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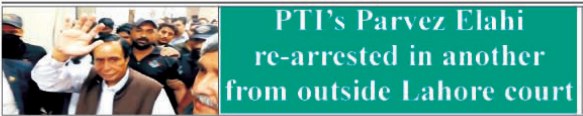


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Another blow to PTI: Usman Buzdar says farewell to politics

News Desk

QUETTA: Former Chief Minister Punjab Usman Buzdar said farewell to politics. Mr. Buzdar addressed a press conference at Quetta Press Club and said he has decided to quit politics. This is considered another blow to the former ruling party i.e. PTI.

The former CM Punjab strongly condemned the May 9th incidents and termed them a conspiracy. Buzdar, whose term as Punjab's chief minister was cut short in March 2022, said he had always stood with the armed forces of Pakistan and will continue to do so.

Buzdar cites current circumstances reason behind quitting politics

"First of all, I condemn the May 9 incidents. The military installations which were targeted were properties of the state of Pakistan and I believe we should avoid such incidents." Buzdar told journalists during a press conference in Lahore.

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Former CM calls on all stakeholders to reach a consensus

"I have always committed to politics of nobility... but due to the current circumstances, I have decided to quit politics," the former chief minister, once considered to be close to PTI Chairman Imran Khan, said.

He condemns May 9 incidents, says "we should avoid such incidents"

The former chief minister called on all stakeholders to reach a consensus and asked the authorities to release all those who were innocent from jail. Khan's party has been feeling the heat of the state's might after his party workers burnt and smashed military installations, including the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi, after his arrest on May 9 — a day the army dubbed as "Black Day".

Several party leaders and thousands of workers have been rounded up in connection with the violent protests and the army has insisted that the people involved in attacks on military installations be tried under the Pakistan Army Act and the Official Secrets Act.

A close aide of Khan, Asad Umar, has relinquished his posts of secretary general and core committee member, citing the ongoing situation.

Several party leaders and lawmakers — including Fawad Chaudhry, Shireen Mazari, Aamir, Mehmood Kiani, Malik Amin Aslam, Mahmood Moulvi, Aftab Siddiqui, Fayyazul Hassan Chohan among others — have publicly denounced the attacks on the state installations and announced leaving the former ruling party since the May 9 vandalism.

Four of a family died in a well in Quetta

Manan Mandokhail

QUETTA: At least four people died after falling into a house well in Quetta



on Friday. According to the details, the incident took place in Quetta's Qambrani Road. On receiving the information, the police and rescue agencies reached the accident site and carried out rescue operations. The family members accused the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) for their failure to reach the spot timely.

Spokesman to CM Babar Yousafzai reaches the spot

However, the Spokesman to the Chief Minister Balochistan, Babar Yousafzai reached the spot and reviewed the rescue efforts. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Yousafzai expressed sympathies with

the broken family. However, he did not announce any compensation for the broken family members who lost their loved ones. Although, residents of the area demanded of the Spokesman to the

"We were calling them for one hour but there was no response", Ishfaq Ahmad, one of the family members of the victims lamented. He said all four would have been saved had the PDMA team arrived on time.

CM to announce a compensation package for the heirs of the victims. According to sources, the four bodies were removed and rescue agencies reached the accident site and carried out rescue operations. The family members accused the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) for their failure to reach the spot timely.

Heirs of the victims were critical of the PDMA

Scores of residents of the area and rescue workers gathered around the well to participate in the rescue efforts. The residents of the area and family members of the victims were critical of the PDMA. Despite repeated attempts, there was no response from the PDMA with regard to the incident.

Narrative that I've intentionally created separate group within SC factually incorrect: Justice Isa

Senior puisne judge of the Supreme Court (SC), Justice Qazi Faez Isa, on Friday said that the "narrative" of him having "intentionally created" a separate group of judges within the superior judiciary was "factually incorrect and completely untrue".



Justice Isa's remarks were part of a clarification he issued regarding a video posted on social media which implied as if he had snubbed Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial after the oath-taking ceremony of Federal Shariat Court's (FSC) Chief Justice Ijaz Ahmad Hameedur Rahman.

