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17th day, 2 trapped miners yet to be recovered from a mine in Dukki

Hussain Zarkoon, Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA, DUKKI—Rescue operation remained continued for the 17th consecutive day to recover two trapped coal miners from a mine in Balochistan's Dukki district on Wednesday. Two hapless coal miners were trapped inside a mine on May 4 when rainy water suddenly entered a coal mine in Dukki.

“Rescue operation is still underway for the last 17 days”, Syed Saboor Agha, the District Police Officer (DPO) Dukki said. He said rescue workers were still unable to recover the trapped miners.

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“Chances of their lives are bleak”, Mr. Agha said. Scores of coal miners and relatives of the miners have been waiting outside the mine for the recovery of the trapped miners. “There are no trained rescue workers”, Peer Muhammad Kakar, the central leader of the mines association said.

Mr. Kakar lashed out at the coal mines owners and mines and mineral department for what he called their negligence. “Poor working conditions for miners”, he lamented.

The family members of the trapped miners have been suffering through a dumb agony for the last 17 days. They have been passing sleepless nights, Raz Muhammad, one of the coal miners narrated the ordeal of the broken families.



No serious notice taken by the Balochistan government so far

So far, the high ups in the Balochistan government have not taken any keen interest to ensure the unhurt recovery of the trapped miners. “Where is our government, they should provide trained rescue workers”, Raz Muhammad demanded.

Poor working conditions claiming precious human lives in mines

Hazardous working conditions inside coal mines of Balochistan have claimed thousands of precious human lives. Methane gas blasts and other untoward incidents inside mines of Balochistan are almost order of the day.

There has been no clue of the trapped coal miners till filling of this report.

'Police have surrounded my house,' Imran Khan says fearing arrest

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan said Wednesday that police have surrounded his Zaman Park residence in Lahore — where he is currently residing — and expressed fears that he could be taken into custody.

“Probably my last tweet before my next arrest. Police has [sic] surrounded my house,” the PTI chief said in a tweet.

Khan was arrested on May 9 — the day when the country witnessed deadly protests — in the Al-Qadir Trust corruption case,



but a court later granted him bail.

Later, addressing his party workers, the deposed prime minister — who was removed from office in April last year — that if the police come with a search warrant to carry out an operation at his Zaman Park residence, he would not put up resistance against them.

“I have just heard that 40 terrorists are hiding at my residence. Please do come here [but] in a civilised manner and don't attempt to storm my residence,” he said while addressing his supporters.

If 40 terrorists are present at my house, then my life is also in danger. Please carry out a search operation but tell me the names of terrorists and we will show you our entire house.”

He also warned against using the search operation against terrorists as a

pretext to attack his house saying “don't fan this fire any further”

His statement came as the interim Punjab government has given a 24-hour deadline to the PTI to hand over the “30-40 terrorists that have taken refuge” at the former prime minister's Zaman Park residence to the police.

“PTI should handover these terrorists or the law will take its course,” said Caretaker Information Minister Aamir Mir while addressing a press conference in Lahore earlier today. He also added that the government was aware about the presence of these “terrorists” as it had credible intelligence reports. “The intelligence report that has come is very alarming,” said Mir. He added that the agencies were unable to confirm the presence of the “terrorists” in Zaman Park through geo-fencing, Web Desk.

CM Bizenjo approves release of funds to pay bills of newspapers

Staff Reporter

QUETTA. The Chief Minister of Balochistan, Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo has approved the release of additional funds to pay the dues in the form of newspaper bills while fulfilling another promise made to the newspaper industry.

It should be noted that on the instructions of the Chief Minister Balochistan, a summary sent by the Balochistan Secretary Information, Hamza Shafaqat and the Director General of Public Relations (DGPR), Kamran Asad was approved Imran Gachki, the Principal Secretary of the Chief Minister had assured on behalf of the CM to the editors of the local newspapers that the immediate solution of the problem regarding the funds will be ensured Secretary



Information Muhammad Hamza Shafaqat and DGPR Kamran Asad were directed to immediately submit the summary for the approval of the Chief Minister for the release of additional funds.

No police action at Zaman Park before expiry of 24-hour deadline: Punjab govt

LAHORE: Punjab caretaker Information Minister Amir Mir said Wednesday night that the provincial government has no plans so far of arresting Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan. “First let the 24-hour deadline expire then the government will reveal its plans,” the provincial minister said during an interview on Geo News' programme “Aaj Shahezab Khanzada Kay Saath”. The deadline expires at 2pm on Thursday and



no action would be taken at Khan's Zaman Park residence before that, the information said, after the PTI chief expressed fears that he would be arrested. “Probably my last tweet before my next arrest. Police has [sic]

surrounded my house,” the PTI chief — who was ousted as the prime minister last year in April — said in a tweet.

Mir added that Khan is inciting people. “Just like always,” the information minister said the PTI chief was “lying”.

