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BHC declares SSGC
'previous' charges in bills
null and void

Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA-The Balochistan
High Court (BHC) on
Wednesday declared 'previous'
charges included in gas bills by
the Sut Southern Gas Company
(SSGC) as null and void.

A division bench of the BHC
comprising Mr Justice Kamran
Malakhalai and Mr Justice
Srdar Ahmed Haleemi passed
this order on a constitutional
petition. Senior lawyer, Syed
Nazeer Agha Advocate had
filed the petition challenging
the inclusion of 'previous
charges in the SSGC bills in
Balochistan.

The court stopped the company
from collecting 'previous
charges in gas bills from consumers
in Quetta and other
parts of Balochistan. "No justification
for the company to collect
the previous charges from
consumers", Mr Justice
Kamran Malakhalai said.
The bench barred the company
from collecting charges
from consumers in Balochistan.
The court also issued notices to
all concerned officials of the
SSGC and the Ministry of
Petroleum and natural
resources.



SSGC has
become an
East India
Company:
Judge

"SSGC has become another
East India Company",
Syed Nazeer Agha Advocate
told Daily Quetta Voice
while quoting the remarks of
Mr Justice Kamran
Malakhalai.
"I will continue to challenge
such notifications on
the part of the SSGC", Syed
Nazeer Agha Advocate stated.

He said the company has
no right to punish the poor
consumers to meet its deficit
caused by mega thieves.
This order on behalf of the
BHC has come a few days
after the consumers in
Balochistan received heavy
gas bills.
Despite repeated attempts,
this scribe was not able to

speak to the SSGC. A senior
officer of the company based
in Quetta said, "Our Public
Relations Officer (PRO) is
based in Karachi, he can
comment on this".
Mr. Agha also asked the
consumers not to deposit
their March and April bills
as per the directives of the
court.

SC declares
defence ministry's
plea seeking all
elections
simultaneously
inadmissible

The Supreme Court on
Wednesday declared as
inadmissible for hearing
the defence ministry's
plea to hold general
elections across Pakistan
simultaneously upon

that had fixed May 14 as
the election date for the
Punjab Assembly.
The application asked
the apex court to issue
directives that general
elections to the national



completion of the terms
of the national as well as
Sindh and Balochistan
assemblies.
The apex court also
warned the government
of "serious consequences"
if it failed to release
the funds required
for conducting polls in
Punjab and Khyber
Pakhtunkhwa while
hearing the defence ministry's
request.

Along with the application,
the defence ministry
also issued a report in
compliance with its
directives to the State
Bank of Pakistan (SBP)
and other departments to
furnish reports after
releasing Rs21 billion to
the EC for holding
elections to the Punjab
and KP assemblies.

A three-judge bench
comprising Chief Justice
Umar Ata Bandial, Justice
Ijazul Ahsan and Justice
Munib A Khan heard the
petition.
A day earlier, the
defence ministry filed an
application in the SC
requesting the top court to
recall its April 4 order

and all provincial
assemblies be held on the
same date.
In its report, the
ministry highlighted the
need of holding the
elections on the same day
given the heightened security
situation in the country. It
also said that the armed
forces would be able to carry
out election duties by early
October. Web Desk

PDM running from elections: Qasim Suri

Muhammad Hanif

QUETTA-Central Vice President
of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Qasim
Suri on Wednesday lashed out at the
present government for what he claimed
its deliberate attempts to flee from
elections.
He expressed these views while
addressing a press conference. Munir
Baloch, the President of PTI Balochistan
and other leaders of the party were also
present on the occasion.

"We would not
let PDM flee from
elections"

"Why PDM is running from elections",
Mr. Suri asked. He asserted that the
combination of all what he called anti
masses parties was frightened of the
popularity of the PTI. He said despite
repeated directives of



the Chief Justice Supreme Court
of Pakistan, the government was not
ready to hold elections in the country.
"We will not let them go and flee from
elections", the former deputy speaker
of the national assembly said. He said
the PDM parties were not ready to
face the masses in the elections because
of their worst performance and inflation.
"They deprived people of one time's meal",
he said.

Suri asks for
one month's
extension in
the census

Regarding the recently conducted
census, Qasim Suri demanded a one-

month extension in the census
process. He said under a pre-planned
conspiracy, the population of Quetta
was decreased in the recently held
census. He said Quetta was the capital
of Balochistan and its population was
much more than what was reported
by the census commissioner.

