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Election impasse: Govt, PTI members to meet again today after opening round of talks at Parliament House

Members of the ruling coalition and opposition PTI will resume talks on elections in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa tomorrow (Friday), following the initiation of dialogue at the Parliament House today, Representatives from both sides met inside Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani's chamber on Thursday evening to begin the negotiations, a correspondert confirmed, saying that the talks concluded after more than the properties.

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coalition, the opposition and the higher judiciary. PPP's Yousaf Raza Gilani, who participated in the negotiations from the government's side, said while speaking to the media that the talks would be resumed tomorrow at 3pm at the Parliament House, during which the PTI would present its demands.

Parties part of the ruling coalition would then be apprised of the PTI's demands , he added

Alongside him, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said it was principally decided that matters would be resolved within the ambit of the Constitution. Latter, Senator Ali Zafar, who was part of the PTI's negotiating team, said it was agreed during today's talks that a solution to the ongoing deadlock should be such that it worked best for the country and the



on," he added.
Zafar shared these details during Geo
lews programme Capital Talk, saying that Zafar shared these details during the News programme Capital Talk, saying that a consensus was reached today that all aspects of the issue of elections should be discussed and debated during the negotia-

He further said that no allegations were exchanged between the two sides during the talks today.

Ruling coalition to take all allies on board: Oureshi

Meanwhile, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, another member of the PTI's negotiating committee, said while speaking to the media in Islamabad that both sides had presented their stance today and members of the ruling coalition told them that they had to take all allies on board.

"We have already consulted PTI chief Imran Khan and have his full mandate," he said, adding that representatives of the ruling coalition had told the PTI delegation that all coalition partners had to be consulted and

taken on board.

The PTI leader said the PTI had agreed to their request and asked them to proposed a solution after consulting their allies. "And if the solution is within the constitutional ambit, we will discuss it with an open mind."

Regarding the progress of today's talks, he said both sides agreed that solutions to political problems could be found through talks, provided that they are held with sincere intentions. "Our intention is to find a way forward for these talks and not use them as delaying tactics," he said, adding, "We believe that whatever solution we will come up with it would be within the constitutional ambit."

'One-point agenda'

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Earlier, video footage from before the meeting showed Qureshi and Senator Zofar of the members included in the PTI's negotiating team — arriving at the Parliament House.

Accompanying them was Faisal Chaudhry, brother of PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry who is also part of the PTI's negotiating committee.

Speaking to the media ahead of the meeting, Qureshi said that there was only "one-point agenda" for the talks, and that was elections.

When a reporter sought clarification on whether he meant early elections, he succinetly replied, elections.

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HUB The Sz-vars old Pakistani shep-herd, Haji Abdul Qadir accepted the Haji offer of Javed Afridi, the owner of Peshawar Zalmai on Thursday to perform Haji again, the white-hearded aged man from the Hub district of Balochistan told Daily Quetta Voice in an exclusive inter-view. 'I heard about his offer through my neighbors', he said.

"This was my dream of life to be at the Holy Place"



Dressed in a simple white shalwar kameez, Haji Abdul Qadir said, "This was a shall war had a shall part and the shall go the shall part and the shall go the shall part and the shall go the shall part and the shall part and

meet him.
"I have no mobile phone and property", Haji Abdul
Qadir informed

Blast in Khuzdar martyrs a police officer: Police

From Our Correspondent:

KHUZDAR's senior police officer was martyred in a bomb explosion in Balochistan's Khuzdar city on Thursday, Police inspector Sharbat Khan was martyred in the blast near the medical complex of the city, police said. The vehicle of Sharbaton Klan was target. The vehicle of Sharbaton Klan was target in the medical complex area. The police officer was martyred on the stop topice said. He was currently serving in the CounterTerrorism Department (CTD). The inspector was completely destroyed in the attack.



Germany's Karachi
Consul-General, Dr. Rudiger
Lotz on Thursday said that
Pakistan is an important
country and it will overcome
the prevailing crisis. "For us,
Pakistan is an important
country", the Consul General
of Germany said while talking to reporters.
He expressed these views
on the occasion of a ceremony held with regard to the
appointment of the newly
appointed consul general for
Balochistan Mir Murad
Baloch.

Pakistan will overcome prevailing political crisis: German CG "We are

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confident that Pakistan would overcome these problems"

Mr. Lotz stated, "We are confident that Pakistan would overcome these problems". No doubt, Pakistan is a democracy and it has a democracy the Consul General mentioned, the Consul General mentioned, and the second mentioned in the consul General mentioned, and it is the fifth most populous country in the globe.

