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Martyrs Respect Day: CM Bizenjo pays rich tribute to fallen heroes

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QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo paid rich tribute to all martyrs to mark the Martyrs Respect Day across the country. CM Bizenjo visited the levies headquarters and frontier corps headquarters to pay rich tribute to the martyred soldiers.

CM Bizenjo, political leaders and members of civil society have strongly condemned the May 9th incidents and demanded an exemplary punishment for the perpetrators of untoward incidents.



Qudus Bizenjo told the family members of the Shuhada.

Respect Martyrs Day observed across Balochistan

The Respect Martyrs Day was observed in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan. Political parties, members of civil society and people belonging to various walks of life took out rallies to express solidarity with security forces and pay respect to the nation's fallen heroes.

Rallies with regard to the Respect Martyrs Day were also taken out in Quetta, Zhab, Gwadar, Chaman, Khuzdar and various parts of Balochistan. Scores of people participated in the rallies and expressed solidarity with armed forces of the country. The rally was taken out under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Nasrabad Aysha Zehri to celebrate the day for paying homage to martyrs of security forces.

IG FC receives CM Balochistan

The Inspector General of Frontier Corps (FC) North Balochistan, Major General Chaudhary Ajmal received the CM. Speaking on the occasion, CM Balochistan paid rich tribute to the recently martyred soldiers in Muslim Bagh area of the province during a terrorist attack.

CM Balochistan said security personnel laid down their lives to defend the motherland and foil the conspiracies of the enemies of Pakistan. "My government stands by security forces", he assured and said that masses and security forces were united to foil the conspiracies of the enemies.

CM pays rich tribute to martyred levies personnel



CM Balochistan also visited the levies headquarters where he was received by the Director-General Levies, Naseebullah Kakar and other high-level officials. Addressing the family members of the fallen heroes, Mr Bizenjo stated that levies administratively control most parts of Balochistan and

the force's performance was outstanding in battle against terrorism. Qudus Bizenjo stated that the family members of the martyrs would not be left alone and that the government would take all possible steps to support them. "The nation is proud of your sacrifices",

Gwadar University holds 4th meeting of academic council

News Desk

The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir presided over the 4th meeting of the UG Academic Council held at the university conference room.

The meeting was attended by the members of academic committee Pro Vice-Chancellor UG Prof. Dr. Syed Manzoor Ahmed, Secretary of Higher and Technical Education Balochistan Hafiz Abdul Majid, Registrar UG Dolat Khan, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Dr. Jan Muhammad, Director OEC & Controller Examination Dr. Kambar Farooq, Director ORC Muhammad Irshad, Chairman Education Department Mubshir Bashir, Chairman of Commerce Department Zain-Ul-Abideen, Chairman Management Sciences Department Fiaz Hussain, Chairman Computer Science Department Hafeez Ullah, Chairman Chemistry department Madam Shahnaz Noor, Chairman English department Madam Sadia Naseer, lecturer Haimgul and UG's librarian Ghulam Qadir.



Academic council decisions affect future of generations: VC

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor said that the academic council in universities and its decisions affect the future of generations, therefore, universities are considered as the center and source of moral change and social development. The existence and success of universities ensure the national existence and success of nations. He said that universities not only play their role in the economic development of countries but also bring social reforms, enlightenment, intellectual awareness, and awareness among the people.

Pro-VC briefs the members of council

Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Syed described the academic performance of the university in detail. Apart from this, the other members assured the Vice-Chancellor that they would offer their expertise and services to provide quality education and better services to the students.

After detailed deliberations, various important decisions were taken. New courses were introduced in various subjects and approval of academic and research

plans, approval of the third meeting of the academic council, and the publication of a research journal from the University of Gwadar was also approved.

University Registrar presented the agenda

Earlier, University Registrar and Council Secretary Dolat Khan presented the agenda in the House for discussion. The members of the House assured the Vice-Chancellor of their full cooperation in the efforts to raise the academic standards of the University.

In the end, the Vice-Chancellor thanked all the members and especially Secretary of Higher Education Hafiz Abdul Majid for their valuable services and participation in the meeting and presented them with commemorative shields.

