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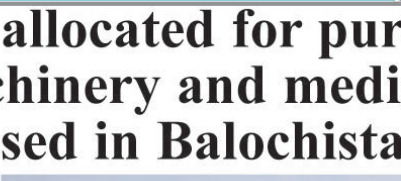


Syed Ali Shah
Another example of bad governance in Balochistan, Rs 7 billions allocated for purchase of hospital machinery and medicines lapsed by the provincial health department. This was revealed by the Balochistan Health Minister, Syed Ehsan Shah while addressing doctors and paramedics at civil hospital Quetta.

YDA had demanded allocation of funds for government hospitals

The Young Doctors Association (YDA) had also staged protest demonstrations to allocate substantial funds by the government for hospitals in Balochistan. "Two and half billion rupees were allocated on the request of YDA", Mr. Shah told the participants of the function.

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CM Bizenjo directs police to provide protection to small businessmen

Quetta Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo has said that full protection will be given to the businesses of small-scale

providing jobs to the youth, but due to limited resources, the government cannot provide employment to all the unemployed, he mentioned. The Chief Minister said that there are no factories and private sector in the province. The stores of the families will be extin-



in Quetta city and its surroundings. The CM issued instructions to the police and other law enforcement agencies to be gentle with them.

The Chief Minister said that due to the lack of employment opportunities, people are making a living for their families by doing small-scale, low-cost business, and the stores of many homes are lit by hard work and business.

The Balochistan government is pro-

Biparjoy: '100,000 people to be shifted to safe places

National Disaster Management Authorities (NDMA) Chairman Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik said Tuesday that — in a bid to ensure the safety of those living in the country's coastal belt ahead of the very severe cyclonic system (YSCS) Biparjoy — around 100,000 people will be shifted to safer places by tomorrow evening.

Measures to ensure people's safety in place, says NDMA chief

The NDMA chairman's remarks came during a presser

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The Sindh government along with non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and relief camp medical missions in Balochistan have been alerted.

3 bullet riddled dead bodies recovered in Mach Bolan

Levies force recovered three bullet-riddled dead bodies in Mach area of Bolan district on Tuesday. Levies sources said the dead bodies were found in Qaboli area of Mach tehsil.

The dead bodies were shifted to Mach hospital. Levies sources said the dead bodies are old and so far two victims have been identified.

PML-N does not need political alliance in upcoming general election, Rana

Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah has ruled out electoral alliance with any political party, saying the Pakistan Muslim League-Navaz (PML-N) "does not need any alliance" to contest the upcoming general elections.

PML-N has not taken any decision regarding electoral alliance: Sanaullah

The PML-N has not taken any decision regarding the electoral alliance with any party," he said while addressing a press conference in Islamabad on Tuesday.

Newly-formed IPP is reportedly seeking electoral alliance with PML-N



Last month, the PML-N decided against going into an electoral alliance to contest the next general elections independently with polls to be strictly held according to the Constitution once the National Assembly completes its mandated period, Geo News had learnt.

2 killed in a landmine blast in Barkhan Balochistan

At least two people were killed in a landmine explosion in Balochistan's Barkhan district on Tuesday morning. Levies sources said two people were killed in the Hun Nadi area of the Barkhan district.

The landmine explosion took place near the Kohlu district. Levies and personnel of other law enforcement agencies reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway.

The victims were local tribesmen: Levies sources

The victims were local tribesmen of the Barkhan district. A large number of the people of Barkhan district also reached the spot and staged a protest demonstration against the incident.

They were demanding the arrest of the culprits behind the attack. Senior police officials reached the spot and held negotiations with the protesters. The protesters

were peacefully dispersed and the victims amid tears and sorrow.



Pakistan inks deal with Azerbaijan for LNG supply at 'cheaper price'

Pakistan has issued two tenders seeking spot liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes for the first time in nearly a year on Tuesday, while also announcing a deal that will see Azerbaijan provide the country with one LNG cargo per month.

Pakistan issues two tenders seeking spot LNG cargoes

But Asian spot LNG prices this year have eased from record highs of \$70/mBtu hit in August, and are now trading below \$10.



Pakistan LNG's second tender seeks three cargoes, also on DES basis to Port Qasim, for delivery windows of January 3-4, 28-29 and February 23-24. The second tender closes on July 14.

One tender seeking 6 cargoes on delivered-ex-ship basis to Port Qasim

Pakistan LNG last issued a tender seeking 10 spot cargoes in July 2022, but it received no offers.

Qandis, a Pakistan?

By Salar Rashid

The forgotten flood affectees of Balochistan

Editor Asim Khan

Almost a year on, thousands of flood affected people are yet to be rehabilitated in various flood-hit districts of Balochistan. In scorching heat, the flood affectees in Balochistan's Naseerabad, Jafferabad, Sohbat Pur, Lasbela and other districts continue to suffer.

Flood affectees appeals for rehabilitation and relief almost fell on deaf ears in the province and center. It was very shocking for every sane person that the federal government has not paid a single penny out of a total amount of Rs.10 billions announced by the prime minister Shehbaz Sharif for flood affectees of Balochistan.

Islamabad yet to pay a single penny out of Rs.10 billions announced by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Qudus Bizenjo lodged a protest before the federal government regarding the financial crisis of Balochistan and demanded the payment of funds announced by the premier on August 28 last year in Jafferabad district for flood affectees.

