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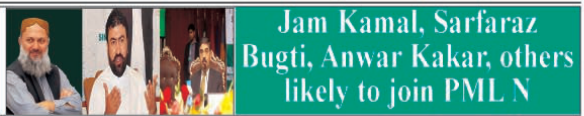
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With CPEC entering 2nd phase, some nations making efforts to bypass Pakistan in this process of connectivity: PM

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Monday that China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) — part of Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative — was entering its second phase, but there were efforts by some countries to "bypass Pakistan in this process of connectivity".

Two sides agreed to promote the strategic ML-1 project

"[But] I have no doubt that Pakistan and China will together fill in the gap and this corridor ... will extend in many ways to include the entire region and other parts of the world," he said while addressing a ceremony held to mark 10 years of CPEC.

Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng, who arrived in Pakistan yesterday for a three-day visit, attended the ceremony as the chief guest. During his address, Shehbaz thanked the Chinese vice premier for visiting Pakistan and joining the celebrations. He said Lifeng was the "lynchpin" in extending cooperation and support for CPEC in its early days



Phase 2 of CPEC starts, focus on agriculture, information technology

The prime minister thanked China for supporting Pakistan at "this critical juncture" by rolling over loans. "Pakistan wants to move away from loans, aid and handouts and wants to stand on its own feet," he added. Speaking before him, Chinese Vice Premier Lifeng termed CPEC an "important pioneering project" of the Belt and Road Initiative, adding that China and Pakistan had achieved many "early harvests" in the project which led to new impetus to the latter's socio-economic development and laid the foundation for regional integration and connectivity. "It is a vivid testament to our all-weather friendship and provides an important Web Desk

and "very helpful" in ensuring the speedy operations of the project. **ML-1, Karachi circular railway projects are of immense importance** Referring to Sunday's "devastating" terror attack in Bajaur, he said terrorism had also been a subject of joint cooperation between Pakistan and China.

Chinese Vice Premier meets COAS General Syed Asim Munir

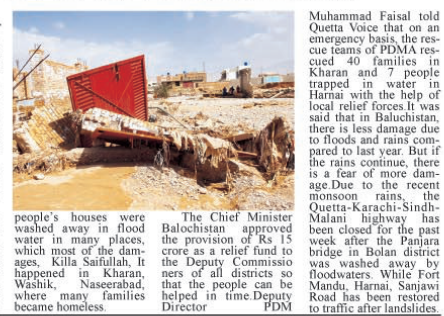
Rawalpindi: Visiting Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng met General Syed Asim Munir, COAS today. During the meeting, matters of mutual interest and defence cooperation were discussed. Both reiterated the desire to further enhance and strengthen bilateral relations in all fields. PR



Rains and floods claim 11 lives in Balochistan

Munan Mandokhail

QUETTA: Torrential rains and flash floods unleashed by heavy rains-fall claimed 11 lives during the last one week in various districts of Balochistan. The dead include 6 men, 3 women, and two children. These deaths were reported in the district of Baluchistan, Zhob, Khuzdar, Jhal Magsi, Pashin, Dera Bugti, Qila Saifullah, Nasrabad, and Awaran. According to the officials of the provincial body, the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), rains have been continuing for the last 15 days in different districts of Baluchistan, due to which people's houses were washed away in flood water in many places, which most of the damages, Killa Saifullah, it happened in Kharan, Washik, Naseerabad, where many families became homeless.



The Chief Minister Balochistan approved the provision of Rs 15 crore as a relief fund to the Deputy Commissioners of all districts so that the people can be helped in time. Deputy Director PDM

Muhammad Faisal told Quetta Voice that on an emergency basis, the rescue teams of PDMA rescued 40 families in Kharan and 7 people trapped in water in Harina with the help of local relief forces. It was said that in Baluchistan, there is less damage due to floods and rains compared to last year. But if the rains continue, there is a fear of more damage. Due to the recent monsoon rains, the Quetta-Karachi-Sindh-Malir highway has been closed for the past week after the Panjara bridge in Belan district was washed away by floodwaters. While Fort Road has been restored to traffic after landslides.