SHO Sohbat Pur Mir Muhammad Khoso martyred in a firing incident

From Our Correspondent

The Station House Officer (SHO) police district Sohbat Pur was martyred in a firing incident on Thursday. Police sources said miscreants opened fire at the vehicle of SHO Adil Pur district Sohbat Pur. As a result of the firing incident, the SHO Mir Muhammad Khoso was martyred on the spot.

The attackers escaped unhurt from the spot. Police reached the spot and shifted the dead body to the hospital. The Superintendent of Police (SP) Sohbat Pur, Sajjad Tareen and other senior officers also reached the spot and started an investigation into the incident.

A search operation was launched



to apprehend the culprits behind the attack. Motive behind the attack could not be immediately ascertained.

Pakistan hub of medical treatment, services in region: Bilawal

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said that it is matter of satisfaction that Pakistan has maintained itself as hub of medical treatment and services in the region despite having limited resources.

Addressing the Fazaia Medical College convocation here on Thursday, he said that Pakistan handled COVID-19 in a far better way than its neighboring countries including India.

Bilawal Bhutto said, "Pakistan had low resources, but due to hard-work by the professional medical teams, it managed the pandemic in a



better way and earned international prestige." All the medical professionals and institutions in the country should keep upgrading their skills in the medical field, he stressed.

He said the ministry of foreign affairs was ready to facilitate the international partnership in healthcare cooperation.

The foreign minister said the export of high-end surgical and medical equipment and products of other avenues would enable Pakistan to qualify

in the league of high-technology exporters and to this end. He also urged the country's industry and academia to proactively strengthen their linkages. He informed that despite low resources, the Sindh government in particular had managed to build state-of-the-art international standard health institutes in the province that were providing free medical facilities to the general public in Gambat area of Khairpur district, Bilawal Bhutto said. The provincial government had established the internationally recognized hospital where patients from across the country were availing free liver.NP

RDMC constitutes Community Development Committee for locally driven development

Nokkundi, Balochistan:Reko Dig Mining Company (RDMC), a subsidiary of Barrick Gold Corporation, has constituted a 25-member Community Development Committee (CDC) at Nokkundi in the Chagai district. The CDC comprises local stakeholders and community leaders who will guide the company's social investment plan in the area.

Speaking at the event, Ali Ehsan Rind, the country manager of RDMC said: "In all its operations



local stakeholders, I am confident that our work will become a catalyst for the social development of the local communities."

The meeting was also attended by the district commissioner of Chagai, the deputy director of mines (Balochistan), tribal elders, local notables and a cross-section of representatives from the district. The Nokkundi CDC was formulated after an extensive consultative process and engagement with 62 stakeholders. Its mandate includes consultation for consensus on the selection of social investment initiatives to be undertaken by the company.

The formation of this CDC is a concrete step taken by RDMC to ensure that the business delivers social investment projects of significant and lasting benefit to the local communities among whom it will operate. The management of RDMC values sustainable development and mutual advantage and seeks to build a harmonious partnership amongst the communities in and around the RD project area.

The new Reko Dig agreement ensures that benefits from the project start accruing to the people of Balochistan well before the mine goes into production. Press Release

worldwide, Barrick strives to be a good corporate citizen and a genuine partner of the host communities in locally led development. With the formation of this CDC, representing all the key

Nation determined to guard dignity, respect of martyrs: Speaker

GUJAR KHAN: Speaker of National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf on Thursday paid rich tribute to sacrifices rendered by martyrs of the Pakistan Army who sacrificed their lives for defending the motherland.

The whole nation stands with Pakistan Army like an unbreakable mountain and would continue to guard the dignity and respect of our martyrs till last breath, he expressed while visiting the mausoleum of Shaheed Captain Raja Muhammad Sarwar, Nishab-e-Haider in connection with Youm-e-Takreem. Shuhada-e-Pakistan at Singli Village, Gujjar Khan Rawalpindi.

After laying a wreath of flowers at the mausoleum of Shaheed Captain Raja Muhammad Sarwar, Nishab-e-Haider, he strongly condemned the conspiracy to malign Pakistan Army He said that a rioter and culprit involved in any state and anti-Army activities would be dealt with the iron hand.