The minister added that the police will not “be conducting an operation” as it has evidence that 30-40 “terrorists” — who were involved in the attacks on the military installations on May 9 — are present at Zaman Park, Web Desk.

COAS vows ‘orchestrated tragic incidents’ of May 9 won't be allowed again ‘at any cost’

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir vowed on Wednesday that all those responsible for “bringing shame to the nation on the Black Day of May 9” will be brought to justice and that such “orchestrated tragic incidents” would never be allowed again at any cost.

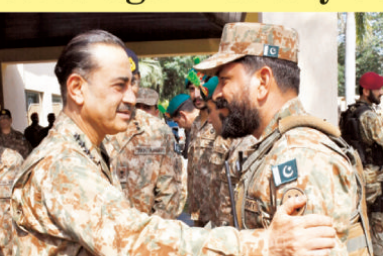
According to a press release issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the army chief made the remarks during a visit to the Sialkot Garrison, where he was received by Commander Gujranwala Corps.

The military's media wing said that the COAS, upon arrival, laid floral wreaths at the Martyrs' Monument and paid rich tribute to the shuhada (martyrs) who sacrificed their lives for the pride, honour and dignity of the nation.

The martyrs have been promised the highest abode in the life hereafter and shall continue to maintain the highest levels of respect among the people of Pakistan.

The State of Pakistan and Armed Forces will always maintain all Shuhada and their families in very high esteem and continue to honour them and their supreme sacrifices with utmost respect and dignity,” the ISPR statement quoted the army chief as saying.

Gen Munir further stated that no one would be allowed to disrespect the martyrs and their monuments. “They are a source of inspiration and pride for the rank and file of the armed forces, law enforcement agencies, gov-



ernment officials and the people of Pakistan.”

He underscored that the recently planned and orchestrated tragic incidents would never be allowed again at any cost.

The army chief also appreciated the under-command formations for their hard work, devotion, high morale and professionalism.

“During his interaction with officers and troops, COAS stressed upon maintaining focus on the army's professionalism and preparedness to deal with complex internal and external security challenges including propaganda warfare,” the military's media wing added.

The ISPR statement is the most recent among several condemnations, issued both by the army and the government, that have emerged following the events of May 9 — the day PTI Chairman Imran Khan was arrested. On May 9, Imran was arrested by the National Accountability Bureau with the help of the paramilitary Rangers at the Islamabad High Court in the Al Qadir Trust case — a development that sparked nationwide protests amid incidents of vandalism and violence. Following the episode, the military has issued three statements in relevance to May 9 events, with the first one terming the day a “dark chapter” in the country's history. In its second statement issued last week, the army said it “will not tolerate any further attempt of violating the sanctity and security of its installations or vandalism” and resolved to bring to justice all the “planners, abettors, instigators and executors of [the] vandalism.” Web Desk.

Indus Waters ready under the aegis of Part - 2

Destination of electables is PPP in Balochistan nowadays

The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), which failed to win a single seat during the general elections of 2018 in Balochistan is finally back. Electables, commonly called the ever-green and influential politicians have been joining the party for last more than a month. The seismic political shift in Balochistan is nothing new. Switching of loyalties and changing political parties normally take a place before every general election in the province, which covers half of the country's term of area.

“Winds of change are blowing in Balochistan”, is a commonly held notion in villages and cities of the province these days. Earlier this year, it was the Jamat-ul-Farooq (JF) with electables joining the religious party. However, PPP filled the vacuum.

Asif Zardari has no time to visit Balochistan because of crowds joining the party

PPP supremo Asif Ali Zardari has no time to visit Balochistan to announce the joining of the electables because of the rush. The electables/evergreen politicians thronged the Bilawal House in Karachi and started joining the PPP and the party leaders preferred to receive them there.

Former federal minister Sardar Fateh Muhammad Hassani, Hassan Jassani, Nawabzada Jama Kamal, Asif Khan, Mir Mohyuddin Baloch, the former central leader of the Baloch Students Organization (BSO), Mir Fared Raisani and others joined the party in Karachi. Provincial ministers Mir Zahoor Buledi, Saleem Khan Khoso and Arif Jam Muhammad Hassani have already joined the party.

Sardar Noor Ahmed Bangulzi also joined the PPP

Sardar Noor Ahmed Bangulzi who is likely to contest elections against former Chief Minister Nawab Muhammad Aslam Raisani in Mastung has also joined PPP.

The ruling Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) sees its permanent collapse, its leaders and workers have started joining other political parties. The BAP, which emerged as the largest parliamentary party prior to the 2018 general elections has practically collapsed since its incumbent CM Mir Iqbaluddin Bizenjo and president Jam Kamal Khan are in contact with other political parties for joining.

Despite ruling the province for five years, currently, none owns the party and gradually everyone parts ways with it.

The G20 summit

Amanat Ali Chandray

progress. The highlight of the summit was an unexpected and unplanned meeting between US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov, on the sidelines of the main event.

