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Balochistan Govt asks former ministers, advisers, coordinators to return official vehicles

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: The Balochistan government has asked former provincial ministers, advisers, coordinators, special assistants and parliamentary secretaries to return official vehicles immediately. The Services and General Administration Department (S&GAD) issued a letter to all administrative secretaries, the additional chief secretary (home), the additional chief secretary (development), and senior members board of revenue to ensure the recovery of official vehicles from former lawmakers.

This action on behalf of the Balochistan government has come after this Daily reported that over 200 vehicles were still with former lawmakers, special assistants and parliamentary secretaries etc.

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“The government is on it”, Jan Achakzai, the Balochistan Caretaker Information Minister said. In response to this daily question, Mr. Achakzai stated that the taxpayer’s money would not be wasted and that all missing vehicles would be recovered. The Supreme Court of Pakistan in its previous judgment has ordered that the government can charge Rs. 100000 per day if the lawmakers failed to return the vehicle. The S&GAD has also given reference to the apex court’s judgment.



Syed Ehsan Shah merges his party in BNP Mengal

Manan Mandokhail:

QUETTA: The former Balochistan health minister, Syed Ehsan Shah merged his Pakistan National Party (PNP) with the Balochistan National Party (Mengal) on Tuesday. BNP Chief Sardar Akhtar Mengal and Syed Ehsan Shah addressed a joint press conference and announced the merger.

Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal invited all those people of Balochistan who have not yet decided their destination to come and be a united voice for the rights of Balochistan. “I congratulate Ehsan Shah and his friends for merging their party in BNP”, Sardar Mengal said.

Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal said that just as Syed Ehsan Shah and his Friends have trusted us, God willing, we will try to live up to their trust. Joining Syed Ehsan Shah and his friends is an invitation for those friends who still cannot decide to search for their destination.

“I have been fighting for Baloch rights since 1992”, Syed Ehsan Shah

He said that Balochistan National Party is the only party that is fighting for the rights of the people from the first day while staying within the constitution and missing persons.

“I have been fighting for political struggle since 1992”, Syed Ehsan Shah said.

“I have also been a senator, a member of the assembly, I have been a part of the government and the opposition”, Mr. Shah said. I will merge my party and become a part of this caravan which is working as an effective force in the parliament because at present the Baloch population is divided into different parties.

Mengal welcomes Ehsan Shah and friends

“I hope they will take the program of Balochistan National Party door to door for the rights of Balochistan. “I am ready to work with him as a worker”, he said. Chairman Asif and other friends on the occasion of joining their party in BNP.

On this occasion, Balochistan National Party Central Secretary General Waja Jahanzab Baloch, Akhtar Hussain Longs, Hamal Kalmati, Ghulam Nabi Murri, Musa Baloch and other leaders were also

Plastic bags banned, crackdown soon: Commissioner Quetta Division

Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division, Hamza Shafiqat on Tuesday announced a complete ban on the sale, purchase and use of polythene bags.

Anyone who violated the ban would be penalized under the law, the newly appointed.

Commissioner Quetta Division told a function at the Balochistan University of

Information Technology and Management Sciences (BUIEMS).

“Crackdown would be launched soon in this regard”, the Commissioner said.

He said a comprehensive strategy was also evolved to ensure the cleanliness of the provincial capital. He said experts and all departments were on board to address the issue of heaps of garbage everywhere in the city.



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SC set to announce ‘short and sweet’ verdict on Imran’s plea challenging NAB amendments

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court on Tuesday finally reserved its verdict on PTI Chairman Imran Khan’s 2022 petition challenging amendments made to the accountability laws, bringing months of extensive proceedings — comprising more than 50 hearings — to an end.

A three-member bench comprising Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijazul Ahsan and Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah took up the plea today.

In June 2022, the former premier had moved the apex court against amendments made to the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) ordinance under the National Accountability (Second Amendment) Act 2022.

The amendments made several changes to the National Accountability Ordinance (NAO) 1999, including reducing the term of the NAB chairman and prosecutor general to three years, limiting NAB’s jurisdiction to cases involving over Rs500 million, and transferring all pending inquiries, investigations, and trials to the relevant authorities.

In his petition, the PTI chief had claimed that the amendments to the NAB law had been made to benefit influential accused persons and legitimise corruption.

In recent hearings, Justice Shah has repeatedly urged for a full court to hear the case, citing the matter of the frozen Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) law.

However, CJP Bandial had opposed it, noting that his retirement was near and the matter had already been pending before the court for a considerable time — since at least July 19, 2022.

In the previous hearing, Justice Shah, while questioning the bona fide of the petitioner, had said he sometimes felt tired of pushing too hard to find errors in the NAB amendments.

If someone believes that the amendment is tailored to benefit certain politicians and their family members, then the only available remedy is to throw them out in the elec-



tions and elect a new parliament to bring amendments for refining the NAB law, he had said.

During the hearing today, Khawaja Haris appeared before the court as Imran’s counsel while senior lawyer Makhdoom Ali Khan was the federal government’s. Both counsels have completed their arguments in the case.

CJP Bandial noted that it was now on record that references against whom had been returned till May this year, adding that they were “with the NAB till today”.

