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Missing 6 million population in Balochistan census 2023 report sparks outcry

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Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA: The missing six million population in the Balochistan census report 2023 report sparked an outcry in the province. The political parties, civil society and intelligentsia demanded of the federal government and the census commissioner to include the missing 6 population in the census report 2023.

"This is an injustice with people of Balochistan", Muhammad Aslam Bhoatani, a Member National Assembly (MNA) said. He said the people of Balochistan were already deprived of their rights and now the missing six million population would further deprive them of development and services.

Pakistan's population was more than 241 million in the census of 2023

As per the Pakistan census 2023 report, the total population of Pakistan has reached 241.4 million, 99 thousand 431 while the population growth rate is 2.55 percent. Balochistan's population has been shown as more than 14.48 million with a growth rate of 3.20. The provincial census commissioner had reported that Balochistan's population is more than 20 million.

"This report should be revisited and Balochistan's population should be properly included" the Balochistan National Party



(BNP) said in a statement and urged Islamabad not to miss the province's genuine population.

Political leaders demand the inclusion of the missing population

Almost all political parties

have expressed a concerned view over the recent census report and called for a fair deal with Balochistan and its people. Under a pre-planned conspiracy, the Pashtoon population has been decreased, the Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP) leader and former Senator Raul Lala said.

The political parties have also announced to challenge the census report 2023 in the court of law. Balochistan hardly makes up six percent population of the entire country. During the census

2023, the political parties religious or nationalist or the mainstream political parties made tooth and nail efforts to make sure every individual is counted in Balochistan.

"We demand a fair share of Balochistan in the national resources", Jan Muhammad Buledi, the Central Secretary General of the National Party (NP) said. The party has also opposed and rejected the census report 2023 and termed it a conspiracy against the Balochs.

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Asim Munir on Monday vowed that Pakistan will spare no effort to dismantle terrorist networks and protect its citizens 'at all costs', said Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

According to military's media wing, the army chief remarked this during his meeting with tribal elders from newly merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as well as nobles from all walks of life.

The "interactive session" was held during the chief of army staff's (COAS) visit to Peshawar. COAS Munir also laid floral wreath at Yaadgar-e-Shuhada at Fort Bala Hisar (Headquarters Frontier Corps Khyber Pakhtunkhwa - North) and offered Fatiha.

During the interactive session, COAS paid rich tribute to the supreme sacrifices of brave and resilient tribals of Pakistan and appreciated their indomitable resolve for standing 'shoulder to shoulder' with the security forces in defeating menace of terrorism.

He pointed out that the involvement of Afghan nationals in terrorist incidents in Pakistan was



detrimental to regional peace, stability and development. They will continue to stand with the state during the thick and thin.

COAS Munir emphasized the potential of Newly Merged Districts (NMDs) and on-going efforts in uplifting the socio-economic growth under the umbrella of Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC). He also expressed his views that "KPK province is blessed with huge reserves of Mines & Minerals, also beautiful areas for tourism which will certainly change the destiny of the area for the good of the people." Web Desk

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Manan Mandokhail

QUETTA: The Balochistan Services Tribunal on Monday directed the provincial government to appoint the Administrator Quetta within the next 15 days. This judgment was passed by the Chairman of the Tribunal, Mr. Naseebullah Tareen.

Senior lawyer, Munir Ahmed Kakar appeared before the court on behalf of the Administrator Quetta, Abdul Jabbar Baloch. The Balochistan government transferred Jabbar Baloch from the post of Administrator Quetta Metropolitan Corporation to the position of the Additional Secretary Chief Minister Secretariat earlier

Mr. Baloch challenged the notification of the provincial government

The Chairman of the Services Tribunal, Mr. Naseebullah Tareen also ordered to set aside the notifications issued by the provincial government on 25-5-2023 and 27-3-23. The government has already appointed Mr. Tariq Javed Mengal as the Deputy Commissioner Pishin. The court observed that the latter was not contesting the case.

Abdul Rehman Musakhail

MUSAKHAIL: At least two levies personnel were martyred and one suffered injuries when robbers opened fire at the levies party in Balochistan's Musakhail district on Monday. Levies sources said the martyred levies men conducted a raid in the Rara Sham area of the district. The robbers who were hiding in the nearby mountains opened fire on the levies, which left two levies personnel dead on the spot and one injured. The martyred levies personnel were identified as Zaman Khan Shamrazai and Khaliq Zaman Shah of Rara Sham.