The current year's monsoon season is about to start and neither the provincial nor the federal governments have taken any effective steps for the rehabilitation of the flood affectees of the last year.

All abandoned flood affectees of Balochistan Government departments in general and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) in particular have almost abandoned the flood affected areas. The Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) have almost left the areas affected by floods.

If the federal government has not paid any penny for the rehabilitation of the flood affectees, this is painful. This is also a bitter reality that the provincial government has also not taken effective steps to support the affectees in this hour of trial.

Collapsed bridges after severe rains are yet to be reconstructed in Quetta. What to speak about rest of Balochistan, which covers half of the country in terms of area.

It is both the responsibility of the provincial and federal governments to take effective steps to rehabilitate the flood affectees before it is already late.

For thirteen months, leading politicians of the court have revelled in their ability to flout the law. From the disbanding of parliament to the government blatantly ignoring judicial injunctions, Pakistan's political elite has courted anarchy at every turn. It is no surprise, then, that rule of law seems to be on its deathbed.

The unravelling of rule of law bodes ill for our ailing democracy. Rule of law shields the people from autocracy, upholds individuals' rights, guarantees fundamental liberties from the tyranny of the majority, and ensures that those elected to public office become despots unto themselves. Just as rule of law is important to the health of a democracy, an independent judiciary serves both as the sword and the shield of rule of law.

When judges are drawn into politics, their judgments and character are invariably the first casualty. In the recent past, the judiciary has been reduced to a mere rubber stamp, and its independence has been eroded. The judiciary is now a mere tool of the executive, and its decisions are dictated by the government.

To exercise independent judgment, judges must be secluded from

extrinsic forces seeking to influence their workings in their role. Lord Denning, perhaps the most eloquent English judge of the twentieth century, argued convincingly that each judge should be able to do his work free from fear. "Rentless attempts by the powerful to influence the judiciary are a disgrace to our culture of law, by inciting the public against them through speeches or leaked audios, degrade the environment in which the judiciary exercises its powers."

Politicians, keenly aware of these facts, have benefited by questioning the objectivity of the judiciary. In the recent past, the coalition has called upon the chief justice to resign on grounds of his conduct. For example, when Justice Minalnot noted that prior proceedings "exposed the political nature of the proceedings", PTI stalwarts rushed to defend the judgment.

When the public is claiming that it was designed to serve the interests of the government, it is evident, the difference between responsibility and objectivity was lost on them.

Immediately after his dismissal of parliament was quashed, the PTI's stance was that the government who supported Khan's ouster - which de-facto included the judiciary -

as traitors and self-outlets, though they are entitled enough not to single the judiciary out. By leveraging the court to attack the social media, Khan effectively shattered judicial sanctity, leaving judges vulnerable to the wrath of his wish-panels. Since then, he has celebrated court orders that grant and grant his party relief while simultaneously ducking court summons when convenient.

Khan, unfortunately, is not alone in this practice. The political landscape has become inundated with an unceasing barrage of 'audio leaks' that seek to malign one judge or the other, leading to a state of constant coalition has called upon the chief justice to resign on grounds of his conduct.

Whereas there is no question of impartiality, the government's actions reflect poorly on the judiciary. The entire's actions reflect poorly on the judiciary. The entire's actions reflect poorly on the judiciary.

Perfect gridlock

By Fozia Sadiq Khan

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A child born in today's Pakistan will only be 41 per cent productive compared to his parents. If he were given a chance to enjoy full education and complete his higher education, he would be 80 per cent productive. A logic of governance.

The old political guard of the PML-N and the PPP signed the Charter of Democracy in 2006 and pledged to work together and remain largely independent of the influence of the non-political elite. Project Imran Khan was conceived as a reaction to the creation of a political elite and get rid of the old political elite that claims to refute the hegemony of the political elite. This project was formally launched in 2011 and it has been a decade of development.

With short time-horizons and with the fear of the political elite, the political elite does not want to take any risk. The political elite is not interested in the long-term development of the country. The political elite is not interested in the long-term development of the country.

By Dr. Nazim Mahmood

In labour and financial markets was not working anymore. Executive business planning that the Congress government had pursued had plunged India into deep mourning and postponed general elections until mid-June 1991.

This system of 'drigisme' - a market economy with a central planning and state intervention was restraining economic growth. The state had the ownership of big and major industries with little competition. This model did not aim to generate profit but to serve developmental and social objectives; all good on paper but hard to achieve.

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With the IMF agreement still not inked, inflation is soaring. The government's interest rate at one of the highest levels ever, and unemployment is rising. The government's interest rate at one of the highest levels ever, and unemployment is rising.

More than the early polls, they are worried about the results of the PTI sweeps - with 80 per cent of the electorate in the polls, they will be formed there will be there for five years.

It is crystal clear that amid an economic meltdown, the political elite is looking and acting like sleepwalkers. Slowly but surely, the political elite is looking and acting like sleepwalkers.

By Shaifaz Kakakhel

It is gratifying to see that the National Climate Change Policy (NCCP) has been approved by the cabinet. This is a significant step towards addressing the climate crisis.