Mr. Lotz stated that Germany has financed huge development



projects to improve socio-eco-nomic conditions in Balochistan. He said, "We have the support of senior citizens" He congratulated the newly

appointed Germany Consu General, Mir Murad Baloch, an said that Mr. Baloch would pla-an important role in the issues of the people.

Secretary Home Balochistan to probe into martyrdom of 6 policemen

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izenjo took serious notice f the martyrdom of six blicemen in Jaffarabad, an fficial handout issued said, the provincial government

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Slow pace of development projects in Quetta

The pace of the development projects currently underway in Quetta is slow. Various suburbs of this provincial capital paints a bleak picture when it comes to development projects and the availability of basic facilities including water, education, health, road network, and saintation.

Billions are pumped by the federal and provincial governments to bring this city at par with other developed parts of the country, but with no tangible results. For instance, the dualization of the Sabzal Road, Sariab Road is yet to be constructed.

Sabzal Road is yet to be constructed and Kanal inaugurated a portion of the Sabzal Road, which was really a good addition to the development and beauty of Quetta. However, a major portion of Sabzal Road is yet to be completed. Dirty water on the surface of the road and piles of garbage made peoples' lives miserable.

Residents of the area have made repeated appeals for immediate construction of the road. Chief Minister Mir Quddus Bizenjo has also visited the road and directed an early construction. Despite this all, he road is yet to be constructed. This actually exposes the bad governance in Balochistan.

Action should match the directives of the high-ups. Sariab Road and other ongoing development projects are also underway at a slow pace. Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili visited various development projects, which compound their problems. The provincial government should also share the volume of funds being spent on various development projects in Quetta with the media and people. This will improve transparency and accountability.

A viable master plan needs to be evolved to address the city's problems including an influx of people, new settlements, traffic, water, education and health problems.

Gender budgeting- a tool for gender removing inequalities



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Flood funds and telethons By Dr Sania Nishtar

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A chronic state of policy errors By Dr Khaqan Hassan Najeeb

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By Dr I
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Imran names three-member committee for talks with govt

ISLAMABAD
Pakistan Tchreek-e-insaf
Chairman Imrac Khan on
Thursday constituted a
three-member committee
for negotiations with the
The committee comprised PTI Vice
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Fawad Chaudhry and
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The Supreme Court has
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to end deadlock on the issue of elections.

Meanwhile, Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar and Railways Minister Saad Rafig have contacted Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani and requested him to form a committee conform of committee compared to the control of the control

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ISLAMABAD: Vice Chairman, PTI Shah Mahmood Qureshi along with others PTI talks with media outside the Supreme Court

Eid festivities held at various **CPEC** projects across Pakistan

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Industrial and Commerci Bank of China (ICBC) Karac Branch organized a CSR eve to donate food packages to loc low-income people to help the with a happy Eid.INP

attention notice ISLAMABAD After a massive hike in gas meter monthly rent from R&O to R&ST, a Jamist Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) lawmaker submitted a call attention notice in the National Assembly (NA). During the NA session, a JUI Member of the National Assembly (NA) Alya Kamran submitted a call attention notice in the National Assembly (NA) Alya Kamran submitted a refeared government's response on the massive hike in gas meter rent However, no minister was present in the NA to respond to the MNA Aliya Kamran's attention notice. The lawmaker sought the speaker thoughts after the gas meter rent hike. She asked NA Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf allowing her rodered the concerned standing gas meter rent hike after no-show frodered the concerned standing gas meter rent hike after no-show from any minister. INP NA once again rejects motion seeking funds for Punjab, KP elections

Gas meter rent hike:

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ISLAMABAD: The National
Assembly (NA) on Thursday
once again rejected a motion
seeking a supplementary grant
of Rs21 billion for elections in
Punjab and Khyber
Pakhtunkhwa (KP).
According to details, Law
Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar
presented the motion sessing
and KP following the Supreme
Court's (SC) orders, directing
the State Bank of Pakistan
GBP) to "allocate and release"
Rs21 billion.
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SEZs to help promote Pakistani products to global market: WealthPK

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fight all domains of maritime warfare.
While addressing the ceremony, the Chief Guest underscored the importance of OPVs by emphasizing that these platforms will act as force multipliers in enhancing PN capability of safeguarding maritime frontiers and will offer flexibility in conduct of Pakistan Navy's initiative of independent Regional Martime Security Patrols in the Indian Ocean

Region. He added that Pakistan Navy has been successfully playing its role in providing secure sea environment not only to Pakistan but also to the world seafarers. He lauded the professional shipbuilding competence of Mrs DAMEN and appreciated the timely delivery of ships to Pakistan Navy.