Levies Officer
Tauqeer Shah wounded in the attack

However, the levies Jumadar

Tauqeer Shah was seriously injured in the attack. The dead bodies of the levies personnel were rushed to the Rara Sham hospital where a large number of people reached. The attackers escaped unhurt from the area. On the occasion, the injured levies Jumadar to the Dera Ghazi Khan Punjab for medical treatment. Deputy Commissioner Musakhail and other high-ups took serious notice of the incident and directed the levies force to apprehend the culprits behind the attack. Panic prevailed in the area as the robbers rushed to the area in broad daylight. No arrest was made till the filing of this report.

Berlin Buddy Bear in Quetta, German CG inaugurates friendship square

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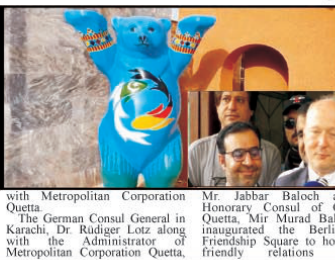
QUETTA: Berlin Buddy Bears have become a landmark in many countries. They are ambassadors of a cosmopolitan Germany. Buddy Bear's features express the friendly ties between Germany and the host nation, uniting Berlin's cheerfulness, diversity and creativity. They can be found standing at designated public spots all over the world with outstretched arms!

The German Consulate General in Karachi is celebrating the cultural connections between Quetta, Pakistan and Germany. The Buddy Bears are symbols of peace and tolerance, serve as the canvas for creative expression of street art. The German Consulate General along with the Honorary Consul of

Germany Quetta hired a local artist from Quetta, Mr. Muhammad Shahab Awan, a graduate from the University of BUTEM'S Fine Arts, to paint the Buddy Bear.

GPO Chowk Renamed "Berlin Quetta Friendship Square"

The street previously called GPO Chowk, Quetta has been renamed as "Berlin Quetta Friendship Square". The name-changing was carried out at the initiative of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Karachi along with the Honorary Consul of Germany Quetta in collaboration



Germany and Pakistan

"The Buddy Bear is a symbol of the city of Berlin" Dr. Rudiger Lotz

During the inauguration, the German Consul General in Karachi, Dr. Rudiger Lotz remarked, "The buddy bear is a symbol of the city of Berlin. With outstretched arms, it stands for peace, friendship and cooperation. We are proud that the Buddy Bear as of now is a citizen of the city of Quetta. On the occasion, the Honorary Consul of Germany Quetta, Mr. Murad Baluch stated, "We are happy to bring the ambas-

sador of Berlin to our city Quetta. The art of Buddy Bear not only reflects the strong bilateral ties between Pakistan and Germany but also highlights the impacts of climate change. Last year Balochistan torrential rains and flash floods caused significant loss of life and property. Germany provided generous assistance for the people of Balochistan, which is also highlighted in the form of art." The Administrator of Metropolitan Corporation Quetta, Mr. Jabbar Baloch said on the occasion, "The people of Balochistan appreciate the generous support of the people of Germany. We are glad that Germany has contributed to the beauty of Quetta city with this piece of art."

7 including union council chairman killed in Panjgur blast

From Our Correspondent

PANJGUR: At least seven people including a chairman of a union council were killed in a bomb explosion in Balochistan's Panjgur district on Monday night. Levies sources said a vehicle was targeted through a remote-controlled blast in the Baltigar area at the district Kech and Panjgur border. Ishaq Balgirthi, the UC chairman was among the dead.

"The victims were going in a vehicle for a wedding party when targeted", Balochistan Home Minister, Mir Ziaullah Lagove confirmed. He said miscreants the vehicle through a remote-controlled bomb. A levies official disclosed that the blast happened 140 kilometers away from Panjgur near the Kech district's border.

Panjgur and Kech districts share a border with neighboring Iran

Panjgur and Kech also share borders with Iran. Dozens of deadly attacks



on security forces and government-backed groups have taken place in the area before. The remaining six persons who died were identified as Ibrahim son of Badal, Nizam ali Badal son of Wajdad, Fida Hussain son of Momin, Sarfraz son of Banda, Safar Khan son of Haider and Muhammad Qasim.