"PTI would not let the rulers
deprive people of Quetta from their
legal and constitutional rights", Qasim
Suri said. He said the party would
resist this move of the census
commissioner. Qasim Suri urged
all political parties of Balochistan
to join hands and mount
pressure on the government to
extend the date of the census for
at least one month to make sure
every individual is counted.

This is a matter of our future
generation and we would not
stay silent over this injustice, Mr.
Suri warned.

Under a pre planned
conspiracy Naseerabad
population reduced: Umrani

Naseer Ahmed Mastoi

Former provincial minister
and member of the central executive
committee, Mir Muhammad Sadiq
Umrani said that 70 percent of
houses were destroyed due to
the destruction of Naseerabad due to
floods and rains.
How will the census be done? he
questioned while talking to
reporters here on Wednesday. How
will the people be counted?

In the 2017 census, the
population of Naseerabad is a little
less than 5 lakh. If there are married
couples, how many children will be
born?
Mir Sadiq Umrani alleged that



the low population has been
shown under a well-thought-out
plan, and teams have not been
sent to the area despite being
repeatedly pointed out. He
demanded that Chief Secretary
Balochistan reconduct a
transparent census, which is an
important need of the hour, and
he said that either the 2017 census
is fake or the current census is
fake, action should be taken
against those who are negligent
in such a national cause. Other
PPPs will be forced to protest, he
warned.

Blast kills one person in
Chaman district of Balochistan

Sardar M. Khondai

A blast killed one
person in the Chaman
district of Balochistan
on Wednesday.
Leves sources said the
blast a shepherd was
killed in the blast. Initial
information suggests the
shepherd spotted the
bomb when he picked,
and there was a loud
explosion.



The shepherd died on
the spot. Leves sources
said. The incident
happened in the Spina
Tezhi area of the Chaman
district near the Pak-
Afghan border. The dead

body of the shepherd
was shifted to the nearby
basic health unit. Leves

personnel reached the
spot and started an
investigation into the

incident. Leves collected
the pieces of the
bomb from the spot.

MRDL and SML distribute
Ramadan Packages among
deserving families in Chaghi

CHAGAI

Sandak-based Chinese
firm MCC Resource
Development
(MRDL) in collaboration
with Sandak Metals
Limited (SML) Ministry of
Energy (Petroleum
Division) distributed 4100
free Ramadan food
packages among several
hundred families in 32
far-flung areas of district
Chagai. According to
official sources the food
packages were distributed



He said the food packages
included flour, sugar,
cooking oil, and other
commodities which have
been distributed during the
past several days in many
areas including the
neighborhood of Sandak
and

Staff Reporter

The unknown
accused opened fire
and killed Bolan Khan
Mengal, the personal
security guard of former
Chief Minister
Balochistan, Nawab
Muhammad Aslam
Raisani. Police sources
said the unknown
accused opened fire on

Bolan Khan in the
Raisani road area of
Quetta.
Bolan Khan suffered
serious injuries and
succumbed to injuries
on his way to the
hospital. The attackers
escaped unhurt from
the spot. Police
reached the spot and
started an investigation
into the incident.



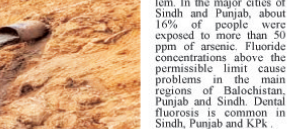
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# Drinking Water Quality Status And Its Sources Of Contamination

By Aryal Khan panizai

Following a serene protest in the major cities of Punjab, 16% of people were exposed to more than 50 ppm of arsenic. Fluoride concentrations above the permissible limit cause problems in the main regions of Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh. Dental fluorosis is common in Sindh, Punjab and KPK.



Floods Cause Major Damage To Aquatic System. In Pakistan, floods have created serious environmental problems. They damage pipes and eventually cause sewage to overflow into water bodies. Sewage flooding destroyed buildings and crops. All these substances can cause pollution in lakes and groundwater by mixing with irrigation water and rainwater. Between 1988 and 2000, about 107 samples were taken from groundwater and 31 samples showed clear pesticide contamination above the limits set by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and WHO. Another significant problem for groundwater in Pakistan is highly saline concentration, which is causing irrigation activities, salt dissolution in soil, seawater intrusion in coastal industries. Salinity affects major areas of Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh. Wastewater from industries and households has high levels of arsenic,

# Flaws in the Balochistan census

Editor Asim Khan

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.

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 fact that this meager population is not counted properly during the census of 2023.

Census also a sensitive topic in Balochistan Like in some cities of Pakistan, census/enumeration is also considered to be one of the sensitive topics in Balochistan. Almost all political parties are skeptical about the process of the current enumeration.

