

The month further fostered the basic principles of mutual sympathy, affection, brotherhood and cooperation in the society

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

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## President Asif Zardari presented guard of honour

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday was presented guard of honour here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, a day after he was sworn in as the 14th President of Pakistan. The president arrived at the forecourt of the presidency in the horse-driven buggy.

After the national anthem, he inspected the guard of honour presented by the smartly turned-out contingents of the armed forces. President Asif Zardari presented guard of honour. Later, the president shook hands with the officers and staffers of the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

On Sunday, Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa administered the oath of office to President Asif Ali Zardari, a day after he was elected to the office. APP

## Justice Naeem Akhtar takes oath as SC judge



ISLAMABAD: Justice Qazi Faiz Isa, Chief Justice of Pakistan on Monday administered the oath of office to Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan, as Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. An oath taking simple and dignified ceremony was held here in this regard, said a press release. The judges of SC, Attorney General for Pakistan, senior lawyers, Law Officers and officers of Law & Justice Commission of Pakistan attended the ceremony.

Registrar Supreme Court of Pakistan conducted the proceedings of oath taking ceremony. Officers and staff of the Supreme Court of Pakistan were also present on the occasion.



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari inspecting the Guard of Honour, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

## PM directs uninterrupted gas, power supply during Ramadan

VOM Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday directed for ensuring uninterrupted gas and power supply to the consumers during the holy month of Ramadan. He also directed for provision of every possible facilities to the private sector, local and foreign investors in the exploration of gas and oil, refining and distribution of these natural resources.

The prime minister chaired a high level meeting on petroleum sector, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The meeting was attended by Senators Ishaq Dar and Dr Musadik Malik, Sheza Fatima Khawaja, Ahad Khan Cheema, Jahanzeb Khan, Muhammad Aurangzeb, Ali Pervaiz Malik and relevant senior officers.

PM directs uninterrupted gas, power supply during Ramadan. Addressing the participants, he said that the government was not meant for doing businesses rather its responsibility was to extend all kind of facilities to the private sector and ensure protection of the rights of the consumers especially the vulnerable segments of the society. He also asked for taking steps for promotion of global investment in exploration of Tight Gas and undersea oil and gas reserves, regretting that Pakistan's maritime area was huge in size when compared with Balochistan province but no steps were taken to explore its hidden natural resources. He stressed upon exploration of undersea natural resources including oil and gas reserves



and their full utilization was among the top priorities of the government. Emphasising to enhance the petroleum refining capacity of the country, he sought the formulation of a comprehensive strategy to do away with the circular debt of oil and gas sectors and work out a durable solution to the issue.

PM directs uninterrupted gas, power supply during Ramadan. He also instructed to reduce the gas sector losses through smart metering and identify and take strict action against the thieves of gas and oil. "I will not allow any more wastage of the people's hard-earned money and the loss to the national exchequer," the prime minister remarked. He instructed strict monitoring of the LPG sector to ensure provision of the commodity to the consumers at low price. Prime Minister Shehbaz directed the relevant authorities to

ensure uninterrupted gas supply to the industrial sector, besides ensuring the installation of energy efficient machinery in the industries. He also called for encouraging the domestic consumers to prefer using electricity instead of gas in their daily lives. The prime minister also sought implementation report on the steps taken during the previous tenures for energy conservation, besides emphasising upon the uplift of administrative infrastructure of the energy sector at par with the international standards. He called for merit-based appointment of capable persons in the energy sector and sought the presentation of short, mid and long term strategies on the energy sector reforms. The prime minister also directed for presenting a strategy on country's mineral resources, their exploration and enhancement of exports.

## Pak Navy, PMSA recovers 10 bodies out of 14 missing fishermen of Al-Assad boat

KARACHI: The Pakistan Navy (PN) in coordination with Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) recovered 10 dead bodies out of 14 missing fishermen of boat Al-Assad in a joint search and rescue operation.

The Search and Rescue operation was started on 5th in open sea. Despite dense marine traffic in vicinity of accident, time lapse and choppy sea conditions the dead bodies of 10 missing fishermen were recovered on Monday, a Pakistan Navy news release said.

The fishing boat Al-Assad with an onboard crew of 45 capsized in open sea off Hajmro creek on March 5th due to inclement weather. Search operation involved multiple assets of PN and PMSA including aircraft, helicopters, ships and speed boats.

Major break through of search efforts materialised today when PMSS REHMAT upon receipt of information from deployed units recovered 10 dead bodies of missing fishermen.

The recovered bodies have been handed over to concerned civil authorities for further formalities. The conduct of continuous Search and rescue operation by PN and PMSA is a manifestation of PN's resolve to assist in every civil calamity at Sea. DNA

## Election Commission of Pakistan announces Senate elections on 2nd April 2024

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has announced Senate elections on 48 Senate seats on 2nd April 2024

According to the Election Commission of Pakistan, 52 senators, after completing their six-year term will get retired tomorrow (Tuesday). However, election will not be held against four seats reserved for the erstwhile tribal areas. These seats have been abolished after the merger of tribal areas into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa under the 25th Amendment of the Constitution.

