

QUETTA VOICE

Https:// www.quettavoice.com/

ABC Certified

Quettavoice



Police claimed to have arrested 2 women drug peddlers in Quetta



After NA, Senate approves bill to clip CJP's suo motu powers

Balochistan Assembly demands 33 % quota for women in services

BHC suspends termination order of VC University of Balochistan

Manan Mandokhail

QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly on Thursday demanded the provision of a 33 percent quota for women in government jobs. The house adopted a unanimous resolution calling for a 33 % quota for women in Balochistan.

The session of the assembly resumed here with a panel of chairman Asghar Tareen in the chair. Shakeela Naveed Delwar, a lawmaker from the opposition party, Balochistan National Party (Mengal) tabled the resolution.

"The women quota should be increased from 5 percent to 33 percent", Shakeela Naveed

The resolution was unanimously adopted by the house after a short time debate. "The women quota should be increased from 5 percent to 33 percent", Shakeela Naveed Delwar demanded. She said that women were being ignored from all walks of life. Women make up more than 50 percent population of the total population of the country but they are only given a 5 percent quota in services. "We demand equal status in all government departments and institutions", she said.

The chair put the resolution for voting. All the lawmakers from the opposition and the



government unanimously adopted the resolution calling for a 33 percent quota of women in services.

The house discusses the financial crisis faced by universities of Balochistan

The house also discussed issues relating to various districts of Balochistan. Nasrullah Khan Zari, the PKMAP law-

maker presented the resolution with regard to the financial crisis faced by the public universities in Balochistan. Sardar Yar Muhammad Rind, a lawmaker from Pakistan Tehrik e Insaaf (PTI) strongly condemned the murder attempt at his son in Balochistan's Bolan area a few days back. He said innocent people were killed in the attack. However, his son was unharmed in the attack.

The session was protracted after discussing various issues relating to Balochistan. The Secretary Assembly, Tahir Shah Kakar read the order of Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Kakar in this regard.

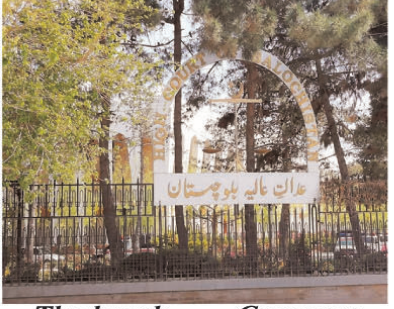
Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA: The Balochistan High Court (BHC) on Thursday suspended the termination order of the Vice-Chancellor University of Balochistan, Dr. Shafiq ur Rehman. A division bench of the BHC comprising the Chief Justice Mr. Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan and Mr. Justice Muhammad Amir Rana passed this order on a petition filed by the sacked VC.

This order of the BHC has come a few days after the Chancellor/Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Kakar removed four VCs of public universities in the province. The court has already suspended the termination notification of the VC Lasbela University, Dr. Dost Muhammad Baloch.

Chancellor has no legal power to remove VC

Akram Shah Advocate, the counsel for the VC pleaded that the Chancellor has no legal power to remove any VC without any investigation and expiry of his/her tenure. Mr. Shah mentioned that the tenure of the VC UoB Dr. Shafiq ur Rehman was scheduled to be expired on February 24, 2024. However, the Chancellor removed his prior to the expiry of the tenure and without framing or proving any allegations against the VC. The Balochistan Universities Act 2022 clearly says that no VC can be removed without any investigation.



The bench admits the petition for a regular hearing

The bench admitted the petition for regular hearing and issued notices of the Advocate General Balochistan and the Chancellor through the Principal Secretary. The court adjourned the hearing till April 11. The hearing of Dr. Dost Muhammad Baloch was also fixed on April 11.

Governor removed 4 VCs through a notification

The VCs include Dr. Farooq Ahmed Bazai of the Balochistan University of Information Technology Engineering and Management (BUITEMS), Dr. Shafiq ur Rehman, the Vice Chancellor University of Balochistan, Mr. Masood, the VC of Loralai University and Dr. Dost Muhammad Baloch, the VC Lasbela Science and Marines University.

Green buses to be on roads within 3 months:CM Balochistan

Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo has directed the Chief Secretary Balochistan to make sure of the launching of the green bus service in the provincial capital within three months.

The CM took notice of the news item published in the Daily Quetta Voice the other day. "Green buses would be on roads of Quetta within the next three months", a well-placed official at the Chief Minister's Secretariat told this scribe. This would ensure the provision of decent traveling facilities for the citizens of Quetta, he said.

Widening and construction of Sariab Road to be completed by May this year

Construction of Sariab Road and other projects would be completed within a very short span of time. The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Ugalil has also directed the concerned officials to ensure the completion of the Sariab Road by May this year. "CM Balochistan has strictly directed to make the buses functional", the official stated. Although, he said that the previous government had not prepared a proper feasibility report with



regard to the launching of the green buses. There was no Proper Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding the launching of the project, the official mentioned.

Balochistan ransport department purchased 8 buses initially to operate them to Belili and Sariab in the first phase

The Balochistan Transport Department purchased eight

buses to provide decent traveling facilities to the masses of Quetta. Initially, the department proposed purchasing 100 buses for the city.

After thorough deliberations, the government decided to only purchase 8 buses because of the congested traffic and other administrative problems in Quetta city. Citizens of Quetta remained deprived of decent traveling and they are forced to travel in the outdated old local buses to reach their destinations.

Launching the green bus service was one of the long-standing demands of the masses of Quetta.

Imran not concerned over formation of SC bench in polls delay case

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan has apparently distanced his party from the ruling coalition's demand to constitute a full court bench on the Punjab elections delay case, saying "it makes no difference, whether a larger or full bench conducts hearing."

In a tweet from his official handle, the former prime minister said that whether a five-member or full court bench heard, his petition against the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), "it makes no difference to us because all we want to know is if elections will be held within the 90 days' constitutional provision."

