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## Govt to table no-confidence motions in Punjab, KP assemblies: Zardari

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Former president and PPP chairman Asif Ali Zardari said on Thursday that the coalition government had decided to table no-confidence motions in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab assemblies.

The statement comes days after PTI chairman days after PTI chairman Imran Khan announced plans to "quit the cor-rupt system and leave all the assemblies". However, the PTI has yet to announce a date for the dissolution of assemblies in Punjab and KP, where the PTI is in power.

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In an interview with journalist Asma Shirazi on Aaj TV programme 'Faisla Aap Ka', Zardari ruled out snap polls saying that it won't "suit us or democracy".

"It's too immature

"It's too immature and too soon to say any-thing about the elec-tions. I don't think there is a possibility of the establishment forcing early elections," he

However, at the same time, he asserted that the coalition parties would contest the polls if the PTI succeeded in dissolving the provincial assemblies. "I will see how many MPAs Imran is able to get."

In response to a question about the tabling of

tion about the tabling of no-confidence motions. Zardari said: "God will-ing."He went on to say that the motions would be submitted "every-

"Even in KP. We have seats [there]. There are

some friends who have gone astray [...] we have to bring them back. We will bring a way in which they won't have to resign."

Zardari claimed that he had numbers in Punjab which were sufficient to throw out the

runjab which were suf-ficient to throw out the PTI government.When asked if Punjab Chief Minister Pervez Elahi could be reached out to again, the PPP chairman said that there was a distance between the two of them. "I made Elahi deputy

prime minister and gave them 17 ministries. This

them 17 ministries. This time they opted out themselves. We have bigger choices than them now."

'New army chief appointed on institution's choice'
In response to a question on the appointment of Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Asim Munit, Zardari said that the new army chief came on the institution's choice. the institution's choice.
"I told PM Shehbaz

your allies [...] we give you authority to use your constitutional power. Shehbaz is a good man, he could have not called us and selected the COAS."

The former president said that there may be some things that coalition leaders differed on but promised that it won't dent their alliance because "everything is irrelevant, only Pakistan is relevant" He went on to say that he didn't personally know Gen Munir. "He was the first person on the list [sent to the Prime Minister House]. And as per seniority, he was selected. "Zardari said that former army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa never approached him for an extension." He might have said it to the prime minister. I wanted to lobby for Gen prime minister. I want-ed to lobby for Gen Aamer, who was sixth on the list, but I could not because the situa-tion was not good."

Talking about the institutions' decision to

stay apolitical, he said that the army has walked ahead by staying apolitical". 'Can defeat Imran in

During the interview on Thursday, Zardari claimed that he could defeat PTI chairman Imran Khan from any

constituency "except for Mianwali where the Nawab of Kalabagh will stand against him" stand against him".

"If I get myself shot and gather 25,000 people, where is the popularity in this? He lost against me by 21,000 votes in Sindh. We can fight him politically."

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He alleged that Imran was "making full payments" and promised to hold him accountable.

hold him accountable. The former president also said that the government didn't try to implicate Imran in any case. "If he has to be held accountable, NAB (National Accountability Bureau) will do it. If he did sell the watch then a case would be lodged against him automatically."

He, however, stated

He, however, stated that he wasn't aware of any of Imran's wrong-

"Imran's game was bigger and is still big-ger. His game is not based in Pakistan. It's based somewhere else," Zardari claimed.

In response to a ques-tion on whether he could reach an under-standing with Imran, the former president said he could not "run after a man who keeps barking". Web Desk

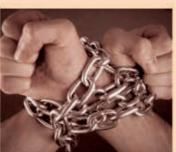


### Video scandal: Court convicts Hidayat Khilji to 6 years in two cases

Staff Reporter

A local court in Quetta convicted Hidayat Khilji involved in raping and filming girls to six years of rigorous imprisonment in two different cases. Police arrested Hidayat Khilji and his brother Khalil Khilji in the famous video scandal for raping. and filming girls from Quetta's Nichari area last year in December.

The judicial magistrate Quetta announced the judgment. The court also convicted his brother, the co-accused to three years of



rigorous imprisonment in the case. Despite repeated attempts, the Daily Quetta Voice was not able to speak to the lawyer of the accused in the video scandal case. Amid tight security, the two brothers were produced before the court and then the judge announced the judgment.

The court also fined Hidayat Khilji Rs. 5 lakh. However, Khalil Khilji was fined Rs. 3 lakh.

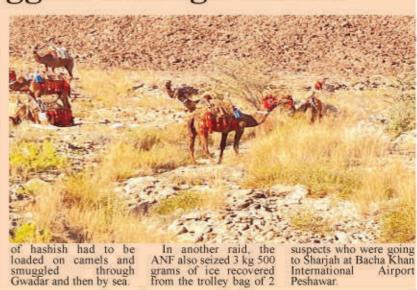
The video scandal was widely shared on social media and effectively reported by the mainstream national media. The Hazara community had also staged a protest demonstration for the arrest of the accused involved in raping and

### ANF seizes 1400 kgs hashish in Gwadar being smuggled through camels

Mir Salam Jogezai

The Anti-Narcotics
Force (ANF) on
Thursday foiled a major
bid of smuggling 1400
kilograms of hashish. The
ANF conducted a successful operation and
seized 1400 kgs of
hashish in a deserted
mountainous area of
Gwadar, the Spokesman
of ANF said.
Two suspects were
arrested during the operation. The successful oper-The Anti-Narcotics

arrested during the opera-tion. The successful oper-ation was conducted on secret information, the Spokesman stated. The accused were trying to smuggle huge quantities of narcotics through camels. He said 1400 kg



### to use his constitutional right. I told him we are In meeting with Imran, Punjab CM assures to stand by PTI decision on assembly dissolution

Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Pervez Elahi has assured PTI Chairman Imran Khan of standing by his side as the opposition in the provincial assembly mulls ways to over-throw the PTI-PML-Q-led coalition government in the province.

Khan — who called off his long march to Islamabad last week — has announced quitting assemblies across the country, including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab.

The party's leadership

The party's leadership, according to PTI Senior Vice President Fawad Chaudhry, has approved the dissolution of assemblies in both provinces, but the final decision will be made after further consulta-



said that it would not back The opposition — PML-N and the allied parties — has down from a challenge, but stressed that snap polls were

not in the country's favour.

In his meeting with Khan at the PTI chief's Lahore residence Thursday, Elahi once again pledged his loyalty and stressed that he "owed" the Punjab Assembly to the former prime minister.

Elahi said he would not "hes-itate for a moment" when Khan orders him to dissolve the assembly as he will keep sup-porting all of the PTI chief's

He added that the elements He added that the elements behind creating misconceptions in the camps of PTI and PML-Q would "fail again" as he slammed the opposition for claiming that they were in contact with the government's law-makers. "Imran Khan is indispensa-ble," CM Elahi said and challenged the opposition to table a no-confidence motion against him. "They have failed before and will fail again."

The PML-O leader said the opposition is "daydreaming" if

it thinks it can overthrow the Punjab government. He added that the opposition does not have the required numbers.

