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Traffic suspended in Bolan mountains after a truck overturned

Nashad Baloch

Traffic remained suspended on Quetta-Sibi highway after a loaded truck overturned in the Bolan mountains of Balochistan. The N-65 highway connecting Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan has been closed for two days. Essa Jan Rind, the Superintendent of Police (SP) Kachhi district said.

Long queues of small and heavy vehicles can be witnessed on both sides of the road after the suspension of the traffic. Despite the passage of 24 hours, the highway could not be restored for traffic, Mr. Rind informed.

"It is difficult to move machinery as road is blocked", Police

The alternative route made for small vehicles was also closed yesterday. Due to severe traffic jam on the highway, it is difficult to deliver machinery, SP Kachhi mentioned.

Passengers remained the worst sufferers of the suspension of traffic on the main Quetta Sibi highway. "We have been waiting for reopening of the road for last two days", Hyder Khan, a truck driver told Daily Quetta Voice via telephone. Like Hyder Khan, hundreds of truck drivers and passengers were stranded in Bolan mountains.

Stranded people demand clean drinking water

The stranded drivers and passengers also complained about non availability of clean drinking water and food. "At least the government should provide water", Mr. Khan demanded.

He said women and children were the worst sufferers of the blockade of road.



Cyclone Byparjoy: High alert in coastal areas of Balochistan

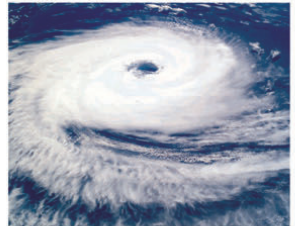
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GWADAR : The Balochistan government declared high alert in the coastal areas of the province as cyclone byparjoy continues to grow in the Arabian sea and nears Mekran coastal belt. Section 144 declared in the coastal belt on the directives of the Chief Minister Balochistan. Mir Qudus Bizenjo.

All departments and law enforcement agencies put on high alert to tackle the situation after the cyclone byparjoy. Leaves of all government employees in the Mekran belt have been cancelled in view of the looming threat of the cyclone byparjoy, an official handout issued here on Monday said.

CM directs commissioners Mekran and Kalat to boost coordination

Mir Qudus Bizenjo has directed the Commissioner Mekran and Commissioner Kalat divisions to boost coordination and



place all departments on high alert to avert any untoward incident. He directed that coordination should be established among law enforcement agencies, civil administration and all relevant agencies in this regard. Fishermen think the sea is the best, they should be consulted on the situation, he directed the concerned departments.

The Director Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), Jehanzaib Khan briefed the Chief Minister on the preparation of relief activities according to the expected situation.

DG PDMA reaches Gwadar to monitor the situation

DGP DMA is present in Gwadar with his team of mission-aries and relief equipment. While continuously monitoring the situation, a plan of action should be prepared accordingly. Preparations to effectively deal with all kinds of emergency situations in sea storms should be kept complete, the Chief Minister concluded.

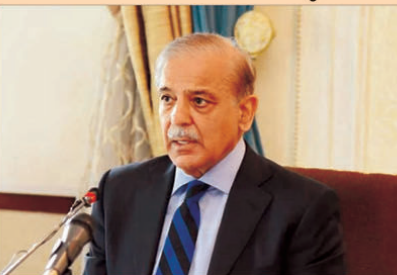
PM Shehbaz commends Sindh gov't efforts as it braces for cyclone Biparjoy

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday lauded the Sindh government for the arrangements it had made to deal with the fast-approaching cyclone Biparjoy — which is expected to make landfall on June 15 between Karachi and Indus/Gujarat.

Taking to Twitter, the premier appreciated the efforts being made under the leadership of Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah.

PM Shehbaz, Sharif assures federal gov't support for Sindh

"I just spoke to CM Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah and discussed the preparations to deal with the cyclone. I commended Sindh government for the arrangements it



has made under the leadership of the Chief Minister", wrote the premier on the microblogging site. Assuring the federal government's complete support for the Sindh government, PM Shehbaz said that the province will "overcome this situation with the support of the people".

Earlier today, the Sindh government kicked off the evacuation drive from the coastal areas of Badin, moving the residents to safe places in order to avoid any loss of life.

