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News Desk:

Levies force Kohlu has been helping elderly and differently-abled people during ration distribution. Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili took to the social media network Twitter and shared images of levies personnel helping aged people. The CS appreciated the performance of levies force Kohlu and remarked that the force is second to one in terms of performing their professional duties.

Balochistan government announces special Ramadan package

The Balochistan government has announced a special package of providing rations to 1,00,000 deserving and needy families across the province in the sacred month of Ramadan ul Mubarak. It was very difficult for the provincial food department and the provincial disaster management authority (PDMA) to ensure the distribution of rations because of crowds approaching the distribution points. Therefore, levies personnel have been deployed at all distribution points to make sure uninterrupted distribution of flour and other commodities among deserving and needy families.



Levies maintains order in more than 90 percent area of Balochistan

Balochistan's levies force has always been at the forefront to assist people during floods and other natural disasters. The force is responsible for maintaining law and order in more than 90 percent area of the province, the country's areawise largest province.

Ilyas Kambho
HUB-Two young men

It should be noted that in the last one and a half months, the Hub River has claimed more than 10

On receiving the information about the incident of drowning in deep



drowned while bathing in the Hub River on Sunday. Both young men breathed their last in the river. Rescue workers reached the spot and recovered the dead bodies. The dead bodies were shifted to the hospital. A large number of friends and relatives reached the hospital. Heartbreaking scenes were witnessed when the dead bodies of the young men were brought to the hospital. Hub River Claims 10 Lives in One and a half months.

lives of men, women, and children, yet the Hub administration could not impose a ban on bathing in the river, locals of the area have complained.

The dead bodies were shifted to hospital

water. Edhi volunteers pulled out the bodies of the two drowned youths from the water and brought them to Jam Chulham Qadir Government Hospital Hub, where they were identified as 17-year-old Anas son of Musharraf and 16-year-old Muzamal. After the operation, the bodies were handed over to the heirs. The deceased was a resident of Osmanabad, Lyari, Karachi.

No bullet and bomb proof vehicle: CM Balochistan announces

Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo on Saturday announced not to use any bulletproof and bombproof vehicles in the future. The Chief Minister directed his principal secretary to park all bulletproof and bomb-proof vehicles and stop using them. "Life and death are in the hands of Allah Almighty", Mr. Bizenjo said. He also directed the provincial ministers, members of the assembly, and police officials to avoid using bulletproof and bombproof vehicles in Balochistan.

In most cases, poor security personnel sacrifice and VIPs survive attacks: Bizenjo

CM Balochistan noted that in most cases, it has been witnessed that security personnel sacrifice their lives and the VIPs travel in bulletproof and bomb-proof vehicles during terrorist attacks. "We have to protect the people rather than ourselves", Mr. Bizenjo said. Mir Qudus Bizenjo stated that if death was coming then none can stop it.

"No VIP route"

"There should be no VIP visit route for me", Mr. Bizenjo directed his principal secretary and other high-level officials. Masses should not face problems because of our VIP visits, he mentioned. Qudus Bizenjo stated that the government was committed to adopting an austerity drive to translate its words into



action. VIPs attacked in Balochistan in the past. Chief Minister's announcement has come a few days after repeated terrorist attacks in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan. In the past, convoys of the former chief minister, Nawab Muhammad Aslam Raisani and former Governor of Balochistan, Nawab Zulfiqar Magi were targeted through bomb explosions. However, they both survived the attacks. Masses have welcomed the announcement made by Chief Minister Balochistan. Although, they were still skeptical about the implementation of the announcement made by the CM in this regard. There has also been no response from provincial ministers, members of the assembly and senior officials in this regard.

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Election won't be held on May 14 despite 'all-out efforts': interior minister

A day after Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) chief Sirajul Haq launched a "congress offensive" aimed at bringing the government and opposition closer, the PTI on Sunday constituted a three-member committee to hold a dialogue "on the ongoing political crisis in the country". According to a statement issued today, PTI leaders Pervaiz Khattak, Ejaz Chaudhry, and Mian Mehmoood Rasheed will hold a dialogue with JI. The development comes after the JI chief held meetings with PTI Chairman Inman Khan and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at their residences in Lahore. During the meetings on Saturday, Haq suggested that a committee should be set up to develop a larger consensus for holding elections in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and eventually the whole country. Both PM Shehbaz and Inman appreciated Haq's efforts and assured him of their full cooperation.

president and PPP leader Asif Ali Zardari also suggested all political parties sit together and develop a consensus on a single date for the elections. For this purpose, the PPP has formed a three-member body — comprising Senator Yousuf Raza Gillani, Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar and PM's Adviser on Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Web Desk.

