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## Let PML N Play The Innings: Syed Khurshed Shah Strikes Back

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: "Let the Pakistan Muslim League (N) play the innings", Syed Khurshed Shah, the former opposition leader in the national assembly and central leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) critically suggested. In an exclusive interview with Daily Quetta Voice on Tuesday, Mr. Shah said, "We (PPP) won the toss, and allowed the PML N to play the innings".

He expressed these views when asked about the joining of influential electables from Balochistan to PML N. "There are many more, who are ready to join our party", he claimed, giving no other details.

### "Mian Sab Ruined The Slogan Of Vote Ko Izat Do"

When asked about former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's slogan of "Vote Ko Izat Do" (Respect The Vote), he claimed, "Mian Sab has ruined the slogan". He said the PPP was a masses party and that it was striving for the supremacy of the constitution and rule of law in the country.

The PPP stalwart said his party would give a surprise and emerge as the largest parliamentary in the first approaching general elections. "With 128 members, PPP made positive strides in the country", Mr.



Syed Khurshed Shah, PPP leader: Photo Daily Quetta Voice

Shah asserted. The former opposition leader in the NA recalled that Balochistan's budget was 100 percent increased after the adoption of the NFC award in Gwadar.

"We believe in practice rather than hollow slogans", Mr. Shah reiterated. He stated that the party also renamed the WFPF as the

of Balochistan.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and it was a historic movement for the people. Mr. Shah dispelled the impression about differences between Asif Ali Zardari, the PPP supremo and the Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. "These are rumors", he responded when asked about differences between Zardari and Bilawal.

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## Balochistan Employees' Attendance and Transfers To Go Digital

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QUETTA: The Balochistan caretaker government has decided to digitize employee attendance, transfers, postings, and department records under the proposed Cloud Policy. Balochistan Caretaker Minister for Industries, Prince Ahmed Ali, shared this information with Daily Quetta Voice.

According to Prince Ahmed Ali, this move aims to enhance governance and government affairs in Balochistan. A reputable technology giant will be awarded the contract to implement the Cloud Policy.

### Cloud-Based Policy To Ensure Transparency

The Minister highlighted that the performance tracking will be cloud-based, ensuring transparency and improved governance.

He emphasized that the Cloud-Based Policy will eliminate the need for long queues, allowing utility bills to be submitted seamlessly.

Furthermore, Prince Ahmed Ali mentioned that the federal government and other provincial governments have already adopted the Cloud Policy. "We are introducing the policy here now," he stated. To oversee the implementation, a committee has been formed, including the caretaker information minister, Jan



Achakzai, the sports minister, Nawabzada Jamali Raisani, and the Vice Chancellor of Balochistan University of Information Technology Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS), Dr. Khalid Hafeez, who possesses deep knowledge of artificial intelligence and robotics.

### VC BUIITEMS Strategically Included In The Committee

The proposed cloud policy aims to centralize all department for efficient management.

The Balochistan caretaker government, recognizing the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics, has strategically included Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS, in the committee. This emphasizes the crucial role of AI and robotics in advancing governance, streamlining processes, and ensuring the success of the proposed Cloud Policy in Balochistan.

## Seminar Urges Upright Budgeting in Pakistan

News Desk:

QUETTA: In a recent seminar held in Quetta, organized by the Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) and supported by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), speakers urged the government to enhance budget transparency and accountability in Pakistan.

Muomus Kayani, Project Manager at CPDI, emphasized the importance of participatory budgeting in democratic governance, citing Article 19-A which guarantees citizens access to information. Fazeela Khan from the Provincial Finance Department noted the lack of adherence to the budget process in provincial departments.

### Stakeholders Rally for Transparent Budgeting

Muhammad Asif, Finance Director at Balochistan, stressed the need for a simplified budget format for public understanding and encouraged citizens to demand transparency in budgeting. Sana Durran, PPP representative, called for inclusive and gender-sensitive budgeting, highlighting challenges in implementing the Balochistan Domestic



Violence Act. Former MPA Qadir Naeel emphasized strategic planning for budget allocation, while Shahid Abbas Jatoti, Information Commissioner of Sindh Information Commission, underscored the role of citizen participation in enhancing budget transparency through Right to Information (RTI) laws.

### Merit-Based Distribution Of Resources Demanded

Former senator Mir Kabeer Shahi urged merit-based resource

distribution and adherence to constitutional guidelines for the National Finance Commission award. Ghafar Kakar, PTI representative, stressed transparent budget utilization, and Yasmeen Lehri, former MPA, advocated for resource allocation based on public needs, emphasizing local government empowerment. Educationist Faiza Mir highlighted the issue of 23 million out-of-school children, urging budget allocation for schools and teacher hiring. The seminar, attended by a diverse audience, concluded with thanks from Mr. Sami Sharique.

