

# QUETTA VOICE

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## 2 Congo Patients Shifted to Karachi, Health Emergency In Force: Domki

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QUETTA: The Balochistan government shifted two more Congo virus patients to Karachi for medical treatment on the directives of the Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Ali Mardan Domki on Wednesday. The CM stated that the treatment of 13 patients including 11 doctors was underway in a private hospital in Karachi. "They all are being treated on government expenses", Mr. Domki said.

### Health Emergency In Force

Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Ali Mardan Domki said a health emergency was in force across the province after the outbreak of the Congo virus. The virus has claimed the life of a young doctor and infected 16 others.

The provincial government shifted all serious patients to Karachi to save their lives, the CM mentioned. He said effective measures were adopted by the health department to prevent the spread of the virus. "Emergency was declared in all government-run hospitals of the province", the CM said.

### Spray Launched In All Cattle Markets

The caretaker chief minister of



Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki, said the health department is spraying in all the cattle markets of the province. Commissioners and officers of the Livestock Department should ensure the implementation of precautionary measures in the districts, the Chief Minister of Balochistan instructed. People should fully follow the precautionary measures laid down by the Health Department, he urged the masses. Congo virus will be eradicated from Balochistan soon, Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki vowed.

## Terror incidents increased since Afghan interim gov came to power in 2021: PM Kakar

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar on Wednesday said there has been an increase in terror incidents in Pakistan since the interim Afghan government came to power in 2021, as he linked the ongoing deportation drive of illegal immigrants to counter-terrorism actions.

The Taliban took over Afghanistan in August 2021 after a lightning sweep that ended in Kabul as government forces, trained for years and equipped by the United States and others at a cost of trillions of dollars, melted away. Addressing the media in Islamabad, he said, "After the establishment of the interim Afghan government in August 2021, we had a strong hope that there would be long-term peace in Afghanistan. [...] Strict action would be taken against Pakistan-opposing groups, especially the Tehreek-e-Jihad Pakistan, and they would absolutely not be allowed to use Afghan soil against Pakistan."

"But unfortunately, after the establishment of the interim Afghan gov, there has been a 60 per cent increase in terror incidents and 500pc rise in suicide attacks in Pakistan," he claimed. The premier further said, "In the past two years, 2,267 innocent citizens' lives have been lost to this tragic bloodshed, for which the terrorists of TTP are responsible who are conducting cowardly attacks on Pakistani using Afghan soil." "During this time, 15 Afghan citizens were also among the people involved in suicide attacks. Other than this, till now, 64 Afghan citizens were killed while fight-



ing Pakistan's law enforcement agencies during the counterterrorism campaign," he added.

However, the prime minister did not provide any further details about the alleged involvement of Afghan nationals in any specific terror attack.

His statement comes after the country witnessed a sharp rise in terror incidents during the past week, including on Mianwali Training Air Base claimed by the Tehreek-e-Jihad Pakistan and an ambush in Gwadar claimed by the Balochistan Liberation Front, while no group claimed responsibility for attacks in Dera Ismail Khan.

PM Kakar went on to recall that the above details were in the knowledge of the Afghan government as Pakistan had been informing it of them through visits and a demarche as well. The premier said that according to a monitoring report released in July this year by the United Nations, there was "clear mention of TTP centres in Afghanistan and increase in its activities against Pakistan." NEWS DESK

## Shooting Skills Hallmark Of Professional Soldier: COAS

Dawood Ahmed:

ISLAMABAD: Closing ceremony of 43rd Pakistan Army Rifle Association (PARA) Central Meet was held today at Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) Jhelum.

### General Syed Asim Munir Graced The Occasion

General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS) graced the occasion as chief guest. The mega shooting event was conducted from 3 October to 7 November 2023.

Over 2000 firers from Army, Navy, Air Force, Civil Armed Forces including Rangers (Sindh & Punjab), Frontier Corps and Gilgit-Baltistan Scouts as well as civilians participated in the competition.

### COAS Awarded Trophies

COAS and Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, NI (M), who was the guest of honor at the ceremony, awarded trophies and medals to the award winners and runners up in each category.

In the Inter-Services matches, Pakistan Army won all four contests including CJCSC, COAS, CAS and CNS matches, while Pakistan Navy and Paki-



stan Air Force achieved 2nd and 3rd positions respectively, Pakistan Army secured overall Championship Trophy while Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Air force achieved 2nd and 3rd positions.