Whether it's a 5 mbr SC bench or Full Bench, it makes no difference to us because all we want to know is if elections will be held within the 90 days' constitutional provision.



Before we dissolved our 2 Prov assemblies, I consulted our top constitutional lawyers, all of whom were the PTI chief said he had consulted his top legal experts before dissolving provincial assemblies in Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P).

"All of whom were absolutely clear that the 90-day Constitutional provision on holding of elections was inviolable. Now Imported Govt of crooks, their handlers & a compromised ECP are making a complete mockery of Constitution," he added. Web Desk

Police claimed to have arrested 2 women drug peddlers in Quetta

Staff Reporter

Quetta police claimed to have arrested two women drug peddlers and recovered 10 kilograms of hashish from their possession. Police sources said new Kuchlak police conducted a raid and arrested a total of nine suspected drug peddlers in the area.

They said two of the total nine peddlers were women. "We have seized 10kgs hashish from their possession. A senior police officer said. He preferred not to be



named. All suspected drug peddlers were shifted to Kuchlak police station for interrogation. The accused were shifted to Kuchlak

formed to investigate the accused.

Quetta police headed by the Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Azfar Mehsar have busted gangs involved in drug smuggling. Last year, police conducted a massive operation and abolished all safe havens of the drug peddlers and smugglers in the main nullah that snakes through the high-security zone of Quetta.

Eight drug peddlers were killed during an exchange of fire with police during the operation.

After NA, Senate approves bill to clip CJP's suo motu powers

ISLAMABAD: The Senate of Pakistan on Thursday passed the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Bill 2023 aimed at curbing the top judge's suo motu powers in an individual capacity. There were 60 votes in favour of the bill and 19 against it.

Speaking in the Senate, Law minister Azam Nazir Tarar - who had tabled the bill - said that there are different attitudes towards running the institution "Under Article 191 of the Constitution, the Parliament can amend the Constitution and the Constitution says not to interfere unnecessarily with each other's boundaries."

The law minister also said that now "all supreme court judges are equal". Read SC moved to hold provincial, general elections on same day. Tarar maintained that this was a long-standing demand, "the voice came from the SC that an individual should not have the sole authority of the apex court. Moreover, the Lawyers Welfare and Protection Bill 2023 was also passed by a majority vote and the session was adjourned till 10:30 am tomorrow (Friday). PTI senators oppose bill



between Senator Faisal Javed and Senator Bahramang Tangi. A day earlier, the National Assembly had unanimously passed the bill that a committee comprising three senior-most judges of the apex court would decide on the suo motu notice, while there would be a right to file an appeal within 30 days of the suo motu decision. The appeal has to be fixed for hearing within 14 days of filing and after the taking of a suo motu notice, the hearing will be conducted by a three-judge bench, the bill added. Read More Dissenting judges urge SC to revisit CJP's 'one-man show' It contended that the decision of the majority in the matter would be acceptable to all. After the passage of the law, no decision of the SC or high court, or any other legislation would be able to affect it. Under the additional amendments, the right of appeal would be available in pending cases, while the bench constituted on constitutional as well as legal matters would comprise at least five judges. On March 28, the federal government had notified that the chief justice of Pakistan (CJP) can no longer constitute benches and initiate suo motu proceedings alone but had tabled the same bill curtailing unbridled powers of the top judge in the National Assembly for approval. Things started unfolding quickly earlier this week as first Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif addressed the NA session, then the federal cabinet gave approval for the proposed bill Web Desk

The economic predicament of the people

By Kamila Hyat

Humiliating removal of 4 VCs in Balochistan

Editor Asim Khan

In a humiliating way, four vice-chancellors of public universities in Balochistan were removed by the Governor/Chancellor the other day. Although, violations of laws and rules are nothing new in Balochistan, the country's least-developed but resource-rich province.

Without any inquiry or investigation, the VCs of the University of Balochistan, Balochistan University of Information Technology Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS), University of Loralai, Inverness and Lasbella and the Marine University were removed from their positions.

Tenure of two VCs was not to expire
The sources within the Balochistan government cited the expiry of the tenure of the two VCs as the main reason behind the removal. However, the two VCs' tenure was scheduled to be expired in September and October this year.

As per the Balochistan Universities Act 2022, the Governor has no power to remove VCs in such a way
As per the Balochistan Universities Act 2022, the government can initiate an investigation against any VC in the case of corruption/moral corruption or illegal use of power. The government can only remove the said VC if allegations are proven against him. The Act clearly states that the VC has to be given the opportunity to defend himself against any allegations against him.

Whereas, Governor Malik Abdul Wali Kakar removed all with a stroke of a pen without any investigation.
I have already written in detail on prolonged tenures of the VCs like Dr. Farooq Ahmed Bazi remained the VC for 17 years of the BUITEMS. He had to be changed. We need only an objective way of relating what he was removed. There had to be a dignified and respectable way for the removal of VC who is also a teacher. There were allegations of nepotism and favouritism against Mr. Bazi.

Question marks over the capacity/credibility of the VC
The word from the Governor's office is that the house about the faculty of Sarder Bahadur Khan (SBK) Women's University. There were repeated allegations against the VC SBK. Nevertheless, the VC SBK managed to meet the Governor and brief him about her university.

The SBK has also been given the task to recruit 9000 teachers. Repeated complaints came in the process of recruitment by the SBK. The government and candidates are skeptical about the credibility of the SBK and demand the Balochistan Public Service Commission (BPSC) conduct the recruitment process. National Party, a key Baloch national party, has also demanded of the government to conduct tests and interviews through BPSC.

Teachers' posts should be given to the BPSC.

No issue if agricultural issues are filed through departments or SBK. There has to be no compromise over the future of our children and the BPSC should be given the task to appoint teachers. Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo should also translate his words into action in this regard.

children to avoid watching of the world press. The history. Very few would see this reality. Inflation has reached 46 per cent with food price inflation touching 46 per cent, a rate which puts many staples including rice, wheat and sugar out of the reach of people.