As the date for polls in the country is well in the debate, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah asserted on Sunday that elections to the Punjab Assembly would not be held on May 14 despite "all-out efforts" of the opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Elections across the country would be held at the appointed time this year, he said while talking to the media in Faisalabad. Despite the Supreme Court's order to hold elections in Punjab on

May 14, as well as pressure from the Inman Khan-led former ruling party, the security czar said elections would be "held together" under the caretaker setup. "If elections are not held in May, then October is not too far away either." The PTI had dissolved the Punjab and Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa (KP) assemblies on January 14 and 18, respectively, in a bid to force the ruling coalition to hold early general elections. Calling former prime minister Inman Khan a "fitna" (chaos), Sanaullah said that he had brought to power through a "conspiracy". "Their PTI's policies over four years created a crisis situation for the country," Sanaullah said. Khan used to claim that he would prefer to die by suicide instead of approaching Web Desk.

Religious Affairs Minister Mufti Abdul Shakoor laid to rest in KP's Lakki Marwat

Religious Affairs Minister Mufti Abdul Shakoor, who had died last night in a road accident in Islamabad, was laid to rest on Sunday in Tajbi Khel area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Lakki Marwat district. The federal minister and Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam Fazi (JUI-F) leader had died in a road accident in the capital's Red Zone area on Saturday evening. According to the police, the minister, 55, was heading towards Secretariat Chowk on Constitution Avenue when his car was hit by a Hilux vehicle with five passengers on board. The minister was immediately shifted to the Polyclinic Hospital in a critical condition, but he couldn't be resuscitated. At the time, police said all the five occupants of the other vehicle had been arrested and shifted to a nearby police station for investigation. Mufti Shakoor's funeral prayers in Lakki Marwat were attended by many JUI-F workers, politicians and locals of the area. MNA Mohsin Davar and JUI leader Manzoor Muhammad Anwar were also present. View this post on Instagram. Hailing from Lakki Marwat, Mufti Shakoor was a vocal JUI-F leader and was known for his fiery speeches against his political rivals, especially the PTI. He had won the National Assembly seat of NA-51 in the 2018 general elections from the platform of the Muttahida Majlis-i-Amal. FIR registered against 5 suspects



Meanwhile, a first information report (FIR) was registered in Islamabad against five suspects involved in the road accident. The FIR, a copy of which is available with Dawn.com, was filed late on Saturday night at Islamabad's Secretariat police station on the complaint of Haji Qudratullah under Sections 279 (rash driving or riding on a public way), 322 (punishment for qatl-bis-sabab) and 427 (mischievous causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees) of the Pakistan Penal Code. In the FIR, Qudratullah said that the minister was visiting his house for 11th yesterday. He said Mufti Shakoor had left for Parliament Lodges at 8:22pm. However, the complainant said his cook received a call from Mufti Shakoor's driver at 10pm regarding the minister's death. The complainant said that the driver told his cook that the minister was driving his government car, a Toyota Corolla, when a Hilux crashed into it due to the other driver's "inattentiveness and carelessness". Qudratullah noted that as the matter was of a "highly sensitive degree", "justice should be served" to the victim by "considering every aspect" and taking action against those present in the Hilux. Late last night, Islamabad police had shared pictures of Islamabad Inspector General Akbar Nasir Khan and Chief Commissioner Muhammad Usman Younus visiting the area where the accident took place Web Desk.

Climate Change: Urgent need for climate change in Pakistan

Muhammad Jehangir Kakar

Why equipment non-functional in Balochistan hospitals?

Editor Asim Khan

In Balochistan's government-run hospitals, expensive equipment can always be found non-functional. In the province's largest government-run hospital, the Jolan Medical Complex Hospital (BMCH), the angiography and angioplasty machines are out of order for the last two and half years.

This is nothing new in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan. Now patients and their attendants are mentally prepared for this. Expensive machines including CT-Scan, MRI, angiography, etc can always be found out of order in BMCH and civil hospitals. District headquarters hospitals, basic health units, and rural health centres paint a bleak picture when it comes to health facilities and services.

This daily's report about out of order machines fell on deaf ears. This daily recently reported a news item regarding the non-functional angiography and angioplasty machines. Nevertheless, the provincial high-ups including the Secretary, Secretariat Health, and other concerned officials preferred not to take notice. The report rather fell on deaf ears.

It is crystal clear that deserving and poor patients and their attendants are the worst sufferers of the non-functional expensive machines. The doctors and the para-medics are the beneficiaries of this.

Patients the worst sufferers of out of order machines. If the machines are out of order, the patients have no option other than to conduct the tests and procedures in private hospitals and clinics. Balochistan Health Minister, Syed Ehsan Shah told this daily that there are reports that doctors and paramedics deliberately bypass these expensive machines of order. Senior doctors rejected the minister's claim and held the latter responsible for all the mess in the health department.

