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## Lieutenant Gen Nadeem Ahmed Anjum posted as new DG ISI

Outgoing ISI chief Lt-Gen Faiz Hameed made Commander Peshawar Corps



RAWALPINDI: In a major reshuffle in top brass of Pakistan Army, postings and appointments have been made, according to a press statement issued by the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) Wednesday.

According to the military's media wing, Lieutenant General Nadeem Ahmad Anjum has been appointed as the new director general of the Inter

Services Intelligence (ISI). Outgoing ISI Director General Lieutenant General Faiz Hameed has now been appointed as Corps Commander Peshawar.

The announcement came on Wednesday after a meeting between Prime Minister Imran Khan and Chief of the Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa at the PM House in Islamabad where the two discussed a raft of issues including the appointment of the new ISI director general.

Lt Gen Nadeem Ahmed Anjum previously had served as Karachi Corps Commander and Frontier Constabulary Inspector General (IG FC) and Commandant and Command & Staff College Quetta and Brigade Commander Hangu Kurram Agency. He belonged to the Punjab Regiment.

New ISI boss attended Royal

College of Defence Studies UK and Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies Honolulu.

Meanwhile, the outgoing ISI DG and newly appointed Corps Commander Peshawar, Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, also paid a farewell visit to Prime Minister Imran Khan.

In the valedictory meeting, Prime Minister Khan eulogized Lt Gen Hameed's services as ISI chief and expressed good wishes on his new appointment as Corps Commander, Peshawar. Lt-Gen Faiz Hameed had previously served as the head of the internal security wing at the ISI, where he stayed for around two-and-a-half years.

Lt-Gen Hameed is from the Baloch Regiment. He has also commanded a division in Puno Aqil. He was also among those who brokered the Faizabad agreement in 2017 between protesters from various religious

groups and the then government, signing the agreement in the capacity of 'guarantor'.

According to the ISPR, Lt-Gen Muhammad Saeed has been appointed as Commander, Karachi Corps. Lt-Gen Nausman Mahmood has been appointed as President of National Defence University.

Lt-Gen Asim Malik has been appointed as Pakistan Army's Adjutant General. His appointment came after he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general.

Lt-Gen Muhammad Amir has been appointed as Commander Gujranwala Corps. Lt-Gen Asim Munir has been appointed as Quarter Master General.

These appointments and transfers have taken place today and reportedly there will be more in the days to come as some of the top generals reach their end of term shortly. NNI

## President promulgates NAB ordinance

Accepts resign of the NAB's Deputy Chairman

ISLAMABAD: President of Pakistan Dr Arif Ali on Wednesday promulgated the amended National Accountability Bureau (NAB) ordinance.

The ordinance has been named NAB Second Amendment Ordinance 2021. As per the draft of the ordinance, the judges of accountability courts will be appointed for three years.

The president will have the power to set up as many accountability courts as he wants. The President will consult the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition for the appointment of Chairman NAB.

Moreover, the President will appoint the judges of the NAB courts after consultation with the chief justices of the high courts. Earlier, the federal cabinet approved the draft of the amended NAB Ordinance. The cabinet approved the draft of the new ordinance under the circulation summary. The prime minister sent the draft of the NAB Ordinance to the President for promulgation.

According to the ordinance draft, the NAB will no longer be allowed to interfere in tax matters.

Meanwhile, President on Wednesday accepted the resignation tendered by the Deputy Chairman of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) two days ago.

According to a private news channel, the Ministry of Law and Justice has also issued the notification of acceptance of the resignation of NAB Deputy Chairman Hussain Asghar.

Hussain sent his resignation to the President after the NAB Lahore's letter to the NAB Chairman for inquiry against him as Commandant Police Lahore ghost recruitment.

Earlier, Federal Law Minister Farogh Naseem and Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry said the President of Pakistan would appoint National Accountability Bureau (NAB) chairman after consultation with the Opposition Leader in National Assembly.

Both the federal ministers held a joint press conference in Islamabad on Wednesday and said Prime Minister Imran Khan would not make consultancy with the Opposition Leader on the matter of the NAB chairman's appointment.

They informed that under the NAB amended ordinance, the matter of appointment of the NAB chairman would go to the parliamentary committee if the government and opposition heads failed to reach a consensus. They said that until the new appointment, Javed Iqbal would continue his services as the NAB chairman. They also informed that various names would also be considered for the appointment of a new chairman. They also said that the Speaker National Assembly would make the parliamentary committee comprising of six members each from the opposition and treasury benches. NNI

## All stakeholders to be taken into confidence for census: PM

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Wednesday said that all stakeholders would be taken into confidence for census.

During the present government, institutions were independent, he added.

The Prime Minister was talking to a delegation of Muttahida Quami Movement (MQM), which called on him here.

Minister for Information Technology Syed Ameen-ul-Haq, Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, Senator Faisal Sabzwari and Minister for Planning Asad Umar were present in the meeting.

During the meeting, the matters relating to census and the ongoing federal government projects in Sindh were discussed.

The prime minister said that the use of electronic voting machines would bring in transparency in the electoral process.

He said that there was a need to create awareness about the positive effects of electronic voting machines on electoral process in Pakistan.

The participants viewed that the government and allied parties together were playing effective role for development in



Sindh particularly in Karachi.

The delegation appreciated the Prime Minister for federal government projects for improvement of public transport and infrastructure in Karachi.

Separately, Prime Minister Imran Khan was on Wednesday told that the country was on the path of easily surpassing the previous year's production statistics of wheat, rice, sugarcane and maize recorded at 27.5 Million Tons (MT), 8.4 MT, \$1 MT and 8.4 MT, respectively.

The Prime Minister was told this by Minister for National Food Security Syed Fakhar Imam, who called on him here and apprised him of the encouraging trends so far regarding the

production of wheat, rice, sugarcane and maize crops.

He was told that by September 30, 2021 Pakistan has achieved the production of 38.5 million cotton bales, which was higher from 27 million bales realized in the corresponding period of previous year.

The Prime Minister appreciated the performance of the Ministry of National Food Security, which was determined to achieve the record export targets of mangoes and citrus fruit at 150,000 tons and 463,000 tons, respectively.

He also appreciated the efforts of officials concerned for achieving the historic growth and export targets in agriculture sector.

## Online visa service to be started for Afghanistan: Rashid

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior, Sheikh Rashid Ahmad on Wednesday said that online visa service will be started for Afghan citizens to make this process more transparent and smooth.

Talking to the media, the minister said that this new system will start working within 10 days as the government will provide an on-arrival visa.

He said that the government will use modern technology to get data and maintain the complete records of entry and exit movements. He said that this system will be applicable on two borders initially while other five borders will be included later.

He said that the government was going to announce an amnesty to all visa-holders to submit an application by 30th of next month and make sure their exit from Pakistan.

"Otherwise, they have to face cases against them in Pakistan", he added. He said that the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) had been given the task to avoid hoarding of dollars in the country. He added the present government was making sincere efforts to provide all basic facilities for the country's people.

He said that things were changing in the region and Pakistan being a responsible state would fulfill its responsibility of national security while meeting international expectations as a major country in the region with the objective to strengthen peace in Afghanistan. NNI

## CPEC projects carry no hidden debt: Asad

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar has categorically stated that the projects related to China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are transparent and carry no hidden debt.

Reacting to a recent report of an American think tank on CPEC during a press conference along with Special Assistant to Prime Minister on CPEC Khalid Mansoor on Wednesday, Asad Umar said that details about the corridor project have been shared on multiple occasions including at the level of parliament. There is also a parliamentary oversight on this mega project.

The minister said that each and every thing about the project is kept public. He said the concerned authorities are bound to tell all the required information to the parliament and the parliamentary committees, besides all information about tariff structure of the energy projects under CPEC are also available on the website of

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA).

He said that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) also asked for information about the projects under CPEC which were provided by the government of Pakistan. He said the government of Pakistan gives sovereign guarantee to all the foreign funded projects and all the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) whether they are from China, US or any other country are given sovereign guarantee by the Pakistan government.

The minister clarified that the Chinese debt is only 26 percent of the total external liabilities of Pakistan. He said that Pakistan has a debt servicing challenge which it is meeting but clarified that they do not have any problem with the Chinese debt.

Asad said the terms of debt financing for power projects executed under the CPEC are actually more favourable than the non-CPEC financing which had come in from other multilateral agencies. TLTP

### SACHI BAAT

## Pandora was designed to defame PM which failed: SK Niazi

Govt won't compromise on corruption, says Imam; Buzdar working honestly for Punjab's development says Hassan Khawar

By Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Chief Editor Pakistan Group of Newspapers and Chairman Roze News Sardar Khan Niazi in his renowned show 'Sachi Baat' on Wednesday had an exclusive conversation with Minister for National Food Security Syed Fakhar Imam and newly appointed official spokesperson of the Punjab government Hassan Khawar on various issues of national interest.

Sardar Khan Niazi while congratulating Mr. Khawar on his appointment as the official spokesperson of the Punjab government said that he was the most competent person for this post. Mr. Niazi was of the

view that being the spokesperson of Punjab was more difficult than of the federal government.

He further said that the situation in Punjab was not good as most of the MPAs were involved in corruption and the Patwari culture was still dominating in the province. Mr. Niazi urged the minister and the Punjab spokesperson to reflect on the ground realities as the masses were in a state of hopelessness and the administration and the team of PM Imran were not performing well except for some.

Talking about the latest unveiled Pandora papers he stressed that the struggle of Pandora was to degrade the

Prime Minister but the ill intentions behind this act failed to degrade him. 'We have no doubt about the intentions and honesty of PM but what actually matters to probe those whose names are appeared in the papers at the earliest,' said Mr. Niazi cautioning that over 400 people of Panama leak, then Paradise were left free.

Mr. Niazi stressed that those who are making offshore companies solely have ill intentions and they are only for the protection of the stolen wealth. He said that those who do not declare their assets on the FBR website must be brought to justice.

Speaking in the program Mr. Khawar thanked the PTI government and CM Buzdar for



putting trust in him and aimed to look into the issues in the province which are causing trouble for the government.

Sharing views on the Pandora papers he claimed that PTI has no tolerance policy against corruption so a fair probe will be carried out as per the party's

vision. He said that it is not necessary that every company will be illegible but the government will probe to find out the facts. It is the first government that has announced a probe and set up a cell within no time although few members of the PTI are also there as well.

Mr. Khawar said that Buzdar was working honestly and he was only criticized for his simplicity which was baseless. He announced to hold a press conference to highlight the achievements of his government in these three years.

Federal Minister Fakhr Imam stated that the government will carry out a thorough probe into the Pandora issue and see that weather those were declared or not. He said that PM will never compromise on corruption.

Mr. Imam said that the government was aware of the inflation and it was a fact that the hike in the international market was causing issues in the country and hoarders were also adding to the woes of the people.

## Mineral water is to be provided to common man

By District Reporter

CHAKWAL: We will ensure the supply of mineral water to the poor and lower class people of Chakwal district and work is underway on a big project for this.