We do not hear the headlines about the impact of this reality because very few in mainstream media attempt to discuss the reality. Instead, they are only about political statements and the antics of politicians who would do anything to emerge and improve their own stature or gain power, with the antics of former prime minister and head of the PTI Imran Khan recently making headlines.

But amongst these antics, and amongst the lies that disappeared under the carpet, Islamabad, and the other acts of senseless behaviour, the government cabinet that is over 85 persons in size in power, Federal government has not mention as the reasons for the start of the crisis. The people include this bag of lies and to collect a people of a town in the Punjab and the Punjab and the Punjab came to pick up the bag. There are many other stories being made by the news. We hear too little about parents allegedly poisoning

and we should, as a people and no reason why we could not do the same had we had the money to do so in three important areas: women's education, their employment in various sectors and political control. These three factors have served with extraordinary wisdom and show the extraordinary resilience which has kept our country through the seven decades of the 20th century.

People speak with extraordinary wisdom and show the extraordinary resilience which has kept our country through the seven decades of the 20th century. The government has not mention as the reasons for the start of the crisis. The people include this bag of lies and to collect a people of a town in the Punjab and the Punjab and the Punjab came to pick up the bag. There are many other stories being made by the news. We hear too little about parents allegedly poisoning

and we should, as a people and no reason why we could not do the same had we had the money to do so in three important areas: women's education, their employment in various sectors and political control. These three factors have served with extraordinary wisdom and show the extraordinary resilience which has kept our country through the seven decades of the 20th century.

People speak with extraordinary wisdom and show the extraordinary resilience which has kept our country through the seven decades of the 20th century. The government has not mention as the reasons for the start of the crisis. The people include this bag of lies and to collect a people of a town in the Punjab and the Punjab and the Punjab came to pick up the bag. There are many other stories being made by the news. We hear too little about parents allegedly poisoning

and we should, as a people and no reason why we could not do the same had we had the money to do so in three important areas: women's education, their employment in various sectors and political control. These three factors have served with extraordinary wisdom and show the extraordinary resilience which has kept our country through the seven decades of the 20th century.

Aimed at Fed? Perfect gridlock

By Dr Imran Khalid

The sudden collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) is the recent crisis to hit the global financial system. This unfortunate event has reminded me of two events that caused economic downturns in the past: the 1997 Asian financial crisis and the 2008 Great Recession. These twin disasters triggered a ripple effect that was felt across the world, plunging nations into economic misery.

Many financial analysts believe the sudden collapse of these banks could have a cascading effect, leading to the closure of other banks. This is a concern because the Federal Reserve's unyielding pursuit of interest rate hikes over the past year has increased the risk of a banking crisis. The Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes have made banks like SVB more vulnerable.

SVB's over-reliance on high-risk assets, particularly venture capital and private equity, has exposed it to significant losses. The Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes have made banks like SVB more vulnerable. The regulation and oversight of financial institutions is a key factor to consider in this crisis.

SVB's over-reliance on high-risk assets, particularly venture capital and private equity, has exposed it to significant losses. The Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes have made banks like SVB more vulnerable. The regulation and oversight of financial institutions is a key factor to consider in this crisis.

measures aimed at combating inflation. The high-rate environment, bonds experience a decline in value as yields rise. Additionally, the high US dollar interest rates are causing capital outflows from emerging markets, and several countries are experiencing currency devaluations.

measures aimed at combating inflation. The high-rate environment, bonds experience a decline in value as yields rise. Additionally, the high US dollar interest rates are causing capital outflows from emerging markets, and several countries are experiencing currency devaluations. The Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes have made banks like SVB more vulnerable.

measures aimed at combating inflation. The high-rate environment, bonds experience a decline in value as yields rise. Additionally, the high US dollar interest rates are causing capital outflows from emerging markets, and several countries are experiencing currency devaluations. The Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes have made banks like SVB more vulnerable.

Perfect gridlock

By Murtaza Solangi

Pakistan gives a look of a perfect gridlock today. The 11-member coalition government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the opposition led by Prime Minister Imran Khan have failed to reach an agreement on the formation of a new government.

Pakistan gives a look of a perfect gridlock today. The 11-member coalition government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the opposition led by Prime Minister Imran Khan have failed to reach an agreement on the formation of a new government.

Pakistan gives a look of a perfect gridlock today. The 11-member coalition government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the opposition led by Prime Minister Imran Khan have failed to reach an agreement on the formation of a new government.

Pakistan gives a look of a perfect gridlock today. The 11-member coalition government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the opposition led by Prime Minister Imran Khan have failed to reach an agreement on the formation of a new government.

Pakistan gives a look of a perfect gridlock today. The 11-member coalition government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the opposition led by Prime Minister Imran Khan have failed to reach an agreement on the formation of a new government.

Pakistan gives a look of a perfect gridlock today. The 11-member coalition government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the opposition led by Prime Minister Imran Khan have failed to reach an agreement on the formation of a new government.

Why do countries behave like mafias?

By Dr Shahnaz Khan

who makes decisions in his own interest. This is the most important means of production in a country's economic context, and the most important means of production in a country's economic context.

who makes decisions in his own interest. This is the most important means of production in a country's economic context, and the most important means of production in a country's economic context.

who makes decisions in his own interest. This is the most important means of production in a country's economic context, and the most important means of production in a country's economic context.

who makes decisions in his own interest. This is the most important means of production in a country's economic context, and the most important means of production in a country's economic context.

Why do countries behave like mafias?

who makes decisions in his own interest. This is the most important means of production in a country's economic context, and the most important means of production in a country's economic context.

who makes decisions in his own interest. This is the most important means of production in a country's economic context, and the most important means of production in a country's economic context.

who makes decisions in his own interest. This is the most important means of production in a country's economic context, and the most important means of production in a country's economic context.

who makes decisions in his own interest. This is the most important means of production in a country's economic context, and the most important means of production in a country's economic context.