One, a pre-political context, noted by the international community to address the climate crisis and its ramifications. The NCCP presents a broad-brush 'roadmap' for Pakistan's climate change agenda.

in violation of court injunctions. By attacking the constitution, which ensures the right of citizens to a fair trial, the government is in violation of the constitution.

Justice Brandeis, revered as one of the foremost members of the pantheon of American jurists, opined on a case regarding warrantless wiretapping by federal agents that "crime is contagious, that if the government is to become a lawbreaker, it breeds contempt for the law, it invites every man to become a law unto himself, and invites every man to become a lawbreaker."

What country can demand its people to abide by the law if it refuses to pay even the most basic respect to the rule of law? What democracy can survive a wholesale abandonment of its constitutional principles? By sidestepping the judiciary, the government might protect its leaders and its interests, but the very power that guides their hand may one day shake them tomorrow.

In a country that risks the political stability of the nation, the political elite is looking and acting like sleepwalkers. Slowly but surely, the political elite is looking and acting like sleepwalkers.

The great in a rain

It is apparent now that Project Imran Khan (PIK) is being dismantled. Some commentators wonder whether the PTI was ever a political party. Others use the past tense for the PTI. Whether or not the PTI survived, it did not entirely finish off the old political elite. Games of power and maneuvering kept on being played by both sides.

Former finance minister Miftah Ismail says that Pakistan is the worst governed country. The World Bank states Pakistan's human development indicators are truly dismal, at the level of Sub-Saharan Africa and below the South Asian average. All of these are manifestations of the root cause, as I have said many times in these pages over the years, is the intra-elite political and non-political elite from the government and non-political elite from the government.

There were serious efforts to wipe the old political elite off the face of governing the country, and the PTI was only the latest instrument to achieve this. By contrast, there was no such existential tussle in India. Therefore, India prospered and Pakistan continued to regress as the non-political elite dominated but it could not entirely finish off the old political elite. Games of power and maneuvering kept on being played by both sides.

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In January 1990, tensions in Kashmir allowed the BJP to capitalize on it to fan its extreme right agenda. Immediately after coming to power, the VP government decided to implement the recommendations of the 62nd Amendment and the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Act of 1989 to prevent atrocities and discrimination against marginalized groups in India.

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present, these taxes yield Rs.25 billion, but their true revenue potential is Rs250 billion. The wholesale and retail trade sector is the third area that is under-taxed. Its tax yield is only Rs.20 billion annually, and it can go up to Rs270 billion by "expanding the tax base" and introducing tax on electricity bills and enhancing the fixed asset tax on progressive taxation can increase tax revenues by 12 per cent by adding the additional Rs.100 billion to it.

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forward with the Ram Janmabhoomi (birthplace) agitation. It became a rallying cry for several Hindu organizations, and extremist groups emerged. The BJP leaders who played a significant role in this were Pramod Mahajan who led a chariot march (rath yatra) across India's northern states.

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institution, party, or individual. The result is a chaotic rule over by Pakistan burns in the fires of their anger to be avenge.

Today's polycrisis necessitates dismissing narrow political considerations and embracing reconciliation amongst stakeholders. The judiciary and the political elite should shudder to walk the same path as their deposed counterparts.

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Pakistan's barter initiative to help reduce reliance on dollar: Expert

ISLAMABAD: The barter arrangement allowed by the Ministry of Commerce to help Pakistan branch off a large chunk of its international trade and exchange from reliance on the dollar, says an expert.

The Ministry of Commerce has allowed for the barter of 26 commodity groups with Afghanistan, Iran and Russia under its Business-to-Business Barter Trade Mechanism, 2023, in effect ditching the dollar. The order has

been issued to state-arranged enterprises and private entities given that the private entities meet the eligibility requirements.

Mobilink Bank and Vision-Building Future Collaborate to Address Financial Disparities

Islamabad-As part of its ongoing mission to advance financial inclusion across the board, Mobilink Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Vision-Building Future (VBF) to address existing disparities in the financial sphere through a range of targeted initiatives. Under its flagship program, Women Inspirational Network (WIN) Mobilink Bank is geared towards expanding its financial reach by introducing innovative digital and financial solutions to underserved populations. To further this dedication, the Bank will offer the Bini-e-Hawwa product suite to the beneficiaries of the VBF, fostering women's financial empowerment and facilitating their path toward financial independence.

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countries that are home to more than 8% of the world's population. Vision-Building Future (VBF) is a pioneering youth-led organization dedicated to addressing the deep-rooted gaps in our education system, empowering youth, and advocating against gender discrimination. With a resolute focus on education and professional enrichment, gender, and social inclusion, and where every individual effortlessly realizes their financial aspirations, as we pave the path towards sustainability and inclusivity. Syeda Urooj Haider, President of VBF stated, "It's a mandate to tap the untapped talent of Pakistan by reaching out to the masses from the farthest corners of the country, equipping them with the necessary tools to reach their full potential. Through our strategic alliance with Mobilink Bank, we are excited to broaden the horizon for deserving communities, while bolstering support for educators, professionals, youth, and the transgender community. Mobilink Bank is dedicated to unlocking the full potential of marginalized communities through its strategic part-



ISLAMABAD: Chairman NDMA Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik called on the Prime Minister to get briefed about preparations to deal with Cyclone 'Biparjoy'.