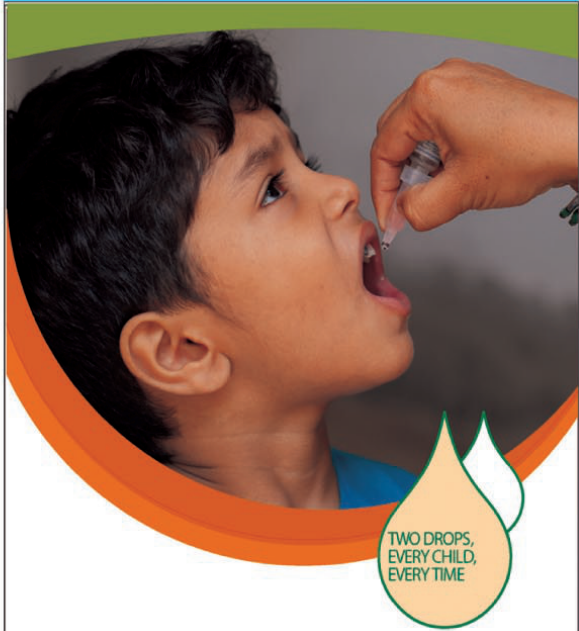
Bajaur bombing: death toll rises to 54

From Our Correspondent

PESHAWAR: The death toll in the deadly Bajaur bombing rose to 50 on Monday evening as more injured succumbed to injuries. The blast had targeted the gathering of the Jamiat ul Ulama-e-Islam in the Bajaur district on Sunday evening. The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) registered the first information report against unknown culprits behind the deadly bombing. The bomb went off when a party leader was addressing the convention. JUI-F officials told reporters that the party's Khar General Secretary Ziaullah, JUI-F District Press Secretary Mujahid Khan, and his son were among the dead. The death toll is feared to increase further. According to the district administration and Rescue 1122 officials, the explosion occurred at 4 pm near the Shandi area, some 2km from Khar. Dr Naseeb Gul, the district medical superintendent of the Khar hospital, told reporters today that the death toll of the explosion increased to 46 after another injured person succumbed to his wounds. He said approximately 90 wounded people were brought to the medical



firming the death toll and the number of injured, said hospitals across Bajaur and neighboring areas had been put on high alert. "We are trying to move critical patients to Peshawar and other hospitals through helicopters," he said while speaking to Geo News. "Our utmost priority right now is to provide medical treatment to the injured. The blast site has been cordoned off. Pakistan Army and other institutions are assisting us in the operation," Jamal added. Separately, Bajaur District Health Officer Faisal Kamal said more than 150 injured people had been brought to the Bajaur District Headquarters Hospital while those in critical condition were being moved to the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar via an army helicopter. A reporter, who was present at the blast site, said a local journalist was among those injured. Television footage showed panic-stricken people gathering at the site following the blast as ambulances arrived to take the injured to hospitals. Afterward, a large police contingent cordoned off the area.



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Jam Kamal, Sarfaraz Bugti, Anwar Kakar, others likely to join PML N

Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA: In a major political development, the former Chief Minister of Balochistan and the former President of the ruling Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), Jam Kamal Khan, Senator Sarfaraz Bugti, Anwar ul Haq Kakar and others are likely to join the Pakistan Muslim League (N). Other BAP leaders including Mir Asim Kurd Gallo, Miha Khan Kakar, Sardar Masood Luni, and Muhammad Khan Lehr are also likely to join the PML N, sources close to them told this scribe via telephone. "This major political announcement from Balochistan is expected soon", one of the leaders who is likely to join the PML N disclosed. He also mentioned that there were strong chances that the former BAP leaders may join the PML N after the formation of the caretaker government in the country and province.

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Bizenjo, Sanjrani, Jamali and Hashmi announce to keep the BAP intact

The former CM of Balochistan, Jam Kamal Khan already held meetings with PML N leader Maryam Nawaz and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Co-Chairman Asif Ali Zardari. Earlier, there were reports that the former CM may join the PPP along with other party leaders.

Bizenjo, Sanjrani, Jamali and Hashmi announce to keep the BAP intact

However, now the chances with regard to their joining the PPP appear to be bleak. Wadera Hassan Jamot who contested elections against Jam Kamal in Lashela has already joined the PPP. Ali Hassan Zehri who is stated to be one of the close aides of Asif Ali Zardari played a crucial role in bringing Wadera Hassan Jamot closer to the PPP leader. Negotiations are underway between the PML N and the BAP leaders in this regard, the BAP leader mentioned, giving no other details. However, he said there is a strong possibility of joining the PML N. Although a formal breakthrough is yet to be made, Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo, Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani, Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali, and Senator Saeed Ahmed Hashmi have already decided and announced to keep the ruling BAP intact.