The Bangladesh comparison

By Benazir Jatoi

from indirect political interference and inflation. Second, in comparison with Bangladesh, more girls go to school in Bangladesh and hence more women participate in economic development and contribute towards economic growth.

from indirect political interference and inflation. Second, in comparison with Bangladesh, more girls go to school in Bangladesh and hence more women participate in economic development and contribute towards economic growth.

from indirect political interference and inflation. Second, in comparison with Bangladesh, more girls go to school in Bangladesh and hence more women participate in economic development and contribute towards economic growth.

from indirect political interference and inflation. Second, in comparison with Bangladesh, more girls go to school in Bangladesh and hence more women participate in economic development and contribute towards economic growth.

14,000 GB's domestic consumers to benefit from LPG before next winter: Kaira

ISLAMABAD - Advisor to Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan Qamar Zaman Kaira said that 14,000 domestic consumers of GB would benefit from the liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) plant before next winter.

He was presiding over a meeting between the Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and officials of Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited here on Thursday, said a press release.

He said that the newly constructed air

mix LPG plant in Gilgit would be made operational immediately after Eid, he added.

Through the LPG plant, the people of Gilgit would be provided with essential gas utility, Kaira said, and it is also important for



QUETTA: Newly elected President Abdul Kahliq Rind and Secretary General Banars Khan in a group photo with senior journalist during a ceremony.

SNGPL revenue climbs 27% to Rs183bn in 3QFY22: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD - Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) revenue climbed 27% to Rs183 billion in the third quarter (January-March) of the fiscal year 2021-22 compared to Rs145 billion recorded in the same period of the previous year.

The company's gross profit stood at Rs13.61 billion in 3QFY22 compared to Rs10.44 billion in 3QFY21, posting a 36% increase year-on-year.

The operating profit increased 29% to Rs15.67 billion in 3QFY22 from Rs12.50 billion in 3QFY21.

However, the profit-before-taxation increased 13% to Rs7.31 billion in 3QFY22 from Rs4.25 billion in 3QFY21.

Similarly, the after-tax profit fell 16% to Rs2.55 billion in 3QFY22 from Rs3.1 billion in 3QFY21.

Earnings per share also fell to

Rs4.02 in 3QFY22 from Rs4.76 in 3QFY21, reports WealthPK.

Half-yearly performance

During the half-year (July-December) period of FY22, the company generated a whopping Rs620 billion revenue compared to Rs511 billion over the same period of FY21.

The operating profit in 1HFY22 stood at Rs33.3 billion compared to Rs26.3 billion in 1HFY21.

The operating profit for 1HFY22 stood at Rs25.1 billion compared to Rs19.2 billion in 1HFY21.

The net income in 1HFY22 was Rs6.8 billion compared to Rs5.9 billion in 1HFY21.

The earnings per share witnessed a mixed trend in recent years. In 3Q, the earnings per share stood at Rs17.54, but decreased in 2019 to Rs11.16 in 3QFY22 from Rs13.96 in 3QFY21, but rebounded to Rs9.46 in 2020, but rebounded

in 2021 to Rs17.32.

Industry comparison

Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited's competitors include Dawood Lawcareer Limited, Saif Power Limited, Engro Powergen, Qadri Power Limited, and Kot Addu Power Company Limited.

Profit or loss over the years

Profitability was high in 2020 as compared to 2019, as the gross profit and operating profit remained low in 2019. In 2021, the profitability increased, but was still less than in 2020.

Company profile

Sui Northern Gas Pipelines is a public limited company incorporated in Pakistan under the Companies Act, 1913 (now Companies Act, 2017). The principal activity of the company is the purchase, transmission, distribution and supply of natural gas.

PTCL ends 2022 with highest five-year revenue, profits: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) has declared the highest five-year revenue and profit of Rs83 billion and Rs18 billion, respectively, during the calendar year 2022.

Year-on-year, PTCL's revenues and gross profit were up 9% and 10%, respectively, in FY22, compared to 2021, WealthPK reports.

The company is listed on the Pakistan Stock Exchange with the technology and communication sector. PTCL is the third largest company in its sector, having a market capitalisation of Rs19.9 billion.

IC T (Integrated Core Optical Fiber Technology) company in Pakistan established as public limited company in 1995. The company is primarily engaged in providing telecom services nationwide.

In 2022, PTCL posted revenues of Rs83 billion, which was 9% higher than the revenue of Rs76 billion collected in FY21. Similarly, the gross profit in FY22 went up by 10% to Rs18 billion compared to Rs16 billion in FY21. However, PTCL saw its net profit increase 32% in FY22 to Rs9 billion from

Rs6.8 billion in FY21.

Gross profit ratio for FY21 and FY22 remained the same at 22%, whereas the net profit margin moved up from 8.9% in FY21 to 10.85% in FY22. PTCL posted earnings per share of Rs7.78 in FY22 with an increase of 32% in comparison to FY21.

PTCL's Historical Financial Analysis (FY18-CY18 to FY22-CY22).

In comparison to the last five years, PTCL posted the highest sales in FY22. In FY18, PTCL's gross sales remained at Rs70 billion, which pushed up to Rs71.5 billion in FY19 and Rs78.3 billion in FY20. Showing a gradually increasing trend, PTCL reported sales of Rs76 billion in FY21 and reached a peak sales of Rs83 billion in FY22.

Likewise, PTCL's gross net profits also peaked in 2022. The gross profit values gave a U-shaped curve from FY18 to FY22. Gross profit in FY22 increased to Rs18 billion in FY22 from Rs17 billion in FY21. Similarly, the gross profit in FY22 increased to Rs18 billion in FY22 from Rs16 billion in FY21. However, PTCL saw its net profit increase 32% in FY22 to Rs9 billion from

Rs6.8 billion in FY21, which slightly dropped in the next three years and kept hovering around Rs6 billion mark. However, the company earned the highest five-year net profit of Rs9 billion in FY22.

PTCL's earnings per share stood at Rs7.46 in FY18, which kept relatively low from FY19 to FY21, but moved up to Rs7.78 in FY22. The mean years of FY19, FY20 and FY21 posted EPS values of Rs7.24, Rs1.18 and Rs1.35 per share, respectively.

