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Qazi Faez Isa of Pishin district sworn in as top judge of the country

Syed Ali Shah, Dawood Ahmed:

ISLAMABAD, QUETTA: Qazi Faez Isa from Balochistan's Pishin district was sworn in as the 29th top judge of the country on Sunday morning. President Dr. Arif Alvi administered an oath to the newly appointed chief justice of Pakistan. Qazi Faez Isa is the son of Qazi Muhammad Isa, a close aide of the founding father of the nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Qazi's grandfather Qazi Jalaluddin was prime minister of the Kalat State during British rule and also served as a judge in Afghanistan.

Faez Isa's family members remained in important positions during British rule on the sub-continent, Kalat State and Afghanistan in the past.

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He was appointed as the Chief Justice of Pakistan by President Arif Alvi on 21 June 2023. Qazi Faiz Isa will hold the post of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court till 25 October 2024.

Qazi Faiz was born on October 26, 1959, in Quetta, the capital of Balochistan, and received his primary education from there. After that, he studied O and A level at Karachi Grammar School and then moved to London where he studied law. After a BA (Hons) from London, he passed the Bar Professional Examination from the Inns of Court School of Law, London, and was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales (Middle Temples) in 1982. On his return from London, he started his family profession as a lawyer at the Balochistan High Court in 1985. He appeared as a lawyer in the four High Courts of Pakistan apart from the Supreme Court and the Shariat Court for 24 years.



Qazi Faiz's Irish aunt protests against Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Nawab Bugti

Qazi Faiz Isa's uncle, Qazi Muhammad Musa, married an Irish woman, Jennifer, who came to Balochistan from London and stayed here. Jennifer Musa was nicknamed Mummy Jennifer of

Balochistan. She played an active role in politics in the 1970s. He was a member of the National Assembly from the platform of Abdul Wali Khan's banned National Awami Party. Jennifer did not sign the 1973 constitution due to concerns about the rights of Balochistan.

Qazi Faez headed the judicial commission in the aftermath of lawyers' killings in Quetta

Qazi Faez Isa submitted a comprehensive report about the Quetta carnage, which claimed 72 lives including 56 members of the legal fraternity. He had given important suggestions/ recommendations to law enforcement agencies, and provincial and federal governments to avert such tragedies in the future.

However, the then government was not comfortable with Qazi Faez Isa's judicial commission report.

Qazi issues non-bailable arrest warrants of late General (R) Pervez Musharraf

As the Chief Justice of the Balochistan High Court (BHC), Qazi Faez Isa issued non-bailable arrest warrants for late General (R) Pervez Musharraf in the murder case of elderly Baloch leader, Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti. Qazi Faez Isa as a top judge of Balochistan also took suo moto notice of the killing of 43 coal miners in the Sorange area of Quetta. He submitted a comprehensive report to the Balochistan government to avert such untoward incidents in the future with regard to the safety of coal miners extracting coal from mines.

To be precise, Qazi Faez Isa was also an environmentalist as well. He issued detailed judgments about the protection of wildlife, trees, and forests and improving ecosystems in Balochistan.

AI Academy to be established in BUTEMS: Vice Chancellor

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QUETTA: The Vice Chancellor of Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUTEMS), Dr. Khalid Hafeez announced the establishment of the first-ever Artificial Intelligence (AI) Academy to impart modern education to students of the province.

In an exclusive interview with Daily Quetta Voice, the newly appointed VC thoroughly spoke about his vision of bringing reforms and improving the standard of education in BUTEMS.

"We are global citizens and our students would be equipped with the latest skills and knowledge to compete on an international level", Dr. Khalid Hafeez said. He said the faculty members and staff were also committed to ensuring the implementation of his vision for improving the standard of education.

10,000 students to be imparted IT education/skills: VC

BUTEMS is considered to be one of the best educational institutions in the country. However, the university has been in a serious financial crisis for the last couple of years and the government

seems to be least bothered about it. "AI is the future and it is my dream to impart quality education to students of Balochistan", Dr. Khalid Hafeez said. Students should be equipped and prepared to compete globally rather than national level, he elaborated.

The VC informed that under the leadership of Chancellor/Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Kakar, the university has devised a plan to impart information technology training skills to 10,000 students of the province. "This will bring a major change in Balochistan", he said.

The VC came to Balochistan after 37 years

Dr. Khalid Hafeez spent 37 years in London and taught at world-fame universities. A search committee conducted interviews and shortlisted Dr. Khalid Hafeez as the VC BUTEMS two months back.

In his interview, Dr. Khalid Hafeez expressed the hope that BUTEMS is going to be one of the top universities in Asia. "We will make tooth and nail efforts to improve the ranking of BUTEMS", he said.