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. Similarly, the Pashtoon nationalist parties fear that their (ethnic Pashtuns) population should not be ignored under the garb of Afghan refugees.

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 been in the form of a federal government and a provincial government of development funds under the federal public sector development program (PSPD). Even its (Balochistan) meager share of 6% percent in services is swallowed by Islamabad through fake domiciles.

Balochistan is lagging behind 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 worst governance.

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.

# Reviving agricultural growth: Part - I

By Ishrat Husain

Agriculture forms the backbone of Pakistan's economy as it provides livelihoods to almost two-thirds of the population. It provides food, water, energy security to the country, and services of export and import. The industrial and services sectors are dependent upon its raw material supply.

However, a country endowed with one of the largest contiguous irrigated areas (43 million acres) and a reservoir of underground water in the world cultivating about 21 million hectares of land has not only been able to fully exploit this rich resource but in fact is facing stagnation over the last two decades. Estimates show that the value of output from this irrigation system, if properly managed, can reach \$20 billion annually, causing serious repercussions on all aspects of the Pakistani society such as poverty, employment, income distribution, current account and food security.

Let us take inflation. The lowest income quintile (20% of the population) saw a 28.2 per cent while urban poverty is down to 10.9 per cent. For ease of conversation, let's call them MBD here. There are multiple factors that have contributed to the emergence of this phenomenon among some Pakistanis living at home or abroad. They have made plenty of observers (judges and lawyers) who shape this anomaly would take next. They let rip at the slightest provocation - or even without it. Mostly they are clueless and ready to let rip. What they mean is 'Madina or not Madina' is just one example of their uncontrollable emotions that have become prone to display.

MBD is not a new phenomenon, we have seen it in such cases both nationally and internationally. The fact that they are so ready to let rip is to make such behaviour appear perfectly normal. Some commentators have made comparisons with fascist and Nazi tendencies in Italy and Germany during the first half of the 20th century. The Al-Maf-Hussain incident in Karachi, when he unleashed a reign of terror on all who disagreed with him, was done to raise a voice of dissent.

The prime span of fascism and Nazism was nearly 25 years, after which their steam was snuffed out. Nearly all followers of these ideologies were mad, bad, and dangerous to know. They were sharing their personal impressions of Byron.

When Lady Caroline Lamb described Lord Byron - one of the greatest English poets of the 18th century - as 'mad, bad, and dangerous to know', she was of course sharing her personal impressions of Byron. Her expression comes to mind when you look at today's Pakistan and find people bred by the ideology who seem to be 'mad, bad, and dangerous to know'. For ease of conversation, let's call them MBD here. There are multiple factors that have contributed to the emergence of this phenomenon among some Pakistanis living at home or abroad. They have made plenty of observers (judges and lawyers) who shape this anomaly would take next. They let rip at the slightest provocation - or even without it. Mostly they are clueless and ready to let rip. What they mean is 'Madina or not Madina' is just one example of their uncontrollable emotions that have become prone to display.

Specific to Pakistan, this intolerance was pioneered by some extremists. A curious and dispassionate reading of history makes it clear that Pakistan Studies textbooks tend to hide the truth about the exaggeration to blame everything on the state. These leaders who are equally clueless and ready to let rip. What they mean is 'Madina or not Madina' is just one example of their uncontrollable emotions that have become prone to display.

Does this have any connection with Islamism, religiosity and sectarianism? Of course. The more dogmas are propagated, the more intolerant people tend to become. Dogma means a blind belief in certain ideologies and personalities. If there is one ideology, there will be more of the same ilk. When a society is more intolerant, it is more likely to be at the cost of a more balanced assessment of personal and national interests. It becomes a kind of a crusade for their followers to defend their leader at all costs, no matter how destructive or dumb that person may be.

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Due to intimidating increase in population and rapid urbanization, the drinking water quality is being deteriorated day by day in Pakistan. The review sums up the issues of colorful exploration studies conducted for drinking water quality status of different areas of Pakistan by taking into account the physicochemical parameters such as the presence of coloriferous pathogenic microorganisms. About 20 of the whole population of Pakistan has access to safe drinking water.

The remaining 80 of population are forced to use unsafe drinking water due to the failure of safe and sound drinking water sources. The primary source of impurity is sewerage (sewage) which is considerably discharged into drinking water system through open drains. Sources of pollution is the disposal of poisonous chemicals, fertilizers, backwaters, farm wastes, and discharges from husbandry sources into the water bodies.