APPNA donates \$350,000 for rehabilitation of Türkiye earthquake victims

WASHINGTON DC: The Association of Physicians of North America (APPNA) expressing solidarity with earthquake-stricken Turkish brethren, has donated \$350,000 for rehabilitation and construction of houses for the calamity stricken people of Türkiye. Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States, Masood Khan along with the APPNA delegation visited the Embassy of Türkiye in Washington DC and handed over contributions made by Pakistani doctors of North America to the Turkish Ambassador to the United States, Masood Khan. The delegation headed by President APPNA Dr. Arshad Rehan included Dr. Rasheed Pracha, Dr. Farhan Iqbal, Dr. Tayyab Rana, Dr. Rashid Hanif,

Dr. Irfan Suleman Dr. Tayyab Rana, Treasurer APPNA, presented the cheque. Speaking on the occasion, Masood Khan said that when the earthquake had struck Türkiye, it had hit Pakistan directly because Türkiye is our second home and foreign motherland. He said that APPNA was the most professional organization of Pakistani-American doctors in the United States with outstanding contributions in health sector and disaster relief. He said that APPNA, a body of 3500 members, represented nearly 20,000 doctors serving in the United States as well as Canada. "APPNA felt the pain of brothers and sisters of Türkiye. They have reached out from Turkish leadership and within one hour,

they were able to raise more than \$350,000 for their Turkish brethren in need." Ambassador said. Ambassador Hassan Mercan thanked Ambassador Masood Khan and APPNA leadership for their sentiments and generous contribution that clearly reflected the attachment of the people of Pakistan with Türkiye and its people. Talking to the Turkish Ambassador, President APPNA Dr. Arshad Rehan highlighted strong bonds existing between the people of two countries and said that Pakistani community in United States felt the pain when the disaster struck the people of Türkiye. He said that the APPNA offered every possible assistance to the calamity stricken people NP

Asad Umar's bail in Askari Tower attack case extended

LAHORE: The pre-arrest bail of former secretary general of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Asad Umar in Askari Tower, Liberty attack during the May 9 protests was extended by an Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) on Tuesday.

Three of family die as car plunges into ravine

SKARDU: Three family members died when a car plunged into ravine near Skardu on Tuesday, police said. The bus carrying 35 passengers onboard skidded off road then plunged into a deep gorge ahead of Skardu. All the three family members died on the spot in the accident. Others were wounded when the bodies to Tehsil Headquarters (THQ) Hospital Patika. Some three days earlier, at least nine people were killed and several others were wounded when a bus fell into a deep ravine in Kolti, Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). The bus carrying 35 passengers skidded off the road and fell into a deep ravine in the limits of Narah police station in Poonch. As a result, nine people were killed and scores were injured. The rescue sources said all the passengers were returned to Gujranwala after attending a Ur ceremony Narian area near Kolti. INP

Pakistani heat-treated beef granted access to Chinese market

BEIJING: In a landmark decision scheduled on June 14, the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) has granted access to Pakistani heat-treated beef to enter the Chinese market, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Tuesday. The imported Pakistani heat-treated beef must originate from cattle younger than 30 months, and the meat must be boneless, having undergone a stringent heat treatment process. The centre of the meat should reach a temperature of at least 70 degrees Celsius for

a minimum of 30 minutes. The announcement also details extensive requirements about animal disease management, processing conditions, storage, certification, packaging, transportation, and labelling. The access of Pakistani beef to the Chinese market represents a milestone in the China-Pakistan economic cooperation. With the continuous development and deepening of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), more Pakistani agricultural products are expected to enter the Chinese market. This new development follows the earlier agreement for the export of Pakistani cherries to the Chinese market. Further illustrating the mutually beneficial economic relationship between the two countries. INP

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Horse-trading started in Dubai, UAE ahead of Karachi's Mayor election: Sh. Rashid

RAWALPINDI: Awami Muslim League (AML) chief Sheikh Rashid Ahmed claimed that horse-trading has started in Dubai and UAE ahead of Karachi's Mayor election. It is worth mentioning here that for Karachi's Mayor election scheduled on June 15, Hafiz Naeem Rehman of Jamaat-Islami (JI) and Murtaza Wahab of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) are top contenders. Taking to twitter handle, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said the cash grab would win in the election as he apparently hit out at the PPP. The AML chief announced of moving the Islamabad High Court (IHC) against the case at his residence without any warrants. He alleged that police damaged his belongings and tortured his employees. He claimed that police officials took away his vehicles, watches, licensed guns and cash during the raids, adding that violation of sanctity of "chadar & char dewan" while conducting 48 counter narcotics operations throughout the country. The seized drugs comprised 3125 kg Opium, 380.5 kg Heroin, 1465.81 kg hashish, 221 kg Morphine, 206,002 mg methamphetamine (Ice) and 6 kg Ecstasy Tabs (2500 x Tabs) and 0.050 grams weed. The ANF Balochistan recovered 4645.4 kg drugs & 68 liters Hydrochloric Acid (HCL) chemical in 14 operations while arrested 16 persons involved in drugs smuggling and impounded two vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 3103.4 kg Opium, 371 kg Heroin, 750 kg hashish, 200 kg methamphetamine (Ice) and 221 kg Morphine. The ANF Punjab recovered 553.26 kg drugs including two vehicles involved in drugs smuggling and impounded four vehicles. INP



ISLAMABAD: Minister of Climate Change of Pakistan Sherry Rehman addressed a press conference along with Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Lieutenant General (R) Inam Haider at Press Information Department in Federal Capital.