The President's Cup National Challenge match trophy was awarded to Naik Waseem of Army marksmanship Unit, Pakistan Army won the Prime Minister's Skills at Arms' Big Bore National Challenge. Pakistan Rangers Punjab won the first prize in para firing matches.

### Shooting Skills Hallmark Of Professional Soldier

While interacting with the participants, COAS appreciated the firers for their excellent standards of marksmanship. Terming shooting skill as the hallmark of a professional soldier, he said "attaining proficiency at shooting must remain at the heart of basic military training objectives."

Earlier on arrival, COAS was received by Inspector General Training and Evaluation.

## Youth Empowerment: BUITEMS Hosts Voter Awareness Workshop

Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: The Balochistan University of Information Technology Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) recently played host to a pivotal voter awareness workshop aimed at engaging and educating young individuals in the electoral process.

Organized in collaboration with PLDAI and supported by UNDP, this event brought together a large contingent of university students eager to learn about the significance of voting.

The workshop witnessed distinguished personalities in attendance, including the Pro-Vice Chancellor of BUITEMS, Dr. Abdul Rehman, District Election Commissioner Quetta, Syed Nazir Ahmed Harifal, Faheem Ahmed from PLDAI, and dedicated staff from the Election Commission.

### Necessity of Youth Engagement In The Voting Process

In his opening remarks, Abdul Rahman, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, lauded the efforts of the Election Commission and emphasized the importance of such awareness workshops in enlightening the youth, with a particular focus on female students.

District Election Commissioner Quetta Syed Nazir Ahmed also ad-



ressed the participants, underlining the necessity of youth engagement in the electoral process.

The workshop provided comprehensive insights into the students' roles in boosting voter turnout, particularly among women, during upcoming general elections. A lively question and answer session was organized, where students posed queries to the panel members, who provided in-depth answers. The panel members passionately encouraged participants to embrace their national duty by participating in the forthcoming general elections.

### Syed Nazeer Ahmed Harifal Answered All Questions

Election Commission Assistant

Director, Ghous Bakhsh and UNDP representative Amina took the stage to emphasize the vital role of the youth in the election process. To further acquaint the students with the voting process, a mock-polling exercise was conducted by District Election Commissioner Quetta Syed Nazir Ahmed and his team. This exercise piqued the students' interest and resulted in numerous questions and discussions.

This voter awareness workshop marked a significant step towards fostering youth involvement in the electoral process, with BUITEMS Quetta taking the lead in this crucial initiative.

The engagement of young minds is pivotal in ensuring a vibrant and participatory democracy.

## UN chief says Gaza deaths show something 'clearly wrong' with Israel's military operation

GAZA: Germany has approved 10 times more for Israel to export to Israel so far this year, official data showed,

United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres has said that the number of civilians killed in the Gaza Strip



as Berlin said it was prioritising requests from the country after the surprise attack by Hamas on October 7, AFP reports.

Data up to November 2 this year showed export approvals issued for 303 million euros (\$324 million) worth of military equipment to Israel, almost 10 times more than the 32 million euros in authorisations a year ago.

Close to 19 million euros worth of goods fall in the "war weapons" category, while the bulk of around 284 million euros' worth were in the "other military goods" category, including gear like armoured vehicles or radar technology.

Canada is calling for a significant humanitarian pause amid Israel's bombardment of Gaza to allow for the release of all hostages, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told reporters.

Canada had previously called for a series of halts in the fighting to allow aid into the enclave but had steered clear of advocating a longer pause, Reuters reports.

The Israeli air strike hit Mohammed Hamdan's Gaza home soon after the evening prayer on Tuesday, he said, killing 35 members of his extended family across three generations from Kamal, aged 70, to Raisi, aged seven.

Hamdan, 30, was buried by his collapsing house and it took an hour and a half to pull him out, he said. He emerged to discover he had lost his daughter Malak, brother Ahmed, his nephews, nieces and many cousins, Reuters reports. "My brother, my nephew and I were sitting down along with another brother just after the prayer. We found ourselves under the rubble," he said, recounting the moment of the strike.

South Africa will call in Israeli ambassador Eliav Belotsercovsky to issue him with a "demarche", or formal reprimand, a senior foreign policy official said. The demarche will be asked for hopefully by today. Not sure when he will come in," Zane Dangor, the director-general of South Africa's Department of International Relations and Cooperation, told Reuters in a text message.