Antropogenic conditioning beget waterborne contamination. Sewage about 80 of all conditions and are responsible for 33 of waterborne diseases. It highlights the drinking water quality, impurity sources, and the health and goods of unsafe drinking water on humans. There's immediate need to

take defensive measures and treatment technologies to overcome hygienic condition of drinking water inventories in different areas of Pakistan.

Drinking water is mainly taken from surface and underground sources near rivers and canals. Surface water quality is rapidly deteriorating due to the addition of raw municipal and industrial wastewater with faces and need to be treated appropriately to remove the contaminants and protect the water supply. In Pakistan, four major cities use surface water; these are Islamabad, Karachi, Rawalpindi and Hyderabad.

The main cause of microbiological contamination is the mixing of the common sewage with the domestic water supply. In most rural areas of Pakistan, surface water is used for drinking without slow sand filtration, and chlorination is not performed in most rural areas. In most rural areas, there is no pre-treatment facility for water purification. All this deficiency is due to microbial contamination and poor water quality.

Microbiological Contaminants: In Pakistan, microbial pollution has been discovered as one of the serious problems in rural as well as urban areas. This is due to the leakage of pipe, pollution from sewage lines intrusion in water supplies, and so forth.

Chemical Contaminants: Chemical pollutants that come from industries, soil sediments and agricultural runoff, i.e. pesticides and fertilizers, enter water sources. Pakistan's use of fertilizers and pesticides is around 5.6 million tons and 0.6 million tons respectively according to gross profit (GOP) figures. These chemicals, usually dissolved in water and groundwater by mixing with irrigation water and rainwater. Between 1988 and 2000, about 107 samples were taken from groundwater and 31 samples showed clear pesticide contamination above the limits set by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and WHO. Another significant problem for groundwater in Pakistan is highly saline concentration, which is causing irrigation activities, salt dissolution in soil, seawater intrusion in coastal industries. Salinity affects major areas of Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh.

Wastewater from industries and households has high levels of arsenic,

# The looming water crisis

By Sharmila Faruqi

Water scarcity is a growing concern across the globe, affecting millions of people every day. With increasing urbanization and increasing demands for water resources, many countries are facing a critical shortage of water.

Pakistan is one such country facing a water crisis, which has significant implications for its people and its economy. A report by UN-Water indicates that Pakistan's water scarcity is becoming endemic. Globally, two billion people (26 per cent of the population) do not have safe drinking water and 3 billion (46 per cent) lack access to safely managed sanitation, according to the report published by Unesco on behalf of UN-Water in New York.

One of the countries most affected by this global water crisis is Pakistan with a population of 220 million people. The country is heavily reliant on agriculture, which consumes about 19 per cent of its GDP and employs over 40 per cent of its workforce.

Agriculture in Pakistan is primarily dependent on rainwater, which flows through the country from the Himalayas. The river is one of the largest in the world, and its basin is home to over 215 million people. Despite the importance of the Indus to Pakistan's economy and people, the country is facing a water crisis. The situation has been worsened by climate change, desertification, population growth, and poor water management practices. The water crisis in Pakistan is multifaceted, and its impacts are far-reaching. One of the most significant impacts of the water crisis in Pakistan is on its economy. A report by UN-Water indicates that Pakistan's water scarcity is becoming endemic. Globally, two billion people (26 per cent of the population) do not have safe drinking water and 3 billion (46 per cent) lack access to safely managed sanitation, according to the report published by Unesco on behalf of UN-Water in New York.

# Stretching mafia to the limit

By Raaf Hasan

Ala fide is defined as someone who is carried out in bad faith or with an intent to deceive. This description does not fit anyone else more appropriately than it does the case of the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023 moved by the government benches before the National Assembly on March 28.

It has since been approved by the Standing Committee on Law and Order, and the bill has been introduced in the National Assembly. By the time this piece appears in the paper, it may have been passed by the Senate to become a law. This will move to be the first time that the issues which the state institutions, including the judiciary, are afflicted with - or is this only a means to tide over the immediate challenge facing the government? The implementation of the bill would also be viewed in the context of the statement of the federal interior minister in an interview duly telecast within and outside the country. What the government has been pushed to the extreme by the opposition is now facing a similar situation. The matter is rendered even more controversial by the fact that the main thrust of the proposed bill is to curtail the powers of chief justice (CJP) who, when it becomes law, shall no longer have the authority to take suo motu notice

of a case without first constituting a committee comprising, alongside himself, two senior-most judges of the SC. This will replace the earlier practice of the CJP taking suo motu notice under Article 184(3). Similarly, invoking original jurisdiction under the same article has also been made subject to the approval of such a committee of three judges. Notwithstanding the contents of the proposed bill, the government has to remedy the crises that riddle the judicial arm of the state. The government's move of moving this bill that renders it dubious. Having said so, I have flaunted my opinion that the earlier SC injunction ordering the ECP to hold elections in the wake of the special assemblies within ninety days of their dissolution should be reinstated. The government does not have the numbers to pass a constitutional amendment to become a permanent fixture of parliament. The government does not have the numbers to pass a constitutional amendment. Otherwise, under Article 191, making such changes falls within the domain of the apex court.

