

# QUETTA VOICE

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## All Women And Children Released: Federal Minister

**ISLAMABAD:** Following outcry over the baton-charging and arrests of Baloch protesters by Islamabad police, the caretaker government said on Thursday that all women and children had been released.

"On the directives of the premier, it was decided that all women and children, without any exceptions, will be released. Further, all men who have been identified have also been released," said privatisation minister Fawad Hasan Fawad at a press conference in Islamabad alongside Information Minister Muratza Solangi and culture minister Syed Jamal Shah. The development came hours after unanimous condemnations from human rights organisations, analysts and politicians had poured in criticising the "violent state crackdowns" on the Baloch protesters. Islamabad police had arrested dozens of Baloch men and women last night during a demonstration against enforced disappearances and extra-judicial killings. Videos of the arrests shared on social media showed security officials firing water canons and tear gas at the protesters. They could also be



seen dragging Baloch men and women into police vans and beating them with clubs. The police also dismantled camps and loudspeakers set up by the demonstrators outside the National Press Club. Following the outcry, the government had formed a negotiating team comprising Solangi, Fawad and Shah to hold talks with the families of the protesters. During the press conference,

Fawad said that a situation was developed on purpose where police clashed with protesters. He further said that the Islamabad police chief Akbar Nasir Khan had also presented the facts before the Islamabad High Court (IHC).

He said that the IG told the court that protesters were present from beforehand and they did not instigate the chaos. Fawad said that there were some people

present who had already made sure to cover their faces and had planned what to do.

The minister said that the protesters had been advised to demonstrate at another location. "However, they did not pay heed to this advice and when they advanced, the local element which had plans to exploit the situation did so and created such a situation. News Desk

## Governor Balochistan To Step Down, If Arrested Women Not Released: Mengal

Staff Reporter:



**QUETTA:** Chief of the Balochistan National Party (BNP), Sardar Akhtar Mengal, asserted on Thursday that Governor Balochistan would tender his resignation if Baloch women, who were arrested by Islamabad police, were not released. Speaking at a press conference at his residence, Akhtar Mengal announced that the Governor is scheduled to depart for Islamabad tomorrow to meet with the President and the Caretaker Prime Minister.

"If the arrested women are not released, the Governor will submit his resignation," declared the BNP Chief.

Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Kakar, and other leaders were also present at the event. It's noteworthy that the Governor belongs to the BNP Mengal.

**"I would adhere to the party chief's instructions", Governor Balochistan**

Sardar Akhtar Mengal criticized the ruling authorities for neglecting the grievances of the Baloch masses despite repeated calls and protests. "We demand justice," he emphasized. Responding to questions about resignation, Malik Wali Kakar, the Governor,

stated that he would adhere to the party chief's instructions in this regard. The BNP Chief strongly condemned the use of force against the protesting Baloch women advocating for missing persons. He expressed disappointment that instead of addressing the concerns of the protesters,

Islamabad police resorted to tear gas and baton charges in the capital.

The Baloch nationalist leader urged the federal caretaker government to ensure the immediate release of the arrested women and children and to address the broader issue of missing persons in the country.

## Dr. Malik Baloch Speaks To PM Kakar, Demands Release Of Women

Dawood Ahmed:

**ISLAMABAD:** In a telephone call, the President of the National Party and former Chief Minister of Balochistan, Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, communicated with Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar Haq Kakar.

Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch expressed the National Party's urgent demand for the immediate release of participants in the Baloch Long March.

He conveyed the party's deep concern regarding the late-night violence and the arrests of women and children involved in the peaceful protest.

Dr. Abdul Malik emphasized that peaceful protest is an inherent right of every citizen in the country, and any attempt by the government to curtail this right is not only unacceptable but also likely to lead to further complications.

### Islamabad Should Not Be a No-Go Area For Protesters

Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch highlighted that, regrettably, various political parties have engaged in violent protests in Islamabad in the recent past, targeting institutions such as the Supreme Court, Parliament House, and PTV buildings. Conversely, he pointed out the creation of the Islamabad Nogo area for peaceful Baloch



demonstrators and expressed incomprehension at the government's use of violence in that specific context. Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch demanded the unconditional and immediate release of all participants in the peaceful protest, especially women and children.

