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BA lawmakers demand 2 months extension in census

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opposition benches seed their reservations steed their reservations the census and asked the I government to extend it or months. "People have en counted in this area-ne biggest province of the y", Makhi Sham Laal, a try lawmaker noted.

Deputy Speaker directs census commissioner to brief lawmakers

The members said that since the province covers half of the country in terms of area, there-fore, it was not possible for the census staff to count every indi-vidual in such a short span of time.

time.
The Deputy Speaker Sardar
Babar Musakhail who was
chairing the session directed
the census commissioner to



Zahoor Buledi lashes out at the government and opposition

Mir Zahoer Buledi, the former senior minister of Balcohistan labeld out at the provincial government for what he called its incompetency and corruption. "Youth are committing suicides and the government for the said the suicide su

If corruption proven in jobs, I will resign: Sardar Khetran

CM chairs cabinet meetings Sehri and still people say he sleeping", Sardar Abdul ill Sehn and store is sleeping. Sardar Abdun Rehman Khetran, the Balochistan Minister for Communication and Works (C&W) said. He however announced that he would announce his resignation if any bribery in services was proved the

Buledi's remarks cause uproar in Balochistan Assembly

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QUETTA: Former senior provincial min-ister, Mir Zahoor Buledi's remarks



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All Secretaries sworn in to ensure merit on 15000 jobs: Aziz Uqaili

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QUETTA: Chief Secretary alochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqail n Thursday reiterated that meri



Skepticism about appointments in the education department

First Anti Riot **Women Unit** established in Balochistan

Staff Reporter

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40 women trained in first phase

Top court bars implementation of bill limiting CJP powers

Political parties can become parties in the case, states the order

In a major development, an eight-member arger bench of the Supreme Court (SC) on hursday ordered that even if the Supreme ourt (Practice and Procedure) Bill 2023 cevieved the assent of the president, the bill rould not be acted upon in any manner till arther order.





Ruling alliance rejects 8-member 'controversial' bench constituted to hear pleas on SC bill



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Flaws in the Balochistan census

Flaws have been witnessed in the seventh census underway in Pakistan's Balochistan province. The census is underway amid reservations and apprehensions expressed by the Baloch and Pashtoon nationalist political parties. The census staff is yet to reach the people living in urban parts of the province. What to speak about the remote areas of the province, which covers half of the country in terms of area and houses only 6% population of entire Pakistan.

half of the country in terms of area and houses only 6% population of entire Pakistan.

Census staff is yet to reach the population in Balochistan Specific law and order situations, rugged mountains, long distances, plains, and administrative issues make it very difficult to make sure proper and accurate counting of all individuals in Balochistan.

As per the 2017 national census, Balochistan makes hardly 6% population of the entire country. Indeed, this is equal to salt in the flour. It is ironic fate if this meager population is not counted properly during the census of 2023. Census also a sensitive topic in Balochistan. Almost all political parties are skeptical about the process of the current enumeration/census.

The Baloch nationalist parties are concerned about the inclusion of Afghan refugees in the census process and fear that this would bring a demographic change in Balochistan. Almitarly, the Pashtoon nationalist parties fear that their (ethnic Pashtuns) population should not be ignored under the garb of Afghan refugees.

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Balochistan makes up only 6% population of the entire country. The resource-rich province of Balochistan has a nominal representation in the parliament with only 19 members of the national assembly out of a total of 342. The province has no say in the formation of the federal good comment, and distribution of the province for the formation of the federal public sector development provinces in the control of the province of the province in the formation of the swallowed by Islamabad through fake domiciles.

Balochistan is lagging behind all other provinces in terms of key social indicators including education, health, sanitation and clean drinking water. Nevertheless, its own funds are not utilized in a transparent way because of the wext governance.

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To be precise, all political parties should put their heads together and bury the hatchet and come up with one point agenda that a fair and transparent census should be conducted before it is already late.

