

# QUETTA VOICE

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## Army Chief's Warning: Corruption Poses a Greater Threat than Terrorism, Says Jan Achakzai

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: Balochistan Caretaker Information Minister, Jan Achakzai on Wednesday said Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir has termed corruption as a greater threat than terrorism. "Corruption is embedded in our DNA", Jan Achakzai told a news conference at the Quetta Press Club while quoting the words of the COAS, General Syed Asim Munir, Caretaker Balochistan Home Minister, Captain (R) Zubair Jamali, and the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Sardar Asif Duran were also present on the occasion.

### Govt committed to eradicating the curse of corruption

In yesterday's meeting of the apex committee, the commitment of the caretaker government and above all the army chief to end corruption has been revealed, Mr. Achakzai said while quoting details of the meeting.

"The corrupt elements will not find a place to hide", the Balochistan Caretaker Information Minister stated.

### Balochistan to be an exemplary province

The entire government is standing like a leaden wall with this commitment of the Army Chief Balochistan will be made an exemplary



province free from corruption, he mentioned. The Information Minister stated that Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir said that corruption has entered our DNA and it is more dangerous than terrorism.

### 44000 training centers be revamped

A coordinated program is being set up to meet the demand of professionals in the market,

he said referring to the formation of technical training centers across the country. "There are 44000 training centers, which are not functioning as per the growing demand of labor market in the country", he revealed.

### A Serving General of Pak Army Leading The Initiative

All centers would be revamped and the trained force would be internationally certified so that they can take advantage of the skill demand in the Middle Eastern countries. A serving General of the Pakistan Army is leading this initiative, Mr. Achakzai informed.

### Prime Minister Kakar ordered an inquiry into the federal government's funding of the last 10 years

Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar, the caretaker government has decided to conduct a massive inquiry into past corruption cases and looting and create a blueprint for the next government.

Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar has presented the problems of Balochistan and their solutions in an effective way, the Information Minister concluded.

## Growers Hit the Streets Over QESCO Power Outages and Hefty Bills

Manan Mandokhail:

QUETTA: The agricultural community in Balochistan has voiced its frustration against prolonged power outages and burdensome bills in a recent protest. Led by the Balochistan Zamindar Action Committee (BZAC), growers and consumers alike took to the streets of Quetta to demand a resolution to their energy-related woes.

### Fed up with QESCO: Shahwani

Malik Naser Ahmed Shahwani, a central leader of the BZAC and former lawmaker in the Balochistan Assembly, asserted, "Power outages have resulted in billions of rupees in damages to growers." He cited the inefficiency of the Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) as the primary cause of the ongoing issues. Growers and domestic consumers are grappling with up to 22 hours of load shedding, adversely affecting their livelihoods.

### Growers block the main Governor House's Chowk

In a bid to pressure the power supply authority, BZAC members blocked the main thoroughfare leading to the Governor's House and



Chief Minister's Secretariat. Their objective is clear: to ensure the provision of uninterrupted and consistent power supply for the region's agricultural community.

### "We demand a reliable power supply for growers."

Mr. Shahwani stated, "We demand a reliable power supply for growers." He didn't mince words when criticizing both QESCO and the federal government for allegedly contributing to the damages faced by the growers.

### Outstandings of Rs.419 bs against growers: QESCO Chief

Engaging with the concerns raised by the protesters, QESCO Chief Engineer Kareem Jamali disclosed that there is an outstanding amount of Rs. 419 billion owed by growers. He emphasized that settling these outstanding bills should precede discussions about improving power supply. As the agricultural community continues to voice its grievances, the government and power supply authorities face mounting pressure to address the issues that have disrupted the lives and livelihoods of growers in Balochistan.

## ECP Directs CS of Balochistan to Reshuffle Secretaries Excluded from Reshuffling

Mir Salam Jomezai:

QUETTA: In a recent development, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has issued a directive to the Chief Secretary of Balochistan, Shakeel Qadir, to initiate the reshuffling of provincial secretaries who were previously excluded from the recent bureaucratic reshuffling. This directive was delivered during a meeting between the ECP and CS Balochistan, which took place on Wednesday in Islamabad.

### Shakeel Qadir Khan meets ECP officials

The meeting between Shakeel Qadir Khan, the Chief Secretary of Balochistan, and ECP officials revolved around the crucial matter of transfers and postings within the province. The ECP's primary objective is to ensure the transparency and fairness of the electoral process in the country.

