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Barkhan incident: Khetran handed over to crimes branch police on remand

Staff Reporter

A Quetta court granted 10-day physical remand of Balochistan Minister, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran to the Crimes Branch Police on Thursday evening.

Police arrested the minister in connection with the triple murder in the Barkhan district of Balochistan the other day.

Khetran produced before the court amid tight security

Amid tight security, the minister was produced before a judicial magistrate in the district court Quetta. The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Crimes Branch, Wazir Khan Nasar, and other senior police officers also appeared before the court and sought the remand of the minister.

The judge granted a 10-day remand of the minister to the Crimes Branch Police in connection with the Barkhan incident.

Heirs of the victims had accused the Balochistan minister of killing the victims. The charge was vehemently



denied by the minister. "This is an attempt to tarnish my political image", Sardar Khetran told reporters.

Protest continues for the third day

Heirs, Marri Itehad and members of various political parties and civil society kept continued their protest against the triple murder in the Red Zone of Quetta for the third consecutive day. Khan Muhammad Marri, the heir of the victims also participated in the protest

demonstration. "I want justice", Mr. Marri who once used to be the private security guard of Sardar Khetran demanded.

Senator Mushtaq of JI reaches a protest demonstration

Various political leaders also joined the ongoing protest against the Barkhan incident and announced supporting the protesters. Senator Mushtaq of the

Jamaat e Islami (JI) also joined the protest demonstration and delivered a stormy speech.

"There should be no private jails in Balochistan and across Pakistan", the Senator said. He said the FIR should be lodged as per the satisfaction and demand of the heirs of the victims.

Senator Mushtaq demanded a fair and transparent investigation into the incident. "JI stands by the protesters in this hour of grief and sorrow", the Senator announced.

Govt committed to conduct impartial inquiry of Barkhan incident: Bizenjo

News Desk:

Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Qudoos Bizenjo said that the Balochistan government is committed to conducting an impartial inquiry into the Barkhan incident. This statement was revealed by the Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Balochistan, Imran Gichki during his meeting with Additional Chief Secretary Interior Zahid Saleem and IG Police Abdul Khaliq Sheikh.

The meeting discussed issues related to the Barkhan incident. ACS Interior and IG Police briefed the meeting on the progress of the investigation so far. On behalf of the Principal Secretary of the Chief Minister, ACS Home, and IG Police were informed about the instructions of the Chief Minister in the context of the incident.



"The Chief Minister is reviewing the situation himself", Principal Secretary said. The Chief Minister will be informed about the progress of the investigation. There is a clear instruction from the Chief Minister that an impartial investigation should be ensured, he added.

No one will be allowed to influence the investigation, nor will any pressure be accepted. The blunt stand of the provincial

government.

Background of the incident

Levies force discovered three dead bodies a mother and her two sons from a well in the Barkhan district of Balochistan. This triggered a strong protest by the Marri tribe's men as dead bodies were from the Marri tribe.

Hundreds of protesters marched towards Quetta with dead bodies to raise their voices and prevail justice. Khan Muhammad Marri the heir of the victims accused Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, Minister C&W department Balochistan of murdering his family members.

Police on Wednesday evening arrested Mr. Khetran in connection with the recovery of the three dead bodies.

KP, Punjab limbo: SC begins suo motu hearing on delay in provincial polls

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court began on Thursday its suo motu hearing to determine who has the constitutional responsibility and authority to announce the date for elections to a provincial assembly after it was dissolved in different situations, under the Constitution.

A nine-member bench, headed by CJP Bandial and also comprising Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan, Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Yahya Afridi, Justice Sayyed Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar and Justice Athar Minallah, is hearing the case.

The hearing comes after President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday unilaterally announced April 9 as the election date in both provinces after his invitation for consultations on the matter was turned down by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP).

At the outset of the proceedings today,



CJP Bandial noted that the court had to look into three things and maintained that time for provincial elections was running out.

Here, Barrister Ali Zafar took the rostrum and said that he wanted to bring "things related to the president on record".

Meanwhile, the CJP stated that Alvi had announced the date for elections under Section 57 (notification of election programme) of the Elections Act, 2017.

"Our request is also pending, please listen to us," Zafar pleaded.

However, the top judge reiterated that the court had three matters to look into. "We have to see who has the authority to give the election date after the dissolution of the assemblies. The high court's Feb 10 order was in front of us," he said, adding that the court had a lot of factors in front of it. At one point during the hearing, the attorney general sought time from the court in the case. "If notices are issued to so many

people, it will be difficult to prepare for tomorrow's hearing," he said.

