

SC judge found to be 'guilty of misconduct'

- SJC recommends Justice Mazhar Ali Naqvi's removal as SC judge, even after resignation
- Judge to challenge decision, wonders how resignation can be converted into removal
- Council reviews six other complaints against judges, dismissing five due to lack of substance

By Nasir Iqbal

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Judicial Council (SJC), a body empowered to hear cases of misconduct against judges, found Justice Mazhar Ali Naqvi guilty of misconduct on Thursday and recommended his removal from office.

Justice Naqvi was guilty of misconduct and "should have been removed from the office of the judge", the SJC said in its much-anticipated opinion.

Justice Naqvi, who was facing nine different complaints under Article 209(4) of the Constitution, resigned from the high office on Jan 10, just a day before SJC proceedings, which eventually decided on the next day to continue with its hearings against the judge, with Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa noting that it was necessary to remove the misperception that the institution of the judiciary was above the law.

The court's determination came on the day when the Ministry of Law issued a notification regarding the elevation of Justice Nasim Akhtar Afridi as the Supreme Court judge. Besides, the senior justice

judge Justice Sardar Tariq Masood is set to retire on Friday (today). Both judges are members of the five-judge SJC, which is headed by Justice Isa.

When asked whether Justice Naqvi would remain entitled to post-retirement benefits like pension, a senior counsel on condition of anonymity told Dawn that the SJC could not suggest anything about the consequences of its findings, and it was for the government to interpret or amend the Presidential Order 1992, which also deals with the pension and benefits of the judges.

Moreover, the real picture will emerge after the detailed reasons in the federal government's appeal in the Aftab Shaheer Zia case will come.

Besides Justice Naqvi, the SJC reviewed six other complaints against judges, dismissing five due to lack of substance but issuing a notice to a Balochistan High Court judge to respond within 14 days.

On Feb 16, while presiding over the SJC's proceedings in an open court

against Justice Naqvi, Chief Justice Isa dropped hints to take up different complaints pending with the council against several judges.

During the proceedings, Justice Isa explained that though the present proceeding was open on the request of former judge, the council would go through the entire list of complaints against different judges internally and if necessary, issue a press release in this regard.

Similarly, while speaking at a workshop on Jan 20, Justice Isa had revealed that he had sought opinion on complaints against 100 superior court judges pending before the SJC. He said he had forwarded these complaints on misconduct to senior SJC members to consider and render their opinions.

On Thursday, the SJC explained that allegations were levelled against judges of the Supreme Court and high courts and that the same had been put forward. Several judges have expressed concern that if they respond to such allegations, their response might be construed as misconduct because Article V of the Code of Conduct issued by the Council on Page 5



HYDERABAD: Women hold a torch rally in Qasimabad in preparation for the Azad Azadi March, scheduled for today (Friday) — International Women's Day. The theme for this year is 'Inspire Inequal' — Umar As

Extension-seeking Sanjrani causes uproar in Senate

ECP had already written to Senate Secretariat to ensure he vacates his seat following election to Balochistan Assembly

By Imkhat A. Khan

ISLAMABAD: Even though he has ceased to be a member of the Senate — at least in the eyes of the Constitution — Sadiq Sanjrani is looking for an extension in his term until a successor is elected, a move that has angered many across the political spectrum.

Mr Sanjrani won the Balochistan Assembly seat of PB-32 Chagai in the 2024 general elections, but is yet to take the oath of office.

Consequently, he should have relinquished his Senate position under Article 221(4) of the Constitution, titled 'Bar against

Double Membership', which reads: "...if a member of either House or of a Provincial Assembly becomes a candidate for a second seat which... he may not hold concurrently with his first seat, then his first seat shall become vacant as soon as he is elected to the second seat."

However, not only has Mr Sanjrani not stepped down from his earlier role, he convened and chaired a meeting on Thursday, where the idea of passing a resolution to amend Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate was discussed.

Rule 9 (3) reads: "At the first meeting of the Senate, after the members have taken oath and to the exclusion of any other business including privilege and adjournment motions, the Senate shall proceed to elect from amongst its members a Chairman, and so often as the Office of the Chairman becomes vacant the Senate shall elect another member

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Moody's upgrades banking outlook to 'stable'

By Khaleeq Kiari

ISLAMABAD: Moody's Investor Service on Thursday improved Pakistan's banking sector outlook to 'stable' from 'negative' based on healthy profits arising out of record interest rates, sufficient funding buffers and the country's expected return to modest growth.

"The banks' solid profitability and ample funding and liquidity provide an adequate buffer to withstand the country's macro-economic challenges and political turmoil," said the international rating agency, one of the top three global rating firms, while noting that economic and fiscal pressures were easing.

Moody's also forecasts the Pakistan economy to return to modest growth of two per cent in 2024 after sub-par activity last year and inflation to fall to around 23pc from 29pc last year.

The year-on-year Consumer Price Index (CPI) already dropped to 23.1pc in February 2024 from 28.3pc in January following a surging increase in the rate of gas price hikes by half from over 1,100pc.

The average eight-month CPI, however, remained close to 28pc this fiscal year, according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. The gas prices have since increased another time, which would

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PM launches Rs7.5 billion Ramadan relief package

By Syed Ifran Faiza

ISLAMABAD: Following an approval by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, a Rs7.5 billion Ramadan package for needy people has been launched, allowing them to acquire essential items at subsidised rates from all 4,775 utility stores across the country.

The PM Ramadan package, approved in a meeting chaired by the prime

minister, started on Thursday and will continue till "Chand Raat" (a night before Eid-ul-Fitr).

According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), a subsidy of Rs7.5m will be provided to offer essential items at reduced rates to around 40 million poor families.

Under the package, a subsidy of Rs7 per kg will be given on a 25kg bag of wheat flour, and Rs20 per kg on glow/edible oil.

Business items, including rice, pulses, and other staples, will also be included. The package is expected to benefit around 40 million poor families.

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FO flays efforts to portray 'normalcy' in held Kashmir

Modi embarks on first visit to disputed region in five years; takes pride in having revoked its special status

By Baqir Sajjad Syed

ISLAMABAD/SRINAGAR: As Indian PM Narendra Modi arrived in held Kashmir for his first visit since he scrapped its special status under Article 370 of India's constitution, Pakistan dismissed the move

as "part of India's efforts to portray normalcy" in the disputed region.

"We believe that these efforts to project normalcy are a facade and tourism cannot be promoted in a situation where local people are being intimidated and their rights and freedoms are being denied," Foreign Office spokesperson Mansoor Zehra Bakhsh said in her weekly press briefing on Thursday.

Modi's government had stripped the Muslim-majority Kashmir valley of its special constitutional status nearly five years ago, splitting the occupied region into two territories directly ruled from New

Delhi, which angered Kashmiris in its densely militarised territory.

Taking pride in having controlled the occupied region's constitutional special status and industrial protections of land and jobs for its permanent residents, he claimed that the old rules and "dysnamic politics" had limited the region's potential.

"I am working hard to win your hearts, and my attempt to keep winning your hearts will continue," AFP quoted the Hindu nationalist leader as saying at a public rally in Srinagar. "India-bad! Jinnah and Kashmir is not just a region, it is the crown of the country,"

Modi told the rally in a security-drawn.

According to AFP, security forces on Thursday patrolled the streets, as well as in motor buses along the river that runs through Srinagar. Most schools in the city were shut for the day, and the authorities had called on government employees to attend the rally.

Omair Abdullah, a former chief minister of held Kashmir, accused the government of organising buses to bring in crowds, alleging that "almost none" would be attending willingly. Modi also reportedly inaugurated a slew of development projects and government

schemes for boosting agriculture and tourism in held Kashmir and other parts of India. The projects included new infrastructure around the revered Muslim shrine of Hawalatal in the city.

The visit comes ahead of India's national elections due by May, the first since the region lost its autonomy. The last local elections in held Kashmir were held in 2014.

Modi's government claims New Delhi's direct rule of Kashmir brought about a new era of "peace and development", but critics and many residents say it had

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SIC assails denial of reserved seats as court extends stay

PHC bench defers oath-taking of MPAs until 13th

By Wassem Ahmad Shah and Waqh Ahmad Shah

PESHAWAR/LAHORE: A larger bench of the Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Thursday once again deferred the oath-taking of members of the National Assembly reserved seats claimed by the Sunni Itehad Council (SIC). The high court's decision, extending the order until March 13, was issued on a petition filed by the SIC, which was joined by PFI-backed independents who won the Feb 8 elections without a unified electoral symbol.

In its petition, the SIC challenged the Election Commission of Pakistan's (ECP) decision to deny the party reserved seats to women and non-Muslims in the National and provincial assemblies. The bench, headed by Chief Justice Mian Saqib Nishtar, was approached for an adjournment by the deputy attorney general, Samiullah Khan, citing the attorney general for Pakistan's resignation at the Supreme Court.

The judges granted the adjournment, postponing the case to after March 13, pending the interim relief granted to the petitioner earlier this month. The bench also issued notices to the absent respondents through the ECP, including PTI, NC, MQM Pakistan, Ittehad-i-Pakistan Party (IPP), and some MPA-elects, who were notified as reserved candidates by the Election Commission on reserved seats. On Wednesday, a two-member bench referred the petition to the SIC's chief justice and called upon him to form a larger bench to deliberate on the "intricate" constitutional questions involved in the matter. Moreover, on the petitioner's plea seeking an interim relief, the bench had issued notice to the ECP for Thursday and directed that until then, the National Assembly speaker should not administer oath to the respondents, including eight MNAs-elect from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and one from Punjab. The petition was filed by the SIC through its chairman, Saifullah Khan and former Huma Bano, seeking directives of the court for the ECP to allow reserved seats to the council based on their strength in the National and provincial assemblies.

Hearing
During the hearing on Thursday, Advocate Qazi Jawad Elsamakh Qureshi, represent-

PM Shehbaz urges unity among coalition to counter rising economic challenges

- Holds reception to rally support for Zardari as joint presidential candidate
- Calls on PFI to collaborate with Centre, assures KP gov't of support

By Syed Irfan Haqia



PM Shehbaz Sharif speaks during a reception held in honour of coalition parties in Islamabad, on Thursday. —Courtesy PTD

ISLAMABAD: Five days after assuming office for his second term as the prime minister, Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday urged the ruling coalition that the country is facing gigantic challenges, which could only be overcome through collective efforts of all political forces and stakeholders.