He urged the caretaker prime minister to engage in negotiations with the protesters to address their concerns. Meanwhile, Senator Mir Tahir Bizenjo of the National Party also contacted the Prime Minister, echoing the demand for the release of arrested participants in the Long March.

## Balochistan Election 2024: 770 Candidates Vie for Seats

Staff Reporter:



**QUETTA:** In the run-up to the upcoming general elections, a surge of democratic enthusiasm has been witnessed in Quetta, as 770 candidates have initiated the nomination process for the three National Assembly seats and nine Provincial Assembly seats. The Provincial Election Commission's spokesperson shared key updates, shedding light on the current status of nominations from various constituencies.

**National Assembly Contest:**

**1:NA 262 Quetta I:** 72 candidates have received nomination papers. 2 nominations have been submitted.

**2:NA 263 Quetta II:** 84 nomination papers are pending. 2 nominations have been collected.

**3:NA 264 Quetta III:** 65 candidates are expected to be nominated. 1 nomination has been submitted.

**Provincial Assembly Highlights:**

**1:PB 38 Quetta:** 47 nomination forms are pending.

**2:PB 39 Quetta:** 68 nomination forms are pending. 4 nominations have been collected.

**3:PB 40 Quetta:** 59 nomination papers are pending.

**4:PB 41 Quetta:**

Recruitment is ongoing, with 2 nominations received.

**5:PB 42 Quetta:** Maximum participation was observed with 84 released papers and 10 collected nominations.

**6:PB 43 Quetta:** 49 aspirants have received nomination papers. 6 nominations have been submitted.

**7:PB 44 Quetta:** 76 individuals have received papers. 2 nominations have been submitted.

**8:PB 45 Quetta:** Nomination papers are in progress. 2 nominations have been submitted.

**9:PB 46 Quetta:** 67 candidates are expected to be nominated. 2 nominations have been collected.

The spokesperson emphasized that the nomination process is ongoing, indicating a robust response from prospective candidates. As Quetta gears up for the elections, the diverse range of constituencies reflects a dynamic democratic landscape, with candidates actively engaging in the democratic process. The election commission encourages further participation, underscoring the significance of citizens exercising their right to contribute to the nation's democratic journey. Stay tuned for more updates as the election season unfolds.

## BUIITEMS Celebrates 19th Convocation: 589 Graduates Lauded for Academic Excellence

Manan Mandokhail:

**QUETTA:** In a spectacular ceremony held on Thursday, the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) commemorated its 19th Convocation, applauding the accomplishments of 589 graduates from 32 diverse departments. The event, a testament to academic prowess, featured the conferral of degrees upon outstanding students in MS, MBA, and BS programs.

### Governor Balochistan Graced The Occasion

The prestigious occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar, who bestowed 40 gold medals and 7 Badges of Honor upon high-achieving graduates. Noteworthy distinctions included 17 recipients of MS degrees, 12 MBA graduates, and an impressive 560 students completing their BS degrees. The Zhab campus also witnessed the conferral of degrees upon students from four departments.

In his address, Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar underscored the transformative role envisioned for the graduating students in eliminating the developmental disparities in Balochistan. He expressed profound pride in the



educated and skilled youth, emphasizing their success as a beacon for a secure and vibrant future for both Balochistan and Pakistan.

### Governor Encouraged Graduates To Remain Resilient

Governor Kakar encouraged the graduates to remain resilient in the face of challenges, urging them to prioritize education and skill development.

He lauded BUIITEMS as a source of hope for the province's youth.

Chancellor BUIITEMS, Professor Dr. Khalid Hafeez, underscored the university's commitment to delivering quality education and research aligned with international standards. He commended the tireless efforts of the faculty and staff, recognizing their pivotal role in shaping the nation's future.

Dr. Khalid Hafeez expressed confidence in the graduates, equipped with four-year degrees from BUIITEMS, making substantial contributions to the social, economic, and industrial progress of the region. The convocation witnessed a distinguished gathering, including provincial ministers, senior government officials, and members of the public. The lively participation of students and their parents added to the festive ambience of this momentous event.