### Transfer secretaries: ECP

As part of this commitment, the ECP has instructed the Chief Secretary to undertake the reshuffling of provincial secretaries who had remained unaffected by the reshuffling process that occurred after the formation of the caretaker government on August 18th in Balochistan.

### Key provincial secretaries were exempted from transfer

This directive follows a significant reshuffling of the bureaucratic structure in Balochistan, which was orchestrated under the guidance of the ECP. Notably, certain key provincial secretaries were exempted from the initial wave of transfers and postings.

The ECP has taken note of this and is now urging their inclusion in the reshuffling process to uphold the principles of transparency and fairness in the lead-up to the upcoming elections.



## Rupee gains continue as dollar dips below Rs280 in interbank

NEWS DESK: The rupee continued its gains on Wednesday, improving by another one rupee or 0.36 per cent against the greenback in the interbank market, according to the daily data released by the State Bank of Pakistan. The dollar was being traded at Rs279.51 in the interbank at the time of the closing. It closed at Rs280.51 yesterday.

The greenback also dipped by Rs1 in the open market at 12pm, falling below Rs280 for the first time since July. The development comes amid a strict crackdown on the currency market to stem outflows of foreign currency.

### 'Strict compliance with local laws'

Topline Securities chief executive Mohammed Sohail stated that the "record monthly gain" happened only due to "strict compliance with local laws

which were not being followed by smugglers, currency investors, etc." "Will this sustain? Depends on Pakistan's IMF's [International Monetary Fund] loan review due in November and how Pakistan is able to increase their low foreign exchange reserves," he said. According to Tresmark's Head of Strategy Komal Mansoor, the price of Rs285 to a dollar was a "sound fundamental level as the real enemy of businesses is volatility". She stated that below this rate, exporters would have a tough time keeping their margins intact as the price for Pakistani goods increases as the currency strengthens. She also stated that importers would have to suffer "substantial inventory losses" given that they would have purchased goods at a higher exchange rate. Komal added that Pakistan would need the IMF to look away from the REER-based [real effective exchange rate] valuation as the estimated value is at 102 with yesterday's closing. The indicator, with its index value of 100, measures the value of a currency in relation to its major trading partners.



REER valued above 100 implies that the currency is overvalued and needs to depreciate to come back to the standard 100 and the continuing downward trend of the rupee against the dollar could make IMF uncomfortable.

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## Punjab local fund audit director accused of Rs400m corruption, evades action

LAHORE (INP): Punjab local fund audit director accused of Rs400m corruption, evades action Punjab civil secretariat.

The director of the Local Fund Audit Department has been accused of amassing a staggering Rs400 million through corruption and malpractices involving the scrutiny of funds and accounts of the local fund as well as local government departments.

According to a confidential report, Amir Saeed, a Grade 17 officer but working in Grade 20 – by the approval of the authority concerned – as the director of the Punjab Local Fund Audit De-

partment, is alleged to have received kickbacks from the funds and accounts of the two departments in the guise of auditing various local government departments during his appointment from 2019 to 2022.

The report suggests that Saeed exploited his position and authority to extract illicit gains from officials through a range of deceptive means, including recommendations of officials for training programs, pension disbursements, transfers, postings, and record-checking procedures.

What is even more alarming is that there are numerous

complaints filed against Saeed, accusing him of corruption and unethical practices. These complaints have been lodged with several authorities, including the Prime Minister's Complaint Cell, the Anti-Corruption Establishment, Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), National Accountability Bureau (NAB), and various other forums.

Despite the allegations and the evidence presented, no substantive action has been taken against him thus far. However, the director general of the Punjab Anti-Corruption Establishment had ordered an inquiry into

the allegations in 2022. But, that also did not yield any results, and Saeed has ended up evading accountability.

Currently, Amir Saeed serves as an auditor at Arfa Karim University, but his grade has been revised from 20 to 17.

When questioned about this demotion, Amir Saeed claimed it was the result of a transfer initiated by his immediate supervisor, Finance Secretary Mujahid Sherdil.

He further expressed contentment with his current Grade-17 position, stating with a broad smile on his face, "I was happy in Grade 20, and I am happy in Grade-17."



CAIRO: Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadeem Jan met with Minister of Health, Bahriam Dr. Jaaleha bint Ahmed Jawad Hasan on the sidelines of the 70th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Middle East.