"If the Punjab Assembly is in session, then the governor's rule cannot be imposed. It is my honest advice to the opposition: please read the rules of busi-ness.""Whatever Imran Khan says, I will act without hesita-tion. Punjab Assembly [is a small thing], I will give my life for Imran Khan Web Desk

#### GRM announces to stage sit-in outside Gwadar international airport

Behram Baloch

Gwadar Rights Movement (GRM) announced to stage sit-in outside the Gwadar international airport to mount pressure on the government to acceptance of its demands. "We will stage a sit-in on the road leading towards Gwadar airport", Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman, the GRM Chief said

Thirty-six days have passed since the GRM protest and sit-in at Lala Hameed Chowk. The government del-



egation could not reach the talks yet, the Maulana complained. Addressing the protesters on the thirty-sixth day of the protest sit-in, the GRM chief Maulana Hidayatur Rehman said that illegal trawling and fishing has deprived commoners of their daily bread in the sea Many fish species completely disappeared because of illegal fishing: Maulana

It has been done, and many fish species have com-pletely disappeared due to the extinction of fishes, the Maulana said. These trawlers are the enemies of Sindh Maulana said. These trawlers are the enemies of Sindh bandits and fishermen and pirates of the land, if the trawlers are caught and brought to court, the lawyers' community should not fight the case of these bandits, he said He said that Awaran, Mastung, Khuzdar, Khadkocha, and Makran are destroyed, and the political parties are responsible for the destruction of these areas of Balochistan. Balochistan has been ruined by these same political parties and cruelty is reaching its these same political parties, and cruelty is reaching its peak in Balochistan, but no leader of any nationalist party has resigned from the assembly

What is the fault of GRM, he questions He said that intellectuals on social media criticizing the Haq Du Movement should first tell what is the fault and mistakes of the Haq Du Movement. First, tell us if it is our fault, he asked. If we are wrong, then they should not support us, but they should not become cowards themselves, struggle and protest. In the sit-in, Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman also announced a sit-in on December 2 in front of the Gwadar New International Airport.

#### 2 killed in a firing incident in **Bakhtiarabad Domki**

Nashad Baloch

SIBI: At least two people were killed in a firing incident in the Bakhtiarabad Domki area of the Sibi district on Thursday morning. Levies sources said armed men opened fire and killed two people on the spot. The assailants sped away on their motorcycle.

Soon after the incident, people of the area and levies reached the spot. The dead bodies were shifted to a nearby hospital. The victims were identified as local tribesmen. Levies described the incident as a result of the

The hospital administration handed over the dead bodies to the heirs after the completion of necessary procedures. Panic prevailed in the area in the aftermath of the attack. No arrest was made in connection with the murder of two people

#### 2 injured in hand grenade attack in Khuzdar

From Our Correspondent

At least two people were injured in a hand grenade blast in the Kathan area of Khuzdar on Thursday night. Levies sources said unknown miscreants, lobbed a hand grenade at Kathan bridge. The attack left two people injured. The injured were identified as Ali Hassan and Amir Ali. They were rushed to the district headquarters hospital Khuzdar for medical treatment. Police and levies reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went

### PM Shehbaz reaffirms commitment to eradicate polio from Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reaffirmed the commitment of government to eradicate polio from eradicate polio

Pakistan. According to details, the remarks during a meeting with a delegation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative Speaking on the occasion, PM Shehbaz said that keeping the political that keeping the political differences aside, the whole country stood united for a polio-free Pakistan and that the government would continue its efforts until the disease was com-pletely eliminated. The prime minister said that polio had been eradicated from most parts of the country except certain pockets which were being targeted through periodic vaccination campaigns.He said the whole Pakistani nation was thankful to the partners and donors, including Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary International, UNICEF and WHO for helping in polio eradication from Pakistan Besterating, the Pakistan Reiterating

government's commitment, the prime minister reassured unwavering support and commitment to eradicate polio from Pakistan. He thanked the delegation for its untiring efforts regarding polio eradication in Pakistan PM Shehbaz

also assured the delegation that the teams in the field were given high-level security and that Pakistan would never allow anyone to sabotage that national effort. The prime minister directed the Federal Minister for National Health Services, Abdul Qadir Patel to immediately visit Peshawar and synergize efforts with the provincial authorities for gearing up efforts to vaccinate children against the virus, particularly targeting those pockets in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa where that the teams in the field Pakhtunkhwa poliovirus was still present. Chair of Polio Oversight

Board and President Global Development INP

# People with disabilities stage protest outside Quetta Press Club

Manan Mandokhail

QUETTA: People with disabilities demonstrated in front of the Quetta Press Club in favor of their demands on the Day of Persons with Disabilities. Representatives of organizations working for disabled people also participated and carried out placards inscribed with various slogans demanding rights for the disabled.

Zia Khan, the leader of people with disabilities said that December 3 is celebrated as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The protesters demanded of the government to ensure the appointment of disabled people in government depart-ments and ensure the implementation of their rights. "Our effort is to implement the legislation that has been



enacted for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and to solve the problems because the persons with dis-abilities are forced to live a life of hardships which is edu-

cation", Mr. Khan stated.

Many are struggling with problems such as health and employment, while the Department of Social Welfare is not playing any role to make their resources possible, he said. The officials of the department are getting privileges but they give cold shoulder to the issues of disabled peo-

ple.

Make implementation possible and solve our legitimate problems Modern technology and assistive devices are being used for disabled people worldwide but in Balochistan Conveyance Allowance for disabled people has been increased from 2000 to 6000 Disability certificate is issued online.

# **EDITORIAL**

# QUETTA VOICE

# Disturbing scenes of flood affectees in Naseerabad Balochistan

Long queues of flood-affected people in general and women in particular around trucks carrying relief goods pain every sane person. Disturbing scenes of affectees trying to get relief goods have been witnessed in Balochistan's Naseerabad and Jaffarabad districts.

Floods wreaked havoc in 26 districts of Balochistan and especially the Naseerabad division was the worst hit area. Why do crowds suddenly gather around trucks and aid workers carrying relief goods? The answer is simple, the government and donors' supply of relief goods doesn't meet the growing demands in flood-hit areas.

Over half a million homeless in Naseerabad Division

For instance, floods left over half a million people homeless in Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, Sohbat Pur, Jhal Magsi and Kachi. Nevertheless, the United Nations (UN) aid agencies, international non-governmental organiza-

United Nations (UN) aid agencies, international non-governmental organiza-tions (INGOs), and governments provide commodities for a few thousand

people.

This has also compounded the problems of local implementing partners engaged in the distribution of relief foods provided by the UN agencies, governments and INGOs. Yes, there has to be a strong mechanism of transparency for the local implementing partners (IPs) when it comes to the distribution of relief items. tion of relief items.

This daily continues to receive complaints from flood-hit people in the Naseerabad division about the lack of basic facilities in the makeshift camps. Floods destroyed the homes constructed in decades, schools, health units and swept away roads and affected the communication system.

Balochistan needs a long-term response
The reconstruction process would definitely take more time. The
Balochistan government should take the lead in the reconstruction process
and the rehabilitation of the affectees. However, the UN agencies and INGOs
should also pump more resources since the aid should not be short-term but
rather long-term till complete rehabilitation of the affectees.

rather long-term till complete rehabilitation of the affectees. This process of long queues and humiliation should be ended and the locals of the areas and local organizations should be taken into confidence while framing any reconstruction policy. To be precise, the international community, UN agencies, and INGOs should not abandon the flood-hit people of Balochistan since they need long-term support.

