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Imran Khan arrested in Islamabad

Interior minister says Imran failed to appear before the court in the Al-Qadir Trust case despite being issued several notices

Darwood Ahmed

Police and Rangers arrested former Prime Minister Imran Khan in Islamabad. Rangers took the former Premier in custody in a national accountability bureau (NAB) case in Islamabad. The former PM was arrested in the Al Qadir Trust Case by NAB authorities, police sources said.

Rangers arrested Imran Khan from Islamabad High Court

Rangers arrested Imran Khan from the premises of the Islamabad High Court. PTI Vice President Fawad Chaudhry tweeted that the IHC has been "occupied by the Rangers" and lawyers "are being subjected to torture".

"Imran Khan's car has been surrounded," he added. Security was tightened in and around the court after the arrest of the PTI Chief Imran Khan. Rangers shifted Imran Khan in a bullet-proof vehicle amid tight security.

The country's restive politics is likely in for a flare-up as Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan was arrested by Rangers personnel from Islamabad High Court (IHC) acting on National Accountability Bureau's (NAB) warrant.

The PTI chairman was arrested as part of NAB's investigation in the Al-Qadir Trust case ahead of his appearance before the IHC to seek bail in multiple FIRs registered against him.



Rangers took Imran Khan away to NAB Rawalpindi

It appears Khan got wind of his arrest hours earlier as before leaving for the court the PTI chief said: "If someone has a warrant, they should directly bring it to me. Bring the warrant, my lawyer will be there. I'm ready to go to the jail myself."

The former premier, while demanding that he be approached through a warrant, urged against staging any drama.

Khan's warrants by NAB chairman Lt Gen (ret'd) Nazir Ahmad Butt

"There is no case against me. I'm mentally prepared to be arrested. If I have to go to jail, I'm ready," Khan said. The cricketer-turned-politician said that the nation knows him for the last 30 years.

Khan's dramatic arrest, in which paramilitary troops had to break several doors, jump through smashed windows, and scuffle with PTI supporters and lawyers to reach the legally beleaguered firebrand politician, has sparked protests across the country.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Dr Akbar Nasir Khan confirmed the development and said that the situation was under control.

Firing in PTI rally in Quetta, several injured: Police

Syed Ali Shah Manan Mandokhail

Several people were injured in a firing during the protest rally of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Tuesday evening. Police sources said there was an abrupt firing during the PTI's rally against the arrest of former Prime Minister, Imran Khan. Police fired tear gas to disperse the highly charged political workers of the PTI.

Waseem Baig, the Spokesman of civil hospital Quetta said one dead body was brought to the hospital. "We are yet to recognize the dead body," Mr. Baig stated. He informed that six civilians were also brought to the hospital. Anti-social elements also injured our three officers on airport road Quetta, the Spokesman of Balochistan Police said in a statement. He said the mob attacked the police officers and left three of them injured.

PTI protesters chanting slogans



Images and videos show, protesters chanting full-throated slogans after the firing. A huge contingent of police was deployed to maintain the law and order situation on the eve of the rally. Tension prevailed on Quetta airport road in the aftermath of the firing. Police fired tear gas to disperse the protesters. Angry protesters also pelted stones at the anti riot police deployed to maintain the law and order situation.

Section 144 declared in Quetta: Home Minister Balochistan

More police were called into the area to maintain order. The Balochistan government imposed section 144 and banned all kinds of political gatherings and the display of weapons. "We have imposed 144 to ensure law and

order situation" Balochistan Home Minister, Mir Zaminullah Langoveh told Daily Quetta Voice via telephone.

CM Balochistan takes notice of the situation

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo took notice of the situation and directed the inspector general of police and all deputy commissioners to ensure peace during PTI rallies. "None would be allowed to take the law into his hands", Mr. Bizenjo said in a statement after the firing incident in the PTI's protest rally. He directed the law enforcement agencies to bring the elements creating law and order issues to book and award them punishment.