It has been found that it is being packed with the purest and most natural clear water of the Chakwal area.

This was stated by General Manager Urva Mineral Water Khurram Shehzad during a function held at Chakwal Press Club on Wednesday. On this occasion, Khurram Shehzad was given an honorary membership by Chakwal Press Club in recognition of his services rendered in the field of social business and sports.

President Mohammad Shafiq Malik, Secretary General Zulfqar Mir and Administrative Manager Urva Mineral Water Mohammad Naeem Butt were also present on the occasion. Chairman Chakwal Press Club Khawaja Babar Saleem Mahmood said that Chakwal Press Club has been badly affected in the last 14 months.

The four have shaken the financial foundations of the Chakwal Press Club and the Chakwal Press Club is barely struggling to stand on its own two feet and the cooperation of Urva Mineral Water in this regard is a welcome step, said Secretary General Zulfqar Mir. He said that more than 30 important personalities of Chakwal district are being given honorary membership of Chakwal Press Club which will enhance the honor and dignity of Chakwal Press Club and these personalities. President Mohammad Shafiq Malik said that Chakwal Press Club is self-sufficient with the donations of its members and is barely making a living and for this it now needs the cooperation of leading personalities.

## DC Kasur surprise visit to DHQ Hospital and reviewed medical facilities provided to patients



By Staff Reporter

KASUR: Deputy Commissioner Fayyaz Ahmed Mohal paid a surprise visit to the District Headquarters Hospital last night and inspected the medical facilities provided to the patients.

The Deputy Commissioner paid a surprise visit to the District Headquarters Hospital last night and checked the medical facilities, hygiene, attendance of doctors and paramedical staff provided to the patients there.

The Deputy Commissioner inquired about the medical facilities from the patients and their families in other wards including the Emergency Ward and directed that on the special direction of the Chief Minister of Punjab the provision of best medical facilities to the citizens should be ensured in any case. The cheapness and negligence of will not be tolerated. He directed the doctors and other staff to treat the patients and their families with good manners and provide them with maximum medical facilities.

## Dispute between Narejo, Bhutta communities settled under patronage of Sardar Manzoor Khan Pahanwar

PPP leader Hussain Bux Narejo expresses gratitude to Narejo and Bhutto communities



By Abid Ali Narejo

KARACHI: PPP Leader Hussain Bux Narejo, Irshad Ali Narejo, Meeral Bux Narejo, and other notables on Wednesday expressed gratitude over the resolution of the dispute between the Narejo and Bhutta communities in village Faiz Muhammad Bido. People from other communities have expressed their heartfelt gratitude to both the parties for their support and for agreeing to the decision.

They also called upon the community to remain united and peaceful and called upon the other communities in the country to take further steps to resolve the issue and intensify the peace efforts as soon as possible.

It is to be noted that the dispute between the Narejo and Bhutta communities over the last 5 years in Faiz Muhammad Bido was settled today under the patronage of Sardar Manzoor Khan Pahanwar in Karachi. The two sides were also present and they merged into one another to end the bloody conflict forever. They prayed that May Allah blesses them and grants them strength to be like one another.



HYDERABAD: Gils carrying water pots going toward home after filling from tube well.



QUETTA: PML-N Balochistan leader Haji Baz Muhammad Khilji addressing a press conference about resignation from party.

## Punjab CM chairs meeting to review prisons package

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar chaired a meeting to review different aspects of the prisons package and the pace of jails reforms in the province.

Provincial Ministers Raja Basharat, Fayyaz ul-Hassan Chohan, ACS (Home), IG (Prisons), SMU head and others attended the meeting. The CM directed to introduce feasible amendments in the Punjab Probation and Parole Act adding that the budgetary requirement be ensured for healthy meals to captives.

Similarly, expedient recommendations be compiled to get rid of the menace of torture and inhuman treatment. The cable networking be completed early so that the inmates could watch PTV News, PTV Home and other entertainments channels. The chief minister expressed satisfaction over the recruitment of 44 psychologists and directed to finalize the prisons package without delay. The meeting was told that recruitment of 1037 jail staff has been started. The CM has given in-principle approval to recruit 4930 wardens and also instructed to fill vacant posts of doctors and paramedics for different jails. It has also been decided in principle to improve the service structure of jails staff. The CM was informed that the inmates could lodge their grievances during calls by pressing the code. Action has

been initiated on 489 accusations and 705 inquiries have been held over unlawful acts gleaned through video monitoring of jails. Similarly, PMIS has been enforced in 21 jails while the same would be introduced in 22 other prisons.

Dysfunctional fans have been replaced in Multan jail after CM's inspection while wash-rooms and kitchen have been repaired along with the provision of a water cooler facility. Likewise, ceiling and exhaust fans have been installed and 85 toilets have been repaired in DG Khan jail.

Furthermore, 100 fans have also been installed in Sialkot jail after the inspection of the chief minister, the meeting informed. NNI

## Govt supports production of pine nut, dry fruits in South Waziristan: Zartaj

PESHAWAR: Minister of State for Environment Zartaj Gul on Wednesday said that South Waziristan is one of the biggest markets of pine nuts and other dry-fruits in Asia and the government was providing all facilities to improve the production of dry fruits.

Addressing a meeting organized by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of United Nations in district DI Khan, she said that the government was supporting the local farmers in provision of high quality seeds to improve the production of dry fruits especially pine nuts. She said the initiative would give a boost to the economy as well as the local people in creating employment and business opportunities. Zartaj Gul said the government policies to mitigate the effects of global warming were largely acknowledged by the world community and extra measures are being taken in this regard. NNI

## Pakistan Army guarantor of national security: Governor Punjab

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that Pakistan Army is the guarantor of national security and those who conspire to weaken national institutions cannot be the well-wishers of the nation.

He said, "Kamyab Pakistan" program is a historic initiative of the government. It is the responsibility of every Pakistani to play his role in the development and stability of the country. Pakistan is currently facing many challenges which can be overcome by forging unity among our ranks.

While talking to overseas Pakistanis living in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, he said that Pakistan has the best Armed forces in the world who have thwarted the plans of terrorists and enemies on all fronts, adding that 220 million Pakistanis are proud of the Pakistan Army. He said that the

opposition parties should also give priority to national interest over personal and political interests.

Chaudhry Sarwar said that it is the responsibility of every Pakistani to play his role in the development and stability of the country, adding that Pakistan is currently facing many challenges. He underlined the need to forge unity amongst ourselves to confront the challenges.

He said that the PTI led government's initiatives like Ehsas Program, Successful Youth Program and 'No One Sleeps Hungry program' launched under the leadership of Imran Khan are aimed at serving humanity, adding that no political discrimination is being made and all public welfare schemes are running in a fully transparent manner. He said that all resources are being utilized for the development and prosperity of the people. INP

## KP Govt, COPHC to enhance cooperation on Gwadar Port

ISLAMABAD: China Overseas Ports Holding Company (COPHC) Pakistan and the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have agreed to further enhance cooperation between the Gwadar Port and the province of KP.

In this regard, according to Gwadar Pro, a "constructive and fruitful" meeting was held between Chairman and CEO COPHC Zhang Baozhong and KP Finance Minister Taimur Khan Jhagra-led team including Abdul Karim Tordher, Special Assistant to Chief Minister KP on Industries and CEO KPBOIT and SEZA Hassan Daud Butt in Peshawar. As Gwadar port is turning out to be a hub of maritime trade in the whole region, KP creates a link between Gwadar Port and Afghanistan and landlocked Central Asian countries. Taimur Khan Jhagra said that KP is a land of opportunities, which is a connecting link between Gwadar Port and Afghanistan and beyond. "Zhang Baozhong proposed a MoU between COPHC and KPBOIT for more cooperation," said Hassan Daud Butt, adding, enhanced cooperation between Gwadar Port and KPBOIT will benefit the entire region. Hassan Daud Butt briefed Chairman COPHC about growing business opportunities in the province and the facilitation KPBOIT offers to the local and foreign investors. INP

## Visually impaired daily wagers to be regularized soon: Raja Basharat

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Law and Cooperatives Raja Basharat has said that the visually impaired daily wagers would be regularized early as per vision of the chief minister.

He stated this while chairing the review meeting of the committee on regularization of visually impaired daily wagers held at Civil Secretariat on Wednesday. Provincial Minister for Social Welfare Yawar Bukhari and officers of concerned departments attended the meeting.

While giving a briefing, Secretary Social Welfare Hassan Iqbal said that the various departments had so far regularized 267 out of 562 employees.

Raja Basharat said that CM Sardar Usman Buzdar had directed to regularize all the 562 blind employees of various government departments who were agitating since last government on that issue. He said that the directions were issued to the departments of Agriculture, Specialized Health, Primary Health, Higher Education, Home, Housing, Irrigation and School Education. The provincial minister expressed serious concern over the delay in the regularization process and directed the heads of departments to ensure prompt and complete implementation of the directives of the CM. INP

## Sindh Govt devastating leading hospitals: GB Minister

Masses should be shielded from corrupt: Dr. Murtaza Mughal

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Planning & Development Gilgit Baltistan on Wednesday said increased political interference by Sindh Government is ruining the leading hospitals of the country.

After playing havoc with the top revenue-generating city of Karachi, the Sindh Government is after Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) for political gains which will be not allowed, he said.

Talking to Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President of Pakistan Economy Watch, Fateh Ullah Khan said that we will go to any extent to safeguard the rights of masses and doctors of Gilgit-Baltistan and other underdeveloped areas.

He said that provincial authorities are conspiring against doctors and postgraduate students hailing from Gilgit-Baltistan, AJK, erstwhile Fata and Pata and

Balochistan but no one can stop people of these areas from getting jobs and training in JPMC.

Khan, who is who is also Secretary General Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Gilgit-Baltistan, said that JPMC was among very few state-run hospitals which used to attract donations from the masses due to its quality of service but now political interference has tarnished its image and services which is also hitting the confidence of the masses.

The provincial government has shaken the foundations of this hospital and an independent audit will reveal unbelievable corruption, nepotism, malpractices, and mismanagement, he said.

There is rampant corruption in the JPMC and allied facilities and steps should be taken to improve transparency and bring to book

doctors with political backing who have engaged in corrupt practices for years with no action taken against them, he observed.

At the occasion, Dr. Murtaza Mughal said that doctors in JPMC have had their promotions withheld for the past 10 years. At least 61 medical officers of the hospital await promotions to the next grade as assistant and associate professors.

At present, 30 posts of Grade-18 assistant professors, seven of Grade-19 associate professors and several posts of Grade-20 professors are reportedly lying vacant at the JPMC.

The administrative control of JPMC was transferred from the federal government to the Sindh government in June 2011 after the passage of the 18th Amendment. The hospital employees had appealed the

decision at the Supreme Court (SC) against this decision and till July 2016 a stay was in place on the directives of the Sindh High Court (SHC).

Then in 2016 the SHC ruled that the administrative control of three hospitals - JPMC, National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases and the National Institute of Child Health - be handed over to the federal government but in appeal before the apex court, the Sindh government challenged this decision.

