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A giant blue whale found dead on Gwadar beach

Mir Salam Jogezai

GWADAR: A giant blue whale was found dead in the sea of Jewni tehsil of Gwadar district of Balochistan on Friday. The dead whale was swept away by the waves of the sea and came close to the shore of Bandri (Jewni). According to World Wild Life senior researcher Sudhir Baloch, a native of Gwadar, this blue

whale is 36 feet long.

The weight can be more than 20 tons, Mr. Baloch informed. While the relevant authorities will find out the reasons for the blue whale's death, he mentioned. Rare species of fish are seen from time to time in the coastal areas of Balochistan.

GDA plans to reserve the remains of the dead whale

The Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) plans to preserve the remains and structures of the dead blue whale found at Bandri, a coastal settlement in Balochistan. Director General GDA, Mujeebur Rahman Qambrani has directed Deputy Director Environment



GDA and Aquatic Specialist Abdul Rahim Baloch to take necessary

Baloch said the blue whale is a marine mammal that has been fresteps in this regard. quently sighted off the coast of
Marine biologist Abdul Rahim Makran, with a maximum con-

firmed length of 29.9 meters (98 feet) and a weight of up to 199 tons. Due to its unique size, it is the largest animal ever known and its species faces various threats.

IUCN has listed the blue whale as an endangered as of 2018

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has listed the blue whale as endangered as of 2018. It faces a number of man-made threats such as ship strikes, pollution, marine noise and climate change.

GDA plans to preserve animal for exhibition to create more awareness

Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) has planned to preserve the animal for exhibition to create more awareness among the general public to protect it from the threats it faces. He said that he himself will soon reach the spot and examine the remains of the whale on scientific basis to preserve it. A whale structure has previously been preserved at the Giuni site.

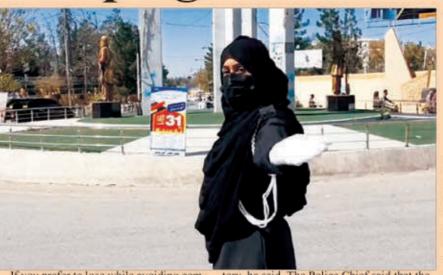
Balochistan police launch awareness campaign about road safety

Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA:For the first time in the province, Balochistan Police has launched an awareness campaign about road safety and traffic rules with a regular theme. In this regard, Inspector General of Police Balochistan, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh launched this campaign from the wall of Police Grammar School.

Negligence, haste and carelessness main causes of road accidents

On this occasion, IG Police Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh said that haste, negli-gence and carelessness are the main causes of road accidents. Due to which thousands of people lose their lives every year across Balochistan, Mr. Sheikh mentioed.



If you prefer to lose while avoiding competition, superiority, high speed on national highways, then this will be your real vic-

tory, he said. The Police Chief said that the scope of the special road safety campaign will be extended to other educational insti-

A wall has been dedicated for self analysis through questions and

answers

This special theme Not only has road safety and traffic awareness been taken into consideration, a wall has been dedicated for "self-analysis through questions and answers". Where every student can analyze answers" Where every student can analyze themselves how much they have learned so far. Additional Inspector General of Police Admin Jawad Ahmad Dogar, DIG Police Quetta Azfar Mehsar, Deputy Inspector General of Police Headquarters Quetta, AIG Finance Sohail Ahmed Shaikh, AIG Training Sher Ali, AIG Welfare Dost Mohammad Bugti were present at the ceremony. SSP Traffic Police Bahram Khan Mandukhel, SP Headquarters Balochistan

Constabulary Kamal Shah, SP Headquarters Syed Naseer Shah Kazmi and other police officers besides Principal Police Grammar School Principal Shahida Parveen, a large number of teachers, students participated.

Young reckless drivers causing more accidents

On this occasion, DSP Mahmood Ali Khokhar, while giving a briefing, said that most of the human lives are lost in traffic accidents because of young driver's reckaccidents because of young driver's reck-less driving. They go or the disease of life-long disability becomes the fate of the vic-tims. Due to lack of road safety awareness and inexperience, traffic accidents often occur on highways. Mr. Khokhar noted. Not wearing a seat belt while driving and not using a helmet while riding a motorcy-cle can cause a lot of damage, he mencle can cause a lot of damage, he men-

Corruption in Gwadar municipality to be eradicated: Maulana Hidayat

Behram Baloch

GWADAR: Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman Baloch, the head of the Haq Do Tehreek (HDT) Balochistan, visited Gwadar Municipal Committee and Mullah Fazil Chowk for the first time after his release. The Chairman Municipal Committee announced an increase of Rs 3000 for daily wages workers.

Municipality will eliminate corruption in Gwadar

and spend the resources on the people. Measures to eliminate corruption and reduce costs have been start-ed, the Maulana said.

Maulana vows to eliminate corruption

Municipal Chairman Muhammad Sharif Miah Dad, Acting Vice Chairman Akram Fida and councilors



warmly welcomed him and showered him with flowers. Háq Do Tehreek Chairman Wajah Hussain Wadela, Spokesperson Hafeez Kiazai, Deputy Organizer Babar Shehzad and other officials were also present on this different sections of Gwadar municipality and met the municipality employees individually and informed them about their situation. In his visit, Maulana Hidayat Ur Rehman Baloch, on behalf of Municipal Committee Chairman Sharif Miandad, announced an

increase of Rs. 3000

Resources will be spent on people
He said in his speech that while defending the mandate of the people of Gwadar, the available resources will be spent on the people, corruption will be eradicated and wasteful expenditure will be avoided. We are ready to face this kind of challenge. All over the world local government is responsible for cleanliness of the city, elimination and prevention of encroachments but here the municipal committee has been a bestion of here the municipal committee has been a bastion of corruption and has the status of treasury and zakat office. Our team will spend the available resources in a systematic manner for the welfare of the people, he

Abrarul Haq, Saifullah Nyazee jump ship as PTI exodus continues

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders -Abrarul Haq and Saifullah Niazi — announced their decision on Friday to leave the party, adding their name to the long list of members who have deserted the former rul-

During a press conference, Haq stated that his upbringing was rooted in both political and military households, where reciting the Quran and studying Iqbal's "Bang-e-Dara" and "Bal-e-Jibrail" were essential. He mentioned that Rashid Minhas Shaheed and

Major Aziz Bhatti Shaheed were his heroes.

He emphasised the emotional connection he has with
the armed forces and martyrs. "When I went to the Kaaba for Hajj, instead of praying for something else, I prayed for martyrdom. The passion to do something for Pakistan has always been with me," he added.

SC suspends operation of govt notification on formation of judicial commission probing audio leaks

The Supreme Court on Friday suspended the operation of the federal government's notification on the constitution of a judicial panel last week to probe audio leaks which have surfaced on social media over the last few months - and stayed the commission's proceedings.

"In the circumstances, till the next date of hearing, the operation of the impugned notification No SRO 596(I)/2023 dated 19.05.2023 issued by the Federal Government is suspended as is the order dated 22.05.2023 made by the Commission and in consequence thereof proceedings of the

Commission are stayed," the top court said.