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QUETTA: Vendor covered his stuff during light rain in provincial cap

Three monkeypox cases detected in Karachi

KARACHI: Pakistan on Thursday detected three more suspected cases of monkeypox in the country from abroad. According to sources, all three passengers arrived in Karachi on two different flights of the country from abroad according to sources, all three passengers arrived in Karachi on two different flights of the country of the countr

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Monkeypox patients belong to the twin cities, Rawalpindi and Islamabad. Sindh hospitals on high alert After Monkeypox

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cases, hospitals across
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issued directives to
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for the suspected
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Govt urged to release funds for repair of damaged roads of Murree

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MURREE: People of rural and suburbs of Murree
her have demanded of the government to allocate special funds for maintenance and repair of broken and
damaged link roads connecting rural areas with the city.
In murkable increase in road mishaps has occurred due
to these broken roads causing loss of lives and damage
to vehicles. "Several people have lost their lives during
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people of Murree. Beside connecting many UCS like
Murree Expressway. The local people said that they
had lodged complaints on the citizen's complaint portia
and a number of applications have also been submitted
with the Punjab Highways department for the repair of
had created hardships for the residents to take their
serious patients, especially elderly persons, women to
the hospitals in the nativity, a notable of society Zafar
Javed told this scribe. INP

Westerly wave to bring rain in Karachi, other areas from Today

Areas from Today

KARACHI: A westerly wave is likely to enter southern Balochistan on Thursday (today) that could also bring rainfall in Karachi.

Fresh weather system will likely bring rainfall in Fresh weather system will likely bring rainfall in Fresh weather system. Seattered to the state of the system will likely bring rainfall in MET Office said in a report.

Under the influence of this weather system, scattered dust and thunderstorm with rain is expected in Karadivision, Dadu, Jamshoro, Qambar-Shahdadkot, Ghotsi, Khairpur, Naushlahro Feroz, Shaheed Benazirabad, Sanghar, Maiari, Tando Mahammad Khan, Tando Allahyar, Hyderabad, Mirpur Khas, Umer Kot, Tharparker, Badin, Thatta and Sogiavad districts. Ket, Tharparker, Badin, Thatta and Sogiavad districts and halistorm is likely to occur in Karachi division and other districts of Sindh from Friday (28th April) till 1st May with occasional gaps Heavy falls may generate water logging in low lying areas of Qambarwater logging in low lying areas of Schisman delicities and halian and Badin districts. Met Office cautioned structures The weather will remain hot in Karachi inday with temperature between 33 to 35 Celsius and wind speed 20 to 25 kilometers per hour!NP



Govt blames Imran Khan for backtracking on talks after SC order

ISLAMABAD Interior
Mimister Rana Sanaullah
on Thursday blamed
Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf
(PTI) Chairman Imran
Khan for backtracking on
talks with the government.
Interview, the
federal minister said that
the PTI was in contact
with the government and
two senior members of
the party Parvez Khattak
and Asad Qaiser had
agreed to hold talks but
after the Supreme Cour
meet and update the court
by 4pm, they took a Uturm.
"Imran Khan also said
that he was ready for
talks. There was flexibilty in PTII's stance but
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headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial is hearing a set of petitions, including one of PTI, on the delay in elections to the Pumph Assembly. The Pumph Assembly the

Govt support sought for boosting mushroom production: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD:Mushr

ISLAMABAD Mushr com production can be a viable option or diversifying sources of income for farmers in Pakistan. "Mushroom cultivation can be an emerging industry in Pakistan, with the potential to become a major source of income for growers and contribute to the country's economy." Dr. Nurullah, a senior scientific officer at the National Agriculture Research Centre (NARC), told WealthPK demand for mushrooms has been steadily increasing glob-

ally, and many countries have already established themselves as major players in the market of mushrooms world-wide. However, the potential for mushrooms world-wide. However, the potential for mushrooms world-wide is enormous, and the country can easily tap into this market with the right support and mrestment. It mushrooms have been gaining popularity in Pakistan as in recent years. Farmers have started cultivating them as a cash crop. However, he said production is still published by skim khan a

"There are still many species of mushrooms in Pekistan that have not yet a significant opportunity for the country to tap into the global mushroom market and create new avenues for economic growth. The country to tap into the global mushroom market and create new avenues for economic growth. The country to tap into the government and the private sector, Pakistan can unlock the potential of mushroom production and become a major exporter of this valuable commodity." he noted "One of the advantage of the country of the country

tages of mushroom cultivation is that it requires relatively little space and can be done indoors, making it ideal for small indeal for multiple harvests in a single year. "However, mushroom cultivation in Pakistan faces many challenges, such as lack of awareness, training, infrastructure, marketing, quality control, and research.

