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Nation should be 'fully expectant' of voting in new govt by Nov 10: Dastgir



Shehbaz asks Nawaz to return to Pakistan, become PM for fourth time

# Funds lapse in financiallystarved Balochistan

Syed Ali Shah analysis

Lapsing of funds is a common phenomenon in the finan-cially-starved Balochistan. The provincial health minister, Syed Ebsan Shah revealed a bitter reality that his department lapsed Rs.7 billions allocated for the purchase of medicines and equipment for government hospitals.

nospitáls. This exposed the poor politi-cal commitment coupled with bad governance and incompe-tent officers in Balochistan, which is already lagging behind other provinces in terms of key social indicators.

Hospitals without medicines for last three months in Balochistan

Government-run hospitals in Quetta, the provincial capital have been without medicines for the last three months. This compounded the problems of deserving and needy patients knocking the doors of govern-



ment hospitals.
Since the elites can afford to
go to Karachi for medical treatment. So the deserving and
needy patients remained the
worst sufferers of this incompetency of the government in general and the health department
in particular.

Angioplasty and Angiography machines out of order for the last two and half years in BMC

Look at the irony, the angiography and angioplasty machines are out of order at the Baluchistan's largest government-run hospital i.e. Bolan Medical Complex (BMC) hospital for the last two and half years. This daily has repeatedly reported the out of order machines. Unfortunately, the reports are falling on deaf ears. The BMC administration cites lack of funds as the underlying reason behind the non repair of machines.

Rs. 7 billions lapsed in health department Balochistan

This is strange, on one hand Rs.7 billions are lapsed by the department, on the other hand, the same department complaints about lack of funds for the repair of two machines in BMC.

Simply, this is unacceptable and an investigation conducted by this daily suggests the machines are deliberately made out of order to force the patients towards private clinics and hospitals.

**Provincial** government should put its own house in order prior to criticism of Islamabad

From the province's chief minister to a section officer everyone speaks about the financial crisis, currently. Blaming Islamabad for the all ills of the province has been the hallmark of all political leaders from government to opposition. However, they are yet to put their own house in order and ensure financial discipline in this resources-starved province of the country.

## Land record digitalized in Balochistan: Mitha Khan Kakar

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QUETTA-Adviser to the Chief Minister
Balochistan on Information, Mitha Rhan
Rakar on Friday said that land record
across the province has been digitalized to
revent corruption and land occupation.
Spokesperson
Balochistan, Farah Azeem Shah and other
offisial sever also present on the occasion,
government's initiatives in Balochistan,
direction of the Chief Minister Balochistan,
Mr. Kakar said that according to the
vision of Chief Minister Balochistan, digital
facilities will be provided in Gwadar,
Pishin, Jaffrashad and Quetta, which
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Government signs agreement with Google to provide scholarships to students



He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Balochistan, the government of Balochistan has signed an imporestication of the Balochistan has signed an imporestication of Balochistan. He said that IT education will be made public in the next few years, digitalization of land records will make goolgy safe and of land records will make goolgy safe and lasto increase. He said that the government of Balochistan has also actively participated in welfare works by providing ration to one lash people in the month of Ramadan, and lash people in the month of Ramadan.

Land management system to decrease disputes in Balochistan

#### Digital Balochistan is the vision of the chief minister

#### Nation should be 'fully expectant' of voting in new govt by Nov 10: Khurram Dastgir

Power Minister Khurram Dastgir or Friday said Pakistanis should be expectant of voting in a new government by November 10, affirmment by November 10, affirment by November 10, affirment by November 10, affirment by November 10, affirment would dissolve by itself on August 12. The power minister's statement is the clearest indication of a firm timeline for the elections coming from a member of the ruling PML-N) or member of the ruling PML-N) or member of the ruling PML-N).



It comes against the backdrop of the PTI chief Imran Khan demand-ing early polls since is ouster as the prime minister last year — an issue that continues to be a cause of dis-cord between the opposition and the government.

Presently uncertainty prevails

the government.

Presently, uncertainty prevails over the fate of the elections, which are otherwise due in coming October after the completion of the

PML-Nied government's term on August 13, 2023.

As the ruling coalition is indecisive about holding the general elections in coming October, Information Minister Marryuph that efections would be held after the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) gave a date for the purpose on the completion of the government's tenure in August. The PML-N and its allied parties have said that we will hold after the survey of the ECP to give the election date, she had said.

