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IMF says aiming to 'quickly' reach agreement with Pakistan on financial support

Several trucks loaded with coal attacked and burnt in Harnai

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) aims to "quickly" reach an agreement with Pakistan on financial support from the global lender as Islamabad has taken "decisive measures" in recent days to align its policies with the economic reforms sought by the institution, an IMF official said on Tuesday.



Pakistani authorities bring policies for support economic

Over the past few days, the Pakistani authorities have taken decisive measures to bring policies more in line with the economic reform program supported by the International Monetary Fund, including the passage of a budget by the parliament that broadens the tax base while opening up space for higher social and development spending, as well as steps towards improving the functioning of the foreign exchange market and tightening monetary policy to reduce inflationary and balance-of-payment pressures that affect particularly the more vulnerable.

The IMF team continues discussions with Pakistani authorities with the aim of quickly reaching an agreement on financial support from the IMF, the lender's mission chief for Pakistan, Nathan Porter, said in a statement.

Porter's statement comes as Pakistan continues to negotiate with the IMF for the completion of a ninth review of the \$6.5 billion Extended Fund Facility agreed in 2019 and the release of a \$1.2bn tranche.

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Prior to Porter's statement, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said on Geo News show 'Capital Talk' today that the government was working to find a mechanism to get the full \$2.6 billion in pending finance under a loan programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

He expressed optimism that an agreement would be reached with the IMF for the release of the much-needed \$1.2bn tranche, pointing out that a total of \$2.6bn was "unused" under the programme.

As the IMF programme is set to expire on June 30, even with the completion of the ninth review, \$1.4bn would remain pending in funding under the package as a tenth review seems out of question.

From Our Correspondent

Unknown miscreants attacked several trucks loaded with coal in Balochistan's Harnai district on Tuesday morning. Levies sources said armed men stopped trucks near Harnai and burnt coal inside trucks. The incident happened near the Mangi dam area of Harnai district.

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investigation into the incident. The truck and mines owners demanded of the police and other law enforcement agencies to arrest the culprits behind the attack. Security was also tightened in and around Harnai district in the aftermath of armed attack at loaded trucks of coal.

Harnai has rich coal reserves and the militants have repeatedly attacked coal mines and abducted coal miners in the past.

Civilians' trials in military courts have not yet started, AGP tells SC

Attorney General for Pakistan (AGP) Mansoor Usman Awan told the Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday that civilians' trials in military courts had not yet started. He made the remarks as a six-member bench, comprising Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Jazal Ahsan, Justice Muneeb Akhtar, Justice Yahya Afridi, Justice Sayeed Ahmad Ali Akbar Nadeem and Justice Ayesha Malik, resumed hearing pleas challenging the trials of civilians in military courts.



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In today's hearing, the lawyers present asked the court to order a stay on trying civilians in military courts

During yesterday's Supreme Court hearing — during which Justice Mansoor Ali Shah left the bench after the government raised objections — CJP Bandial observed that he expected that no trial of any individuals, accused of committing violence on May 9, would commence in military courts while the apex court was hearing the matter.

takes time. The accused will have time to hire lawyers first," the AGP said, adding that copies of the investigation would also be provided before the trials commence.

The lawyers, however, told the AGP to make his statement part of the record as it contradicted the statement given by the army's spokesperson a day earlier. The court subsequently rejected the request for issuing a stay order.

"Ensure the suspects kept to their families today," Justice Bandial told the AGP. "Alert me immediately if something happens. I will be available from next week," the CJP said.

"The AGP has assured the court that trials are not commencing forthwith. We are looking at this positively," he said. The top judge that the hearing would resume after Eid and told the AGP to "take care" of those in custody. Web Desk

VCs of 5 public universities appointed in Balochistan

Syed Ali Shah
QUETTA-The Balochistan government appointed vice-chancellors of five public universities in the province on Tuesday. The Balochistan Higher Education Department issued formal appointment orders of VCs.