He also said, "What these conspirators committed would be ever condoned by this nation which is united against such heinous anti-state activities." He said they would be remembered as the darkest day in the annals of Pakistani politics.

Later on, Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf also visited mesoleum INP.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Gulam Ali receives Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at Peshawar Air Port.

Gwadar Port starts its first-ever direct export to China

ISLAMABAD: In a major development, Gwadar port started its first-ever direct export to China on May 24, as five containers carrying pharmaceutical raw materials left the Gwadar Free Zone for the Chinese port city of Tianjin, Hangeng Trading Company told Gwadar Port.

The shipment will reach China within 30 days. Describing it as a major breakthrough, the company's CEO Andy Liao said, "Starting from June, we will increase the volume of import and export goods. It's a huge achievement and historical moment for Gwadar."

Gwadar Port leads the high-quality development of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, an important pilot project of the China-proposed Belt and Road initiative and one of the main platforms for deepening bilateral cooperation. "The direct exports will play a role in increasing remittances to Pakistan and improve Pakistan's economy," he said. "More investors and companies will come to Pakistan after seeing easy export facilities between Pakistan and China. Our special thanks go to Customs and Terminal corporation for their 5-star service," Liao added.

According to the company's trading manager Abdul Razaq, 30 local workers from Gwadar were employed for the processing of pharmaceutical raw material.

He said that celebrations are going on in the Gwadar Free Zone and among all the stakeholders on this historical achievement.

Liao hoped and appealed that the State Bank of Pakistan can use Gwadar as a pilot park for RMB settlement as it will attract more investors to invest in Gwadar and also exports can bring foreign exchange, which is helpful for Pakistan's economic development INP.

Pakistan's export facilitation scheme paying dividends: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: The export facilitation scheme (EFS), which works under the Pakistan Single Window (PSW) Portal, has proved helpful in streamlining the export process by reducing time and costs for exporters, officials said.

Aftab Haider, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at PSW, which works under Pakistan Customs, said while talking to WealthPK that the new system eliminates the need for indirect exporters to seek approval on a consignment basis.

He stated that the PSW Portal, which already provides access to over 70 departments across the country, will help exporters efficiently navigate regulatory requirements and avoid delays. "This scheme represents a significant step towards strengthening Pakistan's export industry and increasing its global competitiveness," he said.

According to World Bank estimates, the full implementation of the PSW system will result in direct savings of \$430 million to the national economy in terms of reduced costs for documentary and border complications.

Vaqar Ahmed, Joint Executive Director at Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), emphasised the importance of conducting public-private dialogue and assessments to identify ways to enhance the necessity of EFS in both traditional and non-traditional export sectors.

To facilitate better access for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), he said sector-based studies should be conducted to investigate the impact of delayed refunds on Pakistan's top exporting sectors, and explore innovative solutions to address this persistent issue. Vaqar emphasised the need for conducting annual assessments of the EFS and sharing the findings with the industry to ensure continuous improvement. Additionally, he said, there is a need to identify immediate and medium-term measures to address the challenges faced by exporting firms in understanding the systems at the PSW.

By adopting these measures, Pakistan can streamline its export process, boost competitiveness, and achieve sustainable economic growth.

Faraz-Ul-Rehman, President of Korangi Association of Trade and Industry, said the PSW would help in stabilising the economy, particularly in terms of providing a steady supply of raw materials. However, he expressed concern that delays in export refunds are discouraging investment in the industry INP.

Woman, newborns die due to doctors' negligence in Nawabshah

NAWABSHAH: A woman died at a private medical center in Nawabshah along with her two newborns due to alleged negligence of doctors on Thursday.

Protesting against the incident, family of the dead has alleged that the deaths occurred due to negligence of the doctor while performing surgery. "The family has said that 40-year-old Arbab Zadi was shifted to hospital at Quaz Ahmad area early in the morning for delivery."

Soon after the incident, police received a report and shifted the bodies to taluka hospital for the post-mortem. INP

Two dacoits killed in Sialkot police encounter

SIALKOT: Two dacoits were killed during a shootout with police in the jurisdiction of Udgoki police station in Sialkot, police said on Thursday.

