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Preserve the dead blue whale in Gwadar Jewani

Syed Ali Shah

The giant blue dead whale found on the Jewani beach in Gwadar district of Balochistan needs to be preserved. The whale should be preserved and kept for exhibition in the Gwadar museum to create awareness among students, visiting tourists.

Indeed, this is a national asset. Its preservation is the core responsibility of the marines department, Gwadar Development Authority (GDA). Experts from the World Wild Life Department should also be taken on board to preserve the dead blue whale.

The blue whale found on Gwadar beach is 36 feet long

As per initial information, the blue whale is 36 feet long and its weight is estimated 20 tons.

The blue whale is the largest animal on the planet, weighing as much as 200 tons (approximately 33 elephants). The blue whale has a heart the size of a Volkswagen



Beetle. Its stomach can hold one ton of krill and it needs to eat about four tons of krill each day.

Blue whale is the largest animal on planet

They are the loudest animals on Earth and are even louder than a jet engine. Their calls reach 188 decibels, while a jet reaches 140 decibels. Their low frequency whistle can be heard for hundreds of miles and is probably used to attract other blue whales. Marine life in the Arabian sea on more than 700 coastal line in Balochistan province should be protected. This is not only the beauty of the nature, it can also be used for promoting tourism as well.

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Balochistan is the land of wonders and attractive tourists destinations. The federal and provincial governments need to evolve a strategy and announce a special package for the promotion of tourism and improving tourist points. This will play a key role in attracting national and international tourists and promote economy.

BAP not to be abolished on someone's desire: CM Bizenjo

Staff Reporter :

QUETTA Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo on Sunday dispelled the impression about the merger of ruling Balochistan Awami Party (BAP).

"Neither BAP will be abolished nor merged with any political party", CM Bizenjo told reporters. This statement on behalf of CM Balochistan has come a few days after the latter's meeting with Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) superno Asif Ali Zardari. The CM called on the Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjani and discussed issues relating to BAP and overall political situation in the country.

BAP led government took bold historical decisions

BAP was created for the objectives we got a lot of success, he said for the development and prosperity of the province, our government took such bold historical decisions for a short period of time, which are unprecedented in the past.



The signing of the Reko-Diq Agreement and establishment of border markets protected the employment of people and their self-respect. Abolition of unnecessary check posts, Gwadar's longstanding problems of electricity and water have been resolved, the Chief Minister stated.

LBs, census PSL match were held after 19 years in Balochistan: CM says

We have protected the rights of fishermen and given them labor status to contract teachers and employees of other departments, he mentioned.

Mr. Bizenjo stated that in a peaceful atmosphere, local body elections, census, exhibition match of PSL, national games were held after 19 years in Balochistan. After a long time, the timely and targeted purchase of wheat, aid and rehabilitation of the flood victims, provided a month's ration to one lakh deserving families in the sacred month of Ramadan.

Bizenjo approves appointments of health care commission members

Health Desk

The Balochistan Chief Minister, Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo approved the appointment of members for the Balochistan Health Care Commission. The Chief Minister gave this approval on a summary sent by the Health Department.

Commission to regulate public healthcare services

Health Care Commission Act 2019 was passed to "provide for the provision of establishment of Balochistan Health Care Commission, to improve the quality of health care services, clinical governance and prohibition of grants related to the field of medicine".



According to Section-5 of the Commission, the Commission consists of nine (09) members. Seven (07) of these members are to be nominated on the recommendations of the Search Committee (a panel of two for each post) Out of the remaining two (02) members

one (01) shall be a retired Judge of the High Court and the other shall be a financial expert Section 5 (3).

Nine members to be appointed for the commission

"No person shall be eligible to be nominated as a member unless he has had at least twenty years of experience. At least three of the total members shall be from the Health Sector and one member shall be from the Federal/Provincial Administrative Services preferably from the Health Sector and shall not be an officer below Grade 20, a well-placed source within the health department concluded.

One coal miner killed 4 injured in a methane gas blast in Dukki

Mir Jogeai

One coal miner was killed and four injured in a methane gas blast inside a coal mine in Balochistan's Dukki district on Saturday. Police sources said the coal miners were working deep inside the mine when there was a blast. One coal miner was dead on the spot. Whereas, four coal miners suffered burn injuries. The injured coal miners were rushed to the district headquarters hospital Dukki for medical treatment. An emergency was declared in the hospital to provide medical treatment to the injured miners.