CM Murad Ali Shah says 70 buildings in Karachi prone to cyclone

Meanwhile, the residents residing in the

Karachi Defence Housing Society's (DHA) Darakhshan and Sea View areas have been advised to evacuate voluntarily in the wake of Biparjoy — which is now just 550 kilometres away from the city of lights.

The government had directed to evacuate the residential areas and other human settlements near the coast of Sindh as the risk of tropical cyclone Biparjoy, present in the Arabian Sea escalates. Currently, the Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm (ECS) lies about 530km south of Thatta, and 60km southeast of Ormara, expected to maintain a northward trajectory until the morning of June 14, then likely to recurve eastward. CM Shah said that around 32,466 people of districts Sujawal, Badin, and Thatta and residents of 70 dangerous buildings in Karachi are prone to the cyclone. "We are taking all-out measures to shift the people to secure areas and removing loose installations like billboards, sign boards, and such other weak structures to avoid any untoward incident. Web Desk.

Pakistan's Russian crude shipment paid in Chinese currency: minister

Pakistan paid for its first government-to-government import of Russian crude in Chinese currency, State Minister for Petroleum Musaddik Malik said on Monday — a significant shift in its US dollar-dominated export payments policy.

The first cargo of discounted Russian crude oil arranged under a new deal struck between Islamabad and Moscow arrived in Karachi on Sunday. It is currently being offloaded at the port.

Malik, talking to Reuters by phone, did not disclose the commercial details of the deal, including pricing or the discount that Pakistan received, but said the payment was made in Chinese currency.

He said the purchase, Pakistan's first government-to-government (G2G) deal with Russia, consisted of 100,000 tonnes, of which 45,000 tonnes had docked at Karachi port.



Eastern petroleum products. "We've run iterations of various product mixes, and in no scenario will the refining of this crude make a loss," Malik said, adding, "We are very sure it will be commercially viable."

"No adjustments (were) needed at the refinery to refine the Russian crude," the minister told Reuters. Last year, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar had announced that the country was considering buying discounted Russian oil, pointing out that neighbour India had been purchasing oil from Moscow and Islamabad also had a right to explore the possibility.

Subsequently, Malik had flown to Moscow for talks on issues including oil and gas supplies after which the government announced that it would purchase discounted crude oil, petrol, and diesel from Russia. Web Desk.

2 new boards of BBISE to be established in Kech and Loralai

Education Desk

QUETTA : The Balochistan government has decided to establish two new boards of the Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BBISE) in district Kech and Loralai. Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo approved a summary sent by the Balochistan



higher, technical and colleges department in this regard.

"Now there would be three boards in the province", Hafiz Abdul Majid, the Secretary Higher Education Balochistan said. He took to social media network Twitter and announced the government's decision in this regard. This was one of the longstanding demands of students of Balochistan.

NA adopts resolution seeking speedy trial of May 9 rioters under military law

The National Assembly (NA) on Monday passed a resolution seeking a speedy trial of all the elements — including Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan — involved in the May 9 mayhem under the Pakistan Army Act, 1952.

As per details, the lower house of parliament unanimously passed a resolution demanding that action against the perpetrators and instigators of May 9 violent acts should be completed without any delay under the law and the Constitution.

Resolution also seeks speedy completion of action against violators

The resolution was moved by Defence Minister Khawaja Asif in the house. Without taking the name of PTI and its chairman, the resolution stated that one political party and its chairman on May 9 whilst breaching the law and constitution crossed all the boundaries and attacked the mili-



tary installations. "These incidents caused an irreparable loss to the state and state institutions", read the resolution, adding that the agenda of this party is based on "enmity" against Pakistan. The resolution strongly rejected the impression that human rights violations are being committed whilst dealing with the miscreant elements or the culprits of May 9. It said that certain elements are resorting to baseless propaganda on the matter.

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The resolution said that those involved in the violent acts on military installations must be tried and sentenced under the Army Act 1952 without any delay, saying that in other countries also where military installations are attacked, the authority of trying such persons rests with the forces speaking on the occasion. Asif clarified that the government has not enacted any new legislation vis-a-vis the May 9 violent acts. "Our armed forces are waging a war for the defence of the country and their personnel continue to render their lives for the security of the country," Web Desk.

A milestone towards lifting Agriculture department

By: Iftikhar Ahmed



Balochistan Agriculture Officers are highly obliged to Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Qadir Bizenji, Minister Agriculture, Mir Asad Ullah Baloch, Secretary Agriculture Mined...

performance of the overall agriculture department. Currently agriculture is the least privileged department...

implementation of the Four Tier Structure, officers might get equal promotional changes in a flow, as timely as officers in the other departments...