Among them, Muhammad Qasim was a resident of the Prom area of Panjgur while the rest were all residents of Baltigar. According to the levies official, Yaqub Balgirthi, father of Ishaq Balgirthi, and 10 of his companions were also killed in the same area in September 2014. The outlawed Baloch Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the attack.

Officials are fearing the involvement of the same organization in the recent incident as well

In another incident, Sufyan, a resident of Karachi, was shot dead at Sangant Sar in Turbat, the headquarter of the Kech district.

Ten years of CPEC

By Dr Nazir Mahmood

Why equipment non-functional in Balochistan hospitals?

In Balochistan's government-run hospitals, expensive equipment can always be found non-functional. In the province's largest government-run hospital, the Bolan Medical Complex Hospital (BMCH), the angiography and angioplasty machines are out of order for the last two and half years.

This is nothing new in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan. Now patients and their attendants are mentally prepared for this. Expensive machines including CT-Scan, MRI, angiography, etc can always be found out of order in BMCH and civil hospitals. District headquarters hospitals, basic health units, and rural health centers paint a bleak picture when it comes to health facilities and services.

This daily's report about out of order machines fell on deaf ears
This daily recently reported a news item regarding the non-functional angiography and angioplasty machines. Nevertheless, the provincial high-ups including the Secretary, Secretary of Health, and other concerned officials preferred not to take notice. The report rather fell on deaf ears.

It is crystal clear that deserving and poor patients and their attendants are the worst sufferers of the non-functional expensive machines. The doctors and the para-medics are the beneficiaries of the

Patients the worst sufferers of out of order machines
If the machines are out of order, the patients have no option other than to conduct the tests and procedures in private hospitals and clinics. Balochistan Health Minister, Syed Ehsan Shah told this daily that these reports that doctors and paramedics deliberately made these expensive machines out of order. Secretary of Health, the ed minister's claim and held the latter responsible for all the mess in the health department.

In this blame game between doctors and the minister, the common man is the worst sufferer. The provincial government in general and the health department in particular should make the machines functional since it is their core responsibility.

The price of a clean

The UNODC defines human trafficking as "the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of people through force, fraud or deception, with the aim of exploiting them for profit."

In the recent Greece boat tragedy where 750-800 people were on board, the ill-fated fishing boat that sank off the coast of Greece is unfortunately nothing new. It is therefore important to analyze the motivating force behind individuals leaving their homes and families in search of opportunities abroad.

Equally important is to understand the routes traffickers use from Pakistan and what happens once migrants step on the road towards their dream.

Human trafficking has its roots in practices including slavery, forced labor, and the exploitation of helpless people for financial gain. This illicit trade evolved and adapted to various societal and economic contexts, beginning with the transatlantic slave trade which saw millions of Africans forcibly transported to the Americas between the 15th and 19th centuries and ending more recently with the trafficking of people for sexual exploitation abroad.

People began looking for ways to get there after realizing that individuals who had been trafficked were better off financially and had more chances of growth than before. However, settling in foreign nations, particu-

larly Europe, legally is not easy. Therefore people look for alternative ways to transfer, harbor or receive them. This encouraged them to migrate illegally along routes that are well known as 'dunki' by land, air, and sea.

Human smugglers work in the form of an international syndicate. It is not a single person but a group but a network of groups across countries falling in the route. The people involved in such crimes are mostly legal citizens of countries where they have local residences and opportunities abroad.

Routes from South and Central Asia are the biggest victims of human smuggling. Talking specifically, Pakistan, there are different routes human smugglers use to transport people to Europe. Activist and co-chairperson of the Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) Asad Iqbal Butt

Rightly Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) Asad Iqbal Butt says that the trafficking industry is a lucrative industry that generates substantial revenue. These routes are managed by people with local law enforcement officials, border officials, and they have their people in the airlines of the travel agencies. They also collaborate with "sub-agents" from other nations.

Several reports confirm that agents allegedly took between Rs2.5 million and Rs3.5 million (\$8,000 and \$12,000) from Pakistanis on the tragic trawler that sank in June.

Previously, this 'migration' would start with air travel, reaching Turkey, then Dubai or Egypt before reaching Libya. They are transported to Italy through a long sea route covering the Benghazi area.

In 2018, the tragic Libya boat disaster was another wakeup call for countries and led to a crackdown on those involved in human trafficking.