"If I were to say that the prevailing challenges are bigger than the Hamalays, it would not exactly portray the real picture [of the crisis]," the PM said while addressing legislators invited to a dinner reception as part of a campaign for Asif Ali Zardari, a joint candidate of coalition parties in the presidential election scheduled for March 9.

Heads of all parties in the ruling alliance were present at the reception, including PFI leaders Asif Ali Zardari, its chairman, and national Buzurg, MQM-P chief Khalid

Mahood Siddiqi, PFP president Abasim Khan, BAP President Khalid Masud, Professor Najid Mir, and PMU-Zia's Izat Khan.

The PM mentioned that he had chaired marathon meetings on the economy over the last four days and realised the gravity of the situation, understanding how dire the economic conditions are in the country.

Counting the challenges ahead, he said the circular debt of gas and electricity has crossed the Rs5 trillion mark, and the loss due to electricity theft has surpassed Rs600 billion annually.

"The roots of the country's economy are being weakened under a dedicated move. We have to steer the boat to the shore... If we manage to do so, we will be remembered forever; otherwise, history will not forgive us," he added.

PM Shehbaz also urged legislators to vote for Mr Zardari, as he was a joint candidate of the ruling coalition.

The prime minister also invited the PFI to collaborate with the government and stated that the Centre would fully cooperate with the PFI-led Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Zardari mentioned that although big challenges were confronting the government, they could be overcome through dedication and collective efforts.

"Our mills have the capacity to produce adequate grain to meet our needs," he added.

Mr Zardari assured the prime minister of his and his party's full support in facing the challenges together.

"We will take Pakistan to a place where we can proudly call it our nation," he added.

IHC wonders if Imran was asked before his home declared sub-jail

Court seeks report on Bushra Bibi's living conditions

By Malik Ahsan

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad High Court (IHC) has asked if the authorities sought permission from former prime minister Imran Khan before converting his Bari Galla residence into a sub-jail.

IHC Justice Mansoor Hassan Aurangzeb made the remarks on Thursday while hearing the petition of Mr Khan's wife, Bushra Bibi, to transfer her from the Bari Galla residence to Adiala Jail.

She is currently serving a 14-

and six-month term in the Tashkharan reference and the Idara case, respectively.

The petition stated that Ms Bibi was shifted to the Bari Galla residence despite not making any request to designate her house as a sub-jail and that the action was implemented without the Islamabad chief commissioner exercising his discretion.

The former first lady stated that she doesn't feel secure at the house where she claimed to have been confined alone as unauthorised persons roamed around the place.

During the hearing on Thursday, Justice Aurangzeb asked if the district administration sought the owner's permission, before declaring private premises a sub-jail.

Ms Bibi's counsel, Usman Gill, informed the judge that the former prime minister owned the house and it was converted into a sub-jail with his permission.

The judge further inquired whether the convert was allowed to walk outside of her room, to which her counsel replied in negative.

She has been confined to a room and not allowed to move outside, the counsel claimed.

Later, the court directed a senior official of Adiala Jail to visit the sub-jail and sought a report on Ms Bibi's living condition and her meetings with her agents after their arrest.

The former prime minister and his wife were sentenced by a special court in the case of illegal sale of state gifts on Jan 31.

With Mr Khan already imprisoned, Ms Bibi surrendered to jail authorities on the same day in Islamabad.

However, she was moved to Mr Khan's Bari Galla home after it was declared sub-jail in a late-night notification.

The shifting of Ms Bibi to the Bari Galla residence has been under discussion for weeks as she and her husband denied submitting any application to declare the residence as a sub-jail.

In an earlier hearing, the Adiala Jail administration opposed moving her back to the prison, claiming that overcrowding posed security threats for the former first lady.

JI senator calls for political dialogue to ensure civilian supremacy

PTI welcomes offer, says talks only after parties disavow 'SIC' reserved seats'

By Ihtshar A. Khan

ISLAMABAD: Asad calls for civilian supremacy in the Senate, a lawmaker on Thursday proposed a dialogue among political parties to achieve this goal.

In his farewell speech days before his retirement from the post of six-year term, Senator Mushtaq

Ahmed of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) said that political parties should hold a dialogue and give way to each other to ensure civilian supremacy and push back non-elected forces.

He said they must unite on a single point that the country belongs to the people who have the right to elect and change their chosen representatives.

The JI leader added the civilian supremacy was size question not being Pakistan back on the track and solve the economic and political problems the country was facing.

Referring to the army's claim that it had nothing to do with the electoral process, made through a press release issued by the INPR after the corps commanders' conference, Mr Ahmed said it was the biggest joke of the 23rd century.

He said instead of giving opportunities through press releases, the army should prove by practical actions that it has nothing to do with politics and elections of the country.

The solutions to the issues confronting the country laid in true democracy and not in its hybrid version, Mr Ahmed added.

Turning civilian supremacy the basis of the country's salvation, he said all political and military agencies were essential for the country's sovereignty, security and defence, adding that "we love them in this context".

The JI leader said that political parties should give importance to ideological workers and avoid the tribulation of offices on the basis of DNA.

He also called for release of all political prisoners, including PFI founding Chairman Irfan Khan.

Senator Naifullah Ahsan of PFI welcomed the proposal for political dialogue floated by Mr Ahmed and said political parties should not close their doors for talks.

He said his party would be ready for a dialogue, but asked three political parties to first disown the reserved seats of Sunni Itehad Council (SIC) distributed among them. He asked as to how a political party getting just seven general seats can get nine reserved seats.

He termed the ECP like an orphan child unable to take a decision and said it was making mistakes after mistakes.

Mr Ahsan said that under the law, the ECP was supposed to upload Form 45 on its website within 14 days after the polling day. He said that manipulated Form 45 have been placed on the ECP's website where overwriting can clearly be seen.

Senator Babrazwan Tariqi, who recently withdrew a motion seeking a ban on social media platforms after getting a flak, claimed he never supported the resolution seeking postponement of general elections.

Mr Tariqi said he had delivered a speech before Senator Dilawar Khan moved a resolution and said his speech had no mention of the resolution, its support or postponement of elections.

He said his leadership had been misquoted and his basic membership was revoked as a result of conspiracy hatched against him.

PAMAP Senator Ahsan Anjum said the mandate of the people has been stolen in the recently held general elections.

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Bugti owners start work on projects in 10 days

Angered by delay in implementation of \$400-million project for rehabilitation of flood-hit families

By Salsam Shabir

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti on Thursday expressed his disappointment over the delay in the implementation of a \$400-million project for the rehabilitation of families affected by the 2022 super floods and ordered the officials concerned to start work on all foreign-funded projects within 10 days.

He also ordered to suspend all provincial government officials responsible for the delay and initiate an inquiry against them.

The chief minister was presiding over a meeting of the provincial government department in which officials briefed him on the progress of the federal and provincial public sector development programme and the presence of all officials at their places of work.

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Punjab cabinet delays Ramadan relief package

CM meets ASP Shehbaz, hauls her bravery

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: In its maiden meeting, the 10-member Punjab cabinet has approved the Ramadan Relief Package (RLP) for 2024 to provide essential food items to needy people.

Under the programme, around 6.5 million packages will be distributed at the doorsteps of deserving families with an estimated total cost of Rs2.2 billion.

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QUETTA: Residents of Kalar Colony and Qasr Colony stage a protest against prolonged gas loadshedding during an ISDG office, on Thursday—PII

US hopes for productive talks after Shehbaz-Modi exchange

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: While thanking world leaders who congratulated him on assuming office, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday responded to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a notably restrained manner on N (Foreign) Tuesday.

The premier's succinct response, "Thank you (Shehbaz) for the congratulations," was a clear sign of a more cordial relationship between the two countries.

Mr Modi had then extended hearty congratulations to Mr Shehbaz and underscored a willingness for normalisation while also pointing out common interests.

Mr Shehbaz's reply at the time was equally warm and conciliatory, thanking Mr Modi for his felicitation and advocating for the peaceful resolution of conflicts to foster socio-economic development.

He further sought meaningful engagement in a subsequent letter to Mr Modi, where he emphasised the importance of addressing bilateral issues, including the Kashmir dispute.

The latest exchange has, meanwhile, taken on a notably cordial tone on social media.

A day earlier, US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller — while commenting on the congratulatory message from Mr Shehbaz to PM Shehbaz — had said: "We welcome (PM Modi's) statement. The United States values its relations with both India and Pakistan, and we want to see them have a peaceful and productive relationship."

Extension-seeking Sanjrani causes uproar

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as its Chairman, in accordance with the rules of the Senate.

Rule 9(2) reads, "The first meeting of the Senate for election of the Chairman shall be presided over by the outgoing Chairman or, in his absence, by a person nominated by the Senate."

Mr Sanjrani's extension-seeking caused an uproar among members of the Senate.

Some members of the Senate expressed their disapproval of Mr Sanjrani's extension-seeking.

They argued that the extension-seeking was against the rules of the Senate.

They also argued that the extension-seeking was an attempt to prolong Mr Sanjrani's tenure.

The Senate eventually decided to allow Mr Sanjrani to continue as Chairman for a limited period.

Some lawmakers fear that the resolution may lead to the upper house vote (FY45) and say they have prepared a strategy to counter it.

Another source said a dejected Mr Sanjrani had dropped the plan after facing criticism, and will be leaving for Quetta to take the oath as a Balochistan Assembly MP.

The ECP had already caused controversy over Mr Sanjrani's oath-taking and had included his name among a list of seven whose oaths had to be annulled following their victories in the Feb general elections.

Staff Inam Rana also continued to report.

PM launches Rs7.5 billion Ramadan relief package

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ghee, edible oil, sugar, and milk, are being provided through utility stores.

The prime minister directed the concerned departments to ensure maximum deserving families benefit from the package.

He added that the system should be made more integrated and effective for the immediate relief of complaints from people.

The PM also directed relevant officials to distribute a quarterly instalment of Rs10,500 to deserving people under the BSP and include an additional Rs2,000 per family in Balochistan.

Privatisation

In a separate meeting, Prime Minister Shehbaz directed the immediate enhancement of the capacity of departments involved in the privatisation process.

"Obstacles in the process of privatisation be removed at the earliest so that the country and the nation can get rid of

losses of billions of rupees and improve the economic condition," he added.