Discrimination with the agriculture professionals

There is terrible discrimination with the agriculture professionals rather with agriculture altogether...

Through four-tier service, officers to get promotion chances

Absence of Four Tier Service Structure is one of the main hindrances in the progress of the political uncertainty...

This will boost the performance of agriculture department

This may increase the per-

Agriculture sector plays a key role in the development of Balochistan

The progress of the agriculture in province, the same is highly dependent on the agricultural employment...

Declining quality of education in Balochistan

Editor Asim Khan

Quality education remains a main concern for the parents, teachers, and government across Pakistan. Poor quality of education is a major drawback of the educational system in the country.

However, quality of education paints a bleak picture when it comes to Balochistan. A recent report by the state of Balochistan revealed that students managed to score A+ grade in middle-level examinations 2019-20.

As per the statistics of Balochistan Assessment and Examination Commission (BAEC), 322 students out of a total 42,823 students got A+ grade in the examinations.

Education may be the constitutional right of every individual between the age of 5 to 16 years. However, getting children to school has proven to be a challenge for the government.

No student secured A+ grade in 9 districts of Balochistan

As per the BAEC report, no student secured A+ grade in 9 districts of Balochistan. The districts include Barkhan, Harnai, Kachi, Kharan, Musakhali, Nuski, Sherani, Killa Abdullah, and Sikanard Abd.

Majority of the students secured A+ grade in District Zhob, 55 students obtained an A+ grade and most of the students were from BRC.

The report further reveals that the majority of the students 25,291 passed the examination in D grade. The number of boys who appeared in the examination was 28,199. However, the number of girls students was 14,444.

As far as examinations are concerned, in the best educational systems around the globe, examinations in this age are considered harassing and demotivating for students.

Most of the education budget is spent on salaries of teachers. Teachers need to be imparted modern training as the requirement of modern digital era.

Particularly, the recruitment process of teachers need to be streamlined and fair. It has been observed that the government is not recruiting science teachers. The education department should ensure better training for all newly appointed teachers through the Balochistan Public Service Commission and CTSP. This will help in the improvement of quality education in the province.

Need for reflection

By: Abdul Sattar

Former prime minister Imran Khan who promoted the politics of hate and created deep divides in Pakistan's political social environment for the country...

lack of political acumen by opposing normalization of ties with India which could have gone a long way in improving the crippling economy.

ouster. This all turned him into a laughing stock. Such an approach only created problems for the country besides deepening political uncertainty...

Many believe Khan could have used his government's in the four regions to deliver on his promises and waited patiently for general elections.

It is good that Khan is talking about unity among politicians but such unity cannot be achieved until the blunders he committed during his tenure are admitted during the last 12 years.

His hostility did not subside after he came into power. It grew exponentially with the PTI government even putting media owners behind bars and harassing journalists.

When he was ousted in April 2022, he had governments in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) and Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

Even after these incidents, which were widely condemned at general elections, he created an impression that he was an anti-establishment leader waging a political objectives, Khan first took the shelter of their police force to avoid arrest and later fled to Islamabad.

Learning from China

By: Atta-ur-Rahman

Foundation of China (NSFC), for instance, plays a vital role in promoting fundamental research across a wide range of scientific fields.

China has set up a network of national-level engineering research hubs, research parks, and industrial clusters has fostered collaboration between academia, industry, and government.

innovation and entrepreneurship. It provides funding, infrastructure, and mentorship to technology-oriented startups, enabling them to develop and commercialize their ideas.

Moreover, the rise of internet-based platforms and digital technology has facilitated the growth of private enterprises in China. Companies like Alibaba and Tencent have not only revolutionized the domestic market but have also become global tech giants.

The Chinese government has implemented policies to support the development of its IT industry. Measures such as tax incentives, funding support, and regulatory reforms have encouraged innovation and entrepreneurship.

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar's expected visit to Pakistan on this Friday which is set to come with more than the usual pomp and circumstance...

The change briefly ended the government's purchase of foreign currency from the open market for payments of credit card bills incurred in foreign currencies.

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Governance failure and inflation

By: Anmar Habib Khan

he famed American artist, the notorious B. N. Reddy once explained that "the more money we come across, the more problems we see".