Meanwhile, there have been divergent statements from the five the completion of the compl

# Govt says flexible on FY24 budget, ready to reach 'amicable solution' with IMF



### Shehbaz asks Nawaz to return to Pakistan, become PM for fourth time

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday urged Pakistan Mus ague-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif to return to Pakistan d the election campaign of the party and become the prime minister fourth time.

PM says those who criticise Ishaq Dar should separate themselves from party

PM Shehbaz made the appeal during a central general council meeting the party where the premier was re-elected as the president of the PML-

Addressing the meeting, the premier said that he was waiting for his deer brother — who has been in self-imposed exile in London since owner 2019 owing to health reasons — to return to Pakistan and then old the party meeting so he could hand over the PML-N's presidentship ack to him.

"The election commission's sword was hanging which is why this meet-

ng was held," the prime minister added.

Premier Shehbaz was given the PML-N's presidency after his predecesor — Nawaz, the three-time prime minister — was disqualified by the
upreme Court and barred from holding any party office He also said that
pML-N needed young leadership, and commended Maryam for her

#### Adds politics will change when Nawaz Sharif returns to Pakistan

You will see that the map of politics will change when Nawaz Sharif urns to Pakistan, "PM Shehbaz said Coming to his governance, he once in reminded the workers that his government took charge at a time when y did not get roses but thorns: "Inflation has broken the back of the peo-oil prices were touching the sky. The coalition government decided ether that we would face the tough times," he said, adding that in the coming budget, the government increased the salaries of employees and sistons. We have still locked homs with the IMF [and] Pakistan will con-ue on the path of development," the premeir further said Web Desk.

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#### The curse of narcotics in Balochistan

The curse of narcotics has ruined our society. Thousands of young people fell prey to the curse of heroin during the last four decades in Balochistan, Pakistan's least developed province. In Quetta, it is very difficult to walk on Jinnah Road because of the young heroin addicts begging and snatching things on the roadside. First, they (addicts) beg and then try to snatch anything from mobiles to watches and purses from women. Such incidents have frequently taken a place with addicts snatching purses, mobiles, etc, and sneaking into the main city nullah, which snakes through Quetta's high-security zone.

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This situation prompted the Quetta police and the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) to launch an operation in the main nullah the other day. CTD and police claimed to have killed eight alleged drug peddlers during an exchange of fire. This was for the first time that police and CTD conducted such a targeted operation.

Fate of thousands of addicts is still shrouded in mystery. However, the fate of thousands of young addicts still shrouds in mystery as the government is yet to make a plan for their complete rehabilitation. The challenge for the government is to stop the narcotics smuggling from Afphanistan and rehabilitate the addicts.

Officially an awareness campaign on social media, radio, newspapers. and Tv channels should be launched to create awareness among the people about the curse of narcotics. This would be a good initiative to prevent the youth from falling prey to drugs.

History of heroin dates back to USSR invasion of Afghanistan in 1979.

The menace of narcotics in general and heroin, in particular, dates ack to the USSR's invasion of Afghanistan at the end of December

1979.

The war in Afghanistan had and has direct impacts on Pakistan in general and Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces in particular. It is a common saying that 'Kalashinkove and Heroin' culture is the product of the Afghan war, which distorted the true tolerant face of the two provinces.

# Looming threat of climate change in Pakistan



Pakistan is threatened with the challenges of climate change. Be it global standing or regional vulnerability caused due to climatic threats, Pakistan is on crossing the red line. This is so alarming as much as it is so alarming as much as it is on interesting. Is there someone looking after climate change at the provincial or federal level in Pakistan? There is none!

level in Pakistan? There is none! Of Climate change at the federal level is downplayed to act only as a regulator and one that has the technical capacity to still attains of checking the quality of ambient airs. Similarly, at all the provincial levels, there are environmental protection agencies that look after the conformity of environmental regulations of the conformation of environmental regulations. These provincial agencies act as regulators

and with a stick they enforce the environmen tal laws which can cater for only a limited version or a speek of what forms the big idea of climate change. At the provincial levels like at agency that is technically sound, composed of such professionals and equipped with such facilities as to counter the grand horror of climate change. No climate change data being collected at the provincial for the data and statistics, there is as much fragmentation and silosapproach as much it is in the intergovernmental coordination mechanism. The question is not of the dearth of ampleness of data however it is how the data is madd in the country of the data and the country of the data and the country of the data of the

