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Angioplasty machine at BMC hospital out of order for 2 years

Syed Ali Shah
QUETTA: Angioplasty and angiography machines are out of order in Balochistan's largest government-run hospital for the last more than two years. The costly machines installed at the Bolan Medical Complex (BMC) hospital are out of order, an official of the health department told Daily Quetta Voice. Patients remained the worst sufferers because they (patients) are forced to spend money in private hospitals and clinics. "We are forced to do angioplasty in private hospitals", Abdul Qadeer, an aged patient lamented. He said the hospital administration was least bothered about the sufferings of the patients and attendants.



"There is an allegation on doctors", Mr. Shah told the daily Quetta Voice

Doctors reject minister's statement

However, the doctors rejected the minister's statement and termed the hospital administration responsible for this. "Who appoints the medical superintendent of the hospital", Syed Zahoor Shah, a senior doctor at the BMC said. He said it was the government, which was responsible for all this. "Strange, this machine is out of order for the last more than two years", Fareaudullah, an attendant with a patient lamented. He said he was forced pay more than one lakh rupees in private hospitals to conduct angiography of his ailing father.

MS BMC says the matter was brought into the notice of high-ups

However, the Medical Superintendent of the BMC, Dr. Fareaud Sulamali said that the matter was brought to the

notice of the high-ups. "Very soon, the machines would be made functional", Dr. Sulamali who took over the charge of MS BMC informed. The MS said that the company responsible for the repair of the costly machines was not repairing the machines because of increasing rates

of dollar. Balochistan health minister had accused doctors for making machines out of order

This news has come a few days after the Balochistan health minister, Syed Ehsan Shah accused some doctors and paramedics of deliberately making machines out of order. There is an allegation on doctors", Mr. Shah told the daily Quetta Voice.

Quetta: 4 policemen martyred in Kuchlak operation

Staff Reporter
Four policemen were martyred during an exchange of fire with terrorists in Quetta's Kuchlak area on Tuesday morning. Police sources said an operation was conducted at the hideout of terrorists in Kuchlak. The terrorists opened fire on police and martyred four policemen, a senior police official said. He said one terrorist was also killed when police retaliated. The dead bodies were shifted to the



hospital. A large number of the heirs and police officers reached the hospital when the dead bodies of the martyred officers were brought. Police conducted this operation after two policemen lost their lives in an armed attack in the Kuchlak area the other day.

Funeral prayer of the martyred policeman was offered later on, the funeral prayer of the martyred policeman was offered in the police line in Quetta. Commander 12-Corps, Lieutenant General Asif Ghaloor, Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, and other high-level civil and military officers participated in the funeral prayer. After the funeral prayer, the dead bodies of the martyred police personnel were moved toward their ancestral homes.

A pen bomb injured a seminary student

In the Saranan area of the Pishin district, a seminary student was injured when a pen bomb exploded. Levies sources said the seminary student was using the pen when it suddenly exploded. The injured seminary student was shifted to the hospital for medical treatment.

Levies personnel reached the concerned madrassah/seminary after the incident and started an investigation into the incident. Levies said no arrest was made in connection with the pen bomb. However, they said in-charges of the madrassah and other senior teachers were being investigated regarding the pen bomb. These incidents have come a day after a bomb explosion claimed four lives including two policemen in Quetta's Kandahar Bazar area. Panic prevailed among the people after repeated incidents of terrorism in the provincial capital.

Balochistan professors symbolically start charity for salaries

Syed Ali Shah
QUETTA: Professors of Balochistan University symbolically launched a charity campaign for the salaries of the faculty members and employees of the university on Monday evening. A large number of university professors, lecturers, assistant professors, and employees of the university gathered outside Balochistan University and staged a protest demonstration. "We have symbolically launched this charity collection campaign to sensitize our rulers", Nazeer Ahmed Lehr, one of the protesters told Daily Quetta Voice. The protesters were chanting full-throated slogans against the university administration and the Balochistan government for their failure to solve the financial issues of the university. Women faculty members were also part of the protest.



part of the protest demonstration outside the Balochistan Assembly, Balochistan University and the University Law College remain closed for more than a week because of the financial crisis. "Our faculty members and employees are deprived of their salaries for the last three months", Professor Fareaud Achakzai, another protester said. He said the rulers were least bothered about the plight of employees and faculty members. The financial issues of the university were also echoed in the Balochistan Assembly. Lawmakers also discussed the closure and the financial crisis inside the university and stressed the need for an immediate solution.

Jaffar Express narrowly escapes a bomb explosion in Sibi

Nashad Baloch
Jaffar Express narrowly escaped a bomb explosion in the Sibi district of Balochistan on Tuesday. Levies sources said the bomb went off with a big bang when the Jaffar Express passed from the site of the explosion. "There was a huge blast as the passenger train crossed the spot", a levies official said. He requested anonymity since he was not authorized to speak to the media. Jaffar Express was on its way from Mach to Lahore



The Jaffar Express was going from Mach to Lahore when it narrowly escaped the bomb explosion. Levies sources said unknown miscreants had planted a bomb near the railway track to target the passenger train. Security forces and Levies personnel reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway. Militants in the past have repeatedly attacked passenger trains in the area.