According to police, a constable named Anam was injured in the exchange of fire with the dacoits. The robbers were on the run after stealing a car from the Rangpura police precincts.

On information, the police set up pickets around the city, and a shootout took place with the dacoits in Muzaffarpur. The dacoits were killed by their accomplices during the shootout police claimed.

The identity of the deceased could not be ascertained, police said.

A heavy contingent of police has been sent to the spot after the shootout INP

Martyrs' sacrifices will always be remembered: Javed Latif

SAHIVAL: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Javed Latif on Thursday paying rich tribute to Shaheed-e-Pakistan 'Youm-e-Takreem' Shuhada-e-Pakistan said that sacrifices of the martyrs who laid their lives while protecting the motherland would be remembered forever. "Our motto is to resolve that we would defend our country at all cost as the entire nation stands alongside the armed forces to thwart evil designs of the enemy against the integrity and prosperity of the country INP"

Four killed, eight abducted in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD: At least four people were killed, three injured and eight others including women were abducted in separate incidents in different localities of Faisalabad on Thursday.

Police said three men gunned down 30-year-old Muhammad Ahmed /so Selman over old enmity near Chak 7, Sargodha road in Nishtabada area and fled the scene. A man identified as Ifrikhar alias Kala 40, was killed and three others injured after two groups clashed during a cricket match in Chak 68 GB in Thirkwalia police station jurisdiction. According to police, a teenager wife Sumera Nooreen, stated to be mother of four children over dispute of staying at parent's home after differences emerged between the couple. A teenager drowned in Gogera Branch canal near Chak 58 GB at Shahkot road in the body of 14-year boy. Calpitis abducted six women and two children from Muhammadpura, Chak 104 GB Jarawalwa, Harian Wala Chowk of Peoples Colony, Malkipur area of Mansoorabad, Nishtabada area of Chak 6 GB and Chak 7 GB INP

Former MNA Haider Ali 'decides' to quit PTI

KARACHI: Another former Member National Assembly (MNA) Dr Haider Ali on Thursday 'decided' to quit Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf over May 9 violence, sources said.

Sources having knowledge of the development said Dr Haider Ali has decided to join Pakistan People's Party after parting ways with the Imran Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf. "The former PTI MNA has reportedly held two meetings with the Pakistan People's Party leadership, Haider Ali Khan secured MNA seat from Svat-II in the 2018 General Elections by securing 61,687 votes. Haider Ali remained MNA from August 2018 till January 2023.

Several Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leaders including Shireen Mazar, Fawad Chaudry, Muzamil Khan, Bilal Ghaffar and other PTI leaders and ticket holders have left the party after condemning the May 9 violence.

On Wednesday, senior vice president Fawad Chaudry announced that he was resigning from the party position and parting ways with chairman Imran Khan INP.



GUJAR KHAN: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf talking to media on occasion of Youm-e-Takreem Shuhada-e-Pakistan.

Biotechnology can help address Pakistan's food security challenges: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: The use of biotechnology can address food security in Pakistan, an agricultural expert, said on Thursday.

Food insecurity in Pakistan is a long-standing problem causing a lot of stress for the government, promoters said at a hotel.

"Prioritising the use of biotechnology in the country can resolve the supply shortages of staple foods," said Dr Javed Ahmed, director at Ayub Agricultural Research Institute.

Staple foods constitute the food items consumed on a regular basis and have a substantial share in overall energy level but are deficient in protein intake by households. Staple foods include wheat, rice, pulses, cereals, and sugarcane, etc.

"Biotechnology helps increase the output per unit acre of the staple foods. It helps in the production of genetically modified (GM) seeds that give higher yields than conventional seeds under the same conditions," he explained.

The yield of major staple foods in Pakistan is not in line with the demand. Per hectare yield of wheat is 3 tonnes according to a report by Pakistan Agricultural Research Centre (PARC). "Pakistan, as one of countries most vulnerable to climatic effects, always faces risk to its food production capability. Research in the field of biotechnology around the world is helping mitigate the effects of climate change on staple foods

production. Food consumption needs. It incurs a huge cost to the exchequer amidst existing financial crunch. Drought-resistant seeds of staple foods," Dr Javed said.