The fact that the government took upon itself the task of moving the bill in such a manner, in such circumstances, we shall do everything to eliminate them and shall tackle the problem from both sides. The government has been employed in eliminating them and shall tackle the problem from both sides. The government has been employed in eliminating them and shall tackle the problem from both sides.



APHC urges international community to play role for release of Kashmiri detainees

SRINAGAR. In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, the APHC Conference has appealed to the United Nations and international human rights organizations to put pressure on India to release all Kashmiri political detainees including APHC leadership...



ISLAMABAD: President Federal Basketball Association (FBBA) Ejaz Butt along with Women's players and officials poses for group during closing ceremony of Federal Cup 3x3 Women's Basketball Tournament at Multipurpose court.

PCJCCI calls for utilization of local coal reserves of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Moazzam Ghurki, President Pakistan Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) called for utilization of local coal reserves of Pakistan on Wednesday at PCJCCI Secretariat.

large reserves of coal specially lignite coal which China has imported for US \$ 8 billion in 2021 from other countries instead of Pakistan due to the lack of technology and modern methods.

Chinese investors a key role in Pakistan's RE sector: Chairman NEPRA

ISLAMABAD: "Chinese investors play a pivotal role in supporting Pakistan in its journey towards private distribution and modernise transmission," said Tauseef H. Farooqi, Chairman of National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA).

Ejaz says leaked audio is engineered

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Ejaz Chaudry has said that the audio attributed to him is engineered.

Opp to move HC against Deputy Speaker of AJK Legislative Assembly

MUZAFFARABAD: Despite passage of five days, Azad Kashmir High Court Bench is unable to elect a new prime minister.

Starting from 2023, Pakistan will conduct the first round of competitive bidding for the upcoming Solar Fast Track program, which seeks to induce 10,000 MW of solar

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA

Zarai Tarqati Bank Limited through its Manager, Loralai Branch. Plaintiff. Versus Akhtar Shah Son of Abdul Majeed R/O By Pass Road Loralai. Defendant.

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA

Zarai Tarqati Bank Limited through its Manager, Loralai Branch. Plaintiff. Versus Muhammad Quayum Son of Abdul Haleem R/O Killa Durjan kadezai Tehsil Bori District Loralai. Defendant.

ISLAMABAD: Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Federal Capital.

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA

Zarai Tarqati Bank Limited through its Manager, Loralai Branch. Plaintiff. Versus Habib-U-Rahman S/O Muhammad Hashim R/O Mehul Pathan kot Loralai. Defendant.

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA

Zarai Tarqati Bank Limited through its Manager, Loralai Branch. Plaintiff. Versus Abdul Sadiq Son of Khudai Rahim R/O Killa Negang Dakhkhana Bori District Loralai. Defendant.

Advertisement for the Executive Director SKBZ inviting bids for execution of following works for the Year 2023 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Tender Fee Rs.10000, Bid Security 2%...

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BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA

Zarai Tarqati Bank Limited through its Manager, Loralai Branch. Plaintiff. Versus Raza Muhammad Son of Zula Khan R/O Shah Karez Dakhkhana Tehsil Bori District Loralai. Defendant.

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BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA

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# State Bank orders banks to compensate fraud victims within three days

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan on Wednesday has directed the commercial and microfinance banks to establish digital fraud risk management units under the supervision of senior management and compensate their customers within three working days of the reporting of fraud in case their mechanism of digital security systems is not updated.

The State Bank has reminded all the heads and chief executives of the banks to make digital banking safe. The SBP has prepared a set of control measures to enhance the security of digital banking products and services. Banks/ MFIs are advised to develop a comprehensive plan with monthly milestones, to be implemented by December 31, 2023, duly approved by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and submit the same to their relevant Banking Supervision Department (BSD) in SBP, within thirty (30) days from the issuance date of the issued circular.

Thereafter, a monthly progress report shall be submitted to the concerned BSD within ten (10) days from the close of each calendar month, the circular issued by the SBP stated.