Justice Isa clarifies was 'assured only constitutional matters would be discussed' at NA convention

Justice Qazi Faez Isa, senior puisne judge of the Supreme Court (SC), issued a clarification on Tuesday regarding his presence at a national constitutional special convention held at the National Assembly (NA) hall the previous day to mark the golden jubilee of the Constitution of Pakistan. The judge, who is slated to become the next chief justice of Pakistan in September, was the only top court judge in attendance at the event and his presence raised eyebrows as many questioned on social media not just his decision to attend the event but also him being seated next to PML-Q chairperson Asif Ali Zardari. Justice Isa's presence at the event also becomes particularly significant when viewed in the context of the ongoing political and institutional wrangling in the country, with a split within the SC becoming apparent over the last few weeks during several



hearings conducted on holding elections in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab. However, in his address at the NA on Monday, Justice Isa distanced himself from the political views stated by legislators who

spoke before him and clarified that he had been assured of only constitutional matters would be talked about at the event. He said he was not there to make a political speech but only to celebrate the golden jubilee of the Constitution. Along the same lines, he said in his clarification issued today that before him accepting the invitation to the convention, "enquiries were made as to whether there would be political speeches". The judge said assurances were given to him and his staff that "only the Constitution and its making would be spoken about" at the event and the programme sent to him also confirmed this. "Having cleared this point, first by my staff from the deputy director of the National Assembly, and then by me with the speaker, I accepted the invitation as I wanted to show solidarity with the Constitution," he said Web Desk.

Policeman martyred in Khuzdar attack

From Our Correspondent
The unknown accused opened fire and martyred a policeman in Balochistan's Khuzdar district on Tuesday evening. Police sources said the miscreants opened fire and martyred a police constable identified as Zia on the spot. The attackers managed to escape without being caught from the spot. Police reached the site and shifted the dead body to the district headquar-



ters hospital Khuzdar. Police also launched an investigation into the incident. This incident has come after four policemen were martyred in the Kuchlak area of Quetta on Tuesday evening.

SC receives ECP's report on non-provision of funds for Punjab

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) submitted on Tuesday a report to the Supreme Court on the non-provision of election funds as the federal government failed to release the finances to hold polls in Punjab. A three-member bench, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial had directed the electoral body to hold elections in Punjab on May 14, and the federal government to provide funds worth Rs21 billion to ECP by April 10. The report was submitted to the SC's Registrar's Office in a sealed envelope, which will be sent to the chambers of CJP Bandial, Justice Jiaz ul Ahsan and Justice Munib Akhtar.



Despite the orders, the government failed to meet the deadline set by the apex court as the ECP has not yet been financed. Instead of providing the funds in time, the government on Monday tabled a bill seeking approval of funds for the elections in both Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

SC ordered govt to provide funds worth Rs21 billion to ECP

As per the decision of the federal cabinet, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar introduced the money bill, saying that the government was laying the bill before the house in the light of the Supreme Court orders to release Rs21 billion to the ECP to hold a general election in the two provinces. The finance minister said the federal cabinet, in its recent meeting, pondered over the SC orders and, in view of the house's resolution, sought the will of Parliament to take a final decision regarding the allocation of funds for the Punjab and KP general election. The move came after the SC had declared the ECP's decision on the Punjab and KP elections null and void, while ordering it to hold snap polls Web Desk.

Deadline for provision of funds expired today

It may be noted that the top court had warned of action in case of non-compliance with the orders.

Climate Change in Pakistan

Muhammad Jehangir Kakhar

Increasing ratio of suicides in Balochistan

In Balochistan, the ratio of suicides continues to increase especially among the women segment of society at an alarming level. Statistics shared by a little-known Paak, a non-governmental organization about the alarming increase in the number of suicide cases should be an eye-opener for policymakers.

The organization reports 56 suicide cases among the women during the last three months in Balochistan. Last year, 80 suicide cases were reported across Balochistan. The cases must be higher than what is being quoted by the NGO since most of the cases go unnoticed in rural Balochistan because of social and tribal taboos.

Mental stress, social-tribal taboos, unemployment and poverty main reasons behind the increasing suicides ratio. Mental stress, social-tribal taboos, unemployment and poverty appeared to be the underlying reasons behind the increasing ratio of suicides. And this phenomenon is not confined to Balochistan rather it is an issue faced by different parts of the globe.

Especially, frequent cases of suicides have been reported on social media from Balochistan's Mekan division. A growing number of cases in Mekan, which is considered to be the intellectual capital of Balochistan are disturbing. WHO defines mental health as a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life.

The World Health Organisation defines mental health as a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn well and contribute to their community. It is a basic human right, but in the non-urban social setup in Balochistan, mental health issues that include mental disorders, psychosocial disabilities as well as the risk of self-harm, are generally ignored and not given the right level of importance. In most cases, people come to stress and depression to get attention of worldly issues. There have been no proper health institutions to provide counseling to mentally challenged people.

The health department established a psychiatry institute in the Bolan Medical Complex Hospital (BMCH) after the hectic efforts of well-known psychiatrist Dr. Ohulam Rasool. However, the institution needs more manpower and facilities to treat mentally ill people. Such institutions need to be established on district levels to make sure timely mental treatment/counseling of mentally challenged people.

It is ironic of fate that mental disorder/stress is hardly considered an illness in our society. People take it very lightly and easily and prefer to avoid psychiatrists. An awareness program should be launched by the Balochistan government to create awareness among the people about mental disorders and other depression issues.



Pakistan is threatened with the challenges of climate change. Be it global warming or regional vulnerability caused due to climatic threats, Pakistan is on crossing the red line. This is so interesting, as the world is only after climate change at the provincial or federal level in Pakistan? There is none.