## Chinese University organises workshop on textile management in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (INP): China's Wuhan Textile University inaugurated a two-week seminar on textile management in Pakistan.

The seminar is sponsored by China's Ministry of Commerce and supported by the education and commerce department of Hubei province.

As many as 40 industry professionals from Pakistan are participating in the workshop, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday.

The workshop aims

to share with relevant textile enterprises in Pakistan the development and innovation experience of China's textile industry, the production management experience of modern textile enterprises in China, and the latest research results of textile applications in healthcare.

The seminar will help improve the production management capacity of textile enterprises in Pakistan and promote the development of the country's textile industry.

In particular, it will strengthen the construction of Pakistan's application and manufacturing capacity in medical and healthcare textile materials. It will also build a platform for connecting and exchanging professionals in the textile industry between China and Pakistan.

The participants will get a chance to attend an offline seminar in China in the near future. Ji Chen, Director of the International Office and Dean of the College of International Educa-

tion at Wuhan Textile University, presented an overview of China's cooperation with BRI countries in the field of textile.

Prof. Lin Li made a detailed presentation on China's reforms, opening up, and path to modernization. She painted a picture of how China rose from an impoverished agricultural country to become a world leader in innovating and economic modernization. The seminar will continue until October 23.

## China, Pakistan deepening all-round cooperation: White Paper

BEIJING (INP): Over the past decade, BRI cooperation has delivered real gains to participating countries, said a white paper released by China's State Council Information Office, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Wednesday.

"It has been welcomed by the international community both as a public good and a cooperation platform, and has achieved solid results," the paper noted.

The white paper, titled "The Belt and Road Initiative: A Key Pillar of the Global Community of Shared Future", presented the achievements of BRI during the past 10

years to give the international community a better understanding of the value of the initiative, facilitate high-quality cooperation under it, and ultimately deliver benefits to more countries and peoples. In it, China-Pakistan cooperation in different sectors over the past decade are presented, including projects that facilitate policy coordination, infrastructure construction, trade, financial integration, the improving of people's lives, and so on.

As per the white paper, the construction of economic corridors and international routes is using substantial progress. Take Paki-

stan as an example. "Major projects along the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor are under way. The Peshawar-Karachi Motorway (Sukkur-Multan section), the Karakoram Highway Phase II (Havelian-Thakot section), and the Lahore-Orangi Line Metro are all open to traffic.

Coal-fired power plants such as Sahiwal, Port Qasim, Thar and Hub are operating safely and steadily; the Mehra DC transmission project is operational; and the Kalot Hydro-power Station is connected to the power grid. Rashakai Special Economic Zone has reached the stage of

comprehensive development," reads the paper, adding that the Gwadar Port in Pakistan has seen major progress and is marching towards the goal of becoming a logistic center and industrial base. The BRI is a long-term, transnational and systematic global project of the 21st century. It has succeeded in taking its first step on a long journey.

"Continuing from this new starting point, the BRI will demonstrate greater creativity and vitality, become more open and inclusive, and generate new opportunities for both China and the rest of the world," concluded the paper.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhi held a meeting with Director Schools and Director Colleges FDE.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi chairing a meeting on the role of the mosques and the pulpits in social development, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

## Another 6.3 magnitude quake hits western Afghanistan

KABUL (INP): A magnitude 6.3 earthquake struck western Afghanistan on Wednesday, hitting an area where more than 2,000 people were killed after a series of similar tremors on the weekend.

The quake occurred at a shallow depth at around 5:10am local time (12:40am GMT), with its epicentre about 29 kilometres north of the city of Herat, the United States Geological Survey said.

Volunteers and rescuers have been working since Saturday in what are now last-ditch attempts to find survivors from the earlier series of earthquakes, which levelled entire villages and affected more than 12,000 people, according to UN estimates.

Local and national officials have given conflicting counts of the number of dead and injured from the previous earthquakes, but the disaster minist-

try has said 2,053 people died.

"We can't give exact numbers for dead and wounded as it is in flux," said disaster management ministry spokesman Mullah Janan Sayeq.

There were no immediate reports of new casualties after Wednesday's quake, which hit near Herat city, home to more than half a million people.

There were no early details on casualties caused by the latest quake, disaster management spokesman Janan Sayeq told reporters.

The office of Herat's governor said in a statement that some districts adjoining areas that had been completely flattened by earlier quakes had suffered "huge losses".