Banks shall be liable to compensate the customers, in cases where they are unable to establish that the transactions were executed through the customers' registered devices.

Banks shall be responsible for the loss of any customer funds due to delay on their part in taking timely remedial and control measures such as delay in blocking digital channels, delay in raising dispute requests, etc. In this regard, the Financial Institutions (FIs) shall compensate in whole the customers for such losses.



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### APHC-AJK meeting highlights S. Hameed's contribution to struggle for right to self-determination

ISLAMABAD: A condolence meeting was organised by Azad Kashmir chapter of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference in Islamabad, today, to commemorate the martyrdom anniversary of S. Hameed Wani and his contribution to the struggle for right to self-determination.

The meeting was chaired by APHC-AJK Convener Mehmood Ahmed Saghar. While paying rich tributes to great sacrifices of S. Hameed Wani on his 25th martyrdom anniversary, the APHC-AJK leaders prayed for eternal peace for the martyred leader. Wani was martyred by the Indian agents on this day in 1998.

The leaders highlighted S. Hameed's peerless contribution towards the ongoing freedom struggle and said that the martyred leader was a man of integrity who served the movement throughout his life and ultimately laid down his life for the great cause.

The APHC leaders voiced grave concern over the continued bloodshed and loss of innocent people being killed day in and day out by the Indian occupation forces deployed on sustained breadth of the territory. They appealed to the UN and world human rights organizations to take solid steps to ensure Kashmir's demographic and cultural integrity.

### Dozen dacoits attack Ghotki picket, martyr two cops

GHOKTI: More than a dozen dacoits attacked a police picket in Ghotki and martyred two police officers and injured another on Wednesday.

According to Sukkar DIG Javed Jaskani, more than a dozen dacoits attacked a police picket in the limits of Gombro Ghotki police station. They opened fire and martyred two law personnel while another cop sustained injuries during the attack.

The dead officials included Ali Ghakkar and Kashmiri. An injured police officer is identified as Aziz Mirani.

The DIG said that the police are hunting the dacoits. INP

### Dacoits killed, 18 held as operation in Katcha area enters 11th day

RAHIM YAR KHAN: Three dacoits were shot dead and 18 arrested as the police operation entered the 11th day in the Katcha area of Rahim Yar Khan on Wednesday.

According to police, a large number of heavy weapons and ammunition were recovered from the dacoits. The police established five more new camps in the area, strengthening their law and order. He had added that the police took control of several hideouts of the dacoits. Sporadic incidents of trade of fire between the police and the armed criminals had been reported. INP

### Lahore police in Bhakkar to take Gandapur into custody

BHAKKAR: Lahore police arrived Wednesday to take Pakistan Threat-e-Insaaf (PTI) leader Ali Amin Gandapur into custody from Bhakkar police. Ali Amin Gandapur was wanted by Lahore police too in a terrorism case. Lahore police completed all the arrangements for Gandapur for demanding transit remand of Ali Amin Gandapur from a local court of Ghakkar. He was produced in the court of senior judge Asif Niaz. Bhakkar police demanded physical remand of Gandapur. INP

### Saad Rafique lends support to holding talks with PTI

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Saad Rafique has said that he is in favour of holding talks with the opposition party for the sake of country despite the fact that PTI Chairman Imran Khan has vitiated the environment by his politics of hatred, slander and conspiracies.

Taking to his Twitter handle on Wednesday, Rafique wrote "I am in favour of dialogue and I have also given my opinion within the party. But the Imran Company has ruined its environment by indulging in abuses, conspiracies and slander. How to communicate in such an environment? If talks happen, how could they be productive?"

Imran worked very hard to make politics hateful, now he is picking his own thorns. "However, despite the mistrust and conflicts, the way out lies in talking to each other for Pakistan. I think if talks were held, everyone will benefit from it. Some directly, some indirectly. The agenda will be within the constitutional scope, but not on one point."

According to some media reports, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif called a meeting of the heads of coalition parties on the issue of holding talks with the PTI on Tuesday.

In the meeting, the Pakistan Peoples Party supported the idea of holding talks with the PTI but the Jamaat Ulama-Islam and Jamhoori Watan Party opposed it. There are also some hawkish elements in the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz who are opposing to hold talks with the opposition. A few days ago, Jamaat-Islami Amir Sirajul Haq held separate meetings with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and PTI Chairman Imran Khan, insisting both to hold talks. INP

### Ailing elephant Noor Jehan still not back on her feet

KARACHI: Tireless efforts by foreign and local veterinarians to bring an ailing elephant Noor Jehan back on its feet could not succeed for the sixth day. The 17-year-old elephant has been lying on the ground for six days after reportedly falling into the pond at Pakistan's Karachi Zoo. The incident occurred at a time when Noor Jehan was experiencing initial signs of recovery from serious health complications.