Treason case against Imran Khan: BHC issues notices to AG, others

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: Balochistan High Court (BHC) on Tuesday issued notices to the Attorney General, Federal Secretary Law, and others regarding a treason case against the former prime minister Imran Khan. Abdul Kazzaz Shar Advocate of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) had submitted an application before the BHC seeking registration of a treason case against the former premier.

Amanullah Kanrani Advocate appears before the court

The former premier Imran Khan committed treason while dissolving the assembly in April 2022.



Amanullah Kanrani Advocate, the former SCBA President, and the counsel for the petitioner pleaded. A division bench of the BHC comprising Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Naem Akhtar Afghan, and Mr. Justice Amir Rana admitted the

petition and directed to issue notices to the concerned offices.

"Directions should be issued to the government in the light of the recent decisions related to violation of the constitution and high treason in the past," the petitioner said.

Mobile broadband suspended across country on interior ministry's instructions: PTA

The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority on Tuesday confirmed that it had suspended mobile broadband across the country on the interior ministry's instructions.

Meanwhile, NetBlocks, an organisation that tracks internet outages, said access to Twitter, Facebook and YouTube was restricted across Pakistan amid PTI Chairman Imran Khan's arrest earlier today from the Islamabad High Court's premises in the Al-Qadir Trust case. The organisation further said that "total inter-



net shutdowns have been observed in some regions" in a report. "Real-time" network data show the disruption in effect on some but not all mobile and fixed-line internet providers in Pakistan at the time of

around using a virtual private network which could circumvent "government internet censorship measures".

Metrics are consistent with an intentional disruption to service applied centrally at Pakistan's national internet backbone. "NetBlocks recommends against the use of network disruptions and media access restrictions to limit political speech, even when their disproportionate impact to fundamental rights including freedom of expression and freedom of assembly," the organisation said. Web Desk

'Imran arrested on merit': Sana rubbishes claims of political victimisation

ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah detailed on Tuesday Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan's arrest in accordance with law. The former prime minister was arrested by Rangers officials from the Islamabad Judicial Complex a couple of hours ago, the IG Islamabad confirmed. He was arrested in the Al-Qadir Trust case, the federal capital's top cop had informed at the time. "Situation is normal. Section 144 is in place and violations will result in police action," said IG Islamabad.

Interior minister says corruption cases against PTI chief filed with NAB, which operates 'independently'

The minister said a laundered amount of 190 million pounds (Rs70 billion) belonging to a "property tycoon" was caught in a "corruption scandal himself".



Sana maintained that former special assistant to the PM (SAPM) Shehzaad Akbar was the key person involved in the case, as he and Imran misled their cabinet by concealing the facts and documents related to the settlement agreement.

He stated that money was received under the settlement agreement and was supposed to be deposited in the national exchequer, which Sana claimed "belonged to the people". However, he continued that the amount was adjusted in a property related case in Karachi which was settled by the Supreme Court of Pakistan against a payment plan of Rs460 billions.

He said that Akbar was soon involved and as a result of an agreement, the Al-Qadir Trust was made. He continued properties of 240 kanals in Bani Gala and another 458 kanals worth Rs2bn were registered under the trust.

He claimed that Imran and his spouse Bushra Bibi were the only two trustees in the matter. He said that the Bani Gala home was registered under the name of Farah Gogi and the property worth Rs2bn, which Sana said Akbar had taken Rs2bn for his "services". "Instead of bringing the Rs70bn in the national treasury, it was adjusted in the SC account of the property tycoon who was under trial at the SC," Sana said. He furthered that the Toshakhana (gift repository case) was further evidence of Imran's corruption, adding that the former prime minister was stealing money while creating false allegations against the Shafi' clan Web Desk.

Gender budgeting-a goal for gender removing inequalities

Editor Asim Khan

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 is to be done about the remote areas of the province, which covers half of the country in terms of area and houses only 6% population of entire Pakistan.