He remarked that the lack of clarity in the law on crimes such as smuggling, illegal transfer of money, or state assets being used for corruption was “upsetting”.

Subsequently, the apex court reserved its verdict on the matter, with the CJP saying: “We will soon announce a short and sweet verdict of the case.”

At the outset of the hearing, Haris continued before the court: “A lot of pending cases have been returned after the NAB amendments.”

At this, CJP Bandial inquired if there were any sections in the amendments under which cases could be referred to another relevant forum. “After these amendments, a lot of NAB’s work has come to an end,” he remarked.

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Funds lapse in financially-starved Balochistan

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

This exposed the poor political commitment coupled with bad governance and incompetent 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 government 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 incompetence of the government in general and the health department in particular.

Angioplasty and Angiography machines out of order for 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 complains 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.

Vulnerability of Balochistan Pakistan to Climate Change

Syed Muhammad Qassem

According to Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI), Pakistan is the 5th most vulnerable country to climate change. Pakistan will face \$26 billion annual loss. The greenhouse gas emissions of Pakistan are 0.7 which is nearly negligible. Greenhouse gases are resulting in the increase in temperature of the planet earth.

Pakistan received heavy rainfall in this monsoon. The rain fall was followed by extreme flash floods in many parts of the country. The provinces of Khyber Pakhtun Khwa (KPK), Sindh, and Balochistan particularly received heavy rains and floods. Till now no major damages are recorded in the Balochistan province.

Balochistan is the most vulnerable to climate change: Balochistan is the most vulnerable province of Pakistan to climate change. Many times this province has faced different types of natural disasters due to climate change.

During this monsoon season, Balochistan faced extreme floods in almost every part of the province. The floods swept away dams and destroyed the buildings, houses, roads, and bridges in Balochistan, KPK, and Sindh. The communication links were destroyed by the merciless waves of the floods. This resulted in the breakdown of physical communication from the provinces.

The provinces faced food shortages, as all of the roads were broken and the bridges collapsed. Train service was also suspended due to the collapse of a bridge

in Bolan, a district of Balochistan. Punjab is also facing smog and heatwave as a result of climate change. Sometimes the density of smog becomes so high as the transportation system remains suspended even for days.

Balochistan totally paralyzed due to floods: The floods destroyed the infrastructure in Balochistan. The primary source of income for Balochistan is agriculture. Floods destroyed crops on large scale, and people faced economic issues. Life in the province was totally paralyzed as it faced a shortage of food items, and no mobile network.

The floods and store water for drought-like situations. The dam construction work should be strictly supervised to increase the construction quality of the dams. The provincial government must ensure zero encroachment in the waterways. Pakistan as a developing country needs the cooperation of the international community: Pakistan's economy is mainly based on agriculture and climate change is adversely affecting its crops. Climate change is having an impact on the seasonal conditions of Pakistan in which summer will get longer and winters will be shorter. Pakistan is economically weak and it is difficult for the country to fight climate change.

Darkness to light

By Mohammad Ali Babakhal

GROWING violence on educational campuses has debunked the myth that extremism is somehow confined to religious seminaries. It is true that, along with other factors, a lack of education is a potential driver for radicalisation. However, education is also one of the most effective mediums for extremists to penetrate youthful minds. Repeated incidents in our educational spaces reflect the disquieting fact that they are now being confronted with both physical and psychological insecurity.

After the Brussels attacks of 2016, radicalisation in schools has become a priority area for policymakers and educators. Tackling violent extremism (VE) through interventions in education is part of a broader shift towards countering extremism with efforts that address the root causes of radicalisation. Through such interventions, schools are expected to create a safe environment for their students, promote tolerance and social inclusion, discourage discrimination, and prevent violence. Building the faculty's capacity to resolve conflicts and understand the push and pull factors leading to VE is equally important. At school, young people

should be taught how to tackle polarisation and respect the diversity. Children should be introduced to logic, critical thinking, problem-solving and negotiation skills. Empowering students to think critically, teaching them to challenge ideas, constructive engagement in rational thoughts, and engagement in meaningful debate proves helpful in preventing violent extremism (PVE). A few societies have focused their activities on the personal programmes delivered via public schools as another neglected area that requires the police, teachers, and social workers on the role of psychosocial services for students and breaking of taboos in the individual-psychologist relationship are important. Reintegration of children from conflict areas through special educational programmes delivered via public schools distributes hate material among classmates, educationists should be trained on how to deal with such situations. They should be trained on how to deal with the messages behind provocative content that is being disseminated in virtual spaces. If a student disseminates extremist propaganda, it should be distributed via public schools among classmates, educationists should be trained on how to deal with such situations. They should be trained on how to deal with the messages behind provocative content that is being disseminated in virtual spaces.

While dealing with P/VE, teachers should be equipped to raise students' awareness about risks of extremism and encourage critical thinking. They should educate students about democratic values, and political, religious and ethnic tolerance. They should be trained on how to identify bias, and teachers should provide a safe space where students feel comfortable to express their opinions. Our teachers can perform an immense national service if they help students enhance their awareness and build resilience against radicalisation. Schools and teachers should be aware of online platforms used by young people and their potential dangers. They

Political prisoner?

