened fire on his cotainer as Imran was leading the PTI's 71st Azadi March. While the police had on Saturday taken another person into custody in connection with the attack on Imran and other party leaders during their long march in Punjab's Wazirabad but the case of the incident is yet to be registered despite the



passage of three days. Earlier today, a relative of the PTI chairman moved an application to register an FIR against Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Raza Soomro while, the Punjab Police spokesman has condemned the PTI Punjab had expressed reservations about the names being mentioned in the final Super 12 standings and the deepening of rifts between the IG and Punjab government and PTI may also be noted here that yesterday, PTI Vice

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FAISALABAD: PTI leader Shah Mahmood Qureshi addressing to their Supporters during a protest in favor of their demands at Ghanta Ghar Chowk in the city.



Islamabad police revises security plan to stop PTI's long march

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police has delayed its lenient decision and has revised plan to stop the long march of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Taking to twitter on Sunday, the spokesman of Islamabad Police said Sindh Police and FC was being again called to the federal capital. People will have to face hardship in the wake of the prevailing situation and we are in advance sorry for hurdles faced by public, the spokesman added.

CM felicitates 381 passed out Rescuers of Sindh, Balochistan & KPK

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Feroz Khan Noon has felicitated 381 Rescuers of Sindh, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) on getting pass out from the Emergency Services Academy. He said that the Punjab province has always been performing the role of an elder brother for the other provinces.

CM Feroz Khan Noon in his message said that he is pleased that the Emergency Services Academy is imparting training to the Rescuers of all the provinces to cope up with accidents. He highlighted that the Rescuers of KP and Gilgit Baltistan played their important role in saving many precious lives on account of the training being imparted by the Punjab Rescue Academy.

He also congratulated 107 Rescuers for getting pass out along with launching an emergency service in Sindh as well. He stated that he is convinced that the trained rescuers will become a symbol of a sense of protection in Sindh like other provinces.

The chief minister underscored that the Punjab government is readily available to provide assistance to all the provinces of Pakistan through the Emergency Services Academy. He appreciated that the Rescue Academy is not only providing training and technical assistance to Pakistan but to the other countries as well.

Pakistan, Jordan agree to strengthen political, economic relations

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Jordan have reached an understanding to further strengthen bilateral ties in multi-faceted areas including political, economic and climate domains. During a meeting of Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Hina Rabhani Khar with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Jordan, Ayman Safadi, on the sidelines of 13th Annual Session of Sir Ban Yas Forum in Abu Dhabi, an agreement to this effect was reached.

On the occasion, the Ministers also exchanged views on important developments in the Middle East, South Asia and the Gulf region. They emphasized the importance of dialogue and diplomacy, as means to finding peaceful resolution of conflicts and disputes.

Unidentified body found from canal in Sujawal

SUJAWAL: Body of an unidentified man was recovered from a canal here on Sunday. After being spotted by local people, police took into custody body from Gung Bhatti canal near Mirpur Murr in Mirpur Bithoro district Sujawal. The body was shifted to hospital where according to medicals it was four day old and handed over to Edhi as could not be identified.

Arshad Sharif murder: Justice Paracha excuses to head commission

ISLAMABAD: Retired Justice Shaikoor Paracha on Sunday excused himself to head the Judicial Commission for inquiry into the murder of noted journalist Arshad Sharif.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had formed the commission to inquire into the murder of Arshad Sharif in Nairobi. "I have informed the federal government about my decision to inquire into the murder of Arshad Sharif in Nairobi," Justice Paracha said.

The mother of the martyred journalist had expressed dissatisfaction over the commission. Justice Paracha said that he was agreed with the Prime Minister of Pakistan that the Chief Justice should form a commission for investigation into the murder of Arshad Sharif.

PM's China visit to expedite construction of deep-sea port Gwadar: Meher Kashif

LAHORE: Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Meher Kashif Younis has said that expedite construction of deep-sea port Gwadar and other massive infrastructure projects on fast track under the CPEC which will ultimately help strengthen Pakistan's bleak economy.

Speaking at a seminar on "Pakistan-China Relations" held here Sunday under the aegis of Gold King Economic Forum, a think tank on economy, he said that during PM's visit, China and Pakistan have agreed to press ahead with a slew of massive infrastructure projects under the CPEC including

speeding up of the construction of the deep-sea port of Gwadar. He said, China is third largest export destination for Pakistan exports Meher Kashif Younis said that President Xi Jinping reaffirmed China's firm commitment to advance the building of CPEC and China will seek to further deepen the synergy between its development strategies and those of Pakistan and support Pakistan in its efforts to stabilize its financial condition.