Inflation for March 2023 clocked in at 35 per cent, which is amongst the highest ever levels. For the most part, the government's monetary policy responses, coupled with the complete inability of the exchange rate to contain inflation within target range has led to a scenario where the inflation is on the verge of a hyperinflationary cycle.

Foreign exchange reserves were spent without taking into consideration the global monetary contraction, which would not just increase the cost of financing for Pakistan but also make access to debt more difficult.

By starting rationing foreign exchange reserves, thereby restricting availability of the same for import of raw materials, intermediate goods, etc. This had a snowball effect on the supply chain across all industries.

lost access to imports, they started reducing production and eventually shutting down, resulting in an increase in unemployment. The inability to import normal food, seeds, or other critical inputs led to a cascading effect on the supply chain. Even though the global commodity surge cooled down, disruption of the lower supply chain resulted in shortages, which fueled inflation.

Foreign exchange reserves were deemed as a surprise. Instead of fixing supply considerations, the government further reallocates capital towards subsidized food and handouts. Further leveraging to deprive low-income people more recently lost human life due to ill-fated policies and often selfish maneuvers. Our policymakers still double down on the same plan. The State Bank continues to print more money to solve the problem, without realizing that printing more money does not fix supply chain problems. Managers of the fiscal policy refuse to expand the tax net, and continue to further squeeze the already taxed, resulting in the emergence.

Crashing economy?

By: Farhan Bokhari

ately triggered fear of a repeat after 1998 when shortly after Pakistan's nuclear tests and the IMF loan agreement, I was saddled with an increasingly tough budget of 1998-99.

Tragically, Pakistan's downward present economic condition is not a credible build up to a political transition later this year. The political risk that has already undermined the economy will simply grow.

On the other hand, long-term players have the spectrum most revised their expectations regarding the IMF. Dar has more than once said publicly that he is not sure if all the conditions sought by the IMF for release of its next tranche of about \$1 billion under a \$6.5 billion loan programme that's due to end soon. Yet, he has refused to step ahead with the disbursement obviously pointing towards a remaining gap.

Pakistan's position today is far more fragile for two inter-related reasons. On the one hand, the political market is still in a state of flux. The country recently has already fueled the kind of uncertainty that has clearly discouraged the most vital stakeholders in the economic sector.

Unlucky a very clear roadmap is put in place. The government has not been able to establish a credible build up to a political transition later this year. The political risk that has already undermined the economy will simply grow.

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ANF seizes 2000 litres of liquid Ice near Gwadar

GWADAR: Anti-Narcotic Force (ANF) conducted an operation to seize 2000 litres of liquid ICE (Crystal methamphetamine) and 30 kg of hashish hidden near the Padizer area of Gwadar, it was reported on Monday.

According to the details, the ANF officials thwarted an attempt to smuggle narcotics by recovering 2000 litres of liquid ICE and 30 kg of hashish hidden near the Padizer area of Gwadar for the purpose to smuggle abroad.

In a separate operation near King Road Rawalpindi, two suspects

— residents of Khyber Agency — were arrested on the identification of the ANF officials. The ANF officials recovered two capsules filled with ICE from the possession of the arrested suspects.

While the in some operations, the ANF officials successfully recovered 2400 drug pills from two Afghans near Gwadar. Additionally, five kg of hashish and 1.5 kg of ice were recovered from an uninhabited area of Bara Khyber.

Moreover, seven kg of hashish hidden for smuggling purposes was recovered from Khyber District Jabori, while two kg of hashish was recovered from a vehicle near Pishatkharra Chowk, Peshawar. The Anti-Narcotic Force (ANF) cases under the Anti-Narcotic Act were registered against all the arrested accused. Earlier this month, Anti-Narcotic Force (ANF) thwarted an attempt to smuggle narcotics through the sea route and seized 26.5 kilograms of ice drug in Karachi. According to the ANF, a raid was conducted by the ANF officials at the Karachi International Airport.



ISLAMABAD: State Minister National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, Dr. Mahesh Kumar Malani chairing Parliamentary meeting on Increasing Investment in Family Planning for Sustainable Development.

Govt promise of importing crude oil from Russia fulfilled: Marriyum

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Monday that the coalition government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had fulfilled the promise of importing crude oil from Russia.