The top court granted a stay on the implementation of SHC's decision and that was in place for another two and a half years.

Then in January 2019, the apex court upheld the SHC's decision and directed the Sindh government to return the three hospitals to federal control within 90 days. NNI



**ISLAMABAD:** Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice Mr. Riaz Fatyana chairing the Committee meeting in Parliament House.

## Government is cognizant of the impact of inflation on poor : PM

By Raza Abid Mustafa

ISLAMABAD: SAPM on Poverty Alleviation Dr. Sania Nishtar briefed the Prime Minister on provision of targeted subsidies to the eligible families under the umbrella of Ehsaas program.

The Prime Minister said that the Government is cognizant of the problems faced by the poor due to inflation. It is for this purpose that targeted subsidies should be provided to the underprivileged segments of the society, said the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister said that Kamyab Pakistan, Sehat Sahulat Cards and Ehsaas are the flagship programs of the government aimed at poverty alleviation and social uplift of the lower segments of the society.

The Prime Minister directed that a comprehensive awareness program be launched to inform the masses about how targeted subsidies can be availed.

The meeting was apprised that Ehsaas program has developed a mobile app in collaboration with National Bank of Pakistan. This application would be used by vendors to provide subsidized items to eligible Ehsaas beneficiaries throughout the country.

It was informed that due care has been taken to eliminate chances of misuse of targeted subsidies under the Ehsaas program.

The briefing was also attended by Minister Finance Shaukat Tarin, Minister Defense Pervaiz Khattak, Minister Information Fawad Chaudhry, SAPM Dr. Shehbaz Gill, Governor State Bank Dr. Raza Baqir, President National Bank and senior officers.

## FBR shows commitment to collect substantial revenue in second quarter

By Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The 5th Board in Council meeting of Federal Board of Revenue was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmed, Chairman FBR. The Board in Council members deliberated upon the decent growth of 38.3 % in revenue collection for the first quarter (July-September) of the current FY 2021-22 and conveyed their appreciation for the field formations. The net revenue collection of Rs. 1,395 Billion, exceeding the set target for the first quarter, has also been appreciated by the Prime Minister.

The Board in Council also devised a robust strategy to keep the same momentum of revenue collection in the second quarter starting (October to December) of the current Financial Year. They expressed their strong resolve to collect substantial revenue in the second quarter and thus exceed target set for this period.

The Board in Council meeting also appreciated the comprehensive print and electronic media campaign launched by the FATE Wing which helped FBR receive massive number of 1.86 million returns till 30th September, 2021 garnering tax of Rs. 39 Billion with the returns. The members, particularly, mentioned about the impact created by the videos of national heroes and renowned celebrities appealing the general public through social media to file their returns within due date. They thanked all the national heroes for their valued support in making this campaign highly successful. The members also lauded the initiative of FATE Wing to use all cellular companies for SMS outreach to the people to file their tax returns.

Furthermore, the Board in Council also decided to speed up the measures required to broaden the tax base, document the economy through POS and fast track implementation of Track and Trace System on Tobacco, Sugar, Fertilizers, Cement, Beverages, Petroleum and Pharmaceutical sectors.

## Shafqat, Kazak envoy discuss avenues to enhance educational ties



By Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador and plenipotentiary of the Republic of Kazakhstan Yerzhan Kistafin called on the federal minister for Education.

Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture Shafqat Mahmood Wednesday at Federal Education ministry.

The two sides discussed to enhance educational and cultural relationships and for this purpose the both sides agreed on people to people and university to university contacts.

Quaid I Azam University is already working with universities of Kazakhstan on science and Technology areas and memorandum of understanding in this regard is likely to be inked in next couple of months.

After the signing of MoU the faculty and students from both countries will visit each other which will further strengthen the fraternal ties between the both countries.

Federal Minister Shafqat Mahmood expressed his desire for broad based and deeper relationship with Republic of Kazakhstan and also suggested the exchange of cultural troops of both the countries to enhance the awareness of each other's cultures of two brotherly states.

In this regard Pakistan National Council of Arts will sign memorandum of understanding with the Arts related organisation of Kazakhstan.

The both sides also discussed to hold the events of sports, joint webinars and other extracurricular activities to bring the people of the both countries closer.

# Senate body expresses concerns over US-China Trade War

By Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs expressed concern over US-China Trade War and directed that Pakistan may avoid becoming a part of any conflict between the two big nations and taking stringent measures to enhance its exports through effective diplomacy in order to generate maximum revenue for the country.

The Committee met in Parliament House, Islamabad

on Wednesday under the Chairmanship of Malik Muhammad Ehsan Ullah Tiwana, MNA/Chairman.

In the meeting it was directed that concerned ministries may strengthen the performance appraisal system for Commercial Attaches for their result oriented performance so that targets set by the government could be achieved.

The Committee directed that Pakistan may take part in Expo 2020 Dubai effectively in order to promote Pakistani exports

in international markets and provide proper guidance to Pakistani traders so that they could work in combative environment. The Committee decided to have comprehensive briefing by M/o Commerce on Expo 2020 Dubai in the next meeting.

Earlier, Secretary, M/o Overseas, Special Secretary, M/o Foreign Affairs and Addl. Secretary, M/o Commerce briefly apprised the Committee about the efforts made by them to enhance the exports of

Pakistan and problems faced by them in this regard.

The meeting was attended by Makhdoom Zain Hussain Qureshi, MNA, Mr. Jamshed Thomas, MNA, Mr. Ali Zahid, MNA, Mr. Muhammad Khan Dahi, MNA, Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi, MNA, Ms. Maiza Hameed, MNA, Mr. Ali Nawaz Shah, MNA, Mr. Noor ul Hassan Tanvir, MNA, Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, MNA, and officials of M/o Foreign Affairs, Overseas and Commerce

## AIOU commences online classes from October 10

By Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) is commencing online classes of MSc/BS face to face programs, offered in autumn 2021 semester, on October 10 which will continue till January 3, 2021, says a press release.

Moreover, online classes of PhD and M Phil programs have already begun on September 16 which will continue till January 3, 2021. Usernames and passwords are being shared with the students through SMS and in case of any difficulty students are instructed to contact their respective regional offices.

Upon the special directives of Prof Dr Zia Ul-Qayyum, VC, AIOU all academic, administrative and servicing departments are following university annual calendar in true letter and spirit enabling implementation of this calendar in the true sense of the term.

## Rising debt burden on the economy matter of grave concern: President ICCI

ISLAMABAD: President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Muhammad Shakeel Munir has said that the central government's total debt has increased by more than 11 per cent in the last one year, which should be a matter of great concerns for the policymakers as the rising debt burden would consume most of the country's financial resources on debt servicing and leave insufficient budget for development projects that would badly affect the economic growth of the country.

He emphasized that the government should formulate a comprehensive strategy to get rid of the debt burden as rising debt would create multiple problems for the country's economic future.

Muhammad Shakeel Munir said this while addressing a delegation of the business community during its visit to ICCI. Mian Akram Farid Chairman Founder Group was also present at the occasion. Muhammad Shamim, Ahmed Khan, Zahid Hamid, Haji Nisar Langa and others were in the delegation.

The ICCI President said that total debt of the central government has surged from Rs.35.66 trillion in August 2020 to over Rs.39.77 trillion August 2021, which was not a healthy trend. He said that the external debt has also increased from Rs.12.123 trillion in August 2020 to Rs.13.436 trillion in August 2021 showing an increase of over Rs.1.3 trillion during the last one year.

These trends showed that our country was sinking into a serious debt trap and things have reached to such a point that the government has to borrow to repay the interest on loans which was very worrying, he added.

He urged that the government should reduce its reliance on loans and try to run the economy with indigenous resources. He further stressed that the government should devise a comprehensive strategy to get rid of the debt burden so that with reliance on indigenous resources, Pakistan could move towards sustainable economic growth. INP



**ISLAMABAD:** Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Mr. Shaukat Tarin chairing the meeting of the National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC) to review the price trend of essential commodities.

## Police to ensure friendly police ecology, resolve public issues on priority



By Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: 'Open Kutchery' are being held across the city to ensure the early redressal of public complaints.

Effective poling measures are being adopted by Islamabad Police to resolve public issues, curb crime and bridge the gap between police and public.

It was stated by SP (Rural Area) Muhammad Usman Tipu while addressing the people at 'Open Kutchery' held in Pindorian. This interaction with public was held following directions of senior officials for effective interaction of police with public. SDPO, Station House Officer, a large number of people and other police officials were also present on the occasion.

The SP (Rural) said that people should identify the elements in the police or in their sur-

roundings supporting the anti-social activities so that action could be initiated against them. He urged people to cooperate in the registration of new residents of slum areas so that unidentified people could be apprehended. People ensured their cooperation with Police and the Public didn't make any complaint of inappropriate police behavior.

He said that police has the responsibility to take care of the people and police officials should be informed in case any personnel demand bribe for or delay registration of cases. He said that policy of free registration of crime has been adopted by Islamabad police while effective action is underway against land mafia, drug pushers and other anti social elements.

The SP (Rural Area) said that police succeeded to ensure effective policing in the area

through public cooperation. He said that disciplinary action would be taken against those policemen involved in sluggish policing.

He also directed the police officials to ensure interaction with respected people in their respective areas and resolve public grievances through prompt action.

Campaign against drug-suppliers, illegal-weapons is on full swing adding that the citizens should avoid to carry weapons.

He said that steps are underway to enhance interaction with people and make them more responsible. On the occasion, he listened to the problems of the people and issued directions to immediately resolve them. The people of the area lauded this step of Islamabad Police and hoped that their problems would be resolved on priority basis.

No complaint against any police official was received during this interaction with people.

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## 11 suspects held for murder-attempted murder

By Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad police has apprehended 11 suspects charged for murder attempted murder over personal enmity, domestic and property disputes during the last one month.

The police teams were using modern technology and human resources in the investigation process to arrest the accused at earliest, said its spokesman.

He said there were 13 such incidents reported during the period at various police stations.

The accused were produced before the court and obtained physical remand for further investigation.

The police also recovered tools used in the crime from the nabbed persons, besides submitting challan to the

court to punish the culprits.

The spokesman said various courses were arranged for capacity building of investigation officers, following Inspector General of Police Qazi Jameel-ur-Rehman directions to provide maximum relief to the victims.

Owing to these efforts the crime rate was declining in the capital city, he added.

"It is prime responsibility of police to secure lives and properties of people and all possible resources are being used to investigate the cases so that the murderers could be brought to justice," he quoted IGP as saying.

The IGP, and DIG operations he said had appreciated the performance of investigation officers and hoped that they would continue to perform the duties with same dedication and honesty.