In this blame game between doctors and the minister, the common man is the worst sufferer. The provincial government in general and the health department in particular should make the machines functional since it is their core responsibility.

are environmental protection agencies that look after the conformity of environmental regulations in various sectors contributing to the reduction of types of pollutants. These provincial agencies act as regulators and with a stick 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, comprehensive 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 as much as in the inter-governmental and silos-approach as much it is in the inter-governmental and silos-approach as much it is in the inter-governmental and silos-approach. The question is not of the dearth of amplexness 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 aforementioned agencies only ensure the quality of air by recording the various gaseous emissions in the ambient air. The Pakistan Meteorological Centers through the country pick up conventional weather data by various means but have not translated into making a meaningful statement on climate change.

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of the past being pushed to nullify through it was the vital document that created the Division of Climate Change to a ministry level yet the promising implementation never has come off until this date. Though 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 beautifully working and legal integration to manage the national issue of climate change.

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

The Ministry of Climate Change has to realize 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 politicized and everything. Climate is something which should not be made political though globally it is something which has become an element of political decisionism as the Biden-Trump thud.

Nature and nurture also would be the potential of Pak-Met office and reach are to be integrated and enhanced fully at the federal and provincial levels with the climate change organizations so formed. Data and statistics need to be enhanced and given the importance as being internationally acceptable with proper transcription and translation of data. A lot must be done to keep the general public aware of making any decisions and calling the shots and the professionals are to be given the credit who have both the capacity and the legitimacy.

Urgent need for climate change in Pakistan

By Mian Sami-ud-Din

What we do have for the poets, the general sense, intellectuals whose duty is to teach us to think, to feel and to dream? Well, a measure of what such creative individuals have contributed to our society is available in the quality and strength of our intellectual, educational and cultural resources.

Anyhow, we have seen that our conditions around this time of year. Call it a bonfire of literary festivals. This is the 14th edition of the Karachi Literature Festival. Kar and what might be designated as the mother of all literary festivals of Pakistan. It is surely a big event, tiling somewhat towards the strictures of the Code and the Criminal Procedure Code were held to be great legislative achievements. Some may argue that it would be reductionism to dismiss such legislation as essentially an exercise in power.

A bonfire of literary festivals

By Ghazi Salahuddin

Had died in Lahore when we left for the airport for the return flight on the week that we were due to sum up one's involvement with the presence of the Karachi Literature Festival - PLF - the third Pakistan Literature Festival - PLF - held at Alhama was an inaugural event of its own kind, adding a new chapter to the catalogue of our literary culture.

It was sponsored by the Arts Council of Pakistan, Karachi, and was organized by a team transported from Karachi. It goes to the credit of the festival that it has not only added a new chapter to the catalogue of our literary culture, but it has also added a new chapter to the catalogue of our literary culture. It was sponsored by the Arts Council of Pakistan, Karachi, and was organized by a team transported from Karachi. It goes to the credit of the festival that it has not only added a new chapter to the catalogue of our literary culture, but it has also added a new chapter to the catalogue of our literary culture.

Expanding democracy in England at the time.

1867, the English electorate doubled, and all adults had the right to vote. The franchise was extended to all males over 21. This was a major source of pride for free speech advocacy. Stephen's own lesser-known book, which he criticised Mill in 1873.

Stephen, a defender of old English liberalism, was a proponent of the concept of "Ordered Liberty". He was a friend but later a critic of John Stuart Mill and his treatise "On Liberty" (1859). A major source of pride for free speech advocacy. Stephen's own lesser-known book, which he criticised Mill in 1873.

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of the missing omissions regarding treason, sedition, and other offences. The amendment (sections 121A, 124A, and 125 of the Criminal Code) showed serious regard to the omissions by Macaulay and considered such offences as "required in the circumstances". According to Stephen, the law of sedition was necessary to protect the British colonial government from dissent and rebellion.

In his book "A History of the Criminal Law of England" (1883), Stephen strongly advocated for laws against sedition. He was critical of the idea that it was wrong to censure him openly, "mistakes should be pointed out with the utmost respect, and no censure should be cast upon him likely or seem to diminish his authority. It is clear which relationship between ruler and subject Stephen preferred, and as Pakistanis are not in the least unfamiliar with such a relationship. We have had our share of rulers, civilian and military, and the relationship between the ruler and the subject was seen as a preliminary step that could (but not necessarily would) lead to an actual rebellion. Seditious words were sufficient for the government to take action, even in the absence of a risk of a rebellion, and

Growing discontent among the depositor's interest

By Abdul Sattar

Interacting with people has always been one of the main components of the art of ruling. In India, the panchayat system ensures that the people from the ruling class regularly interact with the people from the ruled class. In Pakistan, there has been a lack of interaction between the ruling class and the people. Many parliamentarians prefer to stay in their constituencies, but mostly they remain away from their constituencies and only bother to meet their voters at the time of elections.