Ministry of Climate Change at the federal level is doing very little to act only as a regulator and one that has the technical capacity to sit and receive only onto the limitations of checking the quality of ambient air. Similar at all the provincial levels, there

are environmental protection agencies that look after the conformity of environmental regulations in various sectors contributing to different types of pollution. These provincial agencies act as regulators and with a stick but they enforce the environmental laws which can cater for only a limited version or a speck of what forms the big idea of climate change. At the provincial level, there is no agency that is technically sound, composed of such professionals and equipped with such facilities as to counter the grand horrors of climate change.

No climate change data is being collected at the provincial level. As for the data and statistics, there is a disconnect between the silos and silos-approach as much it is in the inter-governmental coordination mechanism. The question is not of the dearth of amplex of data but that the data is made meaningful. Not at any provincial level one

could ensure that any climate-oriented data is being collected. The enforcement of agencies only ensure the quality of air by recording the various gaseous emissions in the ambient air. The Pakistan Meteorological Centre throughout the country pick up conventional weather data by various means but hardly translated into making a meaningful statement on climate change.

As for policies, laws, rules and regulations, we are most advanced than the developed nations. When it comes to drafting policies, we are worth writing to our expertise but when given to see that they are being implemented, only darkened eulogies are symphonized at the moment. The laws are being multiplied each day and have become as difficult as to remember the exact number of laws on one single sheet. The National Climate Change Policy 2012 remains a docu-

ment of the past being pushed to nullify through it was the vital document that elevated the Division of Climate Change to a Ministry level. The promising implementation never has come off until this date. Through a devolved subject yet the NCCP grants the legitimacy to the Ministry of Climate Change to wreathe all the provinces together in one garland of beautiful working and legal integration to manage the national issue of climate change.

The Climate Change Act 2017 was another move towards climate consolidation. It promised to establish the Pakistan Climate Change Authority, Climate Change Council, and Climate Change Fund all of which are yet to be seen in 2017 when the said Act was passed. The vision 2050 remains a virgin vision thus far.

Ministry of Climate Change has granted that it is the organization at the federal level entirely responsible for

catering for climate change affairs. The integration of such a central body with the provinces would be the next challenge given to over politicization of everything. Climate is something which should not be made political though globally it is something which has become an element of political decision-making as the Biden-Trump thaw.

Nature and nature along with the potential of Pak-Met and reach are to be integrated and enhanced fully at the federal and provincial levels with the climate change organizations so that the best data and statistics need to be enhanced through the applications of data. A lot must be done to keep the generalists away from making any decisions and calling the shots and the professionals given the credit who have both the capacity and the legitimacy.

The 'father' of leaders of Alternate universes

P.S. Qaisar, Sharred Pictures

I wanted to write this week's column on the amazing story of Tameer Bank as narrated in a new book by Nadeem Hussain, who was the founder and CEO of the bank before it was bought and taken over by Telcelor.

Especially, as I read through the book, I realized that 'A Bank is Born' is not a book about Tameer Bank but rather about how leaders are made, and what makes Nadeem Hussain uniquely qualified to write about leadership. In these times of immense economic and political uncertainty, and with such a profound failure of leadership as what Pakistan is currently going through, it is important to spend time thinking about leadership.

But, first, a disclaimer: Nadeem Hussain, so my treatment of his book is unlikely to be overly objective, because he, thousands, including me, is not Nadeem, the star banker-turned-venture capitalist, finance guru he is instead, quite simply, Coach. Coach also happens to be Nadeem's formal title at Planet N, the tech incubation aggregator that he began almost exactly six years ago in the aftermath of the sale of Tameer Bank. Coach's job is to make sure that the CEOs of his portfolio companies are able to take advantage of their innate talent in an ecosystem that puts people who have ideas at a distinct disadvantage.

Coach is the ecosystem corrector for the companies and people that he works with. I don't work for him, but he has benefited from his advice and insights. I had the privilege of working with Coach too. Coach is married to one of the most important mentors I have had the privilege of working with. Senator Sherry Rehman. The first job I worked in after graduating with a Bachelors back in 1997 was at the monthly magazine where she was editor. Sherry gave me my first shot at working in the media - a privilege that I benefit from to this day (through this newspaper column). Numerous opportunities to share my views in the mainstream media have been a privilege to help me, mentor me and create opportunities for me to shine.

If you buy 'A Bank is Born' and highly recommend it, you should also read it. Too many book collectors think of books as objects, but they are algorithms on their smartphones to actually be read. I have long enough to read a book, I would know, as I am among the few who read 'A Bank is Born' in its ideal habit breaker from this perspective. The book is a two most immediate and obvious qualities.

The first is the reflection of this is the chapter she dedicates to Nadeem's role in his personal and professional journey, but it is not just a list of gratitude to others in his life. It is a manifesto throughout the book, Nadeem describes his core startup team at Tameer Bank - including two key leaders in the industry who he would have liked - is an object lesson in leadership.

The overarching concept of Nadeem's biographical description of the founder is leadership, not the capability to command and control - but rather leadership as the fulfillment of the interests of your core team members.