The interaction lasted for 11 minutes, but it served to reiterate the already known positions of both the countries. Mr. Blinken, however, invited Russia to rejoin the New Start nuclear treaty from detention.

The failure of the G20 meeting to issue a joint communiqué, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, stated, “There was a large number of divergences on Ukraine dispute, food and energy security, climate change, gender issues, global health, terrorism. There were divergences on Ukraine dispute on the meeting agenda. It was a meeting of minds. If we had a perfect meeting of minds, we could have had a common joint statement. Divergences on Ukraine did come in the way.”

The meeting between nations and the US were held on the disruption of the supply chain and the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on food, and energy prices and risks to the global stability. Russia is seen as enhanced ‘fragilities’ in the global economy. The meeting also noted the differences in the positions of the competing countries on the Russia-Ukraine war but claimed to have made

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Pakistan's rejection of the Indian government's call for negotiations - on modifying the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) - made on January 25 through the Indus Commission was fully justified.

The treaty, comprising twelve short articles and eight long annexes elaborating the key features of the agreement, had been finalized over nearly six years of painstaking negotiations backed by competent Indian and Pakistani experts and hydrologists, commissioned by the World Bank. The jewel in the IWT's crown is the dispute settlement mechanism consisting of bilateral talks and third party arbitration.

The treaty defines the rights of the two parties over the rivers of the Indus Basin which is not open for ambiguity or any other flow. This explains why experts taking part in the Indus Basin dispute settlement discussions and issues related to the Indus River Basin have invariably defined the issues to be explored arrangements to build up on, not renegotiate the treaty.

It is indeed unfortunate that discussions between India and Pakistan through the Indus Commission takes the debt issue, of developing and managing seriously and supports relevant financial institutions to put forward solutions to the debt crisis. “It's becoming difficult for the G20 to engage in a constructive discussion because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which is a global event. The disagreements also manifested themselves on debt restructuring for the distressed economies during an IMF meeting with the G17 countries on the sidelines of the finance ministers' moot. While IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva talked of “a commitment to bridge differences for the benefit of countries,” she also mentioned “the need to set a standard of debt relief.”

Looking at the outcomes of two ministerial level interactions among the G20 countries, it has become clear that the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war is determining the nature of the agenda shaping the behaviour of states. The repeated failure of the G20 to agree to a joint statement on the debt issue is a clear indication that the agenda is being shaped by the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. The agenda for multilateral organizations, which are trying to become ambitious by the day, given that challenges such as climate change, global disasters are complicating the state of the world, on the basis of the state's lack of determination and willingness on the part of some countries to avert to such things.

As the world is facing a new era of global uncertainty, it is essential for the international community to work together to address these challenges. The IMF standard of debt relief, which is a commitment to bridge differences for the benefit of countries, is a positive step in the right direction. It is essential for the G20 to agree to a joint statement on the debt issue, which is a key challenge for the world. The agenda for multilateral organizations, which are trying to become ambitious by the day, given that challenges such as climate change, global disasters are complicating the state of the world, on the basis of the state's lack of determination and willingness on the part of some countries to avert to such things.

Pakistan's prior consent before building the power plants in the Indus river basin. The Indus Water Treaty (IWT) was signed in 1960 between India and Pakistan. It is a treaty that governs the distribution of water in the Indus river basin. The treaty was signed between India and Pakistan, and it has been a source of contention between the two countries ever since.

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The Kathmandu-based International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) has also compiled reports on the negative consequences of climate change on Pakistan's water, food, energy, and health security.

The report, titled “The Impact of Climate Change on the Indus River Basin”, was released by ICIMOD. It highlights the risks of climate change to the water, food, and health security of the region.

The report also notes that climate change is likely to lead to a significant increase in the number of people affected by water scarcity and food insecurity. It also notes that climate change is likely to lead to a significant increase in the number of people affected by water scarcity and food insecurity.

Perfect gridlock

By Murtaza Solangi

Dakistan gives a look of the 11-candidate election today. The party which was the coalition government, led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and the opposition, led by former Prime Minister Imran Khan, have both decided to continue to pull in the opposition. It is a situation of perfect gridlock.

The two main political parties in Pakistan are the PML-N, led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and the PTI, led by former Prime Minister Imran Khan. The PML-N has been in power since the general elections in May 2022, but it is facing a difficult situation as it is facing a coalition government with the PTI.

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Who controls wealth? Reviewing Pakistan's climate action

By Dr Shahnaz Khan

who makes decisions on how this wealth is distributed in our country's context, the most important means of production are rapidly, and the solution we hear is to go to either the IMF or the World Bank. The IMF solution we hear is to go to either the IMF or the World Bank. The IMF solution we hear is to go to either the IMF or the World Bank.