As for policies, laws, rules and regulations, we are more affluent than the developed nations. When it comes to drafting policies, odes are worth writing to our expertise but when given to see gimplemented; only darkened eulogies are symphonized at shrieks ad infinitum. The laws are being multiplied each day and have become as difficult as to remember the exact number of laws on one state of the company of t

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# The reforms industry

In Pakistan since the coalition government has got some space, there is a whole reforms industry that has crept up. Some of this sentiment is quite genuine as Pakistan has been delaying structural reforms of its economy for a long time. However, the kind of narrative coming the control of t

quite rhetorical.

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epresentation – and nor any of other half-baked reforms narrative being sprouted. The explanation lies elsewhere and be honest enough to sift wheat from chaff wheat from the country. We are a multi-lingual, multi-country when the country when t

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ent, Pakistan is on a different structural trajectory. The BJP is no real appropriate and appropriate some historical differences.

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## Continuity and change

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By Foqia Sadiq Khan

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# Facing future floods safely

Pakistan's floods of 2022 were the latest, and most damaging yet, addition to the long history of floods in the country. As the muddy waters slowly recede, the need for speeding up action to face future floods stands clear.

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Roods in the country

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flood security, leading to relaxation of rules for many contraction over time, and increasing density of habitation. This results in greater exposure of lives and properties to floods. It is time to see and tope done if policymakers and people recognise the role of human decisions in contributing to the disaster. When we recognise responsibility for our actions, we gain a gency for What are the changes.

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# **Exploring** careers

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concerns including uncertainty about their future. Pakistan Hindu Council decided to organize a grand event in the form of the Job Fair and Education Expo Dusiness hub of Pakistan, so that national and international institutional institutin

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### **Major industries** witness a 9.39pc decrease in production

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According to the
details, a decrease of 9.39
per cent has been witnessed in the production
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current fiscal year as
compare to the previous
year, there was a decrease
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tries.

The statistics department has provided the figures of the production, according to which the combine of the production according to which the combine sector decreased by 45.58 per cent from July to April.

During the production of the textile sector by 17.86 per cent, pharmacuticals by 24.26 per cent, and tobacco by 24.25 per cent, and tobacco by According to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

(PBS), there has been a decrease of 8.52 per cent in the production of food industries during the ten months, while the production of the timber new control of the production of the production petroleum production petroleum production decreased of 27.65 per cent in the production of computers, electronics, and optical products and a decrease of 27.65 per cent in the production of computers, electronics, and optical products and a decrease of the production of decreased of the production of the pro

### Muslim world must focus to produce skilled youth as per market trends: Dr. Hathal

I S L A M A B A D P resident, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IUI), Dr. Hathal Hamoud Alotabia has said that education may be a supported to the state of the control of the state of the control of the co

writers and veteran media persons.

The participants agreed that youth were the real that youth were the real change in the society and educational institutions must focus on producing skilled graduates. The dinner reception partici-pants opined that vided best guidance and education, has potential to change the fate of nation.

cated & nurtured youth, nothing can bar it to achieve the destination of prosperity and success. He called for the meaningful role of educational might represent the control of the contr

inaugurated two academic blocks while construction work is in process on the library building and medical block. The process of the library building and medical block with the library building and medical block will be a library building and medical building and the library building the library building that they have the potential to rise and university is focusing on making them an exquisite INP



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi in a meeting with a delegation from Artificial Intelligence Education Foundation (AIEF), at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

#### The unwise pursuit, as Washington's bid to include India in NATO Plus

ISLAMABAD: Surprisingly, a US Congressional Committee 's recent' recommendation to 'Pulsa' alliance raises questions about global defense equilibriance. The timing of this proposalist, whead of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington, has further added a thick layer of curiosity over these questions, according to a report published by Gwadar 'NATO Plus' is a US-led, defense-oriented group consisting of all NATO members and five other nations: Australia, Jouth Korea.

The House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition

de the United States and the Communist Parry of China. Gallagher and Ranking Member Raja Krishamoorthi, overwhelmingly adopted a policy proposal to enhance Taiwan's deterrence, including through include India. This expansionary move to incorporate India into NATO Plus, which is ostensibly aimed India proposal to the proposal to the

Zong 4G celebrates first successful

extremely questionable.