At that, the CJP said that the court will restrict itself to essential things, adding that the detailed hearing of the case will be held on Monday.

He went on to say that a suo motu case was taken due to a number of factors. "Prolonged proceedings are underway in the high court but time is passing by."

On Wednesday night, the top judge took suo motu notice of the delay in holding polls in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, saying that there appeared to be a "lack of clarity" on the matter. In the notice, CJP Bandial said that the SC bench would consider the following questions: Who has the constitutional responsibility and authority for appointing the date for the holding of a general election to a provincial assembly, upon its dissolution in the various situations envisaged by and under the Constitution? Web Desk

Levies force recovered Granaz her daughter and sons from Barkhan

Yousaf Marri
Manan Mandokhail
Syed Muhammad Qaseem

In a major twist in the triple murder case, Levies force recovered Granaz, her daughter and four sons from the Barkhan mountains on Wednesday night. All the hostages released from the private jail are now under the custody of levies, a senior administration told Daily Quetta Voice.

Khan Muhammad Marri, a tribesman who claimed his wife Granaz was murdered by the Balochistan minister Sardar Khetran also reached the spot of the protest demonstration in Quetta. Marri once used to be the private security guard of Sardar Khetran.



"The dead bodies are of my young sons", Khan Muhammad Marri told reporters at the ongoing protest demonstration

in Quetta. "I want justice", he told a crowd of reporters present at the site of the protest demonstration.

2 killed near Pak Afghan border Chaman

Sardar M. Khondai:

CHAMAN: Armed accused opened fire and killed two persons near Pak Afghan border in Chaman on Thursday. Levies sources said the unknown accused opened fire in the Roghani Karez area of Chaman.

The assailants escaped unhurt from the spot. The injured man was rushed to the hospital for medical treatment. The dead body was shifted to the district headquarters hospital Chaman. The injured person also succumbed to injuries inside the hospital, hospital



sources confirmed. A large number of people reached the hospital to recognize the victims. A huge contingent of levies and frontier corps

also reached the spot of the incident. They cordoned off the area as an investigation into the incident went underway. The motive behind the

killing could not be ascertained immediately, levies said. Security was tightened in and around Chaman in the aftermath of the attack.

President Alvi signs finance bill to pave way for IMF accord

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday signed the Finance (Supplementary) Bill, 2023, generally known as the mini-budget, as the government rushed to fulfil the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) conditions to unlock an economic bailout that the country needs to avoid the risk of default.

The Prime Minister Secretariat sent the bill to the President Secretariat on Wednesday evening for assent, two days after it was passed by the National Assembly.

"The president gave the approval to the bill in accordance with Article 75 of the Constitution," the media wing of the President House said in a statement today.

Under Article 75 (1), the president has no power to reject or object to the finance bill, which is considered to be a money bill as per the Constitution. The article reads "When a Bill is presented to the President for assent, the President shall, within [ten] days, (a) assent to the Bill; or (b) in the case of a Bill other than a Money Bill, return the Bill to the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) with a message requesting that the Bill or any specified provision thereof, be reconsidered and that any amendment specified in the message be considered"



With the implementation of all major prior actions, Pakistan is eyeing a staff-level agreement with the IMF this week which will also pave the way for much-awaited credit flows from other bilateral and multilateral lenders.

A well-placed source had earlier told that Pakistan and IMF will sign the staff-level agreement on Feb 28. This will be followed, according to the source, by the IMF executive board meeting expected in the first week of March. The IMF had asked the government to raise an additional Rs170 billion in tax revenue. The bulk of tax measures worth Rs115bn was already implemented from Feb 14 through Statutory Regulatory Orders (SROs). Now, after the president's formal assent, the remaining Rs55bn tax measures will come into effect. The bill had proposed increasing GST from 17 per cent to 25pc on 33 categories of goods covering 860 tariff lines — including high-end mobile phones, imported food, decoration items, and other luxury goods. Through the finance bill, the excise duty on cement has been raised from Rs1.5 to Rs2 per kilogram, a measure estimated to fetch another Rs6bn. The excise duty on carbonated/aerated drinks has been raised to 20pc from 13pc to raise an additional Rs10bn for the government. INP

Sheikh Rashid says next 72 hours crucial in national politics

RAWALPINDI: Awami Muslim League (AML) chief Sheikh Rashid Ahmad said on Thursday the next 72 hours were crucial as political temperature climbs up after the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) launched its court arrest movement.