Reviewing the complete list and progress report of all institutions involved in the privatisation process, the prime minister directed the submission of details regarding actions and goals with a clear determination of time frames.

He also instructed the Privatisation Commission and the ministry to proceed pending issues related to privatisation to the cabinet soon after its formation for timely decisions, as there was no room for further delay.

On the proposal of handing over the power distribution companies to the provinces, PM Shehbaz directed the completion of a review committee, which would submit its recommendations to the prime minister.

"Ministers and institutions should take the responsibility for the privatisation process laid entirely with the Privatisation Commission and the ministry, emphasising that all bottlenecks in the process must be removed."

Governor summons session of Balochistan Assembly

By Our Staff Reporter

QUETTA: Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Kakar has recessed the Balochistan Assembly session on Friday.

According to a notification, the assembly will meet at 10:00 AM on Saturday at the provincial assembly building in Quetta for the session during which the newly elected members Sardar Muhammad Saif, Bhozdar, Mir Ghous Ghouse Khan, Feroz Khan, and Khawar Dammar will take the oath.—Staff Correspondent

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Two traffic cops martyred in Fakki Marwat attack

LAQVI MARWAT/PESHAWAR: Two traffic police constables were martyred when unknown motorcycles opened fire on them in Diana Plaza town here on Thursday... A police official said that head constable Zarem Khan and constable Hafeezullah came under attack while they were performing duty near Tank Mar in Plaza city... The attackers came on a motorcycle, sprayed the traffic sergeants with bullets and fled the place, he maintained... He said as a result, a constable Hafeezullah died instantly while head constable Zarem Khan was critically wounded... The injured cop was taken to the District Headquarters Hospital at Targua where he was pronounced dead by doctors, he claimed... After the incident, a large police contingent headed by DPO Tariq Hafeez took the area and launched a search for the attackers... Meanwhile, two militants were killed by security forces in two different operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Thursday... According to a statement issued by Inter Services Public Relations, an intelligence-based operation was conducted in Khyber tribal district where an intense exchange of fire took place between militant ring leader Sherroor alias Sheeray... It said that Sheeray was killed during the exchange of fire adding that another operation was launched in a forested area in district Dera Ismail Khan where security forces killed another militant Mansoor... It added that security forces also recovered weapons, ammunition and explosives from the militants, who were involved in numerous militant activities against the security forces as well as extortion and targeted killing of innocent civilians. — Dawn Report

KP govt decides to fully restore health insurance scheme at start of Ramadan

Officials say Rs5bn paid to State Life, other dues to be cleared gradually

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The newly-elected Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government on Thursday decided to fully restore free healthcare for the entire population of the province under the Sehat Card Plus insurance scheme from Ramadan 1445... The decision was made in a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, according to an official statement... Chief secretary Nadeem Aslam Khan said that the government will pay Rs5 billion to State Life, principal secretary to the CM Ajmal Ali Khan, health secretary Mahmood Aslam and officials of the State Life Insurance Corporation... He said that funds for the payment of arrears to the SLIC would be provided on a priority basis. This is a matter of public health, so there won't be any compromise on it, he said... The chief minister said necessary reforms would also be introduced to ensure transparency in Sehat Card Plus scheme... Also, the chief minister cleared a meeting regarding the control of prices of daily commodities and ordered authorities to give maximum relief to the people during Ramadan... Officials invited participants about the provincial government's decision for providing relief to people and said the district administrations were to put the mechanism in place within a day... They said several levels had been established at district level for the purpose... The officials said mobile teams would be deployed in all districts besides the establishment of monitoring desks in markets to ensure that people are provided with edible items in line with the rates fixed by the provincial government... Mr Gandapur directed authorities to go all out to provide the maximum relief in prices to the people in Ramadan... He directed district administrations to ensure regular monitoring of markets and deal directly with producers...

The participants were informed that the provincial government had released Rs5 billion to the SLIC as the chief minister ordered the restoration of the health insurance scheme...

The meeting also decided in principle to release Rs5 billion on a monthly basis for the payment of arrears to the SLIC, according to the statement... Mr Gandapur said people's welfare was a key priority for the government and the Sehat Card Plus was a project of public importance that would be continued at all costs... He said that funds for the payment of arrears to the SLIC would be provided on a priority basis. This is a matter of public health, so there won't be any compromise on it, he said... The chief minister said necessary reforms would also be introduced to ensure transparency in Sehat Card Plus scheme... Also, the chief minister cleared a meeting regarding the control of prices of daily commodities and ordered authorities to give maximum relief to the people during Ramadan... Officials invited participants about the provincial government's decision for providing relief to people and said the district administrations were to put the mechanism in place within a day... They said several levels had been established at district level for the purpose... The officials said mobile teams would be deployed in all districts besides the establishment of monitoring desks in markets to ensure that people are provided with edible items in line with the rates fixed by the provincial government... Mr Gandapur directed authorities to go all out to provide the maximum relief in prices to the people in Ramadan... He directed district administrations to ensure regular monitoring of markets and deal directly with producers...

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The CM said the government won't set special seats in bazaars in Ramadan, and instead all bazaars in the province would be converted into sawa bazaars... He directed DCs to ensure the display price lists on panflets instead of paper... "All deputy commissioners should also ensure that bazaars are set up in an effective manner for ensuring direct coordination with people, and highlight action against profiteers on social media," he said... Mr Gandapur also directed DCs to encourage their WhatsApp numbers to receive complaints from people for resolution... He said Ramadan Dastar Khawab would be arranged at district and tribal headquarters hospitals across the province... The CM also ordered authorities to check hoarding and illegal marketing of essential goods and said the Special Branch should be engaged for enforcement...

High court asks ECP to provide Form 45 to nine election losers

PTI nominees had challenged denial of poll documents

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court on Wednesday directed the Election Commission of Pakistan to provide attached documents about election results, including Form 45, to nine Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) independent candidates, including six former law-makers... Bench consisting of Justice Shaukat Ahmad and Justice Syed Arshad Ali disposed of nine almost identical petitions filed by the candidates against the suppression of election documents to them by the commission and the relevant returning officers... The petitioners had sought the court's orders for the ECP as well as Punjab's district returning officer and returning officers to immediately provide them with attested copies of Forms 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49 of their respective national and provincial assembly constituencies... The petitioners include former provincial ministers Taimur Saleem Khan Bhagga (PK-79) and Kamran Khan Khanzai (PK-82), former deputy speaker of the KP Assembly Mahmood Jinn (PK-72), former MNAs Sajid Nawaz (NA-28) and Haseemul Haq (PK-80), former MPA Arif Jahan Khan (PK-74), former district nazim Mubashir Aziz (PK-76), and lawyers Ali Zaman (PK-73) and Malik Shahab (PK-75)...

results and issued controversial Form 45 provisional election results, declaring their votes as returned candidates... They contended that they filed applications with BOs, 1980 and district election commissioner to get attested copies of Forms 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49, but they were driven from pillar to post with the respondents shifting the responsibility onto each other... Shaukat Ahmad, Ali Ghafor Durrani, Ali Amin Afridi, Najam Saleem and Anshu Abdullah, lawyers for the petitioners, argued that the provisions of the Elections Act, 2017, were violated as neither these forms were uploaded on the ECP website within 14 days after polling as required by Section 95(10) of the law nor were they allowed proper inspection of poll documents under Section 100 of the law... The lawyer for the ECP Mubin Kamran Siddique said the commission had been uploading Forms 45, 46 and 47 after receiving them from the relevant returning officers... He claimed that the ECP was taking action against those who had submitted those forms to it within the stipulated time... The counsel added that the commission had uploaded the forms to its website from where it could be acquired by the petitioners... He added that the same could be obtained from BOs... However, the bench observed that the Election Rules 2017 provided that the ECP should be giving documents to the candidates... The counsel for the petitioners said the ECP was bound by Rule 91 of the rules to provide attested copies of election documents... They said Forms 45 and 47 were not to be tampered with on a daily basis... The bench observed that once they got attested copies of the documents, those could be tampered with... It noted that the ECP's response until March 14 to the petitioners through which the commission of election results on the basis of Form 45... The bench observed that the ECP to produce its detailed judgment on the matter... The petitioners said they earlier got the high court's order for the return of their responses to conduct their election results on the basis of Form 45 issued by the presiding officers... They, however, said the ECP had rejected their respective petitions through which the commission while no detailed reasoning was yet available... The petitioners said the ECP directed them to approach election tribunals for the redressal of their grievances...

Cabinet members get portfolios

PEHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur has assigned portfolios to the cabinet members...

According to a notification issued by the establishment department, Arshad Ali Khan was assigned the ministry of local government, elections and rural development, fisheries and aquaculture, education and works; Faisal Hakim Khan Qureshi was assigned the ministry of climate change, forestry, environment and wildlife while Muhammad Akbar Shabbal was assigned the ministry of agriculture, Meena Khan minister of higher education, archives and libraries, Faisal Shabbal minister, while Naiz Ahmad Abbas was assigned the ministry of revenue and estate... It said that Pakistan Yaw Khan was given the ministry of public health engineering, Ali Khan Afridi minister of law, parliamentary affairs and human rights, Khaleeq Rehman minister of excise, taxation and narcotics control, while Syed Qasim Ali Shah was assigned the portfolio of the cabinet members... The notification added that Faisal Khan Tarakai was assigned ministry of elementary and secondary education while Muhammad Zahar Shah was assigned provincial ministry for road, water and power... The notification also assigned the administration department, adviser to the chief minister Syed Fakhr Jahan was assigned the portfolio of sports and youth affairs, Muhammad Aslam Finance, Muhammad Ali Saif Nazim and the chief minister's secretary, while Meena Khan was assigned the portfolio of Zakat, Ushr, social welfare and women empowerment... Meenabibi, special assistant to the chief minister including Khalid Latif Khan was assigned the portfolio of science and technology and information technology, Abdul Karim Khan industries, commerce and technical education, Laqvi Ali Khan population welfare while Amjad Ali was assigned the portfolio of housing. — Bureau Report

Two held for killing CM's security official

PESHAWAR: Counter terrorism department of police arrested two persons in Bajaur for their alleged involvement in killing of a police inspector in Dargwa area of Bajaur, CTD officials said... They said that the two persons had conspired in killing inspector Wajid Khan, a special force officer and a team member of the chief minister's security... Wajid Khan came under attack last month when unknown motorcycles opened fire on him while he was travelling along with his friend and son... The inspector and his friend stood on the spot while his son, who sustained injuries, was shifted to a hospital... Meanwhile, CTD officials informed media-person that a case was filed under section 7 of Anti Terrorism Act 1997 on February 14 and a team was formed to probe the case, asking that the team arrested two alleged militants — Langalullah alias Mujahid and Mujahidullah, residents of Harogard from Dargwa respectively. — Bureau

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Trump hit with UK legal bill after losing case

LONDON Former US president Donald Trump will have to pay at least \$30 million to settle a UK court action against a former spy who claimed a salacious dossier about him, according to a court order published Thursday.