Who is Qazi Faez Isa ? A CTD personnel killed in Quetta

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Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: A Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) personnel was killed in a firing incident in the Jail Road area of Quetta on Saturday night. Police sources said unknown accused opened fire and killed a CTD head constable identified as Saeed Ahmed on Jail Road Quetta.

The assailants sped away on their motorcycle after the attack. The dead body of the CTD personnel was shifted to civil hospital Quetta. Senior police and other law enforcement agencies personnel reached the spot and started an investigation into the incident.



Police sources said the incident seems to be an act of targeted killing in the provincial capital.

Information minister of Balochistan meets UAE Deputy Ambassador

From Our Correspondent: Islamabad: Jan Achakzai, information minister of Balochistan met Rashid Al Ali- DHM of UAE Embassy in Islamabad. Bilateral relations and mutual interest and investment opportunities were discussed in the meeting. Achakzai invited Excellency Rashid Al Ali to visit Quetta on behalf of the Government of Balochistan, which he accepted.

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AI and Climate Change completely missing in Balochistan budget

THE future is all about the Artificial Intelligence (AI). The AI has the potential to significantly impact education and transform the learning experience for students across the globe.

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ter an aggressive response from the Russians: "This is your problem, you fix it." Taking a cue from the Russians, we should not despair. The streets of Karachi are filled with ingenious people, transport that is adapted to purpose and built to suit tighter pockets. At the other end, Pakistan is witnessing a significant revival in sports — the Pakistan Super League facilitated foreign players who benefited the Pakistan team in terms of interaction and knowledge. Also, almost two decades later, we returned to the game with 17-year-old Hamza Khan winning the World Junior Squash Championship, beating his rival in Melbourne, Australia, in July. Women athletes and other professionals continue to scale new heights. In the practice area, we are relying on indigenous expertise rather than foreign assistance — such as when it mended defects in a Soviet-built dam af-

peaks and we can also expect success from the women's tent pegging team. There is much cheer to be found in an exceptionally humane and courageous event — Pakistan's mountaineers climbed the savage mountain, K2, to locate the body of an Afghan climber for his relatives. On the tourism and social fronts, international flights can now top up in Skardu and tours of Gilgit-Baltistan are safe. The elderly and the differently abled have the required assistance to help them stay independent by way of various alterations, such as side-wheels on motorcycles. Moreover, our art world is flourishing and is awash with innovative techniques, wherein painters, such as Inayatullah Qureshi in this instance, blended the Mughal miniature technique with acrobatic painting. The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Then, there are Pakistan's filmmakers such as Sharmeen

Jamshier Talati

ame? To start with, plug the culture of cheating, stealing, bribery and begging. Ensure education coach aids in interpersonal and public communication, nurture an ethical and tolerant environment at workplaces along with team-building and relentless pursuit of excellence in quality. These will increase revenues, create better work conditions and boost financial returns on investments and the workforce. Furthermore, trade is a vital component of progress that can thrive despite limitations. For example, when Poland imposed crippling taxes on transport restrictions and dedicated to health, education and social well-being. Take Finland's example; it leads in the happiness index but isn't that rich. We must devise a system that empowers a poor person has free transport to a hospital with cost-free, precise and timely attention and intervention. So how can we begin

The rule of law

By Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

LIFE in developed countries pivots around the rule of law. Every citizen is subjected to the same laws, and no one is above the law. However, despite full consensus on the validity of the rule of law, there are always implementation gaps.

Take the US, whose founding fathers stressed on equality of all men, freedom and liberty, human rights and the rule of law. Even slavery and racial discrimination continued in the US for a long time. American soldiers who struggled for two centuries to fill the gap between theory and practice in the 1860s and civil rights movement led by Martin Luther King in the 1960s.

Europe's case is no different. Centuries ago, voices were raised questioning the divine right of kings. The 17th-century political theorist John Locke argued that every person has natural rights to life, liberty and property. For its time, this was a revolutionary idea, over which many European thinkers have contributed to liberalism and enlightenment with strong support for the rule of law. Europeans from various walks of life struggled hard against tyranny and discrimination for centuries before they succeeded in establishing

the European Union, which holds together diverse societies through a common set of laws, human rights and the rule of law. Another example is that of China, which has attained rapid economic progress, thanks mainly to meritocracy and strict enforcement of the laws through a complex web of local people's congresses overseen by the Communist Party.

In sharp contrast, a disturbing international trend worth recognising is that authoritarianism is on the rise and multilateralism on the retreat. When big powers violate international law with impunity, such as the US invasion of Iraq in 2003 and the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2014, international law is undermined.