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## Editorial


### Social Media Breakdown

Major social media services including Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp were hit by a massive outage on Monday, tracking sites showed, impacting potentially tens of millions of users. Outage tracker Downtidetector was showing outages in heavily populated areas like Washington and Paris, with problems being reported from around 1545 GMT. Downtidetector showed there were more than 20,000 incidents of people reporting issues with Facebook and Instagram. The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority said that Facebook services had been affected internationally due to an outage. This is epic," said Doug Madory, director of internet analysis for Kentik Inc. The last major internet outage, which knocked many of the world's top websites offline in June, lasted less than an hour. The stricken content delivery company in that case, Fastly, blamed it on a software bug triggered by a customer who changed a setting. So many people are reliant on Facebook, WhatsApp or Instagram as a primary mode of communication that losing access for so long can make them vulnerable to criminals taking advantage of the outage, said Rachel Tobac, a hacker and CEO of SocialProof Security. "They don't know


**At its peak, the outage was so extreme that users reported Gmail, TikTok, Snapchat, Telegram and other social media platforms had also slowed down due to millions of netizens migrating platforms. But even the alternatives offered no relief to people who use their Facebook credentials to log in and use games and services provided by unrelated websites.**

how to contact the people in their lives without it," she said. "They're more susceptible to social engineering because they're so desperate to communicate." Tobac said during previous outages, some people have received emails promising to restore their social media account by clicking on a malicious link that can expose their personal data. The cause of the outage remains unclear. Malory said it appears that Facebook withdrew "authoritative DNS routes" that let the rest of the internet communicate with its properties. At its peak, the outage was so extreme that users reported Gmail,

TikTok, Snapchat, Telegram and other social media platforms had also slowed down due to millions of netizens migrating platforms. But even the alternatives offered no relief to people who use their Facebook credentials to log in and use games and services provided by unrelated websites. Staff at the Facebook-owned platforms later said that even internal communications and networks were affected, comparing their time in the office to a "snow day" at school since they could not get any work done. But while several Facebook staffers may have been enjoying their "snow day", several thousand small businesses worldwide lost millions of dollars as they rely on the company's social media platforms for direct and indirect commercial activities and customer relations. Meanwhile, several governments and businesses also rely on Facebook messenger and WhatsApp for internal communications. Whether or not this policy is good or bad is a separate issue, but we all know that social media has one of the only easy ways to get official work done. While Facebook has so far kept mum on the cause of the outage, some tech experts noted that Facebook appeared to have withdrawn its "authoritative DNS routes", which are the pathway through which internet traffic reaches its platforms. Some of Facebook's DNS records had temporarily disappeared which, in the physical world, is akin to a building just vanishing with everything inside.



With faith, discipline and selfless devotion to duty, there is nothing worthwhile that you cannot achieve."



People who have no hold over their process of thinking are likely to be ruined by liberty of thought. If thought is immature, liberty of thought becomes a method of converting men into animals.



### Why Not Single Curriculum



Abdul Hafeez

Robert Mills Gagné (August 21, 1916 - April 28, 2002) was an American educational psychologist defines, "curriculum is a sequence of content units arranged in such a way that the learning of each unit may be accomplished as a single act, provided the capabilities described by specified prior units (in the sequence) have already been mastered by the learner". Curriculum is tallied as constitution of education, page-turner in nation development. Education is a valuable asset that society uses as an instrument for receiving economic, social and political development. It is intrinsically useful that its positive impact on the society and individuals is so numerous and uncountable that no society can ignore it. The indispensable role of education and its relevance in rapid and genuine progressive development of a nation make it receive the attention of great patriotic and foresighted personalities of societies. Some educationist has even claimed that the wealth or poverty of a nation depends on the content of the curriculum. This can be attributed to the primary role of curriculum in interpreting the values, the dreams and the desires of a nation linking the world of knowledge with the world of work. People had to be furnished with those qualifications (skills, knowledge or values which would make them into productive assets. The labor

curriculum should be guided not only to meet the needs and aspirations of a given society but should serve as an instrument for socio-economic sufficiency and Sindh government is willing to implement. The next one curriculum content, being an educational instrument for nation building, its nature and quality of programs a nation offers go a long way in determining the achievement of its nation. Sindhi believes that they are one of the oldest nations of the world having a rich culture with own norms, values, equality cultural days and personalities. They believe that they are totally different from the other sub nations living under the

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federation of Pakistan and willing to maintain this identity. In this regard Sindh government demands from federal government to handover subjects of language, which society intends to impart these attitudes and



force as human capital which raw materials and credit was recognized as a major factor for economic growth.

The formulation of a single national curriculum (SNC) by government has resulted in controversy and seen much debate across mainstream media, civil society and some social media platforms. The idea of imposing a uniform curriculum on all educational institutions was to ensure that public schools, private schools and seminaries have the similar learning outcomes. In real the implementation of single national curriculum may be a big challenge for the profit oriented education boards like Agha Khan or Cambridge system but Sindh Government doodled against the implementation of the curriculum in the province. There are two main extents of curriculum to implement it, one is science subjects, and this apart of

knowledge to her citizens through these socializing assistances.

No doubt there is needed to re-examine our curriculum content especially in the area of science syllabus at the all levels of school in Pakistan. Science and technology are sources for social and economic changes and their applications in various fields of human endeavor have been responsible for raising peoples' standard of living. For instance, countries like Japan, China, Korea, Malaysia and Hong Kong whose productive forces boosted their national economic growth depended on science and technology to suit their environmental and cultural values. Pakistan can be repositioned in the same direction of these countries in the 21st century, and period of globalization science and technology is the font of nation development.

### Dialogue with acceptance of Religious values: key for peace and prosperity

UMAR RIAZ ABBASI

Global and regional political, economic and social development, in recent years, has troubled the relationship between Western, European and Islamic societies strongly and manifold. Throughout the world, people are witnessing unsettling changes. Non-Muslims and Muslims alike became victims of terror and violence by people pretending to act "in the name of Islam". Misunderstanding and prejudice seem to grow on both sides even though information Systems and means of communication are highly sophisticated. The starting point of dialogue initiatives is the conviction that although religion and religious identity have increasingly gained importance, regional conflicts must not be understood simply as culturally or religiously motivated. Lack of mutual understanding must be overcome by dialogue. Strengthening pluralism within societies and reducing prejudices and foe images be it in West or in Muslim countries - also play a crucial role. Dialogue, therefore, must not refrain from controversies, must endure open debates in order to make the complexity of the issue at stake transparent and enable different perceptions still safeguarding the universal acceptance of human rights and fundamental freedoms. Real dialogue is possible only in the presence of mutual knowledge and acceptance of cultural and religious values. Accepting others must mean more than tolerance-it should mean accepting them as members of the community without necessarily any loss of their unique identity. Such mutual acceptance should integrate both sides' values into a culturally richer community. Where there is respect, there will be willingness and even readiness to integrate some of those values to enrich one's own cultural and religious values. Such respect for others requires certain knowledge of the others' history and culture, ways of life, and other factors. Thanks to developments in communication technology,

such knowledge is now easily available.

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Doctrinal, communal, or religious union should not be the real aim; rather, we should work for union in collaboration to do something together, to rise above discussions on doctrinal and ceremonial similarities and differences. Such union in collaboration is possible only in diversity and in conserving as much as possible of our own identity in an increasingly homogeneous world. These are converging not contradictory developments. This is true for nations and countries where borders are becoming less important or even disappearing, and also for religions. It seems evident that such a union can be realized only by collaborating with each other in a common global range of activities. Some scholars say that intercultural dialogue is one of the major medicines to overcome humanity's common ills. Our world's durability depends, to a great extent, on the promotion of intercultural dialogue. We at the Community in Pakistan also believe that establishment of dialog environments is a means to appreciate diverse opinions and eliminate the stereotypes often assigned to "Others".

In that respect, we need to educate non-Muslims about Islam and Muslims about other faiths to establish mutual understanding and tolerance. To achieve this end, we invite and encourage sharing of various perspectives, partnership with other religious and cultural organizations and we organize educational activities such as seminars, lectures and discussion panels, all of which inspire and illuminate us in our endeavor to fulfill our mission.

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## Data privacy should be considered an inalienable human right

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With the growing digitization of various aspects of society and the exponential increase in the amount of data "exhaust" that most of us produce, data privacy has emerged as an important issue of our time.

First, a brief reminder about the amount of data that we produce and that companies such as Google and Facebook, as well as various institutions that we relate to (such as schools, hospitals and ministries) have on us.

Google, through our smartphones, laptops and other internet-connected devices, has complete records of all the searches we have ever made, including images and videos, even if we later delete those searches. And if that were not enough, depending on whether we have the "location" setting on our smartphones turned on, it will know every place we have ever been to. And with other applications such as Google Calendar, it may know every event we have scheduled, and whether we attended it or not. And for those who use Gmail, Google will have every message sent or received and all our contacts.

If we have "special customer" applications, then commercial companies (such as supermarket chains) will have records on

everything we have ever bought from them, from which store/branch and when.

Youngsters probably produce even more data because they all use social media – a lot – in addition to data related to their education, i.e., all their courses and grades, which are recorded digitally nowadays, and any assignments or tests they submitted digitally during their education.

The problem is that most people are not aware of how much data various companies and institutions have on them and what they do with it. Much of the data is used for advertising and profiling purposes: The details of what you search for, what you buy and the places you go to a lot can be used to target you with ads and for other purposes.

More generally, privacy should be regarded as a personal right, like freedom of belief (religious, political, etc.), freedom of expression, and such. No company or institution should have the right to access your list of contacts, or your location and movements for every hour and day of the last 10 years.

Earlier this year, when WhatsApp, through its owner Facebook, announced that it would be changing its privacy rules to allow itself to utilize users' "metadata," many of us



objected and decided to stop using the app. When I informed my friends and contacts of that decision, many replied, "I don't have anything to hide." I retorted: "I don't either, but out of principle I do not accept to let any company use my data without my consent; opting out should always be allowed." Fortunately, because of the uproar, WhatsApp backtracked and allowed users to consent or object to its usage of their data. Thus, I still use the app, but without having agreed to give up my data.

In the field of education, there are similar and possibly even more critical issues related to data privacy. As I have mentioned, educational institutions have important data on stu-

dents, including grades and health records. Unfortunately, that data is rarely fully secure, as hackers have recently demonstrated through so-called "Zoom bombing" and other breaches. Moreover, more extensive use of digital tools during the pandemic, including online examination and proctoring, has not only increased the amount of sensitive student data that now exists, but this data is also managed by third parties – online testing and proctoring companies, in particular. How that data is saved and managed is a question that is rarely asked, let alone satisfactorily answered.

Two weeks ago, Inside Higher Ed, a well-regarded and widely read online news hub covering higher education matters, pub-

lished the results of a survey that it had just conducted with College Pulse (a startup that specializes in student opinions) of 2,286 students from 120 colleges and universities. It showed that a majority of students do not even think that their institution has a policy on data privacy, and only 12 percent of them have searched for it and read it on their university website.

Students should know that universities typically collect data (using cookies, forms, logs, email backups and the like) on many things, including every website accessed through the university's internet, every information item entered on a form, every document uploaded or downloaded, every email sent or received using the university's email system, and more.