It is also essential to educate vulnerable groups about the risks of human trafficking and to implement effective preventive operations, rescue operations and rehabilitation services for survivors. Cooperation between the government, civil society and international partners is crucial.

Addressing fundamental issues like poverty, unemployment, and gender discrimination can reduce the vulnerability of people. An effective strategy must also include comprehensive legislation, border strengthening and international cooperation to dismantle trafficking networks.

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By Khloa Junaid
here. As inflation soars, people's ability to purchase safe and affordable housing is eroding. Human trafficking is a serious problem that needs to be addressed immediately.

The first step should be to strengthen the country's border security. The government should also launch investigations, bringing charges against offenders, and ensuring that victims receive justice promptly.

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Financial inequality breeds contempt

By Iftekhhar A Khan

Our society essentially is divided into social classes. The elite class comprises the top bureaucrats both civil and military, business tycoons and politicians. The middle two classes - the emerging middle class and the multiplying poor class, which lives below the poverty line. Instead of reducing the inequality, the graph is rapidly escalating.

The politicians - in every government that comes to power by winning the election - promise to uplift the poorest of the poor. Their campaigning slogans assure the wretched living conditions of the poor that they will get health and education.

The severe disparity between these classes proves the fact that wealth is unevenly distributed. If not corrected, the suffering segments of society unhappy and angry against the system that creates hostility among them.

As a nation, however, we can change our hostile state of poverty and illiteracy if we single-mindedly follow the nations that have progressed within a few years from being poor to world countries some of the leading ones.

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Judiciary responsible for what going on in country: Khurshid Shah

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Water Resources, Syed Khurshid Ahmed Shah has alleged that 80 per cent responsibility of what going on in the country falls on judiciary...

prime minister were not broadcasted and the names given by Rana Sanaullah were not included in decision of the committee.

He said that it will take three to four months in delimitations and expressed desire for timely election.

Boosting consumerism without expanding industries ruined economy: Mian Zahid

KARACHI: Chairman of National Business Group, Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain has said that the policy of promoting consumerism in the country without expanding the industrial sector has caused irreparable damage to the economy.

lections, for which a plan is needed to relieve the country of its unbearable deficit. Enhanced tax collection can help the government provide relief to the poor and fund developmental as well as mega projects, he added.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that SIFC is expected to attract an investment of 25 to 30 billion dollars, while there are reports of restarting the stalled work on CPEC, which will ensure further investment, the opening of Special Economic Zones, and the availability of world-class infrastructure, which will result in a 20 to 30 per cent increase in GDP.

In a statement issued here on Monday, he said that this policy did not benefit the local industries, but the industrial sector of other countries with Pakistan's resources.

The cost of all these factors is being paid by the public and private sector, businessmen are not getting loans while the interest rates and prices of petroleum, electricity, gas, and food items are skyrocketing.

Such initiatives will stop the flight of capital and brain drain, he said, adding that it is necessary to restore the confidence of the business community and people in the economic policies and the current economic situation of the country.



HYDERABAD: Railway workers busy in repairing railway track next to derailed train.

Down track restored a day after fatal Hazara Express derailment in Nawabshah

NAWABSHAH: A day after the fatal incident of the Hazara Express derailment near Nawabshah in which 34 passengers were killed and over 80 others got injured, the railways authorities restored the down track for traffic on Monday.

The rescue efforts. The helicopters of Army Aviation also took part in the rescue operation. Several carriages of Hazara Express train derailed on Sunday near Sirhari railway station, situated between Nawabshah and Shahzadpur.

There were chaotic scenes at the Nawabshah Trauma Centre as ambulances and private cars ferried the injured for treatment.

Seven bodies have been dispatched to Jando Adam, two to Sadiqabad, two to Multan, and 18 bodies sent to Sindh.

The former federal minister said that PTI has jolted the JUI in the Peshawar by-elections. Maulana Fazlur Rahman can install his relative (Samadhi) as governor but cannot ensure victory of his party in the election.

At the accident site outside Nawabshah, dozens of cars, tractors, rickshaws and motorcycles could be seen parked on a road that runs alongside the track.

Political future of Fazalur Rehman is bleak: Sheikh Rasheed

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Awami Muslim League chief and former federal Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed said future politics of Maulana Fazlur Rehman is bleak in his message on X (Twitter). Sheikh Rasheed said name of the next caretaker Prime Minister would come in the 'last 5 overs of 72 hours'.

elections, he said adding the second instalment of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is also fixed for the election and caretakers would receive the instalment.