By Dr Niaz Murtaza

IN 2019, I wrote, under the same title, a column in which I stated that Nawaz Sharif was a political prisoner under the then PTI establishment hybrid regime. Events since then have shown the weak basis of his convictions.

But such is the merry-go-round of politics that I must now write to see whether Imran Khan today is a political prisoner with Khan related to his mercenary activities. But even such pundits feel that Khan's legal woes relate more to his fallout with the establishment than the weight of his alleged crimes.

Like Sharif, he, too, has been disqualified for mis-declaring his assets. With Sharif, the guilty charges were deemed dubious as it related to receivable assets which are treated as such only when a person can be tried for leaking state secrets when actually no secret was leaked and there was no harm done. To many, it seems like a politically motivated trial. True, just as rational minds question the strength of his cipherer US conspiracy story too. But even so, it is a political rather than legal issue.

Accusations that the trial even though they may not change the final verdict. Oddly, online research suggests

that Pakistan and Thailand are perhaps the only states that disqualify and jail politicians for an asset misdeclaration even if it hides no major crimes. It is hoped that these issues will be considered at appeal stage.

Whether charges against Khan seem weak too. The cipher case charges him with leaking official secrets. Diplomatic ciphers are but all categorised as secret documents but many, perhaps most, don't necessarily carry major secrets whose deliberate leakage can harm Pakistan and benefit its enemies. One may argue, in fact, that its reported contents show the official secrets in what the US treats as the question arises in rational minds whether a person can be tried for leaking state secrets when actually no secret was leaked and there was no harm done. To many, it seems like a politically motivated trial. True, just as rational minds question the strength of his cipherer US conspiracy story too. But even so, it is a political rather than legal issue.

While the fortunes of the larger parties fluctuate depending on whether they are the establishment's India or pet child, or not say given time, other leftist activists like Ali Wazir and Imran Mazari remain permanent outsiders (stepchildren). The only temporary and partial respite they get is when the powers that be are distracted enough to clamp down on the increasingly frequent rebellion by a former political prisoner (stepfather). This appears to many that Pakistan's justice system has been hijacked to commit injustices against political opponents rather than delivering justice to the people.

Power failure

PRESSURE is mounting on the caretaker government and the establishment on multiple fronts — political, economic and legal. Several developments have fuelled more uncertainty at a time when the country is already in a tense and unsettled state. This has created the prospect of greater instability ahead. The conflation of crises could even push the country towards a tipping point.

Nationwide street protests by traders and members of the public over the sudden and excessive rise in electricity bills have confronted the government with a challenge. It is now struggling for a response that can quell the protests but also not upset the stand-by agreement with the IMF, which provided the financial bailout the country needed to avert a debt default. While talks with IMF representatives are underway to find a way to provide relief to consumers, protests continue across the country. These protests come on the back of a cost-of-living crisis fuelled by record inflation — mostly the result of economic mismanagement by governments in the recent past. This has worsened people's plight in a deteriorating economic environment and bred widespread public discontent. It was always a question of not if but when this discontent would spill over into the streets. The spark was provided by the exorbitant hike in utility charges. These protests can snowball into wider social unrest if other issues of public concern — there are many — kick in. Such a potentially explosive situation would be beyond the interim government's capacity to control. When people see no hope of improvement in their economic condition, it is hard to douse the flames of their anger. What has contributed to public rage is the fact that they are being asked to bear the burden of governance failures due to mismanagement of the power sector by successive governments, failure to deal with its inefficiencies, and lack of reform.

Added to this is a population census, secured by the PDM government from the Council of Common Interests in its final days in power. The ECP's decision to delay general elections and not specify a date prompted speculation that the polls could be pushed to February and even beyond. Uncertainty was also fuelled by installation of a gratuitously large caretaker government that began to act as if it were anything but a short-duration arrangement. The election date delay predictably provoked an outcry from several political parties, as well as the traders' association. Such strikes have obvious economic consequences. Meanwhile, the political pressure is growing for elections to be held in 90 days, as stipulated by the Constitution. Last month, the Election Commission of Pakistan ruled this out when it issued a schedule indicating it needed four months for fresh delimitation of constituencies, which it said it would complete in mid-December. This followed approval of the new

By Malecha Lodhi

Burning bills

By Umair Javed

"Riots were triggered off by soaring prices, by malpractices, or by hunger. But these grievances operated within a popular consensus as to what were legitimate and what were illegitimate practices..."

E.P. Thompson's influential 1971 piece on food price and scarcity riots documented a deeper sense of norms and obligations found within the legal but illegitimate British society. It laid out what ordinary people thought the responsibility of the state (or clade) the sovereign (or the state), is supposed to be. The argument was that protest and rioting is not just because of hunger and deprivation, but also because there is a sense of responsibility on the part of higher powers. He called this the "moral economy" of the poor.

Recent protests against exorbitantly high electricity bills in Pakistan can be understood from the same perspective. They are a function of the mass impoverishment, not just because of relentless food inflation, rising electricity tariffs,

and stagnant incomes; and a product of total frustration at the state for violating its basic obligations towards citizens.

The deprivation story is straightforward in Pakistan, nearly everyone, except for a select few, has to pay for electricity. Whether why, as data from the 2018-19 Household Integrated Economic Survey shows, that electricity is usually the third biggest expense for the average Pakistani household for food and transport fuel.