## Imran's cipher trial to continue in Adiala jail in open court, says judge

ISLAMABAD: Special Court Judge Abul Hasan Zulqarnain, who is hearing the cipher case against PTI Chairman Imran Khan, ruled on Tuesday that the trial proceedings would continue at the Adiala jail but in an open court.

Citing "serious security risks", Adiala jail authorities failed to present the former premier to-day before the special court at Islamabad's Federal Judicial Complex (FJC) as per the orders of the same court's judge. Last week, Judge Zulqarnain had issued directives that the PTI chief and former foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi be presented at the FJC.

The cipher case pertains to a diplomatic document that the Federal Investigation Agency's charge sheet alleges was never returned by Imran. The PTI has long held that the document contained a threat from the United States to oust Imran as prime minister.

The former premier and his aide Qureshi, who is also behind bars, were indicted in the case on Oct 23. Both have pleaded not guilty. The trial was being held at Adiala Jail and four witnesses had already recorded their statements, with the fifth being cross-examined when an Islamabad High

Court division bench had termed the government's notification for jail trial "erroneous" and scrapped the entire proceedings. As a result of the judgement, the special court would now start a fresh trial while the prosecution would have to file a fresh application to conduct the trial in jail. Police, administration and other departments concerned were to meet on Monday to finalise a security plan for Imran's appearance.

Today, Judge Zulqarnain presided over the hearing at the FJC, where Minister Salman Safdar appeared as Imran's counsel while Advocate Ali Bukhari was present as Qureshi's lawyer. The FIA's prosecutors Shah Khawar and Zulfiqar Abbas Naqvi also appeared before the court. During the hearing, the jail authorities submitted their report to the court, which Judge Zulqarnain reviewed.

According to reports by intelligence agencies and the police, the PTI chairman faces life threats, the report stated. It further said, "It has been informed that the PTI chairman faces security risks of a serious scale". Safdar urged the court to adjourn the hearing indefinitely and grant his client bail while Qureshi's counsel Bukhari re-

quested the court to issue directives for his client to be presented before the court. After a brief while, the special court announced its order on the report submitted by the jail officials, approving the jail trial but saying it would be held in an open court.

The court noted that the jail authorities and security agencies had expressed their reservations about holding the trial at the FJC. Therefore, the next hearing would be held at the Adiala jail and would be an open court, the order stated.

The special court stated that those who wish to attend the proceedings would not be stopped from doing so and that journalists would also be permitted to witness the trial. It further said that five family members of each suspect would also be allowed inside the courtroom. The hearing was adjourned till Dec 1 (Friday) News Desk



## US, Israel spy chiefs discuss temporary Gaza truce in Doha

GAZA: Israeli defence electronics firm Elbit Systems has said it boosted supplies to Israel's military due to the country's conflict with Hamas, as it reports a higher quarterly profit, Reuters reports.

Over the past six weeks, Elbit — one of Israel's largest defence contractors — has had to contend with 2,000 of its staff, or 15 per cent of its workforce in Israel, being called into reserve duty to slightly disrupt its supply chain. But deputy CEO Joseph Gaspar said the company has been working 24 hours, seven days a week to meet demand by Israel's military and other customers.

He noted that the defence ministry asked the firm to "increase quantities and urging us to earlier deliveries of existing contracts" and take development programmes and shift them for field use.

"They are asking us to do that and we do our best of course to support it," he told Reuters. "That actually accelerates the in-



roduction of new products into the Army, Air Force etc... Looking forward this will probably continue in the near future as well." The population of Gaza, especially women and children, risk famine if humanitarian food supplies do not continue, the UN's World Food Programme has warned, AFP reports. The WFP said it had delivered food to

121,161 people in Gaza since Friday, when a four-day truce between Israel and Hamas began. "Thanks to the pause, our teams have been in action on the ground, going into areas we haven't reached for a long time. What we see is catastrophic," said WFP's director for the Middle East, Corinne Fleischer. WFP estimated that it was "highly likely

that the population of Gaza, especially women and children, are at high risk of famine if WFP is not able to provide continued access to food". United Nations has welcomed the increase in aid deliveries into Gaza afforded by a temporary truce but warned it was not enough to even start addressing the Palestinian territory's massive needs, AFP reports.