He said that the government largely relies on subsidies and social safety programs to help the needy people meet their need said Online.

Pak-China Trade Portal launched to start Mangoes online shopping

ISLAMABAD: Qamar Zaman Kaira Advisor to PM on Kashmir Affairs visiting stalls during the Africa Day 2023 celebration at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI).

PCJCCI Secretary, Aftab Haider mentioned that although Pakistani mangoes are cheaper compared to other countries but now the Chinese people pay preferential price.

"Therefore, Pakistan should diversify its varieties and produce high quality mangoes," he suggested. He added that similar to Pakistan-China Knowledge Portal and Pakistan-China Technology Portal, PCJCCI is planning to initiate Pak-China Trade Portal as Chinese people prefer online shopping, and in this way Pakistani exporters could use this platform for mango exports.

Gwadar Port reported on Thursday, China is a huge market for Pakistani mangoes and there is a dire need for joint efforts from China and Pakistan to glorify potential in this sector," he added.

Speaking at a think-tank session of the joint chamber held here at

Agha Steel sales, profits plunge in third quarter of FY22: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Agha Steel Industries Limited (ASIL) sales decreased 7.43% to Rs5.6 billion in the third quarter (January-March) of the ongoing fiscal year 2022-23 (3QFY23) from Rs6.1 billion over the corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

Similarly, the company's gross profit decreased by 3.92% to Rs1.3 billion in 3QFY23 from Rs1.4 billion in 3QFY22.

The company's profit-before-tax also decreased by 60.77% from Rs660 million in 3QFY22. The profit-after-tax also decreased 46.13% to Rs302 million in 3QFY23 from Rs562 million in 3QFY22, reports WealthPK.

Over 6,000 stockholders held 607.77 million shares of ASIL, existing share capital as of June 30, 2022.

Directors, their spouses and children held 74% of the company's total shares. The general body (local) held 14.79% of the shares. Banking and nonbanking financial institutions held 2.77% of the company's shares, followed by insurance firms with 5.29%. Other groups such as Modarabas and mutual funds, and international businesses, owned the remaining shares.

Industry comparison: International Industries Limited, International Steel Limited, Mughals Iron & Steel Industries, Ghariwal Cement Limited are regarded the rivals of Agha Steel Industries Limited in terms of market capitalisation. International Steels Limited has the largest market capitalisation of Rs18.5 billion followed by Ghariwal Cement Industries Rs16.8 billion. The market value of Agha Steel Industries Limited is Rs6.8 billion.

Important events: Agha Steel signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Saima Group to execute Pakistan's first ever eco-friendly green housing project. Agha Steels also conducted a consultant and structural engineer event, inviting the country's top consultants and structural engineers to share their experiences on advanced construction.

and the quality of steel required. The company organised an interactive session for the faculty of the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST). The SZABIST faculty interacted with the top management of the company, including its chief executive officer, Hussain Agha. One of the main objectives of this session was to build academia-industry linkages through corporate involvement in curriculum and to enrich the academia with the knowledge of real-time industry practices INP.

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Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid is required. The Executive Engineer-Roads CWP/PSH Department District Muzakhal invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2023 based on Composite schedule rates 2018. Tender Fee: 1000/- and Bid Security: 2%		
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	PROVINCIAL BORDER-N-50 TO GUZALI AH	
	ZAMRI PLASEEN, DISTRICT MUSAKHAL	
	FSDP NO 284 (2019-2147) TRS-22205254433	
Procurement shall be made under the following Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Pay List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balaohsten Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignments of work for the Year 2022 in the form of Bid Guarantee. Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically through www.bppra.gov.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gov.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically till 08 June, 2023/12:00 PM through the supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on the same day at 01:00 PM on EPPS System Address: EXECUTIVE ENGINEERING Muzakhal Phone no: 0332-7908685 Fax No: 0341-2438831@gmail.com		
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Pakistan rejects India's move to host G20 meeting in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has categorically rejected India's move to host the meeting of the G-20 Tourism Working Group in Srinagar, Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir from 22nd to 24th May this year.

The Foreign Office (FO) in a statement on Thursday said that Jammu and Kashmir is an internationally recognized disputed territory. The dispute has remained on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council for over seven decades.