Therefore, there is a need to promote mush-room cultivation and conservation in Pakistan through education, extension, innovation, and policy support. To invest in research and development to identify new species of mush-rooms and develop new cultivation methods. The government should also provide financial support to local farmers to help them establish mush-room farms and provide training to help them improve their production methods. INP



ISLAMABAD: Syed Mohammad Ali Hosseini, Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran called on Minister for Defence Production, Muhammad Israr Tareen at his office.

Country needs to boost bilateral cooperation with Iran, Romania: President

ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi has stressed the need of boosting bilateral cooperation with Iran and Romania in all areas of mutual interest.

These views were expressed by him on Thursday during separate meetings with the envoys of Iran and President Arif Alvi while speaking to the outgoing ambassador of Iran, Seved Mohammad Ali Hosseini, and that Pakistan greatly valued its fraternal relations with Iran as both brotherly countries shared historic nkages and cultural affinities, besides having commonalities of views on issues of regional and internancial significance. He emphasized the need for increasing economic cooperation and expanding the trade volume for the three countries. He also highlighted the atrocities being committed by the Indian securing Muslims were being isolated and persecuted in India and the Muslim World needed to take notice of the Indian brutalities against Muslims. The President thanked the Iranian government for its support and ance on the Kashmir issue. mutual benefit of the two common strains of the process of the parts o



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addresses a session of the National Assembly after getting the Vote of Confidence.

Seven killed, 13 injured in T.T Singh road mishap

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TOBA TEK SINGH. At least seven
eople were killed and about two
ozen others including women and a
hid injured in a trage road misstap
Rescue 1122 sources said that a
min-truck rammed into a coaster near
harmpura area of Toba Tek Singh.
Both vehicles caught fire after the
ollision resulting in death of seven
cople and leaving 13 including three
onen and a child seriously injured,
endedquarter (THO) Hospital Gojra
nd a private hospital in Panserah.
Police have registered a case into
te incident and started an investigaon INP

Five gamblers held with stake money

ATTOCK A many a five gamblers were arrested besides recovery of stake money during a raid in Christian Colony, Hazro police station unisdiction in Attock on Thursday.

On a tip-off, SHO Hazro Malik Arif gambling den.

During raid, five gamblers identified as Liquat Masih, Muhammad Mansha, Qasim Khan, Ahmed Nawaz.

Police recovered gambling tools and Rs 9010 stake money from possession of the detainees.

A case was registered gambles the stations and investigations were underway. INP

Governor urges varsities to focus on character building of students

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LAHORE: Governor
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Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman has
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Torkham border: Propaganda about sugar smuggling exposed

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ISLAMABAD: Propaganda on social media about the smuggling of sugar in containers via the Torkham border has been exposed.

On April 18, several trucks loaded with goods were on their way to when they were buried under the debris after a landslide in the area.

Following the incident, propagang was hatched about the smuggling of sugar in the trucks loaded with earment. Sources said that there of the sugar were waiting to cross the Pak-Afghan border after scanning? The sugar was being exported to Afghanistan with the permission of the government of Pakistan through do with the National Logistic Cell (NLC). All agencies, including their responsibilities efficiently at the Torkham border and trucks and containers are allowed INP