### **Drinking Water Quality Status And** Its Sources Of Contamination

Due to intimidating increase in population and rapid-fire industrialization, drinking water quality is being deteriorated day by in Pakistan. review sums up the issues of colorful exploration studies conducted for drinking water quality sta-tus of different areas of Pakistan by taking into account the physicochemi-cal parcels of drinking water as well as the presence of colorful pathogenic microorganisms. About 20 of the whole population of Pakistan has access to safe

drinking water. The remaining 80 of opulation is forced to use unsafe drinking water due to the failure of safe and healthy drinking water sources. The primary source of impurity is sewerage( fecal) which is con-siderably discharged into water system es. Secondary drinking inventories. source of pollution is the disposal of poisonous chemicals from artificial backwaters, fungicides, and diseases from husbandry sources into the water bodies.

Anthropogenic condi-tioning beget waterborne conditions that constitute about 80 of all conditions and are responsible for 33 of deaths. This review highlights the drinking water quality, impurity sources, sanitation situation, and goods of unsafe drinking water on humans. There's immediate need to

take defensive measures microbiological contami and treatment technologies nation is the mixing of the common sewer with the to overcome hygienic con-

dition of drinking water inventories in different areas of Pakistan. domestic water supply. In most rural areas of Pakistan, surface water is Water quality: Drinking water is mainly used for drinking after slow sand filtration, and chlorination is not per-formed at filtration stataken from surface and underground aquifers near rivers and canals. Surface tions. In most rural areas, water quality is rapidly declining due to the addithere is no pre-treatment facility for water purification of raw municipal and industrial wastewater as well as agricultural runoff tion. All this deficiency is due to microbial contamination and poor water qual-Sources to the water source. When river water flow is at its maximum, it contains a highly concentrated sus-pension. Most rivers are Microbiological

long and thin and do not In Pakistan, microbial support aquatic species.

It is clear that these pollution has been discovered as one of the serious waters are contaminated with facces and need to be problems in rural as well as urban areas. This is due to treated appropriately to remove the contaminants for human consumption. In the leakage of pipe, pollution from sewage lines intrusion into drinking water supplies, and so forth. Pakistan, four major cities use surface water; these are Islamabad. Chemical Contaminants

Chemical pollutants that come from industries, soil sediments and agricultural

Contaminants:

runoff, i.e. pesticides and fertilizers, enter water sources. In Pakistan, the use of fertilizers and pesti-cides is around 5.6 million tons and 70,000 tons respectively according to gross profit (GOP) figures. These chemicals, usual-ly insecticides, leach into

groundwater by mixing with irrigation water and rainwater. Between 1988 and 2000, about 107 samples were taken from groundwater, and 31 samples showed clear pesticide contamination above the limits set by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and WHO. Another significant problem for groundwater in Pakistan is higher salt concentration, which is mainly caused by irrigation activities, salt dissolution in soil, seawater intrusion and chemical industries. Salinity affects major areas of Balochistan, and Punjab.

Wastewater from indus-tries and households has high levels of arsenic,

becoming a serious prob-lem. In the major cities of Sindh and Punjab, about 16% of people were exposed to more than 50 ppm of arsenic. Fluoride concentrations above the permissible limit cause problems in the main regions of Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh. Dental

By Aryal khan panizai

fluorosis is common in Sindh, Punjab and KPk Floods Cause Major Damage to Drainage System:In Pakistan, floods have created serious envi-ronmental problems. They damage pipes and eventually cause sewage to over-flow into water bodies. Severe flooding destroyed buildings and crops. All these substances can cause toxic chemicals and oils to be discharged into rivers, streams, lakes... and can lead to the death of aquatic organisms. Many chemical pollutants enter floodwa-ters in their path. Current severe floods (2010) and heavy rains have damaged

Human Health Impact, Due to the poor sanita-tion system, treatment, and monitoring, drinking water quality deteriorates. The presence of toxic chemi-cals and bacteria in drinking water causes adverse effect on human health. Due to the fecal contamisuffering from waterborne

heavy rains have damaged 80% of Nowshera, destroy-

ing 40% of infrastructure. The total number of houses

destroyed and damaged

# Transgender rights are human rights

Fiddling with the words of Virginia Woolf, I take the liberty to reiterate that the history of people's resistance to trans people's emancipation is more interesting than the story of emancipation itself.

Our lawmaking bodies have failed to uphold the rights of the people. The most tragic part of our human rights history is that most of the activism that has taken place in the country has been to demand basic rights. Even in the 21st century, the people of Pakistan ask their representatives to make laws for the protection of women, children, trans people and religious minorities; this is nothing more than a fundamental right as enshrined in the constitution.

At the moment, religious parties in the country have reinvigorated an old debate to resist the law related to the rights of trans people. The Transgender Person Protection of Rights Act of 2018 is a progressive law and is one of the few laws that has been accepted unanimously by the government and the opposition. It aims at giving right to identity, dignity, education, health and employment to the transgender community; which is, in essence, only a right to exist. The act exclusively defines the word 'transgender' which shall help mitigate the derogatory terms associated with people from this commu-

Most people are misinterpreting the law, leading to baseless allegations against the community. Many of them have perceived the law as advocating for and normalizing same-sex relationships. Some see it as a 'cultural invasion' by the West, while others are confusing gender dysphoria' with 'gender identity'. Some have irrationally associated the act with the collapse of the marital system in the country.

Our people's ability to build a rationale while linking an issue to a conspiracy is oddly enjoyable. These concerns are largely illusory. The words - or words synonymous to - 'marriage' or same-sex' are not even mentioned in the act. Little do people know that the prevalent transphobia in South Asia is a manifestation of an actual foreign conspiracy by the imperialist Great Britain. Gender dysphoria is being wrongly called a 'disease' when it is in reality a phase of uneasiness in a person's life whose biological sex and gender do not get along

Another problem here is that right-wing politicians are adamant to enforce their definition of the word 'transgender' This is condescending and an attempt to further patronize an already repressed faction of Pakistani society. It remains unclear why they wish to uphold the status-quo. Either their perception is blurred due to lack of knowledge or their resistance to the community is aimed as a populist tactic. In both cases, the will to reform the general perception towards the transgender community is nowhere to be found.

To make sense of the law and other purposefully obscured realities, it is important to shed some light on the crux of the matter. Almost all the people speaking against the rights bill are unable to tell the difference between the terms used in the act. The education system of

our country is equally culpable.

Biology is messy. Biological
sex, gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation are complex terms. Despite being distinct from one another, they interchanged often Biological sex is announced at birth. Biologically, people are either male or female. That is all there is to biological sex. Gender comes next in line. It is defined as the collective set of roles in a society associated with either men or women. Usually, the family of a newborn baby decides to nurture their baby with masculine characteristics if the baby is male or with teminine characteristics if the baby is female. People whose gender aligns with their biological sex are cis-gendered.

