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QUETTA: Former Chief Minister Balochistan, Nawab Muhammad Aslam Raisani formally joined the Jamiat ul Ulama e Islam (F) in the presence of Maulana Fazal ur Rehman on Wednesday evening at the Sarawan house. Other central leaders of the religious party and a large number of supporters of Nawab Raisani were also present on the occasion.

"From today, this movement, I am part of the JUI", Nawab Raisani announced at the gathering. JUI leaders and supporters welcomed the former CM in the religious party.

"Finally, we got Nawab Raisani joining our ranks", Maulana

"After a lot of attempts, finally, we succeeded in getting Nawab Raisani", Maulana Fazal ur Rehman, the Chief of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) and JUI said. He said the party was committed to protecting the rights of the people of Balochistan. He said JUI and Nawab Raisani made joint efforts to protect the Reko Diq gold and copper project.

Addressing the gathering, Nawab Raisani said he had cordial relations with the party when he was the chief minister of Balochistan in 2008. "We worked together to protect the rights of the people of Balochistan", the former CM of



Balochistan recalled. He said he would intensify his struggle for the rights of the people of Balochistan through the platform of the religious party.

Zafarullah Zehri, Aman Notezai and Ghulam Dastagir Badini also joined JUI

Former home minister, Mir Zafarullah Zehri, and former provincial ministers Amanullah Notezai and Haji Ghulam Dastagir Badini have

also joined the JUI and the formal announcement in this regard would be made soon.

This is for the first time that such a large number of electables from Baloch-dominated areas of Balochistan are joining the religious party. "We will be forming the government in Balochistan", Maulana Ghafoor Hyderi, the central secretary general of the religious party predicted while addressing the gathering.

JUI has always supported coalition governments in Balochistan and this is for the first time that a large number of electables are joining the party.

Statue of Benazir Bhutto removed in Quetta after criticism on media

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QUETTA: Statue of Benazir Bhutto, the former prime minister and chairperson of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) was removed after criticism on social media. The statue of BB Shaheed was installed at the Benazir Bhutto park in Quetta. On Wednesday, a large number of PPP supporters gathered and removed the sculpture because of its substandard quality.

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This sculpture hurt the sentiments and feelings of PPP supporters, Sarbuland Jomezai, the PPP leader said. He said the government had to review its quality and formation before installing it at the Shaheed BB park. Those installing sub-standard statues should be identified and action should be taken against them, Sardar Sarbuland Jomezai demanded.

Pakistan People's Party will soon build and install a new statue of martyred democracy Ms. Benazir Bhutto, talking to journalists.



Statue of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto was removed

The statue of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto was removed due to non-standard and lack of suitable color, Provincial Secretary Information Sardar Sarbuland Jomezai said.

The sculpture of the BB shaheed was widely shared on social media networks including Twitter and Facebook. People lashed out at the responsible people for installing the sculpture with low standards.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar called on President Dr Arif Alvi here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Father of 54 children passes away in Noshki Balochistan

Haji Tayyab Yallanzai

The Head of the largest family and a father of 54 children breathed his last in Balochistan's Noshki on Wednesday. Haji Abdul Majeed Mengal breathed his last because of a cardiac attack in Noshki. Mengal had married six wives two of his wives died and four are alive.

Mengal was shifted to the district headquarters hospital Noshki for medical treatment. However, he died prior to reaching the hospital.

12 out of a total of 54 children of Haji Abdul Majeed Mengal had died due to malnutrition. Currently, 42 children are alive.

Among Abdul Majeed's children, 22 are boys and 20 are girls.



with his children: Photo courtesy BBC Urdu

Noshki is located 130 km West of Quetta, Pakistan's Southwestern city. The largest family and its head Abdul Majeed Mengal came into the limelight when the national census 2017 kicked off. The census officials got astonished after seeing the number of Haji Abdul Majeed Mengal's family members.

Earlier, it was Jan Muhammad who was the father of 36 children in Quetta.

Court declares e-bidding essential for tenders above Rs.5 crore in Balochistan

Syed Kaleem Shah

QUETTA: The Balochistan High Court BHC on Wednesday declared e-bidding essential for tenders worth more than rupees 5 crore. The court suspended a notification by the finance department on November 18 in this regard. A division bench of the BHC comprising Mr. Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar and Mr. Justice Iqbal Ahmed Kasi passed this order on a petition filed by senior lawyer Ishaq

Nasar Advocate on behalf of the contractors association.