Year-on-year, PTCL's revenues and gross profit were up 9% and 10%, respectively, in FY22, compared to 2021, WealthPK reports.

The company is listed on the Pakistan Stock Exchange with the technology and communication sector. PTCL is the third largest company in its sector, having a market capitalisation of Rs19.9 billion.

IC T (Integrated Core Optical Fiber Technology) company in Pakistan established as public limited company in 1995. The company is primarily engaged in providing telecom services nationwide.

In 2022, PTCL posted revenues of Rs83 billion INP

JIT to probe cases against PTI leaders formed

LAHORE: The federal government formed a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) to probe the cases against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders.

The JIT chief summoned PTI leaders, including Hamid Azhar, Farrah Habib, Fawaz Chaudhry, Ejaz Chaudhary, Musarrat Jamshed Cheema others at Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) office at 11 am tomorrow.

"All PTI leaders will record their statement before JIT tomorrow," sources said.

The JIT will investigate the 10 cases registered against PTI leaders and workers INP.

Govt employees to get salary in advance ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr

KARACHI: The Sindh government has ordered disbursement of salaries and pensions in advance ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr, falling on 21st or 22nd of April.

The provincial government has placed to decide that full pay and allowances/field pension for the month of April shall be paid in advance to all Muslim employees/pensioners of Provincial Government of Sindh (including work-charged and contingent paid establishment), read a notification from the finance department.

The notification stated that the salaries and pensions will be released on April 17 instead of May 2, noting that Eid-ul-Fitr is expected to fall on either April 21 or April 22 INP.

Senate session to continue till April 10

ISLAMABAD: The 327th session of the Senate will continue till April 10 and will take up the legislative business and discuss important national and international issues. The House Business Advisory Committee (HBAC) of the Senate met here at the Parliament House on Thursday.

The Committee, presided over by Chairman Senate Muhammad Saif Sarwat, thoroughly discussed in detail the legislative business to be transacted during the session.

The Committee also approved the Provisional Parliamentary Calendar for the Parliamentary Year 2023-24 INP.

Mohammad Iqbal Director (Licensing, Broadcast Media) retired from PEMRA

A shield presented to Muhammad Iqbal by Deputy Superintendent of Police Quetta on behalf of Balochistan Police at PEMRA, Islamabad. A meeting was attended by Director General Licensing/Broadcast Wajid Khan, Director Arif Rahman Amin, Director Tariq Mehmoood and Director Zahid Idris from ZE at PEMRA, Islamabad. The meeting was presided over by Director General Licensing/Broadcast Wajid Khan. He said that the services will be remembered especially in regard to FM Radio

Licensing. Muhammad Ali Khokhar said that FM radio broadcasting is the best way of keeping people well aware, informed about the latest weather and traffic conditions on roads. He further added, awareness of road safety education can help in keeping high-ways safe from accidents. He said that the Traffic Police Quetta FM-88.6 MHz will be of great importance to keep road commuters informed about weather, traffic, alternative routes as well as traffic rules. The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has issued a notification to license to the Quetta Traffic Police and very soon not only regular transmitters but also broadcast programs will be broadcast from more cities of Balochistan

including Gwadar for the safety and guidance of the people. The objective of FM radio is to educate the public about traffic rules, traffic education, road safety and obtaining a driving license. We all have to play our role to avoid traffic accidents. He further said that Inspector General of Police, Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh has issued instructions that FM Radio will be used not only for road safety education but also for behavior change. IC T (Integrated Core Optical Fiber Technology) company in Pakistan established as public limited company in 1995. The company is primarily engaged in providing telecom services nationwide.

PAKISTAN NAVY CONDUCTS SUCCESSFUL LIVE WEAPONS FIRING

Karachi: In an impressive Live Weapon Firing event, Pakistan Navy Ground Based Air Defence units demonstrated combat readiness and war fighting potential through successful firing of Surface to Air Missiles during one hour. Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi witnessed the missile firing at the forward posts.

Speaking at the occasion, Chief of the Naval Staff expressed complete satisfaction on operational readiness of PN Air Defence setup and commended officers and men for their tireless commitment and professionalism. Naval Chief reiterated the Navy is fully prepared and capable to generate optimum response against any misadventure by a enemy INP.



ISLAMABAD: Position holder students pose for group photo with Principal Prof. Alia Durrani in annual prize distribution ceremony held

Civil Society Groups Release Day of Zero Waste Declaration

Declaration Sent to Government Leaders Worldwide on the UN International Day of Zero Waste. GAIK speaks at UN.

New York, NY - On the first annual United Nations International Day of Zero Waste on March 20, the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAlA), has released a public declaration signed by over 200 organizations in over 60 countries endorsing zero waste practitioners, policy experts, and community groups. The declaration defines the principles and essential components of "zero waste" that governments must adhere to in order to successfully tackle our global waste problems.

Aditi Varsheya and Joshua Amposen of GAlA's network

speak at the UN General Assembly inaugurating high-level meeting celebrating International Day of Zero Waste and present the declaration.

Amposen states, "We are faced with triple planetary crisis - climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity - which is threatening our survival on earth. For many communities, zero waste is pivotal to building resilience against climate change and achieving sustainable socio-economic systems."

The letter emphasizes the importance of reducing waste through reuse, repair, and redesign, encourages governments to further critical infrastructure investments that facilitate these systems.

"Zero waste must also center social and environmental justice, redressing the historic harms inflicted on communities at every stage of the linear economy - from those living near extraction and manufacturing sites to the waste pickers working without proper pay or recognition, to the neighborhoods where waste is dumped or burned INP

Newly recruited constables of Islamabad police start training

ISLAMABAD: The newly recruited constables of Islamabad Capital Police have started training at three different centers where they would be trained about policing affairs on a modern basis. All the legal requirements have been completed about those constables who were inducted in the force on merit and they have been sent to three different centers to complete their training as per modern requirements. The newly recruited cops will conduct physical training and teach law at the training centers. The recruitment process was transparent and all stages were supervised by the Inspector General of Police Islamabad Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan. The teams comprising senior police officers conducted physical INP

FMD a major roadblock to increasing Pakistan's meat export: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) of livestock in Pakistan is a major hurdle in increasing meat exports, reports WealthPK.

