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A child being administered polio drops in Quetta: Photo Quetta Voice

BNP Chief Sardar Akhtar Mengal Undergoes Successful Angioplasty in Dubai

Monitoring Desk:
Sardar Akhtar Mengal, Chief of the Balochistan National Party (BNP), successfully underwent an angioplasty operation at a private hospital in Dubai. The procedure was carried out after one of Mengal's heart arteries was found to be blocked.



The surgery was a success, and Mengal is currently reported to be in stable condition. His family and party supporters are relieved and hopeful for his swift recovery. Party members and followers have extended their well-wishes and prayers for the BNP leader's health.

Gen Asim Munir to remain COAS till 2027: Khawaja Asif

NEWS DESK: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said that Army Chief General Asim Munir will serve until 2027 following the recent approval of amendments to the Army Act.

Asif highlighted that this legislative change would benefit democratic governments by setting fixed terms and eliminating the need for parliamentary approval for extensions.

Speaking with a private television channel, Asif confirmed that General Munir's role as the country's army chief will continue uninterrupted until 2027.

"Previously, several army chiefs were granted extensions, which required parliamentary endorsement," he explained, noting that the new amendment effectively closes this chapter on term extensions.

When asked about rumours of any deal involving the founder of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Asif dismissed them, stating, "I've only heard it from you." He added that Pakistan's future progress depends on self-improvement, steering the conversation toward broader governance reforms.

Polio Crisis Worsens in Balochistan: 23 Cases, Flawed Strategy Under Fire

Syed Ali Shah Analysis:
Muhammad Kakar and senior health officials, reviewed current strategies and emphasized the need for an efficient, structured approach to eliminate the virus. Bugti directed Lady Health Visitors (LHV's) and Lady Health Workers (LHW's) to intensify their roles in the anti-polio drive, stressing community-friendly methods and reducing public inconvenience. However, the provincial government's response has come under fire as the virus continues to spread. Despite an emergency declaration and ongoing campaigns, critics argue that both the government and international health agencies are failing to address the root causes behind low immunization rates. Observers note that outdated strategies and ineffective outreach are contributing to persistent gaps, with children in remote and high-risk areas left vulnerable. This publication has repeatedly advocated for adopting indigenous approaches tailored to the unique needs of Balochistan's communities. As polio cases rise, the province's struggle highlights governance and management deficiencies in the health sector. Health Secretary Muejib-ur-Rehman acknowledged gaps in routine immunization, but meaningful change remains to be seen as cases climb despite government efforts. With rising infections and limited improvements, it is clear that Balochistan needs a revamped, locally driven strategy if Pakistan hopes to become polio-free.

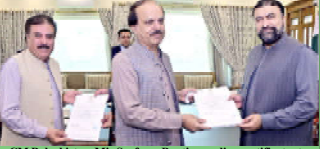
Quetta's Iconic Café Baldia Faces Revenue Woes as Rs. 2 Billion Asset Sits Idle, Says Commissioner

Manan Mandokhail, News Desk:
QUETTA: Quetta's iconic Café Baldia, valued at over Rs. 2 billion, has not generated any net revenue for the Municipal Corporation Quetta (MCQ) in the past six years, revealed Commissioner Quetta Division Hama Shaqqaat in a joint press conference with Government of Balochistan Spokesman Shahid Rind and Dr. Faisal Ahmed Khan, Chief of the Public-Private Partnership Board (PPPB). Highlighting financial challenges, Commissioner Shaqqaat disclosed that MCQ is burdened with a debt exceeding Rs. 1 billion, while its annual revenue generation is under Rs. 12 crore. The Commissioner emphasized that public-private partnership is essential to sustain Quetta's municipal infrastructure. He noted that Café Baldia's lease expired, prompting an auction process with interested parties willing to pay up to Rs. 1 million monthly—a move that, according to Shaqqaat, caused unrest among those benefiting from the previous minimal Rs. 6,000 rent, later increased to Rs. 50,000 by court order. Shaqqaat also mentioned that a QMC-owned petrol pump and Indad Hospital have failed to deposit any revenue to the corporation in over a decade, stating, "This is citizens' property, not for individual gain." The officials discussed other government initiatives, including the Safa Quetta project, aimed at enhancing civic services and improving public resources through sustainable management and partnerships. Speaking at a recent press conference,

the importance of a collaborative approach, remarking, "Through Safa Quetta, we're introducing a modern, systematic approach to waste management that will significantly improve the quality of life in Quetta. Our goal is to create a cleaner, healthier city for future generations." He continued, "The partnership model in Safa Quetta enables us to maximize impact by combining public resources with private sector efficiency. This collaboration is essential to achieving long-term environmental improvements in Quetta." The officials underscored that Safa Quetta's public-private partnership model is designed to enhance waste management efficiency and promote community engagement, making it a cornerstone of Quetta's sustainable development plan.