It seems to be a calculated effort to strengthen the military influence of the United States and its allies, thereby exerting control over regions of strategic importance. This move perpeturather than fostering genuine global defense cooperation.

Simultaneously, the purported plan to establish a NATO finison office in Tokyo is nearing final-time of the property of the p

#### rain likely in Sindh, Balochistan, Punjab

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ISLAMABAD-Dust and thunderstorm-rain with isolated heavy falls and bailstorm expected in Sindh, East and South Balochistan, Upper and Central Punjab. Indigital and bailstorm expected in Cover and the Central Punjab. Intense dust-storm and thunderstorm and rain heavy to very heavy scattered rain with extremely heavy at times is expected in lower south of the country. Temperature of some major cities recorded on Friday morning. Islamabad twenty-three degree major cities recorded on Friday morning. Islamabad twenty-three degree. Islamabad twenty-three degree centigrade. According to weather forecast with the control of the country than the control of the country free degree centigrade. According to weather forecast and the country free foreign and magnetic foreign and the country free foreign and foreign foreign

# completion of women digital program COMPLETION ISLAMABAD. Zong 4G. in collaboration with Pakistand and Social Safety (MOPASS), held a momentous Graduation and Social Safety (MOPASS), held a momentous Graduation ceremony at Zong headquarters, celebrating the achieve-the center's Digital Program. The talented individuals successfully completed the comprehensive training program to digital domains, Gwadar Proreported on Fridaythis The initiative aims to provide women with essential digital domains, Gwadar Proreported on Fridaythis at the initiative aims to provide women with essential digital to the state-of-the-art digital at PBM swomen empower them to the state-of-the-art digital at PBM swomen empowerment center in Islamabad was opportunities for all. "We firm-ly believe that empowering women is crucial for a progres-sive and inclusive society," he

inaugurated in December 2022.
The Graduation Ceremony
also coloriares the activements of 35 women from
PBM's Vocational centers who
had skilfully crafted handmade
sleeves for the company's
Sustainability Report for the
year 2022, showcasing their
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ly believe that empowering women is crucial for a progressive and inclusive society. The second of the digital lab and vocational initiatives, we aim to equip women with the necessary skills to excel in the digital era, opening doors to better opportunities and a brighter The digital lab, will continue to provide women with essential digital skills, empowering them to become active participants in Pakistan's digital econpants in Pakistan's digital econpants in Pakistan's digital econpents in Pakistan's di



QUETTA:Activists of Young Nurses As protest outside QPC.

### **Speaker NA expunges** Asif's remarks about VCs of varsities after apology

I S.L. A.M. A.B.A.D. Speaker National Assembly Rag Pervez Ashraf expunged the remarks of Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) universities in his budget speech after he tendered apology of relational the second of the control of the control

bers" during the budges speech.
He said, "I seek apology for using this word about the vice chancelors. Request that the word be expunged from the assembly proceedings.

as well."

The defence minister said that he respected educational institutions and teachers.

He admitted that corruption has become a traxional traces.

He admitted that corruption has become a traxional traces.

There is more politics in educational institutions than this House. "In my speech, I was talking an every field of life, I was talking about it," Asif said.

In his remarks, Speaker Raja Pervez. Ashraf said House when he spoke.

"I did not hear your speech myself, I came to know about it from news published in newspapers expunge the word and

request all members to carefully select words to carefully select words of the control of the co

# Pakistan's Zaheer Ahmed wins US award

# LAHORE: Unidentified armed men opened fire at former governor Punjab and senior lawyer Latif Khosa's house in Defence area of Lahore late Thursday night. Latif Khosa sid some unidentified persons opened fire at his residence which was so intense opened fire at his residence which was so intense that bullets penetrated the main gate and hit the cars parked inside the house due to which his driver got injured. that bullets petiessas and the price of the

Latif Khosa's house comes under attack in Lahore

AHORE: Unidentified armed men opened fire at ner governor Punjab and senior lawyer Latif osa's house in Defence area of Lahore late