Justice Isa said that by the time the video was shot he had already met the CJ and greeted him while greeting the wife of Justice Hameed. "Later, I went to talk to Dr Syed Muhammad Anwer, a former Aalim Judge of the FSC, when Justice Bandial came to greet him too," the statement said. "Someone recorded this moment and incorrectly added that I had not greeted Justice Bandial even though just a few minutes earlier I had done so."

PTI's Parvez Elahi re-arrested in another from outside Lahore court

PTI President Chaudhry Parvez Elahi on Friday was discharged in a corruption case by a Lahore court, only to be re-arrested from outside the court premises by Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Gujranwala in a separate case.



Elahi was first arrested from outside his Lahore residence on Thursday, with the court showing Elahi being forcefully taken away on a road during the arrest, which came after multiple futile raids at his house.

Earlier today, the district court discharged the former Punjab chief minister in the corruption case he was arrested in by ACE officials.

In an order, a copy of which is available with Dawn.com, the court termed the case against Elahi not "well-founded" as per the ACE investigation and inquiry.

"However, the investigation agency may arrest him subsequently if they find incriminating material as per the law," the court added. Soon after his discharge, Elahi was taken into custody again by anti-corruption officials in a separate case accusing him of causing a loss of Rs100 million to the national exchequer and receiving kickbacks during his time as Punjab chief minister. Later in the day, the Government of Punjab, in a sweet, strongly criticised the judicial magistrate who discharged Elahi and accused him of being biased in favour of PTI. Meanwhile, the PTI claimed "fake cases" were being lodged against Elahi to force him to leave the party. Elahi's arrest on Thursday was secured after at least one failed attempt, including the one on May 29 when ACE and police officials had raided his residence. The raiding team had used an armoured vehicle to break open the main gate of the former Punjab chief minister's Gulberg residence and arrested 12 people, mostly his employees, from the house. Female police officers also took some women into custody. INP

Experts examine dead blue whale in Jewani Gwadar

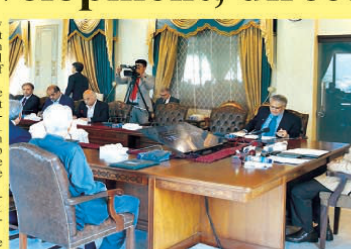
Behram Baloch

GWADAR: A technical team consisting of experts from Pakistan Museum of Natural History (PMNH) reached Gwadar, where they examined the dead blue whale on the beach of Jewani. The experts also reviewed, the team will secure the remains and structure of the blue whale. A dead whale was found at the port near Giovanni a week ago. As per initial information, the blue whale is 36 feet long and its weight is estimated 20 tons. Blue whale is considered the world's largest animal on the planet.

Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) Chief Mujeeb Qambrani had already announced preserving the dead blue whale. The dead blue whale would be kept in the Gwadar Museum. "This would be good for students and tourists", Mr. Qambrani said. He said the dead blue whale is a national asset and that government would take all possible steps to preserve it.

Budget for FY 2023-24 must be export-oriented development, directs PM

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday directed that projects which ensure import substitutions, expanding export volume, and bringing innovation in various sectors should be included in the upcoming development budget. He also directed to allocate special funds in the development programme for the welfare and development of the country's youth.



Chairing a meeting review the budget proposals with respect to the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) 2023-24 here, he said that in the upcoming budget, projects relating to higher education, professional training and job creation for the youth must be added in the programme. Premier Shehbaz Sharif also asked for the establishment of Pakistan Endowment Fund to provide higher education to the youth. The laptop programme should also be included in the upcoming PSDP to distribute free laptops among the top performing students to equip them with the modern technology skills, he added.

He said through the endowment fund, the youth should be given professional and higher education besides skilled based training in IT sector. Special importance should be given to merit and transparency while providing scholarships and education to the youth, he stressed.

The prime minister directed to continue the projects initiated under the Kissan Package while renewable energy projects should also be made part of the development budget. He also directed to allocate special funds in the upcoming budget for projects to bring innovation in the energy sector.