Four years ago, when average electricity tariffs were less than Rs20 per kWh, households were spending between 15 to 20 percent of their monthly expenses on electricity. Today, the average price of a unit of electricity is soaring to Rs50 per kWh. Incomes have not gone up anywhere close to that amount, and so most households are now spending close to 50pc of their monthly expenditure merely to keep a light on. The consequences of this spike, as one would expect, are catastrophic. Inflationary pressure of the past four years had already forced many people into all types of vicious trade-offs. One would hear stories about families being compelled to withdraw children out of fee-paying schools that had become unaffordable; and salaried, middle-class households relying on periodic assistance from relatives; an extended kin to make ends meet. Bell-tightening was already the norm for most, except the extremely privileged top 1pc. The impact of a fresh wave of electricity price hikes is that it has already bleak situation leaves many with no choice but to skip bill payment, or come out on the streets. If part of this wave of protest is because of the power sector, a significant part of it is also the steady build-up of frustration at a state that has not only citizens to repeatedly sacrifice themselves for nothing in return. The Pakistan public has not alone in feeling this frustration.

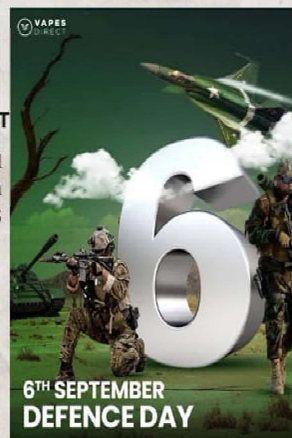


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BALOCHISTAN WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT SECTOR PROJECT

The Balochistan Water Resources Development Sector Project (BWRDSP) was approved by the ECNEC on 14th November, 2018. The Project is being financed by Asian Development Bank (ADB) under a US\$ 100 million loan along with a Grant of US\$ 5 million. The ADB is also providing a Technical Assistance of US\$ 2 million.



THE BENEFITS FROM THE PROJECT ARE AS UNDER:

- Increased farm income through improved water resources management.
- Increased agriculture production in the existing and new command areas of Zhob and Mula River basins of Balochistan.
- Total area to be benefitted by the Project is 21,737 ha. (53,690 acres):
15,753 ha. (37,230 acres) of command area,
4,145 ha. (10,900 acres) watershed & ground water recharge,
1,839 ha. (4542 acres) Khushkaba farming area.

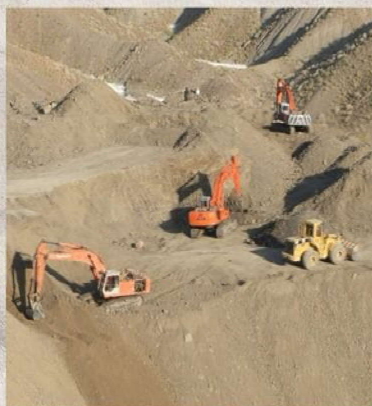


- Construction of Siri Toi Dam, District Zhob for storage of 33,820 acre-ft of water.
- Construction of weirs and infiltration galleries for flood control and ensuring year-round supply of subsurface water for agriculture.
- Construction of Water Resources Building at Quetta to house data center of Water Resources Information System.

Technical Assistance components (US\$ 2 mil.)

Climate Resilient Water Resources Study (including updating Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management Policy 2007)

Development of Water Resources Information System-WRIS



Agriculture component - Piloting High Value Agriculture (JFPR Grant) – US\$ 3 mil.:

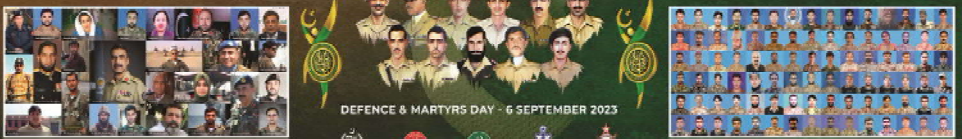
160 Solar Powered Drip Irrigation (80 Zhob & 80 Khuzdar),
2 olive oil extraction plants (1 Zhob & 1 Khuzdar),
2 fruits & vegetables processing units (1 Zhob & 1 Khuzdar),
138 herds of small ruminant (goats) to women
Community Capacity Development (trainings on efficient use of water, health & management of livestock, kitchen gardening, O&M of solar powered drip irrigation, women led fruit/vegetable processing at household)



Irrigation component - High Level Technology Fund (HLTF) – US\$ 2 mil.:

Installation of Hydrological Equipment (20 automatic weather stations and 21 stream level gauging stations) in 10 river basins of Balochistan

OUR MARTYRS OUR PRIDE



General Sahir Shamshad Mirza
Nikhan-e-Imtiaz (M)
Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee

6th September reminds us of the enemy's aggression which was successfully thwarted by our resilient nation and military. This day signifies the unflinching resolve, unity and sense of sacrifice to defend our motherland at all cost...

Following the legacy of our Great Forefathers of 1965 war, Armed Forces in unison with people of Pakistan remain ever ready and fully determined to squarely meet all external and internal challenges to protect our ideological and geographical frontiers...