In that backdrop, India hosted this Meeting in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir in complete disregard of the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, principles of the UN Charter and international law.

The Foreign Office spokesperson said holding the G-20 meeting in the disputed territory is a betrayal of the people of IIOJK. For the last seven decades, they have been waiting for the international community to pay attention to their plight and to bring an end to the occupation and human rights violations.

The statement further said that tourism and development cannot be promoted by holding the local population hostage and denying them their rights and freedoms. By holding the G-20 meeting in Srinagar, India cannot hide the reality of its illegal occupation of IIOJK and the oppression of the Kashmiri people. India's facade of normalcy in Kashmir is met by the harsh reality that IIOJK remains one of the most militarized zones on the planet.

The FO said the extreme security measures, arbitrary arrests and harassment of the local population around the Srinagar meeting refute the claims of normalcy in the colonized territory.

India should have clearly stated in the reality of IIOJK behind a veneer of normalcy, as demonstrated by low-level representation and the absence of a number of important invitees at the Srinagar meeting.

The Foreign Office appreciated China, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, Egypt and Oman for not attending the Srinagar meeting. These countries have stood for international law and for the primacy of the UN Charter.

The G-20 was established, primarily, to address global financial and economic issues. By holding this meeting in the occupied territory, India has politicized yet another international forum, and is exploiting its position as the current Chair to advance its self-serving agenda.

India should instead provide a considered access to the international media and independent human rights organizations to report on the situation in IIOJK. It must bring an end to the repression it has unleashed there, agree to the establishment of the UN Commission of Inquiry and hold an UN-supervised plebiscite for the people of Kashmir to determine their own future.

The statement said that Pakistan, for its part, will continue to extend its moral, diplomatic and political support to the Kashmiri people's just struggle for the realization of their inalienable right to self-determination, as enshrined in the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions INP.



Quetta: Metropolitan Corporation held rally on the occasion of May 25 Martyrs Day under the leadership of Administrator Quetta Jabbar Baloch and DC Quetta Shahab Baloch.

Youm-e-Takreem Shuhada-e-Pakistan pays rich tribute to martyrs

RAWALPINDI: The entire country is observing Youm-e-Takreem Shuhada-e-Pakistan today to pay rich tribute to the martyrs of the nation who laid their lives while protecting the motherland and its people.

In remembrance of the courageous heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice, numerous events featuring Quran Khawani, prayers and rallies were organized throughout the country.

These gatherings served as a platform for the nation to honour the indomitable spirit and unwavering dedication of the martyrs, hailing from Pakistan Army, Rangers, Frontier Corps, Frontier Constabulary, Police, and other law enforcement agencies.

Several commemorative ceremonies were held at the martyrs' memorials to pay tribute to them INP.

IHC orders release of PTI's Ejaz Chaudhry

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) Thursday declared the arrest of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator Ejaz Chaudhry under JMPO null and void and ordered his release.

IHC Judge Justice Mianqul Hassan Aurangzeb heard the case. Senator Malik Advocate, counsel for the petitioner, appeared before the court.

It is to be noted here that several PTI leaders including Ejaz Chaudhry had been arrested under Maintenance of Public Order (MPO) after the violent protests of May 9 INP.

Anti-corruption court rejects interim bail plea of Pervaiz Elahi

LAHORE: An Anti-Corruption Court in Lahore rejected the interim bail of former Punjab chief minister Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi in alleged corruption in the development projects on Thursday.

The court dismissed the bail on the ground of non-compliance and also denied the request for a day attendance waiver.

Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi's lawyers had filed a request for the day attendance waiver for Pervaiz Elahi.

Earlier, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) President Pervaiz Elahi said that he along with his son stood with Imran Khan and will continue to support PTI chairman.

In February, former Punjab chief minister Pervaiz Elahi joined the PTI along with ten other former MPAs of the Pakistan Muslim League - Quid (PML-Q).

In a video message, Elahi reiterated his faith and his son Moamiz's steadfast commitment to Imran Khan after one of his family members, Chaudhry Waqar, parted ways with the party.