ECP seeks KP caretaker ministers' removal over 'political affiliations'

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has asked the Khayber Pakhtunkhwa caretaker Chief Minister (CM) to remove ministers engaged in political activities.

The Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) taking notice of the political involvement of caretaker ministers, secretaries and assistants dispatched a letter to the KP caretaker CM seeking their removal.

The letter stated ECP has come to know about the appointments of caretaker ministers based on political affiliations

and former caretaker minister Shahid Khattak is proof of political appointment.

However, there are still several ministers who have expressed their political affiliation in media which is a violation of the Election Act 2017.

Earlier, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) sought a report from the Election Commissioner of Khayber Pakhtunkhwa regarding the participation and speech of the minister Shahid Khattak in a public meeting.

In a statement, a representative of the ECP said

the purpose of report is to assess the situation and decide if any legal action is necessary.

The spokesperson emphasized that it is essential for all incumbent governments to adhere to the law and participate in any election operation to ensure fair, transparent, and unbiased elections.

The commission cannot grant permission to any incumbent government or minister to participate in any electoral campaign. In a case of violation, legal action will be taken, concluded the spokesperson. INP

Chinese Vice Premier conveys President's Xi msg of firm support to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng conveyed President Xi Jinping's message of China's firm support to Pakistan's prosperity and development.

During his bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif here on Monday, Vice Premier He Lifeng underlined that Pakistan-China friendship was unique and had withstood the vicissitude of time due to deep fraternal ties between the peoples of two nations.

He reiterated that as an iron-brother and strategic partner, China would continue its existing economic and financial support to Pakistan.

Welcoming the prime minister's vision for deepening trade and investment ties with Pakistan, the Chinese vice premier commended China's willingness to enhance Pakistan's agro and food exports to China.

Both leaders expressed satisfaction at the steady development of CPEC projects in Pakistan, agreed on its centrality

for Pakistan's socio-economic development.

The bilateral ties including the CPEC were discussed in a meeting between Shehbaz Sharif and He Lifeng at the invitation of the Government of Pakistan.

The special Envoy of President Xi Jinping He Lifeng was visiting here to attend the 10th anniversary celebrations of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Both sides expressed their firm commitment to continue working together for realizing the shared objectives of the CPEC. It was also agreed that 10th anniversary of CPEC celebrations consist of a fresh starting point to further expand CPEC as envisaged by the leadership of the two countries.

The conversation was marked by traditional warmth and cordiality that has been the hallmark of Pakistan-China All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership.

During the meeting, Vice Premier He Lifeng expressed views on several aspects of bilateral relationship

including CPEC and bilateral economic and financial cooperation.

Welcoming Vice Premier He Lifeng to Pakistan, the prime minister congratulated him on being promoted as the Vice-Premier of China in March this year.

Appreciating China's support for Pakistan's socio-economic development, the prime minister observed that as strategic partners and trusted friends, the two countries have always stood by each other in difficult times, as evidenced by Pakistan's support to Pakistan in the aftermath of COVID-19 pandemic and devastating floods in Pakistan.

Noting the unanimity of views between the two countries on regional issues, both leaders reiterated their resolve to support each other on all issues of their core interests. The Chinese delegation included Guo Wei, Deputy Secretary General of the State Council of China, Sun Wendong, Vice Minister of Foreign Ministry, Cong Li, Vice Chairman National Development. INP



BAJAUR, AGENCY: People attend the funeral of the victims of a bomb explosion in Bajaur.

Bajaur tragedy outcome of escalating wave of lawlessness, terrorism in KP: Siraj

KHAR: Ameer Jamaate-Islami (JI) Sirajul Haq strongly condemning the Bajaur explosion emphasized that it is a result of the escalating wave of lawlessness and terrorism in Khayber Pakhtunkhwa.

Talking to media after inquiring about the health of those who injured in Sunday's attack at Khar hospital on Monday, he said the question arose who was responsible for the protection of citizens?