No burn ward at Dukki hospital

However, there was no burn ward and proper medical facilities in the Dukki hospital. Subsequently, all four coal miners who had suffered burn injuries were referred to Quetta for medical treatment.

2 coal miners trapped since May 4th in Dukki

All miners belong to Afghanistan. Among the injured miners, Rasul Dad son of Fateh Khan, Ali Muhammad, Amanullah son of Fazal Ghani Qum Kakar

Sakna Afghanistan, Abdul Qadir son of Abdul Salam.

They have been working in Dukki coal mines area for the last more than a decade. This incident has come after two coal miners were trapped inside a mine on May 4th in Dukki mines area. The rescue workers are yet to recover the trapped miners in Dukki.

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Rupee likely to weaken further in open market on dollar shortage

KARACHI. A shortage of the dollar is likely to keep the rupee under pressure in the open market next week, while the local unit is expected to resume a trade range-bound in the interbank market as rates appear to be kept in check by administrative measures, it learnt.

During the outgoing week, the local currency fluctuated in the interbank market, falling to 287.15 per dollar on Tuesday before rising to 285.15 by the end of the week.

With Pakistan's economic position worsening with each passing day and its foreign exchange reserves, running out, deflation is also rising. Even though the country is making desperate attempts to resume stalled \$6.5 billion bailout with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the chances are dwindling every day, primarily because the current programme is set to end in June 30.

Due to import curbs, the demand for dollars from importers is likely to remain regular in the upcoming week, we do not see the rupee breaking beyond the 288 level versus the dollar (in the interbank market)," said a forex trader. However, due to a lack of dollars and increased demand, the rupee appears to be weaker in the open market," the trader added. On Friday, the rupee's value against the dollar dropped to an all-time low of 310 in the open market. It decreased by Rs5 during the outgoing week. The exchange rate difference between the open and interbank markets swelled to around Rs25, which could encourage overseas Pakistani workers to use illegal means to send money home.

Cotton and leather sectors set to receive boost from Guangzhou enterprises

ISLAMABAD. The cotton and leather sectors in Pakistan are set to receive a much-needed boost from Guangzhou enterprises, as Chinese entrepreneurs have expressed interest in investing in these sectors during a meeting with the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP).

Representatives from Chinese enterprises in Guangzhou met with Muhammad Ahmad Faruqi, Secretary of Commerce in Pakistan, and ensured to assist Pakistan in the textile sector through investment.

According to a Gwadar Pro's report, this investment is expected to bring in new technologies, increase production capacity, and create new jobs.

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KARACHI: Activists of Azmi-e-Nujawan-e-Pakistan holds rally in the favor of Pak Army outside press club in Provincial Capital.

PPP not in favour of banning political parties, says Kaira

LAHORE: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) is not in favour of banning any political party, said Azam Kaira on Sunday.

In his interview with private TV news channel, Qamar Zaman Kaira said the dismantling of political parties is not in favour of democracy's stability in the country.

"PPP stands on its principle stand against banning political parties," he said. "Banning political parties is not the solution to the problem," Kaira said and added that the government should focus on the economic development of the country.

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6 magnitude quake jolts Islamabad, parts of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD. A six magnitude earthquake jolted the federal capital and parts of the country on Sunday morning.

According to the National Seismic Monitoring Islamabad, the origin of quake was Afghanistan-Tajikistan border with 223 kilometer depth.

The shocks were reported in Islamabad, Peshawar, Swat, Haripur, Malakand, Abbottabad, Batgram, Azad Kashmir, Testa, Pind Dadan Khan and other cities. No loss of life or property has been reported so far.

According to the National Seismic Monitoring Centre (NSMC), the epicenter of the earthquake was 17km away from Chitral in the west. The depth of the earthquake was 190 km and its magnitude on the Richter scale was 5.6 INP.

PTI troublemakers attack Nawaz's vehicle in London

LONDON. Some PTI miscreants attacked former prime minister and PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif's car in Central London, it emerged on Sunday.

According to Nawaz's security advisor Khuram Butt, the PML-N supremo remained unhurt in the assault on his vehicle.

The advisor said that Nawaz went to a cafe near his residence in Central London when he was harassed by a group of PTI supporters. In order to avoid any confrontation, the PML-N supremo left the cafe and sat back in his vehicle parked outside.