Trump took legal action against Christopher Steele's company Orbis Security Intelligence, but High Court Judge James Hogg ruled last month that there were "no compelling reasons" to allow the claim to proceed to trial. The data protection claim was "bound to fail" in the court's judgment. The judge also rejected Trump's claim for compensation, stating that he had "chosen to allow many years to elapse — without any attempt to vindicate his reputation" in the UK courts since the dossier came out.

In an order obtained by Britain's domestic Press Association news agency, the judge said Trump will have to pay Orbis's costs "of the entire claim". She ordered that 200,000 be paid now, before a specialist judge decides the final amount. Hogg says this should be more than £60,000.

The so-called Steele dossier sparked a political firestorm when it was published just before his inauguration in January 2017. It contained unverified and controversial information about Trump and Russia that the former Republican leader has repeatedly denied, including allegations of sexual misconduct. It included claims that Trump had been "summersed" by the Russian FSB security service and that Russia had videotaped Trump with prostitutes during a 2013 trip to Moscow. It also alleged that Russian President Vladimir Putin "supported and protected" an attempt to "subvert" Trump as a presidential candidate for "at least five years"—AFP.



KOLKATA: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee (background center) leads party members during a march on the eve of the International Women's Day.—AFP

Sweden joins Nato in shadow of Ukraine war

The Nordic nation ends two centuries of non-alignment by joining US-led alliance

WASHINGTON Sweden on Thursday became the 32nd member of Nato in the shadow of the war in Ukraine, ending two centuries of official non-alignment and ending two years of turbulent diplomacy. Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson was visiting Washington, where Secretary of State Antony Blinken was to ceremonially receive the ratification documents after the hard-fought battle to secure the great lightbulb moment from all Nato members.

"This is a historic day. Sweden will now take its rightful place at Nato's table, with an equal say in shaping Nato policies and decisions," Nato Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said in a statement. "After over 200 years of non-alignment Sweden now enjoys the protection granted under Article 5, the ultimate guarantee of allies' freedom and security," he said. The Swedish government announced it was holding a special government meeting to approve accession.

Later in the day, the Swedish prime minister is to attend the annual State of the Union address by President Joe Biden, who has been struggling to persuade the rival Republican Party to approve new aid to Ukraine.

Sweden's idea and golden yellow flag is expected to be hoisted on Monday at the Brussels headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance. Russia has vowed "zero tolerances" over Sweden's entry into Nato, especially if the alliance's troops and assets deploy in the country. Sweden and Finland, while both militarily intertwined with the United States and members of the European Union, have historically steered clear of officially joining Nato, formed in the Cold War to unite against the Soviet Union.

Turning page on non-alignment Sweden has not been involved in a war, including World War II, since the Napoleonic conflicts of the early 19th century. But Finland and Sweden launched a joint bid after Russia in 2022 invaded Ukraine, which had unsuccessfully sought to join Nato — which considers an attack on one member an attack on all. Finland successfully joined its

April 2023. Sweden's candidacy stalled due to an assertive push by Turkey, which demanded that Stockholm, known for its liberal asylum policies, crack down on Kurdish militants who have camped against Ankara. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan later demanded action after protesters, enjoying Swedish laws on free speech, in a clear if unintended gesture, the United States dangled the prospect of F-16 warplanes to Turkey, which has faced the wrath of US sanctions over a major military purchase from Russia.

The Biden administration in January approved \$2.5 billion in F-16 warplanes to Turkey, which has in more advanced F-35 jets for Greece, a fellow Nato member that has a historic rivalry and frequent tensions with Turkey. Even with Turkey's blessing, Sweden faced another obstacle as it needed approval of a last country — Hungary, whose nationalist prime minister, Viktor Orban, has often threatened his own in Western allies.—AFP

India confirms citizen fighting with Russian army has died

NEW DELHI: India's embassy in Moscow has confirmed the death of a citizen recruited by the Russian army, days after a relative said he had been sent to fight in Ukraine.

Two days after Russia's invasion began, tens of thousands of its soldiers have been killed in Ukraine and Moscow is on a global quest for more combatants. The foreign minister to New Delhi said last month that it was working to secure discharges for around 20 Indian nationals "stuck" in the Russian army. The embassy did not state the circumstances behind Muhammad Afaan's death but said it was in touch with his family and Russian authorities. "Moscow will make efforts to send his mortal remains to India," the embassy wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

Afaan's brother Mohammed Imran said in February that his sibling had been missing for nearly two months. Afaan had last called from the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don to say that he had been deployed to the front lines. Imran had been told by the Indian authorities that his brother was being held in a prisoner-of-war camp.

He said that another Indian soldier who managed to escape told his family that 39-year-old Afaan had been wounded by a bullet. Afaan is the first death confirmed by Indian authorities among its citizens serving with the Russian army and the second confirmed overall.

A 23-year-old man from Gujarat state was killed in a Ukrainian airstrike while working as a "security helper", local media reports said Monday, citing relatives and a local resident at the frontlines. Several Indian recruits said last month that they were lured into joining up by promises of high salaries and Russian passports before being shipped to the frontlines.

The soldiers said they had been promised non-combat roles but were instead trained as Kalashnikov assault riflers and other weapons before being sent to Ukraine.—AFP

8,200-years-old cave paintings found in S. America

NIQUEN: Archaeologists have discovered the earliest dated cave paintings in South America in Argentina's Patagonia, dating back 8,200 years.

The 805 paintings were found by Argentine and Chilean archaeologists in the Huesed 1 cave, a 639-square-meter rock shelter located in the province of Neuquen, some 1,100 kilometers southwest of the capital Buenos Aires.

"We were able to date four black pebble patterns that were drawn in charcoal. These proved to be the earliest dated dating of cave paintings in South America," said Dr. Guadalupe Ramirez Villaverde, author of the research published in the Science Advances journal. The Argentinean archaeologist said the discovery indicates that the production of cave art began in the Huesed 1 cave about 8,000 years ago and that the practice of painting the pebble patterns seen in the cave was sustained for a period of at least 3,000 years. The discovery provides evidence of the artistic ability and cultural transmission of the hunter-gatherer societies which inhabited the region during the middle Holocene, a period roughly from 7,000 to 5,000 years ago, and reveals the sociological resilience to climate, as well as serving as a means of communication between scattered populations.—Reuters

La Nina return could reduce extreme heat risks for 2024, say scientists

PARIS: The rapid return of the La Nina weather phenomenon "may actually decrease the risk that 2024 smashes last year's record heat, Europe's climate monitor said, amid ongoing historic global temperatures. Although the past nine consecutive months have clocked temperatures previously unseen by humanity, it fell in line with climatologists' predictions of human-caused climate change which "could have taken more time to accrue", said Carlo Buontempo of the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S).

Weather factors Contributing to the successive record temperature range from natural cyclical events like the warming El Niño weather pattern and

solar activity, Buontempo said, to greenhouse gas emissions. "Greenhouse gases keep going up. And it would be very hard to explain or to see temperatures so high if it weren't for the greenhouse gases added in the atmosphere," he said. The record "El Niño has not been as extreme as previous El Niño and still the top temperature we have seen were remarkably warmer," he said. It followed a lengthy cooling of the ocean, which he said may have dampened the extent the planet was warming.

Weather patterns Despite El Niño peaking in December, February marked another month of record heat — a typical pattern as global mean temperatures spike after the extreme of the winter pattern, Buontempo explained. A transition to neutral is expected by the end of the Northern Hemisphere's spring and then to La Nina over the summer, he said, adding "there are some indications suggesting a transition to La Nina is happening faster than expected". It means while 2024 "was on track to become another very warm year, potentially a record-breaking year", the chance may actually decrease, he said.

Paris accord break head In February, the planet saw four straight days exceed the 2-degree Celsius mark above pre-industrial levels, the upper limit of the landmark 2015 Paris Agreement to

limit global warming. While breached, "the Paris target is actually measured by "an average over 20 years", Buontempo said. The 21 threshold was first crossed in November, which was "remarkable and at the same time not really surprising". Global temperatures have been consistently rising and "this means that temperature extremes will be exceeded more frequently at the daily level, at the monthly level, at the annual level", he said.

The last 12 months have been above 1.5 (degrees) and this is the first time that exceeds that threshold. Escalated territory While temperatures are still "broadly consistent with scientists' projections, the climate has entered uncharted territory, Buontempo said. "Our civilization has never had to cope with this climate. Our cities, our culture, our transport systems, our energy system — none of those things ever had to cope with this climate," he said. "Indeed, there have been surprises in the last few months, of things that we didn't know were going to happen so fast." But, he added, "if you look at the projections made at the beginning of the century for the temperature of the 2020s, they were actually quite accurate. We could have taken more notice of these"—AFP



COLOMBO: A woman looks at copies of 'The Conspiracy', a book written by toppled Sri Lankan president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, at a bookshop on Thursday. Rajapaksa was ousted after an uprising in July 2022.—AFP

Rajapaksa claims he was ousted over China investments

COLOMBO: Former Sri Lankan president Gotabaya Rajapaksa ended a long silence over his ouster on Thursday by releasing a book claiming "unparalleled rivalry" between China and other countries was responsible for his downfall.

Rajapaksa was forced into temporary exile after protesters stormed his official residence in 2022, following months of street protests over the island nation's worst-ever economic crisis.

In a self-published account of his downfall, titled "The Conspiracy", Rajapaksa defends his government's economic policies, which forced an unprecedented foreign debt default and saw months of severe food and fuel shortages. Instead, he said "Chinese funded infrastructural projects in Sri Lanka after 2006 brought in an element of geopolitical

rivalry" that progressed and his overthrow. "It would be extremely naive for anyone to claim that there was no foreign investment in Sri Lanka or that it was from power," Rajapaksa wrote.