Not ready to hold talks with PTI, says Fazl

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Democratic Novement (PDM) head and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Faza (UILF) supremo Maulana Fazlur Rehman claimed on Thursday han Frime Ministerment not 10 hold talks with PIR Pakistan Fehrecke-Insaf (PII). While addressing a press conference in Islamabad, Maulana Shehbaz Sharif had shown agreement not 10 hold talks with PII during yesterday's session which was attended by the heads of the ruling colition parties was talk with PII but on what basis we should hold dialogues with PII but on what basis we should hold dialogues with PII but on what basis we should hold dialogues with PII but on what basis we should hold dialogues with PII but on What basis we should hold dialogues with PII but on What basis we should hold dialogues with PII but on the primary infrastructure structure of the Constitution of Pakistan. If a pillar collapses, "Saving the federation is like whole infrastructure collapses," Saving the federation is like our judiciary stuck in the 90-day

deadline?"
Cniticising the Supreme Court (SC), Fazlur Rehman said, The fudicary suggested politicians to hold dialogues, on the other hand, it is not to be compared to them. It is a Supreme Court) to give schedule for elections and ask everyone to appease one political party."
He claimed that the SC's verdicat also unenforceable which should be realised by the judiciary. Holding polls is the matter of the election commission and it will take this matter forward to confidence was exhibited in the PDM head said that a lack of confidence was exhibited in the procedure of the population census, in different parts of the country including Karachi, rural Sinda Maulana. Fazlur Rehman demanded the government to constitute an investigation committee to ascertain the reasons why the country's population is decreasing verars in census statistics. INP

Another CPEC project worth Rs 1.25 trn approved to connect KP with Balochistan: Asad Mahmood

DI KHAN: Federal Minister of Communications Asad Mahmood has announced that a project worth Rs 1.25 trillion a project worth Rs 1.25 trillion has a project worth Rs 1.25 trillion has pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) route had been approved. He stated this during a meeting with a delegation of Jamiat Ulema Islam Fazl (JUI-F) on the control of the project of a 210-km long road would connect Yarik to Saggu and then Saggu to Zhob which would be completed with the joint cooperation of the gov-

ernments of Pakistan and China. He informed that the secre-tary of communication was on a visit to China for the final approval of matters from

approval of matters. China. Asad said that the comple-tion of this project would make the travel between Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan

Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan easier. He said this route would pass through the areas of both provinces which remained neglected during the past, adding, it would also ensure economic prosperity in the areas. INP

Various cable networks raided during Eid holidays for relaying illegal Indian channels

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ISLAMABAD. In line with directions of the Chairman Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMKA), Regional Offices in Multank Regional Regi

the violations conducted earlier. In Multan, enforcement team conducted surprise inspections in various localities localities localities. Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan and raided 34 Cable. Among them 20 were found uring illegal Indian channels as well as Indian content. Field staff in PEMRA Regional Office Lahore has initiated drivagainst illegal/Indian content and conducted 89 surprise inspections in all 7 districts. Total number of Shekhupura, Nankana Sahib and Kasur. All three operators have been strictly warned and issued show cause notices and called for show cause notices and called for show cause notices and called for the conduction of the conducted stages of the conducted show cause notices and called for show cause notices and called for the conducted stages of the conducted surprise stages of the conducted surprise inspections. INP

for agricultural machines attracted a lot of Pakistana buvers, according to (CEN).

Electric trolley is one of the devices that interest visitors the most. 'It can is auto-controlled. The traditional trolley we use in Pakistan is completely different from that.'

"You can see how innovative they have made it by installing a motor and hydraulic system in a small-scale farmers, It can have a huge market in Pakistan."

The booth said that the works with an electric wood breaker. "It can break wood into small pieces. INP



Quetta: Administrator Quetta Tariq Javed Mengal, Deputy Commissioner Quetta Shahak Baloch are meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Kakar.

Ambassador Seyed Mohammad Ali Hosseini underlined the need for enhancing economic, cultural and olitical cooperation between the two countries. He said that both countries had great potential to further pand economic ecoperation. He informed that both sides had agreed to construct ask border markets that ould benefit the people of Ballochistan.

The President appreciated the contribution of the outgoing ambassador to promoting bilateral cooperaon between the two brotherly countries In his meeting with the Ambassador of Romania Nicolae Goia, elPresident said that Romania was an important country in Eastern Europe and Pakistan desired to deepor its support to Pakistan in granting and continuation of GSP plus status. Both sides underscored the need in improving economic relations and undertaking regular exchanges and interactions at the highest levels further cement bilateral ties. The Romanian ambassador conveyed gratitude on behalf of the President of omania for the support provided by Pakistan in the evacuation of the Romanian nationals from
Gabanistan during August and September 2021 INP

Skill development scheme for textile sector to be launched: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Commerce has scided to launch a skill development scheme for the skile and apparel industry to enhance exports, said a