Balochistan Honors Officers for Outstanding Service

Staff Reporter:
QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, awarded certificates of excellence to senior provincial officers Abdul Saboor Kakar and Dostan Khan Jamalini, recognizing their dedication and administrative achievements. Commending their commitment to public service, Bugti highlighted the importance of principled leadership in enhancing service delivery and governance. He expressed confidence that under such diligent officers, a robust system of good governance can be implemented in Balochistan. The Chief Minister encouraged new civil servants to emulate officers like Kakar and Jamalini, emphasizing his commitment to preserving the tenures of high-performing officials to strengthen provincial administration.



CM Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti awarding certificates to officers in recognition of their services. Photo provided by DGPR

BUISTEMS Staff Criticizes Persistent Salary Delays and Alleged Retaliation Against Employees

Education Desk:
QUETTA: The Balochistan University of Information Technology Engineering and Management Sciences (BUISTEMS) staff association has voiced its frustration over delayed employee salary payments, an ongoing issue that has now extended to this month. The employees' demands remain unmet despite a year-long protest campaign, including a symbolic hunger strike at the Press Club and demonstrations outside the Balochistan Assembly. Earlier, Chief Minister Balochistan had assured that a permanent solution to salary delays would be implemented, yet staff have not been disbursed on time. In a recent statement, the association condemned issuing show-cause notices to respected faculty members by Vice Chancellor Dr. Khalid Hafeez and criticized the filing of a High Court case against the association itself. The association labeled these actions as undemocratic and anti-employee, further escalating employee discontent. The BUISTEMS Staff Association has urged both the Chief Minister and Governor of Balochistan to prioritize salary payments, allowing employees to work with peace of mind. Additionally, the association has called for an audit system within higher education institutions to prevent corruption and promote accountability.



Balochistan Bans Hunting of Migratory Birds Amid Conservation Efforts

Syed Ali Shah:
QUETTA: The Balochistan government has announced a strict ban on the hunting of migratory birds, aiming to protect the region's biodiversity. This decision, communicated through a notification issued by the Secretary of Forest and Wildlife, directs all forest officials across the province to ensure compliance. The order states that violators of this ban will face legal action. Each year during autumn and winter, migratory birds from Siberia, Russia, and other regions flock to Balochistan's wetlands, providing a vital ecological boost to the region. The decision to impose this hunting ban reflects the government's commitment to preserving wildlife, as migratory species face threats from hunting activities that have raised conservation concerns in recent years. Forest officials have been instructed to intensify monitoring to safeguard these migratory populations. This ban aligns with



OPINION

Editor: Asim Khan

Polio Crisis in Balochistan: A Failure of Campaigns, Vaccine Refusals, and Poor Management

Editorial:

The alarming surge in polio cases in Balochistan continues to expose the failures of the ongoing eradication campaigns. With three new cases, the provincial total has now reached 20, and the national tally stands at 37, underscoring the dire need for urgent action.

Despite millions poured into vaccination efforts, the virus remains a persistent threat, especially in remote and underserved areas.

The failure of local authorities to engage and mobilize communities is a critical factor contributing to the rising cases.

To truly overcome this crisis, a shift toward indigenous solutions is essential. The authorities must trust and empower local staff members who understand the cultural and social dynamics of their communities.

Policies imposed from Islamabad often fail to address the specific challenges faced in Balochistan.

Instead, local leaders—political, religious, and social—should be brought on board to help reshape the strategy, build trust, and engage communities in the fight against polio.

By embracing an approach rooted in local ownership and tailored to the province's needs, Balochistan can make meaningful progress in eradicating the virus. Without political will and genuine buy-in, the virus is not just a health issue but a reflection of systemic failures that need to be addressed to protect future generations.