# for anti-human trafficking efforts

NEW YORK: The United State has honoured a Pakistani officer, Zaheer Ahmed, with a prestigious in recognition of his tireless efforts to curb human trafficking Zaheer Ahmed, who is currently serving as Deputy Inspector General in Pakistan's Police Serving as Deputy Inspector General in Pakistan's Police Serving as Deputy Inspector General in Pakistan's Police Serving and previously served as Director of the Federal Investigative Agency's (FLA) Anal-Haman Smuggling Persons Report Hero award at a ceremony US State Secretary Antony Blinken presented the awards to eight recipients, including Mr Ahmed. The TIP report is released by the US annually. Through the tireless efforts of his Anti-Haman Smuggling Unit, Mr. Ahmed helped drive the modernization of Pakistan's anti-trafficking and anti-smuggling laws and the formulation and implementation of a National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking and anal Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling. He to the Combat Human Trafficking and major to the Combat Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling. He to the Combat Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling. He to the Combat Human Trafficking and migrants using ling INP

#### Wani urges US President, Congressmen to raise Kashmir issue with Indian premier during his visit to US

ISLAMABAD: The Chairman of Kashmir Institute of International Institute of International Wani, has conveyed his serious concerns to United States President Joe Biden and other officials of the administration of the Islam of Islam

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minorities in India have slyroclested by 300 per-cent. The rising tide of anti-Muslim hate, seno-phobia and Islamophobia and Islamophobia within Indian society is the result of hate propaganda perpetrated by the well as anti-Muslim laws and policies passed or proposed in many states, including coupled Kashmir, the communique stated his party-the BJP, he said, were directly responsible for the fast deteriorating political and human rights situation in

the UN-recognised disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmy.
Referring to the RSS influenced regime's muscular policy on Kashmir, Wani said on 5 August 2019, the Modi government of the United Nations Security Council resolutions moved a contentious bill that led to the revocation of Kashmir's special status and dissolutions in the United Nations.

"Before embarking on its ambitious mission, the Modi government laid a

complete siege and hap-less Kashmins who were the complete siege and the complete siege free and clampdown for more than 14 months. Essential fundamental freedoms were suspended and the social political and the social political freedoms were suspended and the social political freedoms were suspended and the social political fundamental freedoms were sieged. For Kashminis remained criti-cally suppressed, "the let-ter further said. Thousands of Kashminis, he said, were arrested and faced harass-rested and faced harass-"Political "Political "Political and the said of the lawyers, small business owners, journalists.INP



### Senate passes amendment in Election Act 2017, abolishes lifetime disqualification

SILAMABAD: The Senate on Friday passed an amendment bill in the Election Act 2017 with the majority, abolishing tifetime disqualification of Lawmakers under The bill moved by the Minister of State for Law Shahadat Awan contains an amendment to the Election Act 2012 proposed amendment in the Election Act say. Election Act 2012 proposed amendment in the Election Act say. Election Act say the According to the Election Act say. Talking about the Election Act say. Talking about the Election Act say. Talking about the Election Act say. The According to the Election Act say. The Election Act sa

The House also passed unanimously "The Members of the Senate Salaries and Allowances and Allowan



QUETTA: Activates of Jamaat-e-islami hold protest against Kar Mayor Election outside QPC.

# Shazia Marri terms BISP model of social protection for developing world

BERLIN: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Ms. Shazia Marri has termed the BISP a model of social protection providing financial assistance to nine million women heads of households under Benazir Kafaalat.

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en.

Le BISP is an ideal model of social protection that could be emulated in other parts of the world as well, mainthe developing nations, she expressed.

Zazia Marrie expressed gratitude to the German Government, specifically Minister Schulz, and other partners,



AMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting to review progress arding ongoing Mega Development Projects.

#### ANF thwarts drug trafficking, seizes 84kg of narcotics

narcotics

RAWALPINDI: Anti-Narcotics orce (ANF) conducted a major ackdown on ding trafficking, seized according to the ANF spokesman, he and narcotic officials launched an peration against the smuggling of the ANF spokesman, tries of Pakistan, including Peshawar, teizare of staggering 84 kilograms of or croin.

