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Pakistan On IMF Agenda On January 11: Murtaza Solangi

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: Caretaker Federal Information Minister Murtaza Solangi stated on Friday that Pakistan was on the agenda of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), as reported by Bloomberg. Addressing a news conference at the

Quetta Press Club (QPC), Mr. Solangi mentioned that the caretaker government had implemented several initiatives to improve the country's declining economy.

The rupee appreciated against the dollar, and the Karachi Stock Exchange broke all records by reaching 66,000 points the other day.

"This reflects our commitment and reforms in the economic sector," the minister emphasized.

No excuse to delay the elections: Murtaza Solangi

Balochistan Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai and President QPC Khaliq Rind were also present on the occasion.

The federal caretaker information minister reiterated that the country

was all set to hold general elections on February 8, 2024. "No excuse, we are ready to hold fair and transparent elections as per



the constitution of Pakistan," Murtaza Solangi stated.

He said the caretaker government would provide all financial and administrative support to the Election Commission of Pakistan to conduct fair and transparent elections in the country. "We would hand over a comparatively better government to the next administration after the polls," he maintained.

The Government Committed to Address the issues faced by the QPC and journalists: Murtaza Solangi

The caretaker information minister stated that he visited PTV Bolan, and on December 17th, a Hazaragi language program would

also be launched. This was a long-standing demand of the Hazara community in Quetta.

Murtaza Solangi emphasized that the present government was committed to addressing the issues faced by the QPC and journalists working in the province.

"I am a journalist, and I can understand the difficulties faced by the journalist community," he stated.

BHC Takes Action Against SSGC Over Unjustified Charges

Syed Kaleem Shah:



QUETTA: In a recent constitutional petition hearing, Justice Muhammad Kaman Khan Mulla Khail and Mr. Justice Shaikat Ali Rakhshani of the High Court addressed concerns raised by consumers against Sui Southern Gas Company. The case highlighted issues such as new charges in bills, inadequate gas pressure, and load shedding.

The petitioner, Syed Nazir Agha Advocate, presented a compelling argument, citing a previous court decision on illegal charges imposed by the company. The court had ruled against the removal of gas meters without consumer presence and emphasized fulfilling legal requirements.

Increased Burden of 8 to 9 Thousand Rupees Per Bill for Consumers

Despite court orders, the company continued its practices, preventing further legal action. The recent hearing, on a petition filed in 2022, focused on the addition of fixed and standard charges in November and December 2022 bills, resulting in an additional burden of 8 to 9 thousand rupees per bill for consumers. During the proceedings, the court questioned the company's financial claims, pointing out the high sala-

ries and expensive vehicles used by its officers. The judges expressed concern over disproportionate billing, noting variations in charges between Karachi and Quetta consumers.

Unjust Charges for Balochistan's Gas Consumers as Compared to those in Karachi and Islamabad

Syed Nazir Agha Advocate presented evidence of inflated bills in Balochistan, where consumers were charged significantly more than those in Karachi and Islamabad for similar gas consumption. The court urged an explanation from the company on this matter. The judges hinted at a decision under Article 158 of the Constitution, emphasizing the need for justice. They also directed district authorities to promptly address road damage caused by gas pipeline installations in Quetta. The court adjourned the hearing to December 21, 2023, indicating a forthcoming judgment on the case. With consumers eagerly awaiting the decision, the outcome could have far-reaching implications for the Sui Southern Gas Company and its billing practices.

Empowering Youth Against Corruption: ACEB Seminar in Balochistan

QUETTA, December 8, 2023: The Anticorruption Establishment Balochistan (ACEB) took a bold step forward in the fight against corruption by hosting a seminar at the Sikandar Jamali Auditorium in Quetta on International Anti-Corruption Day.

Themed "Promoting Citizens' Participation in Strengthening Accountability and Governance in Society," the seminar prioritized empowering youth to play a pivotal role in combating corruption.

Mr. Abdul Wahid Kakar, the Director of ACEB, stressed the importance of self-accountability as a critical measure in eradicating corruption. He urged participants to champion concrete decisions within government departments, emphasizing public interest and development.

Mr. Kakar also acknowl-



edged the Accountability Lab's support in ACEB's institutional capacity-building program.