One person was killed and two others injured when a car carrying four drunk people hit a tree here on Monday, rescue sources said.



ISLAMABAD: Chief of Staff Sultan Armed Forces Oman, Vice Admiral Abdullah Bin Khamis Al Raisi called on Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi at Naval Headquarters.

Major Tufail Shaheed's 65th martyrdom anniversary being observed

ISLAMABAD: The nation on Monday observed the 65th martyrdom anniversary of Major Tufail Shaheed (Nishan-e-Haider), an exceptional Pakistani soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

with a series of military chimes from his neighbourhood. In one of the critical battles near the village of Burki in the Balochistan, Major Tufail Shaheed's exceptional bravery came to the fore.

With unparalleled determination and audacity, Major Tufail succeeded in capturing the enemy tank, but tragically, he was gravely injured in the process. Major Tufail's exceptional act of valor did not go unnoticed. Despite his critical injuries, he continued to inspire his troops, displaying immense courage and dedication. However, the wounds he sustained in the battle proved to be fatal, and he succumbed to his injuries on August 7, 1965, this brave son of the soil breathed his last.

PCRWR directed to quarterly monitor mineral water brands, publicize results

ISLAMABAD: The Government of Pakistan has directed Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) for quarterly monitoring of bottled mineral water brands and to publicize the results for awareness.



THATTA: CM Sindh Murad Ali Shah inauguration of International Medical and Technical College LUMHS.

Pakistan, Oman reiterate firm stance to deepen ties in diverse fields

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Oman have reiterated their firm stance to further enhance bilateral relations in all areas of mutual interest.

Pakistan highly valued its ties with Oman as the two countries supported each other on various issues at international forums and were bound together by a common cultural, historical, and religious heritage.

admired the leadership of Iran and the Saudi Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman, over the normalization of relations, terming it a significant development for the prosperity of the region.

Anti-polio drive kicks off in 7 KP districts

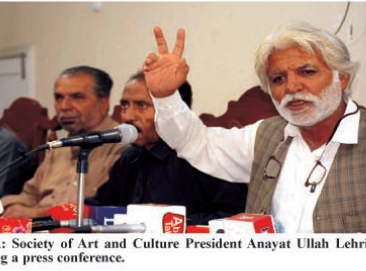
PESHAWAR: A comprehensive anti-polio campaign has been launched across 17 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), as authorities intensify efforts to shield young lives from the debilitating grip of polio.

gically positioned to safeguard the dedicated polio vaccination teams. The paramount concern for the safety and success of the drive has prompted this robust security deployment.

workers and authorities to eradicate polio from the region. Dr. Nasreen Khan, Director of the Anti-Polio Emergency Center, expressed her optimism regarding the campaign's impact.

Every child counts, and this drive underscores our unwavering commitment to ensuring that every child is protected from the dangers of polio. We are leaving no stone unturned in our efforts to reach every doorstep, every child, and provide them with the immunity they deserve."

Amidst the challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic, health authorities and frontline workers have demonstrated exceptional resilience and determination in their quest to eliminate polio. The campaign's success hinges on the support and cooperation of parents, caregivers, and communities at large, as they play a pivotal role in ensuring that no child is left vulnerable to this preventable disease.



QUETTA: Society of Art and Culture President Anayat Ullah Lehri addressing a press conference.

BIWRMDP to continue its efforts to improve water management in Balochistan

By Saeed Younsaf

The Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management and Development Project (BIWRMDP) M&E section conducted a one-day training session on Geospatial (GIS) Technology and its Usage in Survey for the BIWRMDP PMU & PSIA teams. The event was facilitated by M&E Specialist BIWRMDP Mr. Muhammad Anwar and Provincial Team Lead M&E Mr. Dr. Faraz Kakar. Speaking on the occasion, the Project Director BIWRMDP, Engineer. Barkat Ullah Kakar said that these kinds of innovative technological awareness sessions about Geospatial technology and its usage in survey techniques and alike will boost the technical expertise of the team and help that knowledge gained from this session will undoubtedly be instrumental in advancing the project's goals and fostering a brighter water future for Balochistan. But, also the BIWRMDP continues its mission to improve water management and development practices in Balochistan. Even so, after this session, the team will also be able to use these techniques in the field in a pragmatic manner. At last, Engineer Barkat Ullah Kakar affirmed that more capacity building training will be arranged for the PMU & PSIA teams in the near future where the team grasped and showed their enthusiasm to give their best. The trainers shared all the thematic areas involved in the Geospatial and GIS techniques to the officials of BIWRMDP (PMU) &