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It is gratifying to see that the National Institute of Economic Policy Studies (NIES) has published a report titled “Pakistan's Climate Change Action Plan: A Review”. The report is a comprehensive review of Pakistan's climate change action plan.

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in Bangladesh. The report of the discussions, ‘Report of the Chairperson’s Dialogue Task Force on Climate Change’, was published by the Jinnah Institute in Islamabad (O.P.F), New Delhi. The report of the dialogue was titled ‘Connecting the Dots: An Indus Basin Roadmap for Cross-Border Water Research, Data Sharing, and Policy Coordination’ published by the Sison Center and SDPI in February.

Two discussions convened by the Delhi-based Center for Dialogue and Reconciliation (CDR) and the Islamabad-based Jinnah Institute (JI) during the dialogue, ‘Indus River Basin Common Concerns and the Roadmap for Resolution’, was edited by Prof Shakil Romshoo and published by CDR in March.

Three, discussions organized by the DC-based Atlantic Council of the United States in cooperation with Indian and Pakistani politicians and organizations. The report of the discussions, titled ‘India-Pakistan Water Cooperation for a Sustainable Dialogue’, was published by the Atlantic Council in April.

Four, joint monitoring of the satellite-based remote sensing capacity, to generate and disseminate non-politicized, reliable data on glacial melting trends.

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PDMA prepares comprehensive heat wave action plan in KP

PESHAWAR: The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) under the guidance of Relief, Rehabilitation and Settlement Department, Khwyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), on Wednesday unveiled a comprehensive heat wave action plan 2023 to mitigate the impacts of extreme heat in the province.

responsibilities to all stakeholders to ensure citizens' health, safety, infrastructure, and forest protection. The Heat Wave Action Plan was developed with the consultations of relevant stakeholders and an analysis of past experiences of heat waves in the province.

According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) seasonal outlook, temperatures were expected to be slightly above normal in the upcoming two months. With the anticipated rise in temperatures, the general public is advised to take necessary precautions to avoid heat stroke. To protect oneself from heat stroke and other heat-related ailments during the heat wave period, PDMA advises the masses to drink plenty of water.

Senate Body decides to hold pre-budget meetings with stakeholders

ISLAMABAD: The meeting of Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue held at Parliament House on Wednesday under the chair of Senator Saleem Mandovala has decided to hold pre-budget meetings along with the relevant stakeholders in order to restart the declining economy of the country.

same, therefore the matter was disposed of. Briefing by the SECP on media reports regarding proposed amendments, the Non-Banking Finance Companies and Notified Entities Regulations proposing to increase the fee of AMC's by over 350% to the original level, which was a contentious issue after detailed deliberations by SECP policy board in FY 20 was also taken up. It was briefed that the policy board has the power and mandate to specify fees chargeable by the SECP and SECP implements the fees as approved by the policy board. It was briefed that the policy board of the SECP along with other private members will inform unit holders of account activity and keep client informed as well as a time frame for dividend distributions and provisions for better risk management. The application of Fit & Prop & Carteria has been revised to the level of 2019 after detailed deliberation and careful

analysis in the financial position and autonomy of SECP. It is felt that not an increase but a reversion" the official remarked and said that the amendments have been made after detailed deliberation with industry stake holders including MUFAP. It was also charged that SECP is also levying annual fee investment funds whereas in other jurisdictions multiple fee including approval of funds, registration of fund, annual fees, filing fees are also imposed. The committee while taking briefing on the crypto currency debated that may be some momentary speculative gains be associated with crypto currency trading but there are no substantial National-level entities. The SBP official said that keeping in view number of frauds reported through crypto currency including USD 2 billion fraud in Turkey by an exchange named Hodex, and losses of 650 billion dollars in Turkey. The second largest crypto exchange bankruptcy in November 2022 INP.



BANGKOK: Federal Minister for Energy, Khurram Dastgir addressing the Future Energy Asia Conference 2023 organised by USAID.

Taxing banking withdrawals to be last nail in coffin of sinking economy: Atif Ikram

ISLAMABAD: Former Vice President of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Atif Ikram Sheikh on Wednesday said the failed experiment of levying tax on bank withdrawals should not be repeated. In a statement issued here, he clarified that the move would prove to be the last nail in the coffin of our sinking economy.

decision banking system against the decision of imposing withholding tax on withdrawing money from the banks. The revok of the business community sucked huge sums of money from the banking system, he said, adding that at that time, the state of the country's economy and strength of banks were not what it is today, nor were the big banks of America and Europe were going bankrupt.

while many among the filers do not deposit even a single rupee as tax. If this proposal is implemented, the entire population will have to pay this tax, except for 3.6 million people, he underlined.

Such a move will promote the underdeveloped economy as the business community did not accept this decision before and will not accept now, he added.

It would be appropriate to trash such a proposal which has nothing to do with the ground realities of Pakistan.