India, which started its independent life as a pluralistic, secular and democratic country, has changed gears, with Modi's administration seeking to create a Hindu state that has constricted space for minorities. Non-Hindu citizens are likely to resist this blatant discrimination on the basis of religion, which in turn could lead to significant commotion in Indian society. When we look at Pakistan, it also suffers from large gaps in theory and practice of the rule of law. Fortunately, the theory itself is sound. Islam, the majority faith in Pakistan, enjoins harmony. The life of the Prophet (PBUH) illustrated the values of peaceful coexistence of faith-based communities and tolerance. The Constitution also grants the right of freedom of religion to every Pakistani citizen under Articles 20 and 36. Jinnah's speech on Aug 11, 1947, made it clear that every citizen of Pakistan, whether Muslim, Hindu or Christian, would be free to go to their places of worship. Yet, we see elements within our own society that consistently challenge the rule of law. Sadiq, sometimes they even take false pride in breaking the law. From self-serving feudal lords to corrupt public office holders to religious extremists, some segments of Pakistani society have developed a flawed sense of entitlement over and above the law of the land. Pakistan is not a developed state, governed by the rule of law, all citizens must be treated as equal before the law, regardless of ethnicity, faith, race or cultural disposition. Our leaders should lead by example by giving up overt displays of entitlement around public of-

Hysteria triggers or analyses?

By Abbas Nasir

THE phrase used to be "paralysis by analysis", when someone was getting separated into a situation or individual. But even then such an exercise was harmless, if boring, with the facts remaining intact. Today, the analyst equals an artist who needs to shout to be heard and say, even invent, the most bizarre of things to retain the eyeballs in a very competitive marketplace comprising dozens of TV channel 'talk shows' and an even greater number of vlogs on social media.

Both require a large number of eyeballs to survive and greater multitudes to be able to thrive. The more partisan you are and the more you rant, the more popular, raking in piles of cash that earnest, balanced and fair analysts cannot aspire to far dream of. Sadiq, at the altar of ratings, views and subscribers, the truth, objectivity, balance and fairness are slaughtered, and the cash register keeps ringing. This is the sort of journalism that many current media/social media legends light, with hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of followers practice. Of course, the most favoured target of these commentators is the civilian politician, who has rarely wielded real power. To start with, someone elected by a two-thirds majority or at the head of a coalition with wide-based numerical superiority. This bias is reflected in every single comment and analysis. As you move from one analyst to another, the only discernible difference is that their words are more favourable on the politician they like, while opprobrium is heaped on all others, as if there was no one else responsible for all that ails us. So on Friday, when a three-member Supreme Court bench led by the chief justice on his penultimate day in office gave a split verdict on the agenda of the last parliament's amendments to the NAB law, the decision triggered the most bizarre of 'analyses'. This included claims that after the verdict some of the most senior political leaders were not able to contest the forthcoming elections whenever they were held. This was patently incorrect as among the main political leaders very few would be affected by NAB inquiries and investigations don't lead to disqualification. Also, PM-N leaders there are convictions, all legal experts are almost unanim-

ous in saying these matters, while equally competent others, with a different mindset, would be overturned on appeal as they are weak to start with. Some are squorered into minority positions, even where they were included on benches. The masterstroke by the government authorised by Justice Mansoor Ali Shah is a case in point. Now Justice Shah and Justice Ijazul Ahsan will be joined by another judge to hear the NAB review case. The Supreme Court (Practice and Procedures) Bill, 2023, that was stayed in the most unceremonious of ways as it was yet to become law. Let's see whether a full court would be convened to hear the case and whether the stay is lifted while it is heard. The bill's fate will determine the high benches are formed, ie, by the chief justice, the master of the roster, or the chief justice of the two senior-most Supreme Court judges. The right to review, more likely to be exercised in appeal of a new court decisions under suo motu powers may or may not be reinstated. As you can see, there is no suggestion here as to which way the court will rule but what is clear is that the decision will compass a wider wisdom and legal opinion with possibly a full court.

Sino-US competition

By Muhammad Amir Rana

THE US is cautiously rebuilding its relations with Pakistan, focusing on critical areas and communities considered vulnerable. The recent visit by US Ambassador Donald Blome to Gwadar is an indication of how the US is strategically approaching its ties with Pakistan. This development is likely to raise concerns in Balochistan, which has significant regional economic and strategic interests.

If this visit is part of a broader US regional strategy, it could foster mistrust in Beijing regarding Pakistan's state institutions. When Saudi Arabia revealed its plans to construct an oil refinery near Gwadar, Chinese analysts viewed it as a US manoeuvre to gain a strategic foothold in the area through one of its reliable Gulf partners, thereby countering China's initiatives.