I have no doubt that Nadeem himself would have as many examples of instances where he has failed to achieve that level of leadership, but he also has a long track record of providing leadership in various capacities. Nadeem identifies and names almost every person who has helped him. This is how great teams are built. This is how great leaders go on to become force multipliers for the same people. A lot of this is fuzzy and warm and fuzzy, but Nadeem is an international banker - surely something that is not a personal discipline and the value of time - especially in the context of keeping meetings short and object-oriented. This is an art and a science.

There is a personal discipline and the value of time - especially in the context of keeping meetings short and object-oriented. This is an art and a science. There may be some elements of truth to this - but the process can't be rushed. There may be some elements of truth to this - but the process can't be rushed. There may be some elements of truth to this - but the process can't be rushed.

Alternate universes

Equally impressive are the Luxor and Karnak temples in the city. Which is a much has been lost over the millennia, what remains is still as majestic as the surviving architecture of the obelisks, columns that have been carried out of mountains of granite using no more than hand tools and basalt rock to create a smooth surface weighing several tons. Exquisitely decorated with hieroglyphs and cartouches of Pharaohs and kings whom these obelisks were built to commemorate.

Obelisks seen today in Istanbul, Paris, and New York were all created in ancient Egypt. And scattered faraway places. But seeing them in their original context, as they are in Asswan - which was left unfinished as the granite had cracked before completion. We saw a whole new perspective on the art and labour involved in making the obelisks.

There were other interesting observations from the site related to ancient Egyptians. We visited Wadi Natrun, a small town in the North of Cairo, known for its ancient Coptic Christian monasteries, dating back over two centuries. On a Friday all the monasteries were teeming with pilgrims, women, and children. There were posters and

Reminiscing the grand old days of remanufacturing

The government has taken a number of initiatives to provide a subsidy of Rs22 per litre on petrol to provide some relief to the low-income class in the prevailing economic situation. It plans to charge affluent consumers more to fund the subsidy.

Under this scheme, a two-litre petrol system will be opted. There is a monthly cap of 21 litres per month for two- or three-wheeler vehicles, and a cap of 30 litres per month for small cars with 800cc capacity or below. According to Petroleum Minister Muzaffar Malik, the scheme will cover around 20 million registered bikes and rickshaws and 136 million cars. Although the government has planned to provide relief scheme to protect the vulnerable, it has to multiple the challenges. Two methods have been discussed so far to make the scheme work. First, the applicant will receive an OTP (one-time password) after getting registered through an SMS that needs to be shown and used at fuel station along with a CNIC. This can be a time-consuming task as it will require an increased queueing at petrol pumps.

Second, people will get fuel cards to redeem their allotted fuel quota. Apart from this, the government is planning to subsidize petrol is 2-3 litres for two- or three-wheeler vehicles, and for small automobile consumers to discourage the possible emergence of a class of rich. It is also important to understand the mechanism of subsidized pricing. The petroleum minister says Ogra will be charged Rs22 per litre and low-income consumers. For example, the current price of Rs272 per litre, the low-income group will be charged Rs22 per litre and high-income consumers will be charged Rs272 per litre. So technically, it is a Rs50 subsidy per litre with a Rs150 difference for the rich and the poor. However, the complete burden of the tax on rich people, which may result in tax evasion and illegal declaration of assets.

commercial vehicles, and their consumption is not within the normal family usage car. Every additional cent will cost them the full price of Rs322 per litre. A small car on average consumes three tanks - 30 litre capacity - in a month. In this context, it will not only ruin the purpose of providing subsidies but also add to the government's loss of Rs1,500 on the consumers. Also, only 800cc cars and below are eligible for this scheme. What about the other middle-income households with a 1000cc car and a monthly income of Rs100,000? It is assumed that these cars consume 100 litres per month on average. In this context, the middle class will put an excessive burden of at least Rs5,000 per month. Apart from this, a majority of loader rickshaws are not registered at excise offices due to lack of certification from the concerned departments. More than 200,000 loader rickshaws are operating without registration in Punjab alone, and will ultimately be ignored for the benefits of this scheme.

This will not only affect their business behaviour, but also a reduction in disposable income due to inflation but also push a majority of them below the poverty line. Already 71 million people have been pushed below the poverty line due to devastating floods in June 2022. The story does not end here. This scheme will also enhance inequality by making eligible a car owner with a 600cc engine worth Rs2.5 million and above and neglect the use of Durio cars with a market worth of Rs0.8 million. Also, it promotes regressive taxation by putting more stress on the poor and the middle class. This subsidy seems to be a relief to the poor as it will also enhance the existing credit situation in the country. Pakistan is already facing the worst socio-economic crisis of all time and the crises like flash floods and conflict are adding fuel to the fire. Inflation in the country touched the record high level - 31.5 per cent on year-on-year basis - during the month of February 2023. With food inflation recorded around 41.9 per cent. During such a market when the country is already facing multiple issues, putting pressure on low- and middle-income groups may further weaken their purchasing power. Additionally, the IMF seems unhappy with the announced scheme. At a

time when the government is waiting for the IMF to release the already delayed by eight months - announcing a new loan to the government consulting with the IMF may further delay the deal, further affecting the economy. Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves can barely support the essential imports of four weeks. As a result, the country is facing a dire situation. The release of \$1.1 billion instalments from the \$6.5 billion bailout package agreed with the IMF in 2019.