He noted that the state of our tax system is so pathetic that more than half of 6 lakh people registered with FBR, out of which 3.6 lakh file tax returns,

Mushaaf blasts Modi regime for turning IIOJK into military fortress

ISLAMABAD: Peace and Culture Organisation Chairperson Mushaaf Hussain Mullaik has blasted the notorious Narendra Modi-led fascist Indian government for turning occupied Jammu and Kashmir into a military fortress and a gigantic prison and vowed that the people of Kashmir will leave no stone unturned to make G20 event a flopped show. Mushaaf, who is the wife of incarcerated senior Hurriyat leader Muhammad Yasin Malik, said in a statement on Wednesday that Indian government was holding G20 meeting in IIOJK to divert global attention from its illegal occupation of the scenic valley.

convey its reservations over the G20 meeting in the disputed region. Mushaaf stated that it was high time Pakistan should sensitize the G20 states about the state terrorism and rising human rights violations in IIOJK. Pakistani government, she added, should write to all the member countries of the group to boycott the summit because their participation in the conference in a disputed region would send a wrong message that these states were siding with the oppressor and usurper.

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Shujaat demands ban PTI for its anti-army agenda

LAHORE: President Pakistan Muslim League Quaid-i-Azam (PML-Q) Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain has demanded to impose a ban on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for its anti-army agenda. In a statement on Wednesday, he said that whoever speaks against COAS General Asim Munir equals to speaking against Pakistan and those who are involved in this must be punished for their crime and he will be punished.

Chaudhary Shujaat said that the country has not witnessed such a situation in 75 years and today's rally is not affiliated with any political party it is for solidarity with the armed forces and Pakistan instead.

Robbers kill autocad engr upon resistance

KARACHI: Armed robbers killed a autocad engr upon resistance during a robbery in metropolitan on Wednesday. The body was shifted to hospital for postmortem and police after the incident. The incident started investigation INP.

SAPM Tarar demands President Alvi to quit

LAHORE: Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) Interior, Attaullah Tarar has demanded of President Arif Alvi to resign. Taking to twitter on Wednesday, the PML-N leader was of the view that President Alvi was holding meetings with foreign ambassadors without informing the Foreign Office. INP



KARACHI: Shazia Marri Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program addressing the press conference.

Adapting new technologies, SECP amends NBFC Regulations

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), with a view to promote the development of the digital financial environment and financial inclusion has revised the Non-Banking Finance Companies and Notified Entities Regulations, 2020.

are designed to make it easier for digital technologies to be used in order to increase accessibility, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness. Amendments have been introduced to ensure that the policy board will inform unit holders of account activity and keep client informed as well as a time frame for dividend distributions and provisions for better risk management. The application of Fit & Prop & Carteria has been revised to the level of 2019 after detailed deliberation and careful

NBFCs have been given more flexibility in determining their exposure limits, as the total G20 applications of 100% of exposure has been removed. Additionally, a new provision has been given one year to meet the minimum net worth requirement in their core businesses. Further, the time to file annual financial statements has been extended from 10 days to 30 days. The procedures have been simplified by eliminating redundant provisions and expressions and introducing a consolidated fit and proper criteria, affidavit, or undertaking. The application of Fit & Prop & Carteria has been made necessary for pension fund managers (insurance companies). SECP believes these amendments will create a more conducive INP.

Attackers of military installations, martyrs memorials don't deserve any concession: Mian Zahid

KARACHI: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President National Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain has said that rioters involved in attacks and violent incidents on military installations, martyr memorials, and private and national properties on May 09, and the politicians behind them do not deserve any concession. In a statement issued

here on Wednesday, he said that the estimate of damages, which according to the initial estimate is around 60 billion rupees, should also be recovered from these miscreants and their patrons and any kind of restraint should not be shown to deal with such terrorists in future. Mian Zahid Hussain said that the entire nation and the armed forces are suffering from grief over the events of May 9 and it had a very negative effect on the morale of the army. The hostile nations

are very happy over such gory events in Pakistan which they think is part of their unholy agenda against Pakistan. Therefore, the business leader said, we fully support the decision taken in the special conference of the National Security Council and Corps Commanders to punish the culprits. He said that no one can be allowed to go to the extent of his alleged personal and political purposes. Anarchy is being fueled by propaganda against

First time contract of limestone blocks awarded at highest rate of Rs1.5b: Babar

ATTOCK: Punjab Secretary for Mineral Babar Aman Babar has said for the first time in the country's history, five year contract of lime stone blocks has awarded at highest rates of 1.5 billion rupees through transparent and judicious open auction. The auctioned lime stones were kept redundant under the mineral department Attock since long.

Chaired a meeting of bidding process of mineral auction in Attock on Wednesday, he said that the mineral department was pushed towards the right direction of development through the campaign launched by the Punjab Government against the eradication of corruption and corrupt practices from the province. Babar Aman Babar said that the reflection of fair competitive bidding of lime stone blocks was the objective of the Punjab Government. He further stated that the price of lime stone blocks offered by the bidders through open auction was 172% higher than the reserved price. INP



ISLAMABAD: Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister Federal Education and Professional Training, and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the National Education Foundation (NEF) addressing the Board. Esteemed board members, including senior officers.