But the PTI troublemakers followed him and attacked his vehicle.

The advisor said that the metropolitan police arrested one of the attackers and further investigation was underway INP.

Mushaaf urges PM, FM to raise voice for Yasin Malik's safe release

ISLAMABAD. Mushaaf Hussain Mullick, the Chairman of Peace and Culture Organisation and wife of jailed Kashmiri Hurriyat leader, Muhammad Yasin Malik, has urged the government of Pakistan to raise the issue of Yasin Malik's safe release.

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KARACHI: Adviser to Chief Minister of Sindh on Rules and regulations Murtaza Wahab participating in the Funeral prayer of Dr Seemin Jamali in Provincial Capital.

Biotechnology helps to boost per acre yield of staple foods: Meher Kashif

ISLAMABAD. Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) Meher Kashif Yousif said the use of biotechnology helps to increase per acre yield of the staple foods.

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Police raided my home, stole vehicle: Omar Ayub

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PML-N will reap tomorrow what it is sowing today: Sheikh Rashid

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70-year-old man rescued 28 hours after avalanche hits Gilgit-Batistan's Astore

GILGIT. A 70-year-old man was pulled out alive from under the snow in Gilgit-Batistan's Astore district on Sunday, nearly 28 hours after an avalanche struck the valley, rescue officials said.

Eight people, including four women and a child, were killed in the avalanche on Saturday morning. Officials said the victims were nomads, who were moving towards Astore from Azad Kashmir, and had set up camp in the area along with their cattle. They all belonged to various areas of Punjab.

WAZIR Asad Ali, media officer for Astore Rescue 1122, said that officials had managed to rescue the remaining three people and had shifted them to the DHQ Hospital Astore.

He said 70-year-old Muhammad Hussain was the last person to be rescued, almost 28 hours after the avalanche struck the valley.

All three rescued persons are being treated and are stable now," Ali added. The official further said that the rescue operation had ended and the bodies were being sent to Punjab.

Alli added that the Pakistan Army and police had assisted the local administration and rescue personnel in the rescue and search operation.

Every year, nomads move with their cattle from Azad Kashmir to Punjab and vice versa. They make their journey towards Punjab to avoid harsh winters in northern areas and return as the weather improves in the mountainous regions.

Aqeel Hussain, a resident of Astore, told reporters that Shunter Pass borders the Azad Kashmir region and nomads from Punjab remain in the area to graze their cattle and then continue their journey onwards.

The areas of GB and Azad Kashmir are prone to natural disasters like landslides and avalanches in which masses of snow, ice, and rocks come rapidly down from mountains.

Earlier this year in January, two boys were buried after a landslide hit the Khayot village in upper Naftar Valley. The extreme weather events had severed the road connections between the GB region and other parts of the country for weeks.

In October 2020, an Austrian climber was killed while another climber and their local guide were seriously injured when they were hit by an avalanche while attempting to climb an unexplored and unclimbed peak in the Shimsal Valley of Hunza. In January of last year, 15 people, including five soldiers, were martyred in several avalanches in the two regions INP.

INVITATION TO BID

Chief Controller of Purchase, Pakistan Railways, Headquarters Office Lahore invites sealed bids from the original manufacturers/authorised distributors/suppliers/contractors registered with Income Tax & Sales Tax Departments and who are on Active Taxpayers List of the Federal Board of Revenue for the supply against following tenders according to Single Stage-Two Envelops Procedure of Procurement Rules-2004.

(Tender Ref. No. EC/CP/09/20/02/2023)