QUETTA VOICE | Gender budgeting- a tool for gender removing inequalities



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we talk in the context of Balochistan, the first squestion that strikes us question that strikes us question that strikes us the conducted to find out the Gender Gaps? Did we undertake any post or pre-budget assessment of the annual segments of the society, especially women, who form almost 50% (48.76%, to be specific) of un antional population? In Balochistan, its 47.47% if our budget is not Gender Sensitive, almost half the population is left out. In our set up women on the conduction of Sewing Machines, the opening of embroidery centers, or the holding of few cultural shows. It means cultural shows. It means cultural shows. It means the conduction of Sewing and the properties of the budgets incorporating a gender perspective at all levels of the budgets process, and restructuring revenues and expenditures.

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Disaster displacement

By Zahra Niazi

In Pakistan, at least 33 million people have been forced to leave their homes. They are not fleeing any con-flicts, but they have been internally dis-placed by the effects of arguably the biggest global threat of the 21st century — climate change.

century climate of the 21st century climate Since the beginning of Pakistan's deadly floods in mid-June, at least 7.9 million people have been displaced, which is appalling to say the least. Even this could be a conservative estimate given the colossal damage the floods have caused. Many of these expending — their homes, sources of livelihood, and prized belongings. These internally displaced people now face an uncertain future as there is no specific national legislation or policy framework that came the protection and assertion of the pakistan is regrettable as recent history in Pakistan is marked by a series of disasterinduced displacement crises. In 2010, massive floods displaced Il million people, and another four million were displace following the 2011 floods in the control of the co

Sindh. A report published by Oxfam in 2019 revealed that the communities who permanently moved to Karachi from Badin. Thatta, and Sajawal asker the communities who permanently moved to Karachi from Badin. Thatta, and Sajawal asker the control of Sarachi, where they lacked access to utilities. Nearly a decade on, they continue to live under poor and squalid conditions, which exemplifies the consequences of the consequences of the consequences of the ments that can offer long-term protection and assistance to people displaced by disasters.

In 2021, the IDMC reported that a third of all disaster-induced displacements in 2020 down the control of the control of

policy frameworks to guide the national response in such situations.

At the international level, the rights of discovered under the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. These principles serve to ensure that the rights of displacement -affected communities are not ensure that the rights of displacement-affected communities are not ensure that the rights of displacement-affected communities are not ensure that the rights of displacement-affected communities are not conferred to the state of the proposes in such situations. However, it does not confer any obligation on the states, with national authorities having the primary duty to provide humanitation assistance of the principles into law or employed them as the basis for policy formulation. Some cases in point are Sri Lanka, Peru, Uganda, and the Philippines. In Pakistan, however, a legal limbo with regard to the recognition of the rights of disaster-induced IDPs continues to exist. At the same time, no specific policy document

addresses internal displacement or disasterinduced internal displacement specifically. Pakistan launched its first National Climate Change Policy (NCCP) in 2012 and its following the properties of the propertie

for reassessing how we want to move forward and shift away from the status quo. The necessity of implementing-cal resilience-building and risk-reduction strategies, ideally through a community-led approach, is essential.

The government, through collaboration with provincial authorities and civil society must now also begin effective must now also begin effective method to be a status of those already displaced amid the devastating floods.

This framework to deal with and protect the rights of those already displaced amid the devastating floods.

This framework should serve as the basis for a more comprehensive the policy for the province of the

Lust for power

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Global energy security

Not since World War I has the threat to globa at as severe as it is foday. Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine and the consequent go-e-conomic war between the configuration of the threat threat the consequent global gas markets at a scale unprecedented in recent history. The Kremlin's use of its power overage — and Europe's efforts to wean itself off of Russian natural gas and avoid a massive shortage this winter chikes and recruting flows around the world. No one is left unaffected, even those who thought they had pre-taility. For example, Pakistan, which had secured several long-term natural gas import contracts to increase line for the contracts of the contracts to increase line for the contracts of increase line for the contracts of the contracts of

Europe further, saying it plans to reduce gas supplies through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline to Germany to just 20 percent capacity. In response, European swiftly amounced an agreement for the bloc's members to gut gas usage by 15 percent this winter. This Ewas an oak with the word of the word of

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Murad Saeed booked in eight cases, IHC told

ISLAMABAD: Ex-federal minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Murad Saeed to booked in eight cases, the police report submit-ted in Islamabad High Court revealed on Thursday.