UN children's agency Unicef said the aid flow to the northern Gaza Strip — the largest since the Israel-Hamas conflict erupted on October 7 — was "the right start". "It's definitely the right type of aid — fuel, medicines, food, warmth," spokesman James Elder told a press briefing in Geneva via video link from Gaza. But, he warned, the needs in the besieged enclave of more than two million are so huge that "all this aid is tragic... It's not even enough for truce." "The aid needs to multiply... Everything here is emergency care right now," Elder said. News Desk

## Karachi mall fire: Preliminary report says 'no public safety system' was in place in building

KARACHI: A preliminary report prepared by the Fire Brigade Department has stated that there was "no kind of public safety system" in place at the commercial high-rise building in Karachi's Gulistan-i-Jauhar area which caught on fire over the weekend, it emerged on Tuesday.

At least 11 people died while five others were injured after a blaze erupted inside the R.J. Shopping Mall at 6:20am on Saturday because of a suspected short circuit. The fire erupted on the fourth floor before spreading to other parts of the building. According to officials, the deaths occurred because the building had no ventilation. A police team was subsequently formed to investigate the fire.

On Sunday, police had registered a first information report (FIR) of the fire at the Shaheen Faisal police station. The case was registered on behalf of the state but no one was nominated in the FIR. Instead, the FIR stated that the

"connivance" of K-Electric (KE) and other institutions — which gave approval for the building's map — would be probed.

A preliminary report prepared by the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation's Fire Brigade Department, a copy of which was available with Dawn.com, said that emergency exit doors, exit signs, existing preventive mechanisms and emergency lighting or power backup were "not available" in the ill-fated building. "No kind of public safety system was available in R.J. Mall, including fire safety fighting equipment and emergency exits," the report said.

It added that the department did not receive timely information about the fire and the third and fourth floors were "burning severely" when the fire brigade reached the scene. It said that staff faced difficulty in firefighting operations due to the "intense smoke", adding that the fire's cause could not be determined. News Desk

Editorial: Empowering Balochistan's Youth: Turning Ambition into Action

Editor: Asim Khan

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In a landmark revelation, Balochistan's Caretaker Finance Minister, Amjad Rashid, has laid out an ambitious plan to propel the province's youth towards international employment opportunities...

The essence of this initiative lies in the government's vision to send thousands of skilled individuals abroad, tapping into global employment markets and creating pathways for economic growth...

While the announcement of the Prime Minister's skill development program is undoubtedly a positive stride, it is crucial for the government to translate these words into tangible actions...

As Balochistan's youth eagerly anticipate the opportunities promised by the Prime Minister's skill development program, the government must also demonstrate its commitment to transforming aspirations into reality...

Making sand castles

BY Dr Niaz Murtaza:

WHY have some elements had an odd addiction to making shaky political sand castles that soon collapse? Free polls rejuvenate the political process...

Out of 15 national referenda and polls held to date, the 2013 one was largely credible as both the European Union election report and a Supreme Court verdict...

Villain of the piece

BY Muhammad Ali Siddiqi:

A history tells us, if there is any country that is solely and unequivocally responsible for the slaughter that is going on in Gaza, it is Britain...

In elaborating the Balfour criminality, and dwelling on the crafty language where every clause was duplicitous, I will be taking readers along the beaten track...

Laiba Fatima

Climate change is actually increasing in greenhouse gas emissions which brings significant changes in Earth's weather patterns...

parts of the earth the many causes contribute to climate change such as industrial processes that release greenhouse gases such as Methane (CH4) and nitrous oxide...

BY Arifa Noor

FINALLY, there is a twist in the tale and we have some new political stuff to discuss. And for this, one has to thank Asif Ali Zardari (AAZ), whose candidness will allow us to spend a few days away from the usual conjecture over the PTT's fate and PML-N's honeymooning and edicts as president...

In a surprise interview by dutiful shadow cabinet members of the PTT's fate and PML-N's honeymooning and edicts as president...

But as I know very little about the latter, all I could focus on was the political stuff, especially his remarks about his heir and co-chairman, Bilawal Bhub-Zairi (BBZ). The 30-something, who has been heading this party for 15 years...

A billion Indians minus the four

BY Jawed Naqvi

ELECTIONS are underway in five Indian states. The BJP lost all five last time, though it has created the impression that it won the round hands down...

The BJP faces the centrist Congress one in three states of the — Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh — while in Telangana and Meghalaya the two national parties must challenge or woo local satraps...

Is climate change responsible for irregular weather patterns

adapt to a changing environment. With the increase in earth's temperature since 1986, the winter season temperature of the 48 states have

increased by nearly 3°F, while spring temperatures have increased by about 2°F and same is the case with summer and fall temperature e

The southern united states is very sensitive to alter weather conditions and drought small changes in the availability of water especially in this arid region will cost a lot of money to

even faster rate. A Due to an abrupt change in weather patterns has caused the southwest to experience less precipitation than normal. However, the activities of a tropical storm in the Atlantic Ocean, and Caribbean has surpassed during the past 20 years.