He said all the slow moving ongoing projects under the PSDP that had lost their importance should be removed from the development budget. All stakeholders of the relevant sectors and the allied parties should be consulted before including any development project in the budget and their proposals should also be considered, the prime minister directed.

Preserve the dead blue whale in Gwadar Jewani

Editor Asim Khan

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 marine department, Gwadar Development Authority (GDA). Experts from the World Wildlife Fund Department should also be taken on board to preserve the dead blue whale.

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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 call is 88 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.

Balochistan is the land of wonders and attractive tourists destinations.
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 pivotal role in attracting national and international tourists and promote economy.



Fifty-five years ago, an incredible journey was begun with the creation of the Pakistan People's Party. The history of the PPP is full of struggles and sacrifices, which makes it the People's Party. The first founding conference of the party was held on the night between November 30th and December 1st, 1967 at Dr. Mubasher Hussain's residence at Gwasther, Lahore.

For approval in the same meeting... The aims and objectives of the party formation were to decentralize socialist change in Pakistani society. The ultimate goal of the party policy was to create a classless society which was possible in our current and future through socialism.

At that time, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto convinced the nation with arguments that the society should embrace Islamic socialism... Besides, the acknowledgment of laborers' rights and the respect of the ordinary person, the eradication of inequality, and the essential honor of vote were the main points in the basic manifesto.

Then the parliament headed by PPP... The party formed by Qazi Fazlur Rahman Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto has echoed in the four corners of the land and will continue to resonate in the atmosphere of Pakistan.

By Bashir Nichari
and as Foreign Minister... South Asia can compete in the global market only through political insight. The love for people and democracy formed the backbone of Bhutto instilled among the political workers should never be lost.

Towards industrial policy 20: Part - IV

By Ishrat Hussain

The end purpose of an industrial policy for Pakistan should be to achieve competitiveness through higher productivity which brings greater profits for entrepreneurs, higher wages and better working conditions for workers, and more tax revenues for the government.

Such a policy may also result in stable prices for the consumers and saving in foreign exchange as exports become competitive and production of import substitutes efficient. The following quotation by former prime minister of India, Jawahar Singh applies captures this end goal: "What we need is growth that falls like rain on the mountain and flows down in stream to the valleys and plains like snow, which sticks to the mountain tops."

The industrial policy 20 added has been accomplished by falling productivity. The prerequisites for a workable industrial policy are political stability, sound macroeconomic policies and economic governance. Fiscal dominance which is crowding out private-sector credit for fixed investment and working capital has to be minimized. The growing informalization of the economy in production and trade is a manifestation of the weakness of state capacity to enforce the laws and rules and exercise its coercive power.

Therefore, a strong state apparatus is necessary under the industrial policy 20 to play an entirely different role to correct market failures, remove constraints from the market structure and improve allocative efficiency. Incentives have to be provided to entrepreneurs through an elaborate system of protection and subsidies. Highly protected domestic markets not only reduce the incentive to export but also penalize international financial injections.

Focusing more specifically on industry, we have found that the failure to take off or stunted industrialization was due to structural weaknesses and the excessive participation of government in productive activities. A recent PIDE study concluded that the government and its agencies account for 25 per cent of the GDP. The declining growth in value added has been accompanied by falling productivity.

Pakistan ought to be in the industrial policy 20... The primary manifestation of the weakness of state capacity to enforce the laws and rules and exercise its coercive power.

Support for scientific research and development in both private and public sectors to alter the production structure and demand patterns. Preferences and incentives should be given the highest attention and resources.

Institutional specialization, complementarity between university and industry, patents acquisition, and external involvement would generate a beneficial Transistive dynamic. Green technology and clean energy, adaptation to climate change risks and emerging technologies such as AI, robotics, data analytics, and nanotechnology should be given to firms for in-house R&D activities.

I n s t i t u t i o n s : Strengthening institutions of economic governance by devolving powers, delegating decision-making authority, and giving them autonomy while holding them accountable for their performance.

How to appoint a judge
By Fozia Sadig Khan
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Another one-third by the senior judiciary, undermining the independence of the judiciary. There is an essential need for a more cooperative mechanism and representative mechanism in the former the judiciary and the latter the executive.