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any case, however, Islamabad police submitted details of eight cases registered against him in the federal capital.

During Thursday's hearing Sher Azal Marwat, PTI leader's counsel said the government, has revoked the added he has severe security threats by extremists in Swat.

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The Islamabad High Court (IHC) Justice remarked how can we order the provision of security to Murad from Islamabad in Swat. He asked the counsel to sub-mit documentary proof, the court will look into

the matter. Earlier, Islamabad Police raided Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Murad Saeed's house. Murad had lambasted Capital police said that despite getting bail on 'fake cases' his house was raided by police when only women were present there.

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar presided over the meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet.

NA's standing committee on finance rejects bill seeking funds for polls

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had fixed May 14 as the date for the polls in Punjab and directed the Federal government to the RS21 billion to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) April 10 for election to both assemblies.

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raised an objection on why the bill was presented before the finance committee and not the finance committee and not the finance committee and the finance committee the rejected the bill.

The bill stated that funds required for conducting elections in both the provinces shall upon the Federal Consolidated Fund (FCF)*, which it said comprises all revenues received by the federal government, all loans raised by the government and all and the said compressed in the province of any loan. It said it shall "override other laws" and have effect "notwith-standing anything contained in standing anything contained in the proposed in the pr

for Karachi

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister
Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday
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he pad tribute to the four fire
fighters who lost their lives while
putting out a fire in Karachi. He
expressed sympathy and condolences to the families of the fire
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Attempt to

smuggle 10

truckloads of

wheat foiled

ISLAMBAD: Pakistan Agricultural Storage and Services Corporation Limited (PASSCO) has successfully thwarted a wheat suzed 6,000 sacks in Haftzabad on The Service (1900 sacks in Haftzabad on The seized wheat was being transported to various cities of Punjah and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) illegally. The authorities have transferred The authorities have transferred Labo, a ban has been imposed on transporting wheat outside the district.

transporting wheat outside the dis-trict.

According to PASSCO sources, the authorities have also carried out operations against wheat smugglers in Niki Chattha, Iqbal Nagar and Chak Chattha. INP

PM orders comprehensive

fire control strategy for Karachi

Bilawal forms committee for dia-

against dengue

Local admin

decides to take

strict measures

against dengue
KHANEWAL: The local district administration has decided to take strict measures to eradicate the strict measures to eradicate large large affect for the control of the strict measures. In this regard, 400 teams of the health department have been formed for dengue surveillance and the control of the strict measures and the central graveyard to city service stations, tire shops and the central graveyard to surveillance teams to distribute surveillance teams to distribute the surveillance teams to distribute the

Four firefighters die while dousing massive blaze at Karachi factories

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dozen firefighters who were rescued and later were rescued and later by the control of the contr

QUETTA: Worker busy in embroidery on customer cloth on ahead of eid ul fite. WHO eyes new

Covid variant as Pakistan

reports 28 cases

The World Health Organization (WHO) has its eye on a new Covid variant which seems to have a new symptom in children rarely caused by other Omicron subvariants.

7.30am on Wednesday, He said due to massive magnitude of the blaze magnitude of the blaze magnitude of the blaze the city were called in. He said the four floors of the six-storey building had been cleared and work to the control of the six-storey building had been cleared and work to the six-storey was still under way when the accident happened. The officer said that initial reports suggested that a shot cricular than the six of the six-store was still under way when the accident happened. The officer said that initial reports suggested that a shot cricular than the said on Wednesday that 10 fire tenders and said on Wednesday that 10 fire tenders and said on Wednesday that 10 fire tenders and the operation in the New Karachi Industrial Area. The Administrator Karachi supervised the extinguishing process the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) to keep the fire brigade personnel present at the site till the fire is completely extinguished and the voling said a spokesperson of said a spokesperson of the six of guished and the cooli process is complete said a spokesperson the KMC. INP

logue with political parties ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Thursday formed a committee to address the ongoing political cri-sis tion party - Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), saying that the nation cannot afford any odd sit-