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Maulana Abdul Shakoor death: Court grant physical remand of driver

ISLAMABAD: The court has granted a seven-day physical remand of driver of the car involved in the death of Maulana Abdul Shakoor last his life.

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RAWALPINDIA large number of the deserving people taking Free flour without any discipline at Double road Distribution Point, which is causing trouble for others as 25th Ramadan (Today) is the Last day of free Flour scheme across the Punjab.

Lack of value-addition, innovation causes exports stagnation: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Lack of value-addition, innovation, and competitiveness, as well as low productivity of the industrial sector, have been identified as major reasons for exports stagnation in Pakistan, according to a report published by Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE).

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), WealthPK that the country's exports are still low despite the support given by the government to the industrial sector over the period of time.

“Factories are being run by installing inefficient machines which consume extra amount of energy,” he noted.

Pak-China collaboration helps Pakistan combat water woes: PCRWR

ISLAMABAD: Pak-China collaboration could help Pakistan combat water woes. “Pakistan is among the top ten most vulnerable countries to climate change. One of the consequences of climate change is water scarcity. China-Pakistan water cooperation can help Pakistan cope with climate change and its derived disasters by managing water sources through the application of technical means,” said Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Chairman of the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR).

more than 10 million people, including children, still lack access to safe drinking water after the catastrophic flood in 2022. Flooding, the worst in 30 years, is threatening even the soil and vast groundwater reserves.

station, which will provide clean water to nearly 10,000 people across eight villages. Ma Bin, head of the community, said improving water management and infrastructure requires a lot of money, and he called for more assistance from Chinese and international organizations.

Tank administration takes action against profiteers

KARACHI: Director Karachi Zoo Kunwar Ayub briefing the media about 17-year-old African elephant Nour Jehan who is in critical condition in Provincial capital.

He said he was in Khanpur and was around 9 years old when he was brought to the zoo. “Jawani ki hawa ‘Wind of Youth’ with his father. As a young man, my life was of the same movie ‘Ai mere die nadan, tu gham se na shakartu’ meaning in English ‘Oh my innocent heart, don’t be afraid of sorrow’ and I usually sang this song. I did not understand its meaning nor I understood the effort of his life and motivated him to continue his journey despite all odds.”

SAP extends its partnership with Imtiaz Supermarket for seamless operations

ISLAMABAD: SAP has joined hands with the biggest retail chain, Imtiaz Supermarket for seamless operations across Pakistan, and 26 branches across Pakistan.

provide a specialized module for Retail Management as well as integration with the POS and multi-channel strategy. Based on the growth strategy and expansion plans, Imtiaz has also invested with SAP in the Human Capital Management space where they are expected to cover a decline in fertility.

inventory, payroll, and automatic alerts for shelving and quality checks.” SAP Retail, Core and SAP CAR were also implemented in 2021 while the SAP SuccessFactors implementation was underway. Sagun, Managing Director, SAP Pakistan, elaborated on this venture.

Salik calls youth to stand firm in times of uncertainty to achieve their ambitions

ISLAMABAD: Convener World Minorities Alliance (WMA) and Federal Minister for Population Welfare Julius J Salik said that the youth of the nation to never lose heart and stand firm in the times of uncertainty to achieve their ambitions and contribute for the welfare of the country.

He said he was in Khanpur and was around 9 years old when he was brought to the zoo. “Jawani ki hawa ‘Wind of Youth’ with his father. As a young man, my life was of the same movie ‘Ai mere die nadan, tu gham se na shakartu’ meaning in English ‘Oh my innocent heart, don’t be afraid of sorrow’ and I usually sang this song. I did not understand its meaning nor I understood the effort of his life and motivated him to continue his journey despite all odds.”

“My uncle was Charles whose son Pervaz became a labour leader. The three incidents that my father and elder brother told me included one was that at the time in late 60s there were no passports, we had a permit to travel to India for six months. I don’t remember what area it was. There were hills and you will find INP.

Improving soil fertility to ensure food security in Pakistan: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: The soil in Pakistan is facing several challenges, including erosion, salinization, and pollution, which are causing soil degradation and loss of productivity. This trend is particularly worrying given the country’s dependence on agriculture as a major source of income and food supply.