Census staff is yet to reach the population in Balochistan
Specific law and order situations, rugged terrain, long distances, plans, 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 that 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. Baloch nationalist 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. The Pashtoon nationalist parties fear that their (ethnic Pashtuns) population should not be ignored under the garb of Afghan refugees.

Balochistan makes up only 6% population of the entire country
The resource-rich province of Balochistan has a nominal representation in the parliament with only 19 members of the national assembly out of a total of 342. The province has no say in the formation of the federal government, and distribution of development funds under the federal public sector development program (PSPD). Even its (Balochistan) meager share of 6% percent in services is swallowed by Islamabad through fake domiciles.

Balochistan is lagging behind 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 worst governance.

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



Article 25 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan says that there will be no discrimination on the basis of sex. It means that the rights of men and women should be equal. Gender equality is a basic fundamental right in any self-respecting democracy. Do ground realities substantiate this assertion? Are there even playing ground for both genders? If not, why is it so? And how can gender mainstreaming be achieved? Gender Responsive, Gender Sensitive and Gender Aware budgeting.

There are many policy options to reduce this imbalance but budget is so important as a policy and planning instrument for governments that can be used for reaching the goal of Gender Equality. Gender Responsive, Gender Sensitive and Gender Aware budgeting in a country, region, or a province can create enabling environment to bring equality? The fundamental objective of gender budgeting policies is to reform budget and related policies with a view to promoting gender equality as an integral part of human rights. Gender budgeting makes the gender-specific effects of budgets visible and raises awareness about their frequently implicit dimensions of discrimination against women.

Gender impacts of budgets and policies. Gender budgeting thus identifies the gender-specific effects of public finance - which is usually presented as gender-neutral. Gender Responsive, Gender Sensitive and Gender Aware budgeting.

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we talk in the context of Balochistan, the first question that strikes us is that: 'Is there any study ever conducted to find out the Gender Gap? Did we undertake any post or pre-budget assessment of the annual budget on the different segments of the society, especially women, who form almost 50% (48.76%, to be specific) of our national population? In Balochistan, this ratio is 47.47%. If our budget is not Gender Sensitive, almost half the population is left out. In our set up, women empowerment starts and ends with the provision of Sewing Machines, the opening of embroidery centers, and the holding of cultural shows. It means a gender-based assessment, incorporating a gender perspective at all levels of the budgetary process, and the analysis of revenues and expenditures is required in order to promote gender equality. The current female population in Balochistan is 47.4% and the needs are completely ignored at

all levels and they are hardly involved in the budgetary process. An analysis of PSDPs since 2013-14 till 2020-21 shows that there was not a single project in the years 2013-14, 1st 2014-15, as women did not. Exist or they were not worthy of any consideration. Then from 2015-16 to 2019-20, there were one to three projects and the total cost estimated from 12% to 22%. It shows how much priority that 47.49% of the population gets in the province. Although the world over women is not categorized as a vulnerable group, in Balochistan, they are not only vulnerable but also marginalized. But the treatment women get in Pakistan, especially in Balochistan, is not that commendable but also marginalized in the real sense of the world. A UN Report on Women's Rights that compared to men, women have 26% fewer chances of employment, and another report on the women labor force works in unregulated sector of the economy. Why they are consi-

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The Iran-Saudi pact Mirror, mirror on the wall...

By Abdul Sattar

By Kamila Hyat

The recent rapprochement between Iran and Saudi Arabia has created a ripple of excitement among the people of the region, who have been badly affected by the undeclared cold war between the two countries.

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It is also hoped that friendly ties between Riyadh and Tehran will help the way for an economic cooperation between the Shia and Sunni of Iraq besides

some years, its leadership has adopted a pragmatic approach that seems to be promoting regional trade and economic growth. The kingdom also seems determined to neutralize any tensions with Iran has greatly benefited the obscuration of Riyadh and Washington as an actor that did nothing for the region except fueling the fire of tensions.