## China, Pakistan sign MoU on biodiversity conservation

BEIJING (INP): China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Fund (CBCGDF) and Raptor Centre for Conservation and Rehabilitation Pakistan signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to collaborate on biodiversity conservation.

The two parties have agreed to enhance their cooperation in building community-level biodiversity conservation networks and raising awareness about the conservators of raptor biodiversity.

They also aim to improve in-service

training and specialty courses on raptor identification, conservation, and habitat assessment, as well as to assist in the capacity building of professionals.

In accordance with the guiding principles of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), the parties will formulate a multi-species action plan for raptors.

They will also establish essential facilities for the rescue, retraining, and breeding of raptors, and devise a plan to raise awareness about raptor conservation.

These efforts will significantly contribute to preventing the extinction of raptors.

China and Pakistan have long shared prosperity and adversity, supporting each other in coping with major challenges such as natural disasters. CBCGDF responded promptly and initiated cooperation with Pakistan and its scientific community.

It has participated in the "Monitoring and Assessment of Desert Locust Plagues in Asia and Africa" project of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, conducted remote sensing monitoring of biodiversity in Paki-

stan, and offered early warning of invasive species to assist Pakistan in safeguarding food security.

Under the Memorandum, the two parties will collaborate to initiate a new approach to global biodiversity governance that is fairer and more equitable.

Each party will strive to achieve the inspiring vision of harmonious coexistence between humans and nature, and to further strengthen the China-Pakistan community with a shared fate in the new era. The MoU was signed in Islamabad on Thursday.



Naseerabad: Group photo of the teachers of Government Model High School with Commissioner Tariq Qamar Baloch.

## Govt committed to ensure peace, equal rights to all citizens: Ali

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Dr Arif Alvi has said that the government was fully committed to ensure peace, tranquility and equal rights to all citizens of the country irrespective of caste, creed and religion as enunciated in the Islamic teaching, pronounced by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and laid down by the Constitution of Pakistan.

Being an Islamic welfare state, it was their duty to safeguard the basic rights of all religious minorities, he said and reassured that their all rights would be completely protected at all costs as the successive governments had been making strenuous efforts in this regard.

While addressing a ceremony held here at the Aitwan-e-Sadr on Thursday in connection with the celebrations of Christmas, the president said Prophet Isa (AS) was an embodiment of peace and affection and these values were much needed in today's world shaken by strife, conflicts and wars.

He said that teachings of Islam as well as by almost all religions laid emphasis upon the value of human life and when its value was reduced, it gave rise to conflicts. "Wars and carnage are no solutions. My message to the world is, wars must end," he stressed.

The ceremony was arranged by the ministry of religious affairs and attended by e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of nation, in his historic and memorable speech of August 11, 1947 had stressed that everyone irrespective of colour, creed and religion would have the equal rights, privileges and obligations, besides complete religious freedom in the new State of Pakistan, he added.

He also appreciated the contributions of religious minorities

had been lost but the human hearts had not melted, he added. He opined that despite the United Nations' calling for immediate ceasefire and a denunciation by the Pope himself, the carnage of Palestinians including Christians continued where churches besides, mosques were razed to the ground.

The enlightened world advocating the tenets of democratic values was so oblivious to the humanitarian woes in the conflict, he added. He said when Pakistan Resolution was passed during 1940, a simultaneous resolution over Palestine was also adopted and reaffirmed that the two-state was the only solution to the issue.

President Alvi said in Pakistan, all communities were enjoying equal rights and living with peace which was "a beautiful banquet" of interfaith harmony and unity. Recollecting the tragic Jaranaula incident, he said whenever an incident involving religious minorities surfaced, the governments had immediately responded and also commended the judiciary for playing a significant role in ensuring their rights.

He said Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) and the Caliphs also repeatedly advised and acted for the protection of rights, places of worship and lives of the followers of other faiths.

Moreover, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of nation, in his historic and memorable speech of August 11, 1947 had stressed that everyone irrespective of colour, creed and religion would have the equal rights, privileges and obligations, besides complete religious freedom in the new State of Pakistan, he added.