PAC recovered Rs1 trillion over past one year: Chairman Noor Alam

ISLAMABAD: Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Chairman Noor Alam has said that in the past one year, the Committee successfully recovered around one trillion rupees, with a commitment to take decisive action against individuals who have harmed the national exchequer. Taking part in budget debate in National Assembly on Tuesday, he emphasized the committee's efforts in recovering the substantial amount, clarifying that it was a collective accomplishment, not solely his own. He emphasized that he did not witness any preferential treatment or bias

among the Members of the National Assembly (MNAs) during the recovery process and financial assistance. Noor Alam further declared that he draws a monthly salary of Rs. 168,000 as an MNA and an additional Rs. 20,000 as Chairman of the PAC. He said that individuals engaged in corrupt practices should face the consequences of their actions. He exposed instances of corruption amounting to billions of rupees in programs such as the Ten Billion Tree Tsunami, the National Education Policy, and the health sector, and the police department. He expressed concerns about

the lack of a submitted report regarding corruption complaints surrounding the Mohmand Dam project. The Chairman PAC said he summoned the 2016-17 audit report along with records of funding cases related to the Basha Dam, questioning the absence of audits for the account and the failure to utilize Rs. 17 billion collected for the project. Noor Alam Khan raised significant question about the allocation of 190 million pounds to an individual, emphasizing that this wealth belonged to Pakistan, and the national exchequer suffered as a result. INP

ANF seizes 5399kg drugs, arrests 45, impounds 12 vehicles in countryside operations

ISLAMABAD: The Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) seized 5399.943 kg drugs & 68 liters Hydrochloric Acid (HCL) chemical in 14 operations while arrested 45 persons including five women, two foreigners and impounded 12 vehicles while conducting 48 counter narcotics operations throughout the country. The seized drugs comprised 3125 kg Opium, 380.5 kg Heroin, 1465.81 kg hashish, 221 kg Morphine, 206,002 mg methamphetamine (Ice) and 6 kg Ecstasy Tabs (2500 x Tabs) and 0.050 grams weed. The ANF Balochistan recovered 4645.4 kg drugs & 68 liters Hydrochloric Acid (HCL) chemical in 14 operations while arrested 16 persons involved in drugs smuggling and impounded two vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 3103.4 kg Opium, 371 kg Heroin, 750 kg hashish, 200 kg methamphetamine (Ice) and 221 kg Morphine. The ANF Punjab recovered 553.26 kg drugs including two vehicles involved in drugs smuggling and impounded four vehicles. INP

Sazgar Engineering Works profits boom in 9MFY23: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Sazgar Engineering Works posted impressive growth in the first nine months of FY23, with revenue up 78% on gross profit up 132% and net profit up 344% year-on-year, according to WealthPK. Sazgar earned a gross profit of Rs1.29 billion on gross sales of Rs12.5 billion in 9MFY23, resulting in a gross profit of 10%. The company posted a net profit of Rs23 million and a net profit ratio of 4.2% in 9MFY23. The company posted earnings per share of Rs8.66 in the nine-month period. The mid-cap automobile assembler jacked up the sales revenue by 78% from Rs1.17 billion in 9MFY22 to Rs12.5 billion in 9MFY23. Likewise, the gross profit of Rs557 million in 9MFY22 rocketed 132% in 9MFY23. The net profit of Rs23 million also shot up by 344% from Rs6.17 million to Rs23 million in 9MFY23. This is the first time Sazgar registered on Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) with the symbol SAZEW. The company is the ninth-largest firm in the automobile assembler sector with a market capitalization of Rs3 billion. Quarterly Review. Quarterly analysis shows an increasing trend in the growth of sales, profits and earnings per share. The company made the highest sales, gross and net profits in the third quarter (January-March) of FY23.

In the first quarter (July-September) of FY23, SAZEW earned Rs1.50 billion in gross revenues and Rs165 million in gross profit. The company posted a net profit of Rs11 million in this quarter. Therefore, the gross and net profit ratios stood at 8.0% and 2.1%, respectively. In 20F23, the company reported earnings per share of Rs11.13 INP

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1	PURCHASING OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR GOVT GIRLS INTER COLLEGE JEVIANI	3,000,000/-

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit Call of 2% specified above in the name of the under-signer from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signer 500 PKR Issuance of Tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 19 June, 2023 during office hours on working days. Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 19 June, 2023@ 11:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signer at 12:00 PM Address: Govt Girls Degree College Jeviani District Gwadar Phone No: 3127620910. Email: jevianicollege2023@gmail.com

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CAMDA promotes Maize Harvesting Mechanization Technology in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: China Agricultural Machinery Distribution Association (CAMDA) continued its efforts to promote Maize Harvesting Mechanization Technology in Pakistan. According to China Economic Net (CEN), Pakistan Workshop held a "Field Training Day" on Tuesday its special field at Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture, Multan (MNSUAM). This location serves as the workshop's overseas training base for agricultural machinery.