These good gestures by the two countries are a sign that the world is finally entering into an era of effective economic relations. First, Russia stabilized war-torn Syria a few years ago and now China is also trying to create an atmosphere that might go a long way in fostering economic growth and trade in not only the Middle East but also in the rest of the world.

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The power and energy crisis is all about policies

By Raashid Wali Janjua

By Dr Farrukh Saleem

Pakistan's power and energy crisis has reached crisis proportions. The power sector's circular debt of Rs2,377 billion combined with Rs1,400 billion of the gas sector - and Rs600 billion payable to PSO speak volumes of mismanagement and the unsustainable structure of power-and-energy-sector governance.

Our power sector governance is flawed - a combination of wrong generation sourcing, defective transmission and distribution system, poor bill recovery and demand management mechanism.

The failure to plan a balanced energy mix ratio, including an optimal mix of renewables and thermal-based and gas - compels us to keep the sources less resilient and disproportionate reliance on thermal-based sources of power generation is 58 percent. The planning failure on the supply side has also contributed to the present situation.

Supply side planning in Pakistan was predicted on ambitious projections of industrial demand and supply. The total installed capacity of 43,775MW in Pakistan unfortunately has the impact of this imbalance is an increase

in the cost of power generation, which, for industrial and residential consumers and keeping plant up in the shape of circular debt combined with poor bill recovery and transmission and distribution losses, the IPPs are not satisfied. On the demand side, Pakistan needs the actual base load of 8,000MW. Due to this, the demand often rises to 30,000MW.

It is safe to say that Pakistan uses costly power generated mostly through imported fossil fuels to cool walls and ceilings in air-conditioned offices. This, indeed is an inefficient way of using costly electricity. Not even in the temporary demand in summer spikes to 30,000MW, the solution is demand management, which is avoided to keep consistencies happy. There could be a solution so that the over-capacity issue, and one of those is to increase our industrial energy management. The present base load could be taken up from 8,000MW to 40,000MW to reduce the adverse impact of the gas sector's circular debt. This strategy is not sustainable. We need long-

term structural reforms through better regulation of the power sector and professional management. Pakistan needs to enhance its electricity consumption of its power capacity in addition to the management through administrative measures like weather-friendly houses, installation of smart meters and AMRs, plugging thefts through smart meters and transmission and distribution system and the gradual alteration of energy mix enhancing the share of hydro and renewables like wind and solar energy.

Price signaling is one of the effective tools to control energy waste. The cost of piped gas needs to be real and the exploration of the domestic oil and gas reserves should be expedited through incentives to E&P companies. Pakistan needs an upstream regulator in the oil and gas sector along with the merger of Nepra with Ogra to bring more synergy in the oil and gas sector. The country also needs refinery policy urgently to help refineries upscale their productivity.

Pakistan should take some immediate steps to stabilize government and that overtime has resulted in a more stable economic development. Yes, political stability has turned Botswana into one of the fastest growing economies in the world. Chile is another example of political stability, growth and a reduction in poverty. Chile is an example of the people's progress through political stability. South Korea is another example of a country that has experienced economic progress through political stability. Singapore is another example of economic progress because of political stability. Many politicians have turned Singapore into one of the wealthiest countries in the world.

Foreign investment and a decline in living standards are the result of the mismanagement from Democratic Republic of Congo, bringing in a long-term-running civil war, political instability and a high level of unemployment in key sectors like mining and agriculture. Take Iraq for instance, the second-largest crude oil producer in OPEC after Saudi Arabia with 14 billion barrels of oil reserves. The situation again with the aid from the IMF and international community always something to be welcomed.