Director General of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Balochistan, Zafar Iqbal Khan, underscored the joint efforts of ACEB and

NAB in eliminating corruption. Advocating for a universal anti-corruption system.

Mr. Khan encouraged citizens to report corruption cases. He commended the Accountability Lab and ACEB for their awareness-raising initia-

tives. Caretaker Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs in Balochistan.

Mr. Zubair Jamali, highlighted the vital role of youth in anti-corruption efforts. On International Anti-Corruption Day, he called for a commitment to protecting the rights of common people and emphasized the adherence to rules and regulations by government servants.

The seminar, attended by government officials, academia, civil society members, and media representa-

tives, showcased a collective commitment to rooting out corruption in Balochistan.

The event illuminated the importance of youth empowerment in fortifying the province's anti-corruption endeavors.

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PML-N demands accountability, not power: Nawaz Sharif

Lahore: PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif on Friday said his party does not desire to win elections and form a government but demands accountability. "The nation should know that those who used to cry 'thief' are thieves themselves, the biggest thieves. [...] This is our demand," he said at a PML-N parliamentary board meeting in Lahore. "Our demand is not to form governments after winning elections and then roam about in big cars," the former premier stressed, saying that while the PML-N was determined to serve the country, it also wanted the truth to be brought in front of the public.

"Who ruined the country? Who brought the country to the point today? Why are the poor starving today? [...] All these things are eating up the country. There should be accountability. We are not sitting here to get into government, we want the well-being of the country and the 250 million people living here," Nawaz asserted. "Pakistan is going through a tough

time today and we have created these difficulties ourselves. We pushed the people who wanted to serve the country and brought forth those who were playing an evil game," he claimed in an apparent reference to ex-premier Imran Khan. The PML-N leader, without taking any names, said a person was brought to power who knew nothing about politics, economy or foreign policy. "He only talked about 'Riyasa-i-Madina' but didn't know anything about 'Riyasa-i-Madina' in the true sense," he said.

Nawaz went on to say that the "biggest corruption scandal in the history of Pakistan" was the E190m case and that there was "no doubt about it". The case alleges that Imran and Bushra Bibi obtained billions of rupees and land worth hundreds of kanals from Bahra Town Ltd for legalising Rs50 billion that was identified and returned to the country by the UK during the previous PTI government. Last week the National Accountability Bureau filed a reference in connection with the case.

"This biggest evidence is that they waved a sealed envelope [in a cabinet meeting] and asked for signatures on it. At least show us what is inside the envelope [...] but they took approval by putting on blindfolds," Nawaz claimed. He further highlighted that the Supreme Court had recently ordered that an amount of Rs35 billion, which was remitted to the apex court's bank accounts maintained in the name of the SC registrar in the Bahra Town settlement, be transferred to the federal government. **News Desk**

Quetta Administration Seizes 10 Tons of Ephedrine

Manan Mandokhail:

QUETTA: In a decisive move against illicit activities, Assistant Commissioner City Abdullah Arif spearheaded a coordinated effort resulting in the seizure of a substantial 10 tons of Ephedrine by the Quetta Administration.

The operation, carried out by a team of dedicated law enforcers under Arif's leadership, marks a significant breakthrough in curbing the illegal trade of controlled substances.

Assisting Commissioner Led The Levies. The Assistant Commissioner, commending the collective efforts, emphasized the commitment of local authorities to maintain law and order. The successful operation un-



derscores the administration's determination to eradicate the menace of illegal substances from the region.

Commissioner Quetta Division, Huzefa Shaheed took to social media network X and praised the levies personnel for seizing such a huge quantity of narcotics. The administration has intensified its efforts against illicit drugs in Quetta and other parts of the division.

Mir Quddus Bizenjo Joins PPP

From Our Correspondent :



KARACHI: In a surprising political development, a cadre of influential electables has joined the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), bolstering the party's strength ahead of upcoming elections. Notable among them is former Chief Minister Mir Quddus Bizenjo, marking a significant shift in alliances as he joins forces with the PPP. This move follows the footsteps of his political rival, former Chief Minister Jam Kamal Khan, who recently aligned with the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz

(PML-N). The entrance of these influential figures into PPP's fold is expected to reshape the political landscape, setting the stage for a compelling electoral contest shortly.