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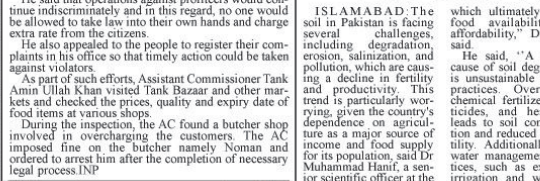
“To address these challenges, there is a need for an urgent action plan to improve soil health through appropriate technologies and practices. This can be achieved through a combination of measures, including promoting sustainable farming practices, knowledge and skills transfer, and increasing the use of organic fertilizers, improving water management, and reducing soil pollution.”

Incentives for solar panel manufacturers to help boost renewable energy use: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan needs to provide incentives to investors for manufacturing and assembling solar panels to boost the production and use of renewable energy, said a recent report on solar energy.

Mustafa Abdullah, a senior wind and solar project developer and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Moro Energy Company Limited, said while talking to WealthPK that keeping in view the current energy crisis, Pakistan needs to start assembling solar panels

at local level to make the product economical and affordable. Despite showing firm commitment towards renewable energy, Pakistan still lags behind and needs to undertake more efforts in this regard. Lack of solar panels assembling and manufacturing is one of the major reasons behind this slow progress.



FAISALABAD: A woman vendor is waiting for customers along the Jhang Road to sell crockery and earn daily wages for the livelihood of her family.

“The district administration is taking tangible measures to extend relief to the citizens during the holy month of Ramadan by ensuring provision of edible items at affordable prices. As part of such efforts, Assistant Commissioner Tank Amin Ullah Khan visited Tank Bazaar and other markets and checked the prices, quality and expiry date of food items at various shops.

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The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHE DIVISION KALAT invites bids for Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year, 2022 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates. Tender Fee Rs-1000/-, Bid Security 2% for each work.

PTI forms three-member committee for political dialogue

LAHORE: A day after Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) met Sirajul Haq launched a fresh bid to initiate talks between the government and the opposition, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Sunday constituted a three-member committee to hold a dialogue on the ongoing political crisis in the country.

According to a statement issued today, the three-member committee includes Pervaz Khattak, Ejaz Chaudhary and Mian Mahmood Rashed.

Hafiz Naeem announces protest march against ‘census fraud’

KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami Karachi chief Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman has announced protest march on Shara-e-Faisal on April against ‘census fraud’.

Hafiz Naeem in a media talk has said that a protest camp will be held in front of the office of the census department.

He alleged that a bigger fraud is being orchestrated in the digital census than the manual population census. ‘Karachi has been targeted in the census fraud,’ he said.

He demanded an extension of one month for the population census. ‘Federal government should form a committee of the stakeholders for census oversight,’ he demanded.

Govt orders to shut down Karachi Zoo permanently

KARACHI: The Karachi Zoo may be permanently shut down due to the terrible living conditions faced by the animals kept there. The issue came to light when a 17-year-old elephant named Nour Jehan was found to be in a severely deteriorating condition.

Following public outcry and involvement of international organizations INP

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Reference to subject ‘Admission Notice for Prime Minister’s Youth Skill Development Program (Batch-4), PID/L No.6047/22 of NAVTTC published on 02-04-2023 in the National and Regional dailies. The last date for submission of online applications has been extended from 16-04-2023 to 01-05-2023.

Online applications may be submitted on http://candidate.navttc.gov.pk till 01-05-2023 (24:00 Hours). The other terms and conditions will remain the same. Deputy Director (P&RD), NAVTTC Plot # 38, Kirlhar Road, Sector II-04 Islamabad Ph: (051) 9044413.

Police reap big successes in Katcha operation against criminals

RAHIM YAR KHAN: The anti-bandit operation in Katcha area of Rahim Yar Khan is continued on the eighth consecutive day Sunday. According to the spokesperson for Punjab police, the law personnel reaped big successes in the operation. He said police have also made advances in Katcha area in Karachi.

He said that the police took control of four hideouts of dacoits and militants after torching them. Spontaneous incidents of clash of fire between the police and the hardened criminals using heavy artillery were reported in the Katcha area of Karachi.

The spokesman divulged that several bandits have been killed and arrested during the ongoing operation and police have recovered heavy smuggled artillery and incendiary material from the razed hideouts of the dacoits. Police have destroyed the secret sanctuaries of Latham gang and took control of the turf.

Police also took control of Basti Ghani Latham after the operation.

The spokesperson said that the law enforcers established the writ of the state after clearing a no-go area stretching on thousands of acres of land.

Police have established its camps in the interior Katcha area of Karachi Bangal, Afzal Lathani and Noz Band.

The spokesperson said that the Katcha criminals are retreating to an island type riverine area in a jungle after the police destroyed several holed-up hideouts of militant hideouts.