Rajapaksa did not name specific countries but said he was "repeatedly warned Sri Lanka is at risk" of falling into a Chinese debt trap by signing a raft of infrastructure deals.

At the time of his ouster, the 74-year-old was initially flown out of Sri Lanka aboard a military aircraft and ended his exile in Singapore, but he has since returned home. In the book, Rajapaksa claimed that protesters who took to the streets as the economy ground to a halt in the final months of his tenure had "inspired funding", without offering evidence.—AFP

ALTA (Norway): German soldiers take part in a military exercise, on Thursday. During the exercise, called Operation Flansporen, over 20,000 Norwegian and soldiers from 13 other countries will train together to defend the Nordic region. The exercise has a long history and takes place in northern Norway every two years.—AFP



BELO HORIZONTE: Firefighters extinguish a fire after a plane crash on Wednesday. Two people were killed in the accident at Pampulha airport, in Brazil's Minas Gerais state.—AFP

JAKARTA: Art lovers view an exhibition on the theater 'About Time' at a shopping mall, on Thursday.—Reuters



AMRITSAR: Visitors take a selfie picturing fishes at a turtle aquarium, on Thursday.—AFP

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PTI will go to SC against 'tampered' Form-45s

Party spokesperson demands audit of election results after Pildat report

By Beera Anis

ISLAMABAD: PTI's Senator Barrister Ali Zafar has announced that his party will go to the Supreme Court against the alleged tampering of Form-45s in last month's general election.

The party has also demanded a thorough and impartial audit of the election results.

Speaking to the media outside the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday, Mr Zafar said: "We will challenge that matter (of Form-45) before the Supreme Court."

He accused the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) of publishing tampered Form-45s, which carry the total number of votes received by candidates at a polling station.

The PTI leader also accused the electoral watchdog for depriving the Senate (Elected Council) (SEC) — the party jointly by PTI-backed independent lawmakers — of its reserved seats and awarding them to other parties.

Mr Zafar claimed that the Islamabad High Court had already given a decision in PTI's favour, and it was valid for provincial and national assemblies.

The court has barred the members of other parties who have been awarded SEC's reserved seats from taking oath in the National Assembly until March 13.

Mr Zafar said his party would also challenge the ECP's decision not to allocate the party reserved women and minority seats in other provincial high courts.

PTI demands elections' audit

A PTI spokesperson has demanded a thorough and impartial audit of the election results in light of the Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency's (Pildat) assessment report.

In its report 'Assessment of the

Quality of General Election 2024', released on Wednesday, the think tank noted that the February 8 general elections ranked below the previous two electoral exercises in terms of fairness and called on the ECP to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into delays in the compilation and transmission of results.

The spokesperson said the assessment report has raised alarming questions over the transparency, fairness and credibility of the elections and the electoral watchdog must address these concerns.

The Pildat's assessment report was enough to prove the incumbent government is made up of "spoiled" characters who have been "imposed on the nation" through reach manipulation and tampering, the spokesperson added.

All factors, from the delayed announcement of the election schedule to the suppression of cell phone and mobile data on polling day, established that the elections were "the least fair" of all polls held during the past decade.

The spokesperson claimed that the scheme of converting the majority into a minority through alleged results tampering had already been unmasked by the former Rawalpindi commissioner.

The tampered Form-45s, published by the electoral watchdog on a website days after the mandated timeline, was a sheer violation of the Election Act, 2017, and further exposed the plot of tampering, the PTI spokesperson claimed.

A special order was created in the name of elections to renege on the pledge who "destroyed the country and economy" during their 16-month rule.

The spokesperson alleged that the public mandate was stolen "under state patronage".

"An unconstitutional government established on a stolen mandate neither has the ability nor the capacity to take tough and solid decisions for the welfare of the nation."

After depriving PTI of the seats it "won convincingly", the plan to distribute SEC's reserved seats among other political parties would reverse the political tonality and chaos.

President Alvi appoints three judges

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday approved the appointment of three judges of the superior judiciary.

Balochistan High Court Justice Naveem Akhtar Afghan has been appointed to the Supreme Court under Article 175-A of the Constitution.

The president also approved the appointment of senior-most



(L to R) Justice Hashim Kakar, Justice Shahzad Ahmad Khan, and Justice Naveem Akhtar Afghan.

Justice Alvi also appointed the senior-most judge of the Lahore High Court, Justice Malik Shihab Ahmed Khan, as chief justice in accordance with the Article 175 (A) of the Constitution.

The appointment was made as former IHC CJ Muhammad Ammer Bhatti retired on Thursday after reaching the age of superannuation.

A formal sendoff was held in honour of outgoing chief justice at the Judges Lounge, where Chief Justice-designate Malik Shihab Ahmed Khan and other judges working at the principal seat were present.

Meanwhile, Justice Khan will take oath as chief justice on March 8 (Friday) as a ceremony to be held in the Governor House—AP

Warrants for arrest of Nawaz's sons suspended

ISLAMABAD: An Islamabad Accountability Court has suspended the perpetual warrants of arrest against the two sons of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif to enable their attendance.

Accountability Court Judge Justice Naveed Hanif suspended the warrants of Hussain Nawaz and Hassan Nawaz with the consent of National Accountability Bureau's (NAB) prosecutor on Thursday.

The brothers had filed applications seeking protection from Islamabad International Airport to the court as they intended to re-enter and join the proceedings of cases pertaining to Avenfield Apartments, Al-Azizia and Flagship Investment.

Advocate Qazi Mubashir Hassan, who appeared as the applicants' counsel, said they have decided to re-enter before the court on March 12.

According to the counsel, his clients will reach the Islamabad airport on March 12—Malik Anas

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Concentration of powers in one person negates democracy: Justice Shah

In additional note to judgement on SC Practice and Procedure Act, judge says benches formed by former CJP should be 'protected'

By Naveed Iqbal

ISLAMABAD: The concentration of administrative powers in the hands of a single individual, such as the chief justice, runs counter to the ideals of democratic governance and judicial fairness, observed Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in a 20-page additional note to the Oct 13 judgement in the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure Act).

Justice Shah said in the note, released on Thursday: "It is imperative that such powers, including crucial decisions on case allocations, be exercised collectively, harnessing

the diverse perspectives and wisdom of all justices."

Parliament passed the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) bill on April 10 last year. It envisioned the formation of a panel of the most senior judges, led by the CJP, to handle all cases and appeals.

On Oct 13 last year, a 15-judge full court had upheld the law with a caveat that the right to appeal provided against a decision taken under Article 181(1) of the Constitution would not be applicable with retrospective effect.

Justice Shah explained that in the realm of public institutions, particularly within hallowed halls of the Supreme Court, the principle of collegial working is the cornerstone for ensuring justice, fairness, and the larger goal of the people who seek its intervention. "This approach not only democratises the decision-making process but also reinforces the integrity and respectability of the court."

"It would be hard to overstate how important civility and collegiality are to the proper functioning of our

legal system, and more specifically of our courts," Justice Shah observed.

"Nothing can be resolved in society without the ability to be civil and collegial. The stakes are high, and our ability to listen carefully, to express our ideas respectfully, and to collaborate for the greater good are more important than ever," Justice Shah observed.

Constitution of benches

Referring to a question about the constitution of benches by a former CJP and the decision made by such benches during the period in which the Practice and Procedure Act remained suspended, Justice Shah observed that acts done in accordance with the law prevailing at the time were generally protected under the doctrine of past and closed transactions.

The act of constituting benches by the former chief justice should be protected unless some exceptional circumstances justify departure from the principle, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah said.

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HBL PSL 2024

United edge Kings in high-stakes encounter

By Kamal Abbasi

BLAWALPINK: The star-studded clash of Karachi Kings and Islamabad United locked horns in the second match of the HBL Pakistan Super League fixture...

Very confident one as captain Moinuddin Khan... Karachi Kings and Islamabad United locked horns...

the fifty-run partnership between himself and Shadab... Karachi's hopes brightened when leg-spinner Zahid Mahmood went on to take a simple return catch to dismiss Aamir Khan...

runs in the powerplay, which also saw Shariq depart cheaply off Faheem... Karachi were desperate for a wicket when Shadab Malik misread a skier off left-arm spinner Waqar Khan...

At the halfway stage, Karachi were leading at 66-4 after Pollard got off the mark with a swift touch for four off Mills... The former West Indies all-rounder put pressure back on Islamabad when he hit Shadab for three consecutive boundaries in the 18th over...

Watching Pollard from the other end, Javed Vasee seemed like growing in confidence when he hit Mills for three consecutive boundaries in the 18th over, only to get caught behind on the fourth ball after adding 29 off 27 to the total... Vasee's wicket nullified the flow of runs once again and Pollard (39 off 20) succumbed to the pressure in the 18th over, becoming Usman Shah's first wicket...

Put into bat earlier, Karachi started off slow and could manage only 38 runs in the powerplay... Islamabad United captain Shadab Khan plays a shot as Karachi Kings wicket-keeper Tinu Shabbar looks on during their HBL Pakistan Super League match at the Pindi Cricket Stadium on Thursday...



ISLAMABAD United captain Shadab Khan plays a shot as Karachi Kings wicket-keeper Tinu Shabbar looks on during their HBL Pakistan Super League match at the Pindi Cricket Stadium on Thursday...

Today's fixture: Peshawar Zalmi v Quetta Gladiators 7:00pm (PST)

Table with columns: TEAM, Runs, Wickets, Overs, RRR, SR, KRR. Rows for Peshawar Zalmi and Quetta Gladiators.

Hamas retained its leading edge off his bat... Hala, on the other hand, missed a slower one straight on to dislodge his stumps as United managed 47-2 in the first six overs...

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Scoreboard for Karachi Kings vs Islamabad United. Columns: Bat/Bow, R, W, O, M, R, SR, KRR.

Scoreboard for Islamabad United vs Peshawar Zalmi. Columns: Bat/Bow, R, W, O, M, R, SR, KRR.

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH: Peshawar Zalmi

NZ pacer Sears to debut against unchanged Australia

CHRISTCHURCH: New Zealand pace bowler Ben Sears will make his Test debut against an unchanged Australia at the second and final match in Christchurch as the Black Caps look to square the series 1-1...



England were 125-3, but two batsmen Jonny Bairstow (29), Joe Root (25) and skipper Ben Stokes — out for a duck — all fell without the score advancing...