Four Paws is an international team working for animal welfare — is supporting the whole treatment process at the Karachi zoo to save Noor Jehan's life. The veterinarians have been giving various medicines to replenish the giant's energy sapped by a number of health issues. Sharing an update on Noor Jehan's health Four Paws said,

"We are heartbroken to see that Noor Jehan's health is still not improving, but please know that we are continuing to work with the on-site team who are doing everything possible to ease her suffering. Administrator Karachi Dr Syed Saifur Rahman has formed a nine-member committee comprising Dr Amir Khan, a Veterinarian and Response from Four Paws International Dr Marina Ivanova, a senior Veterinarian at Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research Germany Dr Frank Gortzi, Head of the Institute of Wildlife and Zoo Research from Germany. Dr Thomas Hilderbrandt and former Senior Director Karachi Zoo Dr Mansoor Qazi, Dr Imran Rasheed, Associate Professor INP

### Either polls will be held now or contempt verdict will be announced: Sh Rashid

LAHORE: Awami Muslim League (AML) chief, Sheikh Rashid Ahmad said on Wednesday that either the contempt verdict would now be announced by the Supreme Court or elections would be held in the country and all eyes were on the apex court.

Using his Twitter handle, Sheikh Rashid said the meeting of government allies Tuesday witnessed a clear split in the PDM. The PPP, MQM and BAP were repenting on their decisions. The majority parties had lost their grip among people. He said that the order of the court had been violated, now elections will be held or the contempt verdict will be announced. The extent of punishment will be determined in a day or two. All eyes were on the Supreme Court. Ultimately the judiciary will have to get their constitutional verdicts implemented and respected and judiciary was good at this job.

"If they don't hold elections, the caretakers will have to go home. They are not there to make posting, transfers and promotions only," he said. Sheikh Rashid said elections could only be held in one go or simultaneously if National Assembly is dissolved. The government has to give date for dissolution of the assembly and holding of general elections. The government has become isolated and distant from both the people and the world in its quest to retain power. He further said that the government knew its popularity among the people, so it was defying court orders. A year has passed and the deal with the IMF has not been finalized. The social, political, economic and judicial crisis is at its peak. The people are suffering heavily due to poverty and inflation. INP

and control measures such as delay in blocking digital channels, delay in raising dispute requests, etc. In this regard, the Financial Institutions (FIs) shall compensate in whole the customers for such losses.

The financial institutions (FIs) including commercial and microfinance banks and branchless banking service providers shall conduct comprehensive investigations of digital banking frauds and prepare formal investigation reports and engage with the customer to transparently present explain the bank's findings.

The case of false registration of the customer, the concerned FI shall be completely liable if the required controls related to registration were not in place or not properly implemented. FI shall offer transactional insurance to their customer at reasonable and competitive charges, the insurance should be activated upon explicit customer consent or request.

### Sino-Pak Hybrid wheat cooperation to enhance risk resistance in agri sector

ISLAMABAD: Sino-Pak Hybrid wheat cooperation will enhance risk resistance in agri sector, says a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on Wednesday.

It is learned that so far, the Chinese team's hybrid wheat demonstration fields in Pakistan have been maintained at about 600-500 hectares, extending from Peshawar in the north, Lahore in the center to Karachi in the south. Prof Zhao Changping, Chief Scientist of Hybrid Wheat Research Institute Beijing Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences (BAAFS) told CEN "It is true that we have only taken first step for a country's wheat industry, but ensuring Pakistan's food security through variety improvement is our long-term strategic task."

Although hailstone is an occasional extreme weather that cannot be effectively resisted from the perspective of crop insurance, it can still minimize the impact of disasters by promoting production and increasing yield," added Prof Zhang Shengquan, Deputy Director of the Hybrid Wheat Research Institute of BAAFS.

Pakistan is embracing wheat harvest season. However, in some areas, unexpected climate disasters wiped out farmers' toil for a whole year. The southern part of Punjab, Layyah, Kot Addu and

other areas have been hit sorely by hailstones. Relevant departments must do something to solve the food shortage. "We are in desperate need of help," Nasir Gondal, District President of local agriculture entrepreneur Kissan Litehad, said in an interview with CEN.