In October last year, the US ambassador visited Azad Jammu and Kashmir, which stirred concerns in India. His recent trip to Gwadar is also likely to have caught Beijing's attention. According to a press release from the US embassy in Islamabad, the Gwadar visit aims to explore trade and development opportunities. During his meeting with the Balochistan Minister of Commerce, Ambassador Blome discussed the potential for US trade and investment in various sectors. The statement emphasised America's long-standing partnership with Pakistan, including providing aid during the floods that occurred last year.

US development efforts tend to receive more attention due to their extensive partnerships with NGOs. This is a weak point in China's development model one from which they could learn from both the US and European nations, although such engagement would likely entail higher costs. It appears to be effectively intervening and enhancing its reputation in areas where the US faces security challenges and a negative public perception. This suggests that the geopolitical competition between the two nations will likely intensify in the coming months and years. Amid this unfolding dynamic, two critical points must be addressed concerning the impact and role of state institutions.

Pakistan faces a complex set of economic and strategic challenges, making it essential for the country to balance its relations with both the US and China. However, state institutions must carefully assess and evaluate the risks associated with failing to maintain this equilibrium.

ONE of my favourite physical properties is that the more institutions are broken. They are not hopeful. Please do not mistake this as an attempt to mock or worse, disrespect them. They are some of the brightest students I've taught and, also, more compassionate in their approach to hypothetical issues I pose in my classroom. They were employed on holding elections as soon as possible because they know they've lost a case at a table decided by the victor, the oppressed, the underdog. We have to save face in the current state of the media, they want it to improve because they understand just how big a threat disinformation poses to society. We'd be lucky to employ any of these young men in rooms. But most of them want to leave Pakistan.

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ence polices with their vote in the next day in class, when I suggested everyone vote even if just for the experience, one student asked: 'what is the point?' I had no answer. All the pundits tell us that deals have been set and preparations are underway for the PM-N to return to power. I explain other parties' posturing on holding elections as soon as possible because they know they've lost a case at a table decided by the victor, the oppressed, the underdog. We have to save face in the current state of the media, they want it to improve because they understand just how big a threat disinformation poses to society. We'd be lucky to employ any of these young men in rooms. But most of them want to leave Pakistan.

One of the reasons for low turnout is 'economic hardship (which) can result in voter apathy and lead people to withdraw from politics and focus on meeting their basic needs'. At the rate fuel prices are rising in Pakistan, folks may not even be able to afford commuting to their polling stations. The focus on meeting their basic needs' is a worrying phenomenon" it adds. There are significant gender differences in voter turnout; female participation was lowest in Pakistan. To remind, women were banned from voting in KP's constituency PK-23 in Shangha in the last election.

Protests against authorities' anti-people policies in IIOJK continue

SRINAGAR (INP): Protests against the anti-people policies of the authorities' in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir continue as scores of Asha workers staged a protest in Srinagar, demanding hike in wages. According to Kashmir Media Service, the workers assembled at the Press Colony in Srinagar, condemning low wages. These aggrieved workers raised slogans to press for their demands and said that they were suffering amid minimal wages. They said that despite their tireless work, they are getting 'peanuts' in return. 'We have been working since 2005

and have been demanding a hike in salaries. We are getting Rs 2000 per month, which is lower than what a labourer gets. This is unfortunate that despite providing vital support to health care at the ground level, we are not getting enough wages,' said a protesting female worker. The Asha workers demanded that their salaries should be as per the Minimum Wages Act so that they could make ends meet. They said on the minimal salaries, they cannot afford their own expenses, let alone support their families. The residents of Rainawan, Srinagar also staged a protest against Jal Shakti department for failing to supply water to them for the past one month. The protesters, mostly women, blocked the main road near Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Hospital, bringing traffic to a standstill. Speaking to the media, the protesting women said they have been without water supply for a month, and no one is paying attention to their plight. 'We approached the authorities numerous times, but nothing has been done, and we feel like we're being shuffled from one place to another,' the residents said, while appealing to authorities to address this issue.

Punjab CM leaves for China on five-day official visit

LAHORE (INP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi left for China along with a high-level delegation on a five-day official visit on Sunday. The acting Chinese consul general saw the Punjab chief minister off at Lahore Airport. He expressed good wishes for the chief minister regarding his visit to China. 'It is hoped that your visit to China will be crucial for the promotion of mutual cooperation,' the acting Chinese consul general said. Provincial ministers and officers concerned were also present on the occasion. The chief minister will meet the businessmen, investors and industrialists during his visit to China. He will also hold meetings with Chinese authorities to increase cooperation in Agriculture, IT and technology sectors.