Blow up had a hot summer days(high) and the same is true with hot summer nights(high) at

fects of climate change for decades. Due to rising sea levels coastal communities and island nations are at higher risk associated with climate crisis. Bangladesh is a number 7 on

German watch's Climate risk Index (CRI) for cumulative risk between 2010 and 2019, same is the case with Philippines. In short

I can sum up that Man is the only contributor of climate change and irregular weather patterns. Day by day trees have been cut down for construction purposes. Our lives are totally dependent on trees as tree is a natural sink of CO2 (car-

bonogenic gas) if trees have been cut down in the same manner who will absorb CO2 and in the end will accumulate in air rising the temperature and evaporation

Climate change is a serious concern which is costing our lives we need to stop this

We have to create awareness among people about climate change by arranging seminars on this issue, by cutting on tree we have to plant 10 more trees in place of this only this we can save our planet from this

devastating process which is costing our ecosystem and biodiversity

The little prince

he reached Islamabad the big three (Shehbaz Sharif, AAZ and Maulana Fazlur Rehman) held a press conference and announced filing the no-confidence motion. And once that was done, few were interested in the speech BBZ gave as his rally reached the capital.

The attention and focus has shifted; if BBZ was really the man around whom the party revolved, this would not have happened. The more public and direct snub by the father in the Geo interview is simply more of the same, in a way. And as South Asia happens to be a place where the changes rarely ever break away from their parents, chances are BBZ will not defy this tradition (the Mughas captured by the PTT, as Iman Khan proved infatigable in taking them by the throat and son are not always on the same page. Indeed, it is not a new phenomenon. Back in 2013, it was reported that BBZ had stormed off to Dubai because he didn't see eye to eye with his father and his aunt, Feyal Talpur on ticket distribution.

This time around, it appears that the comments about his son needing more training were partially due to the latter being aggressive

and vocal about the facade being provided to the PML-N and Nawaz Sharif. While the jury is still out on whether this is a serious rift or simply a good cop bad cop routine (with Hamid Mir brought up, this has to be seen in the larger political context. The PPP has two distinct views within: most of those from Sindh are satisfied with the party's focus on palace intrigues, those who were part of the Punjab — and the few who continue to still be around — felt it needed to be more aggressive, especially in confronting the PML-N, the dominant power in the province.

However, this never became party policy and as a result, the entire anti-PML-N space was captured by the PTT, as Iman Khan proved infatigable in taking them by the throat and son are not always on the same page. Indeed, it is not a new phenomenon. Back in 2013, it was reported that BBZ had stormed off to Dubai because he didn't see eye to eye with his father and his aunt, Feyal Talpur on ticket distribution.

However, the voices within the party which wanted BBZ to play a role closer to Khan's were never completely silenced, especially as the party also

saw the utility of using this opposition to PML-N whenever needed.

What we witnessed in recent days was perhaps a mix of both the subdued voices within the party plus the cynicism the party has become known for. And for reasons only he is aware of, AAZ decided it was a good moment to send a message to the right quarters by pooh-poohing his own party's stand, embarrassing his son in the process. That this snub will simply add to the struggles of Bilawal in the eyes of the voters, perhaps does not bother those who think palace intrigues and jortortortore easier ways of doing politics.

Politics is a ruthless game but who would choose this better than the Bhutto family, which has paid a very high price for this.

If the past is any guide, the rift will be addressed and the family will soon be crooning 'thum saath saath hain' the picture Bakhtwar Bhutto tweeted of herself along with the father and son was a step in this direction — it is to be noted, however, that the picture included the former president's sister and not the former prime minister's sibling, who is also in Dubai if reports are to be believed.

lost his membership although the case continues. Gandhi, Moitra and AAP leaders are ferociously critical of Mr. Modi's proximity with the Adani Group. On the media front too, journalists filing unflattering reports on Gautam Adani have been targeted and threatened with arrest. A senior executive and the editor of the NewsClick news portal are currently in jail over allegations of a scam involving the businessman of Indian origin considered close to China. NewsClick has led a sustained campaign against crony capitalism, which it says deeply benefits the Adani Group.

On the communal front, the BJP is whipping up a polarised campaign ahead of next month's proposed inauguration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, built on the site of the destroyed Babri Masjid. The BJP government in Uttar Pradesh has unleashed a range of measures to provoke communal backlash from Muslims, appeasement through Yogi Adityanath's government recently placed a ban on food products carrying the label of

'halal'. It frowns on meat-eating even as many Hindus eat meat and eggs. Foods shared by Muslims and among them, A'halal' label, in any case, not only enables practising Muslims to identify the food permitted by their religion, but also cautions Sikhs and other communities that avoid 'halal' food prohibited by their religion. The halal ban order wouldn't stand scrutiny in a court of law, but it's enough to create distractions from what are counted as Mr. Modi's failures in 10 years of his rule.