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief description	Tender Documents	Selling Date	Opening Date	Terms of Delivery/Price of bidding (non-refundable)	Bid Security Required
01	10000300-01-2023	Grease for (GU/2040 etc - 04 items		19-06-2023	20-06-2023	DAP Basis Rs.3000/-	As per tender documents
02	21000300-01-2023	Computerized Passenger tickets etc -03 items		19-06-2023	20-06-2023	DAP Basis Rs.3000/-	As per tender documents
03	21000600-01-2023	Computer Stationary etc -04 items		19-06-2023	20-06-2023	DAP Basis Rs.3000/-	As per tender documents
04	17000506-01-2023	S/S Round etc - 10 items		19-06-2023	20-06-2023	DAP Basis Rs.3000/-	As per tender documents
05	15001101-01-2023	Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Testing of Electric Overhead Travelling Crane 205 Ton = 1 Item		15-06-2023	16-06-2023	DAP Basis Rs.3000/-	As per tender documents
06	15001103-01-2023	Provision, Installation & Commissioning of Overhead Electric Cables etc -02 items		15-06-2023	16-06-2023	DAP Basis Rs.3000/-	As per tender documents
07	17001300-01-2023	Pig Iron = 01 Item		15-06-2023	16-06-2023	DAP Basis Rs.3000/-	As per tender documents
08	20001007-01-2023	Cable Signal Underground etc=03 items		15-06-2023	16-06-2023	DAP Basis Rs.3000/-	As per tender documents
09	12002003-01-2023	Inhibitor for cooling = 01 Items.		03-07-2023	04-07-2023	FOB/DAP Basis Rs.3000/-	As per tender documents

Note: There will be 'NO' Rate Negotiations

Bidding documents containing detailed terms and conditions, method of procurement, procedure for submission of bid, bid security, bid validity, opening of bid, evaluation criteria, conditions of acceptance of bids, performance guarantee etc are available from the office of Chief Controller of Purchase, Pakistan Railways, Headquarters Office, Lahore on written request and cash payment as shown above. (Contact # of relevant official is 0322-430647). Bidding documents can also be purchased from District Controller of Purchase/Inspection, Pakistan Railways, Reti Line Karachi Cantt. (Contact No:021-9932399) and office of Assistant Controller of Stores/ Diesel, Pakistan Railways, Rawalpindi. (Contact 0322-5206929).

The bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in the bidding documents must reach at the office of Chief Controller of Purchase Pakistan Railways, Headquarters Office, Abdul Hameed Bin Badar Road (Empress Road), Lahore (Tender Box/DCP-1) on or before closing date as mentioned above before 09:30 AM and will be opened publicly at the same date at 10:30 AM. This advertisement is also available on PPR's Website at www.prr.gov.pk and Railway's Website at www.pakrail.gov.pk.

For further details, if required please contact District Controller of Purchase-I, Pakistan Railways, Headquarters Office Lahore (Contact # 042-992301704 & Fax # 042-99230122).

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Former PM Nawaz Sharif made country's defence invincible by achieving nuclear deterrence: Khawaja Asif

SIALKOT: Minister for Defence, Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Sunday said 25 years ago on May 28th, Pakistan became a nuclear power and our leader, former Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, made the country's defence invincible by detonating nuclear weapons.

"Our defence has become very strong due to achieving nuclear deterrence," he expressed while addressing the ninth convocation of a private college in Sialkot as the chief guest.

Khawaja Asif said that it was a

matter of pride that the daughters of our nation were going ahead to start their working life after completing their educational degrees. "I heartily congratulate all these daughters and their parents for their success. I do and pray that May Allah bless them with many successes in the future."

He said that it should not be the goal to get only BA, MA degree, adding, "But it is more towards to get a purposeful education because only getting a purposeful education can help us to move forward. We can deal with the challenges we are



facing."

The minister said that in the present era, having purposeful education including IT was very important because development was not possible without it.

He added that political parties or political leaders were not our red line and the soil of this country and our martyrs should be our red line, who have defended this dear country of our fathers and did not hesitate to sacrifice their lives for it.

He said that the former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had managed to make the country a nuclear

power, but it was completed by the Pakistan Muslim League (N), the president Arif Alvi. He played a very important role in the nuclear assets of the country. "Our Pakistan Army has the most advanced borders as well as its nuclear assets for which we pay tribute to the soldiers of this country and our martyrs and ghazis because nations that forget their martyrs and soldiers are doomed and cannot flourish. He said that the progress we saw in the country from 2013 to 2017, after 18 years, was again pushed towards destruction INP

Development Initiative, Global Security Initiative, and Global Civilization Initiative, which shared many similarities.

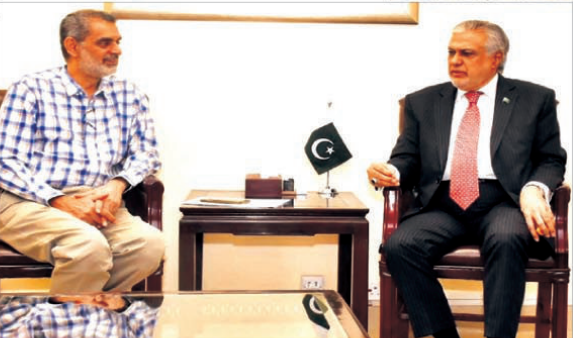
This initiative reflected that Chinese values prioritize cooperation, peace and respect. Sayed noted that Chinese strategic culture and philosophy are an embodiment of cooperation, peace and respect for all.