Sirajul Haq said that on site preparations were being made to connect Pakistan, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan through a railway track, while on the other hand there was tension prevailing along the entire Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

"Progress could not be achieved without peace. Solving this issue requires collective effort," he said, demanding the government initiate a national consultation for establishing peace. Earlier, the JI chief also visited the Hari Lawang to offer fatih for the deceased and console with the families of the victims.

Haq said the federal government was preoccupied with its own affairs in its final days and the KP caretaker government was limited to its secretariat, with its sole function being transfer postings. The presence of the rule of law in the region, he said, was hardly visible. The incidents of targeted killings, bombings, abductions for ransom, and extortion were common in KP, he said, regretting the public has been left at the mercy of the situation.

The KP Assembly was not functioning, the issue of lawlessness has not been seriously addressed in the parliament, nor has any special session of the federal cabinet been held on this matter," he said, questioning where should the people go and whom should the masses turn to for help? The JI chief said the Bajaur incident was a failure of both federal and provincial governments and security agencies, but no one seems willing to take responsibility. If such a tragic incident had occurred in any other country, the government would have immediately resigned. INP

Barrick sponsors Pakistan Minerals Summit hosted by govt

ISLAMABAD: Hosted by the government, the 'Pakistan Minerals Summit - Dust to Diamonds: Investment Opportunities in Pakistan', was held in Islamabad on August 01, 2023. The summit is sponsored by Barrick Gold Corporation with a clear focus on demonstrating the country's commitment to developing its mining industry.

This initiative comes under the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), which involves key figures from the government and establishment collaborating to incentivize the flow of investment into Pakistan to build and strengthen certain sectors by attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). Sectors being

prioritized by the SIFC include mining.

The Pakistan Minerals Summit is expected to be well attended and will include attendance by the Prime Minister of Pakistan, various ministers, members such as the Minister of State for Petroleum Division, the Chief of the Army Staff of Pakistan and others.

Additionally, ministers from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan and other countries have also confirmed attendance. Apart from the representation by the Pakistan and regional governments, significant stakeholders such as policy makers, investment advisors, global mining entities and local business group representatives will gather to share their expertise and insight to drive the mining sector towards accelerated development and expansion.

Barrick is expected to assist the government in this endeavor because they believe that the mining sector of Pakistan, though untapped and undeveloped, has enormous mining potential. Barrick operates in Pakistan through its subsidiary the Reko Diq Mining Company (RDMC) which will hold a 50% stake in the Reko Diq mine and will be the operator of this significant asset which is of strategic value to the country and the government. The Reko Diq mine will also be owned by state-owned entities representing the federal government of Pakistan as well as the Government of Balochistan in equal shares. INP

Killing of brother, nephew of MPA outcome of personal enmity

KARACHI: Killing of brother and nephew of Member Sindh Assembly Asif Shahwani was found to be outcome of personal enmity.

According to SSP South Asad Raar Shahwani and his accomplices were involved in murder of Akram Abro and his son Zubar Shahwani took the revenge of Akram Abro on social media and his companions killed in 2019 near Northern Bypass.

He said that the key accused Zubar Shahwani had also claimed the responsibility of murder of Akram Abro on social media after which he escaped from the city.

The police official said that search for the culprits was underway and they would be brought to book.

It should be mentioned here that Akram Abro and his son Shehryar were killed in Defence on July 26, 2023. INP

PTI terminates party membership of Imran Khattak, Ishaq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has taken decisive action by terminating the party membership of Imran Khattak and Ishaq Khattak on Monday.

The decision to expel the two prominent members was announced through an official notification issued by the Party Secretary General Amr Oyarub.

As per the notification, both Imran Khattak and Ishaq Khattak have been stripped of their PTI membership with immediate effect. INP

Court extends judicial remand of Khadija Shah, Sanam Javed and Ejaz Ch

LAHORE: An anti-terrorism court (ATC) in Lahore on Monday extended the judicial remand of Khadija Shah, Sanam Javed and other staunch PTI supporters and workers in Jinnah House attack on Monday.

The court ordered the police to produce the suspects on August 12, earlier, the suspects were brought to the court on the completion of their judicial remand.

Informing the court that the case's challan was being prepared, investigating officer (IO) prayed to the court to extend judicial remand of the ladies and others. INP



QUETTA: National Party head Former CM Balochistan Dr Abdul Malik Baloch addressing a press conference.