PESHAWAR: A boy is pushing his wheelbarrow loaded with fresh vegetables at the vegetable market.

PAF contingent concludes participation in multinational 'Bright Star 2023'

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) contingent concluded its successful participation in the multinational in-services air exercise, 'Bright Star 2023', held at Mohamed Naguib Military Base in Egypt on Sunday. According to the PAF spokesperson, the two-week-long exercise brought together a total of 30 countries, including prominent participants such as Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan, Greece, and Qatar. The exercise showcased the exemplary performance of PAF's state-of-the-art JF-17 Thunder fighter jets. This participation not only highlighted PAF's commitment to regional and international cooperation but also underscored its capabilities and prowess to operate in diverse and challenging environments. Pakistan Air Force, with its commitment to regional stability and international cooperation, actively immersed in this exercise, emphasizing the profound strategic significance of this collaborative endeavor. The PAF contingent, comprising dedicated air and ground crews, demonstrated exceptional capabilities during the exercise, highlighting the prowess of the pride of Pakistan, the JF-17 Thunder aircraft. Pakistan Air Force distinguished engagement in this prestigious event stands as a testament to its resolute dedication to the cause of global peace and security. Through Exercise Bright Star 2023, Pakistan Air Force has once again proven its commitment to upholding glorious traditions and fostering strong partnerships with the global community. Pakistan Air Force looks forward to future collaboration with Air Forces of allied countries and to continue developing its capabilities to meet the evolving challenges in the face of contemporary security threats, the spokesperson concluded.

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Fuel supply invigorates PIA flight operations

KARACHI (INP): Fuel supply to crisis-hit Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has invigorated its flight operations. It should be mentioned here that delays and suspension caused by shortage of funds and failure to pay Pakistan State Oil (PSO) for fuel supply had adversely affected the flight operation of national flag carrier. The PIA spokesperson said that the flight operations are gradually returning to normal. A total of 85 flights are scheduled to depart from airports across the country on Sunday (today), with 25 being domestic flights and 60 international flights. The Boeing 777 and Airbus planes are also operational now, the spokesperson said. It is pertinent to mention here that

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LESCO detects 4,451 power pilferers in 11 days

LAHORE (INP): The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) detected a total of 4,451 connections during last 11 days from where consumers were pilfering electricity. A LESCO spokesman told the media on Sunday that the company had so far submitted FIR applications against 3,845 electricity thieves, out of which

2,730 FIRs (first information reports) had been registered with respect to police stations, while 224 accused arrested. The spokesman said that each electricity thief had been charged so far with 9,622,164 detection units amounting to Rs 409.452 million. The spokesman added that LESCO found 755 connections involved in electricity theft in all its



QUETTA: Chairman Kisan Ittihad Khalid Hussain addressing a press conference.

Iran says move in retaliation for "political abuses" by US, France, Germany and Britain

BRUSSELS (INP): Iran, his statement added. "With today's decision, Iran has effectively removed about one third of the core group of the Agency's most experienced inspectors designated for Iran," said Grossi. In 2015, major world powers reached a deal with Iran under which Tehran would curb its nuclear programme in exchange for relief from crippling economic sanctions. But that started to unravel in 2018 when the US president Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew from the deal and imposed sanctions. Tehran in turn stepped up its nuclear programme - while continuing to deny it harbours ambitions of developing a nuclear weapons capability. Efforts to revive the deal have been fruitless so far. The United States and the so-called E3 group - France, Germany and the United Kingdom - are threatening to call for a new resolu-

tion against Tehran at an IAEA board meeting. "Iran persists in its deliberate refusal to engage earnestly with the Agency," the US and E3 group said in a midweek joint statement. If Iran did not fully abide by its obligations the Board would have to be prepared to take further action to support its Secretary and hold Iran accountable, they added. Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani responded to the IAEA statement Saturday. "Three European countries and the United States abused the space of the IAEA's Council of Governors for their own political purposes with arrogance and with the aim of destroying the atmosphere of cooperation," he added. "Of course, the Islamic Republic of Iran will continue its positive cooperation within the framework of the agreement, emphasizing the necessity of the agency's neutrality," he added. In his statement Saturday, Grossi stressed

PSF to collect applications from students interested in IJSO-2023 by Sept 18

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) will collect applications from students desiring to participate in upcoming exciting event of 20th International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO-2023) by extended date of September 18. It should be mentioned here that the 20th International Junior Science Olympiad is going to be held from 1st to 10th December 2023 at Bangkok, Thailand. The interested students both boys and girls under 16-years of

age on December 31, 2023 and passed SSC-I level, will be selected for the said event while the Scientists' Experts will be final in this regard. The PSF will bear the expenditure including registration, visa fee and air travel of selected students. Accommodation and local hospital-ity will be provided by the organizers. The last date for receipt of application is September 18, 2023. Students already applied need not to apply again and can contact aqravanti21@gmail.com for any queries. International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) is a science competition for students under 16-years of age on December 31, 2023. The IJSO was established to promote interest in science among school students, exposing them to problem solving, critical thinking and experimentation. Over the years, the IJSO aims to positively impact science and mathematics education at school level. IJSO is held in the first week of December of every year, in different countries.