Many students were shocked to learn how much personal data is collected and saved. In many cases, no opt-out chance was given; this should be a must in all cases, whether by Facebook, WhatsApp, Company X or University Y.

Data privacy has emerged as a matter of personal freedom and rights (as citizens, consumers, etc.). Indeed, data is now widely used both as commercial currency and for social and political information and records. In 2016, the EU adopted the General Data Protection

Regulation, which gives citizens due rights on how their data can or cannot be used by governments and companies. In the US, regulations specifically pertaining to student data are being discussed. And companies are now weighing up the pros and cons of collecting data while upsetting customers versus giving up such data and pleasing and thus attracting more customers.

I think this data privacy issue should be viewed in terms of rights and freedoms. As the 21st century grows more and more

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digital, data privacy should be added to the list of inalienable human rights.

## Iran's nuclear ambiguity may drag on until 2022

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**ARAB NEWS**

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian had a busy maiden visit to the UN, but he did not raise hopes about restarting talks with the P5+1 about reviving the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action nuclear deal. Instead of giving a specific date to return to the Vienna talks, he invoked a "rights-based approach," reminiscent of former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's aide Saeed Jalili. Despite being three months into the Iranian transition, much cynicism surrounds the new government's positions, particularly regarding whether or not it intends to recommence the nuclear talks in 2021.

The Biden administration has softened its language when condemning the belligerent acts of the Houthi militia and Hezbollah. In recent statements, it has avoided naming them explicitly, which is indicative of its softer position toward these terror outfits. It is important to note that this softer approach is viewed by many as a weakness rather than a positive overture. As a result, any Iranian return to the Vienna talks, whether sooner or later, is most likely going to be with less flexibility and more

intransigence.

The telltale signs are everywhere. Take the case of the International Atomic Energy Agency's agreement with Iran. On Sept. 12, IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi stated: "I am glad to say that today we were able to have a very constructive result, which has to do with the continuity of the operation of the agency's equipment here." He had termed it indispensable for the IAEA and the world to have "the necessary guarantee and information." A fortnight later, the UN nuclear watchdog expressed disappointment, stating that "Iran's decision not to allow the agency access to the TESA Karaj centrifuge component manufacturing workshop is contrary to the agreed terms of the joint statement issued on 12 September."

Reacting via Twitter, Kazem Gharibabadi, Iran's envoy to the IAEA, stated: "Any decision taken by Iran on monitoring equipment is only based on political rather than legal considerations and the Agency cannot and should not consider it as one of its entitlements."

Behrouz Kamalvandi, spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, also chimed in to reject the IAEA's demand to access the



Karaj centrifuge assembly site as "one-sided and biased." The IAEA safeguards-compliant facility, Natanz, was targeted by a sabotage attack in June that Tehran blamed on Israel. The damage to the roof and subsequent repair work could be seen on satellite imagery. Even Kamalvandi was reportedly hospitalized due to injuries suffered in the incident. The UN nuclear watchdog discovered that one of its surveillance cameras was destroyed, while another was severely damaged. The AEOI admitted to removing all monitoring cameras from the civilian site.

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voluntarily providing the details of the damage and its source. It could cause huge embarrassment in Iran if the incident occurred due to an internal failure. However, if it was in fact an act of sabotage, any video footage might help the saboteurs assess the outcome and plan their next act better. Tehran is holding back on sharing all videos while the JCPOA issue remains unresolved.

After the visit of Grossi to Tehran last month, an extract from the IAEA-Iran joint statement specifically read: "IAEA's inspectors are permitted to service the identified equipment and replace their storage media, which will be kept under the joint IAEA and AEOI seals in

Iran. The way and the timing are agreed by the two sides." However, Gharibabadi interpreted it in a bizarre manner, tweeting: "During the discussions in Tehran & Vienna, Iran indicated that since Tessa Karaj Complex is still under security and judicial investigations, equipment related to this Complex are not included for servicing."

Mehr News Agency reported last week that Iran claimed to have dismantled a terrorist unit, "supported and guided" by rival spy agencies. This victim narrative nicely complements Iran's efforts to acquire nuclear technologies and materials beyond the JCPOA-mandated levels. Not only has uranium enrichment been taking place at a faster pace and in larger, more modern centrifuge cascades, but Tehran is also stockpiling or utilizing uranium metal know-how with critical and far-reaching implications.

Though the Raisi government has started on a high note by entering the Shanghai Cooperation Organization as a full member, the policies of the US, France and the UK toward its nuclear activities remain unchanged despite their bitter differences over the Australian submarine deal. Iran, however,

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may resort to increasingly hawkish posturing, given its tensions with Pakistan, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan and Turkey. Delaying a better JCPOA deal could increase Iran's power in the region. Therefore, the new Iranian government will continue to remain evasive and coy over when it intends to return to the Vienna talks.

## Letters to the Editor

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### The dilemma of the refugee crisis

Taliban control over Afghanistan will cause a massive influx of refugees to the neighbouring countries. Although, the refugee crisis will further intensify and desperate Afghans who want to flee the Taliban insurgency are in chaos. 26 million Afghan refugees are already residing in different parts of the globe.

Observing the looming refugee influx, the UN secretary-general Antonia Guterres appealed to countries in a tweet stating, "I urge all the countries to be willing to receive Afghan refugees and refrain from deportation." Notably, the countries might open their borders for refugees but under some circumstances, if their social, political, economic and defence conditions allow. Besides, a recent report presented by a french online news network stated that fearing a new refugee crisis, Turkey is sending soldiers to reinforce its border with Iran in order to stop a potential influx.

On the other hand, if the vulnerable Afghan refugee entrance is allowed to the other countries, they will be in hurdles socially, politically and economically before settling down in a new land. Thus, this is a humanitarian crisis, the world, human rights organisations and neighbouring countries must put their differences aside, and clear their positions on where they stand for Afghanistan throughout this crisis.

**FEROZ RAHIM BALUCH, Quetta**

### Israel-Palestine and the Muslim world

Gaza Strip of Philistine continues to be bombed by Israel with impunity. In the West Bank, its nefarious designs are aimed to annex the parts that are from Palestine. Israel's administration has been determined to exercise the Jewish sovereignty over the remaining parts of Philistine but the international law is crystal clear that annexation extending one state's sovereignty to a territory dead belongs to another state and treating it as its own by any means is illegal and not allowed.

Article 49 of the 4th Geneva Convention clearly states that the

occupying power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies. All that transpires is at the hands of Tel Aviv that has America's full support in this annexation plan.

The USA is trying to come up with a solution to end the long-standing feud between both states, the administration of the USA in January 2020 released the much-touted Middle East plan which was quite ridiculous as it was heavily in the favor of Israel and was turned down immediately by the government of Palestine. USA administration supports Israeli expansion plans implies a repudiation of the Palestinian right to self-determination. The USA's response to the violation of international law differs from country to country.

In the case of Russia's intervention in Ukraine, the USA imposed heavy economic sanctions but in the case of Israel, the USA is supporting it. The Abraham accord between the UAE and Israel is a huge development in the international Milieu. UAE is the third Arab country after Egypt and Jordan to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. All the Muslim countries have condemned this agreement. Iran has termed this deal a stab in the back of Palestinians, just in return of pity economic benefits. International community including the United States must stop Tel Aviv from inflicting more destruction on the Muslim state by imposing painful economic sanctions on it.

**MUJEEB UR RAHMAN, Karachi**

### Appeal for human rights

The Society For Human Salvation (SFHS) is an organisation of Civil Society. It represents an enlightened segment of society and follows universal human values, democracy and human rights. The SFHS welcomes the US government's decision to opt for a diplomatic mission in Afghanistan. Indeed, with the passage of time, civil society emerged in Afghanistan and the world can kindle high hopes of better social relations between man and the man in Afghan society. We are joyfully confident that the USA will now clear the remains of two-decades-long prisons in Afghanistan with

the spirit of tolerance and forgiveness. The international community and peace-loving masses of the world expect a general amnesty for the detainees and convicts including Dr Aafia Siddiqui imprisoned in USA jails will be freed on the humanitarian and compassionate cause.

This act of benevolence will raise high the soft image of the United States. The Society For Human Salvation exclusively appeals to the President, Government and other institutions of the United States of America to accord sympathetic consideration of this mercy appeal to pardon and release Dr Aafia Siddiqui in the name of human dignity, honour and moral values.

**MAHFOOZ UN NABI KHAN, Islamabad**

### Press freedom

Media is one of the integral parts of any country for disseminating information based on truth and credibility. The role of media in our country plays a pivotal role in the national sovereignty and uplift of the institutions of the country. The media always plays a neutral and unbiased role to portray the real truth to the masses. Press freedom is hereby inevitable and essential to let the media convey the message of truth and appropriate information in order to beware the people of misinformation and speculated news. The media outlets of the country need to be independent and self-sustaining for the goodwill of the people as well as for the betterment of the society at large. If the media is transparent and independent, it will cover all the aspects of information based on social, national and international fabrics of the society, the media is the one that uplifts the nation and various segments of the society irrespective of their caste, colour or creed.

As per the international report, our media stands at 145 of the entire index which pinpoints how vulnerable our media industry is in terms of freedom of the press! The government needs to ponder over this issue on an urgent basis and should implement prudent and solid strategies which can steer the media out of this biased crisis for the betterment and prosperity of our country.

**MUDASSIR AHMED, Hyderabad**

## 'Massive breakthrough': WHO recommends use of first malaria vaccine for children

The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Wednesday endorsed the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine, the first against the mosquito-borne disease that kills more than 400,000 people a year, mostly African children.

The decision followed a review of a pilot programme deployed since 2019 in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi, where more than two million doses were given of the vaccine, first made by pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline in 1987.

After reviewing evidence from these countries, the WHO recommended 'the broad use of the world's first malaria vaccine', the agency's director general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

The WHO said in a statement it was recommending the widespread application of the vaccine

among children in sub-Saharan Africa and in other regions with moderate to high malaria transmission.

Many vaccines exist against viruses and bacteria but this is the first time that the WHO has recommended the broad use of a vaccine against a human parasite.



"From a scientific perspective, this is a massive breakthrough," said Pedro Alonso, director of the WHO Global Malaria Programme.

The vaccine acts against plasmodium falciparum — one of five parasite species and the most deadly.

Before the newly recommended vaccine can reach African children, the next step will be funding.

"That will be the next major step ... Then we will be set up for [the] scaling of doses and decisions about where the vaccine will be most useful and how it will be deployed," said Kate O'Brien, director of the WHO's Department of Immunisation, Vaccines and Biologicals.

According to the WHO, a child dies of malaria every two minutes.

## US nuclear stockpile consisted of 3,750 warheads in 2020: Report

The US stockpile of nuclear warheads consisted of 3,750 warheads as of September 2020, according to a report.

The report Tuesday by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) said the number represents a 88% reduction in the stockpile from its maximum of 31,255 at the end of fiscal year 1967, and approximately 83% reduction from 22,217 when the Berlin

Wall fell in late 1989.