In a tweet, the minister said, "It is called the fulfillment of promises, the ability and intention to solve the problems of the country, and the nation. This was called 'true public service', she added."

"As always, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is fulfilling his promises to the people", the minister said, adding that one year's since he honest was stepping off with the grace of Allah Almighty. INP

99.89% of people in Pakistan have at least one bias against women: UN report

UNITED NATIONS: Data tracking biases against women has shown no progress over the past decade, with prejudices remaining "deeply embedded" in society despite rights campaigns such as MeToo, a UN report said on Monday.

According to the report, 99.89% of people in Pakistan had at least one gender bias between 2017-22, while the percentage was 98.52 of those with at least two biases. The share of people with no bias at all was 0.11%.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has updated its Gender Social Norms Index (GSNI) — which takes into account political, economic, education and physical integrity metrics — using data from the World Values Survey, an international project studying how values and beliefs are changing worldwide.

By gender, the report further says that 100% of women and 99.79% of men have at least one bias, while the share of women with no gender bias is 0% among women and 0.21% among men, during the same period.

Among both men and women, "biased gender social norms are prevalent worldwide: almost 90 percent of people have at least one bias" among the seven analyzed by the UNDP.

"These prejudices are widespread among men and women, suggesting that these biases are deeply embedded and influences both men and women to similar degrees", the report says.

"The index shows 'no improvement in biases against women in a decade', the UNDP said, "despite powerful global and local campaigns for women's rights" such as MeToo.

For example, 69% of the world's population still believes that men make better political leaders than women, and only 27% believe that men are essential for democracy that women have the same rights as men.

Nearly half the population (46%) believes that men have more right to a job, and 43% of men make better business leaders.

A quarter of the population also think it is justifiable for a man to beat his wife, and 28% believe that university is more important for men.

"Prejudices create 'hurdles' for women and are 'manifested in a dismantling of women's rights in many parts of the world", the report said.

"Without tackling biased gender social norms, we will not achieve gender equality or the Sustainable Development Goals," it said. INP

US dollar gives more tough time to Pakistani rupee

ISLAMABAD: The US dollar continued to give tough time to the Pakistani rupee as it again went up in the interbank trading on Monday.

As per the information obtained from the forex dealers, the greenback was appreciated by 57 paises and was currently being traded at Rs27.50.

On Friday last, the Pakistani rupee was depreciated by 0.43 percent in the interbank market, maintaining its rather stable rate to settle at 286.93 against the US dollar.

In a key development, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had expressed his optimism regarding Pakistan's chances of striking

a deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) this month, saying that the government has accepted all the conditions of the global lender and implemented them.

PM Shehbaz regretted that the previous government of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) reneged on its agreement with the IMF which led to a "very serious economic situation".

The resumption of the bailout programme, which has remained stalled since November, is crucial for the cash-strapped economy facing a balance of payment crisis. The current programme is scheduled to expire on June 30.

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3 soldiers martyred in North Waziristan laid to rest with full military honors

RAWALPINDI: The funeral prayers of three soldiers — who embraced a martyrdom in Miranshah of North Waziristan — were offered in Miran Shah and laid to rest in their native areas with military honors.

According to ISPR, the funeral prayers were conducted by Asghar Ali Sepoy Naseem Khan and Sepoy Muhammad Zaman attended by large numbers of officers along family members and local people.

"However, during an intense exchange of fire, Subedar Asghar Ali Sepoy Naseem Khan & Sepoy Muhammad Zaman having fought gallantly, embraced shahadat," the ISPR said. INP

CJP Bandial voices concerns over stone crushing at Margalla Hills

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial expressed deep concerns on Monday regarding the issue of stone-crushing activities in the Margalla Hills.

A three-member bench headed by CJP Bandial heard the case against the occupation of forest lands.

During the hearing, Chief Justice Bandial inquired about the measures being taken by the authorities to counter the adverse effects of stone crushing on the environment.

The top judge directed the

government's counsel, Raja Shafiq, to provide information on the progress of tree plantation in the Margalla Hills.

"The provincial governments need to provide details on the number of trees sold and the number of trees planted thus far," asked CJP Bandial.

In addition, the Chief Justice questioned whether the land belonging to the forest department was being leased out under public-private partnership.

The council responded by informing the court that all leases had been canceled in compli-

ance with a previous court ruling.