5 ibex die of animal disease at Kirthar National Park

JAMSHORO (INP): At least 15 wild goats died of a highly contagious animal disease, PPR, at Kirthar National Park, reported on Sunday. Sindh Wildlife Protection Agency has taken notice of the deaths of wild goat. Deputy Conservator Hyderabad Wajid Shakhs has confirmed death of 35 ibex owing to disease. "The samples of the animals will be taken and sent to laboratories in Karachi, Islamabad, Tando Jam and Lahore to establish

the cause of deaths of animals," Wildlife official said. Deputy Conservator Wajid Shakhs has said that a letter also written to the Livestock Department for vaccination of animals. According to earlier reports, over 100 wild goats at Kirthar National Park have been infected by the disease. The Wildlife Department workers shifting the ailing animals to another place. Experts said that the wild goats have been infected by the Peste des Petis Ruminants (PPR) disease and stressed for vaccination of the animals. "At first, the nose and eyes of the animal affected by the deadly disease and the ailing animal dies within three to four days," sources said. Around 100 wild goats were died in an outbreak of the PPR disease at Kirthar National Park in year 2010, officials said. The PPR, also known as sheep and goat plague, is a highly contagious animal disease affecting small ruminants. Once intro-



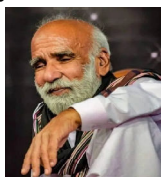
KARACHI: Activists of Jamat-e-Islami hold a protest against the rise in Petrol Prices.

Baloch poet Mubarak Qazi passes away

TURBAT: Famous Baloch poet Mubarak Qazi breathed his last. He was a guest at Babu Alam in Turbat where he died late at night. The body of Mubarak Qazi was transferred from Turbat to Hani. The death of Mubarak Qazi was confirmed by the young Balochi poet Asghar Muharram.

It was said that he passed away last night at the house of Babu Alam in Sangani Sar. Qazi Mubarak had predicted his death in a literary letter

written to Qutb-ul-Ghiz Mir Sagor in the same week, mentioning his disability. Qazi Mubarak wrote that he is now very weak, but sometimes he cannot even get out of bed and does not feel like eating or drinking. Qazi Mubarak's poetry influenced Balochi literature for half a century, he will be remembered for his service to Balochi literature and language as well as his poetic commentary on the Baloch movement.



Balochistan Caretaker Information Minister, Jan Achakzai expressed grief and

Balochistan gateway to Asia, businessmen need to invest in province: Governor

ISLAMABAD (INP): Governor Balochistan, Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has said that Balochistan is gateway to Asia from where trade can be done with many countries and invited the business community to invest in the province. He was speaking as Chief Guest of a business role model award ceremony organized by the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) to confer awards on the business leaders of the markets in recognition of their valuable services to the traders. Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar said that China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has increased the importance of Balochistan and invited the business community to invest and invest in province because there is great potential for them in Balochistan. He said that Balochistan is a poor province and the business community can play an important role in its development by doing business and investing in the province. The Governor said that the resources of Balochistan are ready to be shared with everyone. He stressed that everyone should play a role to steer the country out of the current crisis. He lauded ICCI for organizing the business role model award as it will encourage the business community. At the end of the event, he distributed awards to the business leaders of the markets. President ICCI Absar Zafar Bakhtawari said that Pakistan is currently passing through a critical period in history and only the business community can get the country out of the current economic crisis, but the government's support in this regard is very important. He said that the business com-