He said the nation had pinned hopes on the judiciary as it could drive the country out of the crises and penalise the thieves under the Constitution. His comment comes as the Supreme Court of Pakistan has taken a suo motu notice of delay in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa elections.

He said the PDM coalition was running away from elections while PTI chairman Imran Khan was insisting on polls in the country. "All, except Shehbaz Sharif, Asif Zardari and Fazlur Rehman, are concerned about Pakistan".

Pakistan needs indigenous processing of magnesite to cut import bill: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: The indigenous processing of magnesite, a key raw material in various value-added products, can contribute greatly to improving the trade balance in shape of reduced import bill, experts said.

many places in Pakistan, i.e., Bela, Khuzdar, Muslim Bagh, Dargai, Kumhar, Mohmand, Bajaur, etc. "Wherever chromite was found in Pakistan, magnesite was reported to be found in its vicinities. It is used as the main source to obtain magnesium and magnesite. Both of them are used widely at an industrial scale," he said.

Exporters Association (APCEA) Zakir Ullah said that along with the industrial benefits, gem-quality magnesite is also used in jewellery pieces and to craft/adorn artefacts. "It is rare, but due to impurities can be of many hues, i.e., white, yellowish brown, and grey. Magnesite crystals are colourless in pure form. Its tri-dimensional perfect cleavage makes cutting extremely difficult and this is the reason that faceted stones are scarcely seen," he pointed out.



QUETTA: Daily wages labours sitting with their work tools along roadside while waiting for some work.

APHC-AJK holds demo in Islamabad to express solidarity with victims of Kunanposhpora tragedy

ISLAMABAD: A protest demonstration was held in front of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad, today, under the auspices of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir chapter and the Liberation Commission, AJK, to express solidarity with the victims of Kunanposhpora tragedy.

students, lawyers, journalists, Kashmiri refugees, businessmen and people from different walks of life participated in the demonstration. The protesters on the occasion carried placards with slogans against India and in favour of Jammu and Kashmir's freedom from Indian illegal occupation.

gation of this tragedy, but later the Indian government covered up the incident with false pretenses and the perpetrators were given a clean chit. They said the Kashmiri women are actively involved with the freedom movement.

APHC-AJK Convener, Mahmood Ahmed Saghar, and other speakers addressing the demonstration, said February 23, 1991 will always be remembered as a dark day and deplored that the victims of Kunanposhpora incident are still waiting for justice despite the passage of 32 years.

The leaders of APHC-AJK chapter as well as leaders and activists of political parties,

The speakers said the Indian troops are using rape as a weapon of war to crush the freedom spirit of the Kashmiri people, but despite that, the morale of the Kashmiri people, including woman, is high and they will continue the freedom movement till it reached its logical end. They paid rich tribute to the victims of the Kunanposhpora tragedy and said that the sacrifices of these women will never go waste INP

Islamia college professor murder suspect sent on physical remand

PESHAWAR: The security guard who shot dead historic Islamia College University's (ICU) professor Bashir Ahmed was sent on two-day physical remand by the court on Thursday.

Earlier, the Peshawar police claimed to have arrested security guard who shot dead historic Islamia College University (ICU) professor Bashir Ahmed.

the deceased on different petty issues, say sources. Bashir Ahmed was a resident of Tordher in Mardan district and was serving in the English department of the university as a lecturer, according to an official of Campus police station.

As per details, the investigation officer told the court that the suspect is accused of killing the Islamia college professor. He was arrested from Karak, KP and the suspects should be handed over to police on physical remand for further investigation, the investigation officer informed court.

The KP police arrested the suspect during the raid carried out in Karak district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). The slain teacher was shot dead by security guard on Sunday over a petty issue. There were conflicting reports about an exchange of heated arguments between the accused and

Police registered FIR against the security guard, Sher Mohammad, a resident of Sarband area of Peshawar. Both the teacher and security guard had also exchanged hot words a month ago over an unknown issue. INP



PESHAWAR: Activists of PTI hold protest rally against arrest for Jail Bharu movement at Hashtangri.

LHC moved against size of federal cabinet

LAHORE: The formation of the federal cabinet has been challenged in the Lahore High Court (LHC) on Thursday.

In his petition filed in the high court, Azhar Siddiqi advocate said the size of the federal cabinet cannot be over 42, but the incumbent federal cabinet has swelled to 85.

The petition also stated that the 85-member federal cabinet of the Shehbaz government is a clear violation of Article 92 (1) of the Constitution.

Azhar Siddiqi pleaded with the court to immediately pass orders for the reduction in the number of federal cabinet as the kingsize cabinet is a burden over Pakistan.