The court also directed the Chief Secretary Balochistan, Additional Chief Secretary (Development), Secretary of Finance and other concerned authorities to appear before the court and explain the November 18 notification in this respect.

Ishaq Nasir Advocate said that after the amendment of Section 11-A of Baluchistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014, the e-bidding process of proj-



ects estimated at Rs 5 crore and above has started from 1st July 2022 in order to improve governance, Management, transparency, accountability

and quality of public procurement, goods and services can be improved, but Finance Department Baluchistan issued a notification number

procurement 2-1/e-procurement/2022-23/854-797 FD on 18 November 2022.

As per the finance department's notification e-bidding of 5 crore rupees and above was abolished and it was replaced by manual bidding and e-bidding for contracts up to 50 crore rupees and above this amount was kept as a condition of certain mafias instead of public interest. It is an attempt to benefit the blue-eyed contractors, the counsel for the construction association concluded.

Asked Dar to make efforts for 'reconciliation' between govt, PTI: President Alvi

President Dr Arif Alvi forwarded on Wednesday the idea of talks between the PTI and the government in his meetings with Finance Minister Ishaq Dar.

In an interview with ARY News, the president said: "We talked about this matter (possibility of early elections). It is possible he says something if his party agrees to it. I gave him some suggestions."

Alvi's statement comes a day after PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry revealed that "informal communications" between his party and the federal government, pertaining to the snap elections, had begun.

It is pertinent to mention that

last week PTI chief Imran Khan gave the federal government an ultimatum to either "sit and talk and give a date for the general elections" or "we will dissolve the assemblies".

Earlier today, a statement from the Aiwan-e-Sadr said that Dar called on President Alvi today and discussed various matters concerning the economy, finance, and the rehabilitation of flood affectees.

According to the press release, Dar briefed the president about steps taken by the incumbent government to provide relief to the most vulnerable segments of society, especially those who were underprivileged or affected by

this year's destructive floods.

Elaborating on his meetings with the finance minister in the interview later, Alvi said that he encouraged meetings between the opposing camps in which "everything can be discussed, including early elections as well".

He said it was necessary for him to continue efforts on keeping people together as the president.

President Alvi said that Dar had a "talent for reconciliation" — referring to his efforts during the PTI's 2014 sit-in — and that was why he had asked the finance minister to make similar efforts again since he had a "reputation of trying to bring things together".

"I think positive [outcomes] will be achieved."

The president said that political temperatures would come down if talks began. He also elaborated on other matters discussed with the finance minister, saying that Dar had proposed import restrictions to which Alvi said he in turn suggested energy conservation measures. Alvi said he discussed the military's recent distancing from politics with Dar and how the development only meant greater responsibility for politicians.

"Take steps while considering this responsibility and don't create problems so someone develops second thoughts." Web Desk

Pakistan projected to be among largest economies in the world by 2075: Goldman Sachs

A research paper published by Goldman Sachs on Tuesday projected Pakistan to be the sixth largest economy in the world by 2075 given "appropriate policies and institutions" are in place.

Authored by economists Kevin Daly and Tadas Gedminas and titled "The Path to 2075", the paper projected that the five largest economies by 2075 will be China, India, the US, Indonesia and Nigeria.

Goldman Sachs has been projecting long-term growth of countries for almost two decades now, initially starting out with BRICs economies but later expanding to cover 70 emerging and developed economies.

Their latest paper covers 104 countries with projections going as far as 2075

Pakistan's future star status is predicted on the back of its population growth, which along with Egypt and Nigeria, could place it among the largest economies in the world in the next 50 years, according to Goldman Sachs.

By that time, the research projects Pakistan's Real GDP to have grown to \$12.7 trillion and its GDP per capita to \$27,100.



These numbers, however, are projected to be less than a third of the size of China, India and the US. India's Real GDP in 2075 is projected at \$52.5 trillion and per capita GDP at \$31,300.

Among key risks to their projections, the economists particularly highlight "environmental catastrophe" and "populist nationalism".

Unless a path to sustainable growth is ensured through a globally coordinated response, climate change could heavily skew these projections, particularly for countries like Pakistan, with geographies that are especially vulnerable. With populist nationalists coming to power in many countries, the report says it might lead to increased protectionism that could potentially result in the reversal of globalisation, thereby increasing income inequality across countries.

Global growth on a declining path

The paper notes that global growth has slowed from an average of 3.6 per cent per year in the past 10 years to 3.2pc, and the slowdown has been relatively broad-based.

They project global growth will average 2.8pc between 2024 and 2029 and will be on a gradually declining path. Web Desk