munity plays a key role in the Pakistan but the whole region because the development of Balochistan will develop the whole region. He said that the blue economy of Balochistan can start a new era of development in Pakistan. He said that development and prosperity are being achieved in the world by creating a regional trade block and opening the borders for trade, so now it is time that Pakistan should also try to develop regional trade by opening its borders with the neighboring countries. Former President ICCI Muhammad Ijaz Abbasi also addressed the event and emphasized the need for peaceful environment for business and investment in Balochistan. Those who received award included Akhlaq Abbasi, Malik Naeem Akhtar Awan, Muhammad Yusuf Rajput, Abdul Ghaffar Chaudhry, Akhtar Hussain Abbasi, Zaeheuddin Babar Chaudhry, Saqib Abbasi, Abdul Rahman Siddiqui, Raja Muhammad Yasin, Farrukh Khan, Azhar Amin, Rana Naveed Iqbal, Faisal Nazir Kakakhil, Zahid Mehmood Qureshi, Zarif Khan, Rohail Anwar Butt, Abbas Hashmi, Altaf Ahmad Butt, Chaudhry Ashraf Farzand, Hani Zafar Iqbal, Jameel Ahmad Qureshi, Ismail Khan, Chaudhry Muhammad Irfan, Furqan Murtaza, Ms. Nasira Ali, Ms. Sharmila Si Siddiqui, Ms. Nausheen Arshad, Naeem Iqbal, Zubair Malik, Atiq Janjua, Rana Muhammad Akram, Rana Muhammad Altaf Hussain, Haider Chenna, Rana Asif Aziz, Faisal Nazir, Chaman Lal, Waleed Khalid, Usman Khan, Muhammad Wasim Abbasi and Muhammad Nawaz Basra.

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Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar to highlight sustainable goals at UN General Assembly

New York (INP): Pakistan's Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwar-ul-Haq, will join nearly 200 world leaders in next week's UN General Assembly to deliberate about key international peace and security issues as well as address the world's concerns over growing poverty, inflation, and debt burden. With the high-level segment of the 78th session beginning Sept 19, hundreds of New York Police Department (NYPD) personnel on Sunday began erecting roadblocks and check points around UN Headquarters in Manhattan to turn the area into a high security zone to protect the visiting world leaders. Prime Minister Kakar is scheduled to arrive in New York tomorrow at the head of the Pakistan delegation to UNGA. He will

address the Assembly on Sept 22, the first Pakistani caretaker premier to do so. Caretaker Foreign Minister Jilani will also be here. In his address, the prime minister will outline Pakistan's perspective on a range of regional and general issues of concern, including the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. He will also elaborate on the significant measures taken by his caretaker administration to consolidate the country's economic recovery and efforts to mobilize domestic and external investment. In addition, the prime minister will hold bilateral meetings with counterparts from various countries as well as with the heads of international organizations, philanthropic organizations, and corporate leaders. He will also have a number of media engagements.

the government's decision has been met with criticism from some quarters, who argue that it will delay the completion of the project and further inconvenience residents. However, the government has defended its decision, stating that it is necessary to ensure fiscal discipline. In a letter to the transport department, the finance department stated that the government had released 66.24 million rupees for the BRT project in the year 2022-23. However, the funds lapsed due to non-utilization. The finance department has requested the transport department to review the lapsed amount and submit a revised budget before the release of any further funds. The BRT project is a major infrastructure project in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It is expected to improve public transportation in Peshawar and reduce traffic congestion

Business community hopeful of pulling the country out of difficulties: Adeel Siddiqui

HYDERABAD, Sept 17 (INP): The President Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) Adeel Siddiqui has said that the business community was hopeful of pulling the country out of the present difficulties by striving hard to improve the national economy. He expressed these views while addressing at the oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of Hyderabad glass bangles association here on Sunday. Adeel Siddiqui said that the glass bangles industry was among the oldest industry of Hyderabad. Hay Farid ud Dn Siddiqui established the glass bangles industry which counted among glass, uten-

sils, glass bangles and fountain manufacturing companies in Asia. He said that Hyderabad was famous for bangle industry but in the name of glass bangle industrial was included in the top ten names then it would be a matter of pride for Adeel Siddiqui urged the trader community to unite for the improvement of the business. He said that the HCCI was working for the welfare of traders and we would not let them alone. On this occasion, President Hyderabad Glass Bangles Dealer Association Yamees Siddiqui and General Secretary Nadeem Siddiqui assured their support to serve the business community and said that it would play its role in uplifting the bangle industry.

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QUETTA: Raza-ul-Rehman senior journalist taking the oath of newly elected members of UC Union Quetta City Women's Wing member during a ceremony.

IAEA's 2nd regional training course on cancer on Monday

ISLAMABAD (INP): Organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in collaboration with the Government of Pakistan through Atomic Energy Cancer Hospital (AECHE) NORI, the second regional training course (RTC) will commence here on Monday. The title of this RTC is "palliative Radiotherapy for Brain Metastases and locally advanced Head and Neck Cancers". Nuclear Medicine, Oncology and Radiotherapy Institute (NORI), a flagship cancer care hospital running under the aegis of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), is hosting this IAEA RTC. International delegates from nine IAEA Member States including Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, and Vietnam are participating in the event, said a news release. Director General (DG) Nuclear Medicine and Oncology (NM&O), PAEC, Dr. Ahmad Qureshi is expected to be the chief guest of the course inauguration ceremony. The technical experts in the