Khuzdar Engineering University and Dr. Shahir Lehri of the VC Bolan Medical University. The VC were appointed on the recommendations of the search committee constituted as per the Universities Model Act 2022 Balochistan. The provincial cabinet approved the five names and were endorsed the Chancellor/Governor's office.

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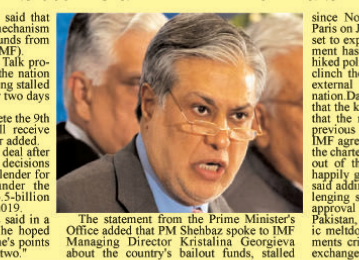
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Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has said that the government is looking for a mechanism to receive all \$2.6 billion stalled funds from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Speaking on Geo News Capital Talk programme on Tuesday, he said that the nation will soon hear "good news" regarding stalled bailout package as the "next one or two days are important."



since November. The two had also met in Paris on June 22. With the bailout programme set to expire on June 30, the federal government has also revised its FY24 budget and hiked policy rates to 22% in its desperation to clinch the deal. At the key role is facing a challenging situation. The IMF funds subject to approval by its board promise respite for Pakistan, which is battling its worst economic meltdown, with an acute balance of payments crisis and falling reserves of foreign exchange. Web Desk

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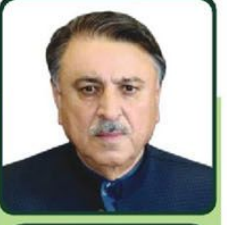
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PML-N, PPP fail to resolve differences in Dubai meeting

ISLAMABAD: The People's Party and the PML-N in their Dubai meeting failed to resolve most of the issues. The leaders of the two parties are likely to sit again today to resolve differences. The PML-N and the PPP have agreed to resolve the issues between them with dialogue.

PML-N top leader Nawaz Sharif and PPP leaders Asif Ali Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto have been in Dubai for talks over the election and other political issues.

People's Party sources have said that the issue of seat adjustment was not discussed with the PML-N leadership. "Former president Asif Ali Zardari discussed the charter of economy with PML-N leaders," sources said.

The two sides also discussed the caretaker setup and future line of action in the meeting yesterday.

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The coalition partners in the PDM government also discussed on pre-date dissolution of the assemblies.

The two sides have been at odds with regard to the timetable of the next general election after dissolution of

assemblies in August.

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US acknowledges Pakistan's counter terrorism measures: State Dept

WASHINGTON: US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller while briefing the newsmen in Washington said that the United States acknowledges Pakistan's counter terrorism measures.

He said that the people of Pakistan have suffered tremendously from terrorist attacks over the years and added that US remains committed to working with Pakistan to address the shared threat posed by terrorist groups throughout the region.

Matthew Miller said that the US recognizes that Pakistan has taken some important steps to counter terrorist groups in line with the completion of its Financial Action Task Force (FATF) actions plans.

"We commend both Pakistan and India for continuing to uphold the ceasefire along the line of control (LoC)," he said.

"We want Pakistan to continue to take steps to permanently disband all terrorist groups and the US is in constant communication with Pakistani authorities in this regard, he said. He said that US will continue to work with Pakistan to counter mutual terrorist threats, as we discussed during our March 2023 counter terrorism dialogue.

GDA governing body approves projects for Gwadar

Islamabad: The Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) approved a budget of Rs. 33.8 million for the feasibility study of a residential colony for fishermen in Gwadar.

Last year, during his visit to Gwadar, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif approved the allocation of 200 acres of land for the construction of the residential colony for local fishermen.

The feasibility fund for the colony was approved at the 26th GDA Governing Body meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Qudous Bizenjo. Several other projects on the meeting agenda were also approved, according to Gwadar Pro on Tuesday.

"Gwadar is our primary coastal city, and the provincial government is providing substantial funds for its development," Chief Minister Balochistan said at the meeting, adding, "The provincial government is improving the quality of life for the people of Gwadar through various development projects."