On the other hand, a police operation in the Ghalpura area of Kashmir area against the criminal elements is also underway.

Several armored personnel carriers (APCs) of police have reached the area. Police have entered the houses of dacoits who have fled to Katcha area of Raza, Sindh.

However, an exchange of fire from both sides is going on. On Saturday, dacoits attacked a police party in Kashmir bordering Ghotki and martyred two policemen and injured four others including an SHO.

The bandits and dacoits, who have long found refuge in the massive riverine area along the banks of the Indus with its inaccessible terrain, are now showing signs of retreat.

The Federal cabinet on Saturday gave its assent for the deployment of Army troops in the ongoing anti-bandit operation in the Punjab riverine (katcha) area.

The Punjab police launched a 'granite operation' against robbers and kidnappers in the katcha area of the Indus near the Sindh border on April 10. INP



RAWALPINDI: A view of the traffic jam at Murree road due to the crowd of deserving people for taking free flour at distribution point in sports complex as 25th Ramadan (Today) is the Last day of free Flour scheme across the Punjab.

Measures step should be taken to promote archery game in the Balochistan, Hammad Khan

QUETTA: Hammad Khan Kakar, Chairman, Governing Body "Balochistan Sports Alliance, has said that measures were required to be taken to promote archery game in the province, at grass root level in Balochistan. These views were expressed by him while addressing a function held in connection with "First Indoor Ramzan Archery Championship, 2023" held under the auspices of Balochistan Archery Association. He said that Pakistan Archery Federation under the leadership of Chaudry Anwar Zeb, President, Pakistan Archery Federation, Waisal Muhammad Khan, Secretary General, Pakistan Archery Federation, were rendering commendable services for promotion of archery game in the country, adding "Today's event of archery testifies the fact that Balochistan Archery Association led by Abdul Rehman Nurzai has been endeavouring to promote archery game in Balochistan province at grass root level on self help basis in accordance with the guidelines given by Pakistan Archery Federation headed by Chaudry Anwar Zeb and Waisal Muhammad Khan. Apart from promoting modern archery game in Balochistan, measures were also required to be taken for promotion of classic archery game that has been playing in northern Balochistan as traditional sport," said Kakar. He said that he would request Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul

Quddus Bizenjo, Minister for Sport, Culture and Youth Affairs, Balochistan, Abdul Khaliq Hazara, Chief Secretary, Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Ullahi and other concerned authorities to get funds released for arranging "Inter Provincial Archery Championship, 2023" in Quetta. He called on the authorities to provide opportunities to the players of archery game affiliated with Pakistan Archery Federation headed by Chaudry Anwar Zeb and Waisal Muhammad Khan and Balochistan Archery Association led by Abdul Rehman Nurzai to take part in the archery game in the 34th National Games, 2023" supposed to be held in Quetta during the month of May, 2023. "First Indoor Ramzan Cup Archery Championship, 2023" was played amongst the players of Fighter, Archery Academy, Best Archery Academy, Young Quetta Archery Academy, Red Dragon Archery Academy, Raees Saddam Khan Archery Academy and Hazara Archery Academy. Faizullah Khan Kakar, organizer of the event, served as Chief Jury. On the occasion, Abdul Rehman Nurzai, General Secretary, Balochistan Archery Academy, International Boxing Coach, Mehboob Ahmed Nurzai, President, Balochistan Snooker Association, Abdullah Jan Nurzai, Finance Secretary, Balochistan Civil Secretariat Officers Association, Muhammad 8, Mir Badriddin, Kashbeer Nurzai, Raees Saddam Khan and large number of spectators were also present. PR

Govt decides to shut down Karachi Zoo permanently

KARACHI: The federal and Sindh governments are mulling shutting down Karachi Zoo permanently due to poor living conditions for animals.

This comes after Noor Jehan, an elephant in Karachi Zoo, is critically ill after the 17-year-old fell in a pond on Thursday in a small enclosure.

Sources said that the Federal Minister for Climate Change, Senator Shery Rehman, has urged the Sindh government to shut down the Karachi Zoo due to its incapacity to take care of wild animals.

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has also supported this proposal and suggested moving the animals to safer places, they say.

It may be noted that the seven-member team of international experts of Four Paws on last Wednesday started the treatment of Noor Jehan at the Karachi Zoo INP

Imran Khan says PTI will defeat 'Zardari mafia' in Sindh

LAHORE: Former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Imran Khan on Sunday said his party will defeat the 'Zardari mafia' in Sindh.

"Zardari group has made people of Sindh hostage," Imran Khan while expressing his views with PTI Sindh leader Khurram Sher Zaman who called on him in Lahore to discuss the political situation including the arrest of party leaders and workers in Sindh.