The view from outside

By Muhammad Hamid Zaman:

Egypt reminds me of Pakistan. It is not only the busy streets of Cairo, the directionless traffic that produces toxic smog and the chaos of an overpopulated city. It is also the deep, and seemingly bottomless economic crisis that has engulfed the country in recent past that reminds me of Pakistan. A parallel sense of securitisation is not hard to miss as one walks the streets of Cairo and sees police and army troops everywhere. The idea that people should only promote the positive image of the country has also been there for a long time. This fixation with the positive image has troubled many thinkers in Egypt as well as in Pakistan. Naguib Mahfouz, the most prominent Egyptian writer of the last century and the only Arab to ever win the Nobel Prize in literature, once said that "the delusion of a number of right-minded people is that portraying a negative and strange and complicated relationship with the US. It is one of the largest reasons for the country's problems. Beyond the military support, the fingerprints of US support are all public relations for us and our country" — further commenting in his typical style that for people to not talk about the dark side of society was like expecting "the

police and prosecutor to ignore delinquents in the US. The young couples are having themselves a bad reputation".

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American presidential election: hinged and unhinged

By Qamar Bashir:

It is an exhilarating experience to be in Michigan, a key swing state of America which — alongside Arizona, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Georgia and North Carolina — will shape the outcome of the American presidential election 2024, the future of America, and, by extension, the world. Swing states are crucial because Democratic and Republican states control 180 electoral votes, while the swing states hold 86.

Both parties are likely to retain their blue and red strongholds in the upcoming election, which is just two days away (November 5, 2024). As a result, the fate of the Democratic and Republican hinges on these swing states.

The most impactful part of this experience has been the healthy and objective discussions among canvassers and voters at their doorsteps. Canvassing door

to door, particularly for me, was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to truly understand the sentiments of everyday people, not the elites in their luxurious homes. These doorstep interactions with various segments and races revealed distinct preferences.

Among Michigan's population of 10,077,331, which is 73.9% white, I observed two notable trends. White men overwhelmingly support Trump, citing concerns about the economy and jobs. One young Bangladeshi American I spoke to mentioned he supports Trump because, during the previous Democratic administration, most of the men in his family were unemployed.

Interestingly, when asked about the main issue or problem in the upcoming election, many respondents said "everything is a problem." They expressed a general dissatisfaction, feeling that nothing is right and that everything needs to be

By Jawed Naqvi:

THERE'S a time for everything, as the saying goes, which includes canvassing for better ties between India and Pakistan. Their relations since inception have been marked by ups and downs, and today they are looking more stuck than threatening on their rusty slide.

Savour the description that former foreign minister Jaswant Singh offered after the Vajpayee-Musharraf summit ended fruitlessly in Agra: "The caravan of peace has stalled, not overturned." A viable suggestion to let the ties mature unhurriedly.

There was a time in the 1960s when the wounds of partition had barely healed, and traders for Pakistanis and Indians were crossing the border every day. Some travelled from Karachi for the glimpse of reasons — on one occasion to watch Dilip Kumar romance Madhubala in a movie that played on the memory of Mughal grandeur. Cousins would look out for Rubeena in the crowded lanes of Karol Bagh market where they were warmly greeted by Panjabi shopkeepers still struggling with the trauma of 1947.

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By Dr Moonis Ahmar:

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There has been a neck-and-neck competition between Trump and Harris, and the results in

the battleground states of Georgia, Nevada, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Arizona will decide the fate of the presidential election. Trump — who still pedals the narrative that he was robbed of the 2020 election and that if he loses this time too, he will not accept the result — is somebody who can do anything to gain power.

Trump entered politics as a property tycoon with no support base in the Republican Party. But with his ideology focusing on anti-immigration, resisting the demographic transformation of the US, and his focus on protecting the interests of rich Americans, Trump gained support from large segments of any white male composed of college drop-outs and unemployed youths.

One cannot downplay the significance of the 2024 presidential election for

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Hundreds of United Kingdom (UK) police sacked for misconduct

LONDON (INP): Nearly 600 police officers in England and Wales were sacked in the year to March 2024, figures showed Tuesday, as police chiefs battle to restore public confidence after a string of scandals.

The sackings - a 50 per cent rise on the 394 dismissed the previous year - include 74 officers kicked out of policing for sexual offences and misconduct.

Another 18 officers were dismissed for possessing indecent

images of children, according to the figures compiled by the College of Policing, an independent public body.

The reputation of policing in the UK has been left in tatters since the 2021 kidnap, rape and murder of the marketing executive Sarah Everard by a serving officer in London's Metropolitan Police who was later jailed for the rest of his life.

In another shocking case, an officer from the same unit last year received 36 life sentences for a "mon-

strous" string of 71 sexual offences, including rapes against 12 women.

The most common reason for dismissal, with 125 cases, was dishonesty, according to the latest figures. Another 71 were forced out for discriminatory behaviour.

Assistant Chief Constable Tom Harding of the College of Policing said it was "hugely disappointing to see the conduct of a number of officers falling far below the standard that

we set... and which the public rightly expects".