Dangor gave no further details of the demarche, a protest issued through diplomatic channels, and did not specify the reason for the reprimand.

shows that there is something "clearly wrong" with Israel's military operations against Hamas, Reuters reports.

"There are violations by Hamas when they have human shields. But when one looks at the number of civilians that were killed with the military operations, there is something that is clearly wrong," Guterres told Reuters NEXT.

"It is also important to make Israel understand that it is against the interests of Israel to see every day the terrible image of the dramatic humanitarian needs of the Palestinian people," Guterres said. "That doesn't help Israel in relation to the global public opinion."

Guterres compared the number of children being killed in Gaza with the toll in conflicts around the world that he reports on annually.

Belgium's deputy prime minister has called on the Belgian government to adopt sanctions against Israel and investigate the bombings of hospitals and refugee camps in Gaza, Reuters reports.

"It is time for sanctions against Israel. The rain of bombs is inhumane," deputy prime minister Petra De Sutter told Nieuwsblad newspaper. It is clear that Israel does not care about the international demands for a ceasefire," she said.

De Sutter said the European Union should immediately suspend its association agreement with Israel, which aims at better economic and political cooperation. Israel has no intention of reoccupying the Gaza Strip or controlling it for "a long time", a senior Israeli official said as Israeli forces pressed their offensive against Hamas in the coastal enclave.

We assess that our current operations are effective and successful, and will continue to push, the Israeli official told reporters in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, Reuters reports. Hamas has accused the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees of "colluding" with Israel in the "forced displacement" of residents of Gaza, AFP reports. "UNRWA and its officials bear responsibility for this humanitarian catastrophe, in particular, the residents of the Gaza [City] area and north of it" who are following Israeli military orders to flee south, said Salama Maruf, head of Hamas' media bureau. NEWS DESK



Award-winning power solution from Pakistan shines at CIIIE

BEIJING (INP) An award-winning power solution from Pakistan shines at China International Import Expo (CIIIE) in Shanghai...

At the award ceremony of the UNIDO Global Call 2023 on Monday...

The award ceremony was held on Monday in Beijing at the UNIDO Global Call 2023...

The same applies to wind. There is not sufficient wind throughout the year...

"My system is working on another auxiliary system, which is using another small unit that is producing enough wind speed to rotate the wind turbine or the rotor."



ISLAMABAD: Senator Nazhat Siddiq, Chairperson NCRC Ayesha Raza Farooq presenting award to young girl...

Adiala Jail superintendent says can't arrange Imran Khan's talk with sons

RAWALPINDI (INP) Superintendent Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi on Wednesday expressed his inability to arrange telephonic talk of former prime minister and PTI Chairman Imran Khan with his sons...

16th CNS Amateur Golf Cup 2023 kicks off at Margalla Greens Golf Club

ISLAMABAD (INP) The Opening Ceremony and Media Brief of 16th Chief of the Naval Staff Amateur Golf Cup 2023 was held at Margalla Greens Golf Club...

Customs authority allows export of Pakistani dairy products to China

BEIJING (INP) Export of Pakistani milk and dairy products to China has been allowed. This was announced by General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) according to China Economic Net (CEN)...

"Feeling jubilant over this new development. With this we are inching closer towards sustainable bilateral trade between Pakistan and China with bigger share of Pakistan's exports..."

The matches will be played in four major categories which include Men amateurs (54 holes), Lady Amateurs (36 holes), Seniors match (26 holes) and Juniors match (18 holes)...

"Dairy products to China must be packaged in new materials that meet Chinese standards. The outer packaging shall be marked in Chinese, Urdu and English with specifications, origin (specific to the state / province / city), destination, product name, weight, manufacturer name, registration number, production batch number, storage conditions, production date and shelf life..."



CHINA: Travelers can be seen at the Khunjerab Pass in Tashkurgan Tajik Autonomous County of northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.



ISLAMABAD: The outgoing Ambassador of Indonesia Adam Mulawarman Tugjo, called on President Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Pakistan witnessed a sharp increase in terrorism after Kabul takeover: Kakar

ISLAMABAD (INP) Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq on Wednesday said a number of Afghan nationals living in Pakistan illegally were involved in terrorism and crimes...

"Pakistan decided to take steps for tackling the situation after Kabul didn't give a positive reaction, he said in reference to the moves like the deportation of illegal foreign residents, adding that the statements issued by the Kabul officials made it impossible to solve the matters amicably."