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The three-member committee

should be committed to the committed to the committed to the committed with a committed with a committed with a committed with a committed will approach all parties in the coalition government to discuss the issue of dialogue among the political parties, including the PIL approach and parties including the PIL approach and parties including the PIL approach with a committed wit

Insat (P11), saying intermediate and information cannot afford any odd situation. Will request PM Shebbas Sharif to hold talks with the opposition and set no conditions before they begin talks." Asif Zardari had said while addressing the Convention on the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Month of P12 Constitution on Month of P12 Constitution on Shebbas Sharif for talks "as he is the prime minister."

"We cannot afford any odd situation now. The P11 (Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf) is now situation now. The P11 (Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf) is now situation now. The P11 (Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf) is now situation now.

ISLAMABAD



ISLAMABAD: David Miliband, President and CEO of International Rescue Committee, called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Finance Division. Chinese company

to establish breeding farms

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) has welcomed Supreme Court senior judge Qazi Faez Isa's participation in the golden jubilee ceremony of the 1973 Constitution held in the Parliament House last reek. The participation of Justice Isa showed that the upreme Court judges are the guardians of the onstitution, the lawyers' constitutional body said in a ress release.

Justice Isa lauded for attending Constitution event

Constitution, the lawyers' constitutional body said in a press release.

The bar council recalled that former chief justice Anwar Zaher Jamali had also attended a Senafe convention. The bar appreciates Justice Qazi Fazz Isa's commitment and support for the Constitution, and rejected as 'unwarranted' the criticism that he should not have attended the convention ein order to end the constitutional and political crises in the country. In view of the tension between the state institutions, the council has called a representative meeting of lawyers' organizations across the country at 11.30 am on April 17.

The meeting, which will be held at the PBC office, will mull over a strategy to defuse the prevailing political tension. The council said the country cannot afford the troublesome situation. INP

Female mule arrested with ice drug wrapped around her legs

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shaw.

Separately, ANF and Frontier Corps (FC) seized 21 kg of hashish from plastic bags in a joint operation in Khyber.

According to ANF spokespersons, accused have been booked in separate cases under Anti-Narcotics Act and further investigations have been launched.INP

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to educate students and famers. In a consideration of the consideration of the vaccine that a consideration of the vaccine the famers can keep their animals safe from the Bukhari said that agreements will be signed with universities of each province. In Rahim Yaristruction of a breeding farm along with a animal

KPK breeding farm will start soon. Khawaja Fared University of Engineering Tenniogy, the March of the March March of the March (KFUEIT) and HanGeng will joinly establish a breeding research center will joinly establish a breeding research center at KFUEIT which will work on livestock farm-ing, breeding center, stu-dent training programs varieties of Aloe Vera, he added INP

ISLAMABAD: The World Health Organization (WHO) has laid its focus on a new Covid-19 variant as Pakistan reported a drop hos fatality during the last 24 hours, showed the data released by the National Institute of Health (NHI) on Thuodd morning the fatal the country remained the same at 30,554 whereas the number of total infect of the country remained the same at 30,554 whereas the number of total infect of the country remained the same at 30,554 whereas the number of total infect of the country remained the country remained the same at 30,554 whereas the number of total infect of the country of the symptoms of the variant include: high fever, cough and "lichy" conjunctivitis or pinkeye. Richard Reithinger. International, told Fortune that it is "probably to carly to tell "if the virus 's symptom set has Covil symptom, he never that it is "probably to carly to tell "if the virus 's mymptom, he never the state of the probable of the pr other on all vasice of the control and the con Federal Govt rejects bench hearing "Supreme Court Procedure and Practice Bill"

ISLAMABAD: The federal coalition the Pakistan Dec federal coalition the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) on Thursday rejected the Supreme Court bench set to hear petitions against a pending legislation meant to clip the Chief Justice of Pakistan's (CJP) pow-ers.