According to an official statement, the meeting approved the revised GDA budget for the financial year 2022-23 and the proposed budget for the financial year 2023-24. The body also approved a proposed GDA housing scheme of 100 acres with additional land, as well as beachfront development for the construction of recreational spots and a seafood street on Gwadar Marine Drive. The meeting further approved changing the status of 300 acres of land allocated for Gwadar University in Mouza Shahi, in the master plan, to an Education City. It was also agreed to hand over GDA's 23 km sewerage line to Gwadar Municipality. During the meeting, the GDA Service Regulation 2023 was approved, and the CM directed the concerned authorities to prepare a summary INP.

At UN, Pakistan calls for protecting suffering people of occupied Kashmir, Palestine

UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan has urged the advocates of the concept of 'responsibility to protect', or R2P, to apply it to safeguard the oppressed people of occupied Palestine and Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Ambassador Aamir Khan, deputy permanent representative to the UN, told the UN General Assembly on Monday, "Apart from its abuse, the concept of R2P has also led to the criticism that some powerful states have failed to invoke R2P by showing hesitancy either in condemning the massive human rights violations committed by so-called 'strategic allies' or by holding them accountable in the Security Council."

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a "routine norm" for India.

On Saturday, during a visit of Indian Home Minister Amit Shah to Jammu and Kashmir, Ambassador Aamir Khan said that Indian Army personnel stormed into a mosque in Pulwama district of south Kashmir while Muslims were offering prayers and forced Muslims to chant "Jai Shri Ram" against their will.

"Noticing this dangerous trend, Professor Gregory Stanton, the founder of Genocide Watch, has warned that a genocide of Muslims could very well happen in India, it was pointed out.

The international community, especially the advocates of R2P concept must carefully analyze the devastating human rights situation that is transpiring in India as well as the occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir," the Pakistani envoy said.

Aamir Khan said under the terms of R2P concept, the international community was expected to protect those in danger, but its selective application -- driven by double standards and geopolitical considerations, undermines its credibility as a genuine humanitarian doctrine.

It is worth mentioning here that rests upon three pillars: the responsibility of each State to protect its populations; the responsibility of the international community to assist States in protecting their populations; and the responsibility of the international community to protect when a State is manifestly failing to protect its populations.

Some legal hurdles in prosecuting civilians in military courts: Khawaja Asif

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif on Tuesday noted that there were some legal hurdles in prosecuting civilians in military courts, but added that the government would be able to remove the same.

Replying to various questions regarding the May 9 mayhem and its consequences during an interview to a private TV channel, the defence minister passed these remarks as he praised the military for moving ahead with the accountability process and taking actions against the responsible persons.

Khawaja Asif also said that blocking social media platforms was always an option and the government exercise the powers whenever required. His comments were in reference to the government stance that the PTI used social media as a tool to incite hatred and violence against the state institutions in the country.

The same argument was repeated by the defence minister who said use of social media platforms was instrumental in inciting people to resort to violence, leading to the attacks on military installations and other state assets during 9 Khawaja Asif argued that the social media platforms were regulated in China and even in the developing world like Europe.

Int'l conference to promote tourism on 11th July

ISLAMABAD: A three-day international conference to promote tourism in Pakistan will be held in Pakistan from 11th of the next month.

This was announced by Chairman Prime Minister's Task Force on Gandhara Tourism Dr Ramesh Kumar at a news conference in Islamabad on Tuesday.

He said a national tourism policy under Gandhara Diplomacy has been finalized and draft of possible Memorandums of Understanding has been shared with the diplomatic corps in Islamabad.

Dr Ramesh Kumar said in addition to the international conference, a roundtable meeting is also being convened on 5th of the next month in which ambassadors of Japan, Vietnam, Sudan, Switzerland, Nepal, Palestine, and Malaysia have confirmed their participation in the event.

He said Pakistan is teeming with cultural heritage and the government is determined to promote tourism, especially historical sites, scenic beauty of the country, and religious tourism. He said tourists can get a ten days e-visa through Gandhara Portal within seven days.

