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File photo: People gathered outside the coal mine where two coal miners were trapped in Dukki area of Balochistan: Photo provided by the author

Police Arrest Drug Peddler for Providing Narcotics to a Child in Panjgur

From Our Correspondent:

PANJGUR: A man was arrested by police after a video showing him providing narcotics to a child went viral on social media, prompting swift action from law enforcement in Balochistan's Panjgur district.

The accused, identified as Nawab, son of Muhammad Omar, was apprehended after the disturbing footage caught the attention of authorities. The video, which spread rapidly online, showed Nawab engaging in the illegal act, sparking outrage and calls for immediate action.

Syed Fazil Shah Bukhari, the Superintendent of Police in Panjgur, personally oversaw the arrest of the drug peddler. Following his arrest, a case was registered against Nawab, who now faces serious charges for his involvement in this criminal activity.

The incident has raised concerns about the increasing influence of drug-related activities in the region and the alarming exposure of children to such dangers. Police have assured the public that they will continue to take stringent measures to combat the drug menace and protect the community, especially vulnerable children, from such harmful influences.

Punjab offers Rs10m bounties for Kacha daocits as Rahim Yar Khan toll hits 12

LAHORE: The Punjab government has announced bounties of up to Rs10 million on the heads of the most dangerous kacha daocits in an effort to eliminate the persistent threat posed by these criminals.

According to a government notification issued on Friday, high-value targets are subject to a Rs10 million bounty, while Rs5 million and Rs2.5 million rewards are being offered for other dangerous bandits in lower categories. The decision is part of a broader strategy to restore peace in the region, following decades of costly and largely unsuccessful operations against the daocits.

Meanwhile, in the aftermath of yesterday's violent incident in which a police van was attacked with rockets, resulting in the deaths of over 12 policemen and multiple injuries, the Punjab government has replaced the top police command in Rahim Yar Khan. DPO Imran Ahmed Malik, SP Muhammad Javed Akhtar Jatoi, and DSP Kaleem Ahmad.

Landslide Claims Coal Miner's Life in Balochistan's Dukki District

Hussain Zarkoon:

DUKKI: A landslide claimed the life of a coal miner in Balochistan's Dukki district on Friday. The miner, identified as Syed Muhammad, son of Abdul Kareem, was working deep within the mine when the tragic incident occurred, according to Leves sources.

Syed Muhammad, a native of neighboring Afghanistan, was buried under a mass of earth and rubble, underscoring the dangerous conditions that coal miners face every day. Despite efforts by fellow miners

and emergency personnel, Syed Muhammad could not be saved. His body was later retrieved and transferred to the District Headquarters Hospital in Dukki.

Following the completion of legal formalities, his body was sent back to Afghanistan for burial. **Dangerous Working Conditions: An Ongoing Threat** This unfortunate event sheds light on the hazardous working conditions in Balochistan's coal mines, where accidents regularly result in the loss of lives.

The perilous environment, combined with inadequate safety measures and weak enforcement of regulations, continues to put miners' lives at significant risk.

Despite ongoing appeals for better safety protocols, little progress has been made, leaving these workers exposed to constant danger. The urgency for reforms in the mining sector is paramount, as the lives of those who labor in these treacherous conditions remain in jeopardy.



Pakistan's 2nd mpox case detected in Peshawar: health official

NEWS DESK: Pakistan's second case of the mpox virus (previously monkeypox) has been reported at the Peshawar airport, the national health coordinator confirmed on Friday. The World Health Organisation (WHO) last week declared the recent outbreak of the disease as a public health emergency of international concern after the new variant of the virus, Clade 1b, was identified.

The Clade 1b variant has triggered global concern due to the ease with which it spreads through routine close contact. However, the mpox outbreak is not another Covid-19, the WHO has said, because much is already known about the virus and the means to control it. "A second case of mpox has been reported in Pakistan, which has come from a Gulf country," Dr Malik Mukhtar Ahmad, the

Prime Minister's coordinator for health, was quoted as saying by PTV News. "The health desk at the Peshawar airport shifted the patient to a hospital," Dr Mukhtar added. The health coordinator did not specify whether the virus strain of the case had been confirmed so far. The health ministry clarified earlier this week that the first mpox case detected in Pakistan was of the clade 2 variety and that no cases of the clade 1b strain of the disease have been diagnosed.