Rallies continue in KP to express solidarity with armed forces

PESHAWAR: Public rallies since May 11 continue across Khwyber Pakhtunkhwa province to express solidarity with the armed forces and denounce the hate-mongers. The participants chanted slogans of 'Pakistan Zindabad', 'Pakistan Pak Jou Parwah' INP

Addressing the rallies, the speakers reaffirmed the nation's resolve to firmly stand shoulder to shoulder with armed forces of the country. They strongly condemned the attacks of miscreants on government installations and vandalizing of state institutions in the province. The rallies' participants lauded the role of Pakistan Army for restoring peace and stability in the country. The participants chanted slogans of 'Pakistan Zindabad', 'Pakistan Pak Jou Parwah' INP

Pakistan, UK to join hands to eliminate hate content on social, online media

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the United Kingdom on Wednesday agreed to work together to eliminate content related to hate and terrorism on social and online media.

the people of the UK over the coronation of King Charles III. Ms Arunazeb said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to the United Kingdom and her participation in the coronation of King Charles III were manifestation of the friendship based on respect and trust between the two countries. Stating that Pakistan United Kingdom relations to bilateral INP

The decision was made during a meeting between acting British High Commissioner Andrew Daghiesh and Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mariyum Arunazeb. During the meeting, the promotion of bilateral diplomatic relations, including cooperation in various fields of media, digital media, media training and filmmaking, was discussed. The minister congratulated the ambassador and

CORRIGENDUM: The Office of the Executive Engineer Maintenance Division - Quetta called tender vide PRO No 3798/17-5-2023. In Standard Bidding Documents Generated on BIPRA website for (TSE No. 2223515400) 'Clause B.5.2 Bid Security' an insurance company having at least AAA rating from PRA/UCR is mentioned mistakenly which is not required. As per NIT mentioned ONLY BANK GUARANTEE. DEPOSIT AT 3% and 3% is acceptable for said mentioned TSE. The terms and condition will remain same.

TENDER NOTICE: The Director General Health Services invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items. Tender Fee Rs. 1000/- TSE-223245520381. Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid is required.

People of Balochistan are mature, they rejected Imran Khan in the beginning: Hashmi

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: The founder of the ruling Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), Senator Saeed Ahmed Hashmi has said that the events of May 9 have caused irreparable damage to the country and the nation. The perpetrators of attacks on national installations must be brought to justice at any cost.

Talking to reporters on Wednesday, the senior politician said that Imran Khan has polluted the mindset of the public, especially the youth of the country, what happened on the 9th may have never ever happened in the past this act has fulfilled the wishes of our external enemies.



Masses of Balochistan shown maturity: Hashmi

Senator Hashmi said that the public in Balochistan has once again shown political maturity by not supporting PTI and Imran Khan but today we are forced to ask whether the crime of Nawab Akhbar Bugti was more than Imran Khan? He said that the fight for the immigration process of pilgrims, ensuring that there is no importance for either the people of Balochistan or their issues. He said that the events of 9 May were one of the worst moments in the country's history where the memorials of martyrs and ghazis were damaged.

Imran Khan is not a political leader: Hashmi claims

The situation the country is going through today is the fault of the politicians, intellectuals, and civil society for not realizing and acting against such a dangerous and big campaign against the state and institutions in a timely manner. Senator Saeed Hashmi said that Imran Khan has proved that he is not a political leader but a egoistic person who poisoned the minds of youth and masses against the institutions of his own country. He expressed that no concession would be made to those who harmed the country's ideology. If it were done, it would be criminal negligence.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif witnessing the signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan "Road to Makkah Project" aimed at facilitating Pakistani Hajj.

All roads leading to Zaman Park sealed

LAHORE: The Lahore police have blocked all the roads leading to Zaman Park, the residence of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan. According to details, a heavy contingent of Punjab police was deployed on the roads leading to Zaman Park while barriers were installed on several roads. Sources said that Canal Road, Dharampura Chowk and Allama Iqbal Road have been closed to traffic. Police personnel wearing bullet proof jackets were present along with mobile vans INP.

Law Minister, lawyers' delegation discuss issues of mutual interest

ISLAMABAD: Federal Law Minister Azam Nazeer Khan was called by a delegation of lawyers of Khayber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) led by President Peshawar High Court Bar Association (PHCA) Tariq Ahmad and Member Parliament Bar Council (PBC), Amjad Shah. The delegation included Presidents and Secretaries of Haripur, Abbottabad and Chota Lahore (Swabi) bar associations. President and Secretary of National Tax Bar Association was also present on the occasion. During the meeting, the lawyers' delegation with Azam Nazeer Khan discussed issues of mutual interest came under discussion. The delegation also lauded the efforts of the federal government and the law minister for passing the Lawyers Protection Act which was a long standing demand of lawyers across Pakistan INP.