"Mobile medical teams and officials have been working together and have transferred several injured people to hospitals," the governor's office said.

The earlier earthquakes completely destroyed at least 11 villages in Herat province's Zenda Jan district, according to the UN.

"Not a single house is left, not even a room where we could stay at night," said 40-year-old Mohammad Naem, who told media he lost 12 relatives, including his mother, after Saturday's earthquakes.

"We can't live here anymore. You can see, our family got martyred here. How could we live here?"

Local media reported that many Herat residents had been spending their nights living in tents in the open air due to a fear of aftershocks following the weekend tremors.

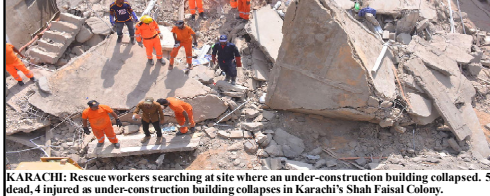
Providing shelter on a large scale will be a challenge for Afghanistan's Taliban authorities, who seized power in August 2021, and have fractious re-

lations with international organisations.

Afghanistan is frequently hit by deadly earthquakes, but the weekend disaster was the worst to strike the war-ravaged country in more than 25 years.

Most homes in rural Afghanistan are made of mud and built around wooden support poles, with little in the way of steel or concrete reinforcement. Multi-generational extended families generally live under the same roof, meaning serious earthquakes can devastate communities.

Afghanistan is already suffering a dire humanitarian crisis, with the widespread withdrawal of foreign aid following the Taliban's return to power. Herat province, on the border with Iran, is home to around 1.9 million people, and its rural communities have been suffering from a years-long drought.



KARACHI: Rescue workers searching at site where an under-construction building collapsed. 5 dead, 4 injured as under-construction building collapses in Karachi's Shah Faisal Colony.

## MoU signed to electrify New Gwadar International Airport

ISLAMABAD (INP): To provide electricity to the new Gwadar International Airport (NGIA) through the national grid, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has officially been signed between the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA), Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO),

transmission lines, and electrical circuits aligned to the installed power system. To ensure uninterrupted electricity, 12 MW will be available to NGIA around the clock through three transmission lines. "This means if one line fails, the second and third lines will connect, and if that goes down, the third will serve as a backup," he added.

Under the MoU, approximately 12 MW of electricity will be provided to the New Gwadar International Airport through Naal-Basima-Nang-Pangur. The second is from the Mundicity needs without interruption. The MoU also includes the Gwadar tariffs will be charged based on electricity usage. On special direct-projects from the Ministry of Planning, Quetta Electric Supply Company, which handles power supply across Baluchistan, has approved 12 MW to electrify NGIA. A QESCO official told Gwadar Pro that signing and commissioning has been completed, with all required equipment like poles,

27, coinciding with the of the Belt and Road Initiative.

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## KP gov spends 24pc budget on education, Minister says.

PESHAWAR (INP): Caretaker Minister for Elementary, Secondary, and Higher Education, Prof Dr Mohammad Qasim Khan has said that the education-friendly policy of the provincial government is evident from the fact that about 24 percent of the provincial budget is being spent on education.

He expressed these views while addressing a function organized under the auspices of All Pakistan Private Schools Management Association at Nishitar Hall, Peshawar here on Wednesday. Besides the secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education, Mutasimillah Shah, the central president Private Schools Management Association Kashif Adebh Jawadani also addressed the function.

He said that in the current era of globalization and our effort is to prepare students to compete at the international level, equip them with IT skills

and introduce them to scientific education along with new innovations.

He added that we still need to work harder to focus on quality education as well as bringing out-of-school students to schools and arrest the drop-out ratio.

Paying tribute to the private sector, the minister said that our resources are limited and the private sector is supporting them in this regard. He said that they consider the teachers and students of private educational institutions across the province as an important part of the education system and taking steps to guide them.

He said that all private educational institutions should make their facilities according to the standards set by the provincial government.

The provincial minister said that the literacy rate has increased significantly with the mutual support of the public

and private sectors. He said that girls' education has also been given special attention because by making a girl child educated, the whole family becomes educated and an educated mother gives the best education to her children as well as makes them good citizens.

He added that teachers are respected in every civilized society and teaching is considered a sacred profession, saying the provision of facilities to them is their top priority.

He said that nations achieve development by giving top priority to education and the caretaker provincial government is taking vigorous steps in this regard.