Khurram Sher Zaman presented the progress report of the party's MPAs in Sindh to Imran Khan. The meeting also discussed the expected Sindh visit of Imran Khan.

"Speaking on the occasion, the former prime minister said the people of Sindh should prepare themselves for elections and vowed to get the province Sindh freed from the 'Zardari mafia'.

"We will defeat the 'Zardari mafia' with the strength of the vote," he added.

The former prime minister noted that the majority of rights violations have been reported in Sindh.

Earlier, Imran Khan asserted that he would form the next government in Sindh, reiterating his demand for immediate and transparent elections.

According to details, the former premier made these remarks while talking to social media workers of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), who called on him at his residence at Lahore's Zaman Park INP

Police prepare initial report of Mufti Shakoor death

ISLAMABAD: A death case of Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Mufti Abdul Shakoor has been registered at the Secretariat police station.

The minister died in a road accident in Islamabad on Saturday night, when his vehicle was hit by a speeding Vigo.

The case has been registered on the complaint of Haji Qudratullah, who is his statement in FIR said Mufti Abdul Shakoor came to his house before Ifar?

The minister left his residence in Parliament Lodges at 8:22 pm and later around 10, the driver of the religious minister informed Qudratullah's employee about the fatal road crash.

A Vigo driver hit Abdul Shakoor's vehicle while driving recklessly, which resulted in the death of the religious minister on the spot, the FIR read and added that the incident should be investigated from every aspect.

Meanwhile, the police have formed an initial investigation report into the death of Mufti Abdul Shakoor, a source said. The vehicle that hit the JUI's vehicle was moving at speed of 110 kilometers per hour against the fixed speed of 60km at Constitutional Avenue.

The vehicle that hit the Federal minister's vehicle was of a squad of a personality associated with the poultry business. There was no technical fault in the Vigo, the Motor Vehicle Examiner report said the signals were off at the time of the accident. INP

Shehbaz moving towards contempt of court, Article 6 minefield: Sheikh Rashid

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Awami Muslim League chief and former interior minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said Sunday that Shehbaz Sharif was moving towards contempt of court and the minefield of Article 6.

Shehbaz took to social media website Twitter and said, "If elections are to be held in one day, dissolve the National Assembly like we dissolved the provincial assemblies.

Otherwise the crisis will become very serious. Senior lawyers of Lahore have warned the government that Supreme Court is near red line and the elections will be held on April 14."

He said that petrol bomb of ten rupees had been dropped on people to dampen their Eid celebrations. He said another 3.9 million people had gone below the poverty line and the foreign exchange reserves were not enough even for one month's imports. The confrontation with judiciary instead of focusing on reducing people's electricity and gas bills indicates their mental balance.

The former federal minister said that he had already predicted that Nawaz Sharif will not come to power. Mr Rashid said he was not seeing any agreement with the IMF even in April.

The AML head further said that if any misadventure was undertaken by the government to hoodwink the judiciary, it will use its constitutional authority. He maintained that people who were not able to show their faces to the people, were challenging the judiciary. Mr Rashid said elections would be held, otherwise the decision would be taken on the streets INP

So-called Ex-Governor of IOJK vindicated Pakistan's stance on Pulwama attack: FO

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Office spokesperson M. Iqbal Chishti said that the latest revelations about the Pulwama attack in Balochistan, measures were also required to be taken for promotion of classic archery game that has been playing in northern Balochistan as traditional sport," said Kakar. He said that he would request Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul

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Pakistani auto dealers to explore new avenues of collaboration with China

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani auto dealers are moving ahead to explore new avenues of collaboration with China.

In recent years, made-in-China products and Chinese brands have begun to capture the attention of drivers in the global auto industry. With the help of China's leading automotive industry communication platform, we can learn from the latest exciting trends in the automotive industry," said Bilal Chaudhary, a Pakistani auto dealer who is expressing his excitement to participate in the Automobile show in Shanghai and Chery's Annual Global Dealer Conference, according to a report published by the Global Auto Pro on Sunday.

Chery will present its latest products, create live experiences, and host user-sonal co-creation sessions at the Shanghai International Automotive and Manufacturing Technology Exhibition, one of China's most authoritative and influential auto events in April.

It will coincide with its 2023 Global Dealer Conference, which is also the first face-to-face meeting between Chery and its global partners in three years.

The conference aims to strengthen Chery's international presence, listen to the needs of the global market, and negotiate future development plans with its global partners. It also means that Chery will once again accelerate its global marketing strategy. INP

Funeral prayer of Mufti Shakoor offered in Laki Marwat

LAKI MARWAT: The funeral prayers of Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Mufti Abdul Shakoor were offered in Taji Kheh area of Teshi Betani in district Laki Marwat on Sunday.