24 commercial buildings challaned over missing fire safety arrangements

MULTAN: The district administration here on Wednesday challaned 24 commercial buildings during the ongoing crackdown against illegal petrol pump units and LPG refilling and commercial buildings with missing fire safety arrangements. In line with special directives of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Omer Jehangir, the district administration and civil defense department teams launched operations at Gulgaush Colony and Shah Rukh-e-Alam Colony. The teams seized four illegal petrol pump units and took its materials into custody while two outlaws have also been identified. Sixteen cases have been registered against them. The teams have also served 30 final notices to violators during last two days. The DC said that strict action was taken against illegal petrol pump units and LPG refilling as these illegal businesses could turn into mishaps. He said that the operations have been formed under the supervision of assistant commissioners to ensure a comprehensive crackdown against violators.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed officers concerned to ensure the installation of fire safety equipment at all big plazas and commercial buildings besides imparting special training to the staff of these buildings INP.

Sheikh Rasheed summoned in Al-Qadir Trust case

RAWALPINDI: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has summoned Awami Muslim League chief and former interior minister Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed in National Crime Agency £1900 Scandal or commonly known as Al-Qadir Trust case on May 24. The anti-graft watchdog has directed Sheikh Rasheed to appear before the bureau on May 24 along with the documents related to the case. Hours after receiving the NAB notice, Rasheed, in his video message on Twitter, said that he was ready for the arrest and has prepared his bag INP.

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia sign road to Makkah agreement

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on Wednesday signed an agreement for the execution of "Road to Makkah" project aimed at simplifying the immigration process for Hajj and Umrah pilgrims.

According to a statement, the agreement was signed at the Prime Minister House during the visit of Deputy Interior Minister of Saudi Arabia Dr. Nasir Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Dawood.

Minister for Interior, Rana Sanaullah Khan, Saudi Arabia's Deputy Interior Minister, Dr. Nasir Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Dawood, and Saudi Ambassador in Islamabad Nawaf Bin Said Al-Malki witnessed the ceremony.

Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Senator Talha Mahmood, Federal Minister for Narcotics Control Nawabzada Shahzain Bugti, Special Assistant to PM Tariq Fatemi were also present.

Under the agreement, the Hajj and Umrah pilgrims of Pakistan would be provided immigration facilities in Pakistan who would be exempted from the process at Saudi airports.

In the first phase, the service will be available at Islamabad International Airport where around 26,000 pilgrims would benefit from the facility. The Saudi authorities assured that the facility would later be extended to Karachi and Lahore airports as well.

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia also signed the joint minutes of the meeting in which they discussed the issuance of Pakistani passports to the Burmese Muslims residing in Saudi Arabia.

According to the details, the passports of the Burmese Muslims were not renewed after 2012, which created some difficulties for them in the Kingdom INP.

Punjab govt paying special focus on health sector: Minister

KHANEWAL: Caretaker provincial minister for Primary and Secondary Health Services, Dr. Jamal Nasir on Wednesday said that the Punjab government was paying special focus on the health sector. He expressed these views during a visit to the district headquarters hospital with the task of improving service delivery in government hospitals.

The minister reviewed facilities in an emergency, OPD, Thalassemia center wards, laboratory, and X-ray room. The condition of the supply of medicines and cleanliness in the hospital was also checked. The health minister announced for provision of diagnostic facilities in the Thalassemia center and expressed satisfaction with the provision of tests and facilities in the laboratory.

PILDAT urges resumption of dialogue for consensus on general elections date

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (PILDAT) on Wednesday urged the coalition government and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to resume a result-oriented dialogue to finalize the date of holding general election on same date in Pakistan. In a statement, the PILDAT lauded the Supreme Court's continued stance supporting the resolution of political impasse on holding free and fair general election in Pakistan on the same day.

Constitution of Pakistan provides the only guarantee for a well-functioning Pakistan under rule of law and all political parties and institutions of the state must respect and adhere to the Constitution, PILDAT insisted.

The organization also highlighted that the respect and integrity of the armed forces as a Constitutional entity must be upheld by all citizens.

Dr. Jamal Nasir also met the patients under treatment and their attendants. He was accompanied by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Health Dr. Kazim Khan, MS DHQ hospital. Dr. Jamal Nasir further said, "Surprise visits to hospitals in remote areas have been started to assess service delivery." He informed that an Endoscopy facility would be provided at DHQ hospital. The minister warned that strict action would be taken against those responsible for poor sanitation in hospitals. "Human Resource (HR) department will be strengthened in DHQ hospitals," he informed.

The provincial health minister was also briefed about mental facilities in THQs, RHCs and BHUs INP.