Dr Mukhtar further said that the health ministry was ensuring continuous monitoring of the situation through an "effective system of screening and surveillance at all airports." The staff of Border Health Services were engaged at airports and entry points for scrutiny

of suspected cases and to ensure "serious steps to keep the public safe from epidemics," PTV News quoted Dr Mukhtar as saying.

Dr Naseem Akhtar, the focal person at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (Pims), had said on Monday that a 47-year-old traveller from the Middle East was referred by the airport authorities to Pims on suspicion of being infected with mpox.

The individual was working as a labourer in the Middle East and was a resident of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Dr Akhtar had said. A day ago, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued an urgent advisory concerning the outbreak, Radio Pakistan reported. The advisory aimed to provide a comprehensive overview of the current global.

Police Arrest Assistant Food Controller in Zhob Over Missing Wheat Bags

From Our Correspondent:

ZHOB: In a significant crackdown on corruption, Zhob Police have arrested an Assistant Food Controller of the Balochistan Food Department after more than 4,000 wheat bags were found missing in the district. The accused, identified as Zafar Khan, was taken into custody and shifted to the Zhob police station, where a case has been registered against him.

The arrest comes as part of a broader investigation into the disappearance of the wheat bags, with other suspects also apprehended in connection with the scandal. The District Police Officer (DPO) of Zhob, Syed Saboor Agha, personally oversaw the operation, ensuring that those responsible for this massive theft were brought

to justice. The discovery of this corruption scandal has sparked outrage in the community, but many have expressed their appreciation for the decisive action taken by the police. "Law will take its course," said DPO Syed Saboor Agha, reaffirming the commitment to holding those involved accountable. The police's swift response in unearthing this corruption and arresting the culprits has been widely praised, as it sends a strong message against the corrupt practices that undermine public trust and the fair distribution of essential resources like wheat.

Balochistan food department has also launched an inquiry into the missing of wheat bags from Zhob district of Balochistan.



DPO Zhob, Syed Saboor Agha inspecting the wheat bags in Zhob

Utility Stores Employees Stage Protest Against Potential Closure Across Pakistan

Manan Mandokhail:

QUETTA: A large number of utility store employees staged protests across the country on Friday in response to the government's decision, stating that nationwide protests would intensify, culminating in a major demonstration at D-Chowk in Islamabad.

The protests erupted shortly after the Ministry for Industries and Production (MoIP) Secretary Saif Anjum revealed during a Senate Standing Committee session, Senator Saifullah Niazi questioned the government's plans regarding the future of utility stores. In response, MoIP Secretary Saif Anjum confirmed that discussions were underway to shut down these stores.

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Incident Overview The protests, spearheaded by the Utility Stores Employees Union, gained momentum as employees expressed their outrage over the potential loss of ap-

proximately 60,000 jobs. Central leader Ghulam Haider Achakzai condemned the government's decision, stating that nationwide protests would intensify, culminating in a major demonstration at D-Chowk in Islamabad.

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Citing the government's desire to exit non-essential businesses.

He argued that providing relief to utility stores stifles competition in the market.



USC employees staging a protest demonstration outside the Quetta Press Club

Lack of implementation hampers efforts to end Child Marriages in Balochistan

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Girls Pulled from Schools Due to Poverty in Balochistan

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Business leader commends govt's decision to reduce its expenditures

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EDITORIAL

Quetta Green Bus Promise: Govt Urged to Turn Commitments into Action

Editorial:
In a seemingly promising move to uplift transportation standards, the Balochistan government has unfolded plans for an extensive expansion of the green bus fleet. The visionary initiative, spearheaded by Dr. Faisal Ahmed Khan, CEO of Balochistan Public Private Partnership (BPPP), aims to introduce 25 additional eco-friendly buses to the streets of Quetta. However, as the government unveils plans, the pressing question looms — will these promises translate into tangible improvements for the provincial capital's long-suffering commuters?

Green Bus Expansion Now A Long Standing Demand
Originally sanctioned by former Chief Minister Jam Kamal Khan, the plan now gaining momentum under the current administration, underscores the government's commitment to sustainable and accessible transportation. With an ambitious target of deploying 100 green buses across Quetta in the imminent months, the expansion spans beyond the city center, promising relief to residents in areas like Hazara Town, Marriabad, Samangli Road, Sarrah Cantonment, Nawab Killi, and other vital parts of Quetta.