Five-star Yadav helps India take charge against England on first day

DHARMAWALA: Kohli and Yadav took five wickets to bundle England out for 218, with India's batsmen starting strongly on a dominant opening day for the hosts in the fifth Test here at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium on Thursday...

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India lost the opening Test but has looked to take an unbeatable 1-1 lead in the five-match series — A-1 P



Wellington quick Sears was drawn into the series after a hamstring injury to rookie pacer Will O'Rourke sustained in the first Test...

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Scoreboard for England vs India. Columns: Bat/Bow, R, W, O, M, R, SR, KRR.

New Zealand selectors were surprised in Wellington after not picking a spinner on a pitch that Australia's Nathan Lyon took 30 wickets on...

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There's no hiding from the fact that the first couple of Test matches have been disappointing. I know that's always been the case with us, but I think I had all the signs of the summer I'd be surprised if we played all seven because it's rare that something goes so well... Australia captain Cameron had reports on Thursday...

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Each week you're trying to get out and put your foot forward... Source said on Thursday...

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ENGLAND batter Ollie Pope reacts after being stumped by Indian wicket-keeper Dhruv Jurel off the bowling of Kohli during the fifth Test at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium on Thursday — Reuters

Verstappen tops opening practice at Saudi Arabian GP

JEDDAH: Three-time world champion Max Verstappen led out the mode surrounding his Red Bull team on Thursday to clock their best opening practice at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix...

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RED Bull's Dutch driver Max Verstappen in action during the first practice of the Formula 1 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix at the Jeddah Corniche Circuit on Thursday — AFP


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NOTICE OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BANK MAKRAMAH LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SUMMIT BANK LIMITED)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighteenth (18th) Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders (the "Shareholders") of Bank Makramah Limited (formerly known as Summit Bank Limited) (the "Bank") will be held on Friday, March 29, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at Serena Hotel, Islamabad to transact the following business.

AGENDA

Ordinary Business:

- To confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bank held on August 15, 2023.
- To receive, consider and adopt the audited financial statements of the Bank together with the Directors' and Auditors' Reports for the financial year ending on December 31, 2023.
- To appoint external auditors of the Bank for the financial year ending on December 31, 2024 till the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and fix their remuneration. The present external auditors, M/s. Yousuf Adil, Chartered Accountants being eligible have offered themselves for re-appointment.

Other Business:

- To transact any other business with the permission of the chair.

By order of the Board

Place: Karachi
 Date: March 08, 2024

Jawad Majid Khan
 President and Chief Executive Officer

Notes:

- The share transfer books of the Bank will be closed from March 22, 2024 to March 29, 2024 (both days inclusive). Transfers received by our Share Registrar, M/s. THK Associates (Private) Limited, 32-C, Jami Commercial Street No. 2, D.H.A, Phase-VII, Karachi at the close of business i.e. March 21, 2024 shall be treated in time for the purpose of entitlement to attend the said AGM.
- A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting may appoint another member as his/her proxy to attend, speak and vote on his/her behalf. A corporation being a member may appoint as its proxy any of its officials or any other person whether a member of the Bank or otherwise.
- An instrument of proxy and a Power of Attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or notarized, copy of such Power of Attorney must be valid and deposited with the Share Registrar of the Bank, M/s. THK Associates (Private) Limited not less than 48 hours before the time of the Meeting.
- Those shareholders whose shares are deposited with Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited (CDC) are requested to bring their original Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) along with participants ID numbers and their account/sub-account numbers in CDC to facilitate identification at the time of AGM. In case of proxy, attested copies of proxy, CNIC or passport, Account and Participants ID numbers must be deposited along with the Form of Proxy with our Share Registrar. In case of proxy for corporate members, the Board of Directors' Resolution/Power of Attorney with specimen signature of the nominee shall be produced at the time of the Meeting (unless it has been provided earlier to the Share Registrar).
- Shareholders having physical scrip of shares are requested to promptly notify change in their postal addresses and/or email addresses if any, to our Share Registrar, in writing, whereas CDC accounts holders are requested to contact their CDC Participant/CDC Account Services.
- In accordance with SECP's directives, it is mandatory for all the shareholders to have their valid CNIC number recorded with the Bank. Members who have not yet submitted photocopies of their CNICs to the Registrar are requested once again to submit valid attested copies of their CNICs.

For Attending the Meeting:

- In case of individuals, the account holders or sub-account holders and/or the persons whose securities are in group accounts and their registration details are uploaded as per the Regulations shall authenticate their identities by showing their original Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) or original passports at the time of attending the Meeting.
- In case of a corporate entity, the Board of Directors' Resolution/Power of Attorney with specimen signature of the nominee shall be produced (unless it has been provided earlier) at the time of the Meeting.

For Appointment of Proxies:

- In case of individuals, the account holders or sub-account holders and/or the persons whose securities are in group accounts and their registration details are uploaded as per the CDC Regulations, shall submit the Proxy Form as per the above requirement.
 - The Proxy Form shall be witnessed by the two persons whose names, addresses and CNIC numbers shall be mentioned on the form.
 - Attested copy of CNIC or the passport of the beneficial owners and the proxy shall be furnished with the Proxy Form.
 - The proxy shall produce his/her original CNIC or passport at the time of the Meeting.
 - In case of a corporate entity, the Board of Directors Resolution/Power of Attorney with specimen signature shall be submitted along with the Proxy Form of the Bank.
7. A Proxy Form, in both English and Urdu, is being separately sent to the members, along with the Notice of AGM.
8. In accordance with SECP Circular No. 10 of 2014 dated May 21, 2014 (the Circular), members holding in an aggregate of 10% or more shareholding in the paid-up capital of the Bank residing in a city, may avail video conference facility to attend the Meeting.

Requirement and procedure for availing video conference facility as stipulated in the Circular are detailed here as under:

The members should provide their consent as per the following format and submit it to the registered address of the Bank 10 days before holding of General Meeting.

Consent Form for Video Conference Facility

I/We _____ of _____ being a member of Bank Makramah Limited (formerly known as Summit Bank Limited), holder of _____ ordinary shares as per Register Folio/CDC Account No. _____ hereby opt for video conference facility at _____ (geographical location).

9. As per Section 72 of the Companies Act, 2017, every existing listed company shall be required to replace its physical shares with book-entry form in a manner as may be specified and from the date notified by the Commission, within a period not exceeding four years from the commencement of this Act, i.e., May 30, 2017.

The shareholders having physical shareholding are encouraged to open CDC sub-account with any of the brokers or investor Account directly with CDC to place their physical shares into scrip less form. This will facilitate them in many functions, including safe custody and sale of shares, any time they want, as the trading of physical shares is not permitted as per existing regulations of the Pakistan Stock Exchange.

10. Shareholders who could not collect their dividend/physical shares are advised to contact our Share Registrar to collect/enquire about their unclaimed dividend or shares, if any, in compliance with Section 244 of the Companies Act, 2017, after having completed the stipulated procedure, all such dividend and shares outstanding for a period of three (3) years or more from the date due and payable shall be deposited to the credit of the Federal Government in case of unclaimed dividend and in case of shares, shall be delivered to the SECP.

11. Copies of the Notice of AGM and the latest audited annual/quarterly financial statements of the Bank have been kept at the Registered Office of the Bank which can be obtained and/or inspected during business hours on any working day from the date of publication of this Notice till the conclusion of the AGM by the members and other persons entitled to attend the Meeting. Notice of the AGM and the latest audited annual/quarterly financial statements have further been placed on the website of the Bank: <https://www.bankmakramah.com/financial-statements/>

12. Subsequent to the approval of the shareholders of the Bank and in compliance with the S.R.O. 389 (I)/2023 dated March 21, 2023 issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), the Bank has adopted the circulation of Annual Financial Statements through a QR code and a weblink. Further, in compliance with the aforementioned SRO, the Bank has embodied herewith the QR code and the weblink of the Annual Financial Report for the year ending on December 31, 2023.

However, shareholders who wish to receive the hard copy of the Financial Statements shall have to fill out the 'Standard Request Form' available on the Bank's website and send it to us at the given addresses.

13. Pursuant to the Companies (Postal Ballot) Regulations, 2018, for any other agenda item subject to the requirements of Section 143 and 144 of Companies Act, 2017, members present in person, through video-link or by proxy, and having not less than one-tenth of the total voting power can also demand a poll and exercise their right of vote through Postal Ballot, that is voting by post or through any electronic mode, in accordance with requirements and procedure contained in the aforementioned regulations.

Interest of Directors:

The Directors of the Bank have no personal interest, directly or indirectly, that would require further disclosure.

Inspection of Documents:

The copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Bank and the minutes of the last Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bank may be inspected/procured free of cost during the business hours on any working day from the Registered Office/Head Office of the Bank from the date of publication of the accompanying notice till the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Bank.

SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK

A4636 TRICKY

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Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 1-9.

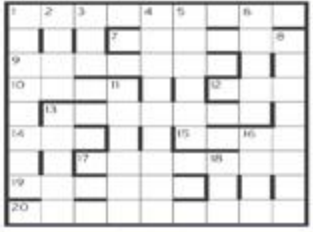
To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Oil or grease (9)
7 Very sad (6)
9 Not listened to (7)
12 Mend with stitches (4)
13 Rounded vase (3)
14 Part of a motor racing track (7)
14 Type of hairstyle (3)
15 Similar to (4)
17 Adjunct (7)
19 Electronic messages (8)
20 Spanish city (9)



DOWN

- 1 Praiseworthy (8)
2 Forearm bone (4)
3 Expression of contempt (3)
4 Basil rice (anag.) (9)
5 Sensual (8)
6 Gunpowder ingredient (5)
8 Capital of Australia (8)
11 Type of acid (6)
13 Punctuation mark (5)
16 Acid (4)
18 In addition (3)

CHESS



BLACK HAS A CRUSHER

HINT: UNPIN THE KNIGHT

TARGET



HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the same letter and there must be at least one non-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in 's'.

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 24; Very good 36; Excellent 47 (or more). Solution follows.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

APPENDAGE: egg, ape, append, append, deep, gear, gaped, nape, nape, napped, peep, pen, pen, pen, ped, peg, peg, ped, ped, pen, pen, ped, ped, peg, peg, pen, pen, peep, peep, peep, peep.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Emergency services contact information table.