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In a joint statement, the ruling parties opposed the eight-judge bench, saying that "such a move was never seen in the history of Pakistan and the SC".
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He said that the Chinese expert team of professors will bring breeding technology and

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ISLAMABAD: A Chinese company Hangeng Trading, specialized in animal husbandry. Fivestock and Adoe Vera is establishing and health units across Pakistan to improve the country's agriculture and livestock industry and health units across Potential Company (COPHC). The control of the country o

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President upholds "dismissal from service" penalty against woman harasser

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has upheld the penalty of dismissal from service on the Assistant Vice President of the Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL) after it was proven beyond doubt that he had sexually harssed a female employee of the bank. The President also enhanced the fine of Rs 5 lacs, imposed by the Federal Ombudsman for Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace (FOSPAH), to Rs 6 lacs on the accused considering the serious mental trauma he must have caused to the victim. The President gave this decision while rejecting a representation filed by an Assistant Vice President ZTBL (the accused) against the decision of POSPAH. He also rejected the representation filed by ZTBL in this case on point out any irregularity in the proceedings conducted by FOSPAH which were based on the true appraisal of evidence. In Pastisant, the message of the constitution, the law, and its implementation is loud and clear that we want to ensure a society where women are free to work and have a safe environment in all public places that allows them to become fully participating members of society? he added.

The President also upheld the order that since the complainant had been terminated from service in utter violation of the law and rules its, conducting no regular inquiry against her and providing no opportunity of hearing the providing not the proportion of the law and rules its, conducting no regular inquiry against her and providing no opportunity of hearing the providing not proportion of the law and rules its, conducting no regular inquiry against her and providing no opportunity of hearing the providing not proportion that it would be deemed as if no order of termination was made and the com-



ISLAMABAD: David Miliband, President and CEO of the International Rescue Committee calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Eid holidays for schools announced

LAHORE: The private schools in Lahore have announced a holiday package for Fidul Fitr on Fluorsday. According to the announcement by According to the announcement by will be observed from April (2) (Friday) to 24 (Monday). The schools will reopen on April 25.INP

Pakistani rupee deals a heavy blow to US dollar

DIOW TO US GUILLAND TO BE Alistani rupee dealt a heavy blow to the US dollar in the interbank market on Thursday as the local currency shot up by Rs2 02. According to the information made available by the forex dealers, the available by the forex dealers, the and was currently being traded at Rs284.60. On Wednesday, the Pakistani rupe had recovered some ground against the US dollar, appreciating by 0.63% in the interbank market. The local currency settled at 286.62, an increase of Rs1.81.

rency settled at 236.62, an increase of Rs.1 81.

Market experts had attributed topsy-tury situation towards the lack of developments on the resumption of the International Monetary Fund semained staffed since last year.

The resumption of the IMF programme is crucial for the cash strapped South Asian economy, which is battling high inflation and low for-strapped South Asian economy, which is battling high inflation and low for-strapped South Asian economy, which is battling high inflation and low for-strapped South Asian economy, which is battling high inflation and low for-strapped South Asian Economy and the GDP growth rate projection for Pakistan from 25'6 to 0.5% for the current crucial a rise in and attorner of the Company of

Five shot dead over monetary issue in Kharian

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KHARIAN. Five persons died and
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Kharian, police said on Thursday.
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to the dera of Haji Fazal to collect
money. As the matter escalated, both
sides fired shots at each other.
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Haji Fazal, Ehsan and Faisal sus-tained injuries in the incident INP

WHO eyes new Covid variant as Pakistan reports 28 cases

ISLAMABAD. The World Health Organization (WHO) has laid its focus on a new Covid-19 variant as Pakistan reported a drop in daily infections with no fatality during the last 24 hours, showed the data released by the National Institute of Health (NIH) on Incoming to the NIH data, the death toll in the country remained the same at 30,654 whereas the number of total infections now soared to 1,580,257 after adding the fresh 28 coses.