Addressing a press conference, he said Kabul must hand over all those persons who were behind the terror activities in Pakistan, which had already provided the list of wanted terrorists to the Afghan Taliban.

However, he regretted that the Afghan interim government had not taken any action against those involved in cross-border terrorism - a clear reference to the outlawed Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and other groups.

He recalled that Pakistan was at war against terrorists but stated that terror incidents had nothing to do with the February 8 elections.

"We should reply to the terrorists in the same fashion." It was a duty of every citizen to get the computerised national identity card (CNIC) with the state being duty bound to issue it to every citizen, he said, while also promising the CNIC for everyone who was a Pakistani national by birth.

CURRENCY AND FOREIGN WEAPONS About the local currency, Kakar said he himself was a Pakhtun. Targeting Pakhtuns was unacceptable, Kakar told reporters.

Some people used to describe Afghanistan as Pakistan's fifth province, he recalled and again made it clear that illegal foreigners would never be allowed to live in the country while also ruling out the possibility of any policy change. "We are anxious about Afghanistan's situation and the United Nations report too had mentioned the

Lahore continues to be ranked world's most polluted city

LAHORE (INP) Punjab's capital Lahore was once again ranked the most polluted city in the world with hazardous air quality conditions prevailing on Wednesday.

The severity of the situation was evident in the early hours when the Air Quality Index (AQI) reached 451, as reported by www.iqair.com, a global air quality monitoring platform. It is important to note that air is considered safe to breathe when the AQI is below 50.

The AQI is calculated on the basis of five categories of pollution: ground-level ozone, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. AQI as high as 151-200 is considered unhealthy, while an AQI rating between 201-300 is more harmful and over 300 is extremely toxic.

According to experts, an increase in air pollution used to be witnessed in the winter. A change in the wind speed, wind direction and sliding minimum temperature increases air pollution. The air becomes heavier in the winter as compared to summer, causing poisonous particles to be suspended in the atmosphere to move downwards and making the atmosphere polluted. As a result, a layer of polluted particles, including large amounts of carbon and smoke, covers an

area. The smoke produced by burning crop remnants, factories and burning coal, garbage, oil or tyres enters the atmosphere and the impact of this appears at the onset of the season's end, experts added.

"Amid calamitous levels of smog in Punjab province, the government has announced the closure of schools and officers' offices in Lahore and other smog-hit cities will remain closed for three days - Thursday, Friday and Saturday - due to the worsening smog situation, announced caretaker chief Mohsin Naqvi in a press conference here."

Advertisement for 'نوش نیلیمی' (Nosh Nilimi) featuring a table of product specifications and contact information.

## PM Kakar leaves for Tashkent to attend ECO summit

ISLAMABAD (INP): Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar on Wednesday departed for Tashkent, Uzbekistan to attend the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) summit being held on November 8-9.

The premier was accompanied by Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani and other members of the federal cabinet, state-run Radio Pakistan reported.

"At the summit, the prime minister will reaffirm Pakistan's commitment to ECO Vision 2025 and to promoting regional cooperation in the areas of trade, transport, connectivity, energy, tourism and economic growth and productivity," the Foreign Office said in a press release issued on Tuesday.

It said the caretaker PM will present Pakistan's vision for the future work of the organisation and for promoting regional connectivity and mutual prosperity. He will also engage in bilateral discussions

## US Dollar on a steady rise against Pakistani Rupee

ISLAMABAD (INP): The US Dollar started trading on Wednesday morning at Rs286.50 after witnessing a jump of 11 paise in the interbank currency market.

According to currency dealers, the American currency a short while later made a big jump of 61 paise in the interbank trade against the Pakistani Rupee and reached the value of Rs287. At the closing of the trading session on Tuesday, the US Dollar saw a rise of Rs1.11 and closed with a value of Rs286.40 in the interbank market. In the open market, the Dollar shot up to Rs288 after a rise of Re1 for another straight day. The price of the US Dollar against the Pakistani Rupee has gone out of control once again, as its demand increases over the past couple of weeks. In the last 17 days, the price of American currency has seen a massive increase of Rs9.75 in the interbank market, and more than Rs11 in the open market. On Monday, the rate for the US Dollar closed at Rs285.29 at the end of the trading session in the interbank market. At the start of the new business week on Monday, the rate for the US Dollar stood at Rs284.70.