However, a person's gender does not necessarily align with their biological sex. The preferred term is 'transgender' This is in no way a disease or disorder. Transgender persons are also biologically either male or female - ie: they have naturally either male or female body parts. It is their assigned gender that diverges from their biological sex. This means that people who were biologically identi-

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The main cause of

fied as male can have feminine characteristics, or people who were biologically identified as female can have masculine characteristics.

Choosing to identify oneself based on one's choice of mas-culine or feminine genders is what this law is all about. In a first, a transgender person is being enabled to legally identi-fy their natural self. The Persons Transgender (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 and the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018 are two different doc-uments. By reading the former, any misconception regarding the latter can be cleared. Had the people read the two docu-ments they would know the backlash is unfounded

Having said this, every law, including this one, must be protected from being abused Various additions are still required to make it comprehensive. Those criticizing the law citing their concerns mus realize that just like any other act, this law will evolve as well More gender experts must be consulted to make a vivid sense of the law. The definitions of several other misunderstood terms, like transsexual and proare Nonetheless, the bill is a good start. If things go well, it will pave the way for transgender

missing inclusion in the legislative process. After all, transgender representation is necessary for the evolution of the laws perdecade are now happentaining to the community.

# limate affairs

cientists have clamored that human activity on Earth has calamitous weather changes we are witness-

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

turies.
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 circulawhich is carry 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 ing at three times that rate. The 2015 Paris Agreement 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-

effects of global warming. More must be done.
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 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 nowever, 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 foot-print. 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

occurred once every decade are now happen-ing at three times that rate. The 2015 Paris Agreement and last year's Glasgow climate conference were intended to bring the issue to glob-al attention and generate movement on the ground But current climate poli-cies are not sufficient to avoid the dangerous effects of global warm-ing. More must be done. Today, wildfires are raging in Spain, France, Greece, Portugal,

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# Thinking about a charter of economy

The economy is a way of creating and distributing wealth and opportuni-ties and is closely linked with the wellbeing of the people. The system of how the economy is organized determines whether the outcome will be wealth concentration or a more egalitarian or inclusive system. The state's responsibility to prevent wealth concentration is enshrined in the constitution. This should be the starting point of any charter of economy

History tells that reli-gious leaders, thinkers and philosophers have always promoted the concept

equality/'masawat Technological advance-ment has increased the productive capacity of the world to such an extent that it is inexcusable to have poverty and hunger anywhere in the world. On December 12, 1974. the UNGA adopted resolution 3281, containing the charter of economic rights and duties of states' But, it was more like a wish list. So, let's focus on Pakistan.

If Pakistan's vision is to create an egalitarian society, its goals should be to decrease income and wealth inequality, end poverty, uplift living standard, promote human development, end oppres-sion and exploitation of people, and empower cit-

Let's have a look at the main drivers of this agenIndustry: Pakistan is much behind in the race to industrialize. In the past, wherever industrialization happened, it was initially due to the state's direct involvement. The private sector also rose with the support of the state. In Pakistan, the private sector has neither the will nor the resources to take any initiatives. The state has to facilitate this sector and control the commanding heights of the economy. The textile sector accounts for 60 per cent of our exports, main-ly to the US and the UK. The country needs to broaden its product range for exports and diversify export destinations. Only the state has the resources, capacity and ability to get involved in

riskier ventures. Agriculture: it is the econd largest sector in Pakistan and contributes 21 per cent to GDP, employing 45 per cent of the total labour force in the country. By improv-ing this sector, we can uplift a large section of the population. According to the Pakistan Business Council, due to

outdated methods, the yield of five basic crops 50 per cent of the glob al best. Livestock and dairy is largely on a sub-sistence basis with poor yield. Horticulture needs more attention.

Water scarcity and climate changes are loom-ing challenges. Food insecurity is a big issue, which can also lead to social unrest. There is an urgent need to invest in technology, upgrade techniques, water infrastructure and new seeds, and strengthen research in this sector whose optimal performance will not only reduce the need for imports by producing items for daily use but

also increase exports. Land: it is a strategic asset for any country. In Pakistan, however, it is not only a source of food, shelter or various public use but also a source of oppression, exploitation and wealth and power inequality, leading to economic, social and politi-cal superiority of the landowners. Land ownership has created a class with a feudal mindset claims a much larger share in the coun-try's wealth, power and decision-making. It is a remnant of colonial times and it is time to abolish it.

Land speculation has driven land prices to a level where home ownership has become a dream for even the middle class. let alone the working class. Private investors prefer investing in land instead of technology and industry. The land mafia, which is willing to take lives over land disputes. is a result of this. There is an urgent need to develop a comprehensive land policy, keeping in mind future needs as well.

Human development: ver two-thirds of Pakistan's population is under the age of 30

mostly uneducated, unskilled and unemployed. Even those with higher degrees are finding it difficult to get appropriate jobs, this could be due to poor-quality education. Most of Pakistan's overseas labour force is unskilled. The educational system needs a complete over-haul with a focus on critical thinking, open mind-edness and ability to question existing dog-mas. With two million young people entering the workforce annually, job creation has to be made a priority. Without gender parity in education and jobs, any charter of economy will have little value Directionless, frustrated and angry youth is a threat to national security and a cause for social unrest rather than a promise for progress. Environment in 2018, the Global Climate Risk

Index ranked Pakistan as the fifth most vulnerable country to long-term climate change effects. The recent floods are proof of this. Climate change is a problem, Pakistan faces two existential dangers water scarcity and deforesta-tion. The most important area that is being neglected is public education to create awareness about citizens' role in conserv-ing water. We need to pay attention to reducing water losses due to unlined canals and wastage, conserve rain-water by building small

#### Dr Shahnaz Khan

dams and water reservoirs and make large water filtration plants to provide clean drinking water. Deforestation is a result of poverty as 69 per cent of the population is dependent on wood for daily energy source; this has been made worse by the population explosion The timber matia has been cutting trees illegal-ly with impunity and needs to be controlled. Labor policy one fun-damental reason for

As the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) and Inequality.org have docu-mented over the last two poverty is the below-subsistence minimum wage The concept of a living wage has replaced the years of a global pandemminimum wage world-wide. This along with state-sponsored educaic, billionaire assets have surged while millions lost their lives and livelihoods tion, healthcare and other basic facilities is the start-A new report from Oxfam dramatizes how ing point towards a more level playing field hundreds of millions of level playing field. Strengthening trade unions will help workers people around the world have slid further into poverty during this time period. In a detailed examination of the food negotiate better wages and other rights for themselves Taxation system and agriculture industry. Oxfam found that billion-Pakistan's regressive tax system is perhaps one of aires in that industry saw the most complex sys-tems in the world. The their wealth increase by \$382 billion during the pandemic. An emergency windfall tax on their ratio of indirect taxes has to be reduced to ease the wealth increase alone (to say nothing of their pre-pandemic billions) could end world hunger and double the incomes of 545 burden on people. The issue of tax on agricultur-al income has to be addressed. Many experts including Dr Ikramul Haq have presented proposals to improve this, but due million small-scale farm-

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# Inequality and hunger

eginning on May 24, the W o r I d 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.

self-congratulations."
"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

ered the In Tax We Trust

with more than \$5 million, 3 percent for those with over \$50 million, and up to 5 percent for billion-aires could generate upwards of \$2.52 trillion a year. That's enough to lift 2.3 billion people out of poverty, fund vaccines for everyone in the world, and deliver universal health-care and social protections for all the citizens of lowand lower-middle-income

countries. 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 salf-congraphications."