But he said the number being sacked was also an indication of the "effective, robust procedures in place to identify and deal with these officers swiftly".

Their behaviour tarnishes policing and erodes public trust," he added.

In January 2023, the Met revealed that 1,071 officers in the 34,000-strong force had been under investigation for domestic abuse and violence against women and girls.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar welcomes Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran Seyyed Abbas Araghchi.

Israeli strikes kill at least 16 people in Gaza

GAZA (INP): Israeli airstrikes killed at least 16 Palestinians in Gaza and residents feared new air and ground attacks were aimed at emptying areas of civilians in the enclave's north.

The U.N. Palestinian refugee agency UNRWA said Israel was scaling back the number of aid trucks allowed into Gaza, compounding shortages of food, medicine and other essential supplies, though Israel denied this.

In the latest bloodshed, several people were killed or wounded in a strike on northern Gaza's Beit Lahia late on Monday, medics said, the same town where seven people were killed in an attack on two houses earlier in the day.

Another strike killed four people in Zawaya in the central Gaza Strip while five more were killed in separate strikes in central and southern parts of the enclave, medics told Reuters.

Several people were wounded in the attacks, they said, adding that Israeli forces had sent tanks into the northeast of Nuseirat camp earlier on Monday.

Israel deployed tanks into Jabalia, Beit

Hanoun, and Beit Lahia on Oct. 5, saying it intended to prevent Hamas fighters from regrouping.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said Israeli forces were continuing to bomb the Kamal Adwan Hospital and had injured many staff and patients.

"The medical staff cannot move between the hospital departments and cannot rescue their injured colleagues. It seems that a decision has been made to evacuate all the staff who refused to evacuate the hospital," it said.

Israel's military says it makes efforts to minimize harm to Gaza's civilians as its troops battle Hamas fighters who use shelters and hospitals to stage attacks against its forces. Hamas denies this.

More than 70 patients and their guardians were safely evacuated from Kamal Adwan and Al-Awda hospitals to other medical facilities in Gaza, Israel said on Monday while fuel, water and medical supplies were delivered to the hospitals.

Palestinians said the new offensives and orders for people to leave were aimed at emptying two northern Gaza towns

and a refugee camp to create buffer zones. Israel says it is trying to keep civilians out of harm's way as it fights Hamas there.

The Hamas-run Gaza government media office put the number of Palestinians killed since Oct. 5 at 1,800. It said 4,000 others were wounded.

More than 43,300 Palestinians have been killed in more than a year of war in Gaza, according to Gaza authorities, and much of the territory has been reduced to ruins.

The war erupted after Hamas-led fighters attacked Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people and taking 251 hostages back to Gaza, according to Israeli tallies.

UNRWA head Philippe Lazzarini said on Monday that Israel has scaled back the entry of aid trucks into the Gaza Strip to an average of 30 trucks a day, the lowest in a long time.

This represented only 6% of the commercial and humanitarian supplies that used to enter Gaza before the war, he said.

"This cannot meet the needs of 2 million people, many of whom

are starving, sick, and in desperate conditions," Lazzarini said on X.

An Israeli government spokesman said no limit had been imposed on aid entering Gaza, with 47 aid trucks entering northern Gaza on Sunday alone.

Israeli statistics reviewed by Reuters last week showed that aid shipments allowed into Gaza in October remained at their lowest levels since October 2023.

Earlier on Monday, Israel's foreign ministry said it had officially notified the United Nations it was cancelling the agreement that regulated its relations with UNRWA since 1967 - effectively banning it - as it seeks the help of other U.N. agencies in getting aid to Gaza.

"Restricting humanitarian access and at the same time dismantling UNRWA will add an additional layer of suffering to already unspeakable suffering," Lazzarini said.

The U.N. said in August that nine UNRWA staff may have been involved in the Oct. 7 attack on Israel and had been fired. Later, a Hamas commander in Lebanon - killed in an Israeli strike - was found to have had a UNRWA job.

One day seminar, walk on 'Breast Cancer Awareness' held

LAHORE (INP): Punjab University Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, Department of Public Health in collaboration with the Pink Ribbon Organization, Shaikhan Khannum Cancer Hospital, Atomic Energy Cancer Hospital Immol Lahore, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission and Al-Habib Pharmaceuticals, organized a one-day seminar and awareness walk in which students and faculty members participated. In her

address, Dr Rubeneha Zakar shared insights on the importance of proactive health measures and community support in the fight against breast cancer and highlighted the common myths surrounding breast cancer that must be addressed to empower communities.