In the cooperative mechanism, two different bodies cooperate with each other to appoint the judges. One institution is formed by them and the other can consent to those appointments. In Brazil, the Supreme Federal Court judges are nominated by the President and approved by the Congress.

In the representative mechanism, the more institutions are formed, the more the number of judges to the supreme or constitutional court increases. In Pakistan, the chief justice of the Supreme Court is appointed by the President.

Financial inequality breeds contempt for a judiciary

By Iftekhhar A Khan

Our society essentially consists of three classes. The elite class comprises the top bureaucrats both civil and military, business tycoons and politicians. They follow two classes - a declining middle class and the multiplying poor class, which lives below the poverty line. Instead of meeting the needs, the graph is rapidly ascending.

The politicians - in every government that comes to power by winning the election - promise to uplift the conditions of the poor. Their campaigning slogans assure the wretched living from hand to mouth that their pathetic living conditions will improve, and that they will get health and education.

The severe disparity between these classes proves the fact that wealth is unevenly distributed. The suffering segments of society unhappy and angry against the system that creates hostility among them.

As a nation, however, we can change our deplorable state of poverty and illiteracy if we single-mindedly follow the progress that have witnessed within a few years from being poor to a world class nation. Singapore was typically a third-world country like ours but without any inherent resources that we luckily have. The turnaround came in Singapore when Chinese

crowds making citizens' lives miserable. As pointed out in the article, the main reason for this is the 'sadga' in the shape of meat leftovers the people eat through their homes.

The Lahore Canal Bank road is notorious for its traffic jams. It is seen swooping down to get their share of meat that passers-by feed them. Some back my cousin Mansoor Khan who has a windshield broken in pieces but he will get health and education.

The severe disparity between these classes proves the fact that wealth is unevenly distributed. The suffering segments of society unhappy and angry against the system that creates hostility among them. As a nation, however, we can change our alarming state of poverty and illiteracy if we single-mindedly follow the progress that have witnessed within a few years from being poor

any few really to think or consider the possibility of suffering from the economic crisis on the majority in the country. The children being pulled out of school, mothers, going without food so their children can eat - it all makes for a picture that is hard even to fit it into Dickensian times, or to picture in the mind.

Few of us have seen a child who is literally so undernourished that he or she can barely walk or move around in any fashion. The truth is that ugly truth that Pakistanis hide and refuse to talk about is that the children receive an IMF bailout and sufficient medical care to enable it to receive the tranche it continues to ask for.

The reality, though, is that Pakistan should be a very few friends left in the world. Pakistan's situation is that the world has declined and it really has no reason for other to consider it a friend. It is out in times of need as the one we face now is that we are entirely our own fault. While India has, over the years, become an active worker on building for itself an image as a strong nation, the India and other phrases of the same effect, Pakistan has not really moved in

International day of innocent children victims of aggression to be marked on June 04

ISLAMABAD - International Day of Children Victims of Aggression will be marked across the world on June 4 (Sunday) including Pakistan.

This day affirms the UN's commitment to protect the rights of children throughout the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuses.

The purpose of the day is to acknowledge the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuses.

Pakistan needs policy overhaul to improve urban transport: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan needs integrated strategies, policy reforms and active stakeholder engagement to address problems related to urban transport management, said an expert.

Association for Development of Local Governance (ADLG) while talking WealthPK. There is no structural capacity in the existing road network to accommodate the increasing number of vehicles that use it on a daily basis, he pointed out.

transport sector," he mentioned. Peerzada said Pakistan needs to support these large investments with a cohesive policy and planning framework to transform the transport sector into a modern, sustainable and effective one.



QUETTA: Pakistan Patriotic Youth Chormian Miraj Khan Kaker addressing a press conference.

Chinese giant strives to ease Pakistan's power challenges

ISLAMABAD - Chinese giant continues to strive easing Pakistan's power challenges, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Friday.

China Electric Power Equipment Technology Co., Ltd (CET) has made many viable plans in terms of CPEC and other issues to make the energy crisis in Pakistan a thing of the past through the implementation of them.

age especially to the generation sector. Now the question arises why this energy crisis occurs in Pakistan which particularly disturbs the power sector.