On May 19, the government formed a judicial commission, headed by Justice Qazi Faez Isa, under Section 3 of the Pakistan Commission of

According to it, Balochistan High Court Chief Justice Naeem Akhtar According to it, Balochistan High Court Chief Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan and Islamabad High Court Chief Justice Aamer Farooq were also included in the commission which had "all the power to fix responsibility against the delinquents for their alleged role behind phone tapping and could exercise authority to constitute special teams consisting of experts, or form an international team and seek international cooperation or exercise powers" under the Criminal Code of Procedure.

Earlier in the day, the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority

(Pemra) sent transcripts of nine alleged audio leaks to the judicial commis-sion for investigation. The next session of the commission will be held on May 27 (tomorrow). The reserved verdict was issued by a five-member bench comprising Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial,

Justice Ijazul Ahsan, Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi and Justice Shahid Waheed.

The order was passed on a set of petitions moved by Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President Abid Shahid Zuberi, SCBA Secretary Muqtedir Akhtar Shabbir, PTI Chairman Imran Khan and Advocate Riaz Hanif Rahi seeking to declare the constitution of the audio commission. Hanif Rahi seeking to declare the constitution of the audio commission

During the hearing today, CJP Bandial observed that the formation of he government-appointed judicial commission "interfered in the judiciary's internal matters" and noted that there were errors in the notification issued by the government for the formation of the commission.

"The Constitution gives complete freedom to the judiciary," he remarked. "The investigation that was supposed to be conducted by the

institutions was entrusted to judges."

Justice Bandial further said, "We have no other structure but the power of morality and justice."Web Desk

Flaws in the Balochistan census

Flaws have been witnessed in the seventh census underway in Pakistan's Balochistan province. The census is underway amid reservations and apprehensions expressed by the Baloch and Pashtoon nationalist political parties.

The census staff is yet to reach the people living in urban parts of the province. What to speak about the remote areas of the province, which covers half of the country in terms of area and houses only 6% population of entire

Census staff is yet to reach the population in Balochistan

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

As per the 2017 national census, Balochistan makes hardly 6% population of the entire country. Indeed, this is equal to salt in the flour. It is ironic fate if this meager population is not counted properly during the census of 2023.

Census also a sensitive topic in Balochistan

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/census.

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

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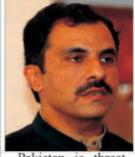
The resource-rich province of Balochistan has a nominal representation in the parliament with only 19 members of the national assembly out of a total of 342 The province has no say in the formation of the federal government, and distribution of development funds under the federal public sector development program (PSDP). Even its (Balochistan) meager share of 6% percent in services is

swallowed by Islamabad through fake domiciles.

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

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

QUETTA VOICE Looming threat of climate change in Pakistan Muhammad Jehangir Kakar



Pakistan is threat-ened with the chal-lenges of climate change. Be it global standing or regional vulnerability caused due to climatic threats, Pakistan is on crossing the red line. This is so alarming as much as it is so interesting. Is there someone looking

after climate change at the provincial or feder-al level in Pakistan? There is none! Ministry of Climate Change at the federal level is downplayed to act only as a regulator act only as a regulator and one that has the technical capacity to still maneuver only unto the limitations of checking the quality of

ambient airs.

Similarly, at all the provincial levels, there

are environmental pro-tection agencies that look after the conformof environmental regulations in various sectors contributing to certain types of pollutions. These provincial agencies act as regulators and with a stick they enforce the environmental laws which can cater for only a can cater for only a can cater for only a limited version or a speck of what forms the big idea of climate change. At the provincial levels like at the federal level, there is no agency that is technically sound, composed of such professionals and equipped with such facilities as to counter the grand to counter the grand horror of climate

change.

No climate change data being collected at the provincial level

As for the data and statistics, there is as much fragmentation and silos-approach as much it is in the intergovernmental coordination mechanism. The question is not of the dearth of ampleness of data however it is how data however it is how the data is made mean-ingful. 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 airs. The Pakistan Metrological Centers throughout the country pick up con-ventional weather data by various means but is hardly translated into making a mean-ingful statement on

mgful statement on where we stand on chmate change.
As for policies, laws, rules and regulations, we are more affluent than the developed nations. When it comes to drafting policies, odes are worth writing to our expertise but to our expertise but when given to see them on the ground being implemented; only darkened eulogies are symphonized at shrieks ad infinitum. The laws are being multiplied each day and have become as difficult as to remember the exact number of laws on one single

National Climate Change Policy

ment of the past being pushed to nullity though it was the vital document that elevated the Division of Climate Change to a Ministry level yet the promising implemenpromising 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 wreathe all the provinces together in one garland of beautiful working and legal integration to manage the national issue of alimeter change.

climate change.
The Climate Change
Act 2017 was another
move towards climate consolidation that promised to establish the Pakistan Climate Change Authority, Climate Change Council, and Climate Change Fund all of which were last time seen in 2017 when the said Act was passed. The vision 2030 remains a virgin vision

thus far.

Ministry of Climate
Change must realize
that it is the organization at the federal level

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

Nature and nurture along with 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. levels with the climate change organizations so formed above. The data and statistics need to be enhanced and made up to the mark as being internationally acceptable with proper transcriptions and applications of data. A lot must be done to keep the generalists away from making any decisions and calling the shots and the professionals are given the entry are given the entry who have both the capacity and the legit-

Indus Waters Treaty under threat: Part – II

Pakistan's strategy to counter the Indian move to undermine the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) should be based on a comprehensive, objective appraisal of the effectiveness of the treaty, the inadequacies of the treaty to address the impacts of climate change, and the sugges-tions made by experts and stakeholders of India and Pakistan.

The IWT has served India and Pakistan well for more than six (6) decades despite three wars and adversarial relations. The first relations. The first decade (1960-1970) saw Pakistan's Herculean efforts to complete the gigantic civil works, also called 'replacement works', for carrying water from the western rivers allo-cated to Pakistan to lands in Punjab, Sindh, and Balochistan which gated by waters of the eastern rivers (Ravi, Beas and Sutlej) assigned by the IWT to

The civil works, for which the US mobilized grants at the request of the World Bank, included two huge dams for storing water and hydropower generation, eight (8) large and long link canals and two barrages which had to be built in less than a

decade without the earth-moving machines that became available in later years. The timely completion of the civil works was widely acclaimed.

