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Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves fall below \$3bn

Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves held by the central bank decreased by \$170 million to \$2.9 billion in the week ending on February 3, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said on Thursday.

Pakistan finally 'reaches agreement' with IMF

The country is locked in negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to release much-needed money under a stalled bailout programme.

A successful outcome with the IMF would also help to release money from other platforms that are looking for a greenlight from the lender.

The SBP handout issued today said that the decrease was due to "external debt payments".

Meanwhile, net foreign reserves held by commercial banks stood at \$5.6bn, bringing the country's total liquid foreign reserves to \$8.5bn.

Arif Habib Ltd calculated that reserves were at their lowest since February 2014 and cover a little more than two weeks of imports.

Matters between government and IMF were expected to be settled today, Dar

Earlier in the day, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said that matters between the government and the IMF were expected to be settled today.



IMF's 9th review of its Extended Fund Facility

Cash-strapped Pakistan has been holding talks with

the IMF in a bid to unlock funds from a \$7 billion bailout designed to ward off an economic meltdown. The talks are meant to clear the IMF's 9th review of its Extended Fund Facility, aimed at helping countries with balance-of-payments crises. The lender had set several conditions for resuming the bailout, including a market-determined exchange rate for the local currency and an easing of fuel subsidies. The central bank recently removed a cap on exchange rates and the government raised fuel prices by 16 per cent. Web Desk

First woman chairperson elected in Balochistan LGs elections

Sheikh Razaq

For the first time in the history of local government elections, the first woman chairperson has been elected in Balochistan. Dr. Durroshum Ayesha Khan was elected as the chairperson from Balochistan's Naseerabad district. Election Commission source say she was elected as chairperson on union council 25 Naseerabad.



Dr. Durroshum Khan took oath as chairperson of UC earlier

Earlier, Dr Durroshum Khan took oath and submitted nomination papers for the slot of chairperson of the union council Naseerabad. However, no contestant appeared to contest the slot and subsequently she was elected unopposed.

Parliamentary Secretary Law and

Parliamentary Affairs Balochistan Dr Rubaba Khan Buledi, Sardar Behram Khan Buledi and other notables of the district were also present during the oath taking ceremony held at Dera Murad Jamali, the headquarter of Naseerabad division.

She expressed the resolve to address education and health issues in the area

Talking to newly sworn-in councillors, Chairperson Dr. Durroshum Khan reiterated her resolve to ensure the best medical, health

and sanitation facilities to the local population of her union council. She said that local government system is the basic unit in the democratic governments wherein the issues of the people are resolved by local government representatives on gross root level.

"Parliamentary Secretary Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr Rubaba is my role model in the politics and social work," she said, expressing her resolve to serve people of her constituency with same zeal and vigour. It merits mentioning here that newly-elected chairperson is health graduate and passed Dars-e-Nizami from wifaquq Madaris.

Speculation on social media regarding army chief visiting US 'baseless': ISPR

Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Director General (DG) Major General Ahmed Sharif said on Thursday there was "baseless speculation on social media" that Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir was visiting the United States.

In a statement on Twitter, the military's spokesperson said that the army chief was on an official visit to the United Kingdom from Feb 5 to Feb 10 in connection with the fifth Pakistan-UK Stabilisation Conference.



He added that the conference was a "bi-annual event for military to military cooperation between the two countries". "Senior Pakistan military leadership has been participat-

ing in the event since 2016," the ISPR DG said.

COAS Munir arrived in the UK on Sunday. At the time, Dawn reported that he would attend meetings on defence-related issues, being held between February 5 and 9.

It was also reported that Gen Munir was in London to attend a conference at Wilton Park, an executive agency created by the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office to foster open dialogue between governments. Web Desk

RO Dera Bugti convoy attacked, one levies man killed

Mir Salam Jozegai

The convoy of the Retaining Officer (RO) Dera Bugti was attacked by an unknown accused in the Phelawagh area on Thursday. According to the initial reports of the incident, one Levies personnel was killed while three others were left injured.

Levies sources told that the injured were shifted to Dera Bugti Headquarters Hospital so that they can get timely treatment. "After first aid, the patients were shifted to Welfare Hospital Sui",



a senior administration official told Daily Quetta Voice. This incident has come on the eve of the election of chairmen and vice chairmen of municipal committees in Dera Bugti and other districts of Balochistan. Levies officials reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack.

Bilawal welcomes Nong Rong's appointment as Chinese Assistant Minister

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has welcomed the appointment of former Chinese ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong as the Chinese Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs. Speaking to Gwadar Pro, the FM said Ambassador Nong Rong played a great role in bringing Pakistan and China even closer during his tenure as the Chinese ambassador to Pakistan.

"I am sure Ambassador Nong Rong will perform exceptionally as the Chinese Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs. He is a really competent man," the FM mentioned. Bilawal Bhutto said his interactions with Nong Rong were positive and productive in the recent months.

The FM underlined that Pakistan and China were Iron Brothers and will continue to boost cooperation in all fields. He highlighted the present government's commitment towards the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and completion of the CPEC projects on time. Earlier, the State Council of China announced that Nong Rong, former Chinese ambassador to Pakistan, had been appointed Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Nong Rong was previously appointed Chinese ambassador to Pakistan in 2020. He held a farewell reception. INP

Cooperation among IPU states vital to promote peace, democracy: President

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday said that enhancing parliamentary cooperation among the member countries of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) holds key importance for promoting peace, democracy and sustainable development around the world.

While talking to the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Duarte Pacheco who called on him at President House, he reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to IPU's mission to work for peace, democracy, human



rights, youth empowerment and sustainable development through political dialogue and parliamentary action.

President Alvi said that parliamentarians could play a significant role in promoting international peace and conflict resolu-

tion. He emphasized that the world collectively needed to take steps to stop wars and bring peace to the world. He urged that parliamentarians of the world should work for global peace and prosperity. The president briefed the visiting dignitary about the contribution made by Pakistan in the war against terror. He said that Pakistan had lost thousands of people and security forces, besides suffering economic losses of over \$100 billion while fighting a long battle against terrorist elements. INP

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Maryam Nawaz alleges PTI chief of depriving KP people of development

ABBOTTABAD: Chief Organizer and Vice President Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Maryam Nawaz has alleged that Chairman PTI Imran Khan despite 10-year rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) failed to deliver and deprived the people of province of development.

Addressing a massive workers' convention organized in Abbottabad on Thursday, she said that the former PTI government to protect its loot and plunders had closed down its own created Ehtasab Commission.

Maryam Nawaz said that Bus Rapid Transit



(BRT) project was constructed on huge cost of Rs128 billion while on the same amount PML-N had constructed 4 metro bus projects. She blamed that during PTI's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, instead to make plantations under billion trees Afforestation Project, the forests in the province were cut ruthlessly. Imran Khan had neither completed 350 dams nor honored his promise of providing jobs to 10 million people, she said adding that unemployment were significantly increased in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the tenure of PTI. INP