Here's the Pakistan with the wealthiest countries in the world. It has the fourth-largest irrigated farmland in the world. It has also stood the test of time. Political instability has led to economic consequences: economic uncertainty, volatility, a lack of confidence among investors and stagnation. Venezuela is a case in point. It has the eighth-largest producer of world. Pakistan holds 105 trillion barrels of oil reserves. Reko Dik has 5.9 billion tonnes of copper and 1.5 billion tonnes of gold. Pakistan has the world's second-largest reserves of uranium. Pakistan's primary issue is political, rather than economic. The root of our economic problems lies in the political. But a more pre-emptive election and political stability has resulted in hyperinflation, a lack of

Pak-US agree to develop roadmap for pursuing new businesses in renewable energy sector

WASHINGTON DC: Pakistan and US have agreed to develop a roadmap for pursuing new businesses in renewable energy sector...



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

Systematic approach needed to achieve fiscal decentralization: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Achieving fiscal decentralisation to promote macroeconomic stability and strengthen institutions in Pakistan requires a well-planned and systematic approach...

Afghan Commerce Minister discuss trade, commerce with Sindh CM

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and Afghanistan Minister for Commerce Nooruddin Aziz on Tuesday agreed to work together to boost trade and commerce in both countries...

Pakistani men's garments export to China increases 29pc in Q of 2023

BEIJING: Pakistani men's garment export to China experienced a significant growth of 29% in the first quarter of 2023. This growth can be attributed to Pakistan's strong manufacturing capability...

Pakistan could default without IMF bailout programme, warns Moody's

LAHORE: Pakistan could face default without an International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout programme as the country is likely to embrace uncertain financing options...

Systematic lithium exploration to open gateways to wealth: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has a diversified geology and environment being lithium deposits and their systematic exploration will open gateways to income generation but also bring in exploration and investment...

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BEIJING: Pakistani Men's garments export to China increases 29% in the first quarter of 2023. China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Tuesday. According to Ghulam Qadir, the Commercial Counselor at the Pakistan Embassy in Beijing...

China Southern Airline to resume Lahore-Urumqi flights on 13th June

ISLAMABAD: China Southern Airlines is poised to resume flight operations from Lahore to Urumqi on June 13th. The flight operations were suspended when the pandemic erupted, causing a significant downturn in the aviation industry...

Awwal Modaraba reports hefty gain in sales, profits: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Awwal Modaraba Management Limited's (AWMAL) gross profit increased 68.95% to Rs71 million in the first three months of fiscal year 2022-23. The profit-after-taxation also jumped 760.07% to Rs40.3 million in the first quarter of 2022-23. Similarly, the company's operating profit increased by 112.65% to Rs7.9 million in QFY22. The profit-before-taxation jumped 354.48% to Rs24.5 million from Rs12.4 million in QFY22. The profit-after-taxation also jumped 760.07% to Rs40.3 million in the first quarter of 2022-23. Similarly, the company's operating profit increased by 112.65% to Rs7.9 million in QFY22. The profit-before-taxation jumped 354.48% to Rs24.5 million from Rs12.4 million in QFY22.

PM extends stay in London for one day: Marryum

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marryum Aurangzeb said on Tuesday that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had extended his stay in London by one day for consultations on important political and national issues...

KP gov't pragmatic steps to improve prison conditions lauded

PESHAWAR: The Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi has lauded the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government for taking pragmatic steps to improve prison conditions under its prison reforms. A briefing was given on the initiatives taken in KP to improve prison conditions such as providing access to clean drinking water, health and education services...

Robbers killed in police encounter

OKARA: Two bandits were killed in an alleged police encounter in Okara district on Tuesday in Okara district. According to police, the five bandits committed a robbery at the residence of the home informed police through emergency call. Police after having information that the bandits were in the area, they opened fire on police party. Police and each other had a fierce crossfire with the bandits. One of the bandits was killed on the spot. The other four were taken to a hospital. In which two robbers were killed and police claimed two suspects were killed. The other two were taken to a hospital and later expired. There are others suspects run away. INP

NOTICE INVITING TENDER. The Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Washuk invites sealed Percentage rate tenders based on composite schedule of rates 2018 Government of Balochistan from interested contractors and Drilling Agencies for the works mentioned below...