Earlier on February 8, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif appointed more Special Assistants to the PM (SAPMs) as the federal cabinet grew to 85.

As per details, the PM appointed five new SAPMs including member of national assembly Rao Ajmal, Shaista Parvez, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, Muhammad Hamid Hameed, Malik Sohaib Khan, Chaudhary Abid Raza and Muhammad Moeen Wattoo. INP



QUETTA: Activates of NP hold protest against killing of mother and daughter in Kohlu.

PTI leaders booked for attacking police van in Lahore

LAHORE: A case has been registered against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders Zubair Niazi and Ibad Farooq on Thursday for attacking a police van during the party's 'jail bhara tehreek' in Lahore.

The case was registered at the Civil Lines police station on the complaint of Sub-Inspector Afzal Virk.

The provisions of terrorism, arson and rioting had been included in the case.

"Zubair Niazi, along with his colleagues, himself sat in the police van," read the text of the first information report (FIR).

"Ibad Farooq attacked the police van on Mall Road. He, along with 70 to 80 people, damaged the police van. The attackers broke the windshield of the police van," it added.

"The police van was damaged from all sides in the attack. Ibad Farooq threatened the uniformed driver and officials. The accused, including Zubair Niazi, ran away after rioting," it stated. INP

Bandits would surrender after arrest of tribal chiefs: SHC

SUKKUR: "Bandits would surrender if some tribal chiefs arrested from each district", SHC Sukkur bench observed here while hearing a petition on law and order on Thursday.

"How many dacoits have links with elected representatives," Justice Salahuddin Panhwar while demanding report on the matter remarked.

"All bandits will surrender if tribal chiefs of a district or region sent to jail," he observed. "This is Sindh where tribal chieftains have their personal forces," Justice Panhwar remarked. "Law and order would not return until and unless action will not be taken against

Rising urbanisation puts pressure on Pakistan's job market: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: The huge influx of people from rural areas to cities in Pakistan has put significant pressure on urban infrastructure and the job market, WealthPK reports.

Despite having a growing urban population, the country has not been able to create enough employment opportunities to meet the needs owing to a lack of investment in job-generating industries.

for individuals in the informal sector to make ends meet, especially as the cost of living continues to rise," he added.

The government needs to join hands with the private sector to ease the pressure by creating job opportunities for youths. The collaboration between the government and private sector will help in creating a supportive environment for young people in the country to get education and training.

"This has resulted in a high rate of unemployment, particularly among young people, who are entering the job market for the first time. This lack of job opportunities can also lead to underemployment, where people are forced to perform low-paying and low-skilled jobs, even if they are qualified for better positions," he said.

He said that the government is not able to provide adequate support to the job market. "It is contributing to poverty, social unrest and economic stagnation," he said. The expert said that the country is struggling to attract foreign investment. The lack of investment makes it difficult for new businesses to start and for existing ones to expand. "This situation has limited the number of jobs in the country," he added. He said that the government and the private sector must work together to create a more supportive environment for creating jobs and providing education and training opportunities to young people. INP

Dr Naveed Iftikhar, an urban economist and researcher, told WealthPK search for employment was the main cause of rapid urbanisation in Pakistan. People from rural areas migrate to cities in search of better jobs and high wages.

Dr Naveed said that the informal economy, which was prevalent in many urban areas in Pakistan, was often characterised by low wages and poor working conditions. "This makes it difficult

Remaining family members of Khan Marri recovered by Levies Force

BARKHAN: Levies Force personnel, during an operation in Nana Sahib area of Dukki district of Balochistan, recovered rest of the family members of Khan Muhammad Marri on Thursday.

Muhammad Marri - Giran Naz and her son and daughter - were recovered from Dukki-Barkhan border area, said Levies sources.

Government officials said Giran Naz and her children will be presented before media and details of all operations conducted in this regard will be divulged.

Levies sources said a son of Khan Muhammad Marri was recovered from Dukki while, in another operation, two sons were recovered from Dera Bugti-Barkhan border area. Two daughters were also recovered, one from Barkhan and other from Dera Bugti.

The Marri tribes had started a protest sit-in after placing corpses in front of Chief Minister's House which was ongoing.

On Wednesday night, the police had arrested Balochistan Communication Minister Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran. Levies force had discovered three mutilated bodies from a well in the Haji Kot area of the Barkhan district on Monday night. The victims belonged to the family of local tribesman Khan Muhammad Marri, who had accused Communications and

Works Minister Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran of the murders.