he training program, centered around the theme of "Application and Promotion of Maize Harvesting Mechanization Technology," aims to enhance the construction of an international industry-academia-research-application platform for agricultural machinery. Through participatory, experiential, and interactive demonstrations and training, the program seeks to improve the effectiveness of the workshop's agricultural mechanization technology. By showcasing the

capabilities of high-horsepower, high-performance and intelligent Chinese agricultural machinery in grain harvesting and production, it will aid local farmers in advancing the construction of crop harvesting process. At the training site, teachers from MNSUAM and experts from Agricultural Mechanization Research Institute in Punjab collaborated to teach and answer questions for over 200 teachers and students from relevant agricultural universities in Pakistan, officials and technicians

from agricultural departments of Punjab province, agricultural technology promotion agencies, and representative enterprises. China Agricultural Machinery Distribution Association (CAMDA) live-streamed the event, which attracted a large number of returning Chinese customers. The online event innovates three models for international cooperation in vocational education and the integration of industry and teaching. First, it innovates the practical training mode of China INP

Luban Workshop to enhance productivity. This is the first time Chinese school-enterprise cooperation units in the partnership of productive practical training in partner countries of the Luban Workshop. The training was guided by such cooperation units, and the real production task of the training was used as teaching content to help trainees master mechanized operation skills. Secondly, it innovates the overseas display mode of new technologies and products of China INP

Govt highly focused on facilitating youth in budget: PM

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that the government has highly focused on youth in budget 2023-24 to facilitate youth in starting their entrepreneurship activities which will also help in creating more job opportunities in the country.

In a statement issued here on Tuesday, he said that the confidence and the hope could be restored by eliminating disappointments and ensuring socio-economic development of the country.

Premier Shehbaz Sharif said, "By the will of Allah Almighty, the upcoming year will be the year of increased income generation of the people and the country."

This was the budget of economic stability and quick development in various sectors including industry, agriculture, information technology and energy, he said adding that the budget would also provide youth the opportunity to create jobs for others by starting their own entrepreneurship.

"Youth are the country's future and saving their future has always been my top priority," he added.

Shehbaz Sharif said with the help of initiatives announced by the government in the budget 2023-24, the youth

would become the architects of Pakistan's development by starting their own businesses in IT, industry and agriculture sectors.

He said the government was providing 100,000 laptops and small loans to the youth on concessional rates for their start ups.

The government, he said also offered tax exemptions in the Budget 2023-24 for businesses in IT for encouragement of the youth.

The prime minister said the Rs 2000 billion Kissan Package would further expedite the country's journey of agriculture development and prosperity.

He said the government would offer more facilities in the agriculture sector through the budget 2023-24 to ensure food security and to make the youth an important stakeholder in agriculture development of the country.

PM Shehbaz Sharif said the farmers and the youth of the country would become prosperous by availing the agriculture and business loans offered by the government in the budget 2023-24 INP



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairing a meeting regarding preparedness and measures taken for the approaching "Biparjio" Cyclone.

Five killed, 4 injured in Faisalabad road mishap

FAISALABAD: At least five people were killed and four others injured in collision between a passenger bus and a tractor trailer here on Tuesday.

Rescue sources said that accident took place in Sattiana area of Faisalabad where a Islamabad bound passenger bus coming from Pakpattan collided with a tractor trailer.

Five people were killed in the accident while four others sustained serious injuries.

Police and rescue teams reached the scene of the accident, shifted the bodies and injured to local hospitals.

The police impounded both vehicles and after registering a case into the incident started an investigation INP

PIDE & UOM 2-day conference kicked off

ISLAMABAD: In collaboration with the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE), the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) organized a dynamic and engaging 02-day conference at the University of Malakand, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The conference, titled "Unleashing the Economic Potential of KPK," brought together local leaders, experts, and stakeholders to address regional problems and explore indigenous solutions.

The conference commenced with an inauguration session, where participants reflected on the past 37 years of conducting general meetings and conferences, recognizing the pressing need for local solutions to tackle the diverse range of issues impacting our communities.

It was emphasized that efficiency, thoughtful considerations of local issues, and regional consensus are crucial elements for building networks and linkages between academia, government, and other key stakeholders.

The collaboration with the University of Malakand was unveiled as a significant step toward achieving these goals.

The conference aims to provide a platform for robust discussions and the development of innovative solutions to address the challenges faced by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The diverse range of topics presented by the speakers promises to generate thought-provoking debates and innovative ideas, which can shape the region's future.

Conferences offer a platform for engaging with thought leaders, sharing diverse ideas, and emphasizing the significance of collective effort and innovative thinking in addressing Pakistan's social issues. INP

'Petrol prices to come down after Russian oil arrival'

ISLAMABAD: Economic Expert Hafeez Pasha on Monday expressed hope that the petrol and diesel prices might see a decrease following the arrival of Russian oil in Pakistan.

Speaking during a private TV channel program, former finance minister, Hafeez Pasha, stated that there is a possibility of a temporary reduction in petrol prices in Pakistan as a result of the arrival of Russian crude oil shipments.

Hafeez Pasha expressed his belief that the Pakistan Diesel Limited (PDL) can be brought up to Rs 75 per liter as currently, the PDL is charging Rs 50 per liter.

The former Finance Minister stated that the annual average inflation rate stands at 30 per cent, while essential food and beverage items have witnessed a staggering 50 per cent increase in prices.