course will include Director NORI, Dr. Muhammad Fabeem, Head Oncology and Radiology, Dr. Humera Mahmood, Consultant Clinical Oncologist Shaoukat Khanum Cancer Hospital, Lahore, Dr. Arif Jamsheed, Consultant Oncologist NCCI Karachi, Dr. Azher Rasheed, RIHS, Prof. Dr. Kamran of PIMS, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Altaf Hussain, the Lead Country Coordinator of the IAEA Project, Director Department of Radiation Medicine, Quantum Science Technology Hospital Chiba Japan, Dr. Mararu Wakatsuki and the Course Coordinator NORI, Dr. Raifa Iqbal. Atomic Energy Cancer Hospital NORI is one of the 20 Atomic Energy Cancer Hospitals run by PAEC across the country. All these AECHEs are equipped with the latest machines and techniques for diagnosis as well as therapy of the cancer disease and cater to more than 70% of the cancer patients of the country. NORI has successfully achieved several milestones in the recent past and has successfully adopted more advanced and evolving cancer

treatment practices across the world. The Institute is the only public sector cancer care hospital in Pakistan that is equipped with the most advanced treatment facilities including Cyberknife and True Beam Linear Accelerator and is providing state-of-the-art treatment that meets the International Standards. The hospital treats and manages all types of cancers, irrespective of the stage. Participants from all over the country will also join the event. The event would cover various aspects of palliative radiotherapy for brain metastases and locally advanced head and neck cancers including different practices across the world, radiotherapy treatment protocols, types of machines and facilities available, contouring and planning techniques used, case discussions and expert opinions. The practical aspects of this educational activity include hands-on training sessions on contouring, treatment planning, dosimetry and quality assurance. The regional training course will continue for four days.



QUETTA: Activists of NADRA Mulazmeen Bhai Thereek hold a protest in favor of their demands in front of the press club.

Awareness among national needed to address climate changes challenges: Saeed Rajput

ISLAMABAD (INP): President of Society for Human Rights & Environment Protection (SHEP), Saeed Rajput has said that there is need to create awareness among the nation to address the challenges relating climate change. He was addressing a three-day workshop on Environmental Law & Climate Change organized by the NGO SHEP. The workshop was participated by Mr. Sardar Muhammad Ali Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, Dr. Mehboob Nizami, Chairman Nizami Health & Education Welfare Foundation and Mr. Ghulam Abbas Usmani Advocate High Court. Saeed Rajput further stated that the field of agriculture has been greatly affected by global warming, and there was a need to pay more attention to this sector. He emphasized that although environmental laws exist in Pakistan, there was a need to raise awareness about their implementation. Advocates play an important role in enforcing social laws, and the purpose of this workshop was to mobilize them for the enforcement of environmental laws, said. Speaking on the occasion, Advocate Supreme Court

Sardar Muhammad Ali stated that Pakistan has environmental laws in place, but the mechanism for their implementation was lacking. Floods in Pakistan have primarily affected the agricultural sector. There are two causes of floods in Pakistan: river inundation and increased rainfall frequency, he added. He said, "Modern science has discovered several measures to combat both causes, but unfortunately, Pakistan has not done enough in this regard. It is necessary for us, as a nation, to be aware and prepared to tackle climate change challenges. I would like to propose some suggestions to not only address the challenges of the modern era but also to raise awareness among the nation regarding climate change and implement initiatives at the district level. Raising awareness to reduce the use of smoke-emitting vehicles, imposing restrictions on polythene bags, and launching tree plantation campaigns to promote environmental and protect human health." Advocate Sardar Muhammad Ali said, "We must awaken to address the dangers of climate change."

Mit Shah is the Most Unsuccessful Home Minister: RJD Leader

PATNA (INP): The veteran Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader, Shivamand Tiwari, has said that Amit Shah is the most unsuccessful Home Minister of India. The remark by Tiwari, who is also RJD's vice president, came ahead of Amit Shah's address to a rally in Jharkhand city. Amit Shah comes from Gujarat, the state where iron man Sardar Ballabh Bhai Patel also came from but they are completely different from each other. Look at Manipur, the state is burning. A civil war is underway in that state. Around 175 people have lost their lives in clashes between two communities. It has a double edge government but it is hard to understand that the state government is flaring the violence or dousing the flame," Tiwari said. "Manipur is a border state and its impact is also seen in the states where its borders are touching but the approach of Amit Shah was as such that Manipur is not a part of this country." A similar situation is in Kashmir. When Amit Shah proposed in the parliament for the removal of Article 370, remember his speech where he said that all the issues were due to it. "Remove Article 370 and Kashmir will become a heaven." What is the situation now?