He added by saying that Pakistan and China shared a longstanding, all-weather strategic relationship. Therefore, both should work together to build an Asian century of progress, prosperity and cooperation.

In his welcome remarks, Director General ISSI Ambassador Sohail Mahmood said that GDI was a critical initiative launched by China at a time when the world was deeply affected by health and economic effects of Covid-19 pandemic and the deficit in the achievement of SDGs was growing.

Sohail noted that Pakistan was one of the first countries to lend its strong support to the GDI. Pakistan was also among the first countries to become a member of the GDI's Group of Friends at the United Nations.

A lot of progress had since been achieved from that platform. He underscored that at a time of global food, fuel and financial crises, initiatives like GDI were essential for the developing world. INP



ISLAMABAD: Chairman SGP Mr. Akif Saeed called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Finance Division.

Event regarding women empowerment held

SARGODHA: The Women Chamber of Commerce and Industries (WCCI) Sargodha on Sunday organized an event regarding women empowerment.

The purpose of the event was to highlight problems and issues faced by the women and the role of the women chamber to resolve their issues.

In this regard, the women chamber was imparting skills to women for running their businesses and enable them to earn themselves and their families.

This was said by Shazia Bangash, Manza Goindi, Dr Nusrat, Sadia Khan, Madam Khawaja Madam Tanzeela and other members of the women chamber in the event.

She said the women chamber was actively working for the welfare of women. Media representatives, including the chairman Electronic Press Club, WCCI, Madam Press Club Imran Gorai, Muhammad Umar, Cameraman Association President Muhammad Kahlid, General Secretary Rana Rashid Zaheer Khan and Nasir Shah, were also participated in the ceremony INP

Researchers to explore dimensions of CPEC at 2-days Int'l conference

ISLAMABAD: Researchers and experts from across the country have been invited in two-days international conference to explore the transformative dimensions of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

CPEC Secretariat at Ministry of Planning, development & special initiatives in Collaboration with the Embassy of China in Pakistan and the Higher Education Commission (HEC) are organizing an International Conference here on, "Decade of CPEC & BRI: From Vision to Reality" on 10th-11th July.

According to a Gwadar Pro's report, the objective is to bring back policy makers, scholars, practitioners and other stakeholders to exchange ideas and insights related to economic, social, environmental and geopolitical impacts of CPEC and BRI.

Moreover, the participants will explore opportunities for enhanced cooperation sustainable development and inclusive growth in the subsequent phase of CPEC.

Themes and topics of research papers include opportunities for Industrial Relocation and Export Promotion, challenges to regional connectivity and integration, Socio-economic impacts of CPEC, prospects of regional connectivity through Gwadar port, Security and geopolitical implications, green technologies and development, Artificial Intelligence and labor market dynamics, innovation, technology transfer and global value chain.

During his address, Sayed lauded China for the launch of the far-reaching and consequential Global Development Initiative (GDI).

He stated that the world is currently undergoing both transformation and turmoil. Different leaders have described this decade in different ways. President Mao had accurately stated that this decade marked the end of 300 years of Western dominance.

Despite global conflicts, climate change, poverty, and energy-related challenges, China had shown impressive leadership.

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Current era witnessing rise of China and the 'Asian Century': Speakers

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a seminar held here said that the current era was witnessing the rise of China and the 'Asian Century' for the well-being of the people.

The seminar was organised by China Pakistan Study Centre (CPS) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) on China's "Global Development Initiative."

The speakers noted that the initiative aims to promote development cooperation to achieve sustainable development goals, according to a report published by Gwadar Pro.

The chief guest at the seminar was Senator Mubshid Hussain Sayed, Chairperson Senate Defense Committee. Former Ambassador to China Masood Khan was the keynote speaker and presiding officer.

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Khadija Shah's health 'deteriorates' in Lahore jail

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supporter and prime suspect in the 2019-2020 riots, Khadija Shah, who is the daughter of former Finance Minister Dr Salman Shah, was sent to jail on seven-day judicial remand by the anti-terrorism court (ATC) in the Jinnah House attack case.