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 deliv-

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

demonstrations at the out-

skirts of the elite com-pound in Davos itself

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### Cold, dry weather expected in most parts of country

ISLAMABAD: Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. However, foggy conditions are likely to develop over plain areas of Punjab during

night and morning hours. Temperatures of some major cities recorded on Thursday. Islamabad six degree centigrade, Lahore eleven, Karachi fifteen, Peshawar eight, Quetta three, Gilgit minus one, Murree four and Muzaffarabad five degree centigrade.

centigrade.
According to Met
Office forecast for Indian
Illegally Occupied
Jammu and Kashmir,
partly cloudy and cold
weather is expected in
Srinagar, Pulwama,

Anantnag, cold and dry in Jammu, Shopian and Baramula while very cold and partly cloudy in Leh

Temperature recorded Srinagar, Pulwama and Anantnag one degree centigrade, Jammu ten, Leh minus seven, Shopian and Baramula

Shopian and Baramula zero degree centigrade. On the other hand the Regional Meteorological Center Peshawar on Thursday predicted that mainly partly cloudy, dry and cold weather is expected in most districts of the province during the next 24 hours. It said that light rain with light snowfall over mountains is likely to occur over iso-lated places in Chitral, Upper Dir, Upper Swat,

Shangla and Kohistan districts.

Besides, shallow fog in isolated pockets is likely to occur over Swabi, Mardan, Nowshera, Charsadda, Peshawar and Dera Ismail Khan dis-Dera Ismail Khan dis-tricts, as well as Peshawar to Swabi motorway dur-ing late night and morn-ing hours During the last 24 hours, cold and dry weather occurred in the weather occurred in the province, while very cold in hilly areas. The maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at different stations of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were as Peshawar City 24/04, Chitral 19/00, Timergara 23/04, Dir 21/01, Mirkhani 22/01, Kalam 17/-2 INP

ISLAMABAD: Brief session for Royal Saudi Naval delegation upon visit of

# NAB denies assets inquiry against Usman Buzdar

LAHORE The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on Thursday denied it inquiring into assets beyond means charges against former chief minister Usman Buzdar.

The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) submitted its Bureau (NAB) submitted its reply in an accountability court here over the interim bail to Buzdar "Usman Buzdar's alle-gations of the NAB inquiry in assets are baseless," according to the NAB reply.

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the liquor license case as per the law. Usman Buzdar has leyelled false allegation of malicious intention over the accountability bureau without any evidence," NAB said in its reply to the court. "He has no documentary evidence to endorse his stance," NAB replied

RAWALPINDI

Narcotics Force (ANF) Pakistan while conducting six

counter-narcotics operations throughout the country seized over 1,433 kg of drugs, 150 heroin-filled capsules, and 68 grams of weed and arrested eight accused, said an ANF Headquarters, spokesmen, here

Headquarters spokesman here on Thursday.

"Usman Buzdar was sum-moned but he didn't appear in NAB said

The bureau pleaded to the court to cancel interim bail to former chief minister Buzdar in

the inquiry.

An accountability court
Wednesday extended the interim bail of former Punjab CM
and PTI leader Usman Buzdar

The Investigation Officer informed the court that the NAB has not yet issued arrest warrant for former chief minis-ter Buzdar, therefore his arrest is not required at the moment. After hearing the arguments, the court extended the former

Punjab chief minister Buzdar's interim bail till December 13. "The bureau inquiring into the liquor license case as per the law. Usman Buzdar has lev-

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tered at respective ANF Police Stations under CNS Act 1997 (Amended 2022) and further

investigations are under process. ANF managed to recover 119 kg charras near National Highway Road, Hyderabad and rounded up two accused. ANF also recovered 150 heroin-filled capsules from the possession of three passengers including a woman soing

gers including a woman, going to Bangkok at Karachi International Airport

The force in a raid seized 11

kg charras from an accused resident of Mehrabpur, netted on

National Highway near Sukkur

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#### Punjab governor signs three bills into law

FIA receives

complaint for

legal action

against PTI's Gandapur

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Thursday initiated work on the complaint filed for a legal action against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Ali Amin Gandapur on his hateful tweet about ex-army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa.

A citizen had filed a complaint

A citizen had filed a complaint to the FIA to take a legal action against Ali Amin Gandapur over his 'hateful' and 'poisonous' tweet

against the ex-army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa.

The text of the complaint read that PTI leader Ali Amin Gandapur had incited public's hatred against the army by tweeting against the military command which was a violation of the FIA Cyber Crime Act

"Ali Amin Gandapur tweeted
"Who was he? He was Mir Jaffer
Bajwa". By uploading such a hateful tweet, he not only dared question the loyalty of the Pakistan's
army chief with the homeland but

army chief with the homeland but also hatched a dangerous ploy to incite people against their defence institutions," it added.

"It will be a weakness [on the part of security institutions] to ignore it," it stated.

"Ali Amin Gandapur should be brought to justice for spreading incitement against the military command so that no one can do

command so that no one can do such a thing in the future," it demanded INP

LAHORE: Punjab Governor

LAHORE: Punjab Governor
Muhammad Baligur Rehman
Thursday signed three laws passed
by the provincial assembly.
According to the official
sources, the governor approved
University of Layyah Bill, 2022.
He also approved Punjab
Protection of Women Against
Violence Bill, 2022.
He also approved the Public

He also approved the Public Financial Management Bill, 2022. The laws had been signed by the governor in public interest, the official sources said INP

#### Finance Ministry agrees to make payments to Google

ISLAMABAD: In an important development, the Finance Ministry Thursday accepted the proposal of Minister for Information Technology (IT) Syed Aminul Haque and agreed to make pay-ments to Google INP

### South African president faces threat of impeachment

CAPE TOWN: South African president Cyril Ramaphosa is facing a possible impeachment threat over the "Farmgate" scandal,

The president has been accused of cover-ing up a \$4m (£3.3m) theft from his farm in 2020, including kidnap-ping and bribing the burglars into silence. A leaked report from

an independent panel has found that Mr Ramaphosa abused his position and may have broken an anti-corrup-

He has denied wrong-doing, and said the money was from selling buffalo The panel's findings have been handed to parliament, which is set to examine them and decide whether or not to launch impeachment launch impeachment proceedings next week

Mr Ramaphosa is less than a month away from a conference which will decide if he can run for a second term with his party, the African National Congress (ANC), in 2024. The incident could be particularly damaging as Mr Ramaphosa ran for office on an anti-corruption ticket.

The ANC will hold a meeting with its execu-tive on Thursday, where it is expected that the issue will be discussed.

The Farmgate scandal rupted in June, when a former South African spy boss, Arthur Fraser, filed a complaint with police accusing the president of hiding a theft of \$4m from his Phala Phala farm in the porth-east of the country. north-east of the country

Mr Fraser, who is a close ally of former President Jacob Zuma, alleged that the money could have been the pro-ceeds of money-laun-dering and corruption, and accused the president of kidnapping and bribing the burglars.