"Increasing the transparency of states' nuclear stockpiles is important to nonproliferation and disarmament efforts, including commitments under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and efforts to address all types of nuclear weapons, including deployed and nondeployed, and strategic and non-strategic," said the nuclear agency.

The stockpile includes active and inactive warheads.

From 1994 through 2020, the US dismantled 11,683 nuclear warheads, according to the report.

"Since September 30, 2017, the United States has dismantled 711 nuclear warheads. Approximately 2,000 additional nuclear warheads are currently retired and awaiting dismantlement," it added.

## US, 11 nations welcome weekend elections in Iraq

A dozen nations, including the US and those in Europe, said Wednesday they welcome the Iraqi Independent High Electoral Commission's preparations for Oct. 10 elections.

"This early election is an opportunity for Iraqi voters to democratically determine their future," said a statement by the nations' top diplomats.

They included the US, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and the UK.

"We recognize the importance of this moment in Iraqi history. In response to requests

from the Iraqi people, substantial resources have been mobilized in support of free and fair elections," it said.

The nations also threw support behind the Iraqi government "to ensure a safe, free, fair, and inclusive electoral environment for all Iraqis, including women and youth, who have long faced violence and intimidation in the pursuit of reform."

"Likewise, we support the Iraqi government's efforts to ensure that internally displaced persons can safely participate in the election. We call on all parties to respect the rule of

law and the integrity of the electoral process," they said.

Elections in the oil-rich country are scheduled for Sunday.

Figures from the Electoral Commission in July showed 3,249 candidates representing 21 coalitions and 109 parties, as well as independent candidates, will run for seats in the 329-seat parliament.

The polls were originally scheduled to be held in 2022, but political parties decided to hold early elections following mass protests that erupted in 2019 against deep-seated corruption and poor services. Agencies



## Armoured vehicles left by Danish mission in Afghanistan may give Taliban an edge, experts warn

The Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles formerly leased from the US in 2014 to provide mobility, protection and combat power for the Danish mission in Afghanistan are specially developed to deal with counter-insurgencies in cities and are resistant against roadside bombs.

At least 27 heavily armoured military vehicles have been left in Afghanistan during Denmark's evacuation from the war-torn country amid the US-led coalition's speedy withdrawal, Danish Radio has reported citing internal documents.

The MRAP-type vehicles (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) were leased from the US in 2014 to provide mobility, protection and combat power for the Danish mission in Afghanistan. The

vehicles are specially developed to deal with counter-insurgencies in cities and are resistant against roadside bombs. The cars also feature a protected, rotating tower on the roof, where a machine gun can be mounted.

According to Danish Radio, a single MRAP costs up to DKK 6 million (\$930,000). Denmark may thus have left equipment to the tune of DKK 162 million (\$25 million).

Until the end of May this year, the armoured vehicles were used by the Danish escort and emergency services. However, the vehicles were returned to Kabul some ten weeks before the Taliban occupied the city and the Western coalition began its hectic evacuation.

The abandonment clearly goes against the motto "Leave nothing

to the enemy" featured in a video published by the Danish Armed Forces, which shows rifles packed in boxes, monitors and keyboards packed in bubble wrap and phones broken for security reasons. Since then, footage has emerged showing triumphant Taliban fighters parading in MRAPs resembling the ones Denmark had leased.

According to experts, the bulletproof vehicles weighing up to 18 tonnes could give the Taliban a military edge in Afghanistan's internal power struggles. In a 2016 video from the Danish military's Facebook page, a soldier described them as "damn good cars that can take a beating".

"They can make a difference in a local conflict on land in Afghanistan. But they don't pose a threat to either the US, NATO



U.S. President Joe Biden looks down before delivering remarks on infrastructure investments at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324 training facility in Howell, Michigan. REUTERS

## 5 EU countries urge action on soaring energy prices

A group of five countries, including Spain, France, the Czech Republic, Romania and Greece, called for investigation into the record-high gas prices in a common statement released on Tuesday.

"Price of gas and wholesale prices of electricity have dramatically increased in the last months. It is a considerable and increasing burden for households and our companies, with a particularly intense impact on the most vulnerable and our SMEs," the statement said.

The statement is signed by Spanish First Vice-President and Minister for the Economy and Digital Transformation Nadia Calvino, French Minister for the Economy, Finance and the Recovery Bruno Le Maire, Czech Minister of Finance Alena Schillerova, Greek Minister of Finance Christos Staikouras, and Romanian Minister of Finance Dan Vîlceanu.

The signatory countries urged for a common approach at the European level, adding that "We need a European policy toolkit to coordinate national responses to immediately react to dramatic price surges."

"Second, regarding gas, the functioning of the European gas market should be investigated to understand why current gas contracts have been insufficient," it noted.

The document also suggested building common guidelines on gas storage in order to mitigate and smooth price increases and better coordination on gas purchases to increase bargaining power.

The countries also noted the need to reform the wholesale electricity market, stressing electricity market's many advantages such as securing energy supplies at all times, for all European countries.

"But it needs to be improved to

better establish a link between the price paid by the consumers, and the average production cost of electricity in national production mixes. This is all the more important as decarbonization will increase the use of electricity in our economy," the document said.

The countries also suggested that the EU should focus on achieving energy independence by investing in the diversification of its energy supply and reduce European dependency on gas exporting countries as fast as possible.

"The ETS (Emissions Trading System) is essential to give an explicit price to carbon and trigger energy transition. Therefore, to give public and private stakeholders an opportunity to plan ahead and shift their investments to low-carbon activities, we need to ensure a more predictable carbon price and avoid excessive volatility," it concluded. Agencies

## Dubai ruler accused of hacking ex-wife's phone using Pegasus spyware, denies claims

A legal battle over the welfare of their two children saw Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum hack his ex-wife Princess Haya and five of her associates.

Dubai's Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum has rejected the findings by a British court judge that he had hacked the phones of his ex-wife Princess Haya using NSO Group's controversial Pegasus spyware.

"I have always denied the allegations made against me and I continue to do so. These matters concern supposed operations of State security. Neither the Emirate of Dubai nor the UAE are party to these proceedings and they did not participate in the hearing. The findings are therefore inevitably based on an incomplete picture. In addition, the findings were based on evidence that was not disclosed to me or my advisers. I therefore maintain that they were made in a manner which was unfair," he said in a statement.

A senior high court judge has found that the ruler of Dubai hacked the phone of his ex-wife Princess Haya and her lawyers using Pegasus spyware in an



unlawful abuse of power and trust. Among those hacked were two of Haya's lawyers, one of whom was Lady Shackleton, who sits in the House of Lords.

Shackleton represented Prince Charles in his divorce from his late first wife Princess Diana. Shackleton was warned about the hacking by Cherie Blair, the wife of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who works with the Israeli NSO Group.

The NSO group is the developer of the sophisticated "Pegasus" software, created for states to counter national security risks, and used by Dubai's ruler against his ex-wife.

England's High Court ruled that the hacking was ordered as part of a "sustained campaign of intimidation and threat" during

the custody battle.

The court also heard that people working for Sheikh Mohammed tried to buy a mansion next door to Haya's estate near London, in an intimidatory action - as ruled by the court - that made Haya feel unsafe.

"The findings represent a total abuse of trust, and indeed an abuse of power to a significant extent," Judge Andrew McFarlane, President of the Family Division in England and Wales, said in his ruling.

The allegations by the court were denied by the sheikh, whose lawyers that he hadn't "authorised it or instructed, encouraged or in any way suggested any other person should use NSO or any software in this way." Agencies



the interpreters had worked for Danish forces. It is a method that allows us as a small nation to contribute to the operations," Peter Viggo Jakobsen mused.

According to the experts, Denmark no longer has legal responsibility for the armoured vehicles - not even if they are used in a possible Afghan civil

war. The Danish engagement in Afghanistan dates back nearly two decades, with the first Danish soldiers deployed in 2002, peaking at 760 men. Overall, the Danish mission has cost millions of kroner, suffering 43 casualties and more than 210 injuries. Agencies

## SL minister blasts police probe on 2011 World Cup

COLOMBO: Sri Lankan police 'botched' an investigation into the 2011 cricket World Cup final which the country lost to India, a senior minister told parliament Tuesday, reviving an explosive match-fixing controversy.

Mahindananda Aluthgamage, who was sports minister at the time, said he was 'not satisfied' after the criminal investigation department dropped the case following allegations he made in June last year.

"The CID took the investigation in the wrong direction of the players and found nothing. As a result, they botched the case," Aluthgamage, who is now agriculture minister, said in response to queries from the country's political opposition.

"They did not question any of the officials or the office bearers of the board. Had they done that, the outcome of the investigation would have been different."

"I said players were not involved. To mislead the investigation the CID brought them in, but did not question the board president and secretary or the team manager."

"The management and officials knew what was happening, but their statements were not recorded," Aluthgamage added.

Sri Lankan police questioned team captain Kumar Sangakkara for nine hours but said they found no evidence of match-fixing by Sri Lankan players and dropped the case.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) world governing body also said it had looked into the allegations and found no reason to doubt the 2011 result.

Sri Lanka's four changes to the team just before the final at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium were raised as suspicious.



And Arjuna Ranatunga, Sri Lanka's 1996 World Cup-winning skipper, has also raised doubts about the 2011 final, but stopped short of making direct allegations against players.

Aluthgamage told parliament that match-fixing was rife in Sri Lanka.

"Without ending match fixing, we will never be able to win another World Cup," the minister said as Sri Lanka's national team left for the T20 World Cup to be played in the United Arab Emirates and Oman from Oct 17.

Sri Lanka made match-fixing a criminal offence in 2019. Offenders face a jail term of up to 10 years and fines of up to Rs100 million (\$500,000).

Harin Fernando, the sports minister who introduced the law, has said the ICC considers Sri Lanka one of the world's most corrupt nations. Agencies

## OMAN ALMOST HAD TO WAVE 'GOODBYE' TO WORLD CUP DUE TO DEADLY STORM, SAYS OFFICIAL

The chairman of Oman's cricket board told Reuters he would have had to wave "Goodbye" to the Twenty20 World Cup had a deadly storm that ripped through the Gulf state on Sunday taken a slightly different path.

Eleven people were killed as heavy winds and rain swept through the country after tropical storm Shaheen made landfall in Oman.



In pictures: Cyclone Shaheen wreaks havoc in Oman, claiming 13 lives

The Gulf state will host six Group B matches at Al Amerat near Muscat, including three involving their own team, and Oman Cricket Chairman Pankaj Khimji said they were "very fortunate" to have missed the worst

of the storm. "We were so close to being virtually wiped out," he told Reuters.

"We had the cyclone only a few nautical miles north. It made the landfall there and it's devastated that whole region and flooded the whole plain over there."

"Had this had happened over here in this area, I'd have said

'Goodbye' to the World Cup." While a handful of hospitality tents bore the brunt of the storm, the organisers were pleased with the greener look of the outfield following the intense rain.

"We got about three to four inches of rain," said Khimji. "And that made the ground even more lush and greener, it looks

even prettier now. It washed off all the dirt and sand."