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During the last 24 hours, 3,985 tests were conducted throughout Pakistan whereas the positivity ratio slumped to 7,0%. The number of patients in critical tests of the control of the contro

Law minister fears 'collision' between institutions

SI_AMABAD The ruling coalition Thursday rejected the formation of a larger bench on the Supreme Court Bill, with the law minister fearing a "collision" between institutions. During a joint press conference of the ruling coalition parties, During a joint press conference of the ruling coalition parties, During a joint press conference of the ruling coalition parties, During a joint press to a law to the present present the present pres

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Incumbent Govt running away from election: Fawad

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader and former minister Fawad Chaudhry has said that under the Constitution, the deci-sion of the Supreme Court is final and elections must be held within 90 days.

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Talking to media here on Thursday, he said that the judicial system in Pakistan is being ridiculed. The courts give orders but they are flouted, he added. According to the constitution, the decision of the Supreme Court is final and no government can refuse to obey the order, Fawad added.

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The PTI leader said that the PTI was fighting to uphold the supremacy of the judiciary. "Today lawyers are appearing in the courts as usual, the whole country is standing by the

He said the PML-N has a history of attacks on the judiciary. Fawad said that the incumbent government was running away from the election. The prime minister has to invite the PTI for the AJK apex court refuses interim relief to disqualified PM Ilyas

MUZAFFARABAD: The Supreme Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir has refused to grant interim relief to disqualified prime minister Sardar Tanveer

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Refusing to grant interim relief to Ilyas, the Supreme Court upheld its disqualification deci-sion.

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plainant was still a bank employee, and she would be entitled to all her benefits till today.

The President rejected the representation by stating that the accused failed to cross-examine the complainant on vital aspects of the matter it, e., the allegation of sexual harassment and hence for that matter the said allegations were presumed to be admitted and proved on the record. He noted that the evidence produced by the complainant seemed credible and confidence-inspring, whereas the accused had been unable to shatter or discredit the evidence adduced by the complainant. He held that the Ombudsman had rightly observed in the impugned order that admittedly other male staff was also working in the branch but none of them had been charged by the details, a female Officer Grade-II (the complainant) working at ZTBL's branch in Gujranwala had filed a harassment complaint against the accused before the Ombudsman. She had alleged that the accused's office was in close proximity to her office and was caught recording her videos on his mobile phone. During the inquiry proceedings before the Ombudsman, the complainant produced the artificative wherein she stated that the accused had sexually harassed her and on 69.04 2019 the caused had physically touched her. In her cross-examination, the accused did not alsa any question or described and sexually assemble to the sexual harassment FOSPAH in its decision had is the sexual tharassment of the Protection Against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act INP

Intercropping, solution to Pakistan's agricultural challenges

ISLAMABAD: Intercropping farming is a best solution to Palsistants agricultural challenges asys a report carried by Gwadar Pro on Thursday.

"As you know that at the end of the season, we face a shortage of wheat Keeping this in mind, we did the intercropping of wheat with sugarcane," said Dr. Imran, who is managing sugarcane-wheat intercropping at the National Research Center of Intercropping (NRCI).

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Intrain, who is managing sugarcane-wheat intercroping at the National Research Center of Intercropping, at the National Research Center of Intercropping.

"We plant sugarcane on 31 lakh acres of land in Pakistan. If we utilize 50 percent of this area for inter-cropping, we can get an average of 70 percent yield of our fotal production.

Besides, as this sugarcane plant starts growing after 120 days, if we utilize this property of sugarcane and the we can save the millions of dollars spent on import, explained Dr. Imran. Now multiple sugarcane-based and wheat-based intercropping crops are planted as experiments by NRC1 which was established in 2021 in the Islamia University of Bahavalpur with the collaboration of China Smilarly, D. Atta told Gwadar collaboration of China Smilarly, D. Atta told Gwadar experiments by NRC1 which was established in 2021 in the Islamia University of Bahavalpur with the Collaboration of China Smilarly, D. Atta told Gwadar experiments by NRC1 which was established in 2021 in the Islamia University of Bahavalpur with the Collaboration of China Smilardy, D. Atta told Gwadar experiments by NRC1 within was established in 2021 in the Islamia University of Bahavalpur with the Calaboration of China Smilardy, D. Atta told Gwadar experiments with the Collaboration of China Smilardy, D. Atta told Gwadar experiments with the Collaboration of China Smilardy, D. Atta told Gwadar experiments with the Collaboration of China Smilardy, D. Atta told Gwadar experiments with the Collaboration of China Smilardy, D. Atta told Gwadar experiments with the China China

chapter authorises Imran to nominate new PM

L A H O R E : Parliamentary Party of the PTI's Azad Kashmir chapter has reposed its complete trust in leader-ship of Chairman Imran Khan.