Dr Wajeeha Anjum delivered an informative presentation on "Early Detection and Preven-

tive lifestyle choices". She shed light on the global, national and local statistics of Breast Cancer and encouraged the students for self-examination to promote early detection.

Dr Anna Shami highlighted the role of community participation and different organizations like Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, who are working to fight the evil of Breast Cancer. The seminar was organized by the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission and Dietetics set up.

On this occasion, ISCS Directors Prof Dr Rubeneha Zakar, Clinical Oncologist of Immol Cancer Hospital Dr Wajeeha Anjum, Director Immol Cancer Hospital Dr Anna Shami, faculty members and students were present.

The event was organized with a Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer awareness walk in which students and faculty members participated. In her



ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change Romina Khurshid Alam chairs a meeting with a high-level six member delegation of Sino-International Entrepreneurs Federation.



Huraira to lead Pakistan Shaheens against Sri Lanka 'A'

LAHORE (INP): Mohammad Huraira has appointed Pakistan Shaheens captain for the two four-day and three 50-over matches against Sri Lanka 'A' at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium from 11 to 29 November.

22-year-old Mohammad Huraira has scored 3,10 runs in 40 first-class matches with eight centuries and 14 half-centuries. In 25 List-A matches, the right-handed batter has accumulated 632 runs, striking a century and a half-century.

The Men's National Selection Committee has also named the two squads, which include Test fast bowlers Mohammad Wasim Jnr and Khurram Shahzad.

PCB has also confirmed umpire and match officials for the series. Iqbal Sheikh and Bilal Khilji will lead the Playing Control Team (PCT) for the red and white-ball matches, respectively while umpiring responsibilities in the series will be shared between Asif Yaqoob, Imran Jawed, Rashid Ghori and Ahmed Safi

Abdullah have earned their maiden Shaheens call-up.

In the white-ball squad, Abdul Samad, Haider Ali, Maaz Sadaqat, Mohammad Harris, Muhammad Imran Jnr and Rohail Nazir have retained their places in the side that participated in the ACC Men's Emerging Teams Asia Cup last month, while Muhammad Imran, Sirajuddin and Ubaid Shah have broken into the Shaheens side for the first time.

The red-ball squad will commence training sessions from 6 November, while Sri Lanka 'A' will arrive on 8 November before starting their preparations on 9 November. White-ball players will assemble in Islamabad on 22 November.

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Pakistan Shaheens squad

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50-over matches: Mohammad Huraira (captain) (Sialkot), Abdul Faseeh (Rawalpindi), Bilal Khilji (Faisalabad), Haider Ali (Rawalpindi), Hussain Talat (Lahore), Maaz Sadaqat (Peshawar), Mehran Mamtaz (Rawalpindi), Mohammad Harris (Peshawar), Muhammad Imran Jnr (Swat), Muhammad Imran (Bahawalpur), Mohammad Wasim Jnr (FATA), Rohail Nazir (Islamabad).

Siraj (Multan), Sirajuddin (FATA) and Ubaid Shah (Lahore)

Umpire and match referee appointments (All matches will be day games and played at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium)

11-14 Nov - 1st four-day, Asif Yaqoob and Zulfiqar Jan (on-field umpires), Imran Jawed (third umpire), Iqbal Sheikh (match referee)

18-21 Nov - 2nd four-day, Rashid Riaz and Imran Jawed (on-field umpires), Zulfiqar Jan (third umpire), Iqbal Sheikh (match referee)

25 Nov - 1st 50-over match, Rashid Riaz and Zulfiqar Jan (on-field umpires), Imran Jawed (third umpire), Bilal Khilji (match referee)

29 Nov - 2nd 50-over match, Rashid Riaz and Imran Jawed (on-field umpires), Zulfiqar Jan (third umpire), Bilal Khilji (match referee)

29 Nov - 3rd 50-over match, Rashid Riaz and Zulfiqar Jan (on-field umpires), Imran Jawed (third umpire), Bilal Khilji (match referee)



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Araghchi, held a meeting with an Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) delegation led by Vice President of Client Region and Project Finance.

CIEE showcases China's commitment to further opening up: Says Consul General Pakistan

SHANGHAI (INP): The China International Import Expo (CIEE) is not just an exhibition; it's a declaration of China's unwavering commitment to further opening up its economy," said Ambassador Khan Pakistan Consul General in Shanghai.