Khadija Shah was produced before the ATC Lahore by police after she was arrested Saturday in the Jinnah House attack case. The accused PTI activist stayed in a prison for two hours in the court premises.

During the hearing, the investigating officer (IO) apprised the ATC judge that the accused should be sent to an identification parade. After reviewing the records, the judge approved seven-day judicial remand of Khadija Shah and sent her to the jail for an identification parade.

The court directed the police to produce Shah in the Jinnah House attack case on May 09, 2023.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Police arrested the daughter of former Finance Minister Salman Shah and fashion designer Khadija Shah in the Jinnah House attack case on May 09, 2023.

Imran reveals Sanaullah's 'plot to cover up horror stories'

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan has lambasted Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah for trying to terrorize the nation by revealing a sham plot against women to cover up horror stories about to break in the media.

In his tweet on Sunday, the former prime minister uploaded a clip from the press conference of Sanaullah in which he talked about intercepting a phone call. The conversation was about an alleged plot to stage rape and blame law enforcement officials for the heinous crime to get global backing for human rights issues.

Imran wrote in his tweet that "if there were any doubts about women being mistreated, the press conference from this certified criminal should remove all such doubts."

Imran also urged the government to cover up and preempt the horror stories about to break in the media.

"Women have never been so mistreated and harassed by the state as they have been by this fascist govt when they were exercising their right to protest peacefully."

Imran also recalled that the law enforcement agencies' personnel's gross misbehavior with the women of PTI leaders was being reported by the media. In one instance, the police raided the house of Usman Dar and mistreated his mother. Police also beat up and dragged women protesters on several occasions.

Imran also mentioned that Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan claimed in a press conference at around midnight on Saturday that the PTI leaders' gross misbehavior with the women of PTI leaders was being reported by the media. In one instance, the police raided the house of Usman Dar and mistreated his mother. Police also beat up and dragged women protesters on several occasions.

PAF salutes resolve of Pakistani nation on Youm-e-Takbeer

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Air Force (PAF) has presented salute to the resolve of entire Pakistani nation on the silver jubilee of conduct of nuclear tests by Pakistan marking the historic day of Youm-e-Takbeer.

According to the PAF spokesperson, Pakistan demonstrated its nuclear capability by conducting nuclear explosions in response to provocative Indian nuclear tests on 28th May 1998.

He said Pakistan Air Force played a crucial role in safeguarding the sovereignty of the nation during this time by transporting the nuclear device and sensitive equipment to the test site through its C-130 Hercules transport aircraft. Its fighter jets provided aerial cover prior and during the tests.

The spokesperson said that PAF's commitment to safeguarding Pakistan's aerial frontiers continues to this day and the PAF remains vigilant and prepared to defend the nation. Pakistan Air Force is proud to have played a crucial role in this historic event. He said on this memorable day each and every individual of PAF pledges that he/she will continue to defend the nation's aerial frontiers with the same level of dedication and commitment INP

Rescue-1122 finalizes all arrangements to cope with any flood situation

RAWALPINDI: Rescue-1122 Rawalpindi has finalized all arrangements to cope with any flood situation during upcoming monsoon season while the training of the volunteers is underway which would be completed soon.

A comprehensive action plan for preventing flood in Nullah Leh and other nullahs of the town during monsoon seasons has been devised aimed at mitigating flood damages in Rawalpindi.

Efforts are being made to improve coordination and communication amongst the departments concerned.

Steps are also being taken to enhance public awareness about situations that lead to increase in flood risk, to develop and gear up overall capabilities of the departments to manage flood related disasters.

Rescue-1122 spokesman informed that Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rawalpindi Hasan Waqar Cheema had inspected mock exercises and Rescue-1122 organized the other day at Rawal Dam to deal with the flood situation.

Rescue 1122's preparations made to handle flood situation and other administrative issues including relief activities.

The DC was briefed about the equipment being used to deal with the flood situation.

The DC said that all the departments concerned were alert to cope with any flood situation INP

Gas cylinder blast claims several injured in Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI: A horrifying incident unfolded on Sunday in Rawalpindi's People's Colony area as a gas cylinder explosion tore through a two-story house, resulting in the death of at least one person. The blast left a portion of the property partially collapsed, trapping eight individuals, including women and children.