He said both China and Pakistan also made it clear that the CPEC is an open and inclusive platform where interested third parties can benefit from investment opportunities in priority areas such as industry, agriculture and INP.

APHC-AJK renews resolve to continue martyrs' mission

ISLAMABAD: A roundtable conference was held at the office of All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir chapter in Islamabad, today, in connection with the 10th anniversary of Jammu martyrs.

APHC-AJK chapter Convenor Mahmood Ahmed Saghar chaired the conference while AJK Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdur Raheem Tarabi was chief guest. Farzana Yaqoob, Raja Najabat Hussain, Chaham Nabi Butt, Raja Parwez, Raja Bashir Usmani and a delegation of Occupied Kashmir Journalists Association (OKJA) also participated in the function.

The speakers on the occasion paid tributes to the Jammu and Kashmir martyrs and said the Kashmiri people are observing the day with a renewed resolve to continue the martyrs' mission until their inalienable right, the right to self-determination, is secured.

Netherlands dump South Africa out of T20 World Cup, India in semis

ADELAIDE: The Netherlands sent South Africa crashing out of the Twenty20 World Cup on Sunday with a stunning 13-run victory in Adelaide which also propelled India into the semi-finals.

In the latest in a series of upsets, left-handed batsman and Pakistan fighting it out for the left spot in the last four. Chasing 159 for victory after Colin Ackermann's unbeaten 41, South Africa faltered to end on 145-8, with Dutch fast bowler Brandon Glover retaining impressive figures of 3-9 in two overs.

South Africa started on a jittery note with openers Quinton de Kock and Tembe Bavuma out inside six overs with the score on 39. The left-handed de Kock hit a four and six but soon fell caught behind to Fred Klaassen, for 13, and Bavuma was bowled by Paul van Meekeren for 26.

But it was Glover's wicket of Rilee Rossouw that raised the Dutch hopes with the batsman, who hit the first century in this tournament, departing after a 19-ball 25.

The Proteas never looked convincing as Klaassen took down Aiden Mason for 17 and Dutch shock started becoming a reality when Glover struck twice in one over.

CM congratulates Pakistan Cricket squad on defeating Bangladesh

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Sunday felicitated the Pakistan cricket team for their victory over Bangladesh in the semi-final of the T20 World Cup. He played for the success of the team and congratulated the whole team for their performance.

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Senate chairman forms 14-member committee to probe Azam Swati's video

ISLAMABAD: Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani on Sunday named a 14-member special committee to inquire into the alleged leaked video of fellow Senator Azam Swati. A notification to this effect was issued by Joint Secretary Rubeen Anwar.

The special committee has been tasked with compiling and presenting its report into the matter within 30 days. The special committee formed includes leaders of all political parties elected to the Upper House of Parliament including the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), the

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CM accords approval to the Lahore Elevated Expressway Projects

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Feroz Khan Noon approved the Lahore Elevated Expressway Project and directed to launch the interchange Expressway Project from Gulberg to Babu Sabu at the earliest and agreed on the proposal to run electric buses.

The chief minister presided over a high level meeting which was also attended by former federal minister Moons Hah. The meeting decided to launch the Lahore Elevated Expressway Project from Gulberg to Babu Sabu as soon as possible. Taking in the meeting, Pervez Khan stated that with the construction of elevated expressway the map of Lahore will change in few months. He ordered a review about the prospects of constructing commercial centres on the sides of the elevated expressway. CM was felicitated by the Secretary of the Lahore Elevated Expressway Project, the expenditure cost of construction of the elevated expressway on both sides comprising four lanes will be Rs 6 billion and the first expressway will be completed from the east to the west in the Lahore city. The distance from Gulberg to Babu Sabu will be 10.5 kilometers. The construction of elevated expressway will save 20 km journey and 30 minutes travel time. The elevated expressway will be linked with 12 main routes including the Mall Road and the Afghan Road. The access to big hospitals including Punjab Institute of Cardiology will be easier through the elevated expressway. The male and female students will be provided transportation facility to reach their educational institutions including the Lahore College and the Kingdard College. More than 80 thousand vehicle owners will be benefited with the construction of the elevated expressway project. Former Provincial Minister Hashim Javed and the Secretary of the Lahore Elevated Expressway Project, Muhammad Khan Bharti, Chairman Planning & Development, Secretaries, GED, LDA and concerned officials attended the meeting.

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