Pakistan needs to rethink the policy as it can create more stress on consumers. The eligibility criteria should be based on the income level not on the vehicle category. The government should set a benchmark for the eligible community based on the prevailing market. Relief schemes like 'fast track' facilities to achieve their objective in the past. We now need to focus more on long-term solutions, instead of short-term schemes. The tax system can be improved by increasing the tax net and implementing the progressive tax system. Apart from announcing such schemes, the government should focus on targeted subsidies in terms of cash transfers through mobile wallets and bank accounts.

regardless of their impacts. Rather than running the affairs of the government intellect and bounties in a just and sustainable manner, we have become embroiled with nature's resources at the cost of destruction of other forms of life and of natural ecosystem. The recently released UN IPCC's terrifying sixth assessment report on the anthropogenic destruction of the earth is a warning. The high-handedness against the poor is rampant. Even we didn't spare his fellow beings.

A few in the world hold majority of the wealth. The result: millions of people are currently consumed by poverty, hunger, disease. The rich-poor divide widens as time passes by. The global economic scale inequality as the rise. Laws are made and broken for and by the rich, who are using the earth's resources as if they were not theirs. Merciless pogroms are a norm. The poor are being preyed and consumed by capitalist predators. The tyrants against the weak and the atrocities of rulers over their subjects have surpassed any time in human history. The growing scourge of terrorism and extremism, rising populism and demagoguery, and fascist political leadership is the new normal. The greed, hoarding, black-marketing, organised crimes, cheating, manipulating, exploiting, and abusing others from nature's

Ali Hassan Bangwar

become common traits of our culture. There is an ever-rising trend of flattery and hypocrisy, while every-thing remains the same under material success. Morality, ethics, empathy and compassion are all considered as outdated notions. One might wonder how is NASA even thinking of colonising Mars if we have utterly failed to learn to live peacefully on our planet, being here for millenniums. Though heinous acts may go unattended or unpunished by our judicial system, we must realise the earth has its own system of justice. Floods, droughts, forest fires, heat waves, tsunamis, epidemics, earthquakes, and other natural violent eruptions are just a few of the consequences of our actions. It is about time for us to reflect on the past. COVID-19 among other calamities questions the sustainability of the existing global order and the underlying principles of globalisation. The pandemic has given humankind the opportunity to rethink and reform the existing socio-political and economic orders in line with principles of egalitarianism, eco-friendliness, compassion and empathy. Rather than wasting resources on weapons, using populism and demagoguery, and fascist political leadership is the new normal. The greed, hoarding, black-marketing, organised crimes, cheating, manipulating, exploiting, and abusing others from nature's

Pakistan expresses strong indignation over India's plan to hold G20 meeting in Srinagar

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has expressed its strong indignation over India's decision to hold the G-20 Tourism Working Group meeting in Srinagar. In a statement on Tuesday, Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said...



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Rana Tanveer Hussain visited the National Curriculum Council.

28 new Corona cases reported in last 24 hours: NIH

ISLAMABAD: Health officials on Monday said that 28 new Coronavirus cases were reported during the last 24 hours across the country. As per the data shared by the National Institute of Health (NIH), the case positivity ratio was 0.90 percent while 10 patients were in critical condition.

There will be rapid tests and screening of passengers at all airports, he added. He said 90 percent of the country's population already got the Covid-19 vaccine. An efficient system with a proper management team is fully functional in the country to remain vigilant and is ready to make an emergency plan to deal with any sub-variant of Covid-19, the minister added.

(NIH) the case positivity ratio was 0.90 percent while 10 patients were in critical condition. No death was reported from the Coronavirus in the last 24 hours while 3,105 Covid-19 tests were conducted. Meanwhile, Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Abdul Qadir Patel said the government has strengthened the role of Border and Health Services in Pakistan to deal with any sub-variant of Covid-19.

First Prudential Modaraba reports strong profit growth in 1HFY23: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: The gross profit of First Prudential Modaraba increased 63.01% to Rs39 million in the first half of the ongoing financial year 2022-23 (1HFY23) from Rs24.3 million over the same period of the previous year, reports WealthPK. Similarly, the operating profit increased by a staggering 127.71% to Rs21.6 million in 1HFY23 from Rs9.48 million in 1HFY22.

The EPS growth rate of the company has been quite volatile over this period. It was 113.04% in 2019, but dropped to -300% in 2020 (which means the EPS was negative in 2020 compared to the previous year), but then increased significantly to 283.33% in 2021, and again plunged to 100% in 2022. Enterprise value Data shows that the enterprise value (EV) of the company increased from Rs0.06 billion in the first quarter of FY23 to Rs1.5 billion in the second quarter. The increase in the enterprise value is due to the merger of First Prudential Modaraba, First Pak Modaraba, and KASB Modaraba.

Reputed Chinese universities to award certificates to Gwadar students

Islamabad: The University of Gwadar's Office of Research, Innovation and Internationalization (ORIC) has entered into a collaboration with TANG International Education Group, China, enabling students and employees from the university to enroll in different online short courses at reputed universities and colleges in China.

Yanzhou Vocational Technical College, Loudi Vocational and Technical College, Shanghai Urban Construction Vocational College, and Beijing Business School. The areas of study include biological medicine, agriculture science, mechanical engineering, and CIT/ST. The students will learn the overview of the python language, python's basic elements, and get to know the turtle and turtle brush setting.

Upon the completion of each course, a participant will receive a certificate from the respective Chinese university, while a participant with good grades on each course will be awarded gifts like a laptop, a mobile phone, and other electronic gadgets, according to the official statement. There is no maximum or minimum course limit for the participants. For online registration, students can visit the university's website and fill out an online form to register for the course of their choice INP.