PSIA team. Elaborating more the geospatial surveys, it's important to know what makes up geospatial data which is usually made up of the following five components that include



Vector Data, Raster Data, Attributes, Geographic Coordinate System and Georeferencing. Trainers asserted that these components may be used in isolation or in combination with one another. When it comes to surveying, this data is extremely useful to contractors or engineers working on large-scale projects. This is because geospatial surveying provides a comprehensive analysis and complete view of the surrounding environment.

Trainers also said that this is a rather complex and multi-dimensional type of land surveying service. While it does involve traditional mapping and mobile mapping, it also involves various other disciplines. They said it offers multiple data formats to provide the exact data you need. Geospatial technology systems broadly include mapping and surveying systems, GIS, global positioning system, geographic information systems, remote sensing, etc. This system has a unique ability to store, label, and analyze information using spatial systems.

The session ended with the distribution of Certificates to the participants.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addressing a ceremony organized to honour the contribution of Chinese's companies operating in Pakistan under the CPCEC.

Chinese company selects Pakistani partner for red chilli export

ISLAMABAD: Litong Food, a Chinese company, chose Guard Agricultural Research and Services, Pakistan as its partner under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for the export of red chilli cultivated in Pakistan, with Chinese collaboration on a buyback policy.

This decision follows the signing of a memorandum of understanding on the protocol of phytosanitary during a visit by Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng to Islamabad, said Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Guard Agricultural Research and Services Shahbaz Ali Malik.

The collaboration aims to encourage the cultivation of high-yielding hybrid chillies in the regions of south Punjab and interior Sindh, Gwadar reported on Monday.

The two companies will sign a deal for technical collaboration on hybrid chilli and the buyback policy to China during an upcoming international food and agriculture expo in Karachi from August 10-12, where Guard, Longping, and Litong Food will be exhibiting.

Feppara Seed, China will provide the red chilli seed, along with technical support for commercial cultivation, and the buyback of dried chilli for export to China will be conducted by Litong Food.

This agricultural collaboration between Pakistan and China holds significant benefits for both countries, as hybrid chilli offers higher yields compared to traditional varieties.

"After successfully promoting the sowing of hybrid rice in Pakistan which brought prosperity to the farmers and enhanced the crop yield, we will join hands with another Chinese food giant Litong Food to encourage the cultivation of high-yielding hybrid chillies in Pakistan in the areas of south Punjab and interior Sindh," Malik added INP.

Open sale of drugs in Ibrahim Hyderi area without any fear

KARACHI: An open sale of drugs has been revealed in the vicinity of Ibrahim Hyderi area of Karachi, ARV News reported on Monday.

According to the informant in private TV channel obtained the footage that depicts the sale and purchase of drugs for children in Omar Colony area of Ibrahim Hyderi.

Local residents informed that the police are actively investigating the matter, as the brazen sale of narcotics continues unabated. Every day, drugs worth hundreds of thousands of rupees are reportedly being sold in Ibrahim Hyderi.

Community members have expressed concern over the alarming prevalence of drug use, particularly among young individuals and women. Despite a few arrests, the drug-induced emerald showcasing the drug consumption of a minor, further underlining the gravity of the situation.

In response, the police have stated that they are in the process of gathering additional information after reviewing the video INP.

Nobel Fest organizing committee calls on IT Minister

ISLAMABAD: The organizing committee of Nobel Fest VI to be held in Islamabad met with the Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunication, Syed Amin ul Haque.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General, COMS-STECH, Mr. Maxat Kurbenov, founder and CEO, Nobel Fest, Senator Dr. Serik, Deputy Head of Organizing Committee, Nobel Fest, Prof. Dr. Khushfak Al, Iraqi, Vice Chancellor, University of Karachi, and Mr. Harris Akram, Program Manager (CPEC).

The Nobel Fest VI will be held during 29-30, November 2023 at COMS-STECH. The theme of this year festival is "Bridging Science and OIC Countries in the Digital Future". The organizing committee briefed the Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunication on the mission, objectives and program of the Nobel Fest.