Since the 1970s, India and Pakistan have been at loggerheads over several hydropow-er plants built by India on the western rivers. India has so far built 30 run-of-the-river electric power plants and plans to build an even larger number during this decade. In fact, the Indian hydropower projects (HEPs) are the only topic addressed by the Permanent Indus Commission which was mandated to follow up on all the provisions of the IWT, including exchange of data (Article 6) and mutual-ly beneficial coopera-

In 1970, India started the Salal Dam on the Chenab for a 690 MW hydroelectric power plant. In 1974, Pakistan objected to the design of the plant alleging that it violated the IWT. The Indus Commissioners having failed to resolve the issue, it was taken up by the foreign secre-taries who were able to settle the differences in several rounds of talks in 1976 and signed an agreement in April

The second dispute

was over the Indian barrage on the Jhelum at the mouth of the Wular Lake Pakistan calls it 'the Wullar Barrage project' while India calls it the Tulbul Navigation Project claiming it is mainly designed to pro-mote water transport linking Kashmiri towns although a run-of-the-river HEP will also be built. India started the construction of the barrage in 1984. Pakistan received information about the project in 1985 and lodged a complaint with the Indus Commission alleging that the project would create storage exceeding the limit per-mitted by the IWT. India suspended work on the project. More than a dozen meetings held in the 1980s and these differences. This dispute was discussed by Indian and Pakistani Water Resources Secretaries in 2011 and 2012. It is included in the agenda of the ill-fated Indo-Pak Composite Dialogue

The third notable dispute relates to the 450MW project on Baglihar, upstream from the Salal Dam. Construction work on the project started in 1999. Pakistan contended that the low-gated spillways would increase the manipulatable storage beyond the limit allowed by the IWT India claimed that the dated spillways were needed for preventing silting of the reservoir as had happened in the case of the Salal Dam. Protracted discussions by the Indus Commission for

four years (2001-4) having failed, India and Pakistan agreed to refer the dispute to a 'neutral expert'.
The neutral expert's verdict rejected Pakistan's objections and allowed the build-ing of gated spillways below the dead-storage level on the ground that this was an acclaimed global practice for sed-iment control. The ver-

dict caused widespread dissatisfaction Pakistan, with media highlighting comments Professor John Briscoe who contested the view expressed by the neutral expert that "the IWT could be updated as new knowledge accumulated" and proceeded to allow India to draw water out of the dam at levels lower than those specified by the IWT.

Briscoe had also cautioned against the new meanings given by the neutral expert to 'live

By Shafqat Kakakhel

storage' and 'dead stor-age' which negated Pakistan's historic and persistent concerns regarding India's capapersistent bility to manipulate water flows to hurt Pakistan.

The fourth, and by far the most con-tentious, dispute is the 330MW hydropower project on the Kishanganga River, a tributary of Jhelum, which envisaged the which envisaged the construction of a 180.05 metre long and 35.48 metre high concrete dam. The flows of the Kishanganga were to be diverted through a 24- km long tunnel to a tributary of the river called Madymati Nulla which was to be rerouted to was to be rerouted to Jhelum through the Wular Lake Pakistan objected to the design of the project on the ground that the intertributary transfer of water violated the IWT It also contended that the project would that the project would adversely affect agriculture in Azad Kashmir as well as a 900MW hydropower project called the Neelum - Jhelum Hydropower Project Called the Neelum - Jhelum - Hydropower Project Once again, the Indus commissioners could not iron out the differences concerning the project. Eventually, the

The IMF is not fit for purpose By Shahrukh Rafi Khan

here is substantial dence that an merely countries up for repeat bailouts. Some countries, like Rwanda and Liberia, have been under continu-ous IMF tutelage since their independence six decades ago. Low-income countries that have not fallen out of favour politically with the West have been engaged with the IMF on average for 45 years. They have experienced an average of 16 IMF programs and interventions. For low-middle-income countries, these numbers are 40 and 14 respectively. Pakistan has been under IMF tutelage since 1958. Over this period, it has experienced 30 IMF loans and inter-

ventions. It is well known that the IMF is very influential in the economic and social fate of low- and middle-income countries. Less well known is the fact that since 2008 this influence has grown astronomically. As lowand middle-income countries started building up their foreign exchange reserves to avoid bailout conditionalities, by December 31, 2007 the IMF's portfolio size had shrunk to \$9 billion from \$34 billion in 1984.

Via domino effects, the 2007-2009 financial and economic crises even impacted high income countries like Ireland,

Portugal, Spain and Greece, and so the G-7 decided to expand the IMF's portfolio size. There was another boost to this portfolio size to deal with the Covid-19 supply chain shocks and those that followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine. By December 31, 2022 the outstanding IMF credit was \$113 billion, about a 13-fold increase from 2007 in nominal terms.

Recent empirical research on the IMF's effectiveness in promoting economic growth is inconclusive while earlier research showed it had a negative growth impact. An analysis of IMF pro-grammes shows that there is no economic growth theory embodied in its programs. At best, IMF-led reforms lead to stabilization and a one-time boost to economic growth However, pro-gramme conditionalities are often at cross-purposes For example, devalua-tion, interest rate hikes and import liberalization will lead to difficulties in meeting fiscal, balance of payment and inflation targets. On balance, these conditionalities prove to be anti-growth and antidevelopment and so it is not surprising that countries are unable to graduate out of IMF tutelage

The key focus of IMF programmes, not surpris-ingly for a financial institution making loans, is to make countries solvent.

This serves the interests of creditors including the IMF, the World Bank and key high-income country shareholders.

Economic logic sug-gests that attaining eco-nomic sovereignty from the IMF is the only path to catch-up growth. While it has been argued that the IMF is 'the only game in town', countries like Japan, Korea and Taiwan have shown there is an alternative. All of them managed to build up their FOREX reserves to attain their economic sovereignty and pursued a market friendly develop-mentalist approach that has proved to be much more effective in attain-ing catch-up growth and development.

Developmentalism evolved as a conceptual-ization of the Japanese economic practice which began in the 1950s. It was honed and enhanced from the 1960s to the 1980s, based on local conditions by Korean and Taiwanese economic practice, and again conceptualized by several scholars as an alternative to neo-liberal-

Developmentalism, unlike the IMF's neo-lib-eral approach, embodies eral approach, embodies a growth theory. Growth, if the approach is successfully adopted, comes from a focus on technology. The successful adoption of developmentalism requires a continuous move up the value. ous move up the value

DigitAll for climate

he theme for UN International Women's Day 2023 DigitALL Innovation and technology for gender equality'. This year's International Women's Day highlighted the gender gap in tech-nological advancement, which creates many hurdles for the socio-ecoprosperity of nomic

The aim of the theme is also to celebrate the achievements of women and girls making positive impacts on humanity through technology and innovation. There are many areas where technological solutions can help bridge the gender women Climate change is an area where the use of technology and innovative solutions can assist in reducing gender

women and girls all over the world are disproportionately impacted by the negative impacts of climate change Technological solutions can help women and girls better adapt to climate-

led catastrophes.
According to a report
by the FAO, "72 per cent of women are associated with the agriculture sector out of the total women labor force in Pakistan." Floods and droughts in developing countries like Pakistan directly impact women financially. The provision of climate adaptive technologies to women can help them better deal with the impacts of climate change in the agriculture

sector and reduce financial losses. Similarly, many health

and educational chal-lenges arise after climate-led disasters like floods, droughts and smog. Climate change calami-ties like floods and gla-cier lake outburst floods (GLOF) also destroy homes, health infrastructure and educational institutions. According to a Unicef report

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health units and commu-nication networks after climate calamities leads to health crises making it worse for women to avail health facilities. Moreover, there are cul-tural and traditional barriers for women when it comes to visiting hospi-tals and clinics alone. In such a situation, if women are well versed in the use of technologies and online platforms, they can utilize telehealth services and get free advice on health chal-lenges faced by them. The government should make arrangements to provide telehealth services for free consultations

As a result of climate disasters, a large chunk of the population, especially women, is displaced. Many families migrate to new places to find employment opportunities. As a consequence of displacement and demol-

emergencies for

ished infrastructure, the education of women and girls is compromised. Also, in a patriarchal

society, education of male family members is given preference in a state of financial crisis. The use of technology for online education can provide solutions to female education issues during such catastrophes. Access to online education is also an easy and affordable means of knowledge sharing and can solve many issues of gender inequality in the educa-tion sector caused by clition sector caused by climate change.
During natural catas

trophes, women and girls can become a victim of domestic violence, kid-napping and rape. If women possess expertise in technological knowl-edge, it can help women get better access to digital safety measures normally established by the government as helplines and online complaint man-agement systems. They can also easily access information about initiatives taken by the government to facilitate women and prevent any crimes against them.