The 7th CIEE, being held in Shanghai from Nov 5 to 10, attracts a diverse range of participants, underscoring China's policy of openness and inclusiveness, signaling a new paradigm for the world that emphasizes not only openness but also inclusiveness," he added.

The 7th CIEE National Pavilion Zone has secured participation from 77 countries and international organizations, serving as a bridge for high-quality, distinctive products from 19 least developed countries to access the Chinese market.

This annual event sees a record number of participating companies this year, with 496 exhibitors from 129 countries and regions, in-

cluding 297 Fortune Global 500 companies and industry leaders.

More than 400 representative new products, technologies and services will be showcased.

"The growing number of participating countries is a significant sign that China is committed to its opening-up policy," the consul general noted.

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"China's emphasis

on growing together is evident here," remarked the consul general.

"There is a constant discourse on how China will facilitate the collective development of other nations. This exhibition aims to generate opportunities for all," he added.

The exhibits at CIEE span high-end equipment, new materials, marine engineering equipment, biotechnology, advanced agricultural technology and many other cutting-edge fields of science and technology.

The consul general highlighted that most of the sectors represented at CIEE are those where China and Pakistan seek to grow together.

In a joint statement, China welcomes Pakistani enterprises to expand bilateral trade through platforms like CIEE and supports Pakistan in expanding exports to China.

This year, Pakistan

has achieved its largest participation in CIEE. "Our participation spans two distinct pavilions," he elaborated.

"One is the national pavilion, where we are focusing on building our country's image. The other is the corporate pavilion."

The Pakistani delegation featured approximately 29 companies in the consumer hall, presenting a diverse range of products from carpets and handicrafts to onyx and wooden works.

Furthermore, Pakistan exhibitors were also present in the food hall and the surgical sector. In total, the number of Pakistani exhibitors exceeded 50, including private businesses from Pakistani companies already registered in China.

For Pakistani participants, CIEE offers a unique platform to connect with the rest of the world.

Iqbal Day 2024: Will November 9 Be a Public Holiday?

Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: November 9 marks Iqbal Day, a day dedicated to honoring the legacy of Allama Muhammad Iqbal, the celebrated poet and philosopher whose ideas continue to shape Pakistan's national identity.

As the date approaches, the public eagerly awaits confirmation on whether it will be observed as a public holiday, particularly since it falls on a Saturday this year.

Iqbal Day has had an on-and-off history as a public holiday. Initially suspended in 2015, it was reintroduced in 2022, and last year, the Cabinet Division recognized it as a holiday, sparking hopes for a similar decision in 2024. The official holiday schedule



For 2024 already includes November 9 as an observance, which suggests that Iqbal Day festivi-

ties will go forward.

Educational institutions often mark this day by organizing special events, where students recite Iqbal's poetry and discuss his lasting impact on Pakistan's cultural heritage. While anticipation grows, an official notification is still awaited, leaving citizens to speculate on the final status of the holiday.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs had listed November 9 as a holiday for its missions in early 2024, indicating its observance within diplomatic offices. However, until the government issues an official declaration, the question remains: will Iqbal Day 2024 be a public holiday?



ISLAMABAD: Kazakhstan's Ambassador to Pakistan, Yerzhan Kistafin called on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq at Parliament House.

Jl demands full court to hear 26th constitutional amendment petition

KARACHI (INP): Amir of Jamat-e-Islami Pakistan, Hafiz Naemur Rehman, has sharply criticized the privatization policies and alleged corruption surrounding national institutions, including Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and K-Electric.

In a press conference held at Noor Haq Institute, he demanded that a full court bench hear Jamat-e-Islami's petition against the 26th Constitutional Amendment in the Supreme Court, claiming the amendment undermines the 1973 Constitution and threatens Pakistan's democracy.

Hafiz Naemur Rehman stated that Jamat-e-Islami had filed a petition challenging the 26th Amendment, emphasizing that the Assembly formed under Form 47 does not have the authority to alter the foundational structure of the Constitution.

He argued that the amendment, particularly in relation to judicial reforms, has politicized the judiciary and eroded the independence of Pakistan's judiciary.

He condemned the alleged corruption involved in the recent changes to the judicial system, which, according to him, have been manipulated to gain political leverage. Addressing the issue of privatization, Rehman condemned the sale of national assets, particularly PIA and K-Elec-

tric, as "a national tragedy." He questioned the motives behind Nawaz Sharif's suggestion for his daughter to purchase and run PIA under the Punjab government and Ali Amin Gandapur's proposal to control the airline under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government.