On this day, we must remember the untimely sacrifices of the people of Kashmir, who are suffering under the yoke of Indian tyranny and oppression for the past seven decades. The Kashmiri dispute is an unfinished agenda of justice and the world should know that without resolving this issue, there can be no lasting peace in South Asia...

Today, we bow our heads in reverence and gratitude for the martyrs, who have engraved their legacy in the annals of history, reminding us of the freedom that we cherish. Let's renew our pledge that following the footsteps of the Shaheed and Ghazi of 1965 war, we will leave no stone unturned in the defence of our motherland and we will always work towards making Pakistan a great country.

Armed Forces of Pakistan, Zindabad.
Pakistan, Painsabdad.

General Syed Asim Munir
Nikhan-e-Imtiaz (M)
Chief of Army Staff

The Defence & Martyrs Day of Pakistan stands as an important milestone in our national and military history, serving as a reminder of the extraordinary sacrifices made by our valiant Armed Forces in the pioneering defence of our Motherland...

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Pakistan Army, Zindabad.
Pakistan, Painsabdad.

Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi
Nikhan-e-Imtiaz (M)
Chief of Naval Staff

6th September is a special day in our nation's history when the valiant Armed Forces with the support of our people repelled heinous aggression of the enemy and held its nefarious designs. The day evokes the spirit of unity and sacrifice in the defence of our motherland and glorifies the indomitable bond of our Nation and the Armed Forces to stand together in the face of adversity and aggression...

The daring Operation SOMBAT by Pakistan Navy Ships knocked out Indian radar station and three installations at Dumka, on the Gupar Coast thus inflicting the enemy's maritime picture and attacking psychological supremacy. Pakistan Navy Submarine Ghazi acted as an impenetrable shield at sea, effectively confining the Indian Fleet within the harbour. Today, we show special tributes to the daring SOS and SOCs of our valiant heroes who laid down their lives in our waters...

Pakistan Navy, entrusted with the responsibility of safeguarding maritime frontiers of the motherland, vigilantly maintains round the clock operations to defend our waters and ensure that maritime domain is not exploited for hostile activities. In today's changing maritime environment, Pakistan Navy is ensuring safety and security of international waters through a variety of collaborative and independent initiatives and arrangements...

In the present era, only a strong economy can ensure credible defence. Our maritime sector has tremendous potential to contribute towards the national economy. It is nurtured and appropriately developed. In this regard, Pakistan Navy continuously strives to promote Blue Economy which will open new vistas of opportunities for our national growth...

Pakistan Navy, Zindabad.
Pakistan, Painsabdad.

Air Chief Marshal Zaher Ahmed Baber Sidhu
Nikhan-e-Imtiaz (M)
Chief of Air Staff

Defence Day of Pakistan symbolises the exemplary courage, consummate professionalism and unflinching spirit of sacrifice of the Armed Forces of Pakistan. This holds a special significance in our history, as it revives the memory of our nation's resolve in the face of aggression. On this historic occasion, the aggressor challenged the very existence of a peaceful country, but knowing about our indomitable will to fight, Alhamdulillah, in a remarkable show of unity, the people of Pakistan and its Armed Forces took up the gauntlet and repelled the enemy. Undoubtedly, Pakistan Air Force, in unison with other services, delivered a knock-out punch to the enemy and set a legacy of fighting outnumbered...

While commemorating this great day of national pride, we salute and pay homage to all those who laid down their lives for motherland. Certainly, they added a new chapter to history through glorious deeds of heroism and set a supreme example of sacrifice for posterity to emulate. Indeed, we owe our nation an eternal debt of gratitude for what they have done for us. We also salute those veterans who returned home to tell their saga of courage from which we continue to draw strength and inspiration...

My Dear Countrymen! Our glorious history is witness to the fact that, as a nation, we have always displayed great valiance, especially in times of crises and as such always emerged triumphant. I am sure that on the strength of our national cohesion, we can surmount every challenge, however daunting. On this occasion, let us solemnly pledge that we will make every effort for the progress and development of our country. I assure you that Pakistan Air Force is fully capable to defend the aerial frontiers of our sacred Motherland...

On this special day, we must not forget our Kashmiri brethren who have been fighting against occupation for over seven decades. We renew our resolve to support their just struggle for self-determination. May Allah Almighty give us the strength, courage and vision to prove equal to our nation's expectations (Ameen).

Pakistan Air Force, Zindabad.
Pakistan, Painsabdad.

Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission Salutes Our Valiant Soldiers



PAEC Contributes:
- Six Nuclear Power Plants providing over 3500MW Electricity
- 20 Atomic Energy Cancer Hospitals provide Diagnosis & Treatment of Cancer
- Over 1500 new crop varieties Developed by Four Agriculture & Biotechnology Research Centres
- Quality Education & HRD through PIEAS, CHASCENT, KINPOE

Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission Committed to Serve the Nation

Defence Day: Salute to Our Heroes of Past and Present

Defence Day: Salute to Our Heroes of Past and Present
By Muhammad Atif Alam
Pakistan celebrates Defence Day on September 6 every year as a national day to commemorate the sacrifices offered by Pakistan's valiant Armed Forces in the pioneering defence of its Motherland. However, this day also carries special significance for commemorating the heroic struggle against terrorism, which has shaped the modern face of the country in an endeavor to maintain the security of the country...