Fertiliser sector's profit dips by 33% in IQCY23: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's fertilizer makers jointly posted 29% increase in sales and 17% growth in gross profit in the first quarter (January-March) of calendar year 2023 compared to the corresponding period of 2022, WealthPK reports.

Likewise, the gross profit grew from Rs33 billion in IQCY22 to Rs39 billion in IQCY23. Moreover, the fertilizer makers declared a net profit of Rs12 billion in IQCY23 compared to Rs18 billion in IQCY22, showing a decrease of 33%.

third and fourth with market caps of Rs59.6 billion and Rs15 billion respectively. Fertilizer Sector - Quarterly Review - IQCY23



QUETTA: Balochistan Municipal Corporation Turbat Mayor Balkh Sheer Qazi addressing a press conference.

Students provided useful information on quality research by speakers

CHITRAL - A session on quality research was organized by the District Youth Office (Department of Sports Tourism, Archeology, Museum and Youth Affairs) in collaboration with district administration of Lower Chitral Girls' Degree College Damin Lower Chitral.

college students were guided on different steps of aspects on far-reaching information on quality research. The main purpose of this session was to illuminate and enlighten the understanding of the students about the research and the steps involved in the research so that they could take steps to better research.

Japan-FETP assisted online session on Role of FETPs in Disease Surveillance held

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan-Foreign Epidemiology Training Program (FETP), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Islamabad in collaboration with Japan-FETP organized a special online session on the "Role of FETPs in Disease Surveillance and Prevention / Control of Diseases".

to train public health professionals in the field of epidemiology and enabling them to support the development and enhancement of COVID-19 surveillance, early detection and reporting of diseases. Mr Hitosh Kawakawa, a member of the House of Representatives of Japan and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, former State Minister of Cabinet office in charge of Policies against COVID-19, was the chief guest.

Karachi man climbs up electric pole over property dispute

KARACHI - A Karachi man climbed up an electric pole in protest over a property dispute and denied a share in a plot by his father.

For details, the son adopted a unique way to record a protest with his father by climbing up an electric pole on a busy street in Town. Getting information of the matter, police reached the spot.

According to the police, the young man had managed to climb him off the power pole safely after disconnecting the power supply to the area.

DC committed to resolve farmers issues

NAROWAL - A meeting of District Agriculture Advisory Committee (D.A.A.C) was held here under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ashraf to review measures for solving farmers issues.

Govt to add development projects on 'political bases' in next budget

ISLAMABAD - The federal government has initiated preparations to include development projects based on political considerations in the budget according to the Minister for Finance.

Karachi mayor to be elected through show of hands, Sindh govt tells ECP

KARACHI - The Sindh government on Friday informed the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) that the mayor of Karachi will be elected through a show of hands.



MOROCCO: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque addressing GITEX Africa Digital Summit in Morocco.

May 9 riots: Khadija Shah, 7 other PTI women presented in ATC

LAHORE - Following the identification of seven other women accused associated with the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) including prominent fashion designer Khadija Shah, were presented before the National Terrorism and Extremism Court (ATC) Friday.

It is a clear act of abuse of power, the daughter of a former finance minister Salman Hashmi said.

IHC summons DG Rangers, IGP in Murad Akbar recovery case

ISLAMABAD - The Islamabad High Court (IHC) Friday summoned DG Rangers and IGP in person on Monday (June 5) in the Murad Akbar recovery case.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer Maintenance Division-II CWP/PAH Department Quetta, invites sealed tenders on composite schedule of rates, 2018 G.O. B amended up to date from interested contractors/firms for the work of... Earned money in form of TENDER Fee Rs.1000/- (in shape of green challan from deposited in head of account C-27/16) on time limit 12 Months

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Chairman Market Committee Quetta invited from Eligible bidders for execution of following rates for the year 2023 based on Composite schedule of rates 2018 on Percentage Rates. Government of Balochistan amended up-to-date based on latest cost selection basis. Earned Money 2%, Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Time Limit 30.06.2023 for each work:

Insurance companies need to expand services in health, agriculture sectors: President

KARACHI: President Dr. Arif Alvi said on Friday that the insurance companies need to expand their services in health and agriculture sectors and utilize modern technologies for enhancing outreach to masses.