He accused the ruling elites of squandering public resources and exploiting national assets for personal gain. "Who sank the PIA fleet in 40 years? Who destroyed the national institutions?" he asked, referring to the previous governments' inability to reform and revitalize state-owned enterprises. He pointed out that despite claims by PTI to restore national institutions, the party failed to address the problems of PIA and Pakistan Steel Mills during its time in power. Rehman emphasized that the responsibility of running national institutions lies with the government. He criticized the continuous losses of institutions like PIA, which, according to him, could still be profitable if managed properly. He accused the ruling elite of deliberately undermining these institutions through poor management and privatization, which has only benefited a few at the expense of the public. "PIA's assets are worth over 152 billion rupees, yet its privatization was mishandled and undervalued,"

Rehman said, adding that the airline's fleet, which was once a source of national pride, has been mismanaged into a crisis.

He also highlighted the situation with K-Electric, accusing the government of selling the utility at a significantly reduced price, leading to the current bankruptcy and corruption surrounding the company. Rehman also took aim at the Independent Power Producers (IPPs), claiming that the nation is being burdened with unjust payments amounting to over 2,000 billion rupees annually. He criticized the government's decision to give a seven-year dollar-based generation tariff to K-Electric, which he called "the worst form of privatization" that is further draining the public's resources. "The IPPs have been exempted from income tax despite the fact that the government holds a 52% stake in many of them.

This situation is destroying the economy," Rehman added, pointing out that while these private entities profit from taxpayer money, the general public continues to suffer from rising energy costs. In his address, Hafiz Naemur Rehman reiterated Jamat-e-Islami's commitment to representing the interests of the people, stating that his party would continue to fight against the privatization and corruption of national institutions.

Pakistan, Iran condemn Israel's unrestrained military aggression in ME

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan and Iran have condemned Israel's unrestrained military aggression in the Middle East, its genocidal actions against innocent civilians and its illegal measures in occupied territories.

Addressing a joint news conference along with Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi in Islamabad on Tuesday after their bilateral talks, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said Israeli actions are in violation of international law and the UN Charter and contribute the root cause of all tensions in the Middle East.

The Deputy Prime Minister reiterated Pakistan's call for establishing a viable, independent and contiguous State of Palestine on the basis of Pre-1967 borders with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital. Ishaq Dar said we reject the propensity by occupying powers to equate the right to self-determination with terrorism, which, he said, is nothing, but a ploy to prolong their occupation and apartheid policies.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the longstanding Palestinian and Jammu and Kashmir issues must be addressed through peaceful means by fully respecting the rights and aspirations of the affected populations in line with the relevant UN resolutions and the Charter.

Ishaq Dar said during the talks with Iranian Foreign Minister,

he also discussed ways and means to enhance cooperation across several key areas including trade, energy and border security.

He said the two sides have agreed to intensify collaboration on border management and address shared challenges.

The Foreign Minister said they have underscored that terrorism and extremism pose a serious threat to the regional peace and pledged to coordinate joint efforts to eradicate these challenges.

In his remarks on the occasion, the Iranian Foreign Minister appreciated Pakistan's strong and clear stance in condemning the Israeli aggression against Iran.



ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister of Iran Seyyed Abbas Araghchi calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Pakistan's PV boom gains long-lasting momentum amid multiple factors

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan is undergoing a booming energy shift resulting in solar energy adoption among all orders of society.

Pakistan imported around 15 GW (worth about USD 2.1 billion) of solar panels from China over the past fiscal year, newest industry research highlights.

Contributing to this transition is the increased electricity tariffs—actuating high-energy-consuming households and industries to switch to solar solutions—which is not only cheap but also efficient.

In the past year this has resulted in a 10.4% drop in grid electricity demand, thus decentralized energy generation has become a must for this South Asian country long plagued by power shortages.

Global and local analysts attribute Pakistan's rapid shift toward solar energy to a consumer-driven "solar boom", citing rising electricity costs, falling technology prices and strong import trends as the main reasons. Not long ago, global photovoltaic provider giant LONGi held a press conference in Karachi to launch its new product HI-MO X10, with a battery efficiency reached 26.6%.

"Pakistan is ushering in a new energy transformation in full swing. In 2024, our shipments in Pakistan reached 3GW, and the total shipments since entering the local market have reached 7GW," a person in charge of LONGi Pakistan pointed out.

"All arrangements have been finalized to commemorate the historic day on both sides of the LoC and worldwide.

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highest increase was Rs 7.06 per unit."

According to Bloomberg, some Pakistanis' electricity bills are even higher than their monthly house rent of USD 100-700. In contrast, installing solar PV can reduce the bill by at least 60% to 70%.