Meanwhile, rescuers and locals launched rescue efforts, pulled the injured out of debris, and shifted them to local hospitals. A spokesperson for the rescue operation confirmed that the blast occurred as a result INP



ISLAMABAD: Citizens are offering Faitha for the departed soul of Dr. Abdul Qader Khan on his grave at H-8 Graveyard in Federal Capital, on the day of Youm-e-Takbeer (May 28) which is celebrated as a symbol of National pride and gratitude.

GDA razes illegal construction in housing society owned by Farah Gogi

GUJRANWALA: In a joint operation, the Gujranwala Development Authority and Municipal Corporation on Sunday demolished the illegally constructed roads and sheds in the G Magnolia Park Housing Society owned by Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi's close friend Farah Gogi.

A case was registered against Farah Gogi and her husband Ahsan Jameel Gujjar for map violation.

According to the FIR, the map of the park and its control area was changed and residential plots were created and illegal constructions were done on government plots. The Corporation Department also sealed the offices of the G Magnolia Park Housing Society INP

Peshawar BRT service at risk of closure over funds shortage

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), which caters to 300,000 commuters in the provincial capital on a daily basis, is at risk of closure over a shortage of funds.

The Peshawar Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) authorities in a letter penned to the KP caretaker government have demanded of the government to pay the last three months' dues worth Rs450 million for the continuation of the service.

The North-South Transits (Pvt) Limited, and East-West Transits (Pvt) Limited, drew the government's attention to the issue of the non-payment of dues.

It adds that it could deprive more than 300,000 people of transportation services, affecting their livelihood and domestic activities.

The letter says that the government is bound to release payment against monthly invoices with each month.

The non-payment of Rs. 450 million is causing a severe financial burden and if the same continues, it is afraid that the operation of buses may be halted, the letter added.

Last year, the National Accountancy Bureau (NAB) initiated an investigation into alleged corruption in Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Peshawar INP

Chinese enterprises' role commendable in Pakistan socio-economic development

BEIJING: Chinese enterprises in Pakistan have made important contributions to local sustainable development while actively improving people's livelihood, an eight-member delegation organized by the Chinese Consulate General in Lahore said during a visit to the headquarters of PKM contractor Xiao Hua, General Manager. CCTEB welcomed the Pakistani media and think tank delegation and briefed the delegation on the development of the company in Pakistan and the story of construction of PKM project.

He highlighted that as one of the series activities of the Open Day of "Cultural Integration and Communication", the visit and discussions in Pakistan delegation further deepened Pakistan's understanding of the largest infrastructure project under the framework of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

As the head of the delegation, Li Col (Retd) Sayed Ahmad Nadeem Qadr, Director of International Operations, Nawaz Waqt Group, pointed out that the visit was presented to the Pakistani media a comprehensive three-dimensional and real Chinese enterprises.

"The efforts made by CCTEB in Pakistan are conducive to the sustainable development of Pakistan. Both Chinese and Pakistani enterprises are building a greater corner for ecological protection," he said.

Undertaken in EPC mode, the PKM Project is the largest transportation infrastructure project of CPEC, and also a key project along the Belt and Road.

The project starts from Sukkur, Sindh, in the south, and reaches Malak, Beloghor, the economic center of Punjab in the north, with a total length of 392 km and a design speed of 120 km per hour.

The project includes 100 bridges, 468 underpasses, 991 culverts, 11 interchanges, 2 pairs of station-controlled rest areas, 222 toll stations. INP

Putin orders stronger Russian border security

MOSCOW: President Vladimir Putin ordered stronger border security to ensure "fast" Russian military and civilian evacuation from Ukrainian regions now under Moscow control.

Speaking in a congratulatory message to the border service, a branch of Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) on their Border Guard Day holiday, Putin said their task was to "reliably cover" the lines in the vicinity of the combat zone.

Attacks inside Russia have been growing since damaged power lines, chiefly with drone strikes on regions along the border but increasingly also deep into the country, including on an oil pipeline north of Moscow, on Saturday. "It is necessary to ensure the fast movement of both military and civilian supplies and cargo, including food, humanitarian aid building materials sent to the new subjects of the Russian Federation," Putin said in a message posted on the Kremlin's Telegram messaging channel. Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk and Donetsk are



KARACHI: People are travelling towards Baba Bhti Iceland in boats as extra passengers to its capacity may cause any incident, in Provincial Capital.