In its report Pakistan Export Strategy 2023-27, the Ministry of Commerce says Pakistan has the potential to export \$1 billion worth of meat annually. However, FMD is a roadblock.

The ministry has urged all the relevant departments to take measures for controlling the disease by using modern techniques for raising livestock. Establishment of FMD Free Zones for animals and mass vaccination

by the relevant departments of provinces is required to overcome the disease, the report says.

This will require constant surveillance to identify animals that must adapt to the herd, inside the zone.

"Pakistan has the most significant chunk of domestic animal population," says the ministry.

Pakistan meat exports must adapt to a number of global market trends that take on increasing importance. The government is attempting to capture the market share INP

97th خانہ و مردم شماری THE DIGITAL CENSUS

بیکم مارچ 2023 سے کامیابی سے جاری

عوام الناس توجه فرمائیں

عوام الناس کی کوآپریشن اور شہریانہ ذمہ داری سے

کی خصوصی بنیاد پر

برتحصل کی سطح پر کمیونٹی سنٹرز قائم کیے گئے ہیں

اگر مردم شماری کا نمائندہ آپ کے گھر بھی تک نہیں آتا تو

مزید شکایات کیلئے

0800-57574 نمبر پر بلا فیس پوچھیں

9727 برائے مکالمہ اور ایس ایچ

اپنی اپنی مقامی سطح پر 456 اور 457 نمبر کے مراکز (Census Support Centers) کے ذریعے

اپنے اپنے خطے کے لوگوں کی رہنمائی کی جائے گی۔ ان مراکز پر مشورے اور رہنمائی کی جائے گی۔

انگلیز اور اردو دونوں زبانوں میں سہولتیں فراہم کی جائیں گی۔

محکمہ مردم شماری کے ذریعے تمام خانوں کی مردم شماری مکمل کرنے کے لیے

مقامی اور قومی سطح پر کامیابی سے جاری ہے۔

ذرائع: ایس ایچ

رقبہ	ذوال
092-9962396	اسلام آباد
011-4034311	کراچی
011-9213911	لاہور
011-9222274	پشاور
011-9213919	فیصل آباد
011-9213919	راولپنڈی
0822-8231108	نئی دہلی
0911-629762	انڈیا

080057574

www.pbs.gov.pk

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

اساتذہ اعلیٰ اور اساتذہ کرام

وزیر تعلیم و تربیت

Statistics House, 21-Navro Area, G-9/1, Islamabad.

Govt sets target to enhance foreign reserves to \$ 130bn by June: Senate told

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Ishaq Dar on Thursday informed the Senate that the country's reserves would jump to \$ 10 billion by Friday adding that target has been set to enhance to \$ 13 billion by June.

Replying to various supplementary questions during the Question Hour, the minister said that Pakistan would not default and arrange all financial liabilities. Not a single international obligation was deferred in last 11 months and actual external debt had also decreased, he said.

He said Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) government inherited \$ 4.6 billion foreign reserves when came into power in 2013.

The then PML-N government not only fetched the country out of financial crisis but also put it on road of progress and prosperity with 6 per cent gross domestic product (GDP) growth, he added.

He said Pakistan's economy was included among top 24 growing economy in the world and 5th best economy in Asia during the last period.

He went on to say that he was punished merely for bringing fiscal discipline in the country. He had been already

advocating since 2013 for charter of economy, he added.

He conceded that inflation was high in the country but it was due to flaws policies of the past government.

Regarding State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the minister said various amendments were made in the past in this regard. Now, the SBP was totally independent and fixed Monetary Policy accordingly, he added.

The minister said that the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP)'s Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has raised the policy interest rate by 1,000 basis points, from 7 per cent to 17 per cent, since September 2021.

This makes Pakistan among the emerging markets with the strongest monetary policy response to inflation and external account stress, he added.

The interest rate increases are complemented by other measures taken by the SBP to restrict demand-side pressures.

They include administrative restrictions on imports; revisions in prudential regulations for auto and consumer financing; linking of mark-up rate on the SBP's refinancing schemes (EFS and LTF) with the policy rate; and increase in the cash reserve requirement (CRR) for banks to 6 per cent from 5 per cent INP.



ISLAMABAD: President Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (F) Maulana Fazal ur Rehman calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Federal Capital.

5076232 free flour bags distributed in KP till date: Food Dept

PESHAWAR: The distribution of free flour among deserving people under the Prime Minister's Ramadan Relief Package is continued unabated in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, said a statement issued by the KP food Department on Thursday.

According to the statistics issued by the Food Department, so far 5076232 bags of 10kg flour have been distributed among 1752182 families of the province.

It said the distribution was carried out through 5122 registered flour mills, 90 mobile vehicles, 103 utility stores and 18 utility mobile vans.

The KP Food Department, among 5750908 deserving families of the province INP.

Mother, infant son died in accident

KARACHI: A woman and her infant son were killed in a road accident when a truck hit their motorcycle on National Highway, police and rescue services said.

According to police, a truck driver losing control over brake coming from behind hit their motorcycle at the Shah Latif Cut. They suddenly hit intensity was so severe that thirty-year-old Uzma Saddam and her six-month-old son, Azan, died on the spot. Her husband got injuries but survived in the accident.

Police after reaching the spot took cordon off the accident spot and took the driver into custody for further legal action against him.

The dead bodies were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for medico-legal formalities INP.

KP CM condemns terrorist attack in Lakki Marwat

PESHAWAR: Caretaker Chief Minister (CM) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Muhammad Azam Khan on Thursday strongly condemned cowardly terrorists' attack on a police station followed by Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast on the vehicle of a Deputy Superintendent Police (DSP) in Lakki Marwat.