He said that the quantum of insurance sector in national economy was much less than its potential and in comparison to other countries of the region, therefore all the stakeholders should work hard for creating their good will among the public besides imparting awareness to masses for achieving exponential growth.

While addressing a seminar, titled "Role of ombudsman in development of insurance sector" organised by Federal Insurance Ombudsman Secretariat Sindh Governor House Karachi, Dr. Arif Alvi said that government was providing social safety and assistance through its social safety net, public health services and in shape of compensation in case of natural calamities and accidents but more initiatives were required to cover the entire population of the country.

He said that health expenditure was a major concern for people particularly the lower income group and there was a vast potential of health insurance services in the country as those services could not only bridge the existing gaps but also be of great value in time of need.

President Alvi emphasizing the need of insurance services for agriculture sector observed that agriculture was

another important sector of economy that was under served in lieu of insurance services and products while progress with regard to provision of agriculture insurance services was sluggish.

Rapidly developing information and communication technologies should be utilised to expand the outreach and ensuring the access of masses to the services while doors must be kept open for receiving the complaints and feedback of the public, he advised and suggested that creating good will of insurance companies among the general public and mass awareness was essential for bringing gradual change in public perception about the sector.

The President appreciated the role of Federal Insurance Ombudsman in timely resolution of public complaints against insurance companies and said that it was encouraging to see that approach of dispute resolution through mediation, instead of prosecution, brought positive results.

Earlier, Federal Insurance Ombudsman, Dr. Muhammad Khawar Jameel, highlighting performance and achievements of the FIO secretariat informed that quantum of monetary relief provided to complainants grown to Rs 2.54 billion in the year 2022 from Rs 4.10 million in 2019.

He said that the significant growth had been achieved due to change of policy for conflict resolution from prosecution to persuasion and mediation INP.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Sardar Shahid Ahmad Laghari meet Chairman NDMA Lt General Inam Haider Malik at his office.

Wheel-clamping helps collect Rs270 million from token tax defaulters in Lahore

LAHORE: Wheel-clamping of vehicles whose owners have failed to pay the token tax has worked wonders as the Lahore excise department has collected Rs270.12 million token tax in the month of May, excise official said on Friday.

Out of 18,425 registered vehicles in Lahore, Rs270.12 million token tax was collected from the defaulters in May.

In the year in the same month, the excise department was able to collect Rs100 million.

Excise Director Chaudhry Ahsaf said that more than 3,000 vehicles were clamped during road checking.

He lamented that the token tax defaulters and owners of unregistered vehicles do not fulfill their responsibility despite being aware of the consequences.

He revealed that the excise department has collected Rs92.22 billion so far out of its target of Rs10.44 billion. The director said that a strict crackdown would be launched to achieve the target in the current month. He said that the excise teams have been deployed on the nine big thoroughfares of the city and on all the exit and entry points of motorway for this purpose INP.

Teenage girl killed, brother injured as truck runs over motorcycle in Lahore

LAHORE: A 17-year-old girl was killed and her brother was critically wounded when the motorcycle they were riding on was run over by a truck on Thursday night.

According to details, the accident occurred near Shalimar Gardens at the Grand Trunk (GT) Road where a rickshaw-truck ran over a motorcycle, killing a girl on the spot and injuring her brother.

Police and rescue teams reached the spot and shifted the dead and injured to a nearby hospital. Rescue sources said that the identity of the victims is not yet known.

According to police, the driver of the truck managed to escape from the scene after the accident INP.

Fawad Chaudhry working on minus-one formula

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) leader Muhammad Zubair stated that former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry and his associates are working on the minus-one - minus PPI chief from politics - formula.

During conversation with a private TV news channel, Muhammad Zubair - stating that PPI chief have - steps back, so the party will move forward -

He said that the former PTI leader Jahangir Tareen group is also active. He claimed that the PPI is now divided into factions, some joined Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), while some politicians want to form a separate party.