The organization expressed its support for bringing to justice all perpetrators of instances instigated and carried out against the personnel and installations of the armed forces of Pakistan and other public and private properties on May 9. "It is now the responsibility of the federal government and the PTI to urgently re-start the political dialogue to find a consensus-based date INP.

Road to Makkah program to be extended to Lahore and Karachi airports next year; Rana Sanaullah

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah Khan on Wednesday said that Road to Makkah program would be extended to Lahore and Karachi airports next year which would streamline the entire immigration process of pilgrims, ensuring that all necessary requirements were fulfilled at these airports. Addressing a ceremony held in honor of Saudi Arabia's Deputy Interior Minister under this program, he said, the Saudi Arabia's Deputy Interior Minister has promised to extend it to 40,000 pilgrims. The minister said that he along with Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Talha Mahmood, have requested to start this facility at Lahore and Karachi airports which would be available there in next year. It is to mention that Road to Makkah program has been initially started from the Islamabad airport and this initiative has revolutionized the immigration process for pilgrims, ensuring a hassle-free experience for those going to Makkah.

It streamlines the entire immigration process, ensuring that all necessary requirements fulfilled at the Islamabad Airport. Pilgrims bypass long immigration saving time for their spiritual experience and they can complete immigration requirements in their home country and enter Saudi Arabia smoothly. Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah Khan thanked Saudi Arabia's Deputy Interior Minister, Dr. Nasir Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Dawood and his delegation over the hospitality which he witnessed during the performing of Umra. He said that the current visit of Saudi Arabia's Deputy Interior Minister is of vital importance and both sides discussed matters of mutual interests and issues including the assassination of Saudi diplomat and Pakistanians languishing in Saudi jails for petty crimes. He thanked the Saudi Minister for the commitment to look into the issue regarding the release of those prisoners who have been in the jails for petty crimes INP.

Police to conduct profiling of GHQ, Jinnah House attackers

LAHORE: Police decided to conduct profiling of General Headquarters (GHQ) and Jinnah house arrested and unarrested attackers. According to sources, the profiling has been started from social media platforms and there is evidence that these people are affiliated with a political party. Sources revealed that the accused were promoting the agenda of a political party for last six months and the profiling will be made public INP.

Minister sets target to enroll 52,000 OOS children by June 30

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, Rana Tanveer Hussain has set an ambitious target to enroll all approximately 52,000 Out Of School Children (OOSC) in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) by June 30, 2023. To ensure the retention for the children, the minister directed Ministry's officials to allocate Rs. 200 million for two years to the National Education Foundation (NEF) for the purpose of conducting the educational needs of OOSC in ICT. Federal Minister, who is also Chairman of the Board of Governors of the NEF, disclosed this while chairing a meeting of the Board here Wednesday.

The esteemed Board members, including senior officers from the Ministry of Education and Finance and renowned educationists attended the meeting. During the meeting, the minister commended the NEF for its unwavering efforts in catering to the needs of OOSC in ICT. He also expressed satisfaction with the ongoing programs implemented for the disintegrated group of children in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and ICT and congratulate on successfully with the UNESCO project for training non-formal teachers. Rana Tanveer Hussain highlighted the grave concern of the OOSC of age 5-6 to 16 years in Pakistan, emphasizing that the country ranks at the INP.



ISLAMABAD: Andrew Dalgleish, Deputy British High Commissioner to Pakistan called on Marriyum Aurangzeb, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting.

Wind, thunderstorm rain expected in some parts of country

ISLAMABAD: Wind-dust and thunderstorm rain are expected in some parts of the country including Khayber Pakhtunkhwa upper central Punjab, upper Sindh, Gilgit-Balistan, Kashmir and Islamabad. However, weather will remain hot and dry in most parts of the country during the next 24 hours.

Temperature of some major cities recorded on Wednesday morning: Islamabad nineteen degree centigrade, Lahore twenty-six, Karachi twenty-nine, Peshawar twenty-three, Quetta twenty-one, Gilgit twelve, Murree thirteen and Muzaffargarh sixteen degree centigrade. According to Met Office weather forecast for India illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, partly cloudy weather with chances of rain-wind and thunderstorm is expected in Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Puliwama, Anantnag, Shopian and Baramulla.

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FIA launches crackdown against culprits for vandalism, arson at Corps Commander House

LAHORE: In a significant crackdown, the Cybercrime Wing of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in Lahore has decided to profile and publicly disclose the identities of all the culprits responsible for the acts of vandalism and arson at Jinnah House (Corps Commander House). According to FIA officials, the process of profiling the accused has already begun, with a particular focus on their social media accounts. By analyzing digital footprints

and gathering substantial evidence, including information related to their political affiliations, the authorities aim to build strong cases against each individual involved in the arson and vandalism. Preliminary investigations have revealed that many of the accused had been actively promoting the agenda of a specific political party for approximately six months prior to the attack. Moreover, the profiles of all the accused will be made public INP.