To reduce the gender gap caused by climate change, governments need to spread digital literacy among women. We need to encourage women to study special-ized subjects of information technology, linked to climate change. Higher education institutions should introduce subjects under IT and climate change studies complementing knowledge linking other sectors. Students should be

encouraged to conduct their research related to reducing the gender gap in climate change through technological solutions. Research institutions and universities can conduct

workshops and seminars to spread awareness among people about the role of technological solutions to reduce gen-der inequality in climate change. Also, we need to create jobs for women IT experts in projects related to the use of technologies for mitigation and adaptation of climate change like early warning sys-

tems, geo-mapping, etc International forums like annual climate change conferences should arrange discus-sions on digital literacy of women to better mitigate and adapt to climate

change. The use of technologies and innovative solutions to reduce the gender gap in climate-related issues is an important aspect that we need to promote. The aim of the theme is

also to celebrate the achievements of women and girls making positive impacts on humanity through technology and innovation. There are many areas where technological solutions can help bridge the gender gap and empower women. Climate change is an area where the use of technology and innovative solutions can assist reducing gender

inequalities.

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By Zile Huma

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Governance for local governments: Part - I

his article is divided into three parts. The first part deals with 'why local government?' The second with experiences during with experiences during the 2001-2009 period and finally in the third part it proposes a governance system for local govern-

ments. Why local Why local govern-ment? The World Bank in its 1997 report asserts that governments are more effective when they listen to businesses and citizens, and work in part-nership with them in deciding and implement-ing policy. Where gov-ernments lack mechanisms to listen, they are not responsive to people's

interests. The devolution of authority to local tiers of government and decentralization can bring in representation of local business and citizens' interests. The visibility of the results achieved by the resources deployed in a specific geographic area maintains pressure on government functionaries. Public-private partnerships including NGO-public partnerships have proved to be effective tools in fostering good governance.

Development Report (WDR 2004) has argued that the accountability of governments to local communities and marginalized social groups will increase by assigning service delivery functions to politicians who are closer to the people and make them electorally accountable. The 1973 constitution

did specify only two tiers of government - federal and provincial. It is only after the 18th Amendment in 2010 that a new clause - Article
140A - was introduced
which states that "Each
province shall, by law,
establish a local government system and devolve political, administrative and financial responsibil-ity and authority to the elected representatives of the local governments." The Supreme court has

asserted and directed the holding of elections of local governments on several occasions. Unfortunately, unlike the detailed distribution of powers between the federal and the provincial governments clearly defined in the constitution, there is no such pro-vision for local governments. This vagueness and ambiguity has been used by the provincial governments which have been struggling to come to some reasonable piece of legislation since 2010 on the functions and pow-ers of this tier.

Logically, once the provincial governments were devolved, adequate powers accompanied sufficient financial allocations out of the divisible tax pool and grants from the federal govern-ment there should have been similar decentralization and delegation to the local governments. How is it possible for Punjab. with a population of 110

million people and 36 districts covering an area of 205000 sq km, to respond to the disparate respond to the disparate needs of citizens in the delivery of essential services? DG Khan and Faisalabad, for example, have very different requirements and a uniform one-shoe-fits-all approach that is the charapproach that is the characteristic of an over-centralized system won't

The present culture of concentrating authority in power centres at Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta has not only alienated the population living in the peripheries, but reduced its productive potential also - and to no small extent. It is little surprise then that our research found 80 dis-tricts whose ordinary citizens are living in miserable conditions, accord-ing to the Deprivation Index, and remain almost criminally starved of their most basic needs.

The political that introduced this arti-cle in the constitution do not realize that meaningful empowerment of communities through decentralization and delegation of authority, in which the local government system plays a crucial role would in the long run promote greater trust, cohesion and harmony in our society and ensure access to basic public services in an efficient and equitable man-ner. These outcomes will not only help mobilize additional.

03 NATIONAL Modi can't defeat Kashmiris' spirit for freedom by resorting

Delhi is using every bru-tal tactic as well as hatching sinister designs to muzzle the freedom voice

muzzle the freedom voice of people in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir but the Kashmins are determined to defeat every Indian plan and carry on their struggle against all odds. India, the world's so-called largest democracy, is denying basic rights to the people in IIOJK and in order to intimidate them into submission, its army and other forces personnel have intensified cordon and search operations, raids and

to brutal actions, sinister plots arrests in the occupied

arrests in the occupied territory.

The Modi regime is also holding international events and arranging guided tours to IIOJK to weaken the Kashmiris' resolve for freedom and latest in this series was the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting in Srinagar. However, Modi and his henchmen must remember that popular movements like the one going on in IIOJK can't be defeated by military oppression. India must also know that by staging international staging international events and arranging guided tours to IIOJK, it

can neither hide the reality nor make the Kashmiris relent in their pursuit for freedom. The Kashmiri people are well aware that such moves are just a farce and aimed at spreading mere propaganda India can't stop the IIOJK people's march for freedom by gagging their voices of dissent and resorting to nefarious tactics as they are united to
defeat every Hindutva
design in the occupied
territory. They are
demanding their right to
self-determination as guaranteed by the UN resolutions and the day is not far off when INP

ISLAMABAD: First Lady Begum Samina Alvi being apprised about the mandate and services of the Council on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD),

Gwadar Port desilting operation geared up on PM's directions

ISLAMABAD: Gwadar port desilting operation has picked robust momentum after ministry of planning urged to accelerate the work on the special direc-tives of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif.

Sharif.

Desilting mega process has been galvanized in order to restore original depth of navigational channel at Gwadar Port offering heavyweight ships to float well.

It will ensure seamless move-ment of all type of vessels, facil-itating them to dock at ease. Gwadar Port Authority Project Director Dawood Baloch told Gwadar pro that after the mobilization of required para-phernalia and test-run to ensure operational efficiency engaging

BEIJING: The 2023 Pakistan

Week, started from May 18 came to a successful close in Dujiangyan, Chengdu, Sichuan region, China Economic Net

(CEN) reported on Friday
Themed "Working hand in
hand for a closer China-Pakistan
bond under the Belt and Road
Initiative", the 7-day event
showcased traditional Pakistani

clothes, dazzling jewelry and hand-made rugs copied from ancient Chinese artists, which vividly interpreted the fusion and collision of Chinese and

Pakistani culture.