Sardar Khetran is formally detained in this case," a senior police officer told media. The arrest came after the Balochistan government had formed a special investigation team to probe the incident.

Initially, it was reported that the deceased were Giran Naz, wife of Khan Muhammad Marri and her two sons Mohammad Nawaz, in his 20s, and Abdul Qadir, in his teens. However, according to post-mortem report, the deceased woman was not Giran Naz, rather a

teenage girl. Levies sources said late on Wednesday that Giran Naz and her two children - a son and a daughter - were recovered in a raid. They added that the raid was conducted in the hilly area near Dukki-Barkhan border by the Levies Force Sibi Range. Meanwhile, a Balochistan Police spokesperson confirmed that the case had been transferred from Barkhan to the Crimes Branch Quetta for investigation, adding that Commandant Balochistan Constabulary Salman Chaudhry would lead the special investigation team. INP

Facilitators of dacoits," he said. "The court could summon the I.G. Sindh or representatives of the federation for solution of the law-and-order problem," bench observed. "Chief Minister and the prime minister can be summoned in court for the peace in Sindh," Justice Panhwar said. INP

NOTICE INVITING TENDER. The Executive Engineer (Building), CWPP&H Department District Barkhan invites sealed percentage tender based on composite schedule of rates 2018, G.O.B. amended up-to-date from interested contractors/firms for the work listed below: Earnest Money 2% Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Time limit 30-06-2023. S.No Name of Work E/Cost. 1. Construction of BHU Hospital Building Basti Azeem Khan Barkhan TSE-222302252233 9.900 (M) The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014. BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The Contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council 2022 in relevant Category Wise in relevant discipline and registration with tax authorities i.e. (BRANTN and Sales Tax Department), where applicable. The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014. One similar projects, building under taken in the past three (03) years. Income Tax return for last three (03) years. Affidavit that firm has never been blacklisted. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage - One envelope Bidding Procedure. BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS: Issuance: The contractors/firms having valid registration with PEC in aforementioned category in relevant discipline can obtain the bidding documents from the address mentioned below on production of Green Challan form (non-refundable) deposited in the head of account C-02716 through Government Treasury/National bank of Pakistan Barkhan or can be downloaded from website of BPPRA, from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till one day prior to the last date of submission. The contractors/firms who obtain bidding documents by downloading them from BPPRA website will also be required to produce deposited Green Challan form of above mentioned fee. The documents if requested by mail will be promptly dispatched by registered mail for which cost of mail will be borne by the applicant, however, under no circumstances the Procuring Agency will be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so mailed. Earnest Money as mentioned above should be submitted in the form of Deposit at Call from a scheduled Bank. Dead line of Submission: The Bidding Documents duly filled signed and attached with Copies of supporting documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before 13 March, 2023 at 12:00 Hrs. Opening: The tender document will be opened on 13 March, 2023 at 13:00 Hrs, before procurement committee in the presence of contractors or their authorized representatives / agents. Bid validity Period (90 days). 9. Place of issuance and submission will be:- Address: Office of the Executive Engineer (Building) CWPP&H Department District Barkhan. Telephone No& Fax No: 0829668503. Executive Engineer (Building) CWPP&H Department District Barkhan. PRQ No.2578/23-02-2023 www.dpr.gob.pk @dpr.gob dpr.gob @dgpr.balochistan

Peshawar central jail sealed amid PTI 'Jail Bharo Tehreek'

PESHAWAR: The central jail Peshawar was sealed on Thursday amid Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) 'Jail Bharo Tehreek', sources said. As per details, administration banned the entrance to central jail Peshawar, people who came to meet their prisoners were returned without meeting. Sources said that the jail was closed because of security reasons as the jail has hundreds of sensitive prisoners. The entry to mental hospital beside the jail has also been closed, sources added. Earlier, senior leaders of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), who surrendered for 'Jail Bharo Tehreek' were shifted from Kot Lakhpat Jail to different prisons. It is pertinent to mention here that Pakistan Tehreek Insaf (PTI) commenced 'Jail Bharo Tehreek'

(court arrest movement) from Lahore today as the party's senior leaders including Vice-Chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Asad Umar, Azam Swati voluntarily surrendered themselves to the law enforcers. The 'court arrest' drive was launched in protest over "violations of the fundamental rights", "abuse of the Constitution", "unprecedented inflation" and "economic meltdown". On the directions of Imran Khan, as many as 200 leaders and workers will surrender themselves for the 'Jail Bharo Movement' today. As per the schedule unveiled by the party, after Lahore, Peshawar is witnessing the launch of the court arrest drive today. Rawalpindi will follow on Feb 24, Multan on Feb 25, Gujranwala on Feb 26, Sargodha on Feb 27, and Sahiwal on Feb 28. Faisalabad will join the movement on the first day of March. INP



PESHAWAR: President Dr Arif Alvi addressing the 3rd International Public Health Conference, at Khyber Medical University, Peshawar.