Holding such a large amount of money in dol-lars could violate foreign exchange control laws Mr Ramaphosa has confirmed a robbery, but said the amount stolen was less than that alleged, and denied attempting to cover it

Some \$580,000 which had been paid in cash for buffalo was stolen from under sofa cush-ions in the farmhouse, he said.

"I did not 'hunt' for the perpetrators of the theft, as alleged, nor did I give any instructions for this to take place," he wrote in a submission to the panel's report. The panel concluded that there were many unan-swered questions, calling it a "very serious

Little information was kept about the man who supposedly paid the money for buffalo, it said, adding that he had still not collected the animals two and a half years later.

The panel also said it was strange that the money had been kept hidden in a sofa, rather than in a safe until it could be lodged in a

bank account.
"We think that the president has a case to answer on the origin of the foreign currency that was stolen, as well as the underlying transac-tion for it," the report said. It added: "The president abused his position as head of state to have the matter investigated and seeking the assistance of the Namibian president to apprehend suspect.\*INP



GAWADAR: The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) on Thursday seized a convoy of 10 camels loaded with bags containing drugs during an operation in

seized in Gwadar

Officials of the ANF said that they had received a tip about drugs being smuggled across the border.

Based on the tip, an ANF squad conducted an operation at the Kolanch area. The squad found suspects driving a convoy of 13 camels which were

laden with large bags.

However, during the operation, the smugglers managed to flee from the spot but abandoned their

While searching the goods carried by the camels, ANF officials found them to be full of drugs (hashish). The drugs weighed around 1.4 tons. The recovered drugs were worth millions of rupees on the global market, the officials

Russia's GDP decline

# estimated at 2.1% in January-October

MOSCOW: The decline in Russia's GDP slowed in October to 4.4% year-on-year after falling by 4.5% in September, the economy declined by 2.1% year-on-year in January-October, the Ministry of Economic year in January-October, the Ministry of Economic Development said in a report. The ministry also adjusted its estimates for the decline in GDP in September to 4.5% from the previous 5%, as well as for previous months. According to the document, in August, the GDP decline amounted to 3.5% (against 4% in earlier estimate), in July - 3.9% (4.3%), in June - 5.1 (5%), in May - 3.9% (4.5%), in April - 3.3% (2.7%). In March, the Russian economy grew by 1.5% (1.4%), in February - by 4% (4.2%), and in January - by 5.9% (5.7%). The dynamics of Russia's GDP are close to the predicted trajectory, the contraction of the economy is still projected at 2.9% this year. INP

for the year 2022-23 based on Composite Schedule of Rates 2018 Gove

Name of Schemes

(PSDP No.3844) Installation of Solar Street Lights at Main Road from Pat feeder Pul to Mursaleen House Dera Murad

(PSDP No.3845) Installation of Solar Street Lights from

Haji Juma Khan Lara to Sikandarabad Dera Murad Jamali

Operation Center & Cool Center Civil Hospital Dera Murad

(PSDP No.3850) Installation of Solar Street Lights at

Contractor/Firms for the works mentioned below: (Time limit 30" June, 2022)

Mandir/ Gurudwara Dera Murad Jamali

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Senior Assistant Director Local Government Naseerabad invites sealed percentage rated tender under PSDP fund

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence

in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan

Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work

Turnover of at least 10,000,000 PKR Amount (20000000 for S#1) in 03 subsequent previous years showing financial

capacity of the firm Procedure of Procurement: (Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure) Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 3% specified above in the name of the under

signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the

under-signed and can also be downloaded from BPPRA website: (www.bppra.org.pk) from the date of advertisement on

presentation of requisite documents. Tender Fee Rs.2.000f- of each work can be deposited in the Head Account

No. CO-2716. (Nonrefundable) Issuance of Tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 16" December

2022 during office hours on working days Last Date of Bid Submission: The Tenders must be submitted by 16"

December, 2022 till 12:00 PM. Tender Opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 01:00 PM Address: Office of the Senior Assistant Director Local Government Naseerabad. Other terms and

Khar called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. **Photographic** exhibition to commemorate diplomatic relations between Pakistan EU held

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani

BRUSSELS In com-memoration of the 60th anniversary of the estab-lishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and European Union, a photographic exhibition was launched in Brussles at an event organized by the Pakistan Mission to the European Union (EU) in collabora-tion with European External Action Service (EEAS). The photo exhibition that showcases Pakistan's rich history, heritage, architecture, tourism, sports, as well as

ment of Balochistan from interested

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religious, cultural and culinary diversity was inaugurated by the Acting Foreign Secretary Jauhar Saleem, who is visiting Brussels to lead the 8th Round of Pak EU Political Dialogue.

The inauguration cere-mony was attended by officials of the European institutions, diplomats, intelligentsia and media persons. In his remarks on the occasion, the Acting Foreign Secretary Jauhar Saleem noted the positive trajectory bilateral relations

between Pakistan and the EU and the growing partnership in political, eco-nomic and trade domains. He emphasized that Pakistan-EU relationship was a befitting represen-tation of the value of working together on global challenges— such

as climate change, food security and sustainabili-ty, which required a multilateral and interdiscipli-nary approach. The Acting Foreign Secretary underlined the enormous potential for further expanding.INP

Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates. TSE-222311174213 S. No. Name of Items E/Cost T/Fee Bid Security 1. Supply/Installation of Shed Houses 5.253M 1000/for Ginger Production (30' x 60' x 10') under the PSDP Scheme titled "Promotion

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Directorate General Agriculture Extension Balochistan-Q invites bids

from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2022 based on

of Gartic & Ginger in Balochistan".

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 2 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 3,677,100 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Power of Attorney for Lead Member of the Consortium. Affidavit of correctness of Information. Company Identification. Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure. Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR. Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 16 December, 2022 during office hours on working days. Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 16 December, 2022 till 01:00 PM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under signed at 02:00 PM. Address: DIRECTORATE GENERAL AGRICULTURE EXTENSION RANI BAGH SARIYAB ROAD QUETTA. Phone No: 081-9211500 Fax No. 081-9211506

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ISLAMABAD: Head of Office for Pakistan UN Office for Coordination

KARACHI: Karachi has ranked 6th among the cheapest cities around the world, according to Economist Intelligence Unit's ranking report for the Worldwide Cost Living (WCOL).

Damascus in Syria and Tripoli in Libya are among the cheapest cities in the world. Both face a number of economic and political challenges And Karachi comes

in sixth. But if you asked people living in Karachi, the rate of inflation has cut into budgets like never before. The cheapest cities

in the world are Damascus in Syria and Tripoli in Libya, Both have numerous political and economic difficulties. Karachi follows in

sixth place. But if you questioned Karachi questioned

residents, they'd tell you that the pace of inflation has wreaked havoc on their spend-

ing plans. According According to the most recent WCOL study, prices in the world's largest cities have increased by an average of 8.1% in local currency over the past year.

This rate is the fastest in at least 20 years, indicating a global crisis in the cost of living brought on by the conflict in Ukraine maintaining COVID-19 China's restrictions.