The CM expressed his condolences on the martyrdom of four police personnel including a DSP in the incident and conveyed his heartfelt sympathies to the families of the martyrs. He prayed for the elevation of the ranks of the martyrs and reiterated that the provincial government would not leave the families of the martyrs alone, adding that all possible support would be provided to the bereaved families. He also issued instructions to the relevant quarters for the provision of the best medical treatment to the injured police officials of the attack INP.

Overseas Pakistanis ready to donate Rs20bn for polls on SC assurance: Rasheed

RAWALPINDI: Awami Muslim League (AML) Chief Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed claimed on Thursday that overseas Pakistanis were ready to give Rs20 billion donation for elections if the Supreme Court gave an assurance.

In a series of tweets, the former interior minister said there would be "rule of jungle" in the country if the Constitution and laws were defied.

He also cast doubt on the order of elections in October if they were not held within 90 days of the dissolution of assemblies. He warned of civil war in the country. The strong ally of PTI Chairman Imran Khan called for trial over treason charges of those defying the orders of the Supreme Court. As for the judges of apex court hearing elections case, he said: INP.

Murtaza Wahab welcomes legislation on suo motor powers

KARACHI: Sindh's Adviser to Law Murtaza Wahab on Thursday called the "intervention" as a major problem (in governance).

Wahab, Sindh government's spokesperson and law adviser, addressing a press conference in Sindh Assembly, said that this begins from 1954 and continuing till date.

He said that each state institution should function in its constitutional limits. "The constitution tells, which institution have what powers and the government will run the executive," Wahab said.

"Legislation is the mandate of the parliament. The government decides about the number of the judges in the Supreme Court, the constitution has granted these powers to the government," he said.

"As a citizen I welcome the new legislation, alas the parliament thought about it earlier and legis-

lated on the judges suo moto powers. With the right to appeal the incidents like demolition of Nasta tower in Karachi, would have been avoided," he said.

He said that in the past Supreme Court was resting decision taken by the prime minister or chief minister. Justice (ret'd) Saqib Nisar while referring Article 90 of the constitution decided that the government does not mean the chief minister or prime minister, but it is the cabinet.

"Article 176 clarifies the Supreme Court's powers," Wahab said. "This Article said that the Supreme Court is not the Chief Justice alone, but it is all learned judges," provincial law adviser added.

A building in Islamabad regularized, while another in Karachi demolished, this double standard is not acceptable at any cost," he said INP.

SC forms new bench to hear polls delay case after justice Aminuddin's recusal

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial on Thursday constituted a four-member bench to hear Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) plea against the delay in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa elections.

The development comes hours after Justice Aminuddin Khan recused himself from a Supreme Court bench hearing the PTI's petition against ECP decision to delay polls.

A new bench will hear the case tomorrow at 11:30pm.

Justice Aminuddin in his remarks said he cannot hear the case after yesterday's decision of a three-member bench headed by Justice Qazi Faiz Isa. After remarks

of the honorable justice, the other four members of the bench left the court room and the bench was dissolved.

On Wednesday, the three-member bench of the Supreme Court ordered to adjourn the hearing of cases of constitutional importance and suo moto notices.

A three-member bench of the court issued the order in a case of giving grace marks to Hafiz-e-Quran. The nine-page decision was written by Justice Qazi Faiz Isa, while Justice Shahid Waheed dissented from the decision.

It may be noted that a five-member bench was hearing PTI's plea against the postponement of elections in Punjab by the Election Commission of Pakistan INP.

SC's five-member bench hearing polls delay case dissolved

ISLAMABAD: The five-member bench of the Supreme Court (SC) hearing the Punjab polls delay case was dissolved on Thursday.

Justice Aminuddin Khan recused from hearing the PTI petition against the postponement of the Punjab Assembly elections on account of yesterday's order wherein it was noted that the hearing of all cases under Article 184(3) should be postponed until they are legislated upon Justice Khan's recusal was an unexpected development before the court proceedings began on Thursday.

The original bench which had conducted three hearings on the PTI petition was constituted by CJP Umar Ata Bandial. It was headed by the CJP himself and included Justice Jazal Ahsan, Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhal and Justice Khan. On Wednesday, a three-member bench of the Supreme Court ordered to adjourn the hearing of cases of constitutional importance and suo moto notices. A three-member bench of the court issued the order INP.

make special benches or decide its members, and said that all hearings based on suo moto notices and cases of constitutional significance — under Article 184(3) — should be postponed until they are legislated upon.

Justice Khan said the postponement before the court proceedings began on Thursday.

The original bench which had conducted three hearings on the PTI petition was constituted by CJP Umar Ata Bandial. It was headed by the CJP himself and included Justice Jazal Ahsan, Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhal and Justice Khan. On Wednesday, a three-member bench of the Supreme Court ordered to adjourn the hearing of cases of constitutional importance and suo moto notices. A three-member bench of the court issued the order INP.

Islamabad court approves Imran Khan's exemption plea in Toshakhana case

ISLAMABAD: A district and sessions court in the federal capital on Thursday approved a plea filed by PTI Chairman Imran Khan seeking exemption from appearing in the Toshakhana case.

Additional Sessions Judge Zafar Iqbal announced the ruling after hearing arguments from former prime minister's legal team and prosecutor Amjad Farveez in the case.

During the hearing, the PTI chief's lawyer filed the exemption plea for three days and argued that the Islamabad High Court during the trial.

At which, Mr Parvez said if Imran Khan was also part of the protest, adding that it was must for the suspect to ensure his attendance in court during the trial. He said the PTI chief should have appeared before the court even his lawyers wanted to join the protest.

In reply, Imran Khan's lawyer Khawaja Harris said his client was facing threats and the government had also withdrawn his security. "He [Imran Khan] is not present in the court due to security reasons," he said, adding that his client could attend hearing via video link if allowed. Mr Harris pleaded the court to accept the exemption plea.