China Harbor Engineering Company Ltd (CHEC), dredg-ing operation has moved into

high gear.

"We plan to reclaim 14.5 meters natural and original operational depth at Gwadar Port at a cost of Rs 4.7 billion," he added. He expressed satisfaction on the pace of operation "Under title of "the maintenance dredging of a navigational channel of of the maintenance dredging of a navigational channel of Gwadar Port", Project will com-plete in 12 months as per agree-ment signed between CHEC and Gwadar Port Authority (GPA)," he added. Another GPA official told Gwadar Pro that since earlier they planned to kickstart only one part of dredging process in two or three phases at Gwadar Port, so around Rs I billion was

allocated in 2022-2023 budget for a partial dredging. Later, he said, it was finalized to do complete dredging at one fell swoop. Hence, now cost of the project stands at Rs 4,7 bil-

lion.

On a query, he noted that having gone through bidding process officially launched by GPA last year, CHEC won the contract of maintenance dredging construction on the forward swing waters, approach channel of the Gwadar Port Terminal.

He added that GPA awarded the contract to CHEC after gauging technical assessment on the basis of international experience and financial worth of all

ence and financial worth of all participant companies in a bid-ding process.INP

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the friendly country on their

Woman set on fire for honour, expires in hospital

Marriyum

grieved over

demise of

journalist

Ashraf Mumtaz

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Friday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the sad demise of senior journalist Ashraf

In a statement issued here, she said that the services of Ashraf Mumtaz in the field of journalism

will always be remembered. Marriyum Aurgangzeb prayed for the departed soul to rest in eter-

nal peace and courage for the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss with fortitude INP

JHANG: Pitiless brothers set their divorced sister on fire for honour in Ahmadpur Sial area of Jhang The lady expired during treatment in hospital on Friday, police said.

According to details, Zareena Bibi alias Masooma was divorced by her husband Irfan over domestic issues and was staying at parent's home

Zareena Bibi left the house of parents and gone away with Muzzamil s/o Ghulam Rasool at

Muzzamil s/o Ghulam Rasool at her own choice.

The scorched lady was shifted to Nishtar Hospital Multan where she succumbed to her wounds.

Police arrested the culprits involved in the crime and after registering a case started investiga-tion. DPO Jhang said that the accused would be awarded exem-plary punishment and no one will plary punishment and no one will be spared. INP

Three shot dead over agricultural land in premises of court

DADU: Three under custody people were shot dead over agricultural land in premises of court here on Friday. The culprits handed them over to police.

The police had brought three under custody accused of Khonhara community to produce them in district court in tehsil Mehar of district Dadu.

Mehar of district Dadu Armed men of rival group who

were in dispute with them over ownership of agricultural land shot dead all three people. The culprits handed them over to police after committing triple murder.INP

Pakistani rupee keeps up its upward trajectory against US dollar

has appreciated by 49 paisas against the US dol-lar in the interbank on

Friday.

According to the data provided by the money dealers, the local currency again kept up its upward trajectory, making the US dollar to lose 49 paisas in the interbank trade. The American currency again to the trade of the American currency again to the trade of the American currency again. trade. The American cur-rency was being traded at Rs285.25.

On Thursday, the local currency was edged up by Rs1.39 against the green-back which ended the day at Rs285.74

The rupee upsurge for the past two trading sessions can be attributed to the statement made by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday in which he asserted that "country will absolutely not default".

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Moreover, Pakistan is also expected more than \$2 billion roll over from

Pakistan needs to pay around \$3.7 billion in for-eign debt obligations scheduled for payment in May and June.

The Financial Times reported yesterday that two senior Pakistani officials said Beijing had committed to help the country meet two crucial debt repayments in June worth a total of \$2.3bn by providing fresh funds immediately after Pakistan makes the pay-

The refinancing of the commercial loans worth \$1.3bn and a Chinese government loan of \$1bn would help Pakistan avert immediate default, the

Pakistani official said. China earlier this year already rolled over some loans to Pakistan.

Chinese foreign minis-ter Qin Gang also reiter-ated Beijing's financial support for the country on a visit to Pakistan earlier

the foreign exchange reserves held by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) decreased by \$118.9 million to \$4.19 billion during the week ended on ing the week ended on May 19, 2023, according to the data released by the

central bank on Thursday.
However, the reserves
held by commercial
banks moved up by
\$87.5mn to \$5.53bn.

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in Chengdu with fruitful results tatives and discuss Pakistan-China relations," said Agha Hunain Abbas Khan, Acting Consul General of the Consulate General of Pakistan in Chengdu. expressing his excitement to communicate with local children and representatives to know more about the long-last-ing friendship between both

Pakistan Cultural Week concluded

During the event, the Chinese city of Dujiangyan and the Pakistani city of Murree signed a Letter of Intent for the estab-lishment of a sister-city relationship to cement people-to-people exchanges and enhance practical cooperation.

Also the military actionromance film "Parwaaz Hai Junoon" was screened for local the friendly country on their doorsteps. According to Sichuan Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, this cultural week will promote the understanding of Sichuan people on Pakistan, and effectively boost the exchanges and cooperation between the two sides in fields of culture, tourism, economy. of culture, tourism, economy, trade, and education. Hosted by Sichuan People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Dujiangyan Municipal Government, and the Consulate General of Pakistan in Chengdu, the event is an important part of the 2023. Chinatant part of the 2023 China-Pakistan Year of Tourism and Exchanges. INP



ISLAMABAD: Saudi Ambassador Nawaf bin Said Al- Malki called on Minister for Aviation Khawaja Saad Rafique at Ministry of Aviation .

Lahore police fail to arrest Parvez Elahi; house siege lasts

to and Tehreek-e-Pakistan Insaf (PTI) president Parvez Elahi on Thursday but keeping up their siege around the PTI leader's house at the Zahoor Elahi Road till filing this

report.
A heavy police con-tingent reached Parvez Elahi's residence after the cancellation of his bail by an anti-corruption court. A case was lodged against PTI president at the Ghalib Market police station for interfering in the affairs of the state, while he is also accused of misusing power and irregularities in the development

Sources said DIG Operations Sadiq Ali

Dogar, SP Operations Model Town Ammara Sherazi, and SSP Operations Sohaib Ashraf along with a heavy contingent of police reached the resi-

dence of Parvez Elahi. The legal team of Parvez Elahi informed the police that he is not present in the house and they will cooperate with the police to search the house after showing the arrest war-

rant. Meanwhile, spokesperson of the PTI president said that the police searched the entire house and left empty-handed as Elahi was not present at home Sources said all roads leading to Mr house were "Police also Elahi's blocked. searched houses and a

private school adjacent to Mr Elahi's resi-dence," sources added.