Another distraction is the proposal to rename Aligarh University, a defunct British-run university, after Hindu nationalist leader Bal Gangadhar Tilak. This is part of the campaign to change names of cities and avenues with a Muslim connection. Hindu nationalist leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya and Narendra Modi have been clearing for a living when the rest of the state and the country were glued to TV sets, watching a cricket tournament.

recent years, the Congress party alone commands a reach right across the country, from the north to the south, and east to west. The BJP on its part is struggling to get a foothold in the south, and the north-east corridor barring Assam. The pivotal role for the Congress in the newly minted INDIA opposition alliance in the campaign is to depose the Modi government in May next through a court of law. The Congress has undergone a notable change from its previous Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh days to become a strong voice in the Indian political arena for businesses in politics. It has also adapted to a new focus on social justice triggered by a taste census carried out by allies in power in Bihar. That's a worry for Mr. Modi whose claims of representing Hindu interests have been gossamer by revelations in the Congress.

Consider the example of four men who died in Gujarat in a series of blasts that were clearing for a living when the rest of the state and the country were glued to TV sets, watching a cricket tournament.

ANF seizes 2053kg drugs worth US\$159.7mln, arrests 33 in country-wide operations

RAWALPINDI (INP): The Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) Pakistan seized 2053.463 kilogram drugs worth US\$ 159.701 million, arrested 33 accused including 1 woman 1 foreigner (Afghan National) and impounded 17 vehicles during 40 counter narcotics operations conducted across the country.

The seized drugs comprised 576.834 kg opium, 89.992 kg Heroin, 1297.06 kg Hashish, 75 kg Amphetamine, 14.287 kg methamphetamine (Ice), 060 grams Ecstasy Tablets (100 x tabs) and 230 grams Weed. The ANF Balochistan recovered 1797 kg drugs in eight operations while arrested four accused persons including a foreigner (Afghan National) in drug smuggling and impounded four vehicles.

The seized drugs comprised 2016 kg opium, 80 kg Heroin, 1118 kg Hashish, 4 kg Methamphetamine (Ice) and 75 kg Amphetamine. The ANF Punjab recovered 38.356 kg drugs in nine operations while arrested eight accused persons in drug smuggling and impounded three vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 792 grams Heroin, 33.600 kg Hashish, 3.734 kg Methamphetamine (Ice) and 230 grams Weed. The ANF Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) recovered 39.743 kg drugs in nine operations while arrested seven accused persons in drug smuggling and impounded four vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 6.800 kg Heroin, 27.6kg Hashish, 5.343 kg Methamphetamine (Ice) and a 9mm pistol. The ANF Sindh recovered 38.1 kg drugs in four operations while arrested two accused in drug smuggling and impounded two vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 2.400 kg Heroin and 35.700 kg Hashish. The ANF North recovered 140.264 kg drugs in 10 operations and arrested 12 accused in drug smuggling including a woman and impounded four vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 56.834 kg Opium, 82.160 kg Hashish, 1.210 kg Methamphetamine (Ice) and 060 grams Ecstasy Tablets (100 x Tabs). Separate cases in all incidents were registered at respective ANF Police Stations under CNS Act 1997 (Amended 2022) and further investigations were under process.

FIA arrests outlaw for harassing a girl

MULTAN (INP): Federal Investigation Agency's Cyber Wing claimed to have arrested an alleged outlaw for harassing and blackmailing a girl. According to official sources, an alleged outlaw namely Shah Faisal Sajjad son of Sajjad Hussain, resident of Multan was allegedly found involved in harassment and blackmailing to compliant named S. Nadeem daughter of Muhammad Nadeem, resident of Multan. The accused has objectionable data of the complainant. An FIA team led by Muhammad Tariq Mehmood Sipra (Assistant Director) raided and managed to arrest the alleged outlaw. The team also recovered the mobile phone from his possession.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi chairing a meeting on mental health issues in Pakistan, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Punjab gov all set to launch E-bikes to prevent city smog intensity: Minister

FAISALABAD (INP): Caretaker Provincial Transport and Livestock Minister Ibrahim Hasan Murad on Tuesday said that the government was all set to launch electric bikes to prevent smog intensity. He said that the E-bikes would be cost-effective and government employees would also be provided electric bikes on lease. The Minister in a pvt news channel, he said that in an aim to reduce the usage of expensive fuel and protect the environment of the cities government has been introducing E-bike and safe city camera projects in which smoke-emitting vehicles will be detected by the cameras and immediate alerts were relayed to the field forces. The Electric Vehicles Policy is the need of the hour to promote a safe environment, local production of e-vehicles, providing incentives with the ultimate goal of capturing a substantial share of the market, he added. E-bikes being zero-emission vehicles would use lithium-ion batteries which will emerge as a cost-effective and eco-friendly alternative to traditional transportation, he mentioned. The minister stressed that the media should play its role by creating awareness campaigns on private tv channels and radio for the conservation of energy and for wearing face masks during smog weather. Replying to a question, the administration has started strict crackdown and announced to charge heavy fines for violations of the traffic rules, adding that around 33 to 34 crore vehicles were being imposed fines for violating traffic rules. The purpose of imposing fines is to prevent people from using vehicles that increase pollution. The crackdown will continue till next month, he added.