Expressing his concerns regarding the Margalla Hills, Chief Justice Bandial highlighted the alarming fact that mining activities were still being conducted despite the area's designation as a forested region.

Seeking detailed information on the tree plantation efforts, the court adjourned the hearing for one month.

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Asif Zardari leaves for Dubai for eye check-up

LAHORE: Former president and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari left for Dubai for an eye examination on Monday.

Asif Zardari will return to Pakistan in a couple of days after meeting the doctor for eye check-up, informed sources have said.

In his place, Foreign Minister and PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will hold meetings with the party leaders and workers in Lahore. INP



ISLAMABAD: Minister of Finance of Pakistan Muhammad Ishaq Dar addressing during the "Post Budget Conference 2023-24" in Federal Capital.

Attempts to develop economy via debt unwisely decision: ED PEW

LAHORE: Executive Director Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) Saifuddin Sheikh said on Monday the attempts made in the federal budget 2023-24 to develop the economy through debt is not wise.

In a statement issued here, he was of the view that the government has left with only option to run the system through borrowing as most of the tax revenue will be spent on debt servicing.

Saifuddin Sheikh said that imposing withholding tax on cash withdrawals from banks will prove to be a disastrous decision which has damaged the economy in the past.

Imposing tax on bank withdrawals will decrease bank deposits, it will increase money in circulation and the government will have to face difficulty in borrowing from banks.

The ED PEW further stated that the central bank will have to print money to increase currency and hike interest rates, which will increase inflation.

Increase in salaries and pensions will also increase inflation, and in these circumstances, the estimate of 2.1% inflation by the government will prove to be wrong, he noted.

He added that the investment, production, profit and employment in the industrial sector, Saifuddin said adding that the central bank will reduce the size of the domestic economy while the underemployed economy will grow.

Taxes have not been imposed on retail, wholesale and agriculture sector, as expected due to which black money will be directed towards those sectors which will escalate inflation.

The ED PEW said that the rate of population growth in the country is the highest in the world and the real income of the people has not been increased since the last five years. The income of masses is constantly decreasing. INP

PKML-N to support PPP candidates in Karachi mayoral election

KARACHI: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz has extended support to the People's Party candidates in Mayor and Deputy Mayor's election.

The PKML-N central leadership has communicated the PPP, a coalition partner in the federal government, about its decision.

PKML-N Sindh President Shah Muhammad Shah while informing the PPP leadership has directed the deputy mayor's party candidates to withdraw their nomination papers.

Fourteen PKML-N members in the city council will vote for the PPP's mayor and deputy mayor's candidates.

The decision has been taken on the instructions of the PKML-N Quaid Miran Nawaz Sharif.

People's Party has welcomed the PKML-N decision and vowed to work jointly with the allied party for development of the city. INP



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister of Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar cuts the cake along with Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Pakistan, Denis G. Gribanov, on the occasion of "National Day of Russia" at Serena Hotel in Federal Capital.

Govt providing Rs55b relief to AJK in power sector: Dastagir

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power, Energy and Climate Change Khurram Dastagir Khan has said that the government is providing a relief of 55 billion rupees to Azad Jammu and Kashmir in power sector.

Khurram Dastagir said here on Monday, he said that 80 billion rupees have been allocated for AJK including last year's balance.

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A relief of 315 billion rupees was being provided to the residents of Karachi, he added.

The power minister said that the finance ministry was settling the matters with the government.

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Steps taken for agricultural development in budget laudable: Atif Ikram

ISLAMABAD: Former Vice President of the Federation of Agricultural Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FACCI), President Atif Ikram said on Monday that the measures taken by the government in budget for development of agriculture sector are commendable.

He said, the agricultural sector has been continuously falling for a decade, necessitating impact worth billions of dollars that can be saved if this sector is promoted.

In a statement issued here, Atif Ikram said that he has also served as President of FACCI and Chairman of PVMA said that Pakistan's agriculture sector has become the backbone of its economy, providing livelihoods for millions of people and contributing significantly to GDP but in recent years it has faced many serious problems.

Devastating floods, unexpected weather patterns, erratic rainfall, prolonged droughts, high prices of fertiliser, substandard seeds, and fake pesticides have damaged this sector, he added.

The FACCI's former Vice President said that extreme climatic events had a negative impact on productivity, threatening food security and exacerbating rural poverty; therefore, it is imperative to develop effective strategies that can enhance the resilience of the agriculture sector.