PTI workers reject Imran Khan's politics, Jail Bharu move: Sherry

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman on Thursday said the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers had rejected Imran Khan's politics as was evident from their lack of participation in Jail Bharo (court arrest) drive. In a flurry of tweets, the federal minister said by not participating in Jail Bharo movement, the PTI workers had expressed their indifference to Imran Khan's politics. Senator Rehman brushed aside the claims of PTI for the huge arrests of workers and leaders. She said there was no truth in the claim of the arrest of 700 people by the PTI. "Tehreek-e-Insaf claimed 200 arrests but only 80 people were arrested," she added. Sherry Rehman added that today the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would also reject Imran Khan's personal political spectacle. "Imran Khan get out of 'Bail Park' (dubbing his residence Zaman Park as Zamanat Park) and lead the Jail Bharo Movement. Tehreek-e-Insaf workers are disappointed with the announcement of Jail Bharo Tehreek. That is why they have rejected this drama," wrote Sherry Rehman. The Minister said people had also rejected his (Imran Khan's) politics by not participating in the long march of May 25 and October 28. "People don't want arson and demonstrations, but political stability and code of conduct. The solution to the country's problems was not to go to jail but to stay in Parliament, which these people have broken and abandoned," she said. In a flurry of tweets, the federal minister said by not participating in Jail Bharo movement, the PTI workers had expressed their indifference to Imran Khan's politics. Senator Rehman brushed aside the claims of PTI for the huge arrests of workers and leaders. She said there was no truth in the claim of the arrest of 700 people by the PTI. "Tehreek-e-Insaf claimed 200 arrests but only 80 people were arrested," she added. Sherry Rehman added that today the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would also reject Imran Khan's personal political spectacle. INP

PTI requests ECP to defer NA by-polls in Karachi

KARACHI: In the wake of Lahore High Court's decision regarding suspension of ECP's notification to denotify PTI MNAs, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Karachi chapter on Thursday requested the ECP to defer by-polls in the megacity which are going to be held on March 16. The application submitted to ECP states that election commission should defer the by-elections on National Assembly seats after ruling by the Lahore High Court. INP

Kaira expresses solidarity with Kashmiri women in their commitment for justice

ISLAMABAD: Advisor to Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan Qamar Zaman Kaira on Thursday while condemning the brutality of Indian-occupied forces said February 23 was a dark day in the history of Kashmir and they would fail to suppress the Kashmiri Women fighting for justice. He said that in 1991 the Indian forces killed more than 100 women in mass abuse in the Indian illegally occupied forces (IIOJK) adding that 32 years ago this heinous incident took place in Nannan and Poshpora, said a press release. He said that this day is a dark day in the history of Kashmir, so now every year the citizen of IIOJK mark "Kashmiri Women's Resistance" day on February 23. The Indian forces had done this vigorous act to crush Kashmiris' commitment but till today the nefarious powers failed to suppress the Kashmiri women. The Adviser said that India had failed to suppress the Kashmiris' Hurriyat movement despite brutality and humanity. The Indian occupation forces will have to account for their war crimes one day, Qamar Zaman Kaira assured. The people of Pakistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir expressed their solidarity with their Kashmiri daughters and sisters, Qamar Zaman Kaira added. INP

Section 144 imposed in Peshawar, Malakand, Swabi

PESHAWAR: PTI workers, leaders asked to contact nearest AC, DC offices or police station if they want to court-arrest. All deputy commissioner and assistant commissioner offices across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa opened on Thursday. The deputy commissioner Peshawar has imposed Section 144 in the city. Under the restriction imposed, gathering of five and more people has been banned. Action will be taken in case of any violation of Section 144. The local administration has said that in connection with Jail Bharo Tehreek, if any PTI worker or leader wants to surrender, he may attend the nearest offices of assistant commissioner or deputy commissioner or police station. In Swabi, former National Assembly Speaker Asad Qaisar, late on Wednesday night violated Section 144, imposed in the district. The district administration had imposed Section 144 the on Wednesday night. The former speaker led a procession of people at the Ambar Interchange of Motorway. However, the district administration kept on watching the procession like a silent spectator and did not take any action. The procession headed towards Peshawar violating Section 144. Meanwhile, Section 144 was also imposed in Malakand Division by the administration. INP