Power supply situation this summer will be far better as compared to previous year: Dastgir

ISLAMABAD: People holding their luggage are arriving to the Shah Faisal Mosque as from the twentieth day of Ramadan. The Minister for Power stressed for simultaneous conduct of elections in the country saying it is important for transparency as well as to take the country towards stability.

He said it is our effort that the general elections held later this year, are held in a free, fair and transparent manner without any unconstitutional interference. He said the elections should be such that they most represent the public opinion. He said the Senate and the Joint sitting of the parliament have also passed resolutions, demanding simultaneous conduct of elections. The Minister for Power also prayed the Supreme Court of Pakistan to constitute a full court to address the constitutional crisis through collective wisdom. He said the Prime Minister himself has stated that the decision INP.

KP gov announces reforms in Revenue Dept to facilitate people

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has announced different reforms in the Revenue Department to improve service delivery and facilitate people. The government decided to simplify people's related affairs of the revenue and patwari department and imposed a ban on all kinds of transfers and postings, including of the patwaris, said Pir Zulfikar Ali Khan, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister in a statement on Tuesday. However, prior permission would be taken for any transfer due to unavoidable circumstances, he added.

He said that all affairs of patwaris would be performed on the pretext of robbery in Karachi, the houses rather than in private patwari centres. Shah said strict disciplinary action would be taken against absent employees and those paying unnecessary visits to the government offices for transfer and choice postings. All the patwari issues would be performed by the appointed patwaris and there would be a complete ban on keeping a private patwari. He said it was decided to constitute provincial and districts level committees with members from the revenue, police, judiciary and government officials for speedy redressal of the people's complaints and provision of quick services to the masses. INP.

Pakistani rupee continues losing streak against US dollar

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistani rupee kept up its losing streak and shed 11 paise in its value against the US dollar in the interbank trading on Tuesday. According to money dealers, the local unit stumbled against the US dollar which was up by 11 notches and traded at Rs287.20 during early trade. Yesterday, the US dollar smashed Pakistani rupee and appreciated by Rs2.44 in the interbank trading. According to economic experts, the political uncertainty along with the stalled IMF tranche is eroding the market trust in rupee. Despite completing almost all prior actions demanded by the International Monetary Fund, Pakistan is still awaiting the revival of the IMF programme which will also unlock assistance from the friendly countries. The rupee started to decline after Finance Minister Ishaq Dar announced that he would not attend spring meetings of the IMF and the World Bank being held in the US. Since January 2023, the rupee slid by Rs56. Since April 2022, the PKR has lost Rs105 against the US dollar. The money experts are of the view that if the IMF releases \$1.2 billion tranche, it still will not turn around the country's tattered economic condition. They call for a concrete policy shift, well-formulated designs behind development projects for shoring up dwindling forex reserves and unilaterally changing the special status of Kashmir in 2019, has since then been remorselessly peddling lies to promote the so-called 'normalcy' narrative on Kashmir', the letter said, adding that Modi government's decision to hold the G20 Summit in Kashmir has triggered genuine concerns among Kashmiris. Urging the Muslim countries to take a holistic review of the prevailing situation in the region, Saghar said that it was high time that the member INP.

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KARACHI: A security guard opened fire at two youngsters on the pretext of robbery in Karachi. As per details, the firing incident by the security guard took place near Karachi Medical and Dental College in North Nazimabad after Fajr prayers. The youngsters were going to meet their friend after offering Fajr prayers when a security guard opened fire at them on the pretext of bandits. The injured were immediately transferred to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, while the security guard fled the scene after taking refuge at the citizens. The injured youngsters were identified as Mubashir and Naseem INP.

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ISLAMABAD: The Convener of All Parties Hurriyat Conference-AJK chapter, Mehmood Ahmed Saghar, has urged Muslim countries in Group Twenty (G-20) to boycott its upcoming event being hosted by India in Srinagar, the capital of the disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir, illegally occupied by India. Highlighting the Indian regime's nefarious designs behind device move, Saghar in a letter, addressed to the heads of the governments of Turkey, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and China, said that by arranging the high profile meeting in Srinagar, New Delhi wants to keep the facade of normalcy alive. Referring to the Indian government's track record of using good offices of foreign envoys to occupied Kashmir as a tool to conceal ground realities in Kashmir, the communique stated that the Indian government has a notorious history of using falsehood as a state policy to achieve its strategic goals. "India's present government, which in brazen violation of the UNSC resolutions had unilaterally and unlawfully changed the special status of Kashmir in 2019, has since then been remorselessly peddling lies to promote the so-called 'normalcy' narrative on Kashmir", the letter said, adding that Modi government's decision to hold the G20 Summit in Kashmir has triggered genuine concerns among Kashmiris. Urging the Muslim countries to take a holistic review of the prevailing situation in the region, Saghar said that it was high time that the member INP.

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KARACHI: Muslims are seen at the Faizan-e-Madinal Mosque for Itikaf held during the last ten days of Islamic fasting month of Ramadan in Provincial Capital.

Pakistan, China express satisfaction over smooth implementation of various EC projects

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China expressed satisfaction over the smooth implementation of various CPEC projects and agreed that all the pending issues will be resolved amicably in the spirit of traditional cooperation, mutual understanding, trust and brotherhood.

Gwadar Port stated in reference to recently held 11th meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) on CPEC.