He urged the religious leaders to spread the message of peace and love in the world, adding that the white colour in the national flag of Pakistan declared that the country could not be completed without their religious minorities. Archbishop of twin-cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, Dr Joseph Arshad said that there was need to reinforce the spiritual message of peace, affection and interfaith harmony as spread by Hazrat Isa (AS). He said the Christians and all other religious communities would continue playing their role in the progress and prosperity of the country.

Bishop of Lahore Diocese Nadeem Kamran, in his remarks, said that the joyous day reminded them to further foster brotherhood.

### BEFORE THE JUDGE BENKING COURT BALOCHISTAN AT DISTRICT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBOL QUETTA

SUIT NO. 71/2023

Bank Alfalah Limited through Team Leader SME & Commercial, Main Branch M.A. Jinnah Road Quetta. Plaintiff

versus

M/s. Ahmed Petroleum through its sole proprietor Shahid Aziz son of Muhammad Aziz. Defendant

House No. 5-8/9 Shawak Shah Road Quetta.  
House No. 34/13 Khurashed Alam Road Lahore.  
Cell No. 03218103000. Defendant

### SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS. 12,760,255/63 US 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE NO. XLVI OF 2001.

Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Bankers' Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS. 12,760,255/63 balance of principal & interest/mark up due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint. Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is 06-02-2024.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 21 day of December, 2023.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)  
REGISTRAR  
Banking Court Balochistan Quetta



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi addressing the Christmas Celebration Ceremony 2023, at Aitwan-e-Sadr.

## SC directs Sindh govt for urgent measures to facilitate nullah affectees

KARACHI (INP): The Supreme Court (SC) on Thursday directed the Sindh chief secretary for urgent measures to facilitate families of affectees, whose houses were razed in an anti-encroachment drive around Gujjar, Orangi Town, and Mehmoodabad nullahs.

The SC Karachi Registry passed the orders while hearing a plea for an anti-encroachment drive around Gujjar, Orangi Town, and Mehmoodabad nullahs. The bench gave 15 days time to the caretaker government for approval of the funds to compensate the affectees. The court summoned Mayor Karachi

Murtaza Wahab, Chief Secretary, Commissioner Karachi, and other officials to address the issue.

Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar sought clarification from the relevant authorities on the status of the alternative homes of the affected families. The cabinet is pending regarding the compensation to the affectees. "Whether the cabinet is involved or not, the court order must be implemented," Justice Ali Mazhar said.

Mayor Karachi stated that the relevant

authorities are currently considering two options, which are to provide the affectees an alternative plot with construction or provide plots with cash.

"The land has been allotted, and the anti-encroachment drive will be commenced after the approval of the Chief Secretary," Murtaza Wahab responded to a question. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar reiterated the urgency, stating, "One will be given, another will come, or its responsibility to vacate the land."

The focal person of the Sindh Government explained to the court

that the 600 victims – to whom the compensation cheques were not provided – did not have valid CNIC, some of them did not contact, and some are dead. The Supreme Court directed to submit the list of the victims to the lawyer, expressing hope for progress in the coming days.

Mayor Karachi assured the court that a total of 491 compensation cheques are left, which will be handed over to the victims soon. The court urged every possible effort to hasten the process of distributing the checks to the affected families.

## Yekaterina Duntsova to contest presidential election against Vladimir Putin

MOSCOW (INP): Yekaterina Duntsova, former TV journalist, flexes muscles to contest Russian presidential election against Vladimir Putin, being held in March. Putin was expected to be victorious with clear majority.

In an interview last month, 40-year-old Yekaterina Duntsova called for an end to the conflict in Ukraine and the release of political prisoners including opposition leader Alexei Navalny. To formally enter the election, she submitted documents to officials at the Central Electoral Commission. Putin's victory is widely seen as a foregone conclusion by supporters and opponents alike.

She now faces a major hurdle to obtain permission if she thought the authorities would actually allow her to stand.

"Why are we talking about permission if this is my right according to the law and I have that possibility and have the necessary qualities to put myself forward?" she replied.

"We are just moving according to the law prescribed by the law, and for that we don't need anyone's permission."