LHC orders federal govt to furnish Toshakhana record before year 2002

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Thursday ordered the federal government to furnish the Toshakhana record before year 2002. The court heard a plea seeking the record of Toshakhana [a state treasury where state gifts are kept] from the creation of Pakistan to date. The secretary to the federal cabinet furnished the record. The additional attorney general (AAG) apprised the court that the cabinet had declassified the record and it would be uploaded on the website as the federal government had not shared the record on state gifts with him. As the AAG presented the court order directing the government to declassify the record, the appellant argued that the government should furnish a complete record instead. Justice Asim Hafiz remarked that it took time to do things as the government had decided to put the record online this year. Justice Asim Hafiz inquired whether the government had a record earlier to year 2002 to which the AAG replied that the previous record had not been put online. The court ordered the government to furnish the record in the next hearing scheduled for March 13. Earlier, the federal government had submitted details of the Toshakhana gifts to the LHC which a senior official termed "classified". The government had primarily expressed aversion to submit the Toshakhana details, explaining that the revelation may "cause damage to the interests of Pakistan's international relations". INP

Court sentences PTI activist for sedition, burning national flag

PESHAWAR: A district and sessions court awarded a 26-month sentence and Rs50,000 fine to a Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) activist for sedition, burning the national flag and making its video viral on social media. Judge Ashfaq Taj convicted Junaid Ahmad, a resident of Darashkhel area of Karak district, as he was furnished with the evidence on record regarding the offence. It merits mention that the accused had posted a video on social media while residing in a Gulf country, wherein he was recorded uttering derogatory remarks against Pakistan Army and the COAS. The FIA had lodged a case against him in May 2022 and was arrested upon his return to the country in June 2022. INP

SC Justice Mazahar Naqvi faces misconduct complaint in Supreme Judicial Council

ISLAMABAD: A complaint has been filed in the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) seeking an investigation against Supreme Court Justice Syed Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi over alleged involvement in malpractices and misuse of authority. Mr Naqvi came in the spotlight after Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah released an audio of an alleged conversation between the top court's judge former Punjab chief minister Parvez Elahi. Following the audio leaks, the Pakistan Bar Council announced to file a reference against Justice Naqvi. The complaint has been lodged by Mian Dawood, a lawyer of the high court, stating that Justice Naqvi had violated "Code of Conduct for Judges of the Supreme Court issued under Clause (8) of Article 209 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan". He claimed the judge and his family members had been found involved in malpractices and misuse of power in a criminal designed pattern during his service. "He uses his position to facilitate his sons and a daughter studying abroad and getting financial gains from Zahid Rafique (Owner of Future Holdings). Details are as following: - a. It is learnt from reliable sources that Justice Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi has managed to legalize his black income through sale of property. He sold House No. 375 DHA Phase-2 Gujranwala Cantt. in 2021 for Rs 60 million, however, he purchased it for Rs 4.7 million only," reads the complaint. Mr Dawood alleged that the judge revised his returns at least three times in 2021 to clean the mess and changed the income statements. Initially, he showed worth of Gulberg 3. INP

Torkham border reopens after three-day closure

PESHAWAR: Torkham Border, a key border crossing between Pakistan and Afghanistan, has reopened for passengers and trade transit. The Torkham, the main point of transit for travellers and goods between Pakistan and landlocked Afghanistan, was closed on Sunday evening. Residents had reported heavy gunfire on Monday morning near the Torkham border crossing, but the Taliban official had denied any clashes and said the situation was under control. Disputes linked to the 2,600 km (1,615 mile) border have been a bone of contention between the neighbors for decades. INP

BNP wants Khetran removed as minister over Barkhan killings

QUETTA: The Balochistan National Party (BNP) on Thursday demanded that the Balochistan government should initiate proceedings against and remove Minister for Communications and Construction Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran who had received the public ire after dead bodies were found in his 'self-made prison' in Barkhan. Taking to Twitter, the BNP warned, "The failure of the Balochistan government to remove the minister will lead to the initiation of a no-confidence movement against Balochistan. Chief Minister Mir Abdul Qudoos Bizenjo". Earlier, six family members of Khan Muhammad Marri, his wife Giran Naz, daughter Farzana and sons Imran, Abdul Hamid, Ghaffar, and Sattar, who were abducted from Balochistan's Barkhan district, had been rescued by the security forces. A day ago, the police arrested the minister for his alleged connection with the brutal murders in Barkhan district. Police said the minister had been apprehended on suspicion of killing three people. Locals continued protest on the second day in Quetta, with demonstrators calling for justice. INP