ISLAMABALL rie. Training to decided to launch a skill development scheme for the textile and apparel industry to enhance exports, said at The objectives of the scheme include human resource development, increasing exports, creating employment to popertunities, poverty allevation and gender inclusion in the textile sector. But the sector of the scheme would be five years. The Ministry of Commerce has sought 18,118.2 million from the government for the next fiscal year (2023-24) to initiate the project. According to the scheme, individually in international quality standards. The goal is also to encourage entrepreneurship among the young generation. According to the Ministry of Commerce, creating employment opportunities in the country is also a member of the properture of the country is also a quality standards. The goal is also to encourage entrepreneurship among the young generation. According to the Ministry of Commerce, creating employment opportunities in the country is also a quality standards the productive members of the workforce.

workforce. Expanding the pool of skilled workers in the country is another objective of the scheme. People would be provided skills along with entrepreneural motivation and competence so they can start their own businesses as well.

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This scheme will also contribute towards poverty reduction, social and economic development of the

Influential sugar mafia robbing poor masses: PEW

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Farm machines at Canton Fair attract Pakistani buyers

BEIJING: During the 33rd China Import and export Fair, also known s Canton Fair, a section or agricultural machines ttracted a lot of Pakistani

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"The availability of skilled workforce for the textile
industry will make it more competitive and exportontent-do. How the scheme is the scheme in the scheme
ment-based skill development, the ministry said.

It will make sure sustainable employment and industry promotion all over the country. It will also engage a
panel of professional agencies for innovation, project
identification and execution of the scheme to make it
result-oriented. INP

Keel laying ceremony of Pakistan Navy's 2nd OPV held at Romania

ISLAMABAD: The Keel laying ceremony of second Off-shore Patrol Vessel Navy was at DAMEN Shipyard Galati, A. Pakistan Navy news release received here said that Ambassador of received here said that Ambassador of Takistan Navy as at DAMEN Shipyard Galati, Cowning to the satisfactory performance of 1st Batch of OPVs (PNS) TARNON, As PNS TABUS, in STABUS, in STAMON, As PNS TABUS, in STABUS, in Stamon S



ISLAMABAD: Outgoing Ambassador of Iran, Seved Mohammad Ali Hosseini called on President Dr Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

PPP taking steps for resolving farmers' issues: Kundi

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DI KHAN: Minister of State for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Central Secretary Information Faisal Karim Khan Kundi has said that his party, was taking steps for resolving the issues being faced by the farmers.

He expressed these views during a meeting held here at the circuit house with a delegation of local farmers including Raja Anwar Ali, Azmat Ullah alias Mannu Khan, Matti Khan, Haji Abdul Razzaq, Hafeez Ullah, and others. On this occasion, PPP district president Malik Farhan Afzal Dhap was also present. The minister regretted that some sugar mill owners did not pay the price of sugarcane to the farmers

even at the end of the crushing sea-

He said that several important steps were being taken by the gov-ernment for the welfare of the farm-ers.

emment for the welfare of the farmers' delegation apprised the state minister that the management of Miran Sugar Mills Dera was not paying the prices of sugarcane to farmers properly. Kundi, said that the agriculture to the sugarcane of the superior that the country's economy and the development of this sector needs full attention. He assured the delegation that their issues would not only be taken up before the local administration but also with the quarters concerned in Islamabad. INP

IPRS ideal for commercial fish farming: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD-Pakistan needs to improve its aquaculture in order to export quality fishery products in both processed and non-processed forms, said Dr. Shaisa Waqar. Assistant Punjab. The processed of the Punjab. The processes of the Punjab. The Punj

in Punjab, in an interview with WealthPK.
"On commercial scale, as a sustainable fishing practice, in Pond Raceway System (IPRS) is ideal for aquaculture duction. IPRS is an innovative combination of existing traditional aquaculture practices and tools," she said.
"Normally, there are four types of in-practice fish culture systems, i.e., cages, open ponds, recirculating systems, and farming system, IPRS is more efficient to maximize fish production from a regular fish pond. Traditional farming requires a large area but produces less

output. On the other hand, the IPRS is more practical than other fish farming practices due to its higher stocking densities, improved water quality, ease of feed maintenance and grading, precise disease treatment, fish waste collection, less off-flavor, and ease of harvest," she added the stocking densities of the stocking dens

in water naturally turns into nitrates or fertilizer. "IRPS is a fully automated system and seems expensive due to its demand for an uninterrupted power supply. In this system, farm activities like the maintenance of oxygen levels in the water, feeders and power supply are pro-grammed.INP