"In the next five years, K-Electricity plans to add about 1,200MW of renewable energy projects and gradually phase out expensive energy sources such as liquefied natural gas and fuel oil," Shahab Qader Khan, Chief Strategy Officer of K-Electricity, Karachi's main power supply company, said in an interview.

"If Pakistan continue to receive affordable Chinese solar systems, installed solar capacity is expected to grow from 1.41 gigawatts in 2024 to 9.53 gigawatts by 2029, at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 46.55%," a WAPDA official noted.

"Obviously, the current general price of PV products may still be just at or just below the price range of local traditional energy, thus its attractiveness needs to be improved.

"Our products continue to reduce costs and increase efficiency, their attractiveness in Pakistan, South Asia and even the world will further increase," Liu Yiyang, Deputy Secretary General of China Photovoltaic Industry Association (CPIA), told Gwadar Pro.

"In addition to some Chinese companies starting to build large-scale centralized projects in Pakistan, more local people are also turning to household photovoltaics due to rising electricity prices for traditional energy.

The combination of these two will further boost the vigor-

ous development of local PV demand," Liu added.

"The global photovoltaic industry is developing in full swing. China-Pakistan cooperation in related industries can make due contributions to the global response to climate change," Ali Majid, Pakistan General Manager of LONGi, emphasized.

"By providing high-quality solar panels and promoting sustainable energy solutions, we are aiding the country in achieving its renewable energy goals."

A solar energy revolution is taking place across Pakistan. Since July, Sindh Province has announced that it will promote 200,000 PV home systems to the province, and plans to build several large-scale photovoltaic projects, each with a capacity of 305 MW.

Balochistan's PV conversion plan is proceeding in an orderly manner, which will help agricultural water wells switch from fossil fuel-driven to PV power generation, thereby reducing fuel costs and improving energy efficiency.

Since October, Punjab Province has also introduced a policy of free supply of PV modules.

For citizens with electricity consumption of no more than 200 units, the policy allows them to obtain photovoltaic modules for free from August 14, while citizens with electricity consumption of more than 200 but no more than 500 units will have to pay 10% of the cost, and the remaining 90% of the cost will be borne by the government.

Under this policy, it is expected that the electricity cost burden of low-income households will be reduced by about 40%.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Denmark Jakob Linulf called on Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions (SAFRO) and Kashmir Affairs Engineer Amir Muqam.

Kashmiris to observe Jammu Martyrs' Day tomorrow

ISLAMABAD (INP): Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control and across the world will observe Jammu Martyrs' Day tomorrow, to reiterate their resolve to carry on the martyrs' mission until they achieve their inalienable right to self-determination.

According to Kashmir Media Services, hundreds of thousands of Kashmiris were martyred by the forces of Dogra Maharaja Hari Singh, the Indian Army, and Hindu fanatics in different parts of the Jammu region while migrating to Pakistan during the first week of November 1947.

All Parties Hurriyat Conference leaders, including Ghulam Muhammad Khan Sopori, Zamrooda Habib, Syed Bashir Andrabi, Khawaja Firdous, Abdul Samad Inqilabi, Muhammad Yousof Naqash, Fayaz Hussain Jafri, Syed Sibti Shabbir Qummi, Muhammad Haseeb Wani and Maulana Musab Nadi, have paid rich tribute to the Jammu martyrs.

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held by various social, political, religious, and public representative organizations to honor the sacrifices of the Kashmiri martyrs. Quran Khawani will also be held at various locations under the auspices of these organizations.

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ere, intended to change the region's demography, represents the darkest chapter in Kashmir's history. They further added that the killing of Kashmiri Muslims, which began in Jammu in 1947, is a continuous unabated in the region, despite the passage of 77 years.

The Jammu Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (DFP) in a statement described the Jammu massacre as the worst example of genocide and ethnic cleansing.

The party highlighted the horrific events of 1947 when Hindu fanatics, aided by the Dogra Maharaja, systematically targeted the Muslim population of Jammu, resulting in a massacre that continues to haunt the Kashmiris to this day, even after seventy-seven years.

DFP spokesman Advocate Arshad Iqbal stated that during the period from October 27 to November 6, 1947, thousands of Muslims were killed, while tens of thousands were forced to flee to what is now Pakistan.

He emphasized that the demographic change aimed at reducing the Muslim majority in Jammu and Kashmir has been a long-standing agenda, as hundreds of thousands of Muslims were killed, leading to a significant decline in their population.



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja addressing Telecom Cyber Security Awards-2024.