The tournament was moved to the United Arab Emirates and Oman from India due to a Covid-19 surge and Khimji said it was a huge honour for minnows of the cricket world to stage such a prestigious event.

"This cricket coming to Oman is gigantic," he said. "To think that there will be tens of millions of people watching the first game, it's overwhelming to an extent."

"How often will an associate country get a chance to host and play in the World Cup at the same time? This is unreal, I'm living a dream."

Zeeshan Maqsood will lead a bunch of Omani amateurs in the tournament and Khimji was hopeful they could make the Super 12 stage with a top-two finish in Group B, which also includes Bangladesh, Scotland and Papua New Guinea.

"They have been fantastic. These are rank amateurs, they have a job which they do nine-to-five, and they've taken a month or two off just to compete in this World Cup."

England arrived in Muscat on Tuesday to begin their 10-day preparatory camp before the Super 12 stage in the United Arab Emirates.



## NZ coach Stead says no tension around World T20 opener against Pakistan

New Zealand coach Gary Stead played down suggestions of any tension around their Twenty20 World Cup opener against Pakistan after the Black Caps recently abandoned their limited-overs tour of the South Asian country citing a security alert.

New Zealand's withdrawal dealt a massive blow to Pakistan's hopes of staging regular international cricket, with England subsequently calling off their men's and women's tours.

New Zealand face former champions Pakistan in their opening Group 2 match on Oct. 26 in Sharjah and Stead said his side were focused only on that.

"I'm not sure if there's any more tension on it from our perspective," he told reporters on Tuesday.

"Obviously, what happened in Pakistan was sad for Pakistan cricket, their players and also our players, who missed out on that opportunity as well."

"We can't change what has happened there. All we can do is prepare for the tournament and we face Pakistan first up."

New Zealand are bidding to win a second world title this year after claiming the inaugural World Test Championship in June by beating India in the final.

Stead said they would not set too many goals.

"I guess our first one is focusing on one game at a time, but the main goal is to get to that semi-finals stage and if you're there, you'll know that you're only two wins away from a title," Stead added.

"We're in a tough pool, I genuinely think there are six to seven teams that could win this tournament and I guess that's good for world cricket as well."

## Time to stand up and deliver for underperforming World Cup hopefuls



## Rizwan brothers shine in ATF Bahrain Tennis C' ship

LAHORE - Rizwan brother, Hussain Ali Rizwan, Haider Ali Rizwan and Hamza Ali Rizwan, have won their pre-quarterfinal matches against their respective opponents in the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF) Bahrain Tennis Championship being played in Bahrain.

The highlight of the day was the match between Pakistan's Hussain Ali Rizwan (LGS Paragon Lahore) and India's Pranav Kandhaadai, where the Pakistani future tennis star excelled and overpowered his opponent with a score of 6-1, 6-4. Hussain dominated the match right from the word go and won the first set 6-1. Although he faced some resistance in the second set, yet he managed to hold his nerves and took the set 6-4, thus booked berth in the quarterfinals.

Pakistan's Haider Ali Rizwan, the eldest brother also from LGS Paragon, proved too hot for Egypt's Hamza Moussa and thrashed him 6-0, 6-0 to make way to the quarterfinals. Haider didn't allow his opponent to score even a single point, thus breezed into the quarterfinals of the event. It is worth mentioning here that recently, Haider clinched two crowns in the ATF event held in Islamabad and was highly appreciated by Pakistan tennis officials and tennis enthusiasts, who termed him as future Pakistan tennis star. Agencies

KARACHI: While the National T20 Cup's second-leg action starts at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on Wednesday, pressure is mounting on the underperforming Pakistan players who have been - originally - named in the Twenty20 World Cup squad.

At least five among the 15-man national side were struggling to justify their selection during the 18-match first leg of the event in Rawalpindi. Of the quintet, only Sohaib Maqsood overcame a poor start with two half-centuries for the winless Southern Punjab.

But his team-mates Azam Khan and Khushdil Shah, Northern's Asif Ali and Sindh speedster Mohammad Hasnain all failed to make any impact at the Pindi Cricket Stadium, barring a few exceptions.

Some of national chief selector Mohammad Wasim's original selections for the mega event have been repeatedly questioned even before the domestic event was due to start.

The abrupt cancellation of the New Zealand white-ball series last month had already complicated Pakistan's preparations for the T20 World Cup because those bilateral international fixtures against the Black Caps would have provided a stern test for the players picked by Wasim and company.

While reports of possible changes to the Babar Azam-led squad have begun to emerge on the horizon before the Oct 10 cutoff date - put in place by the International Cricket Council - because the Pakistan captain had reportedly expressed dissatisfaction over several selections during his meeting with the incoming cricket board chairman Ramiz Raja. Agencies

## Row continues as IPC ministry asks POA to submit financial statements

ISLAMABAD/LAHORE: The simmering row between the federal government and the Pakistan Olympic Association shows no signs of abating with the Ministry of Inter-provincial Coordination on Tuesday seeking audited financial statements of accounts for the last three years from the POA.

Pakistan's poor performance at this year's Tokyo Olympics has seen the government and the POA come to war with the former seeking the resignation of the country's longstanding Olympic chief retired Lt Gen Arif Hasan.

The IPC ministry has been pushing plans for the implementation of a new sports policy and the Standing Committees of National Assembly and Senate are seeking greater oversight of sports bodies in Pakistan.

The POA has raised objections to the new policy and wrote to the International Olympic Committee, claiming it will lead to direct interference in the affairs of the sports bodies which is against the Olympic Movement.

The IPC's latest move comes despite a meeting held at the Prime Minister's office for 'overhauling of sports governance structure in Pakistan' last month directing it to sort out its issues with the POA.

"In view of the recent decision of

the National Assembly Standing Committee on IPC, it is essential to collect the detailed information regarding the working and functioning of POA," read the IPC statement issued on Tuesday.

It said that POA has been asked to "provide documents relating to legal status of POA (details under Societies Registration Act, 1860), audited financial statements of accounts and auditor's report for the last three years, budget estimates mentioning the source of funding (domestic & International) for the last three years, detail of officers and staff of the POA, MoU of POA signed with Economic Affairs Division as per policy for regulation of organisation receiving foreign contributions 2013 as well as the NOC from Ministry of Interior required for all NGOs receiving foreign funding".



## Govt firmly on NC's side as PFF dispute nears resolution

KARACHI/LAHORE: The government is firmly on the Pakistan Football Federation Normalisation Committee's side.

It is probably the strongest reason why global football body FIFA has extended the mandate of the PFF NC till the end of the year.

And it also explains why the court-elected PFF of Ashfaq Hussain Shah has formed a five-member committee to hold talks in order to resolve the crisis that saw FIFA suspend Pakistan in April.

The government's decision to side with the PFF NC in the dispute was taken more than a month ago, during a meeting at the Prime Minister house on overhauling of sports governance structures in Pakistan on Sept 1, Dawn can exclusively reveal. The first decision of that meeting

was to ask the Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination and the Pakistan Sports Board to engage with the PFF NC to vacate the PFF headquarters, currently under the possession of Ashfaq's PFF, so to have the ban lifted.

However, the government has asked the NC for a timeline for the PFF elections while it will also have oversight on the FIFA funding.

Inter-Provincial Coordination Division and Pakistan Sports Board may coordinate and engage with the Normalization Committee (NC) constituted by the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) for the following steps: a) Timeline for elections; b) Vacation of Pakistan Football Federation building at Nisthar Park; c) Oversight on inflow of funds; and, d)

Establishment of regulatory model in consultation with the Normalisation Committee," a summary of the decisions taken during the meeting, a copy of which is available with Dawn, reads.

IPC minister Dr Fehmida Mirza told Dawn last week that meetings this week with both the NC and Ashfaq's PFF, which came into power after an election held by the Supreme Court in December 2019 that wasn't recognised by FIFA, will take the two parties closer to a resolution.

PSB director general retired Col Asif Zaman was also hopeful of a quick resolution.

"Once things mature, the matters will be resolved as we have started dialogue towards that," he told Dawn on Tuesday.

PFF NC member Shahid

Khokhar welcomed the moves by the government, as well as the oversight and government regulation of sports bodies. "The government should be a necessary stakeholder in sports federations," he told Dawn on Tuesday. "The oversight over funding and having regulations to follow will be

good for sports development."

FIFA doesn't allow third-party interference in matters of its member associations and Khokhar was quick to warn that "it will not be acceptable".

Khokhar, formerly the PFF media and marketing manager during the long tenure of the



FIFA-recognised president Faisal Saleh Hayat, came into the NC when it was reconstituted at the start of this year following the resignation of Humza Khan as chairman and the appointment of Haroon Malik as his successor.

The NC's initial mandate, upon its appointment in September 2019, was nine months before the coronavirus pandemic forced FIFA to give it an extension till September 2020 and eventually till the end of that year.

The Haroon-led NC was given an initial six-month mandate but after Dawn revealed that he had been given powers to amend the PFF constitution and that, with FIFA taking legal advice on the ground, an election wasn't going to be held until 2022, Ashfaq's group of officials seized control of the PFF headquarters. Agencies



## Utmost efforts a must for Pakistan to join global tech race: Alvi



By Our Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi Wednesday said that it required utmost efforts for Pakistan to join the global race of technology which would also guarantee the future national economic development.

The president, addressing the launching ceremony of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) pilot project, said the children's motivation towards science education would create actual wealth for the country which would later support the industry and IT sector too.

Under the umbrella of Ministry

of Science and Technology, the Pakistan Science Foundation is executing the STEM's first phase project under PSDP program. The project is initially being launched in 50 schools across Pakistan, selected based on their excellent academic results during last three years.

Calling STEM education "very dear" to him, the president referred to a survey by Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) which showed that the interest of Pakistani children towards STEM was comparatively low in the region.

Quoting a study by University of Sargodha, the president said parents, visiting museum and sci-

ence festivals as well as encouragement by the teachers played key role to motivate children towards STEM education.

He said China produced around 4.7 million STEM graduates annually, India 2.6 million and Iran 0.35 million while Pakistan would be far behind in the list.

Calling the launching of STEM as a timely step, the president called for adopting the required factors for promotion of STEM education which provided the basis for development in organized societies.

He also hinted at visiting the STEM schools sometime and added that it was inevitable to uplift the people to compete the

world. Minister for Science and Technology Senator Shibli Faraz said the program would be spread throughout the country. The selected schools will become hubs of STEM education and will serve as model schools for all schools of adjoining areas.

He said the program also featured training of teachers and preparation of master trainers. Moreover, a monitoring mechanism will also be in place to examine the productivity of the program.

Moreover, he said the STEM PABLABS will be established in all STEM designated schools which would have state of the art research facilities and will also provide latest resources for digital fabrication.

Federal Education Minister Shafiqat Mahmood said the education ministry had launched a pilot program in 35 educational institutes of Islamabad which would also benefit the Pakistan Science Foundation in STEM initiative.