Putin, 71, has been in power as president or prime minister since 1999

and is seeking another six-year term. "With Navalny serving prison sentences totalling more than 30 years and other leading Kremlin critics either behind bars or outside the country because of the risk of arrest, there is no established opposition figure to challenge him."

Navalny's supporters call the process a

sham, saying the Kremlin, via the electoral commissions, controls who can run and can easily manipulate the vote if needed with the help of either behind bars or outside the country because of the risk of arrest, there is no established opposition figure to challenge him.

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MINISTRY OF HOUSING & WORKS  
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**INVITATION TO E-TENDERING**

PHA Foundation Ministry of Housing & Works Government of Pakistan is carrying out DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS PHASE-II FOR PAFH-MULTI STOREY APARTMENTS AT SECTION F-72, ISLAMABAD. Electronic bids tenders are invited on percentage basis (Known-Value PAFH) Schedule 2002 for the following mentioned works from the contractors licensed by the Pakistan Engineering Council in the relevant/appropriate category along with specialization codes for the following mentioned work and meeting the criteria prescribed in bidding documents using Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure under PPRPA 2006:

Sl. No.	Contract Number	Name	CATEGORY	PEC	Bid Security (Rs.)	Submission of Bids date & Time	Technical Bids opening date & Time
1	PHAF-27/10/23	Development of Infrastructure Works Phase-II for PAFH-Multi Storey Apartments at Section F-72, Islamabad.	CE-01-CE-04, CE-02-CE-04, CE-03-CE-04, CE-04-CE-04, CE-05-CE-04, CE-06-CE-04, CE-07-CE-04, CE-08-CE-04, CE-09-CE-04, CE-10-CE-04, CE-11-CE-04, CE-12-CE-04, CE-13-CE-04, CE-14-CE-04, CE-15-CE-04, CE-16-CE-04, CE-17-CE-04, CE-18-CE-04, CE-19-CE-04, CE-20-CE-04, CE-21-CE-04, CE-22-CE-04, CE-23-CE-04, CE-24-CE-04, CE-25-CE-04, CE-26-CE-04, CE-27-CE-04, CE-28-CE-04, CE-29-CE-04, CE-30-CE-04, CE-31-CE-04, CE-32-CE-04, CE-33-CE-04, CE-34-CE-04, CE-35-CE-04, CE-36-CE-04, CE-37-CE-04, CE-38-CE-04, CE-39-CE-04, CE-40-CE-04, CE-41-CE-04, CE-42-CE-04, CE-43-CE-04, CE-44-CE-04, CE-45-CE-04, CE-46-CE-04, CE-47-CE-04, CE-48-CE-04, CE-49-CE-04, CE-50-CE-04, CE-51-CE-04, CE-52-CE-04, CE-53-CE-04, CE-54-CE-04, CE-55-CE-04, CE-56-CE-04, CE-57-CE-04, CE-58-CE-04, CE-59-CE-04, CE-60-CE-04, CE-61-CE-04, CE-62-CE-04, CE-63-CE-04, CE-64-CE-04, CE-65-CE-04, CE-66-CE-04, CE-67-CE-04, CE-68-CE-04, CE-69-CE-04, CE-70-CE-04, CE-71-CE-04, CE-72-CE-04, CE-73-CE-04, CE-74-CE-04, CE-75-CE-04, CE-76-CE-04, CE-77-CE-04, CE-78-CE-04, CE-79-CE-04, CE-80-CE-04, CE-81-CE-04, CE-82-CE-04, CE-83-CE-04, CE-84-CE-04, CE-85-CE-04, CE-86-CE-04, CE-87-CE-04, CE-88-CE-04, CE-89-CE-04, CE-90-CE-04, CE-91-CE-04, CE-92-CE-04, CE-93-CE-04, CE-94-CE-04, CE-95-CE-04, CE-96-CE-04, CE-97-CE-04, CE-98-CE-04, CE-99-CE-04, CE-100-CE-04	Rs. 20,000,000/-	11.01.2024 at 11:30 AM	11.01.2024 at 11:30 AM	

1) A complete set of Bidding Documents (i.e. tender drawings, bidding documents, technical specifications, BDO etc.) may be downloaded from the official website of PHAF at (www.pha.gov.pk) by an interested bidder after uploading of scanned copies of valid updated registration certificate with Pakistan Engineering Council in the relevant category and Pay Order/Demand Draft/Bank slip in favor of PHAF Foundation amounting to Rs 5000 (Rupees Five Thousand) as documentation fee.