Pakistan's agriculture is predominantly rain-fed, making it highly vulnerable to fluctuations in rainfall patterns, as the country has witnessed a

disturbing increase in the frequency and intensity cycles, reduced yields, and extreme weather with mounting economic losses. INP

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1	DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR QUETTA THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS PROGRAMME (SAP) (2022-23)	195,000,000/-
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2	DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR QUETTA THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS PROGRAMME (SAP) (2022-23)	195,000,000/-
	TSE-222306338263	

Procurements shall be made under the BPPRA Rules – 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding must not be facilitated by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 129,500,000 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure. Bid Security: The bids must accompany valid Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee/Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the unit & signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from 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 latest by 26 June, 2023 @ 12:00 PM on same day through e-cash. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 01:00 PM 2023. System Address: Office of the Executive Engineer Maintenance Division-II Provincial B&PS District Quetta. Phone No: 0333302861/Fax No: 0812835395. Email: 024543@bppra.gov.pk

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Chinese Business Conference to foster Saudi Arabia-China economic ties

ISLAMABAD: Arab Chinese Business Conference is scheduled for June 11-12. This collaborative endeavor between the Kingdom's Ministry of Investment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the esteemed Arab League's secretary-general, the Chinese Council for the Promotion of International Trade, and several other government entities.

This shared determination to foster cooperation aims to drive sustainable development and prosperity for both nations.

The conference opens avenues for

the grand endeavor of the Belt and Road Initiative, a vision rooted in the principles of cooperation, partnership, human development, and peace, seeks to usher in prosperity for all nations involved.

By utilizing existing cooperation mechanisms, both regions are set to integrate their development strategies seamlessly. This will expedite the initiation of cooperative development projects.

These strategic steps will lay the foundation

for a myriad of joint initiatives, propelling trade, infrastructure, and economic growth to new heights.

The Belt and Road Initiative serves as a catalyst for inclusive and sustainable development, with China and the Middle East being steadfast partners.

As the initiative gains momentum, the collaboration between China and the Middle East stands as a shining example of global cooperation, underpinning a future marked by unprecedented advancements and strong ties. INP



Project Directorate, Balochistan Residential Colleges (BRCs) & Polytechnic Institutes providing quality education to students

Project Directorate, BRCs & Polytechnic Institutes produced thousands of talented students across Balochistan.



Establishment of new BRCs and PTIs would open new vistas of opportunities for students

Mir Quddus Bizenjo Chief Minister Balochistan



Substantial funds to be allocated to promote education Sector in the budget

Naseebullah Marri Education Minister Balochistan



Hafiz Abdul Majid has been instrumental in the implementation of projects relating to Balochistan Residential Colleges (BRCs) and Polytechnic Institutes (PTIs). From

day one, Hafiz Majid has given priority to BRCs and PTIs and continues to support teachers and college staff for the promotion of education. The Secretary's number priority is merit and transparency when it comes to the construction of new BRCs and PTIs. Hafiz Majid has been able to convince the Balochistan Education Minister and the Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Quddus Bizenjo to include new BRCs projects in the upcoming public sector development program (PSDP). During his tenure, transparency and merit have been the hallmark of the secretary higher education, Hafiz Abdul Majid.

Hafiz Abdul Majid Secretary of Higher Education Balochistan



Mr. Gichki plays an important role in ensuring the timely and quality construction of Balochistan Residential Colleges (BRCs) and Polytechnic

Institutes (PTIs) throughout the province. Ishfaq Gichki and his team members project engineer Nadir Hussain Babai, assistant engineer, Naveed Chandio, and divisional account officer Amir Hamza have been making tooth and nail efforts to ensure quality construction of ongoing projects. Gichki has repeatedly directed his staff members to play their due role in the best construction of buildings. Gichki considers timely completion of projects crucial in the development and prosperity of Balochistan.

Ishfaq Ahmed Gichki Project Director

Project Directorate BRCs and PTIs students compete on national and international levels..