Earlier, an anti-cor ruption court of Lahore rejected Mr Elahi's bail petition in a case of alleged corruption in development projects. Mr Elahi's lawyer

Mr Elan's lawyer told the court that the former chief minister was suffering from chest pain and could not appear in the court. The prosecution argued that the medical certificate submitted

certificate submitted by Parvez Elahi's counsel in court is The court dismissed

the interim bail plea of Parvez Elahi on the ground of non-compliance and also rejected the PTI leaders' request for a day atten-dance waiver. INP

"Children are our future. That is why I was particularly excited to have the opportunity to visit Wanhui Academy in Dujiangyan, to talk to represen-Requirements for **Grievance Handling** Mechanisms for

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) Friday issued require-ments for Grievance Handling Mechanism for the Insurance Sector to ensure effectiveness, robustness and uniformity in the grievance handling function with the objective of protecting policyholders.

Insurance Sector issued

The Code of Corporate Governance for Insurers 2016 requires insurers to establish a grievance func-tion. Giving due consideration to the importance of detailed requirements for effective functionality of the grievance function in light of the historical trend of policvholder complaints, minimum requirements for the establishment and functioning of a grievance management process have been prescribed Accordingly, the issued requirements cover areas of formulation of grievance handling policy, maintenance of a centralised grievance handling system, acceptable modes for lodg-ing complaints, bifurcation of complaints on the basis of criticality, timelines for resolution of complaints on the basis of criticality, communication with policyhold ers during the process of complaint resolution, etc. imparting awareness relating to the existence INP

Nation never forgets sacrifices of martyrs for country: President ICCI

ISLAMABAD: President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari has said that entire nation is indebted to the sacrifices of the martyrs rendered for defence and sover-

eignty of the country. He was speaking a ceremony organized by ICCI and CDA in connection with the Martyrs Day at Pakistan Monument During the event, tribute was paid to martyrs of the country.

The ceremony so attended also Chairman CDA Captain Noor UI Amin, ICCI members, senior officials of the administration and a large number of citi-



TENDER NOTICE

The ADMINISTRATION (COLLEGE DIRECTORATE) invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items. Procurement of furniture and fixture for Govt: Boys Degree College Pasni TSE-222305327511 Bid Security 2%

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Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 09 June, 2023 till 09:30 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 10:30

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ANF seizes over 700kg narcotics, arrests 4 suspects RAWALPINDI: Anti- Act Farlier to this the kilograms of heroin and

Narcotics Force (ANF seized more than 700 kilograms of drugs in separate raids across the country on Friday.

A major operation was conducted near Attock Interchange, resulting in the arrest of three suspects and the seizure of over two kilograms of heroin. Peshawar, near

Charsadda Road, a vehicle was intercepted, leading to the discovery of 24 kilograms of heroin and 18 kilograms of charas Similarly, in Quetta, near Sabzi Road, the ANF

team seized a staggering 700 kilograms of charas from a vehicle and apprehended one suspect from

the scene. Meanwhile, cases have been registered against the arrested individuals under the Anti-Narcotics

Anti-Narcotics (ANF) has recovered 90kg of hashish hidden in a house near Jiwani Gwadar.As per details, the narcotic force has registered FIRs against the accused under the anti-drug act.In a sepa-rate case, a smuggling attempt was foiled by the ANF and 13kg of Hashish was recovered from the smugglers The ANF also seized 42 thousand of intoxicated tablets concealed in a plastic bag near the Torkham border.In Peshawar, near Charsadda Road, a vehicle was intercepted, lead-

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The Executive Engineer (Building) CW, PP&H Department District Gwadar invites sealed percentage tender based on composite schedule of rates, 2018 G.O.B amended up to date from interested contractors/firms for the work listed below: Earnest Money 2%, Tender Fee Rs.1000/- (in shape of green challan from deposited in head of Account C-02716) and Time limit 30" June 2023

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where decision went against the firm further an affidavit of no Blacklisting from any Agency. METHOD OF PRECUREMENT: single stage one envelope procedure. EVALUATION CRITERIA: The First Lowest Evaluated Bid will be recommended for award of contract, who fulfilling the basic eligibility criteria. TENDER DOCUMENTS: The Documents can be obtained from office of the undersigned on non-refundable payment duly deposited through green Challan in NBP under head C.02716 as mentioned against each category. DATE FOR ISSUANCE: The tender form will be issued from the date of Publication up 12.06.2023 from the office/BPPRA website. SUBMISSION &OPENING OF TENDER: The tenders will be received on 12.06.2023 at 12:00 P.M and will be opened on the same day at 01:00 P.M in presence of participating bidders and procurement committee members. ADDRESS: Executive Engineer (Building) CW, PP&H Department fish harbor Near Civil Hospital road at Gwadar, Contact, Ph. 0864-210534, Email: xen2provincialgwadar@gmail.com

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8 Pakistani peacekeepers honoured with UN medals posthumously Ali, Lt-Col Asif Ali Awan, Naib

UNITED NATIONS: The United Nations has honoured at a solemn ceremony 103 military, police and civilian personnel from around the world, including eight Pakistani peacekeepers, who lost their lives serving under the UN flag last year. The special ceremony, presided over by Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, marked the 75th anniversary of UN Peacekeeping at which the Dag Hammarskjold Medal was awarded posthumously. Medal was awarded posthumously to the peacekeepers, who made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of peace, during the preceding year Pakistan's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United

Nations, Ambassador Aamir Khan, accepted the awards on behalf of the families of the fallen Pakistani

peacekeepers — Havildar Muhammad Ismail, Major Faizan

Subedar Sami Ullah Khan, Major Muhammad Saad Nomani, and Lance Havildar Muhammad Jamil Khan — the six martyred while serving with the UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) when their helicopter crashed on March 29, 2022 ter crashed on March 29, 2022

In addition, Havildar Babar Siddique lost his life while also serving in MONUSCO and Corporal Rana Muhammad Tahir Islam, who was working with the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) Pakistan is currently the 5th largest contributor to UN peacekeeping with nearly 4,200 military and police personnel serving in Abyei, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, South Sudan and Western Sahara.

At the ceremony held on Thursday at United Nations, the Secretary-General also presented the 2022 Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award to Captain Cecilia Erzuah, a military officer from Ghana who served with the UN Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA). Created in 2016, the Award "rec-ognizes the dedication and effort of

an individual peacekeeper in promoting the principles of UN Security Resolution 1325 on

women, peace and security" In 1948 the historic decision was made to deploy military observers to the Middle East to supervise the implementation of Israel-Arab Armistice Agreements INP

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Exporters need to devise ingenious ideas to boost exports: PM

KARACHI. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has urged the exporters of the country to devise innovative and unique ideas for exports which will be helpful in earning foreign exchanges.

Addressing an event at Textile Expo in Karachi on Friday, he said that despite various challenges, we have very robust, very futuristic, and extremely hardworking entrepreneurs that have gradually built Pakistan's export cul-

Shehbaz Sharif said that with the joint support of the government and entrepreneurs' extraordinary intellect and hard work, the provision of quality export goods to foreign customers would be ensured.