2) Any further information may be obtained by inspecting at the Office of the Director Engg-II at First Floor Shaheed-e-Millat Secretariat, Jinnah Avenue Islamabad.

3) Bids must be submitted in two duly sealed envelopes separately with MARK FINANCIAL PROPOSAL and TECHNICAL PROPOSAL with single outer envelope on or before 11:00 AM on 11-01-2024 in the office of Director (Engg-II) PHAF in original duly signed and stamped & a scanned copy must be uploaded at PHAF official website designated location link and only technical bids will be opened at 11:30 AM the same day by the bid opening committee in the committee room of PHAF in the presence of bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

4) Valid PEC registration and NTN (Active Tax Payer).

5) Specified codes issued by Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) to Firm/Bidder in the advertisement date are acceptable. Conversely, codes issued just the advertisement date will be not accepted.

6) Incomplete and conditional bids shall not be considered.

7) No tender through Fax, Telephone and Telex would be entertained.

8) In case of difference between the bid submitted in the office of Director (Engg-II) (in hand) and the one uploaded (scanned copy) that is in case of any ambiguity/discrepancy in hand and scanned copy in the bid shall be rejected and non-responsive.

9) No Bidding Document shall be available for downloading on the date fixed for opening of bids.

10) In case of any unforeseen reasons public holiday unless or force majeure on the bid submission/ opening date the Bid shall be opened on the next working day at the same place and time.

11) All the federal taxes will be deducted from bills of the contractor as prescribed rates as per government policy issued from time to time.

12) If the successful bidder repudiate the contract its entire security deposit shall be forfeited in favour of PHAF. Further he shall be blacklisted.

13) PHAF Foundation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid in accordance with SSP PPRPA Rules 2004.

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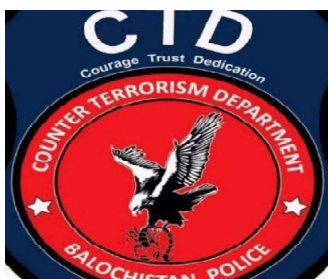
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### BYC Protest In Support Of Terrorists Beyond Comprehension: CTD

News Desk:

QUETTA: The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) on Thursday said the protest by the Baloch Yekjehti Committee (BYC) for terrorists was beyond comprehension. In a recent report, Balochistan's Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) disclosed that Balach, a key figure in the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), was killed by his comrades during an operation near Pashi.

The report also revealed Balach's arrest on November 20, where 5 kg of explosives were seized from him. The CTD's findings highlighted 158 BLA and Baloch Liberation Front (BLF) operations in Turbat this year, resulting in 66 deaths and 30 injuries. The report underscored the success-



ful arrest of eight high-profile militants, including Balach, in a month. This revelation has raised questions about internal dynamics and loyalty within Baloch insurgent groups.



QUETTA: Provincial Project Director MSF (Ms. Ivi bojmic) is meeting with Additional Chief Secretary Interior Zahid Saleem.

### Pakistan calls for holding Israel accountable for its evil actions

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan has called for holding Israel accountable for its evil actions and urged the United Nations Security Council to take immediate effective action to impose a ceasefire and lift the inhumane siege against Gaza.

At her weekly media briefing in Islamabad on Thursday, Foreign Officer Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said Pakistan remains deeply concerned over the ongoing campaign of brutality and large-scale massacre unleashed upon the Palestinian people.

She said we strongly con-

demn Israel's ongoing war on hospitals and its barbarous bulldozing of tents in the courtyard and vicinity of the Kamal Adwan Hospital in Gaza that crushed to death numerous Palestinians including women, children and wounded patients under treatment.

She said the crimes against humanity in occupied Palestine are a haunting stain on the conscience of humanity.

The Spokesperson said Pakistan is also deeply concerned over the recent statements made by senior Israeli officials, rejecting the creation of a viable and independent

Palestinian state.