Having delivered on their promises to us, it is now our solemn duty to fulfill our commitments by steadfastly standing beside them during challenging times. INP

Govt fails to achieve economic targets for FY22-23

ISLAMABAD: Despite imposing additional taxes and cutting power subsidies to the industries, Pakistan failed to achieve most of its economic targets in the current fiscal year, it surfaced on Thursday.

According to the details, the current fiscal year witnessed a failure in achieving the majority of the economic targets. As per the documents presented in the Joint Public Accounts Committee, the target for economic growth was 5 per cent, but it only reached 0.3 per cent.

The target for industrial development was 5.9 per cent, but it stood at 2.9 per cent. INP

Asad Umar's interim bail extended in vandalism case

ISLAMABAD: The former federal minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) member Asad Umar secured the extension of bail in Judicial complex vandalism case on Thursday.

According to the details, PTI member was presented before the Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) under Judicial complex vandalism and Terrorism Act case.

During the hearing, lawyer Babar Awan filed a request for an extension of his client's bail.

ATC Judge Raja Jawad presided over the case, attentively listening to the arguments put forth by the defense. After careful consideration, Judge Jawad granted an extension in Asad Umar's interim bail until May 29, providing him temporary relief from detention.

A day earlier, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Secretary General and member of PTI core committee Asad Umar has resigned from party positions.

Addressing a press conference PTI leader Asad Umar said that there is no pressure on him, it's his own decision to resign from the party position.

He said that according to all surveys, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) is the most popular political party currently in Pakistan and the country's by-election is a proof party's popularity.

Asad Umar maintained that two months back, the Chief Justice of Pakistan also suggested the political parties to hold solve problems through talks and the Core Commander conference said that problems can be solved through dialogue INP.

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On Wednesday, senior vice president Fawad Chaudhry announced that he was resigning from the party position and parting ways with chairman Imran Khan.

Taking to Twitter, the former federal minister referred to his earlier statement wherein he unequivocally condemned May 9 incidents, saying that he has decided to take a break from politics. INP

Covid daily tests, infections up in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has registered an uptick in daily number of tests and infections with no fatality during the last 24 hours, showed the data released by the National Institute of Health (NIH) on Thursday morning.

According to the NIH data, the death toll in the country remained the same at 30,662, whereas the number of total infections now rose to 1,580,980 after adding the fresh 13 cases.

During the last 24 hours (Wednesday), 4,909 tests were conducted throughout Pakistan whereas the positivity ratio stood at 0.45%. The number of patients in critical care stood at six.

India on Thursday, continued its downward slide in Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, according to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Senate Body expresses solidarity with armed forces, condemns May 9 vandalism

ISLAMABAD: Meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence held on Thursday with Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed in chair to discuss the issue of national security and public welfare encompassed an array of agenda items, including the commemoration of Youm-e-Takreem-e-Shuhada Pakistan Day. This solemn moment served as a reminder of the immense sacrifices made by the national defenders of our nation.

The committee unanimously passed a resolution expressing unwavering solidarity with Pakistan's armed forces and condemning the regrettable incident of arson and vandalism that occurred on May 9. The resolution reflected the committee's strong commitment to upholding peace, stability, and security within the country and ensuring the culprits should be caught and brought to justice, following the due process of law after a transparent investigation.

The Committee also discussed the land issue in Turbat which Senator Naseema Ehsan raised as a point of public importance, prompting the committee to express its concern and support for the affected individuals to resolve the issue amicably. The matter was referred to Chairman Senate for coordination with Balochistan government.

Chairman Senate Committee on Defence, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed expressed his satisfaction with the meeting's outcomes. He highlighted the committee's commitment to ensuring justice, accountability, and the welfare of all citizens. Senator Sayed acknowledged the invaluable role played by the armed forces in safeguarding the nation's interests and called for continued support to strengthen their capabilities INP.

LHC seeks replies from federal, Punjab govts on plea for JIT into May 9 attacks

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court has sought replies from the federal and Punjab governments to a petition to conduct a judicial inquiry into the violent incidents of May 9.

While hearing the petition, the court sought replies from the federal and Punjab governments, and the Attorney General, on the issue of general policy.