The minister appreciated the initiative and expressed gratitude for hosting the event in Islamabad. Amn ul Haque emphasized focus on capacity building of Pakistan's youth, and supporting least developed countries of OIC through skill development in the field of science, education, IT, and digital economy. He assured full support from his ministry and the institutions under the umbrella of the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication. This year's Nobel Fest will focus on scientific discoveries and technological innovations, with a particular focus on key topics such as the future of medicine, digitalization in education, disruptive technologies, efforts to combat climate change, and strategies for socio-economic development through science. Nobel Fest is a unique and one of the most impactful educational and technological gatherings INP.

Pak-China Friendship Hospital Gwadar unveils 37 job openings

Islamabad: Pak-China Friendship Hospital Gwadar has unveiled 37 job openings. The Pak-China Friendship Hospital in Gwadar is a state-of-the-art medical facility that not only provides free and high-quality treatment for the local residents but also offers employment opportunities to the coastal community.

The hospital extends an invitation to the individuals driven by excellence and guided by vision to join the team, contributing to the advancement of this noble endeavor, according to a report published by Gwadar Pro.

The hospital has unveiled 37 vacancies across various departments, encompassing roles such as senior consultants, registrars, specialists, and junior technicians.

Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) & Pak-China Friendship Hospital is a state-of-the-art health facility under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) serving the people of Gwadar and Balochistan.

Indus Hospital & Health Networks (IHH) operates tertiary care facilities at the hospital through a public-private partnership with the Government of Balochistan.

Departments offering employment opportunities are gynecology, pediatrics & neonatal medicine, and family medicine. This strategic focus highlights the hospital's dedicated commitment to prioritizing the well-being of women and children, ensuring specialized care tailored to their unique needs. According to the official website of CPEC, the hospital is planned of 68 acres of land. As per the plan INP.

According to an update by the company, the delegation will commemorate the achievements of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and to highlight the diligent efforts of Chinese investors in industrialization, technology transfer, job creation, and their contribution to Pakistan's economic growth through foreign exchange remittances.

The delegation received an overview of the group's accomplishments, global-scale undertakings, and its plans for the future. The CEO of Challenge Group shared their contributions to the textile industry and the usage INP.

Hafeez Shaikh, ex-CJ shortlisted among others for caretaker PM: Sanaulah

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Rana Sanaulah says the names of ex-finance minister Hafeez Shaikh and former Supreme Court judge have been shortlisted among others for the caretaker Prime Minister (PM).

He said name of the caretaker premier would turn up by Tuesday (tomorrow), adding Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and former premier Shahid Khaqan Abbasi are not in the run.

Hafeez Shaikh had served as the finance minister in Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) led federal government. However, he was removed from this slot in March 2021.

The PTI pitched Shaikh against the former PM PML-N and senior leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party Yousaf Raza Gillani for Senate seat, however, Shaikh lost the contest.

During an interview with a local news channel, Rana Sana said a 'neutral' person would be the caretaker prime minister having no political association.

Talking about name of Dar for an interim premier, the interior minister said when his (Dar) name was taking round in the media, that time it was decided that an apolitical person would be selected for the caretaker

PM slot. He said the names of Dar, Abbasi and Raza Rabhani could be considered if any decision was made to allow any political person to be picked for the PM slot.

When asked whether Shaikh was ready to become the caretaker PM, the minister said "Definitely, he must be".

Name of former chief justice of Pakistan Tasadduq Hussain Jilani is circulating in the media among those persons those are being considered as caretaker PM.

Rana Sana hinted that elections could be delayed by 120 days as constituencies would now have to be redrawn under the new census and it was demand of all political parties and provinces that coming general elections should be held according to the new census.

There will be no harm if the elections date is extended for a month or two. There is no problem if polls are held in February-March next year, the minister said.

Ruling allies repose trust in PM Shehbaz for selecting caretaker PM. During a meeting on August 4, the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) and other coalition partners put their faith in Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in nomination of the caretaker prime minister INP.

Court orders arrest of judicial officer's wife in Rizwana torture case

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad District and Sessions Court on Monday rejected the bail application of the wife of a judicial officer in the Rizwana domestic worker torture case, and ordered her arrest.