She said such statements, especially the comments on the "Oslo Accords", reflect the true intentions of the Israeli occupation authorities, their disregard for International law and commitments and rejection of a just resolution of the Palestinian question.

Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said Pakistan firmly believes that the only just solution to the Palestinian question is the creation of an independent, viable, sovereign and contiguous Palestinian State along pre-June 1967 borders with Al-Quds-Al-Sharif as its capital.

### Vast majority of Pakistanis perceive CPEC positive for Pak economy: Report

BEIJING (INP): As 2023 marks the 10th anniversary of the launch of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a report titled "Perceptions on CPEC in Pakistan" was launched at the 8th CPEC Media Forum hosted by the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan and organized by China Economic Net and Pakistan-China Institute.

Data from the report indicates that there is widespread agreement among Pakistanis that CPEC will

help revive economic activity in Pakistan. The report draws its insight from 350 individuals encompassing key stakeholders including 62 government employees, 22 parliamentarians, civil sector representatives, private sector professionals, journalists, members of academia and students from Punjab.

Balochistan, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Kashmir and Gilgit. Based on the report, 65% of the respondents view Chinese professionals as friends of Pakistan who will help revive the country's

economy and socio-economic well-being.

This means a majority of Pakistanis perceive CPEC will prove to be beneficial for the country and its people.

About how CPEC will help Pakistan, 93.5% of the respondents view CPEC as a project that will significantly help Pakistan through investment in various sectors while also opening avenues for businesses.

And, 75.1% of the respondents agree that through CPEC, local businesses will get access to international markets.

Moreover, 61.1% of the respondents believe that CPEC will help economically vulnerable groups such as women, which signals positive segments among the Pakistanis with regards to how CPEC is slowly revolutionizing the economy by improving the socio-economic well-being of the people. Additionally, 66.9% of the respondents think that investment under CPEC can significantly improve the agricultural industry of Pakistan, and 72.7% of the respondents believe that CPEC has helped develop state-of-the-art infrastructure in the country.

Looking into the future, 54.2% of the respondents think CPEC should focus on business opportunities more, followed by education (13%), health (5.9%), IT (2.3%), etc. Overall, the majority of the respondents perceive CPEC positively as a game-changer for Pakistan's economy.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Privatisation and Inter-Provincial Coordination Fawad Hussain Fawad calls on the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakkar.

### Sherry rules out possibility of seat adjustment with JUI-F

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former minister senior leader of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Sherry Rehman has ruled out any possibility of seat adjustment with Jamaat Ulema-e-Islam Fazal (JUI-F) alleging the latter did not want to timely general elections.

Talking to a private news channel on Thursday, she said, "The JUI-F was part of the coalition government, however, this time the situation is different, but PPP doors are always open to other political opponents."

Sherry Rehman said that the PPP was committed to launch a vigorous electoral campaign from Garhi Khuda Bakhs on December 27, on

the death anniversary of BB Shaukat.

The PPP was the only party that stresses the need for holding timely elections in the country, she claimed adding the other political parties in the country were seemingly running away from the polls.

She deplored that different tactics were used in the past to create rifts in her party, their all attempts went in vein, and the PPP raised the slogan 'Pakistan Khappay' (Long live Pakistan). "We would never let anyone break Sindh," said Sherry.

The PPP leader urged the politicians to abstain from politics of division as the country is going through tough condi-

tions. She emphasized that the national interest must be above everything else.

Sherry Rehman was optimistic to form next government, saying that the PPP would contest elections from all constituencies across the country, and results in Punjab would be different.

She noted that the PPP wanted a level playing field for all the parties to contest the next polls in a free and fair manner.

In response to a query, she remarked PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto is a young politician and he will be the candidate of her party for the slot of prime minister in the upcoming elections.

### CPEC Balochistan Forum to equip journalists in under-developed areas

ISLAMABAD (INP): The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Media Forum Balochistan Initiative was launched on Tuesday to equip the journalists in underdeveloped areas of Balochistan with information of the Chinese investment in the region and its positive impacts.

In an exclusive interview with Gwadar Pro, Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi said that the CPEC Media Forum Balochistan Initiative will equip the local journalists of Balochistan with the right information about CPEC projects.