Nadeem Javid Chief Economist CPEC from Pakistan and his Chinese counterpart Pan Jiang, Director General National Cooperation Department of National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) co-chaired the same while senior officials from Ministries of Planning, Energy, Industry, Communication, Agriculture, Irrigation, Science and Technology, I.T & Board of Investment attended the meeting.

Both sides expressed satisfaction over the progress made in the four priority Special Economic Zones (SEZs) namely Rashakai, Allama Iqbal Industrial City, Dhabaji & Bostan SEZs and agreed to further expedite the progress so as to attract investments of high quality industries.

Signing of Framework Agreement for Industrial Cooperation was highly appreciated and both sides committed to hold bi-annual meetings to review the implementation of framework.

Nadeem requested strong support of NDRC and other relevant Chinese government institutions to advance implementation of important projects like ML-1, KRC and key energy projects in line with the leadership consensus.

It may be noted that Year 2023 marks the Decade of CPEC and the strong partnership between Pakistan and China. Accordingly, both Pakistan and China are celebrating 10 Years of BRI and CPEC on 5th July 2023 whereby high level Chinese delegations are scheduled to visit Pakistan to witness the achievements made since inception of CPEC.

In order to make the 10 years' celebrations memorable, both sides expressed desire to sign 11th JCC minutes of meeting before end of April 2023 so that relevant Technical Joint Working Groups (JWGs) could then hold their meetings by mid of May 2023 and work out the tangible outcomes for the 12th JCC Meeting, being planned to be held first week of July 2023 in Islamabad, INP.



FAISALABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif visits Free Flour Distribution Points in Faisalabad.

Funds for elections still not received, ECP tells court

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) told the court in a letter that they still did not receive the funds to conduct Punjab elections.

According to source, the one-page report submitted Supreme Court was signed by the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and other members.

The report mentioned lack of funds and security for conducting elections in Punjab. The ECP informed the top court that they didn't receive Rs21 billion yet, sources added.

The caretaker government told the ECP that they can provide 75,000 security personnel for the Punjab elections and the commission is still working three lac security personnel, sources added.

Sources said that there is no mention of any government institution which the commission contacted for the funds INP.

PM reviews free flour distribution process at different points

FAISALABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday arrived here to review the arrangements at different points, set up for the distribution of free flour among deserving people.

During the visit, the prime minister interacted with the people, gathered there to receive free Atta bags under PM's Special Ramadan Package for the poor.

He enquired about the distribution arrangements and also witnessed the process.

Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Harriyur Aurangzeb and the relevant authorities also accompanied the prime minister.

The people, especially the old women, expressed their joy and satisfaction over visit of the prime minister. INP

Terror bid foiled in DI Khan, cache of arms, ammunition recovered

DI KHAN: The district police have foiled a terror bid and recovered 3 shells of rocket launchers, three bags of rocket launchers, five repeaters and 10 magazines in two different actions taken on Tuesday.

According to a police spokesman, the terror police have successfully thwarted an attempt to smuggle arms from Dera Ismail Khan to Karachi.

The police team led by Para Circle SDO Malik Abid Iqbal and Paroa Police Station SHO Gulshar Khan took action following the detection of District Police Officer (DPO) Abdul Rauf Babar Qaisrani.

The police, taking action on a tip-off, stopped a bus bearing number (E-7545) at a blockade created on Dera-Ismail Khan road for checking.

Meanwhile, a police team of Shaheed Nawab Police Station led by its SHO Nawab Aslam Khan conducted a successful operation in Ghara Pahar area. During the operation, the police recovered three shells of rocket launchers and 3 light smoke rocket launchers. The police started further investigation INP

RDA inflows rise to \$5,966 in March

ISLAMABAD: The inflow of remittances under Koshan Digital Account (RDA) rose to US \$5,966 billion by the end of March 2023 as compared to US \$5,811 billion by February end, according to the latest data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

The data showed that the inflows of remittances during the month of March were recorded at US\$ 155 million as compared to US\$ 125 million in February and US\$ 110 million in January 2023.

Air quality in Capital reported healthy

ISLAMABAD: The federal capital's air quality on Tuesday was reported healthy despite dry weather and development projects on two major roads of the metropolis.

Air pollution in the metropolis remained low since the onset of the Spring season as prolonged rainy weather helped in containing air pollutants rations in the atmosphere.

The Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (PAE-EPA) daily air quality report indicated a reduced ratio of air pollutants, quoted across the country, managed to remain below permissible limits, and the air quality was healthy.

The Agency is responsible to ensure the protection of the environment under the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997.

The hazardous air pollutant particulate matter of 2.5 microns (PM2.5), which is a hazardous atmospheric contaminant, remained 14.46 micro grammes per cubic meter on average which is well below the WHO safe limit of 25 micro-grammes per cubic meter and denoted the air quality unhealthy.

ANF recovers 356 kg drugs in 13 operations, arrests 14

RAWALPINDI: Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) in 13 operations conducted across the country managed to recover 356 kg of drugs and arrested 14 accused including two women, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Tuesday.

He said that in an operation, ANF recovered 55 grams of heroin from a parcel being sent to Birmingham through Rawalpindi.

In the second operation in Islamabad, Chungi no 26 areas, ANF recovered three kg charras from the possession of an accused resident of Charasda.

He said that in the second operation at Chungi no 26, over 700 grams of heroin were recovered from the possession of a family drug pusher, a resident of Islamabad.