It is pertinent to mention here that earlier this week, the first ship carrying Russian oil has anchored at Karachi port. INP

Sherry warns of urban flooding in Karachi amid cyclone Biparjio

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Climate Change, Sherry Rehman Tuesday warned of urban flooding and strong windstorm in Karachi amid cyclone Biparjio.

Taking to here Twitter handle, she said, "Biparjio Cyclone is real. Without panicking, people need to take PDMA Sindh and PDMA Balochistan advisories seriously for the coastal areas."

Sherry Rehman further stated that though intensity of cyclone has reduced for Balochistan side but unpredictable so please do not take it casually.

"It is varying in intensity but caution is crucial, esp near the Sindh coast. Karachi will likely face urban flooding given the scale & intensity of winds. Precautionary evacuations in Seaview areas have begun. We will keep you updated," she added.

With its probable approach to the southeast Sindh coast, widespread wind-dust/hunderstorm rain with some very heavy/extremely heavy falls accompanied by squally (high intensity) winds of 80-100km/hour gusting 120km/hour likely in Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Tharparker, Mirpurkhas and Umerkot districts from today to 17 June. Dust/thunderstorm-rain with few heavy falls and accompanying squally winds of 60-80 Km/hour likely in Karachi, Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allahyar, Shaheed Benazirabad and Sanghar districts from 14 June (tomorrow) to 16 June. High-intensity winds may cause damage to vulnerable structures, katcha houses, solar panels, billboards or tall structures (8-12 feet) expected at the land falling point (Keti Bandar and surrounding areas). Fishermen have been advised not to venture into open sea till the cyclonic system is over by 17 June, as the Arabian Sea conditions may get very rough accompanying with high tides along the coast. INP

Hina discusses bilateral ties, cooperation with EU commissioners

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar who on official visit to Brussels held extensive meetings with two European Union Commissioners and discussed bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

During meeting of the state minister with European Commissioner for Crisis Management, Janez Lenaric, issues pertaining to EU's flood relief activities in Pakistan came under discussion. Hina thanked the EU for activating the European Civil Protection Mechanism post floods that enabled immediate assistance from EU during rehabilitation phase. The two sides agreed to explore further avenues for collaboration in disaster management and capacity building, according to a statement received here on Tuesday.

In her meeting with European Commissioner for Home Affairs Ylva Johansson, Minister of State discussed optimal utilization of the recently launched Migration and Mobility Dialogue including opportunities for legal migration of skilled labor. It was agreed to strengthen cooperation in implementation of Pakistan-EU readmission agreement.

The state minister in her interactions at the EU Commission expressed the hope that the EU would take a leadership role in dealing with emerging global challenges and non-traditional security threats including climate change, pandemics, water, energy and food security. She advocated for collaboration and cooperation for building capacity with a special focus on sustainability, green economy, agriculture and digital connectivity. INP

Gilani calls for unity, economic reforms amidst challenges

ISLAMABAD: Former Prime Minister, Senator, Syed Yusuf Raza Gillani on Tuesday urged both the treasury and opposition benches to unite during difficult times in order to tackle the prevailing economic crisis faced by the country.

During his speech on the budget for the fiscal year 2023-24 in Senate, he emphasized the crucial need for a "Charter of Economy," underscoring its significance in the current hour of trials and tribulations.

He highlighted the adverse financial conditions inherited by the coalition government of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) due to the poor economic policies of the previous administration.

Senator Gillani pointed out that, in an attempt to gain public sympathy, the leadership of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) violated the terms and conditions set by the International Monetary Fund before facing a "no trust motion."

However, despite the declining political popularity of the PDM, they approached the situation with a positive and non-partisan attitude, prioritizing the national interest and striving to steer the country out of the economic crisis. "Assuming power, the PDM government had been making comprehensive efforts to restore progress and prosperity to the nation."

Senator Gillani attributed the rising inflation to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine war, which had disrupted business activities not only in Pakistan but across the globe. INP

President telephones families of martyred soldiers, sympathize with them

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday telephoned the family members of the soldiers of Pakistan Army who embraced martyrdom for the country and sympathized with them.

He paid tributes to the martyrs for sacrificing their lives for the sake of the country's security.

President Alvi made a telephone contact with the family members of martyred Sepoy Inayatullah and Hasnain Ishtiaq, who embraced martyrdom in Sangwan, Balochistan on June 1, and expressed sympathies with them.

He also hailed the martyrs' patriotism and bravery. The president called on phone, the father of Lance Naek Meraj Uddin who was martyred in North Waziristan on June 3.

Besides, he called the father of Naek Zaheer Abbas who embraced martyrdom in Mir Ali on June 4, and expressed his heartfelt condolence to him.

The president also extended his sympathies to the bereaved family members of Havaldar Muhammad Anwar and Naeb Subedar Ghulam Murtaza who were martyred in Jami Khel on June 4. President Alvi also contacted the family members of Lance Naek Sabir who embraced martyrdom in South Waziristan on June 5 INP

Bilawal appeals to people for cooperation, p recuations in view of cyclone

KARACHI: Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has appealed to the public to take protective measures and to cooperate with the authorities in view of the cyclone "Biparjio".