Religious and political leaders, party workers besides a large number of local people attended the funeral.

It is worth mentioned here that an over-speeding vehicle, crashed into the car of federal religious affairs minister Mufti Abdul Shakoor who died afterwards on late Saturday.

The vehicle that crashed into the JUI leader's car was going over the speed limit, the report established.

According to the police statement, the minister was driving the car himself when a Toyota Hilux Revo with five people onboard smashed his vehicle at the driver's side.

Earlier the body of federal minister for religious affairs Mufti Abdul Shakoor, who died in a road accident on Saturday, was transported to his native town in Laki Marwat where his second funeral was held before his burial. The Islamabad police took five suspects, who were riding in another vehicle, into custody INP

PTI forms three-member committee for talks with JJ

LAHORE: A three-member committee on Sunday constituted on the instructions of PTI Chairman Imran Khan for holding talks with Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) on Sunday.

Central Secretary General Asad Umar issued the official notification of the committee's formation.

The committee includes Pervaiz Khattak, Senator Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhary and Mian Mehmood-ur-Rashed and it will hold talks with the Jamaat about the ongoing political crisis in the country. The development came a day after JI chief Sirajul Haq had held separate meetings with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and PTI chief Imran Khan to discuss the political issues including holding of elections in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

During the meeting with the prime minister, the current political situation in the country and the judicial crisis were discussed. The leaders agreed that issues should be resolved with collective wisdom.

Following the meeting with the premier, JI chief reached Zaman Park in Lahore and invited PTI chairman to hold talks with political parties.

On the occasion, Sirajul Haq said that the political situation could only be resolved by sitting together and resolving issues politically INP

ANF recovers over 195 kg drugs; arrests five

RAWALPINDI: Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) in five operations managed to recover over 195 kg drugs, 1840 intoxicated tablets and arrested five accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman.

He informed that in two operations at Rawalpindi International Mail Office, ANF recovered 1840 intoxicated tablets from two parcels being sent to London.

In an operation at Bacha Khan International Airport, 37 terofilled capsules were recovered from the possession of a sub-urban passenger resident of Khyber.

In another operation conducted in Khyber area, ANF recovered 27 kg charras concealed in plastic bags INP

17-year-old ailing elephant Noor Jehan recovering

KARACHI: The Karachi administrator has said the 17-year-old ailing elephant Noor Jehan lying is recovering.

A 17-year-old African elephant fell into a pond inside her enclosure, earlier this week. Administrator Karachi Dr Saifur-Rehman said that the staff is adhering to the instructions of the foreign NGO's medical specialists and expressed the hope that Noor Jehan will soon make a full recovery.

Experience veterinary doctors are examining Noor Jehan, who are also in contact with Four Paws. The ailing elephant was lying on the ground, and although she has not yet been able to stand on her feet, she is still moving her limbs, which is a sign of some improvement.

It may be noted that a seven-member team of international experts of Four Paws on last Wednesday started the treatment of Noor Jehan at the Karachi Zoo. The follows an order by the Sindh High Court (SHC) in Karachi last year for Four Paws to assess the health of the animal. The animal rights activists had raised concerns in court about her well-being.

It is pertinent to mention here that all four African elephants arrived in Pakistan in 2009. Elephant Noor Jehan and Madhubala had been moved to the Karachi Zoo, while Malika and Sonu had been taken to the Safan Park.

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Gatron Industries revenue surges, but profits decline in 6MFY23: InvealPK

ISLAMABAD: Gatron Industries Limited, a leading manufacturer and exporter of high quality polyester staple fiber, has released its six-month summary for the period ended December 31, 2022, reporting revenue of Rs7.13 billion and representing yearly growth of 17%, reports InvealPK.

However, the company's gross profit declined significantly by 94% to 55.7 million mainly due to higher raw material prices and an increase in production cost. The company reported a profit before-tax of Rs297 million, showing a decrease of 68% compared to the same period in the previous year. Similarly, net profit decreased by 60% to Rs261 million.

Despite a dent in profitability, the company continues to focus on optimizing its production process to enhance efficiency and reduce costs.

The company reported strong revenue growth of 45% in fiscal year 2021-22 as its revenue jumped to 23.9 billion from

R16.5 billion in the previous year. This growth was driven by increased demand for the company's products as well as expansion into new markets.

Gatron Industries Limited also reported a significant increase in gross profit, which grew by 70% to Rs3.17 billion in 2021-22 from Rs1.86 billion in the previous year. The increase was due to the growth in revenue and gross profit. INP

RAWALPINDI: Senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League (N) Hanif Abbasi addressing during iftar dinner at local hall in the constituency of pp-16 in city.