Karachi police arrest motorbike-lifter girl

KARACHI: Karachi police arrested a girl involved in lifting motorcycles by impersonating a boy on Thursday. The arrest was carried out by Ittehad Town police. The accused was identified as Samreen alias Masha. The Keamari senior superintendent of police (SSP) said that the girl used to steal motorcycles from different areas in the guise of boys and sell them in Hub Chowki, Balochistan. "A motorcycle that had been stolen from the limits of Darakhshan police station was also recovered from her possession. The accused was handed over to the Anti-Vehicle Lifting Cell for further investigation," he added. Meanwhile, Sir Syed police also arrested three suspects involved in bike lifting. "The accused were identified as Salman, Waseem and Zohaib," police said. "A stolen motorcycle was recovered from the possession of the accused. During interrogation, the accused confessed to have been involved in theft of dozens of motorcycles," they added. Furthermore, Shahrah-e-Faisal police busted a four-member dacoit gang in Gulistan-e-Johar. "The accused were involved in street crime incidents. They were identified as Arbaaz, Tanveer, Shamla, and Shakir," the East senior superintendent of police (SSP) said. "Four pistols were also recovered from the possession of the accused," he added. INP



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif along with a 6-member United States Senate delegation led by Senator Charles Schumer, Senate Majority Leader pose for photo after called on.

'Court arrest drive': Police to keep PTI leaders in separate jails in Punjab

LAHORE: The leaders of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) who volunteered their arrest in Lahore as part of the "Jail Bharo" movement would be detained in various cities. Sources said PTI's Senior Vice President Shah Mahmood Qureshi had been sent to Attock, General Secretary Asad Umar and Murad Raas to DG Khan and Azam Swati had been sent to Rahim Yar Khan. Former home minister Omar Sarfraz Cheema will be detained at Bhakkar jail while Waleed Iqbal will be kept in Layyah jail. Sources said 10 party workers would be kept with each leader in a jail. Meanwhile, the Punjab Home Department has created space to keep 10,000 people in the jails if the PTI workers and party leaders presented themselves for the arrest. Sources said barracks had been cleared to accommodate the party leaders and workers. Furthermore, police sources said the arrested people could be detained for one month and would not be allowed to meet anyone. Imran Khan-led party on Wednesday kicked off its court arrest drive in Lahore against the violation of fundamental rights and worsening economic situation. Police said around 90 people had courted their arrest while the PTI leaders claimed there were over 200 arrests. The leaders and workers of the party in Peshawar region will present themselves for court arrest today (Thursday) as the movement entered its second day. The court arrest drive will move to Multan on Feb 25, Gujranwala on Feb 26, Sargodha on Feb 27 and Sahiwal on Feb 28. It will hit Faisalabad city on March 1. INP

TRG Pakistan's profits skyrocket in 1QFY23: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: TRG Pakistan Limited's operating loss increased 222% to Rs19.4 million in the first quarter of the ongoing financial year 2022-23 (1QFY23) from Rs6 million over the corresponding period of the previous fiscal. However, the company gained a massive increase in the profit-before-tax, which rocketed to Rs6.9 billion in 1QFY23 from Rs38 million in 1QFY22, registering mammoth growth of 17910%. Similarly, the company posted a huge profit-after-tax of Rs5.9 billion in 1QFY23 compared to a profit of just Rs31.5 million over the corresponding period of FY22, posting another gigantic growth of 18416% year-over-year. Mark-to-market gains on shares on the IBEX stock exchange held by the company were the key cause of the massive increase in profits. Performance in 2021-22: During the fiscal year 2021-22, the company posted an operating loss of Rs37.8 million, compared to a profit of Rs122 million in FY21, showing a massive decrease of 131% year-on-year. The loss-before-tax for FY22 stood at Rs5.9 billion, 119% down from the pre-tax profit of Rs30.4 billion in FY21. The primary cause of this loss was the redemption of some preference shares in December 2021. Additionally, a mark-to-market loss was recorded on IBEX shares held by the company. As a result, the company's stock price on the NASDAQ stock exchange fell by nearly 14% over the course of FY22. The company recorded a net loss of Rs4.9 billion in FY22, compared to a profit of Rs25.8 billion in FY21, posting a decrease of 119%. INP



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister of Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Federal Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan in a meeting with Special Committee of Balochistan Assembly at power division.