He said, "CPEC starts from Gilgit-Baltistan to Gwadar, and it cannot be completed without the development of Balochistan, especially Gwadar."

We should encourage more

journalists to join the media industry especially focusing on the region's developmental projects and will give them the right information to encounter the negative propaganda against the corridor."

On asking about the availability of media education at the University of Gwadar one of the University students Saman was present at the forum told the correspondent that journalism has not been introduced at Gwadar University as yet, and introducing media education at the university level will help youth play their role in this field.

Adding to the role of the media industry in Balochistan Chairman Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) Senator Mushahid Hussain said he elaborated that the local media channel journalists from print as well as electronic media

should be supported by both Chinese and Pakistani governments to convey the right information to the locals.

"Supporting journalists in underdeveloped areas of Balochistan through this initiative will not only empower them but will also play a crucial role in promoting transparency, accountability, and civic engagement," he said.

The focus of the 8th CPEC Media Forum jointly organized by Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) and China Economic Net (CEN) was "Next decade of CPEC: Opportunities & learning from past decade".

The Forum conducted in-depth exchanges and discussions on topics including "3rd Belt and Road Forum: Opportunities for Green Development."



QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafaqat is presiding over the meeting regarding solving the problems faced by the Revenue Employees and the Operative Housing Society Chashma Achozai.

### Speakers stress Kashmir settlement under UN resolutions

RAWALAKOT (INP): The speakers addressing a seminar have stressed the settlement of the lingering Kashmir dispute according to the United Nations resolutions.

According to Kashmir Media Service, the seminar was organized by Pashan-e-Hurriyat Jammu and Kashmir at Poonch Medical College in Rawalakot on Thursday.

The speakers said the Indian government was using the worst military force to suppress the freedom struggle of the Kashmiri people and the citizens, demanding freedom, rights and justice under the oppressive black laws like Armed Forces Special Powers Act, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Public Safety Act, were being martyred in fake encounters or sent to jails.

They said in occupied Kashmir, the agencies under

the influence of Indian National Investigation Agency and New Delhi-controlled State Investigation Agency were occupying the lands of the Kashmiri citizens, besides demolishing their properties and taking them into custody.

The speakers deplored the United Nations have passed several resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir, however, it has failed to implement them. The Kashmiri people have been struggling continuously for the last over seven decades for freedom from Indian military oppression and would continue to till taking it to its logical conclusion, they added. The speakers demanded of the United Nations and Organization of Islamic Cooperation to help stop the Indian brutalities in the occupied territory. They also urged the government of Azad Kashmir to announce an

anti-India protest movement regarding the Indian Supreme Court's recent verdict on Kashmir's special status. The speakers also termed the Israeli aggression on Palestine as a big challenge for the Muslim Ummah and appealed it to play a practical role in the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. The speakers included Principal of the college Professor Dr. Chaudhry Muhammad Shabbir, Chairman of Pashan-e-Hurriyat Uzair Ahmed Ghazali, Professor Rukhsana Firdous, Professor Shakeel Sadiq, Liaquat Ali Rana, Muhammad Fayyaz Khan and Usman. After the seminar, professors, students and staff of the college took a symbolic walk to demand the right to self-determination of the Kashmiri people and prayed for the martyrs of Kashmir and Palestine.

**BEFORE THE JUDGE BENKING COURT BALOCHISTAN DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-JOBL QUETTA**

SUIT NO. 70/2023

National Bank of Pakistan, Usta Muhammad Branch through its Manager. Plaintiff

versus

1. Aaqib Flour Mill through its sole proprietor Safar Ud Din son of Peer Bakhs. i. Aaqib Flour Mill Mirwah Road Usta Muhammad. House No. 87/1, Somro Street Mohallah Qadir Shah Usta Muhammad. ii. Jamal Akhtar son of Safar Ud Din Resident of House No. 87/1, Somro Street Mohallah Qadir Shah Usta Muhammad. Defendant

**SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS. 27,981,844/20 US \$ 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE NO. XLVI OF 2001.**

Notice to - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS. 27,981,844/20 balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is 15-12-2024.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 21 day of December, 2023.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN) REGISTRAR

Banking Court Balochistan Quetta