The minister requested the educationists of both the private and public sectors to take steps for areas with lesser education facilities and lower literacy rates and children are facing difficulties in getting education.



ISLAMABAD: Murtaza Solangi, Caretaker Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Mr. Fawad Haseem Fawad, Caretaker Federal Minister for Privatization briefing the media on Federal Cabinet decisions.

## Rawalpindi City Traffic Police to crack down on smoke-emitting vehicles

RAWALPINDI (INP): In an effort to combat environmental pollution and smog, Rawalpindi City Traffic Police has announced a large-scale crackdown on smoke-emitting vehicles.

According to media reports, CTO Iqbal Khan on Wednesday has stated that any vehicle emitting smoke will not be allowed to enter the city. Heavy fines will also be imposed on vehicles emitting smoke within the city. Special teams will be installed on the inner and outer routes of the city to enforce this ban.

In addition to smoke-emitting

vehicles, the crackdown will also target vehicles without tarpaulins, dumpers, trolleys, and other loaders. These vehicles are often overloaded and emit a significant amount of pollution.

According to a recent report, eighty-three percent of smog is caused by smoke-emitting vehicles. Smog is a serious health hazard, and it is especially harmful to children, the elderly, and people with respiratory problems.

CTO Rawalpindi has formed a special smog squad to take action against smoke-emitting vehicles. The squad

will be responsible for patrolling the city's streets and issuing fines to violators.

Residents can help to reduce smog by avoiding driving whenever possible. If you must drive, make sure that your vehicle is properly maintained and that it is not emitting smoke. You can also reduce your exposure to smog by staying indoors on days when the air quality is poor. The Rawalpindi City Traffic Police crackdown on smoke-emitting vehicles is a welcome step. It is important to take action to reduce air pollution and protect the health of residents.

## Benazir Nashonuma Program serves over 1,157,298 women, children

ISLAMABAD (INP): In order to prevent stunting growth in the children, the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has facilitated over 1,157,298 women and children under the Benazir Nashonuma initiative so far through the provision of health and nutrition services.

Among the total beneficiaries, a total of 588,211 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and 569,087 children have been served so far.

According to an official source, these beneficiaries had been served through the network of over 488 Nashonuma Centers across the country.

The Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) intervention of Benazir Nashonuma was designed in August 2020 to increase the uptake of Health and Nutrition services of its beneficiaries.

The primary objectives of the program were to prevent stunting in children under two years of age, improve weight gain of pregnant women during pregnancy, reduce anemia and micro-outlet deficiencies and prevent low birth weight.

World Food Programme (WFP) is the lead implementing partner for Benazir Nashonuma which aims at addressing stunting among pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and their children less than two years of age through the provision of additional cash of Rs 2,000 per quarter per PLW and boy child and PKR 2,500 per quarter per girl child of BISP beneficiary families.

In return, mothers are required to attend regular antenatal health checks and awareness sessions during pregnancy, consume specialized nutritious food (SNF),

and take their children for immunization and regular health checks.

According to the statistics, Pakistan's high rates of malnutrition (40.2 per cent stunting, 28.9 per cent underweight, and 17.7 per cent wasting) are indicative of an ongoing child nutrition crisis.

Such levels of malnutrition rank Pakistan as the second-highest burden country in the region. The first 1,000 days of a child's life are a window of opportunity to lay a strong foundation for later achievements.

This time frame is a period of enormous change characterized by a high degree of plasticity in the child's neurological development. Investments in the early years of life are the foundation of human capital, and human capital is a key driver of economic development in the modern economy.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting regarding Pakistan International Airlines.

## Dr Saqib conducts surprise visit to One Window Center; interacts with beneficiaries

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chairperson of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib, made an unannounced visit to the Benazir One Window Center in Islamabad on Wednesday.

During this visit, he was accompanied by Mr. Naveed Akbar, Director General National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER).

The purpose of the visit was to personally inspect the operations and interaction with the beneficiaries present at Benazir One Window Center. Dr. Amjad Saqib was given a comprehensive brief by staff of One Window Center about its functions and operations. The Benazir One Window Center is a unique initiative that brings together multiple organizations, including BISP, NADRA, Pakistan Poverty Alleviation

Fund (PPAF), Pakistan Bai-ul-Mal, Akhuwat, and HBL, under one roof. This consolidated approach streamlines and enhances the efficiency of services offered to beneficiaries. At the One Window Center, beneficiaries can access services related to registration in BISP, eligibility assessment, enrollment of their children in the Benazir Taleemi Wazaif program, and benefits from the Benazir Nashonuma Programme. On average, the center serves approximately 200 to 500 women beneficiaries daily.