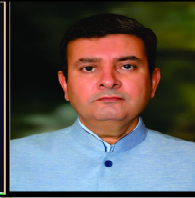
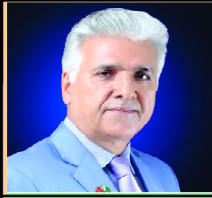
Mir Sikandar Umrani, the former Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) minister also joined the PPP. However, Mir Shaifur Rehman Mengal also held negotiations with PPP decision-maker Asif Ali Zardari.

However, Mengal has not made any formal joining of the PPP.

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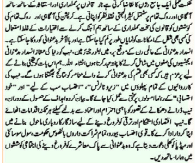
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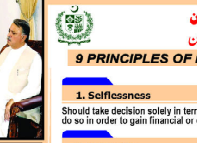
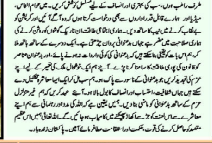
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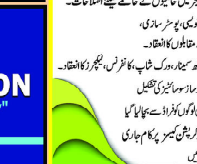
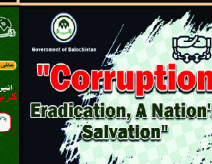
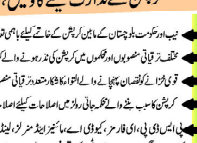
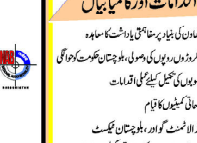
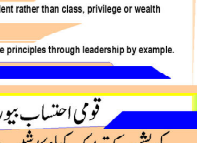
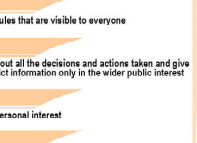
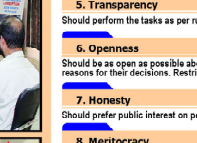
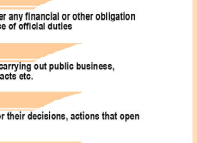
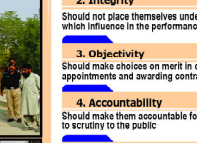
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9 PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDER. 1. Selflessness. 2. Integrity. 3. Objectivity. 4. Accountability. 5. Transparency. 6. Openness. 7. Honesty. 8. Meritocracy. 9. Leadership.



OGDCL discovered huge oil and gas reserves in Sindh province

ISLAMABAD, December 08, 2023: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has successfully recovered gas and condensate from Daras West Well No. 2 located in Tando Allahyar District of Sindh Province as a result of an aggressive exploration strategy. Vast deposits have been discovered. Daras West Well No. 2 in which OGDCL as operator with 77.5% stake and GHPL as operator with 22.5% stake. This well, drilled to a depth of 2081 meters, resulted in this major oil and gas discovery. According to the details, 85 lakh standard cubic feet of gas per day (8.51 million) from well

West No. 2 and 360 Daily crude oil production has been achieved. These impressive results were obtained using a choke size of 32/64" at a wellhead flowing pressure of 1947 pounds per square inch (psi) from the Lower Grove Sea Sand in the Exploratory Zone. Ahmed Hayat Lak, MD/CFO of OGDCL expressed his satisfaction with the results and said, "This discovery underlines the commitment of OGDCL to achieve national energy security. OGDCL remains steadfast in its commitment to leveraging innovative strategies and technological expertise. This discovery will not only strengthen

our hydrocarbon reserves but also contribute to Pakistan's energy and economic prosperity." The success of the said well is testament to OGDCL's aggressive exploration strategy and commitment to the expertise of the company's own experts. The discovery of Daras West Well No. 2 not only adds to OGDCL's hydrocarbon reserves but will also increase the overall energy resources of the country. Which will also cause a significant reduction in government expenditure in terms of annual oil and gas and will also help in reducing the ongoing gas crisis in the country.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti during a Press Conference.

World's conscience over Gaza killings by Israeli forces questionable: President

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Dr Arif Alvi has said that world's conscience over the bloodshed by Israel in Gaza and unabated human rights abuses in Kashmir was questionable and the world was committing the biggest mistake by not treating all humans equally.