Expansion Of Project Directly Responds To Public Demand: Dr. Faisal
Dr. Faisal Ahmed Khan asserts that this expansion directly responds to the persistent public demand for improved transportation facilities. The stark reality, however, reveals that currently, a meager eight buses operate from Balochistan University to Belli Airport Road, laying bare the glaring inadequacy in green bus availability.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Kakar's recent proclamation, vowing an additional 100 green buses for Balochistan, signifies the government's purported dedication to elevating public transportation standards in the region. While commendable in words, the onus now falls on Chief Secretary Balochistan Shaukat Qadir Khan to translate these verbal commitments into swift and substantive action.

CS Balochistan Shaukat Qadir Khan Can Play A Key Role
Commitment from the government's seemingly progressive approach must be met with an urgent plea by Chief Secretary Shaukat Qadir Khan's decisive leadership in ensuring efficient execution. Quetta's residents, long fatigued by the lack of a dependable public transportation system, now demand more than promises — they demand a concrete reality. The introduction of green buses holds the potential to alleviate the longstanding commuting challenges, creating a pathway to a more sustainable and accessible future for the people of Balochistan.

The call for action is not merely a suggestion, it is a critical imperative, and the responsibility rests with Chief Secretary Shaukat Qadir Khan to lead the way in turning promises into tangible, transformative actions.

Girls Pulled from Schools Due to Poverty in Balochistan

Chandni Kakar:

Balochistan, being the most neglected province of Pakistan in terms of education, is grappling with a staggering number of out-of-school children, estimated at 2.7 million. Approximately 72% of boys and 83% of girls are deprived of basic education, leading to an alarming situation that needs urgent attention. This pressing education crisis poses a significant threat to the nation's overall development, as education is the backbone of progress.

Multiple factors contribute to the high number of out-of-school children in Balochistan, one of which is poverty. Severe poverty forces many parents to send their children to work instead of school, resulting in child labour, especially in rural regions. This crisis has far-reaching consequences, extending beyond immediate concerns and impacting the nation's socio-economic stability. In the dusty streets and humble homes of these regions, poverty reigns supreme, casting a shadow over the aspirations of countless families. Among them is the Ahmed family. Like many others, they grappled with the harsh realities of becoming a doctor faded further into the distance, her spirit weighed down by the burden of inequality. Yet, amidst the despair, glimmers of hope emerged. In remote villages and bustling towns alike, courageous individuals banded together to challenge the status quo and uplift their communities. Inspired by the resilience of girls like Ayesha and Nasreen, they launched initiatives to provide educational opportunities for underprivileged girls, bridging the gap between dreams and reality.

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As the sole breadwinners, Muhammad and Fatima Ahmed toiled tirelessly to put food on the table and roofs over their children's heads. Their eldest daughter, Ayesha, had always possessed a keen intellect and an insatiable thirst for knowledge. With dreams of becoming a teacher, she eagerly pursued her studies, her eyes alight with hope. But as the family's financial woes deepened, Muhammad and Fatima faced an agonizing decision. With each passing day, the cost of education loomed like a dark cloud, threatening to engulf their hopes and aspirations. Reluctantly, they made the heart-wrenching choice to pull Ayesha out of school, her dreams slipping through their fingers like grains of sand. Ayesha and Nasreen, their spirits unbroken, their dreams soaring high against the backdrop of adversity. For in their hearts, they knew that no amount of poverty could ever extinguish the flame of knowledge burning within them.

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By Zahid Hussain:

The rot is much deeper than it seems. What the six brave judges of the Islamabad High Court have penned is just the tip of the iceberg. The shadow of the deep state looms large over the entire system. The letter detailing incidents of intimidation of judges is an indictment of the ubiquitous security establishment. It has triggered a chain reaction threatening the entire edifice. This may not be the first time that allegations about the interference of intelligence agencies in judicial matters have been made — a former judge had even named names. But the detailed account of harassment narrated in the letter sent by the IHC judges is more damning, and fueling an already volatile political situation.

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Asim Khan:



Muhammad Mengal was filled with joy in the evening as his eldest son got married that day. However, their happiness turned sour when they reached the house of the bride's father, Meher Ali. A condition was imposed upon them that demanded that Muhammad's five-year-old daughter, Mah Bibi, be married to his 13-year-old son.