PROJECT DIRECTORATE BRCs AND POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTES PLAY CRUCIAL ROLE IN PROMOTION OF QUALITY EDUCATION

EFFORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Project Directorate Balochistan Residential Colleges and Polytechnic Institutes Balochistan under the supervision of Department of Education (Colleges) Higher and Technical Education Department are taking the lead in increasing the educational activities of Balochistan. The education-friendly efforts of the current Secretary Education Department (Colleges), Higher and Technical Education Department Mr. Hafiz Majid and Project Director BRC and Polytechnic Institutes Engineer Ashfaq Ahmed Gachki are not hidden from anyone. With the efforts of Mr. Hafiz Majid and his secretariat team, the province has achieved an important position in the field of education. The efforts of the Department of Education (Colleges), Higher and Technical Education Department and the Government of Balochistan to end the educational backwardness of the province are not hidden from anyone. The present age is the age of technology and the countries which are ahead in the field of education and technology today rule the whole world and they control the economy of the whole world. Nowadays the countries which have excelled in education and technology are called developing countries. According to a boy, 800000 children in Balochistan are still deprived of their right to education. However, the government and the bureaucracy are paying special attention to the educational backwardness of Balochistan from the last few years. Business Directorate Balochistan Residential Colleges and Polytechnic Institutes are currently working on the following schemes.

BALUCHISTAN RESIDENT COLLEGES

- (i) Balochistan Residential College Panjgur (ii) Balochistan Residential College Naseerabad (iii) Balochistan Residential Qila Abdullah (iv) Keeping Balochistan Residential College

POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTES

- (i. Polytechnic Institute Sanjari ii Polytechnic Institute Chamam (iii. Polytechnic Institute Mishke (iv. Polytechnic Institute Dalbandin 2 Work on Residential Colleges and Polytechnic Institutes across Balochistan FY 2023-2024.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BE COMPLETED IN 6 MONTHS

Under the supervision of Product Directorate Residential Colleges and Polytechnic Institutes of Balochistan, various colleges and higher colleges of Balochistan where required and where construction is required, related education, Colleges Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Balochistan. For College College Colleges and Level Facilities (Missing Facilities) production work is in progress which will be completed in 6 months.

RECONSTRUCTION OF MAKRAN UNIVERSITY

Apart from this, the reconstruction of Makran University District Panjgur is also started under the supervision of Education (Colleges) Higher and Technical Education Department and Balochistan Government Production Directorate Balochistan and Residential Colleges Polytechnic Institutes which is 3 years. will be completed.

BRC AND POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTES

Project Director Balochistan Residential Colleges and Polytechnic Institutes Balochistan Engineer Ashfaq Ahmed Gachki is under the supervision of the above mentioned development projects. In this along with Engineer Ashfaq Ahmed Gachki, his skilled team including Project Engineer Mr. Engineer Nadir Hussain Babai, Divisional Account Officer Mr. Ameer Hamza, Assistant Engineer Mr. Naveed Ahmed Chandio, Quantity Surveyor Ijaz Ahmed and Office Manager/Admin Officer Mr. Mazhar. Islam Sahib included. More than 40 skilled staff are working in the PMU office under the supervision of this team of BRC and Polytechnic Institutes. The complete execution of office affairs is done under the supervision of Project Director Engineer Ashfaq Ahmed Gachki, Project Engineer Nader Hussain Babai, Assistant Engineer Naveed Ahmed Chandioy supervise the projects on which work is going on in the respective area for better construction, use of good materials and best quality construction. Apart from this, deployment of competent site engineers and competent site supervisors has also been implemented by PMU at all sites so that there is no lapse in the construction work and the contractors can be rectified.

4 Balochistan Residential Colleges, 4 Polytechnic Institutes, 23 Inter Colleges and Degree Colleges and Makran University Panjgur, on which billions of rupees are being spent, will not end the educational backwardness of Balochistan. Thousands of male and female students will be able to be enlightened by the light of education, which will lead to reduction in educational backwardness and increase the facilities of the poor people of Balochistan.

The above mentioned development projects are ongoing under the supervision of the Project Director Balochistan Residential Colleges and Polytechnic Institutes Balochistan, Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed Gachki. Ashfaq Ahmed Gachki along with his team including Project Engineer Mr. Engineer Nadir Hussain Babai Sahib, Divisional Account Officer Mr. Ameer Hamza Sahib, Quantity Surveyor Mr. Naveed Ahmed Chandio Sahib, Quantity Surveyor Ijaz Ahmed and Office Manager/Admin Officer Mr. Mazharul Islam Sahib. Included. More than 40 staff are working in the PMU office under the supervision of this team of BRC and Polytechnic Institutes.