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TURKIYE: Opposition Leader in Senate, Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem addressing on Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) Executive Council meeting.

MoCCC delegation to participate in COP28, sensitize world on climate adaptation significance

ISLAMABAD (INP): A delegation of Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCCC) led by Caretaker Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Ahmed Irfan Aslam will represent Pakistan at the international climate summit (COP28) to be held in Dubai from November 30 to December 12 and would sensitize the world on climate adaptation significance and its climate resilience-related projects. In a pre-COP28 media briefing on Tuesday, Secretary MoCCC Syed Asif Hyder Shah informed the environmental journalists about the preparations of the Ministry vis-a-vis the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP-28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, carbon emissions, whereas the major greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) emitters would have to revise their nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and net zero emissions targets. "Adaptation is very important for countries like Pakistan. It is important to understand that mitigation is reduction in emissions and adaptation is information for the Ministry through capacity building up," the Secretary MoCCC said, Climate finance is not so far focusing on mitigation but Pakistan also wanted to focus adaptation.

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BARBADOS (INP): A destructive spell from Iain Thorne propelled the West Indies Academy to an innings and 134 runs win against Emerging Ireland in their four-day, first-class match. The 19-year-old pacer ended with a brilliant figures of 4-8 from 25 overs to leave Ireland at 4-33 in the first innings and it will be the first ever event to be hosted by Dr Adil Najum, a world renowned climate and global studies expert. He added. He clarified the media persons that the COP agenda was rigid and strictly restricted to global climate issues, whereas during the leaders' summit plenary the countries give statement which would be participated by 136 heads of states. "Globally, the adaptation finance of \$34 billion has been diverted from the total pledged climate fund of \$100 billion which is doubled for mitigation. The slogan of Pakistan for this year is 'Build Resilience Together', whereas previously it was 'What Happens in Pakistan Will Not Stay in Pakistan', he added. He said that the world that adaptation is equally important as mitigation whereas the Annexed-I countries have given \$1 billion target for global climate finance but Pakistan will take its position to scale up this target and it should be more than that," he said. Commenting on Pakistan at COP28 Expo, he said the ministry would set up a pavilion while maintaining austerity and he had panel discussions on critical issues, starting from Living Indus and Recharge Pakistan and showcasing of climate resilience building projects. On reporting and communication of COP activities, Syed Asif Hyder briefed that timely and perpetual information sharing mechanism was crucial and the ministry was establishing a COP cell and a communication center dedicated to share correct information related to the global climate conference engagements of the country delegation. Responding to media queries, the secretary said to disseminate information for the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was the mainstay of the Ministry whereas this time the NDRMF web-portal would share realtime data of COP activities.

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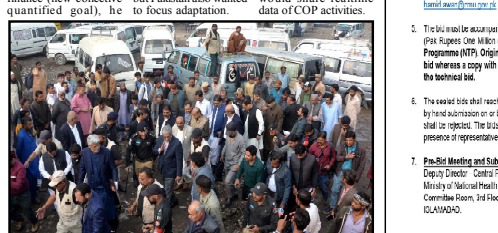
DHAKA (INP): New Zealand's captain Tim Southee said he was looking forward to his side's Test series against Bangladesh, in a bid to help the Kiwis spinners would out their "strong" opponents. "The guys have a great desire for Test cricket," Tim Southee said ahead of the opening match of the two-Test series in Bangladesh's northeastern city Sylhet on Tuesday. "They say it is the pinnacle of the game."

Whenever we play Test cricket, it is always special for us to play in a new venue and we always prioritize Test cricket," he added. New Zealand won the title of the opening World Test Championship in 2021 but finished sixth in the next cycle which ended in 2023 with Australia beating India in the final. The Kiwis have not won a Test in Bangladesh since their three-wicket win in Chittagong in 2008. Their next three Tests, including three matches in a 2013 series, ended in a draw. "The start of the new cycle is exciting," Tim Southee added. "It is a tough place to play Tests. Bangladesh are strong in these conditions. I'm Southee said he hoped his spinners would tip the balance in their favor in 2028. "It is foreign conditions compared to New Zealand — pace plays a big role in this part of the world," Tim Southee said. "Our spinners have done some great things in Tests. We are looking forward to them showing their skills." The visitors named

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## Pakistan youngster eager to grasp Test chance in Australia

LAHORE (INP). Boom youngster Saim Ayub has promised to stay fearless should he earn a first Test cap for Pakistan during next month's tour of Australia.