Though the union had been agreed upon by both families beforehand, Muhammad Mengal insisted that the marriage wait until both children reached adulthood. Despite his efforts to persuade Meher Ali that his daughter was too young, he found himself powerless against Meher Ali's persistent pressure. Consequently, Mah Bibi was coerced into marriage at the tender age of five. Meher Ali sent his daughter away, forcibly separating her from her family.

Muhammad Mengal, a resident of Tehsil Zehri in the Khuzdar district, had no choice but to leave his young daughter behind and return home. However, a few days later, he reported the incident to the police.

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By Mahir Ali:

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court may order a medical examination.

Parents or guardians who marry off children at a young age or bridegrooms above 18 years old may face punishment, including imprisonment for up to one month or a fine of Rs.1000.

Following the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution in 2010, marriage and family matters became a provincial subject.

In 2014, Sindh enacted a new provincial law to prohibit child marriage, setting the minimum marriage age at 18 for both girls and boys. Under this legislation, parents, guardians, and the former proscriber to Chief Minister Balochistan, Bushra Rind, expressed the government's desire to pass this bill. She stated that the former provincial government had conducted several meetings on this matter and directed relevant institutions to address all flaws and make improvements.

Babar Kaleem mentioned that the bill is currently being worked on by the Social Welfare Department. The department held a consultative session on December 30 with various stakeholders, and the draft will soon be presented again to the provincial cabinet, with plans to also present it before the Federal Sharia Court.

A law enacted in 1929 to prohibit child marriage has been enforced across Pakistan. Under this Act, a girl must be at least 16 years old, and a boy must be 18 years old at the time of marriage.

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The judges have spoken

from holding public office.

As mentioned in the letter, a judge was hospitalized because his blood pressure shot up under stress. Non-compliance was obvious. According to the letter, a brother-in-law of a judge was kidnapped and tortured. Cameras were allegedly fitted inside the judges' residence to surveil them. It could not get more brazen than this.

It was the same story just a few years back when former prime minister Nawaz Sharif found himself on the wrong side of the establishment. He was also convicted on several corruption charges of a quick succession. There was not a pretence of fair trial. Only the characters have changed. (In some of the cases, the same judge presided over the trial of

both former prime ministers.) Retired justice Shaukat Siddiqi had asserted that a party to a controversial case plan, and were seen to act in contravention of the law, with the government in the subversion of the democratic process in the country.

What is disturbing is that the complaints regarding the cases penned in the letter had been brought to the attention of the superior judiciary but, it seems, no action was taken against those involved. Nothing could be more demoralising for the judiciary than to see a high-handedness of the security establishment being covered up in this manner.

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that had also been complaining about such manipulation of the judicial process to serve their own interests.

Meanwhile, the role of the PTI in the country is very not very helpful either. When in power, the party went along with the establishment's game plan that at the time was targeting its political opponents. Instead of questioning the integrity of the judges who signed the letter, while approving the formation of the commission to probe the allegations, they criticised the letter as inappropriate. Some ministers even questioned the timing of the release of the letter, implying that it might have been written at the behest of the opposition.

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Pakistan sees annual exodus of 0.8m workers seeking jobs abroad on protected visas

ISLAMABAD (INP): Approximately 0.8 million Pakistanis travel abroad each year to seek and obtain jobs in different countries, using valid protected work visas issued by the Protectorate of Emigrants.

and Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC), are automatically registered with the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) and can access its services. So far, around 13.7 million Pakistanis have been registered with BEA/OEC and 250,000 membership cards have been issued to Overseas Pakistanis Overseas Pakistanis who have traveled abroad after March 23, 1979, on valid protected work visas issued by the Protectorate of Emigrants, Bureau of Emigrants & Overseas Employment (BE/OE),



ISLAMABAD: Federal Finance and in a meeting Mehmud T Nane Chairperson of Pegasus Airlines, accompanied by Muhammad Ali Tabba CEO of lucky cement limited.

Justice Muhammad Iqbal recuses himself from internet suspension case

LAHORE (INP): The Lahore High Court's (LHC) Justice Chaudhry Muhammad Iqbal has recused himself from hearing a case against internet suspension and firewall installation.