The ANF officials disclosed that six ilograms of heroin were confiscated on a suspect apprehended near During an investigation the suspect was a constant of the ANF officials stated that the ouse had been utilized by the suspect the ANF officials stated that the ouse had been utilized by the suspect stated of the ANF officials stated that the ouse had been utilized by the suspect stated of the ANF officials stated that the ouse had been utilized by the suspect stated of the ANF officials stated that the ouse had been utilized by the suspect stated of the ANF officials stated that the ouse had been utilized by the suspect stated of the ANF officials stated that the ouse had been utilized by the suspect stated of the ANF officials stated that the ouse had been utilized by the suspect stated of the ANF officials stated that the ouse had been utilized by the suspect stated of the ANF officials stated that the ouse had been utilized by the suspect stated of the ANF officials stated that the ouse had been utilized by the suspect stated of the ANF officials stated that the outilized by the suspect stated of the ANF officials stated that the outilized by the suspect stated that the outilized by the su

#### Cyclone Biparjoy weakens after ramming India's coast

India's coast

KARCHI: Cyclone Biparjoy
slammed into the Indian coast with
powerful winds, sowing, fear and
prompting evacuations, but began
weakening in the early hours of Friday
weakening in the early hours of Friday
had waned that Biparjoy, whose name
means "disaster" in Bengali, was likeyto devastate homes and tear down
power lines as it barrels through the
western state of Gujarat.
crossed the coastline near Jakhau Port
Thursday evening, but started losing
force several hours later and at 2-30
m (2.30 GMT) on Friday was packing 100 kilometres (62 miles) per hour
fundian Meteorological Department
(IMD) said in the latest bulletin. "It
would move northeastwards and
weaken into a cyclonic storm by early
morning of the 16th (67) June", the
bulletin' weather officials had said
that the cyclone was expected to move
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#### All of Imran Khan's allegations against US are false: State Dept

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Minister of State for Finance Ayesha Ghous Pasha said the federal government has fully supported rescue, relief and rehabilitation activities in the flood affected areas.

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He also apologized over the remarks that he made against the Vice Chancellors the other than the vice Chancellors the other teachers and educational institutions from the core of his heart. He, however, said that it is a fact that corruption has become rampant in our society. On the request of the Defence Minister, the Speaker expunged the words that were expunged the words that were chancellors from the proceed-inso of the House INP

#### Firdous terms May 9 incidents as political death of PTI

LAHORE: Istehgam-e-Pakistan Tehreek (IPT) leader; Firdous Ashig Awan has termed the May 9 vandalism as political death of Pakistan Tehreek-e-ence of IPT. In a statement issued on Friday, she said that due to dif-ferences with PTI other over his perspective, she stayed away vears.

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The IPT leader further said that on May 9, monuments of the control of the country and one cannot move ahead with attitude of obstinate and self-directed policies, she added policies, she added policies, she added policies, she can be control of the control o

#### Mirpur Khas: Man dies after being struck by lightning

MIRPUR KHAS: A man has died after reportedly being struck by lightning in Ihuddo area of Mirpur Khas District, Sindh Park and the American Struck of the Companied by heavy rainfall, also result-incugate the region. The thunderstorm, accompanied by heavy rainfall, also resultance of the companied by heavy rainfall, also resultance in the flooding of low-lying areas in Ihuddo. The sudden deluge caused interventience and disruption to dearn the companied of the co

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ISLAMABAD: Begum Samina Arif Alvi meeting with educationists and experts on inclusive education for Persons with Disabilities, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

cluding the World Bank and German Development Partner GIZ, for hosting an event on such an important subct She acknowledged Pakistan's vulnerability to climate hazards, cling the examples of last year's devastating
oods and the ongoing threat of a cyclone BiPAKDOY targeting Pakistan and neighboring India.
The closing session was moderated by Ms. Conny Czymoch, an Independent International Moderator and jouralist. Other speakers, inter alia, included Ms. Svenja Schulze Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and
evelopment, BMZ; Ms. Esther Schüring, Social Protection Advisor, GIZ; Mr. Colin Andrews, Program
lanager, World Bank; Mr. El Hadji Nidogou Diou'Il Inter talk, Nazia Marri shed light on the climate vulnerality faced by Pakistan. She said, the country has experienced devastating floods in the past, including in 2010,
111, 2022, and most recently last year, adding that approximately 33 million people were displaced, with 6000
regnant women directly affected due to flood 2022. However, our coalition government, through the BISP, disrused a cash assistance of over Rs. 70 billion among 2.8 million families affected by these floods, she
pressed Highlighting the significance of coordination, Shazia Marri emphasized that BISP was working closewith provincial setups on social safety initiatives to maximize the benefits extended to the marginalised and

# Center for Marine Sciences to get established by Uni of Gwadar

ISLAMABAD: The University of Gwadar decided to establish a China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Study Center and a Center for Marine Affairs and Marine Sciences.