Pakistan travel to Australia for a three-match series as part of the ongoing ICC World Test Championship and Ayub is in the running for selection after he was named in an 18-player squad earlier this month.

While Ayub is yet to earn a Test debut, the 21-year-old has already featured for Pakistan in eight T20I contests this year and has further impressed at domestic level with a large sum of runs for Karachi Whites in the recently concluded Quaid-e-Azam Trophy.

The next step for Ayub will be to translate that strong form in Pakistan to the international arena and the confident left-hander is adamant he won't change his aggressive approach should he earn selection in Australia.

"The approach should stay fearless but sometimes you have to play according to the conditions, you've got to give respect to

the bowlers when they are dominating," Ayub said.

The momentum keeps shifting during the match, sometimes it's with the bowlers and other times it's with the batters and you have to adjust accordingly.

"Having a fearless approach doesn't mean that you always have to hit the ball hard. Some sessions have to be played with a run-rate of three, some with that of five.

"As far as expectations are concerned, I am looking forward to the opportunity of playing for Pakistan and win matches for the team."

Pakistan seemingly have a wealth of options within their top order, with Ayub battling it out with regular openers Abdullah Shafique and Imam-ul-Haq to tackle the new ball and newcomer Shan Masood and former captain Babar Azam likely to round out a strong top four.

Ayub will get chances to impress though, with Pakistan scheduled to take on an Australian Prime Minister's XI in a four-day contest from December 6

ahead of the first Test in Perth commencing on December 14.

And while Pakistan haven't won a Test match in Australia for almost 28 years, Ayub is looking forward to the challenge as his side attempts to remain unbeaten in the current World Test Championship cycle.

"I think it will be fun playing cricket there (in Australia)," Ayub said. "You've got to push yourself out of your comfort zone and when there are challenges, there is growth as well and that excites me as a player."

"Players decide for themselves if they want to look at conditions as easy or difficult. What's more important is the clarity of thought and being fearless with your approach."

Pakistan Test squad: Shan Masood (c), Aamer Jamal, Abdullah Shafique, Abar Ahmed, Babar Azam, Faheem Ashraf, Hasan Ali, Imam-ul-Haq, Khuram Shahzad, Mir Hamza, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Wasim Jr, Noman Ali, Saim Ayub, Agha Salman, Sarfaraz Ahmed, Saud Shakeel, Shaheen Afridi.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Privatisation Fawad Hasan Fawad chairing a meeting regarding signing of Financial Services Agreement for Divestment of PFIACL.

## CTD arrests 'Lyari gang war commander' in Karachi

KARACHI (INP). The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) investigation department conducted an operation and claimed to have arrested a 'commander' of the Lyari gang war.

According to the CTD in charge statement, the arrested accused was identified as Mir Mohammad Bakhs who is allegedly a commander of the Dashti Waseem group of Lyari gang war and was arrested from the old Golimar area.

The arrested individual is allegedly involved in several gunfights against Sindh police and rangers, meanwhile, also been named in murder, terrorism, and extortion cases in the metropolis.

The accused allegedly took

extortion money from the businessman and hotel located in the Pak Colony area of Karachi and was also named for operating a drug den.

The security personnel also recovered a weapon from his possession during his arrest.

Earlier this year, police and Rangers claimed to have arrested two suspected 'Lyari gang war' members in a joint operation carried out in Karachi's Moach Goth.

According to the rangers' spokesman, a joint operation was conducted in Moach goth in which two suspected members of the Lyari Gang war have been arrested.

The accused gang members were identified as Naveed alias Cappi and Nuroz alias

Nammo. Both arrested accused were wanted in murders, extortions, kidnapping for ransom, and robbery.

Naveed joined the group of commander Sajid back in 2005. The same group is accused to committed more than 50 cases of target killing of political party workers. The arrested accused went into hiding in Sindh and Iran after operation launched in Karachi.

The spokesperson claimed that after returning back, the accused had started forming their own separate group in old Golimar. The gang members confessed that they kidnapped a businessman from Soldier Bazaar and Chifton for ransom back in 2011-12.

## Police arrest 2 suspects for impersonating CM's relatives

LAHORE (INP). Police in Lahore on Tuesday arrested two suspects who threatened traffic wardens and journalists by claiming to be relatives of Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi.

The suspects also asked a young girl who was driving a car without a number plate to be released from police custody. A video of the incident went viral.

showing the suspects

threatening and influencing top police officers at the scene. The incident was widely criticized on social media.