Shakeel Ahmad has been hearing such cases and directed to fix the case for hearing today. It is pertinent to note that various applications were filed in LHC and HC against firewall installation and internet and social media disruption across the country.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, and British High Commissioner, Jane Marriott jointly launch the District Education Performance Index

First batch of Chinese homegrown white broiler eggs exported to Pakistan

BEIJING (INP): First batch of Chinese homegrown white broiler eggs has been exported to Pakistan, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Friday.

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

Askari Bank Limited. M.A Jinnah Road Baranch Quetta. Plaintiff

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Agricultural Sciences batch of Chinese homegrown white broiler eggs has been exported to Pakistan. This export of white-feathered broiler breeding eggs to Pakistan means a lot to us. More Chinese breeding eggs will go abroad, not only to Pakistan, but also to the globe.

SUIT FOR RECOVERY RS: 112,018,644/- US \$ 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE # XLVI OF 2001.

SUIT FOR RECOVERY RS: 98,632,68/- US \$ 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE # XLVI OF 2001.

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TENDER NOTICE: The Chief Officer Municipal Committee Tarp District Panguir invites sealed percentage tender based on composite schedule of rates 2023, GOR, from interested contractors/firms for the works listed below under Grant No. 023/2024, tender file No. 10030.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN) REGISTRAR Banking Court Balochistan Quetta

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EXTENSION DATE OF BID OPENING: Refer to the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) by the undersigned uploaded on the e-procurement website...

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

Soneri Bank Limited through its Branch Manager, M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta. Plaintiff

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IDSP University Hosts International Youth Skills Day in Quetta

Salmeen Khapalwak:

QUETTA: IDSP University for Community Development organized International Youth Skills Day at Quetta's Hanna Urak, in collaboration with the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) and NAVTTC. The event, part of the PPAF's "Restore Social Services and Climate Resilience" project, featured Chief Guests including Commissioner Quetta Hamza Shaqiat and DGN NAVTTC Hassan Bakhs Magi.

The day included panel discussions, workshops, and exhibitions showcasing the talents of young people. Commissioner Hamza Shaqiat emphasized the importance of empowering youth to thrive in a dynamic Balochistan. DGN NAVTTC Hassan Bakhs Magi highlighted the future's dependence on today's



Students and participants praised the event, with attendee Sadia stating, "Events like this inspire me to keep developing my skills." The event concluded with a call for ongoing support for youth skills development throughout the year.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of legal aid society had a meeting with Federal Minister for Law and Justice and Human Rights Senator Azam Nazir Tarar.

Afghan Refugees in Pakistan: A Historical Overview

By Attiq Durrani:

Afghan Migration to Pakistan has seen approximately three million Afghans. The migration of Afghans to Pakistan has been primarily triggered by significant political upheavals in Afghanistan, particularly the Soviet Union's invasion in the late 1970s. Historically, there has been movement across the border due to shared ethno-linguistic groups such as Pashtuns, Hazaras, and Gujjars. The border region, inherited by Pakistan in 1947, has remained fluid, facilitating population flows. However, it was only with the Soviet invasion that millions of Afghans sought refuge in Pakistan.

The Afghan Population in Pakistan since the 1970s, Pakistan has hosted over eight million Afghans, with many returning to Afghanistan or migrating elsewhere. Today, three million Afghans remain in Pakistan: 1.4 million are registered refugees, and 1.0-1.5 million are undocumented. A 2011 survey revealed that 74 percent of Afghans in Pakistan were born there and are, in a



sociological sense, Pakistani. About 32 percent of registered Afghans live in refugee camps, while 68 percent reside in urban areas, often in informal settlements with limited access to basic necessities and security. However, living conditions in refugee camps are also challenging due to reduced international funding and the closure of some camps. Pakistan has played a significant role in supporting Afghan refugees for decades.

Govt to establish Teachers Training Center to improve quality of education:

ISLAMABAD (INP): paradigm shift from memorization-based education. Development and adding that the initiative Special Initiatives Prof would also reform the examination system, announced that the government. The minister planning said that memorization-based education was art Teachers Training irrelevant in the modern era, where innovation and creativity derived development manpower meeting contemporary needs. He believed that the country could not achieve the required goals of the District Education Progress and Prosperity Performance Index-2022 without improving the education standard and incumbent government developing human resource. "The development of infrastructure had initiated this project alone cannot be useful," during its last tenure but Ahsan Iqbal citing due to political instability, progress and enrollment remained incomplete. "no single country has attained development and prosperity without achieving provincial education development at least a 90 percent target," the ministering their critical thinking, also mentioned some other creativity, problem-solving challenges, including the lack of an export-led economy and political instability. He said it would be a stability.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on matters to Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority.