Welcoming the foreign delegates, the PM said he was happy to learn that over 400 foreign delegates from 60 countries were visiting on the occasion showed Pakistan was a valuable destination for foreign guests, buyers,

The prime minister also appreciated the industrialists, exporters, and experts who had contributed immensely to promoting Pakistan's textile and leather exports. He said Pakistan's industry had now been transformed and converted to air jet looms, ginning, spinning, and waving.

He said that Commerce Minister, Secretary Commerce, and Zubair Motiwala had done a commendable job by



KARACHI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addresses the ground breaking ceremony of Greater Karachi Bulk Water Supply Scheme (K-IV Project) .

Pervaiz Elahi's non-bailable arrest warrant issued

LAHORE: An anti-corruption court issued non-bailable arrest warrant for Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) President Pervaiz Elahi on Friday. The non-bailable arrest warrant of Pervaiz Elahi has been issued by an anti-corruption court and directed concerned authorities to produce the PTI.

anti-corruption court and directed con-cerned authorities to produce the PTI president by June 2.

Two arrest warrants have been issued against Pervaiz Elahi so far. The first warrant was issued on May 25 after the cancellation of Pervaiz Elahi's bail and the second warrant was issued today.

An Anti-Corruption Establishment

An Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) team reached the politician's residence after receiving the arrest warrant. Earlier, Pervaiz's bail was cancelled in Gujranwala case INP

Punjab Food **Authority seizes** 5000kg meat of dead chicken

FAISALABAD: Punjab Food Authority (PFA) seized 5000 kilogram meat of dead children during opera-tion in main Fish Market of Faisalabad

Taking notice of reports of sale of eat of dead chicken, the PFA team launched crackdown against elements

involved in the illegal practice. During operation, about 5000 kilogram meat of dead chicken was recovered. Director General Punjab Food Authority, Raja Jehangir Anwar was said that the dead chicken meat was hidden in drums, bags and boxes and was being sold as normal chicken

meat.
The PFA lodged FIRs against the elements involved in sale of dead

chicken meat

DG PFA Raja Jehangir Anwar urged the citizens to point out the shops if they notice sale of dead chicken meat and vowed for strict action against the culprits. INP

Two killed in Haripur truck-bike collision

HARIPUR: Two people were killed in collision between over speeding truck and a motorcycle in Khanpur area of Haripur on Friday

Rescue sources said that a reckless driven truck knocked down a motor-

driven truck knocked down a motor-cycle carrying two people.

Both motorcycle riders stated to be hailing from Kashmir died on the spot in the accident. The bodies were shift-ed to Trauma Center Haripur.

The police arrested the driver, impounded the truck and after regis-tering a case into the incident started an investigation.INP

Senate Body discusses Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023, revenue generated by telecom companies

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication Friday discussed the matters pertain-ing to the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023 and details regarding rev-enue generated by telecom companies in the past ten years.

The question raised by Senator Kamran Murtaza regarding year-wise details of funds available to USF since its inception and those lying with the Ministry of Finance was disposed of.

The Senate Body meeting held at Parliament House under the chair of Senator Kauda Babar was attended by Senator Naseema Ehsan, Senator Sania Nishtar, Senator Rubina Khalid, Santa Nishtar, Senator Rubina Khalid, Senator Sana Jamali, Senator Afnanullah Khan, Senator Shahdat Awan and senior officers from Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications, along with all concerned including PTA and PTCL. Representatives of the PTCL. Representatives of the Ministry of Law were also present on the occasion While discussing the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023 the Committee was informed of the technicalities involved INP

Ishaq Dar, US ambassador discuss 'matters of mutual interest'

ISLAMABAD Ambassador of the United States (US) to Pakistan Donald Blome called on Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and discussed matters of mutual interest and enhancing the existing bilateral relations between both countries.

According to a statement, Ishaq Dar welcomed Donald Blome and shared deep-rooted historic and durable bilateral relations with the United States on economic and trade fronts He shared economic policies and priorities of the gov-ernment to address the challenging economic environment and set the economy to stability and growth.Dar informed Ambassador Blome about the government's pragmatic plans related to rev-enues and expenditures for meeting its national as well as interna-tional financial obligations. The finance minister shared

which both countries can further deepen their economic relations.

He also informed the envoy about the ongoing IMF programme and assured the dedication of the government to complete the programme and assured the decication of the government to complete the programme peaking on the programme of tion of the government to com-plete the programme Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Donald Blome underscored that both countries enjoy good relations and expressed confidence in the poli-cies and programmes of the gov-ernment for economic sustainabil-the and socio-economic sustainability and socio-economic uplift of the masses. He extended his sup-port to further promote bilateral economic, investment and trade

relations between both countries. Ishaq Dar thanked the US Ambassador and reiterated the desire of the government to fur-ther deepen bilateral trade and investment ties with the USA.INP

Murtaza Mughal declares ongoing operation a national security requirement

ISLAMABAD: President of Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) Dr. Murtaza Mughal has declared the current operation in the country is necessary and a national security requirement.

In a statement issued on Friday, he said that Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Asim Munir has not only saved the country from civil war but also frustrated unholy designs on India, Israel and the US.

Murtaza Mughal was of the view that the dream of the ene-mies of Pakistan to ruin our country has been shattered y the timely action, said Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President of PEW.

Not a single friendly country has raised any objection against the ongoing operation in Pakistan, but America is criticising it, he

The plan of the international establishment to make Pakistan a satellite state of India and use it against China has been ruined, he

observed.

Dr. Murtaza said that the current operation is not against any political party but a successful attempt to save the country. The process of damaging CPEC and Gwadar, the plot to divide the army, rolling back the nuclear program and recognizing Israel have been dealt with effectively. China is saving Pakistan from default but it will not invest heavily in our country until it is sure that Pakistan will not damage CPEC again, Chinese projects will not be rolled back, and the government which likes to dance to the tunes of the US and Goldsmith family will not return to power.INP

More than 13,000 people in England denied vote due to new ID law: Survey

LONDON: More than 13,000 people were denied a vote in English local elections this month because of the government's new identification law, with those in poorer areas most impacted, according to a survey of local authorities.

Voters in England were legally required to produce photo ID for the first time at the May 4 elections, with the government saying it was essential to combat election fraud

But the overhaul was criticised by many opposition politicians and campaigners who said it was intended to suppress turnout and was disproportionate to the historically low levels of in-person elec-toral fraud in Britain.

Furthermore, Jacob Rees-Mogg a government minister when the law was passed - said last week that the move had affected elderly voters who traditionally voted for the governing Conservative Party, indicating that it had also hoped

"Parties that try and gerrymander end up finding their clever scheme comes back to bite them, as dare I say we found by insisting on voter ID for elections," he told the National Concentration conferthe National Conservatism confer-

Reuters collected data from 202 of the 230 authorities in England that held elections, in which the governing Conservative Party suffered heavy losses. The remaining 28 were either still compiling the figures or did not respond to Reuters' request.