Transforming food system vital for national food security: Mahmood

ISLAMABAD (INP): Secretary Agriculture Capt (Retd) Muhammad Mahmood has said that transforming food system of the country is vital for strengthening the food system and food security. He was speaking after inaugurating Pakistan Sub-National Food System Dashboard launched by Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) in collaboration of PARC, FAO, WFP, IFAD, Johns Hopkins University, and the Columbia Climate School at Columbia University with the leading role of GAIN-Pakistan.

The event was attended by high level govt officials, heads of development partners including FAO, WFP, IFAD, CAB, ADB, CIMMYT, CAB, and other international organization, media personnel, and agricultural scientists.

Muhammad Mahmood took keen interest in various sections of the dashboard and appreciated efforts of all stakeholders for their role in developing this dashboard and advised the scientists to maintain it on sustainable bases and to

draw meaningful inferences from available data. He also advised PARC scientists to develop Pakistan Food Outlook biannually using data of the dashboard. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman, PARC Ghulam Muhammad Ali highlighted PARC contribution in strengthening Pakistan Food System. He apprised the efforts of all stakeholders and development partners especially GAIN, FAO and WFP for their contribution in developing this prototype Sub-national Food System Dashboard. Country heads GAIN, FAO, IFAD, WFP and others ensured their technical and financial support to PARC for maintaining and updating this dashboard. Representative from Pakistan Bureau of Statistics also endorsed their role in provision of relevant data timely for further strengthening the Dashboard. Dr. Sadiq Afridi, Member Social Sciences, PARC ensured to expand scope of the dashboard horizontally and vertically to bring this dashboard at par with other developed countries.

A diverse range of participants from government, academia, research, civil society organisations, and the development sector participated in the event. Key representatives highlighted the importance of the Pakistan Subnational Food Systems Dashboard in bridging the evidence gap in the country by collecting national and local (city/district) data across a range of key food systems indicators to support stakeholders with the data they need to better understand and take actions for national, provincial, and local food systems.

Leading partners from the federal government and development partners agreed that the way forward is a commitment to using data and evidence for decision-making, policy formulation and multi-sectoral collaboration to transform Pakistan's food systems. The Pakistan Sub-national Food Systems Dashboard holds the potential to track the progress and accountability of action plans that support food systems transformation.



ISLAMABAD: Speaker Gilgit Baltistan Assembly Nazir Ahmed called on Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf.

China going green: 2023 CIFTIS highlights China's action for carbon neutrality

BEIJING (INP): As China is stepping up actions to achieve its carbon peak and neutrality targets, the latest achievements and technological development in the environmental services sector unveiled at the ongoing 2023 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) catch the eyes of visitors from home and abroad, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Tuesday. Chinese authorities in 2021 unveiled a guiding document on the country's work to achieve carbon peaking and carbon neutrality goals under the new development philosophy, laying out key specific targets and measures for the coming decades.

According to the document, by 2030, China's carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions will peak, stabilize and then decline, and by 2060, China will be carbon neutral and have fully established a green, low-carbon and circular economy. Being one of the nine thematic exhibitions of the fair, the Section of Environmental Services, encompassing exhibitions and forums, among other

activities, showcases China's unremitting efforts to achieve its carbon peak and carbon neutrality goals, and to encourage companies worldwide to innovate and cooperate. One of the highlights of the exhibition is NewLink and its subsidiary NaaS Technology Inc., a leading EV charging services provider. Highlights include the automatic charging robot, which was wholly designed in-house to streamline the charging process for the future EV ecosystem, and prototype testing and certification services provided for new energy enterprises aiming to be delivered overseas.

In addition, the country's first Level 4 auto-driving truck produced by Chinese automobile manufacturer Jiangling Motor also wows visitors on site. Wu Xiaojun, Vice President of the company, noted that, thanks to favourable factors such as supportive policy, welcoming society and fast-developing technology, the new energy light commercial vehicle (LCV) market has ushered in a period of rapid development.

"This year we specially set up a theme exhibition area on carbon peak and neutrality, aiming to build a platform for enterprises worldwide to display advanced technology, exchange ideas, and tap potential in trade and investment," said the organizer.

China's three biggest oil companies - China National Petroleum Corporation, China Petrochemical Corporation, and China National Oilshore Oil Corporation - also showcase their efforts for lower emissions via green transformation. To achieve carbon peak and carbon neutrality calls for a broad and profound economic and social systemic change. Besides exhibits, experts from different countries are invited to share ideas on hot topics such as "carbon peak & carbon neutrality", carbon trade, and green city. Scheduled from September 2 to 6, the 2023 CIFTIS is held at the China National Convention Center and Shougang Park in Beijing. Since its launch in 2012, the fair has attracted over 600,000 exhibitors from 196 countries and regions.



ISLAMABAD: Commander of the Turkish Naval Forces, Admiral Erucment Tatlioglu, along with the members of his delegation, called on President Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

China-Pakistan Science and Technology cooperation conference held in Beijing

BEIJING (INP): China-Pakistan Technology and Innovation Conference, aimed at developing science & technology bilateral cooperation between China and Pakistan, was held in Beijing on Tuesday, China Economic Net (CEN) reported.