"Dreadful, I've never seen such violent hailstones in my life," Majid Rafiq, a wheat farmer from the Mandi Bahaudin district in Punjab province, sighing sadly as he gazed at the lodged wheat ears in his field. "Whole harvest has been destroyed."

The wheat was supposed to be harvested in less than a month, but now the hail has broken stalks, then the broken places will rot down rapidly. So sad to say, it's worth nothing.

Official projections showed that wheat production in Punjab, main producing area that produces 77 percent of wheat, is set to witness a major blow during the current FY 2022-23, amid negative impacts of climate change as well as crop substitution, sowing other crops than wheat for profitability.

Crop substitution was towards maize and oilseeds mainly due to better prices, Secretary Ministry of National Food Security & Research Zafar Hassan stated. Because of lack of good varieties and low yields, it is hard for farmers to sell their wheat at a good price.

The wheat production is likely to remain around 26.7 million tonnes as against the envisaged wheat production target of 28.4 million tonnes. INP

### SC moved for disqualification of President Arif Alvi

ISLAMABAD: A plea has been filed with the Supreme Court seeking the disqualification of President Arif Alvi. The petition, moved by citizen Chaudhry Muhammad Imtiaz, sought the disqualification of the President Dr Arif Alvi under Article 41.

According to the petition, President Arif Alvi is violating his oath by working on the directions of one political party. He pleaded with the court to immediately remove Alvi from the top office.

Back in March this year, a similar disqualification plea was filed against Arif Alvi which was turned down by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. The two-member bench headed by Justice Ijaz-ul-Hasan heard the petition filed by a citizen, Zahoor Mehndi, under Article 62 (1F) of the Constitution.

The petitioner raised six objections to his candidature, and one of them was that at the time of the presidential election, (Arif Alvi) was an undertrial accused and was not eligible for the presidency. According to Mehdi, he also submitted his nomination papers to contest the election of president but his papers were rejected as he had no proposer and seconder. The petitioner had said that the constitution was in crisis due to the appointment of an unqualified person as president and the political parties were at odds with each other. Subsequently, the SC dismissed the petition.

### China investigating alleged blasphemy by Chinese national in Pakistan: Chinese FM

BEIJING: "The Chinese government always asks Chinese nationals overseas to abide by laws and regulations of the host countries and respect local customs and traditions," said China's foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin.

He was responding to a question regarding the news of a Chinese national being held in police protection in Pakistan on accusations of alleged blasphemy, according to Gwadar Post.

"The Chinese Embassy in Pakistan is verifying the information," the spokesperson said, adding that the incident involves Chinese nationals, our Embassy will provide consular protection and assistance within the purview of its duty."

According to media reports, a Chinese engineer was accused of alleged blasphemy during an argument with local Pakistan's subordinates at his workplace. The accused was detained by police on April 16, following a formal complaint. INP

### Minimum bill for gas consumers fixed at Rs500

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Wednesday fixed minimum bill for gas consumers at Rs500. The charges will be enforced for using more gas in any month during the year. The fixed charges have been added to bills of the consumers along with the meter run. Now, the gas consumers will have to pay a minimum bill of Rs500.

Sui Northern Gas Company added these charges to the gas bills after getting approval from Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). The move will certainly inflate bills of the gas consumers. The federal government on Wednesday fixed minimum bill for gas consumers at Rs500. Fixed charges of Rs500 have been slapped on the bills of non-protected consumers. The fixed charges will not be applicable to those consumers who use 0.9 unit gas for continuous one year. The charges will be enforced for using more gas in any month during the year. The fixed charges have been added to bills of the consumers along with the meter run. Now, the gas consumers will have to pay a minimum bill of Rs500. Sui Northern Gas Company added these charges to the gas bills after getting approval from Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). INP

**BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT AT DISTRICT COURT K. CHEHRU, SHARA-E-JOHAL QUETTA**  
SUIT NO.08-2023  
Larazi Tarqatji Bank Limited through its Manager, Plaintiff  
Versus  
1 Noor-ul-Din Son of Taj Muhammad  
2 R/o Hamyaa Dakkhana mekhtar District Laralai, Defendant

**R/O FOR RECOVERY OF RS.836899/- ALONG WITH COST OF FUND US 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES ORDINANCE 2001).**  
Notice to: The above noted defendant.  
WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS. 836899/- balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you; the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint. Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is 23-05-2023. GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 19th day of April, 2023.  
(SAIFULLAH KHAN)  
REGISTRAR  
Banking Court Balochistan Quetta