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Govt committed to improve economic condition of country: PM

Islamabad: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has expressed the confidence that understanding on International Monetary Fund programme will shape into a final decision by the Finance Minister and the Prime Minister within couple of days.

He expressed these views during a telephone conversation with Managing Director IMF, Kristalina Georgieva on Tuesday.

The Prime Minister also expressed his resolve to achieve the goals for improving economic condition of the country in collaboration with the Bank.

Speaking on this occasion, the Managing Director IMF acknowledged efforts of the Finance Minister and his team for completing the IMF programme in the wake of our recent meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Paris.

She said we want positive improvement in the economic situation of Pakistan. The IMF lauded the leadership qualities of the Prime Minister as well.

Nation to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha on Thursday

ISLAMABAD: The nation will celebrate Eid-ul-Azha on Thursday with religious fervor to commemorate the great sacrifice of Hazrat Ibrahim and Hazrat Ismael (AS).

The day will dawn with special prayers in mosques for well-being of Ummah and progress, prosperity and security of the country. Eid prayers congregations will be held at mosques, Eidgahs and open places in all cities, towns and villages. Ulema, in their Eid sermons, will highlight the significance of the philosophy of great sacrifice rendered by Hazrat Ibrahim and Hazrat Ismael (AS). People will offer sacrifice

of animals to follow the Sunnah of Hazrat Ibrahim (AS). Federal and Provincial governments have chalked out an elaborate security arrangement across the country to ward off unlawful incidents. Civic authorities of different cities and towns have also made special arrangements for disposal of offal and other solid wastes during the Eid days.

Radio Pakistan, Pakistan Television and private media will air special programs in connection with Eid-ul-Azha while newspapers will publish special supplements highlighting the importance of Eid-ul-Azha and sacrifice of the animals.



ISLAMABAD: People are buying Knives and other stuff from shopkeeper at Aabpara Market ahead of Eid-ul-Adha, in Federal Capital.

Yasmin Rashid sent to jail on judicial remand in riots case

LAHORE: An anti-terrorism court in Lahore sent Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Yasmin Rashid to jail on 15-day judicial remand in a case related to May 9 riots.

The PTI leader appeared virtually before the court where the police sought physical remand of the former provincial health minister.

The court dismissed police's request and handed over Rashid INP.



Hajj sermon to be translated into 20 languages

MAKKAH: The Languages and Translation Agency of the General Presidency for Affairs of the Two Holy Mosques will translate the Hajj sermon into 20 languages.

The languages in which the sermon is to be translated, include French, English, Persian, Urdu, Hausa, Russian, Turkish, Punjabi, Chinese, Malay, Swahili, INP.

Over 3mn faithful in Arafat to perform Rukn-e-Azam of Hajj 'Woqf-e-Arfat'

MECCA: Around three million pilgrims from across the globe are converging at Mount Arafat, the Jabal ar-Rahmah on the second day of the pilgrimage to perform the major Hajj ritual.

Countless pilgrims are making their way from Mina to the plains of Arafat, utilizing buses and trains as their mode of transportation.

Train tickets have been allocated to 63 percent of the pilgrims participating in the government scheme.

This elevated hill holds great historical significance as it served as the location where Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) delivered his Farewell Sermon to the Muslims. Standing on the expansive plains of Arafat, this significant granite hill serves as a remarkable symbol of that crucial moment in Islamic history.

Pilgrims devote the entire day at Arafat to supplicating to Allah, seeking forgiveness for their sins, and praying for personal strength in the future. Pilgrims then their way to Masjid Nimrah on the grounds of Arafat, where they will listen to the Arafat sermon amid continuous chanting of 'Labbaik Allahuma Labbaik' INP.



KARACHI: A view of the hustle and bustle of passengers at Cantt Railway Station as people are boarding into train for leaving to their native villages for celebrating Eid-ul-Adha with great Zeal.

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