Addressing an event on Friday held in connection with International Human Rights Day, the president said the way the innocent children and people were being killed in Gaza would have a long-lasting impact on peace as it would be difficult for the sufferers to forget such brutalities.

First Lady Samina Alvi, diplomats from various countries and representatives of International NGOs attended the event.

Dr. Arif Alvi said that being a developing country, Pakistan was evolving regarding human rights but humanity still awaited the powerful nations to respect the human rights being violated in Palestine and Kashmir where thousands of people had been killed with a significant ratio of women and children. He called for a world order with no room for wars and humanitarianism should override vested interests. Instead of promoting the narrative of civilized wars, the United Nations should pursue the goal of no wars in the world, he added.

The president said humanitarianism could not get strength in world affairs compared to the vested interests that led to the wars based on the self-serving justifications of the powerful nations. He said that Pakistan was a well-legalized country vis-a-vis human

rights backed by the constitution and human rights declaration and emphasised the will to ensure legal justice, financial equality, empowerment, and mainstreaming of women as well as the differently-abled people.

Dr Alvi appreciated the role of Human Rights Minister Khalid George, Chairperson of the National Commission for Human Rights Rabia Javeria Agha and said Pakistan's institutions had made remarkable progress regarding legislation and the attitudinal changes towards human rights.

He told the gathering that in case of any human rights violation, Pakistan's state and judicial system took prompt action against those responsible for human rights violation and the people also discouraged such acts.

The president said the world had witnessed immense development but it remained unable to address the economic disparity.

He told the gathering that no religion allowed discrimination on the basis of class, creed and color but it was yet a challenge faced by the world. Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights Khalid George said that Pakistan was playing an effective role promotion of human rights and peace. He said that the Pakistani minorities carrying out their religious practices and celebrating their festivals manifested a sense of freedom and security in the country.

He told the gathering that the government had not only condemned incidents like Jaramwala, but also brought those responsible to justice. Contrarily, in the neighboring

country of India, Christian girls were stripped naked and paraded around the city under the auspices of the state.

Federal Secretary for Human Rights AD Khawaja said the ministry told the participants that the ministry was taking steps to ensure the protection of the rights of all citizens including minorities. He said that currently National Commission for Human Rights, the National Commission for Rights of Women, National Commission on the Status of Women were playing an active role at the national level while the work on the establishment of the National Commission for Minority Rights was going on rapidly.

UNDP Country Head Samuel Rizk said that the UNDP had been working with the human rights ministry to ensure the implementation of UN resolutions on human rights. He said Human Rights Day was observed annually on December 10 to maintain human dignity at the global level and to raise awareness among people about human rights.

The Day is also aimed at preventing violations, creating a sense of responsibility and awareness among the people about their rights, especially women and children. Chairperson National of Commission for Human Rights Pakistan Rabia Javeria Agha said that despite the limited resources, the Commission processed 3400 complaints and issued 12 reports on various issues related to women.

She called for joint efforts by all relevant stakeholders including institutions and NGOs to ensure the protection of women's rights.



QUETTA: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi is inspecting DGPR Information Cell along with Caretaker Provincial Information Minister John Achakzai, Information Secretary Imran Khan, DGPR Balochistan Mohammad Noor Khetrani are also present



KARACHI: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting of prominent members of the Pakistan Stock Exchange, renowned businessmen and investors.

Collective efforts of all stakeholders successfully brought economy back on track: Kakar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has said that the collective efforts of all stakeholders have successfully brought the economy back on track.

He expressed these views while addressing a ceremony marking first auction of the Government Ijarah Sukuk Bond issued by the Pakistan Stock Exchange.

The Prime Minister said the investors have regained confidence after successful signing of a standby agreement with the International Monetary Fund, execution of annual budget 2023-24 and improvement in fiscal and external accounts.

He congratulated all stakeholders on auction of the Government Ijarah Sukuk through PSX.

He also lauded current performance of Pakistan Stock Exchange and said that it has an important role in national economy.

The Prime Minister said initially, Pakistan's economy faced multiple challenges at the start of 2023-2024, but the government addressed structural and macro-economic issues to rectify the situation.