Business leader commends govt's decision to reduce its expenditures

KARACHI (INP): Chairman of the FPCCI Advisory Board and National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance and former provincial minister, Mian Zahid Hussain has commended the decision of the government to decrease its expenditures.

The business leader said that it was possible to reduce people's problems only by reducing expenditures, as it will produce other positive results. He said that the PM had announced the elimination of one and a half lakh posts, the impending closure of several institutions or their mergers, and the imposition of a ban on new recruitments. On the one hand, it has been decided to close the National Information Technology Board, on the other hand, it has been decided to speed up the process of privatisation of institutions, which was welcome because the

government, but it has been going on for the last several decades, and no government has tried to reduce the expenses. All governments instead have increased their dependence on loans, causing the country to reach the bankruptcy threshold, he added.

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failed institutions were causing a loss of trillions of rupees to the country every year. According to Mian Zahid Hussain, the Prime Minister has decided to increase the Gwadar port's activity and suggested that the port should handle half of the cargo, thereby alleviating the pressure on the Karachi port.

The PM has also announced necessary steps, setting a target of fifty billion dollars for IT exports.

The business leader stated that due to a shortage of employees and institutions, there was a pressing need to reduce the size of the cabinet, which was significantly larger than that of developed countries, thereby wasting billions of rupees.

He advocated for the withdrawal of free electricity, gas, and telephone facilities for government officials, the reduction of other privileges.

Islamabad rally postponed to avoid unrest, says Imran

RAWALPINDI (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder and former Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday disclosed that while in jail, he was informed that holding a rally in Islamabad could lead to national unrest, prompting the decision to cancel the event.

During an informal discussion with journalists at Adala Jail, Imran Khan explained that the rally in Islamabad was called off due to concerns over the Khattm-e-Nubuwat matter. He mentioned that he was warned that the topic was highly sensitive, with religious parties already protesting in Islamabad. Fearing potential chaos, the rally was postponed. He further added that had the rally taken place, there was a significant risk of a repeat of the May 9 incident. The judicial inquiry into the previous May 9 event still remains pending.

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

SUIT NO.22/2024

Bank Islami Pakistan Limited, having registered office at 11th Floor, Executive Tower Dolmen City, Marine Drive Block 4 Clifton Karachi. Plaintiff

VERSUS

Ghulam Sarwar Son of Pai Muhammad CNIC # 54400-3016410-7, Resident of Haji Ghani Road Shalidra Quetta and Haji Sadiq Kakar Property Dealer Block No. 3 near Gelani Hospital Satellite Town Quetta. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY RS. 3801527/81 ALONG WITH COST OF FUND US 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE 2001 FOR RECOVERY RS. 3801527/81

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C 1908

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. 3801527/81 balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned 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 12-09-2024.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 22nd day of August, 2024.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
REGISTRAR
Banking Court Balochistan Quetta

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

SUIT NO.19/2024

Habib Bank Limited through its attorneys, Complex Baranch Quetta. Plaintiff

VERSUS

Asooda Trade & Retail Through partners namely 1. Khudai Dost S/o Khudai Rahim, 2. Asif Khan S/o Khudai Dost, 3. Mst. Sabira D/o Khudai Dost, 4. Mst. Saira D/o Khudai Dost, Office at Bacha Khan Chowk Loralai. DEFENDANT Near Purana Bili Ghar Mohallah Quetta Road Loralai. Cell: 0331-8968857.

SUIT US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE 2001 FOR RECOVERY RS. 29,067,561/- ALONG WITH MARK UP, COST OF FUND AND COST OF SUIT

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C 1908

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. 1,765,234/- balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

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SUIT NO.20/2024

Habib Bank Limited through its attorneys, Complex Baranch Quetta. Plaintiff

VERSUS

Adil Trading Company Through partners namely 1. Khudai Dost S/o Khudai Rahim, Office at Bacha Khan Chowk Loralai, 3. Mst. Sabira D/o Khudai Dost, 4. Mst. Saira D/o Khudai Dost, Office at Bacha Khan Chowk Loralai. DEFENDANT Permanent Resident of Purana Bili Ghar Quetta Road Loralai. Cell: 0331-8968857.

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