## New legislative bill to increase national assembly seats for Ex-FATA on card

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Asad Qaiser said that prosperity and development in Ex-FATA will bring prosperity for common people of FATA. He also said that changing environment of Ex-FATA region is interlinked with political consensus. Speaker Asad Qaiser said that opinions of all stakeholders require to bring FATA out of challenges after merger. He said, "Ex-FATA need special consideration especially in context of changing situation in Afghanistan". He also ensured to provincial representatives that they will continue to make FATA a prosperous region. He also briefed the participants about three working groups which were made under committee on Development of FATA. He also said that national support is also compulsory for provision of fundamental necessities to people of FATA. He expressed these views while chairing the meeting of FATA and KPK public representatives to formulate recommendations for Ex-FATA development in Parliament House today.

Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Noor-ul-Haq Qadri said that political consensus and political input is imperative to

resolve the issue of NFC and Seats of National Assembly. He said that Sindh and Balochistan need to be agreed. He said that census in FATA dejure method as defacto was not to be followed. He also said that tomorrow's elders meeting with FATA. He also informed the participants about new projects of digitalization of land record in the whole KPK province. Senator Haji Ayub Afridi said that funding for provision of basic health education education require funding and changing policy approach.

MNA Dr Haider Ali appreciated the efforts of Speaker National Assembly Asad Qaiser and recommended for increasing Federal cooperation for 3 percent share in NFC. MPA Mrs Naeema Ashraf sahibra remarked about spirit of Political inclusion of FATA was behind merger of FATA. She mentioned about the stalled bill in Senate regarding seats in National Assembly. She also raised objection regarding census method in FATA. MNA Mr Jawad Hussain it is the right of FATA people to have three percent share of NFC for FATA development. He also mentioned about stalled bill for FATA seats

need to be looked into. MNA Khalid Hussain Magsi said that after merger FATA is now under constitution and out of the way solution are need of hour. He also said that politicization should be discouraged.

MNA Mr. Fakhar Zaman said that 1.54 billion and 6 billion from KPK. But promise of hundred billion allocation of Funds for FATA development is still in doldrums. He also said that 3 percent share of NFC should be priority. MNA Mr. Sajid Khan ex FATA is Bajaur and Mohmand Agency has issues of demarcation as the issue of seats of National Assembly need to be increased. While mentioning the governance challenges, He said that such challenges need legislation and political will. He said that 18 new department are now functional in Ex-FATA. MNA Mr. Gulzafar Khan two issue of funding of FATA and the issue of Seats of National Assembly. He also mentioned about this would strengthen provincial KPK funding capacity. MNA Gul Dad Khan said that Ex-FATA has faced negative effects of turmoil situation in Afghanistan. He said that situation in FATA would effect the development of the whole country. NNI

## Hassan Khawar replaces Chohan as Punjab govt's spokesperson

By Our Correspondent

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Usman Buzdar has removed Fayyaz ul Hassan Chohan from the post of Punjab government spokesperson.

The Punjab government has appointed Hassan Khawar as the spokesperson in place of Chohan.

Khawar will now hold the position of official spokesperson of the Punjab government along with managing the post of the Special Assistant to the Chief Minister on Information and Special Initiatives.

Chohan had been appointed as the spokesperson of the Punjab government in August. Chohan's appointment as the spokesperson had been approved by Buzdar.

Chohan was previously serving as Minister of Prisons for Punjab since August 2018. He had also served as the provincial minister for information.

The Punjab government has appointed spokespersons to help streamline the information dissemination process, defend its stance, and notify the public of its policies. Minister for Information and Broadcasting Chaudhry Fawad Hussain on Wednesday congratulated Hassan Khawar on his appointment as the official spokesperson of the Punjab government. In a message, he expressed his best wishes for Hassan Khawar assuming his new responsibilities.

## Yousuf Raza Gillani, daughter barred from leaving country

ISLAMABAD: Leader of the Opposition in Senate Yousuf Raza Gillani and his daughter on Wednesday were barred from leaving the country at Islamabad Airport.

Sources said that the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) stopped the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leader Yousuf Raza Gillani from leaving the country as his name is placed on the Exit Control List (ECL).

Senator Gillani along with her daughter arrived at Islamabad International airport to fly to Italy to participate in a conference, sources familiar with the matter informed.

The officials at the immigration counter told Gillani that his name had been on the Exit Control List (ECL).

After being informed that his name was placed on ECL, Yousuf Raza Gillani left the airport said the sources. The former prime minister's name is placed on the ECL in the chairman OGRA appointment case from 2013. NNI

## Maryam questions govt's lackluster response to Panama

Says PTI tried to weaken PML-N by stealing elections



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Vice-President Maryam Nawaz Sharif has raised objections over the government's lackluster response to the Pandora Papers leak wondering why the government has not formed a Joint Investigation Tribunal (JIT) or Panama Bench or where is the NAB.

She was talking to media outside the Islamabad High Court after attending hearing of appeals against her conviction in Avenfield reference on Wednesday.

Maryam, the daughter of PML-N supreme Nawaz Sharif, held that an elected prime minister was removed by raising a den of 'Panama Panama' and a JIT was formed to frame him. She said that Nawaz was removed on Iqama, instead of Panama.

She alleged that political cases were made against her and her father. PML-N leaders were asked to leave the party, she further stated.

She maintained that the 2018 election was stolen which gave power to the present govern-

ment. Deriding the government initiative to set up a cell that would probe the Pandora Papers leak, she stated that Prime Minister Imran Khan himself refused to reveal the details of Tosha Khan, how come his 'ATM' team led by him could investigate the Pandora Papers scandal.

On the NAB chairman extension, Maryam was of the view that it showed government's mala fide intention. It's a deal. The NAB chief will make cases against the government's political rivals and will get extension in exchange, she alleged. She held that giving extension to NAB Chief Justice @ Javed Iqbal was unconstitutional and unlawful.

She said that Pakistan which was developing in PML-N's tenure is now facing crises. The elected government of PML-N was forcefully dissolved by carrying out conspiracies, Maryam Nawaz revealed.

Earlier, the Islamabad High Court fixed Oct 13 date for the hearing of Maryam Nawaz's appeal. DNA

### KASHMIR'S VOICE

## Seven decades long grievances of AJK to be removed: Gandapur

CHARHOL: Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan, Ali Ameen Gandapur has said that we are committed to remove the seven decades long grievances of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

He stated this while addressing a meeting in connection with the election campaign of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidates for by-election in Charhol district Kotli on Wednesday. President PTI AJK Sardar Tanveer Ilyas was also present on the occasion.

Ali Ameen Gandapur slammed the former governments for laying the integrity of country hostage by taking loans of billions of rupees. However, he said that integrity of the country would be restored at all costs. He said that Prime Minister Imran Khan is the only leader who raised a strong voice for the self-determination right of Kashmiri people at international forum proving him to be real ambassador and lawyer of the Kashmiris.

The federal minister said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) fulfilled its promise of Rs370 billion development package for Gilgit Baltistan while work has been initiated on PCI of development package of Rs550 billion for Azad Kashmir.

He said that Premier Imran Khan has clarified it that Kashmir would be the top agenda if dialogues were held with India.

Speaking on the occasion, PTI AJK President Sardar Tanveer Ilyas said that PTI will fulfill its vow of providing reverent employment opportunities of the people. INP



PM AJ&K Sardar Abdul Qayyum Niazi met Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi at Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Arrest, killing spree by Indian troops in IIOJK condemned

SRINAGAR: In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, the Kashmir Freedom Front (KFF), a constituent of All Parties Hurriyat Conference, has strongly condemned the arrest and killing spree unleashed by Indian troops and police across the territory.

According to Kashmir Media Service, the KFF spokesman in a statement issued in Srinagar said killings, torture and arrests have failed to suppress the freedom sentiments of the Kashmiris who have rendered unparalleled sacrifices for the Kashmir cause. He said the Kashmiri people will continue their peaceful struggle till it reached its logical conclusion.

The spokesman urged India to shun its stubborn approach and resolve the Kashmir dispute for ensuring permanent peace in the region. He deplored the silence of the world community on the atrocities being committed by Indian forces' personnel against the innocent and unarmed people of IIOJK. He appealed to the world to impress upon India to take steps for the settlement of the Kashmir dispute in accordance with the Kashmiris' aspirations.

The spokesman called upon the world human rights organisations including the UN Human Rights Council, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and International Committee of Red Cross to take cognizance of the plight of the illegally detained Kashmiris and play role in their release. Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Mass Moment Information Secretary, Shabbir Ahmed, in a statement said since the BJP came into power, India has become a Hindu-dominated society where minorities face oppression or prejudice on a daily basis. He said that it was unfortunate that the international community had maintained a criminal silence on the Indian atrocities in IIOJK. INP

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# جیو پاکستان آفیشل میڈیا

## گروپ کے قوانین

- ۱- گروپ میں نمبر تبدیل کی اجازت نہیں ہے۔ جو بھی نمبر تبدیل کریگا اسی وقت ریموو کر دیا جائے
- ۲- نمبر تبدیلی کی وجہ سے ریموو میمبر کو دوبار ایڈ ہونے کیلئے دوبار فیس دینا ہوگی۔
- ۳- غلطی سے لیفٹ کرنے والا میمبر کو بھی دوبارہ ایڈ ہونے کیلئے دوبارہ فیس دینا ہوگی
- ۴- کوئی اسپیشل ڈیمانڈ پوری نہیں کی جائے گی۔ ایڈمن پینل جو مواد تاچکا ہے، وہی مواد گروپ میں ملے گا
- ۵- وائی فائی یا موبائل ڈیٹا آن رکھیں تاکہ کی پوسٹ مس نہ ہو۔ کیونکہ ایڈمن پینل بتایا گیا تمام مواد روزانہ کی بنیاد پر بھیجتا ہے۔

- ۶- **ایڈمنسٹریٹرز** 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 2 گھنٹے کے اندر آپ کو 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 بھیجا 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 جیو پاکستان آفیشل میڈیا کوئی ذمہ داری قبول نہیں کریگا۔

## نوٹ

- ۱- ایزی لوڈ موبائل لوڈ بھجنے والا بندہ گروپ میں ایڈ نہیں کیا جائے گا اور نہ آرکا بھیجا ایزی لوڈ موبائل لوڈ واپس کیا جائے گا
- ۲- لہذا دھیان سے جب بھی بھجیں جاز کیش ایزی پیس پیمنٹ بھیجیں بعد میں اعتراض قبول نہیں کیا جائے گا
- ۳- ایزی پیس بھجنے والے ممبران دکاندار سے TRX ID نمبر لازمی لئے TRX ID نمبر نہ بتانے کی صورت میں آپکو ایڈ نہیں کیا جائے گا
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آپ اپنی موبائل اکاؤنٹ کے بھی جاز کیش یا ایزی پیسے شاپ پر جا کر مندرجہ ذیل نمبرز پر فیس ادا کر سکتے ہیں سب سے جلدی گروپ میں ایڈ ہونے کیلئے اس نمبر 03060318939 پر رابطہ کریں

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