KARACHI: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) senior leader Shazia Marri addressing a press conference.

## Pakistani businessmen tapping agricultural market at China Int'l Import Expo

SHANGHAI (INP): Pakistan made it to the top ten exporters of grain and its products to China in the year 2022, registering \$456 million in value and representing a 14.12% growth y-o-y.

China Economic Net (CEN) stated on Wednesday quoting 2023 China Import Food Report released at the China Import Food Summit held at the China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai.

"China is a crucial market for us. This is my first visit to China, and its vibrant consumption market amazed me," Pakistani sesame and rice dealer Muhammad Omair told CEN. He said so far this year, his company alone has ex-

ported over 150 containers of sesame to China and he strives to push it higher by setting up an exhibition stand at CIIE.

"Cheap freight, competitive prices, and high-quality products under the bilateral free trade agreement hold the key to Pakistan's grain export," he told CEN reporter, adding,

"high oil content in sesame makes it increasingly popular among oil extraction companies in China." In the first three quarters this year, Pakistan has exported sesame worth \$56,446,268 to China, recording a 41% growth from the same period in 2022, according to statistics from China's General Administration of Customs. "Broken rice for animal feed, too, has a good demand

## KP gov pleads to MoC for inclusion of Potassium Chlorate in import policy order, 2022

PESHAWAR (INP): The Home and Tribal Affairs Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has pleaded to the Ministry of Commerce for including Potassium Chlorate in the import policy order, 2022 and to make it import subject to NOC from the Department of Explosives and Home Departments.

The provincial government in a letter dispatched to the Federal Ministry informed that Potassium chlorate was not locally manufactured in Paki-

stan and was being imported from China, India and the USA without any Customs duty.

It said that the chemical was being used in firecrackers, matchsticks and fireworks, adding that there was no regulatory mechanism to check the quality of Potassium chlorate and the provincial government had decided to amend the Arms Rules and include permission for import of the chemical.

The Home Department therefore requested the Federal Ministry to include the

Potassium Chlorate in the Import Policy Order 2022 to regulate its import and avoid risks attached to it.

It further said that the provincial government had already directed the district governments to conduct crackdowns against illegal fireworks vendors and check the stock of the suppliers, vendor details, stock registers and listing of the vendors. The Deputy Commissioners had also been asked to keep the vendors under strong vigilance.



TASHKENT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul-Haq Kakar is being received by Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulla Nigmatovich Arifov upon his arrival in Uzbekistan to attend 16th ECO Summit.

## Faiz Hameed land grab case: SC suggests option to approach Defense Ministry

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court has disposed of a petition against former Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Lt Gen (ret'd) Faiz Hameed over allegations of possession of land.

Earlier, the court was requested to allow the presentation of evidence against the former Inter-Services Intelligence chief over allegations of possession of land.

The plea was made during the hearing in a human rights case against the former ISI director general in the Supreme Court. A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa heard the petition.

The court said relevant forums were available to the petitioner for action, and disposed of the plea without touching the merits of the case.

The petitioner has made allegations against the government and some other personalities, the CJP remarked. Does this constitute a case under Article 184(3)? CJP Isa asked.

Justice Athar Minallah asked to try to understand the difference between the human rights cell and the Supreme Court, adding that the cell has no legal authority or status.

"The human rights cell is a great source of injustice," he commented. No chief justice can take any action that is not of judicial nature, he said further. "Where does the present case fit according to Supreme Court rules?" Justice Aminuddin

Khan questioned.

According to the Constitution and the law, no chief justice or judge can proceed in chambers, CJP Isa remarked. According to the rules, chamber hearing is possible only on appeals against the registrar's objections, he said.

During former CJP Saqib Nisar's era, the hearing of human rights cases in chambers was declared illegal. In a chamber, any case can be fixed for hearing only, the CJP remarked, adding that no chief justice cannot issue any order in any case in chamber.

The SC directed petitioner Moez Khan to approach other forums. It added that there was an option to approach the Defense Ministry against a retired army officer.

The petitioner had argued in the petition that the purpose of the illegal action by the former spy chief was to gain control of a housing project. He then asked the apex court to allow him to present the evidence against Lt Gen (ret'd) Faiz Hameed.

The court gave some time to the lawyer of petitioner, Moez Ahmed Khan - the chief executive officer of Topcity Housing Scheme, to prepare his arguments.