The court also directed to merge all the applications of the similar nature. The LHC's Justice Shahid Raza Hassan heard the petition of Afzal Pahal. The petition maintained that the arrest of Imran Khan on May 9, peaceful protests were held across the country.

However, due to some extremists, the protests turned into chaos. Government buildings were damaged and incidents of vandalism took place. The petitioner pleaded that a joint investigation team should be formed to probe into these incidents under the supervision of a Lahore High Court judge.

The hearing was adjourned till Monday INP.

PTI Haqiqi faction emerges out of Imran Khan's party

MULTAN: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Haqiqi faction has been formed after a number of PTI leaders left the party over May 9 violence.

PTI Haqiqi Chairman Rao Yasir, who previously served as PTI Multan district president, announced the formation, strongly condemned the wrong decisions that have put the country in a critical situation.

Rao said Pakistan Army is the protector of the borders and security institutions. He also criticized the government's corruption.

"The youth were brought to such a situation that they attacked the installations of sensitive institutions," he added.

He condemned the events of May 9 and demanded that people involved must be punished.

"I announce the formation of PTI Haqiqi on Martyrs' Day," Rao Yasir said INP.

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Similarly, the company bore a gross loss of Rs511 million in 3MCY23 compared to a gross profit of Rs700 million in 3MCY22 from Rs125 million in 3MCY21. The loss-before-taxation jumped to Rs3.28 billion from Rs998 million in 3MCY22. The loss-after-taxation also jumped 106.7% to Rs1.91 billion in 3MCY23 from Rs925 million in 3MCY22. In the calendar year 2022, AGL's gross profit increased by 71.23% and net profit by 10.15% com-

pared to CY21. AGL posted gross profit of Rs17.29 billion and post-tax profit of Rs2.9 billion in CY22. Industry comprises Fauji Fertilizer Bin Qasim Limited, Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited, Fawcort Company Limited and Nimr Resins Limited are considered rivals of Agritech Limited in terms of market capitalization.

Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited has the largest market capitalization of Rs49.2 billion followed by Fawcort Company Limited with a market value of Agritech Limited is Rs1.8 billion. In the general public segment, locals have 20.39% shareholding. Banks, development financial institutions and non-banking financial institutions have 18.92% of the total shareholding INP.



HYDERABAD: Federal Minister for Power Khurram Dasgiri Khan speaking at a press conference at local hotel.

Hamood U Zaman Khan HI (M) provided a comprehensive briefing on the issue which was welcomed and appreciated by the Committee.

After hearing the perspective of all concerned, the committee unanimously concluded that the issue at hand was not one of "land occupation but rather of land transfer". Unanimously, the committee observed that the "land was acquired by Pakistan Navy lawfully from the Government of Balochistan and by fulfilling all the formalities, including payment of all associated costs and taxes. The disposing of the matter emphasized that the matter is subjudice in the Supreme Court and the responsibility for the issue rests with the Government of Balochistan as compensation had already been paid. In the interest of the province and its inhabitants, the committee directed the Pakistan Navy to engage in dialogue with the affected individuals to resolve the issue amicably. The matter was referred to Chairman Senate for coordination with Balochistan government.

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PESHAWAR: Corps Commander Peshawar Lt Gen Sardar Hassan Azhar Hayat offering duaa at Police Shuda Yadgar after laying flower wreath.

IHC resents absence of IG in Shireen Mazari re-arrest contempt case

ISLAMABAD: A bench of the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday heard contempt case over re-arrest of former Human Rights minister Shireen Mazari despite the court orders. Justice Mianqul Hassan Aurangzeb heard the petition. Advocate Imaan Aziz, counsel for Shireen Mazari, appeared in the court along with her lawyer Zainab Janjua.

Why IHC resents the absence of the next hearing of the case. "The bench observed that the IG should submit his written reply to the court," bench ordered.

The court adjourned further hearing of the case until May 31.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Shireen Mazari announced on Tuesday to quit PTI and the politics. She announced the decision in the wake of incidents of violence that took place on May 09 and 10, which she strongly condemned. In a press conference, Shireen Mazari condemned the violence and expressed her solidarity with the victims and their families INP.

Agritech Limited's losses increase in 1QCY23: WealthPK

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