In two operations on Islamabad Motorway Toll Plaza, four kg charras was recovered from the possession of three accused including a woman and 3.6 kg charras from the possession of an accused resident of Charasda.

Influential sugar mafia pushes country into another crisis: PEW

ISLAMABAD: Senior Vice President of Pakistan Economic Watch (PEW) Dr. Hanif Mughal, on Tuesday said the influential sugar mafia has started an artificial sugar crisis across the country to increase its profit during the holy month of Ramadan.

The price of sugar has been increased by Rs30 to Rs40 rupees per kg in different parts of the country which is unjustified, he said. He said "large quantity of sugar is being smuggled to Afghanistan where the smugglers get paid in US Dollars". Mughal said that inflation has broken the back of the people, the prices of electricity, gas and petrol are also continuously increasing, and the rupee continues to weaken. A four year crisis was already taking a toll on the masses and now the sugar crisis after the flour crisis is

an atrocity in which the most influential people of the country are involved, he informed.

He said that there is no shortage of sugar in the country but the prices are increasing on a daily basis which is a cause of concern. So far, one hundred and fifty billion rupees have been taken out of the pocket of the poor to fill the coffers of the mafia and the process continues unabated.

He warned that if the crackdown is delayed, the price of sugar will soon double and the price of bakery items, sweets and beverages which have already become twice as expensive as compared to last year will become further dearer.

The government should take practical steps instead of issuing warnings to save the people from this new problem. INP



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf in group photo with (tadween interns at Parliament house.

Elections of all assemblies to be held simultaneously as per spirit of Constitution: Tarar

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Interior and Legal Affairs Attaullah Tarar on Tuesday said that general elections of the National Assembly and the provincial assemblies should be held simultaneously as per the spirit of the constitution to strengthen the federation.

Addressing a press conference here, he said that a joint session of parliament has adopted a resolution for simultaneous general elections of all assemblies. He said that all signatures are genuine as coalition partners do not believe in dishonesty. He said that PTI had remained involved in fraudulent activities and Azhar Khan, a lawyer, Imran Khan, submitted documents in Lahore High Court with fake signatures of Imran Khan.

He said that the Speaker of the National Assembly would be written for recovery from former Minister for Information Fawad Chaudhry who used official flats, vehicles and other resources for months after the ouster of his government, he maintained.

He said that general elections to the National Assembly or a Provincial Assembly should be held simultaneously after setting up caretaker governments as per the real spirit of Article 224 of the Constitution of Pakistan.

Attaullah Tarar said that a joint sitting of parliament has passed the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Bill, 2023 which aims at giving the power of taking suo motu notice to a three-member committee comprising senior judges including the Chief Justice. He said that it would ensure fair and transparent proceedings in the apex court and includes the right to appeal.

He said that the bill states that every cause, matter, or appeal before the apex court shall be heard and disposed of by a bench constituted by a committee comprising the CJP and the two senior-most judges. It added that the decision of the committee would be taken by a majority. Regarding exercising the apex court's original jurisdiction, the bill said that any matter involving the use of Article 184(3) would first be placed before the above mentioned committee.

Attaullah Tarar interpreted the order of Justice Athar Minallah in election-related case which stated that the case was dismissed by 4 to 3. In this order, he said that it has been held that suo-motu notices were actually aimed at downtrodden segments and to protect their fundamental rights because such segments lack resources with them. He quoted Article 191 of the Constitution which says that the Supreme Court may make rules regulating the practice and procedure of the Court subject to the Constitution and law. After the passage of the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Bill, 2023, he said the president shall give his assent within ten days including which assent shall be deemed to have been given. INP

Pakistan asks China to speed up work on KCR

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has asked China to expedite work on S2bn Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) and \$10 billion Mainline-1 (ML-1)—the most important projects under the leadership of the two nations in November.

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During Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Beijing last year, the Chinese political leadership agreed to fast-track processing of ML-1 by immediately triggering their respective teams.

Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal, who recently visited China, sought support from China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and other relevant institutions to advance the implementation of the Main Line-1 (ML-1), Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) and key energy projects.

During a meeting with the Vice Chairman of China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) Li Chunlin, he asked for early completion of the projects. INP

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Committee on Agriculture (FCA) will meet on April 12 (Wednesday) to review the output of national crop surveys during the Rabi season and fix the production targets of Kharif crops 2023 for fulfilling the local demand requirements as well as to export.

The high-powered committee is mandated to oversee strategic measures for ensuring food safety and security in the country and will be held under the chairmanship of the Minister of National Food Security and Research Tariq Bashir Cheema, said a senior official in the Ministry of National Food Security and Research.

Talking to APP here on Tuesday, he said that among other things, the meeting would also be attended by the senior officials of the provincial food and agriculture departments, State Bank of Pakistan, Zarif Tarar and Bank Limited.

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President directs USC to employ deceased employee's son

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has directed the Utility Stores Corporation (USC) of Pakistan to appoint the son of a deceased employee under the Prime Minister's Assistance Package. The President gave these directions while accepting a representation filed by Mr Rizwan Ullah (the complainant) whose late father (Bakhtawar Shah) was employed in the Agency and died during service in 2009. The complainant had applied for appointment against the deceased employees' children quota under Prime Minister's Assistance Package but to no avail.

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The FCA will deliberate on the production of major cash crops of Rabi season like wheat, besides reviewing the output of minor crops including oil seeds and pulses including gram, lentil, onion and tomatoes, he added.

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