"New York tops the rankings for the first time, tying with fre-quent leader guent leader Singapore, which is back in pole position for the eighth time in ten years. Together, the two have bumped Tel Aviv (Israel; top last year) down into third place," said the report.

Together, the two have moved Tel Aviv (Israel), which took first place the previous year, to third position. Of the 172 cities sur-

veyed.
It was also mentioned that Inflation has been extremely high in Tehran (Iran), Buenos Aires (Argentina),

Istanbul (Turkey).

However,
Venezuela's Caracas, where WCOL costs have increased by 132% since last year, has the greatest inflation rate According to the report, the Russian cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg, however, have moved up the rankings the most, ris-ing 88 and 70 spots, respectively The local currency's value is being capital supported by controls restrictions,

and the conversion of European INP

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#### Chinese enterprises optimistic about Pakistan's electric motorcycle industry The report stated that

ISLAMABAD Chinese enterprises are about optimistic Pakistan's electric motorcycle industry, according to a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on Thursday

Driven by market demand and favorable policies, number national growing Chinese electric vehicle companies have come to Pakistan to invest and start their business, and local companies have also started manufacturing electric motorcycle products

industry insiders are confident that electric vehicles in Pakistan will enter a phase of rapid development in the near development to future According to Yousuf Muhammad Yousuf Shaikh, founder and chairman of Pakistan Motorcycle Council (PCMIC), Pakistan has produced more than 2.5

annually in recent years,

but most of them are older models. The elec-

tric motorcycle industry

will bring changes to Pakistan's motorcycle

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motorcycles

the significant break-throughs of China's new energy, Jialing Industrial Co., Ltd, China estab-lished a branch in Pakistan last month to focus on the introduc-tion of new energy pure electric motorcycles instead of traditional fuels Yao Zhen, the responsible person for Jialing Pakistan told China Economic Net in Pakistan is a country where motorcycles are the main means of transport.INP

industry, he added In the spirit of sharing a recent interview that

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### **Azam Swati approaches Supreme Court for** transfer of cases to Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: Senator Azam Swati on Thursday approached the Supreme Court for the transfer of all cases filed against him in Sindh and Balochistan for the controversial tweets he made against senior military officers

The plea was filed by his lawyer Babar Awan in which the federation, director general of Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and inspector general of Sindh and Balochistan were made parties. Swati, stated in his petition, that the federal agency arrested him in a false case. He added that multiple cases

were registered against him in the country Swati added that he faces a security threat when appearing for cases registered against him in different parts

of the country.

In such a case, the senator appealed to the apex court to order the consolidation and transfer of his cases registered against him in Sindh and Balochistan to Islamabad.

The senator also appealed to the court that the "operation of FIR's" registered against him be suspended till

his plea is heard.

"The Petitioner invokes Constitutional jurisdiction of this Honourable Court inter alia on the question of larger public importance and seeks the remedy of transferring all the FIR's at once place/jurisdiction to enable the petitioner to effectively defend himself," stated the petition.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Global Polio Eradication Initiative led by Dr. Christopher Elias, Chair Polio Oversight Board and President Global Development Program (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

#### Supreme Court to hear contempt case against Imran Khan Today

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court (SC) on Thursday fixed a contempt of court case against former prime minis-

ter and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)
Chairman Imran Khan for hearing.
A five-member larger bench, headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial,
will conduct the hearing on December
2 (today).

The court also issued notices to respondents in the case.
The SC bench will comprise Justice Ijazul Ahsan, Justice Muneeb Akhtar and Justice Yahya Afridi.
Justice Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi will also be a part of the five-member bench INP

#### 'Daesh has arrived' written on police station in Peshawar

PESHAWAR: Unidentified people have written 'Daesh has arrived' on nave written 'Daesh has arrived' on the wall of a police station in the KP capital Peshawar. The Mathra DSP said other buildings beautiful. said other buildings have also been wall-chalked with the same message. The writings about Daesh were done in the Pashto language by unidentified people Law Enforcement agencies are investigating this matter.INP

#### Man killed in road accident in Sargodha

SARGODHA: A man was killed in motorcycle-car collision here at near Langar wala bridge in the limits of

Sahiwal police Police said here on Thursday that Muhammad Naeem (55) r/o mouza Langrana was traveling on motorbike when his speeding two-wheeler collid-ed with a car near Lagar wala bridge He suffered serious head injuries and died on the spot. The victim was shift-ed to hospital while further investigation was under way.INP

#### IRSA releases 80,300 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD: The Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Thursday released 80,300 cusecs of water from various rim stations with an inflow of

49,300 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, the water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1508.53 feet and was 110.53 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow in the dam was recorded as 22,700 cusecs while outflow was recorded as 42,000 cusecs. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa, Guddu and Sukkur was recorded at 56,500, 38,800, 31,400 and 12,200 cusecs respectively Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 8,900 cusecs of water was released at Nowshera, whereas 2,000 cusecs of water was released from River Chenab at Marala INP

#### Woman, minor girl die in Karachi

KARACHI: A woman and minor girl died on Thursday at a flood relief camp established in Karachi's Malir district. As per details, a 60-year-old woman and 5-year-old Maria Khoso died at flood relief camp in Malir Karachi. They were displaced from Karachi. They were displaced from their home because of recent catastrophic floods. Both of them were shifted to a hospital after their health deteriorated, and later they were declared dead. The dead body of the woman has been shifted to Ghotki, whereas the minor girl's dead body was shifted to Naushahro Feroze. The flood affectees complained that people are suffering from different yiral disare suffering from different viral dis-eases and the government INP

### Police arrest 14 Afghan immigrants over illegal entry in Karachi

KARACHI Karachi police on Thursday booked 14 Afghan nationals for illegally residing in

According to details, district Central police carried out a late night operation and arrested 14 Afghan immigrants who were ille-gally residing in Karachi.

The Afghan nationals failed to show their Pakistani citizenship and relevant travel documents, police said.
Police have registered cases

against the immigrants under the foreigners' act and handed over arrested men to the investigating

authorities. In a statement, police said the crackdown against such foreign nationals would continue across

the metropolis. Earlier on November 11, Sindh Rangers and police in their joint action rounded up 122 illegal immigrants, who were attempting to enter Sindh from Balochistan.

According to Sindh Rangers spokesperson, the personnel of the paramilitary forces and police searched the passenger bus in a routine practice wherein they encountered the 122 suspects who, Rangers and police claimed, were Afghan citizens having ille-gally penetrated into Pakistan.

The Afghan nationals failed to show their Pakistani citizenship and relevant travel documents,

Police have registered cases against the immigrants under the foreigners' act and handed over arrested men to the investigating

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According to the OGRA notification, the price of 11.8 KG domestic cylinder has gone up by Rs139 while the price of a commercial cylinder increased by Rs535.

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Rashid claimed in her petition that the senator was arrested on political grounds
"Action should be taken against those responsible for Azam Swati's arrest," read the petition.
It added that his family was illtreated and a notice should be taken against this act. It also asked to ensure

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"We are hopeful that the chief justice would give us justice," she said, adding that she will also file a plea against JUI-F cheif Maulana Fazlur Rehman.