Addressing a sideline forum titled "China-Pakistan Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation-Shared Journey to a Digital Era" at the China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque said that China has become a global leader in science and technology and IT fields through strategic investments in AI, 5G, EVs, biotechnology, renewable energy, robotics, big data and e-commerce, adding that Pakistan would enhance technology cooperation.

"Pakistan itself is committed to its 'Digital Pakistan' vision, tapping into its young and enterprising population. We are fostering startup culture and have established the Special Technology Zone Authority to attract tech companies to set up R&D centers and manufacturing units in Pakistan.

By offering lucrative tax incentives, we have seen a

surge in our IT sector in recent years", he added.

The ambassador further said that China and Pakistan had identified IT and science and technology cooperation blueprint under the CPEC framework.

It was a conscious choice to organize this event on the sidelines of CIFTIS which has now become a world-renowned forum for services trade. As part of our broader economic partnership, we are focusing on fintech, IT, e-commerce and logistics, Pakistan's largest logistics company NLC is participating in this conference today.

"We have also launched China-Pakistan Digital, Green and Health Corridors to harness the potential of our two countries in these fields.

We are establishing linkages between our academic institutions, research organizations and IT companies for practical implementation of our vision and for going forward on a shared journey of digital era. In major milestone, we have recently set up China-Pakistan Joint Research Center on Earth Sciences", he added.

Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counselor of Pakistan Embassy Beijing briefed audience

about current business opportunities between two countries.

"I invited all Chinese businessmen in IT sector to join us and enhance bilateral cooperation, and facilitate technology transfer to enable the development of Special Technology Zones across Pakistan", he added. Xiaodong Zhang, President, ZBRA China said we should jointly Write a New Chapter in China-Pakistan Science and Technology Cooperation. He further said that Pakistan and China are committed to developing a community with shared knowledge and Chinese expertise would enhance cooperation in future.

Khan Muhammad, Science Counselor at Pakistan Embassy in Beijing said that today event we signed different MOUs to support science and technology development.

"Signing of Strategic Cooperation Agreement on establishing China Pakistan STH Center in China between ZBRA and China Construction Huaxia (Beijing) Industrial Operation Company and Strategic Cooperation Agreement between ZBRA Beijing Time-Honored Brands Association are signed to promote cooperation between China and Pakistan", he added.



KARACHI: Workers busy in making wooden sticks stool for selling purpose at Karachi teen hatti.

PRCS AJK hands over cheque of Rs40,000 per family affected of landslides

MUZAFFARABAD (INP): The Pakistan Red Crescent Society, Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chapter, which remains persistent in its commitment to assist those affected by natural disasters and emergencies on Tuesday distributed cheque of Rs40,000 per head among 12 families hailing from Damishi Abhyal affected of disaster caused by landslides due recent rains and flashfloods.

The cheque distribution ceremony held at Commissioner Office Muzaffarabad was attended by Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Society AJK Chapter Ejaz Raza, Secretary Muzaffarabad Raja Tahir Mumtaz. Landslide struck the Damishi Abhyal locality on August 01, causing immense damage to homes, infrastructure, and livelihoods. This natural disaster resulted in the displacement of several families and left them in dire need of support.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, AJK Chapter, swiftly mobilized its resources to provide immediate assistance to the affected community. PRCS AJK Chapter distributed cash assistance of PKR 40,000 per affected family aimed at addressing the most pressing needs of the affected families, enabling them to purchase essential items, repair their homes, and access necessary medical care. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman PRCS AJK Ejaz Raza said that PRCS is committed to standing by the side of those affected by disasters, working tirelessly to alleviate their suffering and help them rebuild their lives. This response is part of PRCS's on-going efforts to support communities in need and ensure their resilience in the face of adversity. "Our organization is dedicated to serving the community and alleviating the suffering of those affected by disasters."

We understand the urgency of the situation in Damishi Abhyal, and we are committed to assisting the affected families as they work towards recovery," he added.

Pervez, Moonis to be prosecuted for their corruption in Punjab: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Attallah Tarar has said that former chief minister Pervez Elahi and Moonis Elahi will be prosecuted for their corruption in Punjab. Talking to media persons here on Monday, he claimed that around Rs120 billion were consumed in the master plan of Lahore alone. Attallah Tarar further said such a big criminal was escorted to his home, where was the justice when the entire family was inside the jail. "Today there are talks of contempt of court on the police officers, what is the fault of the police officers", he questioned. The PML-N leader further stated, "The police officers are being given show cause notices. Passing such an order that the criminal should be dropped at home was the contempt of court in actual sense." A new tradition had been set that the accused persons in mega corruption cases were being escorted to their homes, he concluded.



HYDERABAD: Members of Sohni Dharti Youth Council lighting the candles in remembrance to Martyrred on 6 September 1965 India Pakistan war.