While responding to a question, he said that, "If we give tickets to PPI members again, it will cause loss to the PML-N. Previously, 10 tickets were allotted to PPI members, 16 of them lost, giving tickets to the politicians leaving PPI will also affect the PML-N's vote bank INP.

Pakistan boots dairy sector with Chinese help: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: China is extending cooperation to Pakistan to develop its dairy industry through production of high milk-yielding cows, said an expert.

China and Pakistan have been collaborating in different fields of agriculture and livestock, specifically in the production of high milk-yielding cows. This cooperation aims to enhance Pakistan's dairy industry by introducing and breeding superior breeds of cows known for their high milk production capabilities," said the expert from Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi, who wished to remain anonymous. Under this collaboration, China will share its expertise in advanced breeding techniques, animal husbandry practices, and genetic improvement of livestock. Chinese experts will provide training to Pakistani farmers and professionals to enhance their knowledge and skills in dairy farming," he told WealthPK. He added that Pakistan needs more agricultural and livestock research to increase its yields, and produce higher-quality products that can be exported.

Pakistani rupee scores gain against US dollar

ISLAMABAD: Despite dwindling forex reserves and uncertainty about the IMF loan programs, the Pakistani rupee scored its ground against the mighty US dollar in the interbank market on Friday.

According to the data received from the forex traders, the local currency appreciated by 13 paise against the greenback and was currently being traded at Rs285.25.

Thursday, the Pakistani rupee edged up against the US dollar in the interbank business. The local currency was appreciated by nine paise against the greenback and ended the day at Rs285.38.

Though the interbank market was dull but the odds were different in the open market, where the Pakistani rupee had witnessed a significant appreciation against the US dollar on Thursday.

The US dollar was traded in the range of Rs295-300 in the open market, as compared to 311-314 a day ago. However, multiple currency dealers complained that the dollar remained in short supply, saying customers were not approaching the market to sell their bucks.

Separately, the dealers conveyed that the Saudi Riyal remained unavailable ahead of Hajj requirements.

As for the open market development came after the State Bank of Pakistan allowed credit/debit card payments to be settled through banks.

The SBP on Wednesday allowed authorised dealers of foreign exchange to purchase US dollars from the interbank market for settlement of card-based cross-border transactions with International Payment Schemes (IPS). Previously, as per the SBP directives, authorised dealers were allowed to purchase dollars from any exchange company from settlement of card-based cross-border transactions with IPSs such as Visa, MasterCard, etc. INP.

NSC mooted delay owing to PM's Turkiye visit

ISLAMABAD: A meeting of the National Security Committee (NSC) was postponed due to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Turkiye to attend the inaugural ceremony of Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The meeting was to be held today (Friday) and it was to be attended by all services chiefs, federal ministers and other officials to discuss matters of importance.

The new date for the top civil-military leadership's hurdle would be announced later.

In previous NSC meeting on May 17, the participant had decided to observe May 9 as "black day" nationally. The force also decided to lay hands within 72 hours on all those involved in the violent attacks that facilitated leaders on whose instigation these people had committed various acts.

Disturbingly, photographs of martyrs were desecrated, memorials were defaced, historical buildings were set ablaze, and military installations were subjected to violent attacks. The briefing also indicated a deliberate plan to orchestrate attacks on IPS.



ISLAMABAD : Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistani & Human Resource Development Sajid Hussain Turi chairing Performance Review Meeting of WWF at Ministry of Overseas.

LHC extends Imran's bail in Zille Shah murder case till June 6

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Friday extended PTI chief Imran Khan's bail in the Zille Shah murder case till June 6 as the former prime minister joined the probe and recorded his statement with the police.

The order was issued by Justice Anwarul Haq Pannu as the court took up the former prime minister's bail petition in the case linked to concealing facts and evidence about the death of a PTI worker, Zille Shah, in a road accident.

Earlier, the LHC had granted Imran bail in the case till June 2.

During the brief hearing today, the judge asked the investigating officer (IO) if Imran had been made a part of the investigations into the case. The IO in the latter replied that the PTI chief had not yet joined the probe.

The court then ordered the IO to record Imran's statement after the hearing. "Ask him whatever questions you want to," Justice Pannu said.