According to the statement issued by Media Cell Bilawal House on Tuesday, the PPP Chairman said that according to meteorological reports, the coastal areas of Karachi, Thatta, Sujawal and Badin are under the threat of the "Biparjio".

He said that the government of Sindh is alert in view of the cyclone and is taking all possible safety measures, adding that all possible resources are being utilized to protect the life and property of the people.

Bilawal said that the people, especially those living in the coastal areas, should cooperate with the administration and move to safer places without delay.

He emphasized that citizens living in old and dilapidated buildings should also be shifted to safer places on emergency basis.

He also appealed to the fishermen not to go into the open sea for the next few days until the weather returns to normal.

"Travelling during rainstorms should be avoided, as taking all precautionary measures is the only way to avoid the potential damage of a natural calamity," he added.

Bilawal also instructed his Party's office-bearers and workers to lend a helping hand to the administration in rescue and relief activities, while the lawmakers of the party from the coastal areas should remain in their respective constituencies and stay in touch with the people.

"PPP is always with the people, be it happy times or difficult times," he added.

He prayed, "May Allah Almighty protect every nook and corner of Pakistan and every Pakistani from natural calamities and keep them safe." INP

Cyclone Biparjio: DG Rangers inspects situation in coastal areas

KARACHI: Director General (DG) Rangers Sindh, Major General Azhar Waqas visited the coastal areas on Tuesday as cyclone Biparjio draws nearer to Pakistan.

A spokesperson of Sindh Rangers said that Major General Azhar Waqas visited the coastal areas in Thatta, Sujawal, Badin and Shah Bandar, the areas which are likely to be most affected by the cyclone.

The DG Rangers during the visit held meetings with the coastal sector and wing commanders to review arrangements for the evacuation of the area. The process of shifting people to safer places from the coastal belt is underway.

The DG Rangers, who are in charge of the administration are making an announcement on the loudspeakers for the general public to move to a safer place.

The spokesperson further said, DG Rangers further directed the sector commanders to help the civil administration in providing free medical camps, and relief goods to the people.

Earlier, Corps Commander Karachi, Lt General Bahar Ikhikhar chaired an emergency conference in Badin to review precautionary measures in the wake of cyclone Biparjio.

The emergency conference was attended by the DG Rangers Sindh, GOC Hyderabad and other authorities concerned.

The Corps Commander Karachi was briefed by the authorities on the precautionary arrangements INP



LAHORE: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mariyum Aurangzeb addressing press conference at Press club in Provincial Capital.

Pakistan sets sights on Turkey to bolster trade: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: In a bid to bolster bilateral trade and tap into the immense potential for exports, Pakistan has set its sights on Turkey.

The two countries recently signed a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), laying the foundation for a fruitful economic partnership with a strategic goal of achieving \$5 billion in bilateral trade in the medium term, said a senior official. Muhammad Usman Bae, international Trade Officer at Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), told WealthPK that under the PTA, Pakistan has gained market access to 261 tariff lines, encompassing a range of products. He added that Pakistan's global export of these products is \$5.1 billion, while Turkey's global import of these products is \$7.6 billion. "Notably, textile products, a major export item for Pakistan, will be included in the agreement in the near future, further unlock-

ing the full potential of this collaboration," he said.

Lama, some of the potential products eligible for zero and minimum custom duties under the PTA include mangoes, animal casings, dates, rice, gum, confectionery, jelly, confectionery food preparation in powder form, tomato ketchup and tomato sauces, body lotion, creams, emulsions and oils, soaps, made-ups from paper or cardboard, colored and colorless glasses, and safety razors. These products represent a promising avenue for boosting exports and optimising trade potential with Turkey," the official said. He stated that trade balance between Pakistan and Turkey has favored the latter in recent years. In the fiscal year 2021-22, total trade between the two countries amounted to \$883 million, with Pakistan's exports to Turkey reaching \$366 million, while imports stood at \$517 INP

Air route resumed between Lahore and Urumqi

ISLAMABAD: China Southern Airlines resumed its flight operations from Lahore to Urumqi on Tuesday with flight number CZ6018, which will provide greater convenience for businessmen and tourists traveling to China from Lahore and neighboring provinces.

The route will have three return flights per week with a capacity of about 177 passengers per flight, according to China Economic Net (CEN).

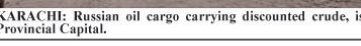
Urumqi, a city in northwestern China, has experienced a boom in cultural and tourist exchanges with Lahore. The resumption of flights has attracted the attention of a large number of passengers from both countries.

Zhang Bing, a passenger on the flight, said with excitement that before the resumption, passengers needed to travel from Lahore to Islamabad one day in advance. "The opening of flights from

Lahore to Urumqi has shortened the entire journey," he added.

Afridi, a businessman engaged in the import and export of small commodities between China and Pakistan, said that the resumption of flights has improved the efficiency of transportation and reduced logistics costs.

Zhang Xingru, General Manager of China Southern Airline Company Limited Lahore Office told CEN that this year marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative, and the resumption of flights between Urumqi and Lahore will further promote connectivity and boost the high-quality construction of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. Following the resumption of the flights, the airline company has increased the number of routes from Urumqi to Pakistan to both Lahore and Islamabad and realized daily service for the two brotherly countries INP



KARACHI: Russian oil cargo carrying discounted crude, is anchored at a port in Provincial Capital.