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DEFENCE & MARTYRS DAY - 6 SEPTEMBER 2023



Dr. Arif Alvi
President
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

We observe 6th of September as Defence & Martyrs Day to pay tribute to our martyrs and their families who sacrificed their lives for the motherland. On this day, 58 years ago, our Armed Forces and the entire Pakistani nation displayed extraordinary courage and indomitable spirit, and dented the evil designs of the enemy. The 1965 War stands out in our history as a symbol of unwavering national resolve, preparedness, professionalism, patriotism and sacrifice. The sons of soil heroically fought against the enemy and wrote a glorious chapter in history.

Today, we salute the martyrs who laid down their lives for the homeland, and also honour their families for setting examples of sacrificing their loved ones for country's defence. Our Ghazis deserve respect for giving a 30-hour response to enemy's attacks on Lahore, Sialkot and other sectors. Our soldiers and the nation fought with passion in 1965 and they continue to display the same courage, commitment and professional excellence in all leading times. They have displayed the same spirit during the ten-decade-long war against terrorism and extremism. Our successes in this asymmetrical war are testimony to our Armed Forces' capacity to evolve into a unique force having the ability to match the modern-day combat requirements.

On this day, we reiterate Pakistan's commitment to peace and its policy of peaceful coexistence. We are aware of our national as well as international obligations and are playing our part towards world peace under the banner of the United Nations. Our own region is awaiting the resolution of the longstanding Jammu and Kashmir dispute, which needs international community's immediate attention. This dispute has to be resolved as per the UN Security Council Resolutions for ensuring peace, security, and development in the region. Today, we also remember the sacrifices of Kashmiri people, women and children, which they have rendered during the decade-long struggle for their right to self-determination. Pakistan will continue to extend its moral and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people's just struggle for their right to choose their own destiny.

This day also calls for keeping always for the sovereignty of state and integrity and honour of our motherland. Pakistan is the centre of our hopes. On this Defence & Martyrs Day, we continue to honour and respect the sons and daughters of soil, who never hesitate in giving their own life for the defence of motherland, its development and prosperity.

Armed Forces of Pakistan, Zindabad.
Pakistan, Painsdabad.



Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar
Caretaker Prime Minister
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

The 6 September is remembered as the day of valor, bravery, courage and resilience. It stands out in history as a symbol of national pride, integrity and sovereignty. On this day, 58 years ago, our valiant Armed Forces proved that they are ever vigilant and ready to safeguard the territorial integrity and geographical boundaries of our beloved homeland at all costs. This glorious day, where the entire Pakistani nation stood side by side with its Armed Forces, calls upon us to make a pledge to renew the spirit of loyalty and service to Pakistan and pay tribute to valiant sons of the soil who embraced 'Shuhada' while ensuring the security of the nation.

On this day, the brave Pakistani nation displayed unprecedented strength with faith, unity and discipline that galvanized the armed forces - Army, Air Force and Navy. The defence of the country is not limited to 6 September alone, rather stretches upon an entire lifetime and encompasses all dimensions of physical and ideological frontiers, which need to be guarded. The brave sons of soil, especially the Shuhada who laid down their lives but did not let the enemy move an inch to fulfil its nefarious designs and the entire Pakistani nation deserve salutes.

Today, when Pakistan is confronted with multiple security challenges in the shape of terrorism, terrorism and external aggression, the entire nation stands united alongside Pakistan's Defence Forces, to thwart and eliminate against the security and prosperity of Pakistan. The world also acknowledges the role our armed forces played in maintaining peace in various countries under the UN Peacekeeping Missions. We are committed to following the policy of peace as a hallmark of our foreign policy.

The unresolved dispute of Jammu and Kashmir remains a big threat to regional peace and security. The international community must come forward and play its due role in resolving this longstanding issue. Pakistan will continue to extend political, moral and diplomatic support to our Kashmiri brothers and sisters in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir until they achieve their right to self-determination through an impartial plebiscite in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

Today, the whole nation stands united with utmost discipline and unwavering faith to make Pakistan stronger. With hard work and dedication, we will make Pakistan unassailable against security and economic challenges. I once again pay homage to the martyrs of September 6, 1965 and all those who sacrificed their lives for the safety of the country in the subsequent years. Together with the backing of our nation, we shall not let go of the sacrifice of Shuhada and Ghazis who deserve the highest of honors in the most befitting manner.

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Lt General Anwar Ali Hyder (Retd)
Federal Minister for Defence
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

6th September is a milestone in the annals of our national history. It reminds us of the indomitable courage and unparalleled sacrifices rendered by our Armed Forces for the defence of our Motherland. We hold our SHUHADA and GHAZIS in high esteem and are profoundly indebted to them for offering the ultimate sacrifice and thwarting nefarious designs of the enemy.

Pakistan is a responsible state with impregnable defence. Over the years, Pakistan's defence capability has evolved substantially and Allahmudillah, the country has made significant strides towards self-reliance in the field of defence. The entire nation and Government of Pakistan commend the sacrifice, professionalism and grit of our Armed Forces.

I would like to reiterate on this occasion that Pakistan will continue to contribute towards promoting peace in the world. Pakistan will insha Allah soon rise above all challenges and as always our Armed Forces, with their valor and bravery, will continue to defend every inch of our sacred land.

On this historic day, let us renew our pledge to remain united, vigilant and ready for the defence of our beloved country at all costs. May Allah give us the courage and strength to live up to the expectations of our valiant nation, Ameen!

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