In this regard, the University of Gwadar's third syndicate meeting was held at the higher education commission regional centre Quetta with Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Abdul Razzag Sabir in the chair.

"The syndicate besides a few mee teaching depart-Center for Marine Affairs and Marine Sciences." said an official statement issued after the meeting. According to Gwadar Pro, the meeting among others was attended by syndicate members including UG's Pro Vice-Chancellor Profersor Dr Syed Manzoor Ahmed, Secretary Colleges & Higher and Technical Education Balcohtsan, Hafiz Abdul Majid Bohair, Registrar Dolat Khan, Director Finance Shafi Muhammad, acting Dean faculty of Management Sciences, Commerce and Social Sciences Professor

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The forum discussed each agenda in detail and decided on important matters such as launching new programs and granting approval to regularize the services of contract employees who have fulfilled all recruitment procedures and completed their probation particular.

recruiment procedures and completed their probation periods. The members deliberated and resolved all the immediate issues related to the academic, administrather and the same period of the control of the same period of the same period of the Syndicate, the 3rd meeting of the academic council, the 3rd meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee for the Budget Estimates of FY 2023-24, and the Annual Report of the University for the year 2023 INP

#### Police raid my house, take away two vehicles: Qaiser

SWABI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) senior leader and former National Assembly (NA) Speaker Asad Quiser said that an illegal raid was carried out by the police at his house in Swabi and were forcibly taken away two vehicles.

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#### Lahore ATC adjourns Model Town case hearing till June 23

LAHORE: An Anti-rrorism Court in thore on Friday heard odel Town tragedy case d sought arguments on e pleas of acquittal of e four accused in the xt hearing.

the four accused in the next hearing. The court adjourned the hearing till June 23 An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Lahore Judge Ijaz Ahmed Butar heard the

case.
Four police officers, including former SSP Umar Virk filed petitions for acquittal from the Model Town tragedy case.

Case. The Model Town tragedy known as Model Town operation held between the Punjab Police and Pakistan Awami Tehreek activists on 17 June 2014 resulting in several protesters killings.

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The standoff occurred when the police's anti-encroachment squad launched an operation to remove the barriers from the road leading to the offices of Minhaj-ul-Quara and the residence of PAT founder Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri in Model Town, Lahore.INP

#### Pakistan is responsible country, our defence assets in safe hands: Senate informed

ISLAMABAD: The Senate was informed on Friday that Pakistan is a responsible country, our defence assets

responsible country, our defence assets are in safe hands.

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ISLAMABAD: A three-member delegation, led by Masafumi Harano, the Asia Head of Suzuki Motors, calls on the Federal Minister for Commerce, Syed Naveed Qamar, at his Chamber.

#### Pakistani rupee strengthens by 22 paisas against US dollar in interbank

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistani rupee edged up during early trade in the interbank by gaining 22 paisas in its value against the US dollar on Friday. As per the market reports, the rupee moved up slightly, slumping American currency by 22 paisas in the interbank. The US dollar was being traded at Resterday, the local unit was eased by 19 paisas against the US dollar in the interbank session. According to Mettis Global, during the current financial year, Pakistani rupee has depreciated against the US dollar by Rs&2.52 or 28.72%. While the current calendar year has seen PKR depreciate by Rs&0.94 or 21.2%.

Pakistan is facing serious foreign exchange crunch. However, is reserves was undest increase of more than \$100 million for the week ending June 9, 2023, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The country's total foreign exchange reserves rose to \$9.378 billion compared to \$9.378 billion for preserves held by the SBP stood at \$4.018 billion, while the reserves held by commercial banks stood at \$5.4 billion.

#### Excise dept raids houses of Asad, Shahram, recovers 4 vehicles

and unregistered vehicles were recov-ered from house of former education minister.

The Excise officials said that no one were present at house during raids there-fore no arrest could be made.

They said that the vehicles worth mil-lions of appress have been taken into cas-tody and investigations were kicked off. In a statement, Asad Oaiser said that police illegally raided his house in Swabi despite the bail in all the fake Shahram Taraki said that police that an illegal raid was carried out by the police at his house in Swabi and were forcibly taken away two vehicles. The police is the police that is the police that yet of boundary, wall was being violated, which was a violation of basic human rights and Pakthur traditions. "Our struggle will continue until the restora-tion of true democracy rule of law and the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of the policy of the policy of the structure of the policy of th