Here, the government's counsel said that the statement could not be recorded in the presence of the petitioner's lawyer.

"Will you answer the questions they ask you?" the judge asked Imran. The PTI chief responded by saying, "Yes, I am absolutely ready".

Subsequently, the court extended Imran's bail till June 6. Following the proceedings, the ex-premier joined

the probe and recorded his statement with the police. Earlier, Imran arrived at the court amid tight security. A video posted on PTI's official Twitter account showed the former prime minister being escorted by security personnel outside the LHC.

PTI chief appears before ATC. Prior to the LHC hearing, Imran also appeared before a Lahore anti-terrorism case for bail in cases linked to May 9 violence.

On May 19, Judge Jaz Ahmad Buttar had granted bail to the former prime minister in the three cases till June 7, subject to furnishing surety bonds of Rs100,000 each.

At the outset of the hearing today, the judge directed Imran to come to the restrum. "I was told the reasons why you are not joining the probe - but now you have to become a part of the investigation," he stressed.

For his part, Imran told the judge that there were threats to his life. At that, PTI chief's lawyer Salman Saifdar said that Imran was ready to join the probe but requested that all the cases should be fixed for hearing on the same day. "I will complete the arguments in all three cases," he assured the court. Saifdar further requested that all the cases be fixed for hearing on June 20, promising that Imran would join the probe the day court issued the order. Subsequently, Judge Buttar allowed Imran to leave and said that the order will be issued later today. INP.

Consumers face uphill battle against skyrocketing milk prices

KARACHI: The dairy farmers in Karachi have recently announced an arbitrary increase in the price of milk, causing concern among the residents of the city.

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Another prime suspect involved in May 9 riots identified

LAHORE: The investigators identified another prime suspect involved in the Anjash House attack case on Friday.

According to the details, a video came to light in which the suspect identified as Nazim Abbas can be seen vandalizing the government and military property, as well as played a key role in the May 9 riots.

Nazim Abbas, is a political representative of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) from PP-95 of Chinnai and resides in Near Colony, Lahore.

The suspect actively participated in the violent protests during the May 9 riots in an aggressive and provocative manner, while remaining at the forefront

in vandalism and attacks government installations.

Nazim Abbas, played a significant role in the May 9 incidents by inciting anti-army slogans and leading other miscreants. His actions fueled the aggression and contributed to the overall unrest during that time.

It is crucial to note that efforts are currently underway to identify all other individuals involved in the May 9 incident.

The authorities are diligently working towards bringing those responsible to justice and ensuring that such acts of violence and disturbance are properly addressed INP.

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Software parks to turn GB into a thriving tech centre: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: A fresh wave of development is sweeping through Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) with the establishment of an incubation centre and software technology parks (STPs), reports WealthPK.

The Government of Gilgit-Baltistan's (GOBT) Information and Communication Organisation (SCO), a subsidiary of the Ministry of Information and Technology, has played an instrumental role in bringing telecom services and information technology to the province.

The GOBT is determined to empower the educated youth by advancing the IT industry. It opened a cutting-edge software technology park (STP) in Gilgit in October 2020, which was a turning point for promoting the IT industry in the region.

In 2021, the SCO opened a cutting-edge business incubator in Gilgit in cooperation with the Karakoram International University and the Punjab Information Technology Board. This facility gave the youth a full-fledged digital platform to enable self-employ-

ment and carry out their business ideas. STP Skardu is currently almost fully operational, which will be nothing short of a gift for the young people living in this isolated region.

The Government has provided a state-owned building for establishing this IT park, spokesman Raja Noonan Abbas told WealthPK.

The SCO is establishing a modern STP after renovating the old building and purchasing necessary equipment.

HBL Microfinance Bank Ltd (HBLMB) has partnered with the SCO in establishing STP Skardu by providing financial support of Rs15 million. The bank regularly looks for possibilities to help regional communities and contribute to the improvement of the province.

STP Skardu was given a soft launch in November 2022, and since then it has produced good results by earning Rs2 million from IT firms. Eight IT-related businesses have so far been established at the ITP Skardu INP.