CTO Lahore Mustansar Feroze took strict notice of the incident and ordered the police to take action against the suspects.

Police have identified the suspects as Yasin and his accomplice. Yasin used the name of the Chief Minister to pressure the police and release the

young girl.

Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi took immediate notice of the incident and ordered the police to take action against the suspects. Police traced and arrested the suspects and started further action.

According to the FIR, the incident took place between Liberty Market and Hussain Chowk on November 22. A case was registered on November 26.



ISLAMABAD: Secretary PSF Group Captain Amir Nawaz speaks during a press conference regarding upcoming International Men and Women Squash Championship 2023.



ABU DHABI: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar visits the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque.

## Ashrafi highlights economic progress in Pakistan through Arab, Islamic countries' collaborations

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He assured that overseas Pakistanis could now invest confidently, underscoring the government's responsibility to facilitate and support them.

In response to a query, Ashrafi affirmed that Pakistan, as a core member of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), maintained an unequivocal stance on the Palestine issue.

He emphasized that any solution acceptable to Palestine would find acceptance in Pakistan.

He noted the current leadership of the OIC under Saudi Arabia, praising the commendable roles of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Foreign Minister Faisal bin Fathan.

He acknowledged the contributions of Turkey, Iran, and Qatar, highlighting that the collective pressure from OIC members, including the people, played a crucial role of Europe, America, and Britain, in influencing Israel to cease hostilities.

At this time, he asserted that all Islamic nations were in unanimous agreement regarding the extension of the ceasefire and advocated for the establishment of a sovereign and autonomous Palestinian state, designating Al-Quds as its capital.

## AIOU announces results of HSSC, FA

ISLAMABAD (INP). Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) Tuesday announced results of HSSC and FA programs offered in the spring semester 2023 and results had been uploaded to the CMS portal.

The students who complete their program will receive completions soon, said a press release issued here.

Moreover, the university also announced the assignments

schedule for Matric and FA programs offered in autumn semester 2023 and details have been uploaded on its website.

According to the schedule, 4th December is the submission deadline for the first assignment, December 28, for the second assignment, January 29, 2024, for third, February 16, 2024, is the last submission date for the fourth assignment. The submission deadline for two course assign-

ments of matric and FA programs is December 28, 2023, and February 16, 2024, respectively. The students can get names, addresses, and other information of their respective tutors on CMS portal at <http://enrollment.aiou.edu.pk> or from any nearest regional campus.

The students will be responsible for late assignment submission, and assignments reaching after the due dates will not be accepted.



QUETTA: Banners installed in Quetta on the eve of 56th Youth e Taseses of PPP: Photo Daily Quetta Voice

## ADB approves \$180m loan to help Pakistan improve waste management

ISLAMABAD (INP). The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$180 million loan to improve water supply and solid waste management services in two rapidly growing cities in Pakistan's Punjab province.

According to the press statement, The Developing Resilient Environments and Advancing Municipal Services in Punjab Project will curtail excessive groundwater extraction and urban environment degradation by expanding and modernizing urban water supply in Rawalpindi, and solid waste management systems in Bahawalpur.

"The project will help make municipal services in these two cities more sustainable, resilient, and less carbon-intensive," said ADB Director General for Central and West Asia Yevgeniy Zhukov. "By helping to deliver reliable water supply and improving waste management, we expect to significantly improve the lives of people in Rawalpindi and Bahawalpur," he said.

In Rawalpindi, the project

will help build new surface water intakes and a water treatment plant with a capacity of 54 million liters a day. It will lay transmission and distribution pipes to serve 82,000 households with metered connections. The financing will also upgrade water pumps and transmission mains to augment surface water supply and establish three pilot district metering areas to enhance operational efficiency.

In Bahawalpur, solid waste collection will be improved through the procurement of waste collection equipment and a new fleet to expand service coverage, to be supported by the new fleet management information system.

The project will construct a facility for recycling as well as a floodproof landfill while the existing dump site will be rehabilitated. The financing will also enable the provision of personal protective equipment for informal sector workers. "Aside from improving infrastructure services, ADB's project will help enhance the operational effi-

ciency, inclusivity, and financial sustainability of Rawalpindi Water and Sanitation Agency and Bahawalpur Waste Management Company," said ADB Urban Development Specialist Xijie Lu.

"We also aimed to be innovative, with some of the project's components featuring renewable technologies, cost-recovery interventions, and business operational efficiency and communication elements.

"ADB will also administer a \$1 million technical assistance provided by the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund, to strengthen the capacity of the Rawalpindi Water and Sanitation Agency to address leakages in the city's water supply network.

"ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region," the statement read.