The judge asked the both sides to help the court in fixing next hearing of the case with mutual consultation. At which, Faisal Chaudry suggested that case should be fixed for hearing after Ramadan.

In reply, Imran Khan's lawyer Khawaja Harris said his client was facing threats and the government had also withdrawn his security INP.

Meanwhile, Imran Khan's lawyers also filed a petition, challenging the admissibility of the Toshakhana case. They would submit their arguments in this regard during next hearing.

In previous hearing, the court had suspended his arrest warrants after hear appeared before the judge in the case.

Last year, a reference was filed against him by lawmakers from the ruling coalition accusing him of not sharing the details of gifts he retained from Toshakhana in his assets declarations and the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) had concluded in October last year that the PTI chief filed false statements regarding the gifts.

The electoral watchdog subsequently, disqualified him for being dishonest and corrupt and approached the district and sessions court seeking criminal proceedings against Imran Khan for allegedly misleading officials about the gifts.

During the hearing, the PTI chief's lawyer filed the exemption plea for three days and argued that the Islamabad bar was holding protest for three days.

At which, Mr Parvez said if Imran Khan was also part of the protest, adding that it was must for the suspect to ensure his attendance in court during the trial. He said the PTI chief should have appeared before the court even his lawyers wanted to join the protest.

In reply, Imran Khan's lawyer Khawaja Harris said his client was facing threats and the government had also withdrawn his security INP.

PM, Fazl discuss political situation

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday here held a meeting with chief of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (F) Maulana Fazal ur Rehman and discussed in detail the prevailing political situations in the country.

During the meeting held in the Prime Minister House, Maulana Fazal ur Rehman congratulated the prime minister on the passage of Supreme Court (SC) decision on the Prevention of Electronic Interception Bill (PEI) from the Parliament.

He assured of complete cooperation of the allies to the prime minister INP.

Rana Sanaullah calls for holding 'greater dialogue' among all stakeholders

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah on Thursday called for holding 'greater dialogue' among all stakeholders including opposition parties and treasury benches to steer the country out of prevailing crisis.

Talking to journalists outside Supreme Court (SC) today, the interior minister said that the greater dialogue will help in evolving a consensus agenda over charter of economy, charter of democracy and charter of peace.

He said the government respects and honours the opinion of the Chief Justice

of Pakistan (CJP) and other judges of the apex court. "However, if the dialogue is to be held only for optics purpose, it will serve nothing," he noted.

In response to a question, Sanaullah expressed the resolve that terrorism was neither out of control nor it would be so in future. "Our armed forces are fully competent and capable enough and carrying out counter-terrorism based operations against terrorists on daily basis," he added.

Rana Sanaullah further said despite all these actions and operations, threats of terrorism still exist, but all the relevant authorities are in coordination and discharging their duties to root out this menace INP.

IHC reserves verdict on admissibility of Tyrion White

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad High Court (IHC) has reserved verdict on the admissibility of the case seeking PTI chairman Imran Khan's resignation for "concealing" his daughter Tyrion Jade White in nomination papers.

As per details, a larger bench headed by IHC Chief Justice Justice Amir Anwar comprising Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kiani and Justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir, reserved the verdict.

Earlier, the larger bench of IHC sought a response from the government and Insaf chairman Imran Khan in the case INP.



ISLAMABAD: A man leaves on the way after collecting free bags of flour from a government distribution point E-11.

Petition for simultaneous elections in country lands in SC

ISLAMABAD: A petition seeking simultaneous elections across the country was filed Thursday in the Supreme Court.

Malik Faisal Mehmood, a citizen of Talagang, requested to postpone the national elections till the general elections.

"According to the Constitution, the people can choose their true representatives only through simultaneous elections across the country," the petition stated.

"There will be more expenses if election to the two provincial assemblies [Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa] and the National Assembly are held separately," it added.

"The caretaker governments of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa should be extended till the general elections," it demanded.

"By holding elections in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa first, the system of caretaker governments in general elections requested in the country will also be affected," it pointed out.

The president, federal government, elected provincial governments and the provincial governments had been made parties in the petition.

Malik Faisal Mehmood, a citizen of Talagang requested to postpone the provincial elections till the general elections.

"According to the Constitution, the people can choose their true representatives only through simultaneous elections across the country," the petition stated.

"There will be more expenses if election to the two provincial assemblies [Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa] and the National Assembly are held separately," it added INP.

ANF foils smuggling bids in countrywide operations

ISLAMABAD: The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) has seized over 90 kg of hashish, 35 kg and 600 grams of opium and 12 kg of heroin from a car at Islamabad Motorway Toll Plaza and arrested three drug peddlers.

In another operation of similar nature, the ANF has seized an interchange Faisalabad seized over 32 kg and 400 grams of opium and 12 kg and 600 grams of hashish from a vehicle and lassoed a Khyber resident.

According to ANF spokespersons, an attempt to smuggle 408 grams of heroin was also foiled at Islamabad International Airport.

In the first operation, the ANF arrested a Dubai bond passenger, resident of Swat, and recovered 1.224

kg of heroin, hidden tactfully in a bag.

In the second operation, 128 grams of narcotic pill powder and 620 grams of suspicious material were recovered from a suspect, who was going to Sharjah from Karachi.

The accused was the resident of Talagang. In yet another operation, an attempt to smuggle 280 grams of heroin to England through a private courier office at Lahore International Airport was foiled by ANF officials. Officials said that the recovered heroin was hidden in different types of plastic sheets and plastic packets. Moreover, the ANF team conducted a raid at a local court assembly hall at MM Jinnah Road Karachi and recovered 4 kg and 160 grams of ice, absorbed into a cover, from a parcel coming from Rawalpindi. Two Karachi residents were arrested. Both the accused were also wanted by ANF in several cases. Cases have been registered against the arrested accused under the Anti-Narcotics Act. INP.



PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN, MARCH: Relatives and security officials gather around the coffins of policemen who were killed by a roadside bomb in Lakki Marwat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.