HOSPITALS

Hospital contact information table.

AMBULANCE

Ambulance contact information table.

BLOOD BANK

Blood bank contact information table.

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD ASPIRANT: (ASPIRANT) Aspiric One who seeks to win a desired position or status.

SOLUTIONS

Word game solution table with columns: word, size, time.

MEMO EVENTS

LECTURES



REPORTING WARS IN THE 21ST CENTURY
Focus: Bharat Memorial Lecture, 'Reporting Wars in the 21st Century: The Rise and Fall of Agenda Journalism' by Kathy Gannon...

WOMEN'S DAY
Aunt Elizabeth Mela and March is being held at Free Hall, at 2.30pm
Non-Economic Loss and Damage from the Eyes of Women - an event to observe Women's Day...

HOROSCOPE

AMIES | March 25 April 14
This is a lovely day to socialise with others! Enjoy the company of friends and interactions with groups, clubs and organisations...
LIMBA | June 27 Oct 21
You have a chance to be creative today, especially if you're an artist, you're working on a creative project, or you need to dream up creative ideas...
TAURUS | April 20 May 20
You make a wonderful impression on bosses and authority figures today. In fact, this impression is so strong, some of you might begin a romance with a boss...
SCORPIO | Oct 23 Nov 21
You have a chance to be creative today, especially if you're an artist, you're working on a creative project, or you need to dream up creative ideas...
GEMINI | May 21 June 20
Romance with someone different or with someone who is far away might begin today. Likewise, strong feelings of wanting to travel for pleasure might prompt you to book a hotel or make plans for a future getaway...
SAGITTARIUS | Nov 23 Dec 21
Family discussions will go well today, especially because you have the gift of gab. People will enjoy talking to you...
CAPRICORN | Dec 22 Jan 19
Don't be down and out about it if you spend most of today daydreaming or being lost in a fantasy world. It's just what's happening, however...
AQUARIUS | Jan 20 Feb 18
Today the Moon is lined up with Saturn in your sign, which makes you sensitive and realistic...
PISCES | Feb 19 Mar 20
Today Mercury is lined up with your ruler Neptune, which makes you sensitive and idealistic...
VIRGO | Aug 23 Sep 22
Relations with co-workers are excellent today. In fact, they're so good, some of you might begin a work-related romance...
LEO | Jan 21 Feb 18
Relations with partners and close friends are warm and friendly today. This is a good thing, because in financial discussions, you might be tempted to give away the farm. Be careful. Be generous, but respect your own interests...

THE METRO FUNNIES

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THE WIZARD OF ID 1 BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES



CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

Double-dummy problem
North
WEST EAST
SOUTH
This double-dummy problem was composed many years ago by Sidney Lenz. The object is to make Seven Hearts against the queen-of-clubs lead. Best defense is assumed, and, of course, defense is allowed to win at 52 cards.
Win the queen of clubs with the king, declaring a diamond, and continue with the ace of clubs. Then:
1. If East refuses, overruff, cash the ace of spades and lead the queen through West's king. West must play the king of spades on this trick or the next one, whereupon you ruff in dummy and lead dummy's remaining trump to the ten to lead dummy's ace of the trumps.
2. If East discards a spade on the ace of clubs, trump the ace, play the A-Q of spades as before and take a trump finesse. Then cash your remaining spade or spades, lead a diamond to the king and ruff another club, reducing your hand to the A-K-Q of trump and nine of diamonds. Lead a diamond to the ace, lead anything at all from dummy and East's Q-7-4 of trump succumb to your A-K-J.
3. If East discards a diamond on the ace of clubs, discard your nine of spades and take a trump-finesse. Then return to dummy with a diamond and repeat the trump-finesse. After you cash the A-K of trump, this becomes the position:
When you now play the four of hearts, West can discard the ten of clubs as dummy also discards a club, but when you next play the three of hearts, West is caught in a three-suit squeeze. No matter which suit he discards, the rest of the tricks are yours.
Tomorrow: Good management pays off.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for dates and weather conditions.

ISLAMABAD

Sunset 09:12pm
Sunrise (Tomorrow) 06:24am

NEXT 24 HRS

Minimum 10°C
Maximum 25°C
Outlook Sunny

THE WORLD

North

United edge Kings in high-stakes encounter

Pg 20 SPORT



WOMEN work in a brick kiln in H-16 in Islamabad on the eve of International Women's Day being celebrated on Friday. — Photo by Mohammad Asim

Two road projects in capital need PM's attention

Shehbaz Sharif laid foundation of 11th Avenue but delayed start of work on Sereen Chowk Interchange last year

By Kashif Azzabi

ISLAMABAD: Two major road projects of Capital Development Authority (CDA) need special attention of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who laid the foundation of one of them and deferred the other in his previous tenure.

However, there has been no progress on these two projects. Sereen Chowk interchange and 11th Avenue. Now, it is expected that the prime minister will push the civic agency for early start of work on the two projects.

On June 14 last year, Mr Sharif had laid the foundation stone of 11th Avenue, however, work on the road has not been started yet. The 5.8km portion of the road was supposed to start from E-11 and culminate at

Karnal Sher Khan Road, formerly IPI Road.

CDA in July last year approved P.C.I worth Rs19 billion with three years' completion time of the project. However, tenders and requests for proposal (RFP) are yet to be called by CDA.

An official of CDA, however, said the documentation was almost complete and soon the civic agency will go for calling RFP.

Asked about the poor financial condition of the civic agency and the requirement of the Rs19 billion for the project, the official said CDA had been working on various plans to generate funds. "Secondly, this is a three-year project so funding will be required in three years," he said.

After the construction of 9th Avenue decades ago, the CDA could not construct any major road. Work on the construction of 10th Avenue was started last year with the federal government's funding, but due to shortage of funds it remained very slow. Work on 11th Avenue is yet to be started.

Railroad had won the contract of the Sereen Interchange project by submitting a lowest bid of Rs2.1 billion against National Logistics Cell's

bid of Rs2.5 billion.

The CDA had awarded the contract of the Sereen Interchange to the government-owned company, but at the time of its inauguration the then prime minister refused to inaugurate it and left the venue after directing the CDA for a detailed briefing.

Later, the project remained unattended and the bid validity period also expired. Therefore, the CDA also returned the security deposit of the contractor, officially shelving the project.

"Had the PM laid the foundation of this project in June, it could have been completed by now," said a minister, Nasir Hussain, who complained of traffic congestion on a daily basis at the junction. He, however, said that now Shehbaz Sharif is back and it is expected that he would get the project launched at the earliest.

Traffic from different roads, including Connaught Avenue, Chah Road (Morara Road), Srinagar Highway and Arturk Avenue, among others, converges on this intersection, leading to congestion, particularly during peak hours, putting hundreds of commuters in great trouble on a daily basis.

Police personnel from provinces barred from carrying arms during VIP escorts

ISLAMABAD: The capital police have barred provincial police personnel deployed in Islamabad on various duties from carrying weapons without its permission, Dawn has learnt.

The police of provinces posted at the Punjab, Balochistan, Sindh and KP houses will only be allowed to carry weapons after getting permission and in this regard they had been asked to contact the Security Division of Islamabad police.

The capital police will provide facilities to guide and protect the provincial chief ministers and advisors, the police said, adding all official and non-official persons coming to Islamabad will bring security personnel with them in one vehicle only.

All ministers, members of parliament and officials are requested to cooperate with the Islamabad police as per the proposed procedure, adding there will be a complete ban on display of weapons.

The Islamabad police are taking steps to prevent display of weapons and store weapons protocol, the police said, adding due to the commencement of the new parliamentary year and other important events being held in Islamabad, the proposed procedure has been re-evaluated.

Talking to Dawn, police officers said these steps would create a rift between the federal and KP government officials. Besides, it is also a violation of protocol and security measures for VIPs. As per the Blue Book, governor, chief ministers and provincial cabinet members are included in the list of VIPs, the officers said, adding security has to be provided to VIPs mentioned in the Blue Book, and it cannot be withdrawn under the executive and government's directives.

There is a security protocol for chief ministers and their cabinet members in which they have also a security squad, comprising provincial police officers and officials, and move along with them wherever they go in the capital. The local police join their security squad and move along with them in their limits. There is a ban over the entry of security personnel in the installations like parliament, they said. However, as per the security protocol the chief ministers and cabinet members' security personnel cannot be restricted.

Besides, security is also given to parliamentarians and officials keeping in view threats to them. The police officials questioned there and arms they carry cannot be stopped as personnel in uniform are allowed to carry weapons. Display of weapons inside the Red Zone is completely banned, however, the ban is rarely implemented, the officers said. The provincial police deployed at the provincial houses cannot be disarmed through the executive orders as the houses are under the authority of the provinces. However, the local police can ask about the details of the personnel deployed there and arms they carry.

In March 2023, the interior ministry banned the entry of security squad of Gilgit-Baltistan's chief minister and his family members in Islamabad and other provinces, they added. It may be mentioned that former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari used the South police security squad. The South police were also deployed to the Foreign Office during his tenure. — Staff Reporter

Women, children get exemption in punishments

By Syed Irfan Raza

ISLAMABAD: President Aftab Ahmad on Thursday announced a special concession in the punishments of women and child prisoners on humanitarian grounds.

The remission would be applicable to women and children sentenced for two years or less and to those with less than two years of sentence left to complete, a move released from the President's Office said.

The reduction in sentence would not apply to the prisoners involved in murder, espionage, and anti-state activities.

The other categories without remission include convicted of adultery, theft, abducting, kidnapping, terrorism, narcotics, and foreign nationals. It added.

Islamabad resident seeks registration of robbery case

ISLAMABAD: A woman has lodged a complaint with Humak Police seeking registration of a robbery case in which she was injured and injured her son, sources told Dawn.

In her complaint the woman also complained that despite informing the police she was not investigated and call made on police helpline, no one responded. Later passenger shifted her injured son to hospital.

According to the report of police monitoring system, Gul Naureen, a resident of Rawalpindi in her complaint said that her son, 16-year-old, was riding a motorcycle on February 2, 2024, a man blocked his ride from Katchery Chowk to DHA Phase 3 at around 10pm. The passenger asked him to stop when they reached Village Rajpet, the report said, adding that the passenger pulled out a pistol and shot him at the airport and asked him to hand over cash and valuables.