The petitioner maintained that on May 12, 2017 a raid was conducted at his house and office on the orders of Faiz Hameed. The purpose of the illegal action was to gain control

of Topcity housing project, the petitioner claimed.

He alleged that during the raid, valuable items from the house and records of the housing society were stolen. According to the petitioner, "After this raid, my five associates and I were arrested and kept in illegal custody."

His lawyer told the court that Moez Khan and his family were kidnapped on May 12, 2017. The petitioner requested that the federal government take action against Lt Gen (ret'd) Faiz Hameed, his brother revenue officer Najaf Hameed and other associates, and requested the court to allow him to present evidence for his arguments.

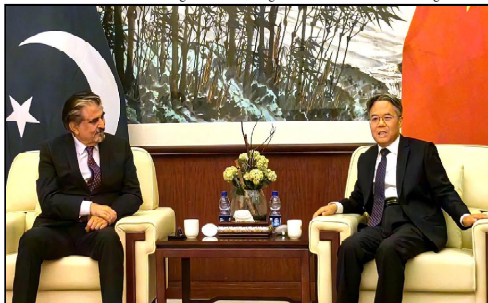
CJP Isa told the petitioner he has made serious allegations in the petition. "Will you appear in the case yourself or through a lawyer?" he asked.

The petitioner said he had engaged a lawyer just yesterday, and asked to adjourn the proceedings for some time.

The CJP inquired if the court had previously taken any notice of this matter in the past.

The petitioner's lawyer said the apex court had not taken any direct action. According to him, the Ministry of Defence was authorized to conduct an inquiry into this matter.

CJP Isa remarked that the court will not order an adjournment, and the counsel should prepare now. The Supreme Court then announced a short break in the hearing.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, Jamal Shah in meeting with His Excellency Jiang Zaidong, Ambassador of China, at China Embassy.

## PRs to improve track visibility in foggy conditions via TDAS

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Railways has planned to introduce the 'Train Driver Assistant System' (TDAS) for helping train drivers to have a clear view of the railway tracks up to an impressive distance of 700 meters.

According to an official of Ministry of Pakistan Railways, "The technology aims to enhance the safety and efficiency of train operations during adverse weather conditions, particularly in the presence of dense smog and fog." He said that the TDAS system was set to revolutionize the way trains navigate through foggy landscapes. It promised not only to avert potential accidents but also to facilitate smooth rail travel when visibility is severely compromised. The official of MoPRs said the capabilities of this digital system extend beyond improved visibility, it can also identify and monitor vital elements such as signals, level crossings, gates, track obstructions, and other

potential hazards within the same 700-meter radius. The official said this comprehensive approach to training management promises to reduce the risk of accidents significantly. Initially, he said the department was planning to install the anti-fog device in four engines. However, Pakistan Railways has outlined a strategic expansion plan, with the ultimate goal of equipping all trains with this life-saving technology in the coming year. He said in a move to combat the persistent challenge of fog-related train delays, Pakistan Railways has joined hands with the University of Engineering Taxila (UET) to introduce a cutting-edge 'Digital Railway Driving System'.

The official said the system is not only expected to facilitate timely train movements on foggy days but will also be instrumental in averting accidents during severe foggy weather, enhancing the overall safety and efficiency of Pakistan's railway network.

## Pakistan to launch 'special anti-polio campaign' this month

ISLAMABAD (INP): The caretaker government of Pakistan has decided to launch a phase-wise 'special anti-polio' campaign in November, sources said on Wednesday.

The drive which is expected to be launched later this month will be the last drive of 2023. Pakistan has decided to launch a 'special anti-polio campaign' drive after a sample of the crippling disease was found in sewage lines of 31 districts of the country.

Sources within the health ministry said that the anti-polio drive will be carried out in two phases including the first from November 20 to 24 and the second from November 27 to December 3.

Throughout the campaign, over 44.5 million children under the age of five will receive the vaccine, along with the supplementary dose of vitamin A.

Over 300,000 frontline workers will take part in the anti-polio drive, the sources said. Health officials said the challenge of polio still existed and emphasised the need for all to work together to eradicate the menace.



ISLAMABAD: Commander North and Patron Pakistan Navy Golf (North) Commodore Khan Mahmood Asif addressing the opening ceremony of 16th Chief of the Naval Staff Amateur Golf Cup 2023 was held at Margalla Greens Golf Club (MGGC), Islamabad.