During his visit, Dr. Amjad Saqib took the time to engage with beneficiaries who were there for registration and to receive their stipends under the Benazir Kafalat program. He expressed keen interest in understanding the challenges and

issues faced by beneficiaries and inquired how BISP's financial support has positively impacted their lives and their families.

Dr. Amjad Saqib also conducted an inspection of the facilities and arrangements at the center, paying close attention to cleanliness, access to drinking water, and suitable shaded areas for beneficiaries waiting for their turn.

He emphasized the importance of treating beneficiaries with respect and courtesy, ensuring that every beneficiary's concerns are addressed. Furthermore, he encouraged the staff to raise awareness about cleanliness, tree planting, and water usage.

Highlighting the significance of monitoring, Dr. Amjad Saqib stressed the need for continuous improvement in service delivery to beneficiaries.

## IHC serves notices in domestic violence case

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad High Court on Wednesday issued notices to the human rights ministry and others in a case pertaining to prevention of domestic violence.

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Civil Judge Asim Hafeez's wife Soumia Asim has been accused in child maid Rizwana torture case.

In an interchange with the counsel of the civil judge chief justice said that this case would not have implications over Rizwana torture case trial. "This is a public interest case, and it is meant to prevent such incidents in future," Justice Aamir Farooq said. "We want to highlight the problem not targeting any person."

"It is a social issue, and we have to seek a solution to prevent it." Earlier Baiyaba case of similar nature surfaced," chief justice said. "Children should not be made a mean of earning." "There should be care centres to prevent

children from work," Qaisar Imam advocate said.

"There are child protection centres that could play their role and the National Human Rights Commission is also present, moreover the Human Rights ministry could also look into this issue," amicus curiae Zainab Janjua said. "We expect the human rights ministry will play its role in this issue." "It is a social issue, and we have to seek a solution to prevent it." Earlier Baiyaba case of similar nature surfaced," chief justice said. "Children should not be made a mean of earning." "There should be care centres to prevent



ISLAMABAD: General Manager, China Energy International Group Company Wang Huihua met with Caretaker Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saad on Wednesday to discuss matter related to energy sector.

## Awareness among youth is essential to eradicate violent extremism: Dr. Ayaz

PESHAWAR, Oct 11 (INP): Chief Coordination Officer Center of Excellence on Counter Violent Extremism (CECVE)

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Dr. Ayaz Khan has said that an integrated strategy for the promotion of peace, tolerance and solidarity among the youth, especially students, had been formed to eradicate violent extremism.

According to a press release issued here on Wednesday, he expressed these views while addressing a seminar organized at Kohat University of Science and Technology (KUST).

Dean of the University Dr. Muhammad Naseer ud Din, Director CECVE Wazir Khan, faculty members, administration officials, and other participants were also among the participants.

Dr. Ayaz Khan shed light in detail on the problem of violent extremism in the society, the contributing factors and the

resulting threats to peace, security and stability. He informed about the efforts and plans of the Centre of Excellence in eradicating violent extremism.

He said that due to the development of communication, distances had shrunk in today's world and the situation and conditions of one region had their impacts worldwide, which was why because the threat of violent extremism was a challenge for nations and societies at the global level.

"There is an urgent need for understanding and mutual respect between different religious and cultural communities, as well as close cooperation and collaboration between governmental, academic, religious institutions and non-governmental organizations to create a more secure society."

Dr. Ayaz Khan said that the high tech companies had to come forward to stop the spread of extremist content

through the internet and social media so that the spread of extremist content could be stopped and its effective means of far communication had been brought to work for the promotion of positive and constructive attitudes.

The Chief Coordination Officer emphasized that knowledge and awareness are very effective tools to prevent and eradicate violent extremism. The cooperation between them is a very encouraging step that will have positive and far-reaching results, he expressed.

He discussed various opportunities and possibilities for cooperation with the University's authorities to work. Earlier, Dean of KUST Dr. Muhammad Naseeruddin, thanked Dr. Ayaz Khan for visiting the University and assured of all possible cooperation and support in the national cause of eradicating violent extremism from society.



ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib, visited Benazir One Window Center.