The PTI leader was once again arrested for speaking against senior military officers last week on Sunday from his farmhouse located in Chak Shahzad, Islamabad.

The same day he was presented before a magistrate which approved Senator Swati's two-day physical remand. The senator was once again presented before court on Tuesday and his remand was extended for four more days.

# **Dissolution issue: PML-N** waits for Imran Khan, Pervaiz Elahi meeting solve the provincial legislature Governor Baligh ur Rehman will ask Chief Minister Pervaiz Elahi on December 1st, to get fresh vote of confidence from the house, while with a break of one to two hours, the opposition parties' MPAs will file a no-confidence motion against the chief minister. The opposition parties in Punjab Assembly had earlier decided to move with the no-confidence motion and the vote of confidence on Dec 1 (today), to avoid dissolution of the legislature, according to party

LAHORE: PML-N and the PPP have decided to wait for the outcome of a meeting between Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi and PTI Chairman Imran Khan, sources said on Thursday today. The opposition parties in Punjab Assembly had ear-

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According to earlier reports, PML-N and allies will likely to use two options in hand to thwart a bid to dis-

#### DC bans protests on Khyber Road under Section 144

PESHAWAR: Deputy Commissioner Peshawar, Shafiullah Khan on Thursday imposed Section-144, to ban protests and blockage of the main Khyber Road by the protestors in the larger public interest.

A notification to this

effect said that roads were often blocked by protes-tors from different walks of life which create huge traffic jams on Khyber Road and the bottleneck effect was shifted to the whole city resulting in the blocking of all the main roads. This creates a nuisance and inconvenience to the general public. It said that ambulances carrying patients are also stuck in traffic jams caused by the blockage of

roads by protestors. The notification said following the judgment of the Peshawar High Court on the same issue and complaints received on the Pakistan Citizen Portal regarding the blockage of roads there was apprehension that the blockage of Khyber Road by protestors may cause a law and order situation.

The notification added that it was absolutely necessary to maintain peace and harmony to avoid any untoward incident and wherein the district administration is satisfied to take precautionary measures matter.INP

#### Raza Rabbani for joint parliamentary session to deliberate on 'terror threats'

ISLAMABAD Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Senator Raza Rabbani has urged the coalition government to call a joint session of parliament over the looming

terror threats.
Mr Rabbani has also underscored the need for making the Parliamentary Committee on National Security (PCNS) more effective which, accord-ing to him, would be pos-sible by "removing National Assembly National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf from its chairman-ship "The NA speaker cannot effectively chair the PCNS meetings due to time constraint," he said in a statement

in a statement. He said the state had been concealing facts despite an increase in the number of terrorism cases throughout the country, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. "The re-emergence of militancy in the shape of a banned outfit has made it clear that the state continues.INP

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according to sources.

KARACHI: The Sindh govern-ment on Thursday formed Joint Investigation Team (JIT) into the Rs3.61 billion land acquisition scam regarding the construction of the M6

Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway.

According to the notification issued by Secretary Interior Sindh, the JIT will be headed by chairman Anti-Corruption Establishment Anti-Corruption (ACE) Sindh.

The probe team has been directed to submit a report within 10 days after completing the inquiry, the notification said Meanwhile, the premier anti-graft body of the country National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has started its own investiga-

sioner Tashfeen Alam, who was involved in suspicious transactions of over Rs2 billion funds meant for acquiring land for the Hyderabad-Sukkur motorway project. The anti-corruption authority has also sought record of revenue officials belonging to Shaheed Benazirabad and Sukkur divisions Farlier the FIA had recomdivisions Earlier, the FIA had recommended putting names of the accused of M-6 fund misappropria-tion in the exit control list Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Sindh in a letter to the FIA Immigration Islamabad has recommended to keep the names of the accused in motor-way M-6 funds scam in the ECL According to documents, the National Highway Authority had released an amount of Rs. 4.09 bil-lion to DC Matiari for purchase of the land for the motorway INP

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ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salim Al-Zaabi called on Finance Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar in Islamabad.

### 'Role of Rural Women in **National Development'** seminar held

LAHORE: Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Meher Kashif Younis on Thursday said that sympathized investment in rural women, a major chunk of total population, can play key a role in enhancing national economic growth, eliminate abject poverty and abolish hunger in Pakistan

Speaking at a seminar on "Role of Rural Women in National Development" he said that majority of women are living in rural areas and their contribution towards national

development is extremely marginal. He said if we fully utilize this untapped vast potential successfully in a planned manners, Pakistan can make strides in every sphere of life that will help ameliorate a lot to improve socio economic complexion of women folk across the country.

He said government must make sure that all public sector entities engaged for rural uplift to deliver oth-erwise same task be entrusted to pri-

vate sector with full government sup-port which will bring revolution. Meher Kashif Younis said that one

of the most efficient and effective strategic actions to address these issues include empowering rural women, as the efforts and talents of rural women are crucial to countering

hunger and poverty.
Concluding Meher Kashif Younis
said China today has the world's
largest e-commerce market with sales transaction for goods reaching over \$4 trillion last year.

He said many well established sales platforms have been a pragmatic shift also for farmers and retailers who even directly sell to consumers with-

in the country.

He said Pakistan can benefit from Chinese experience and on the other hand can adopt its pattern to achieve desired results of economic prosperity as the survival of the country worldwide depends exclusively on sound economy.INP

### 1st batch of Pakistani literatures to release in China, fostering cultural exchanges

BEIJING: Two imported books from Pakistan were announced to be official-ly launched in China, during the recent-ly concluded Tianfu book fair in Sichuan, China. The book release will be the maiden voyage of Pakistani women's literature to Chinese readers.

According to a report of China Economic Net (CEN) two novels, "I Can Still Live Like the Wind?Pakistani Women's Writing" and "Ginat", are both

women's writing and Ginat, are both written from women's perspective.

They are the first batch of books imported from Pakistan under the CPC Central Committee's Publicity Department's 'Plan for Translation of Asian Classic Works'. The plan aims to assist Asian coun-

tries to deepen their understanding of one another, and offer a platform for nations to share cultures and gain insight from one another.

A warm-up forum titled 'Contemporary Women's Literature and Culture in Pakistan' was organized dur-ing the Tianfu book fair, aiming to help

the Chinese readers better understand

Pakistani culture and women's writing.

"As one of the birthplaces of ancient civilization, Pakistan has a rich history and cultural resources. These two books take readers on an exhilarating culture journey through the aesthetics of Pakistani poetry and literature.

The books can also serve as a gateway for Chinese readers to better understand.

for Chinese readers to better understand Islamic culture " Xiao Jianmei, Researcher from China Center for South Asia studies, Sichuan University com-

mented during the warm-up forum.
Deng Aili, chief editor of 'I Can Still
Live Like the Wind?Pakistani Women's
Writing' said that 'The stories in this collection mostly deal with ordinary peo-ple's daily lives in Pakistan, and the writing style is exquisite, expressing the observations and thoughts of modern female writers in Pakistan." She further stated that the book's pub-

lication aims to promote literary com-munication between China and Pakistan, and to meet Chinese readers' INP



Iftikhar and other lighting candle during a ceremony to mark World Aids Day.