The court was hearing the pre-arrest bail petition of Soma Asim, the wife of an administrative officer of the Islamabad Judicial Complex and the main suspect in the Rizwana torture case.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Farihaq Fareed rejected Soma's bail application and ordered to arrest her. The suspect is bound to join the investigation at all costs, the judge remarked.

Soma's lawyer, however, claimed that a story fabricated against his client. The investigating officer did not take the video of another operation stand in the Rizwana torture case.

LHC seeks reply from home secretary on plea of Parvez Elahi's wife

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) has sought reply from the additional home secretary on the request of Qaisara Elahi, wife of former Punjab chief minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi, for a meeting with her incarcerated husband.

Justice Raheel Kamran on Monday heard the petition and issued a notice to the additional home secretary and ordered him to submit a reply on Tuesday.

The justice remarked that detention is not a punishment. The court would not allow the state to usurp the rights of the main suspect in the meeting of family with a person in jail.

Justice Kamran questioned the public prosecutor how a meeting of a wife her husband would endanger the government. The judge asked him to review the rules.

The public prosecutor claimed that the petitioner did not apply for a meeting with her husband. Later, the court adjourned the hearing for Tuesday INP.

President accords approval to four different bills 2023

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday accorded approval to four different bills 2023 under Article 75 of the Constitution.

The president approved National Logistics Corporation Bill, 2023 which provided establishment of the Corporation, said a press release by President Secretariat Press Wing.

Separately, the president also approved Pakistan Air Safety Investigation Bill, 2023. The objective of the legislation was to improve investigations into air accidents and travel incidents.

Similarly, approval was also granted to Anti Money Laundering and Counter Terror Financing Bill, 2023.

10 accused held, huge amount of drugs recovered

RAWALPINDI: Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) during seven different operations across the country against drug traffickers here Monday, arrested ten accused and recovered 91 kg of drugs from their possession.

According to an ANF Headquarters spokesman, in an operation near Shagiana head 17, Islamabad, ANF nabbed an accused, a resident of Mardan besides recovering 15.6 kg of hashish from his possession.

In another operation, 10 kg of ice was recovered from the possession of an accused near Motorway Toll Plaza Islamabad.

The accused, a resident of Landikotal, was arrested from a passenger bus. In the third operation, Sindh Rangers and ANF raided Gul Ahmed Colony Karachi and seized 39.3 kg hashish and 12.7 kg opium from a house. Two accused residents of Swabi were arrested.

In the fourth operation, 10 kg heroin was recovered from secret cavities of a bus near North Bypass Karachi. During the operation, two accused residents of Turbat were netted.

The spokesman further mentioned that in the fifth operation at Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore, 49 heroin-filled capsules were recovered from the possession of a passenger. The accused, a resident of Sahiwal was leaving for Mali by flight number QR-609.

In the sixth operation, 35 Ice-filled capsules were recovered from a Doha-bound passenger resident of Hangu, and rounded up at Peshawar Airport. The accused was going on flight number PK-285. In the seventh operation, 12 kg of hashish was recovered from the fuel tank of a Mehran car intercepted on Ring Road Peshawar. During the operation, two accused residents of Swat and Charsadda were arrested. Separate cases have been registered against the accused while further investigations are in process INP.

PDMA issues alert for increase in water level in Punjab rivers

LAHORE: The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) of Punjab on Monday issued an alert for being seen increase in the water level in rivers of the province.

According to the spokesperson of PDMA, there is a low-level flood in the Indus River at Tarbela and Chashma. 2,44,000 cubes of water is passing through Tarbela. Inflow of water in Shagiana head is 2,71,124 cusecs and discharge is 2,56,124 cusecs. A rise in water level has also been recorded in Jhelum River at Mangal.

A PDMA spokesperson said that there was a low level flood at Islam Head in Sutlej River. He said 62,751 cubic meters of water was passing through the place of Islam. The flow of water in the river Ravi was normal. An increase in water level was being seen in Chenab/River at Marala, Khanki and Trimu. According to PDMA, rains would continue till August 7 in the upper reaches of all major rivers. In the second week of August rains are likely to reduce, urban areas should take precautionary measures against flood and landslides. In this regard, DG PDMA Imran Qureshi said that citizens should stay away from mud walls and roofs during rains. He also asked people to stay away from power lines and poles. Qureshi said people should avoid unnecessary travel near rivers. INP.