Condition of teenage maid allegedly tortured by judge's wife declared critical

LAHORE: Medics at the Lahore General Hospital (LGH) on Monday declared the next day condition of teenage maid, who was tortured allegedly by the wife of a judge as critical and said that next 48 hours crucial for her life.

The maid Rizwana 14, has been under treatment in the intensive care unit (ICU) of the LGH since July 24.

Chief Executive of the hospital, Prof. Al-Fareed Toshiakhana declared the next 48 hours highly crucial for Rizwana, saying a special board treating her fears that she may need the ventilator support.

He said the girl's mother had suspected that

SECP publishes Diagnostic Study on status of motor third-party insurance

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) on Monday released a Diagnostic Study providing a holistic synopsis of the existing landscape of motor third-party insurance in the country.

The Diagnostic Study is aimed to present an in-depth overview of the framework applicable to motor third-party insurance, current state of motor insurance, impediments in implementation and enforcement, recent initiatives taken by SECP, way forward containing recommendations.

This study is intended to serve as a starting point for discussion and collaborative action planning on the implementation and establishment of motor third-party insurance, including central and provincial authorities, SECP, and the insurance sector.

As per this study, motor insurance coverage in Pakistan is merely 3% which is way lower compared to other major countries within the region. The current status of motor third-party insurance in Pakistan demands immediate attention. To increase motor insurance coverage and implement existing mandatory motor third-party insurance, the study provides policy recommendations for a multifaceted reform agenda. INP



ISLAMABAD: Duarte Pacheco, President Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), along with a delegation of representatives of International Parliamentarians' Congress (IPC), called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Finance Division.

Embankments washed away, crops destroyed as rivers burst their banks

ISLAMABAD: There is no end in sight to flood situation in the country as hundreds of acres of land and water released by India into rivers has made crop and livestock washing away on Monday.

River Sutilaj at Arifwala has claimed the life of a 14-year-old boy from Chishtian in south Punjab as it has washed away a protective embankment besides inundating several localities and crops.

Hundred of acres of land forcing people from their homes in several villages of katcha area.

Residents have complained that nobody from the administration has taken care of them, and they have to safe locations on their own.

The residents have appealed to Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi to take notice of the situation.

River Indus burst its banks at Karor. Bal Esan-6000 acres of precious land was flooded after water from River Indus burst into nearby localities at Karor. INP

Pakistani rupee edges up against US dollar in interbank trading

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistani rupee was appreciated by 45 paise against the US dollar in the interbank trading on Monday.

According to money dealers, the market that resumed its trading after a break of four days today reported confidence in the local unit as the US dollar slumped by 45 paise in the interbank and was trading hand at Rs286.

On Thursday, the Pakistani rupee edged up by 59 paise against the US dollar.

Today's appreciation of the PKR could be attributed to the market's positive response to the high-profile visit of Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng, and a recent \$2.4 billion rollover from China which has strengthened the country's foreign exchange reserves.

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Ishaq Dar confirmed on Thursday that he called the Import (Extim) Bank of China rolled over \$2.4 billion in loan repayments by Pakistan due in the next two years.

Moreover, a generous inflow of \$600 million is also expected under the contract of two major Chinese banks in the coming days.

Moreover, in the current month, Pakistan received a total of \$4.2 billion in financial aid. INP

Written order issued on July 27 hearing on PT chief's plea against Toshakhana case

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court has issued a written order on the July 27 hearing on appeal of PTI Chairman Imran Khan against declaring the Toshakhana case maintainable.

The order was issued by IHC Chief Justice Ameer Farooq.

The registrar's office should consolidate all the applications and schedule them for hearing, the order said.

According to the chief justice's order, the lawyer called the judge biased and requested the case be transferred to another court on appeal.

The Facebook posts attributed to the trial court judge are also under review in court, according to the order. It was reported that the trial court judge was biased towards the Facebook posts belonged to him.

The court ordered the registrar's office refer the matter of the Facebook posts to the FIAs cyber-

crime wing.

The registrar's office should investigate and submit its report before the next day's hearing, the order added. The election commission should also assist the court in the upcoming hearing, the court order said.

According to the bench, the jurisdiction should be decided before the hearing can proceed.

In a settled law proceedings cannot go ahead without determining the jurisdiction, the order said. The order was issued by IHC Chief Justice Ameer Farooq.

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