Out of the top 20 councils that turned away voters, 15 were among the most deprived areas in England as measured by the gov-ernment's deprivation index, the survey found INP

LAHORE: Punjab education minister Murad Raas on Friday announced that he is parting ways with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and

former prime minister Imran Khan. Addressing a press con-ference in Lahore, he said: "We do not believe in the PTI's politics of

violence."
Murad Raas further said that he never expected to see a day when he would be quitting PTL "We never thought we would part ways with the party," he said Earlier in the day, former INP

arranging this expo which would help promote the country's exports. The textile sector constituted 60% of total exports while 40% labour force was absorbed in this sector, he said adding that no doubt it was one of the largest sectors of Pakistan's economy. Shehbaz Sharif pointed out that despite financial challenges and other difficulties, the government was committed to providing genuine support to all the export sectors including textile, leather, and sports to help increase the country's export volume.

He recalled that a few decades ago, Pakistan was ahead of its neighbors in textile exports, however unfortunately it lost the grounds. "But I have no doubt in mind that we can still recover from these setbacks and take hands off the clock back to 1990s and excel in our exports," he said adding that Naveed Qamar, its team, and the

finance minister combined could turn the table.

The prime minister said Naveed Qamar had put in place the national compliance cell which was the need of the hour and "we are obviously grateful to the European Union for GSP plus status and again I am aware of the fact that all reviews have been done, and we ... respect all international requirements in this behalf whether it is good governance, human rights or any other requirement" INP

Medical report says Imran Khan not mentally stable: Health Minister

KARACHI: Federal Minister for National Health Services Abdul Qadir Patel has asserted that the mental stability of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan 'is questionable' as he cited the former prime minister's med-

Addressing a press conference, the federal min-ister said that the former prime minister's samples were taken at the Pakistan Institute of Medical

Sciences (PIMS) in Islamabad after he was arrested in the Al-Qadir Trust case on May 9.

However, Abdul Qadir Patel said, Imran Khan was released before the medical report was submitted to the court. "The PTI chief was given an avertual or introduced by higher indicator," he added exemplary justice by higher judiciary," he added. The health minister said that the report will be shown to the nation, stressing that it was a "public

(FIA) has successfully conducted multiple raids against illegal internet

was found, being operated without valid license.

Two persons were taken

into custody and relevant ı p m e

were confiscated. The office was sealed

and FIA is probing further

be attributed to PTA's

unwavering commitment, continuous monitoring,

curb illegal internet serv-ices. These actions are

crucial in preventing tax evasion and revenue mis-reporting, thus curtailing loss to the national

exchequer. PTA continues its deter-

mined efforts to eliminate illegal provision of inter-net services. The public is

advised to avail telecom

services from only PTA licensed operators to avoid sudden discontinua-

tion of service. The list of licensed operators is

https://pta.gov.pk/en/indu stry-support/home/list-of-operators.INP

Murad Raas

becomes latest

to quit PTI

available

persistent efforts to

enquiry as per law. This achievement

(switches/routers

Citing the medical report, he claimed Imran

Khan's 'mental stability is questionable'. "This is your prime minister about whom a five-member panel of senior doctors is saying that his mental stability is questionable," he added.

"The medical report is saying that when we talked to the former premier for a long time, his actions were not that of a fit man," Patel alleged.

He further claimed that there was no mention of any fracture in PTI chief's medical reports while he had a plaster on his leg for five to six months. "Have you ever seen anyone having himself plas-tered for a wound on the skin or muscle?" he

The minister also said that the PTI chairman's urine sample was also taken during the interroga-

He pointed out that the initial report shows the presence of toxic elements and the excessive usage of alcohol and cocaine.INP

President Alvi phones PTA takes action against families of martyred illegal internet service soldiers, express providers ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) in coordination with the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has successfully sympathies with them

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday telephoned the families of the Pakistan Army soldiers who embraced martyrdom in South Waziristan and Balochistan on May 20, against illegal internet service providers.

The raids were conducted in Daharki, District Ghotki and Johar Town, Lahore, said a news release issued here on Friday.

The raid targeted an illegal internet service provider located at Zafar Bazar Road in Daharki during which equipment of illegal ISP was confiscated. While in Lahore, operational internet setup was found, being operated paid tribute to the martyrs and expressed sympathies with them.

He made telephonic contact with family members of martyred Naek Muhammad Attique and Rajjab Ali and prayed to Allah Almighty to grant courage to them to bear this irreparable

loss with fortitude. Arif Alvi also talked to the families of Sepoy Mudassir, Abdul Qadir and Zaheer Ahmed who embraced martyr-dom in Gulab Post and Zarghoon areas of Balochistan.

He lauded the martyrs for their utmost love for their country and devotion to their duties. Paying tributes to the services and

sacrifices of the martyrs for their country, President Alvi thanked the families of the martyrs on behalf of the nation.

He also prayed to Almighty Allah for the elevation of ranks of the departed souls in paradise INP



QUETTA: Activists of Balochistan Anam Jirga and MQM hold sir-in outside Balochistan assembly.

Samina Alvi visits Council on Rights of Persons with **Disabilities**

ISLAMABAD: First Lady Begum Samina Alvi on Friday visited the Council on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) where she was informed about the mandate of the Council besides the services being

imparted to special persons.

Terming the issuance of a special national identity card and disability certificate by NADRA through one window operation to the persons with disabilities a welcome sign, she said the disabled persons must have the NADRA's special identity card and disability certificates. The disability certificate and NADRA

card would help taking benefit from the facilities and schemes announced by the government, she said adding that the persons with disabilities could get the

government jobs as per their quota. Samina Alvi stressed the need for taking measures to facilitate the movement of special persons across the country, saying that access of the special persons to public places, markets and shopping centers should be increased. She also urged the business community to cooperate the government in increasing the representation of special persons in the private sector. The officials from Capital Development Authority (CDA), NADRA, Health Ministry and Human Rights Ministry informed the first lady about the services being provided to the special persons. She was informed that the meeting of the medical board for persons with disabilities was being held fortnightly. INP

Political turmoil adversely damaged country's economy: Shahid Rasheed

ISLAMABAD: Former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt on Friday said the prevailing political turmoil and other factors have adversely damaged the economy of the

In a statement issued here, he said that the IMF's program was on hold, foreign exchange reserves were at around \$4 billion and Pakistan was due to pay \$3.7 billion next month, with the risk of

In these circumstances, it will be dif-ficult to provide relief to the public and the business community in the forthcoming budget, he added

Shahid Rasheed Butt said that Pakistan will somehow manage pay-ments of three billion and seventy million dollars, but next year, Pakistan will need thirty-four billion dollars to repay

foreign loans and interest. It will be difficult for Pakistan to

manage 34 billion dollars without the IMF programme, he added. The business leader noted that the

stock market has decreased by one thousand and forty-six points in two weeks, while exports have decreased by 11.7% in ten months. Textile exports have decreased by two billion dollars and a decrease of six billion dollars is expect-

ed in the year's exports. He said that a decrease of four hundred billion rupees has been recorded in tax revenue and there has been a thirteen percent decrease in remittances during the last ten months.

Production of major industries has fallen by 25% leaving millions jobless while interest rates are at 21% which is ruining businesses.

Presently, banks are not lending to the private sector because they are getting 22% interest from the government which has been affecting the economic system.INP



QUETTA:: Awami National Party Secretary General Mian Iftikhar Hussaian addressing a press conference.