On returning the robbers opened fire on him and as a result he sustained a bullet injury in his head, while two other fires missed the target, it said adding that later the gangsters looted Rs2,000 cash, a mobile phone and a motorcycle from him and escaped.

The woman called police on their helpline and informed them about the incident, however, no one responded to the call, the report said, adding that the passenger shifted her injured son to hospital.

Later she came over the Humak Police station to lodge a complaint over the incident, however, the police asked him to come next day. It said adding that she visited the police station for three consecutive days.

On February 25, the police visited the crime scene and made a report that the area, where the crime occurred did not match the details of Humak Police report, adding that after establishing that the area was located in the limits of the Humak Police station the woman again came to the police station on Feb 26.

However, the police refused to receive complaint from her, besides, the SHO of the area was also not available and the police did not take any action. The woman requested to register a case over the incident and take action against the gangsters, the report said.

The report further said that woman lodged a complaint with the police, however, as per the investigation, arrest, and inspection of the crime scene it was revealed that the incident took place at abandoned Road at Doha Town Phase 2, which was located in the DHA. The area which was not located in the limits of Humak Police Station, so the complaint was registered at Daily Diary, it added. — Staff Reporter



WORKERS at a local nursery offload plants from a truck in H-16 in Islamabad on Thursday. — Online

Islamabad police launch 'commercial' ventures

Fees for weapon handling, self-defence courses, community horse riding club etc., are received in cash, says official

By Munawar Azeem

ISLAMABAD: Amid no let-up in crime across the capital, the Islamabad police have introduced a number of commercial ventures, sources told Dawn.

The sources said the capital police had decided to set up a security company. "Special Police

Officers" to provide services of guards to private parties and were recruiting retired police officials for it. The company will provide security guards to business centres and important installations.

So far, the contracts for security arrangements through the retired personnel have been made with owners of a few installations, including a shopping mall, and the personnel were performing duties there. Besides, talks were underway with managements of other installations to provide them security guards.

Somewhere, the business venture is also beneficial for the retired police personnel as it provides them jobs reducing their financial burden. Half of the contract amount received from the firms

panies is paid to them as salary, they added.

The other business venture of the capital police is "Weapon Handling Course," the officers said. In December 2023, training by the police and issuance of a certificate were made mandatory by police for those obtaining arm licences from the capital administration or the interior ministry.

The police charge Rs2,000 for the six-hour long two-day training. The course includes weapon inspection, assembling/dismassembling, handling, weapon grip, cleaning, positions, and 10 live-weapon fires.

The cost of 10 bullets is included in the fee, however, the police charge them an extra amount against each round if the applicant

wants to fire extra rounds, the officials said.

"Self-Defence Course," and the fee for the two-week course is Rs20,000 while Rs5,000 is charged for a day course.

Likewise, the police have also a business called "Community Horse Riding Club," in which a monthly fee of Rs15,000 is charged for horse riding training.

The other business ventures of the police are a summer camp and a newly introduced camp, respectively. The camps are organised for children after they pay a fee of Rs2,000 for both the camps.

The fees for weapon handling, self-defence courses, community horse riding club and community summer camps are received in cash at

the Police Lines Headquarters, the officers added.

Furthermore, the police also charge Rs2,000 and Rs2,500 for issuing cards for entry to Diplomatic Enclave. The card is valid for one year and after its expiry it is renewed against the same fee.

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'Hindu Rashtra endangering world peace'

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD The global community's failure to adequately recognise India's transition towards becoming a Hindu Rashtra...

Diplomats, Pakistanis enjoy fusion concert

By Syeda Shehbaz Kazim

ISLAMABAD: Austrian Ambassador Marie Andrea Wicke and her spouse Mr. Vitoriano...



SUFF musician Arabi Azhar performs at fusion concert on the eve of International Women's Day at the residence of Austrian ambassador...

The performers were Assad Halilovic, a drummer, composer and educator from Austria...

Arabi Azhar dedicated a song, 'Dushmani', to the women of Pakistan...

The Austrian Ambassador attended the concert on the eve of International Women's Day...

Four illegal housing schemes issued notices

RAWALPINDI The Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) has issued show-cause notices to the owners of four illegal housing schemes...

GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN JOB OPPORTUNITIES advertisement with list of projects and application details.

Court moved against road blockades in Pindi during PSL matches

Petition says private interests cannot be protected at cost of public exchequer... others as respondents... The petition stated that public art gallery suffered due to blockades...

QUL Mr. Safdar Hussain Kazmi Federal Secretary (Retd.) advertisement for a security guard position.

سوشل میڈیا پاکستان

اگر آپ سوشل میڈیا پاکستان میں ایڈ ہونا اور مندرجہ ذیل مواد حاصل کرنا چاہتے ہیں

- ۱۔ تمام پاکستانی اخبارات
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- ۳۔ انٹرنیشنل میگزین اور سنڈے میگزین
- ۴۔ نوکریوں کے اشتہارات
- ۵۔ اخباراتی کالمز اینڈ ٹینڈرز
- ۶۔ سکول، کالج اینڈ یونیورسٹیز ایڈمیشن انفارمیشن
- ۷۔ ویب سیریز فلمیں، ڈرامے
- ۸۔ انگلش فلمیں
- ۹۔ انڈین ڈرامے، شوز اینڈ فلمیں
- ۱۰۔ ڈبلیو ڈبلیو ای ریسلنگ
- ۱۱۔ حقیقت ٹی وی ویڈیوز
- ۱۲۔ پاکستانی ڈرامے، ٹاک اینڈ گیم شوز
- ۱۳۔ PDF کتابیں اور ٹاؤلز
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- ۱۵۔ سلائی، کوکنگ، ہیلتھ اینڈ بیوٹی ٹپس
- ۱۶۔ کارٹونز اینڈ کارٹونز کہانیاں
- ۱۷۔ اسپورٹس ویڈیوز
- ۱۸۔ سبق آموز، معلوماتی اور دلچسپ ویڈیوز
- ۱۹۔ نیوز ہیڈ لائنز: صبح 6، صبح 8، صبح 10، دوپہر 12، سہ پہر 3، شام 6، رات 9، اور رات 12 بجے کی ملیں گی۔

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- ۲۔ نمبر تبدیلی کی وجہ سے **ویموو میمبر** کو دوبارہ ایڈ ہونے کیلئے دوبارہ فیس دینا ہوگی۔
- ۳۔ غلطی سے لیفٹ کرنے والا **میمبر** کو بھی دوبارہ ایڈ ہونے کیلئے دوبارہ فیس دینا ہوگی۔
- ۴۔ کوئی اسٹشل ڈیمانڈ پوری نہیں کی جائے گی۔ ایڈمن پینل جو مواد بتا چکا ہے، وہی مواد گروپ میں ملے گا۔
- ۵۔ جن ممبران کو **وائی فائی** یا **موبائل ڈیٹا** آف رکھنے پر گروپ کی پوسٹنگ نہیں ملتی۔ ایسے ممبران اپنا **وائی فائی** یا **موبائل ڈیٹا** آن رکھیں تاکہ آپکی پوسٹ مس نہ ہو۔ کیونکہ ایڈمن پینل بتایا گیا تمام مواد روزانہ کی بنیاد پر بھیجتا ہے۔
- ۶۔ **ایڈمنز** کے وائس ایپ نمبر پر رابطہ کرنے والا بندہ ہی گروپ میں فیس ادا کرنے کے بعد ایڈ ہو سکتا ہے۔
- ۷۔ فیس ادائیگی کے بعد **24** گھنٹے کے اندر آ پکو ایڈ کر دیا جائے گا، لہذا ایڈمن کو زیادہ تنگ نہ کریں۔
- ۸۔ جس تاریخ کو آپ فیس ادا کریں گے۔ اگلے ماہ کی فیس بھی اسی تاریخ کو جمع کروانا ہوگی۔
- ۹۔ گروپ میں ایڈ ہونے سے پہلے گروپ کے قوانین اور گروپ کے بھیجے جانے والے مواد کی تفصیل لازمی پڑھیں۔
- ۱۰۔ گروپس میں بھیجا گیا مواد مختلف انٹرنیٹ ویب سائٹس سے لیا جاتا ہے، اسکے سہی یا غلط ہونے پر وائس ایپ گروپ سوشل میڈیا پاکستان کوئی ذمہ داری قبول نہیں کریگا۔

نوٹ

- ۱۔ ایزی لوڈ، موبائل لوڈ بھیجنے والا بندہ گروپ میں ایڈ نہیں کیا جائے گا اور نہ اسکا بھیجا ایزی لوڈ، موبائل لوڈ واپس کیا جائے گا۔
- ۲۔ لہذا دھیان سے جب بھی بھیجیں، جازکیش یا ایزی پیسہ **ہیمینٹ** بھیجیں۔ بعد میں اعتراض قبول نہیں کیا جائے گا۔
- ۳۔ جس ایڈمن کو فیس ادا کریں، اسی ایڈمن کو وائس ایپ پر میسج کریں۔ تاکہ وہ آپکی ٹرانزیکشن دیکھ کر آپکو جلدی ایڈ کر سکے۔
- ۴۔ ایزی پیسہ بھیجنے والے ممبران دکاندار سے **TRX ID** نمبر لازمی لیں، **TRX ID** نمبر نہ بتانے کی صورت میں آپکو ایڈ نہیں کیا جائے گا۔
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- ۶۔ **TRX ID** یا **TID** کو ٹرانزیکشن نمبر کہا جاتا ہے، جس کا آپ کے پاس ہونا لازم ہے۔
- ۷۔ آپ ایک سے زیادہ ماہ کی فیس اک ساتھ جمع بھی کر داسکتے ہیں، کیونکہ دکاندار **100** روپے سے کم **ہیمینٹ** نہیں سینڈ کرتے۔
- ۸۔ سوشل میڈیا پاکستان نام سے گروپ بنانے والا، سوشل میڈیا پاکستان گروپ کی پوسٹنگ سے اپنا گروپ پیسے لے کر چلانے والا، گروپ کی پوسٹ کا پی کر کے ایڈینگ کر کے اپنے نام سے بھیجنے والا ممبر، کسی پیڈ گروپ کا ایڈمن یا گروپ رولز پر عمل نہ کرنے والا ممبر بھی بغیر کسی وارننگ کے ریموو کیا جائے گا اینڈ اسکی آئی ہوئی فیس بھی واپس نہیں کی جائے گی۔