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Khawaja Farooq and others.

The PTI Parliamentary.
Parly of Azad Kashmir chapter, reposing its trust in Imran Khan's leadership, gave him authority to nominate the new prime minister of Azad Kashmir.

Parliamentary parly postponed the nomination of the new prime minister pending the decision of the appeal of Sardar Tanvecer Ilyas in Carlot Market Parliamentary.

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ECC approves subsidised e-bikes scheme

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ISLAMABAD. The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) on Thursday approved a loan scheme to provide e-bikes/e-rickshaws on zero percent markup and repayment in three years. For Finance Ishap Dar accorded the approval while presiding over the meeting of the ECC of the Cabinel During the meeter of the ECC of the Cabinel During the Miller of the ECC of the Cabinel During the Miller of the ECC of the Cabinel During the Miller over the Miller of the ECC of the Cabinel During the Miller of the ECC of the Cabinel During the Miller over the Miller of the Miller o

fertilizers and water," said Dr. Atta, noting that this sugarcane-raya intercropping system has been the most successful intercropping system has been the most successful intercropping system has been the most successful intercropping so far, which will increase production of raya and edible oil after being shared with farmers.

Sugarcane-based intercropping system now focuses on sugarcane intercropping with chickpea, maize, bras-arcane, the initial 120 days is the gap when the growth is very slow. Farmers can utilize the extra space between two rows for the cultivation of other crops without using extra water and fertilizers.

To decrease the wheat lodging problem by introducing strips as a wind pressure breaker and introducing strips as a strip of the soil and improve biodiversity. Wheat-based intercropping system now includes wheat intercropping in the control of the con

Parliament can't be stopped from legislation: Kaira

ISLAMABAD. Advisor to the Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Giligit-Hard of the Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Giligit-Hard with the Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Giligit-Hard with the partiament from using its authority and incumbent government with the compromise or accept it aliament from using its authority? We will not accept it and not compromise on it. Kaira emphasised. Fig. 1997. We will not accept it and not compromise on it. Kaira emphasised ress conference here, he said that the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Bill, 2023 is with the parliament and hasn't been signed by the president yet but the Supreme Court has The ruling alliance on Thursday rejected the eight-member bench consti-

uted to hear petitions challenging the Supreme Court (Fractice and Procedure) the coalition government and the superior judiciary.

The coalition partners vowed to resist attempts to take away parliament's attempts to take away parliament's attempts to take away parliament as point sitting of parliament after president Dr Arif Aviv returned it. Earlier this week, the bill was passed by a joint sitting of parliament after President Dr Arif Aviv returned it. Active and the president parliament after the president Dr Arif Aviv returned it. Chauchty Chulum Hussain, Mohammad Shafay Munir, and Khwaja Tariq Rahim among others, under Article 18(d) of set aside the bill IND



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Iran Seyed Muhammad Ali Hossen called on Khawaja Muhammad Asif Federal Minister of Defence.

Pakistan extradites murder suspect to UK

Suspect to UK

LONDON: A 74-year-old man has been extradited to the UK from Pakistan and charged with the murder of a female West Yorkshire police officer who was shot dead during a fobbery in 2005, reported British media on Thursday.

Piran Ditta Khan arrived in the UK and was taken into custody at a West Yorkshire police station, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said.

Beshenivsky, 38, was fatally shot while responding to an alarm at a travel agent in Bradford.

She was a mother to three children and two stepchildren, and had only served nine months on the force when was also shot in the same the was killed partner PC Teres affilbum was also shot in the same with the partner PC Teres with the partner PC Te

Chinese enterprises full of confidence in Pakistan's digitization

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ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf launching the Constitution APP in-connection with Golden Jubilee Celebration of Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.