He said the bullish sentiment in the stock exchange become possible by an improved economy, the participation of foreign investors, a high yield, and a stable exchange rate.

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar reiterated the government's commitment to fostering an environment that nurtured the resilience of the capital market, recognizing its critical

role as a stabilizing force that absorbed shocks and steered the economy toward stability. He also called for making efforts to build a capital market that reflects economic strength.

Addressing the ceremony, Caretaker Finance Minister Shamsah Akhtar welcomed the Prime Minister to launch Government Sukuk Auction through Pakistan Stock Exchange. She said the Ijarah Sukuk is a monumental and innovative product being launched for first time beyond the State bank which has total control over government securities.

The Prime Minister also rang the bell of the stock exchange said it did not only herald the market transactions, but also a symphony of progress and prosperity.

TDCP launches campaign to highlight achievements of women migrants

RAWALPINDI (INP): The Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab (TDCP) in collaboration with "The Migrant Project" on Friday launched the awareness campaign "Promotion of Women's Voice in Migration Decision Making" in Ailama Iqbal Park Rawalpindi.

Ms. Nigar Nazar, the first Asian woman cartoonist, winner of the Presidential Award and the program organizer of Gogi Studies conducted the opening ceremony.

The convoy of campaign participants reached Model College for Girls (Post Graduate) F7/2 Islamabad by tourist double-decker bus. The competition was held to highlight the stories, challenges and achievements of women migrants.

The goal of this multi-faceted competition was to make them the voice of those whose stories needed to be heard. Ms. Soumia Sohail, the focal person of the institution, delivered the welcome speech, while Ms. Nigar Nazar, the first Muslim woman cartoonist who spoke on various social issues in Pakistan and abroad, gave special presentation. Empowerment is the need of the hour as women are multi-talented.

He said that she is a strong supporter of women empowerment, gender equality and feminism. Her comic character, Gogi, portrays women's issues in an impressive visual manner and

thanks to this character, she is engaged in efforts to highlight various women's issues. He also distributed informative visual brochures and souvenirs among the students. Gogi Studies team members Namr, Areba, Dr. Sajad, Nabil, Farwa, Sajjad and Zai Huma were appreciated for the successful conduct of the awareness campaign. Islamabad Model College for Girls (Post Graduate) F7/2 Principal Professor Dr. Fouzia Tanveer Shaikh delivered the closing remarks and appreciated the effectiveness of The Migrant Project as well as the efforts being made towards women empowerment.

Prizes were also distributed among the winners in various categories of competitions.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Health Minister Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jozgezi addressing the participants of the 39th Annual Radiology Conference.

Pakistan's exports to South China surged by 65%

BELING (INP): In a significant economic development, Pakistan has witnessed an extraordinary 65% increase in its exports to South China from July 2022 to October 2023, showcasing the nation's growing influence in the region, said Muhammad Irfan Trade & Investment Counsellor at Pakistan Consulate in Guangzhou.

Trade and investment Counsellor said that the surge in trade is particularly notable in key provinces, including Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, and Hunan, which experienced remarkable growth rates of 194%, 3%, 64%, 53%, and 117%, respectively, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Friday.

He said that from July 2022 to Oct 2023 Pakistan exports to the south region were \$334.88 million whereas last year in the same period it was USD 202.71 million which increased by 65% year on year "Fujian Province, renowned for its robust economy and strategic location on China's southern coast, witnessed an impressive 194% surge in imports from Pakistan during this period.

This remarkable growth can be attributed to the strengthening economic ties between the two nations and the increasing demand for Pakistani products in Fujian. The main products imported from Pakistan are Uncombed single cotton yarn, Sesamum seeds, and seafood", he added. He further said that overall Pakistan's exports to China also increased 41% from July 2022 to Oct 2023 worth USD 1.23 billion whereas last year in the same period it was USD 876.6 million. Guangdong, a key economic powerhouse and a major player in China's export landscape, saw a steady 3% rise in imports

from Pakistan. This growth is a testament to the resilience of the trade relationship between the two regions, emphasizing the mutual benefits derived from their economic collaboration. Irfan said that the province of Guangxi experienced a substantial 64% increase in imports from Pakistan, highlighting the diversification of trade avenues and the effectiveness of bilateral trade agreements.

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