Election will be held on seven general seats, two women and two technocrats/ Ulema from each province of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. Two seats reserved for non-Muslims will be filled one each from Sindh and Punjab. Two senators will be elected from the Islamabad Capital Territory, one each under the general as well as technocrat/Ulema category.

The commission will issue the election schedule on Thursday. Nomination papers with regard to the Senate elections can be obtained from the Election Commission Secretariat Islamabad as well as the provincial elections commissioners of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.

Candidates can submit their nomination papers to their respective Returning Officers on Friday and Saturday. Besides, any additional information regarding the Senate elections can be obtained at 051-9219335. SABAH



ISLAMABAD: Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marhsal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. APP

## Bilawal extends warm wishes to Muslim Ummah of Ramadan

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari extended warm wishes and congratulations to the entire Muslim Ummah, including the Pakistani nation, as they embark on the sacred journey of the holy month of Ramadan. According to a press release from the Media Cell Bilawal House, he emphasized that the sacred month of Ramadan is a time for introspection, self-discipline, and compassion.

He expressed his earnest hope that the values of Ramadan will illuminate our path towards progress, fostering a nation characterized by peace, prosperity, and inclusive development. "May the essence of Ramadan radiate peace, unity, and prosperity not only for the Muslim Ummah but for the entire world," he prayed. APP



## CM Maryam, Canadian HC discuss enhancing economic cooperation

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif was called on by Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan Leslie Scanlon at the Chief Minister's Office Lahore on Monday.

Executive Director Pakistan Region Neil Steward, First Secretary Alicia Sosa, and Trade Commissioner Ali Khan also attended the meeting. High Commissioner Leslie Scanlon congratulated Maryam Nawaz Sharif on becoming the first woman Chief Minister of Punjab.

The meeting focused on exploring avenues to enhance economic relations between Canada and Punjab. Discussions included increasing



scholarships for Punjab students at Canadian higher education institutions. Maryam Nawaz Sharif expressed her commitment to elevating economic ties with Canada. INP

## Supreme Court rejects the replies submitted by Islamabad police & FIA regarding the attacks & harassment of journalists

CJP Qazi Faez Isa expresses serious displeasure at Islamabad IG Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan & FIA officials

ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court of Pakistan has rejected the replies submitted by Islamabad police and Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) regarding the attacks and harassment of journalists. The court has directed both institutions to submit fresh reply in next 14 days. The court has adjourned the further hearing of the case till 25th March.

Meanwhile Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Qazi Faez Isa expressed serious displeasure at Islamabad IG Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan and FIA officials as the apex court heard the matter concerning the Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) harassment of journalists accused of an anti-judiciary campaign.

Irked over the police's failure to arrest individuals involved in the abduction of journalist Matuallah Jan in 2020, the CJP while addressing Attorney General of Pakistan (AGP) Mansoor Usman Awan said, "A crime was recorded on camera, but you could not trace those responsible for it?"

"Mr AGP, what kind of an IG is this? He should be removed," CJP Isa asserted. The chief justice asked the Islamabad IG how much more time was needed to arrest the abductors if four years were not enough. "Do you need three centuries?" he asked, warning the IG that the whole country had its eyes on his performance. "It appears from your performance that

you are playing the role of a facilitator. Shoot one journalist, torture another while entering his house, or kidnap another," the CJP stated, criticising how cameras installed under the Safe City project also stop working during such incidents. Press Association of Supreme Court's counsel Barrister Syed Salahuddin Ahmed informed the SC that journalist Asad Ali Toor was currently in jail with an FIR lodged against him.

The chief justice asked the FIA officer how the provisions under which Asad Toor was booked were justified. "Does the FIA have any well-educated individual within its ranks?", the CJP asked, suggesting the institution get someone to trans-

late the law in Urdu otherwise.

"Did we [the judiciary] complain to you against any journalist? Did you issue notices to journalists in our names? Are you using us to get your work done?" the chief justice asked.

Journalist Asad Toor has been booked under some serious provisions, he said. "How do the provisions, including those about sensitive information, apply here?" CJP Isa further asked, taking the FIA officer to task over not even mentioning the anti-judiciary campaign in the FIR when the summons issued to Toor were regarding running a campaign against the judiciary. "You have used the judiciary to get your work done," the chief justice

asserted. Barrister Salahuddin informed the court that the JIT to probe the allegations against the journalists was formed before the registration of the cases. He prayed to the court to declare the JIT notification null and void.

The chief justice then inquired why an officer from the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) was part of the JIT, as the intelligence agency is not a law enforcement agency and it is also not the jurisdiction of the agency.

Barrister Salahuddin further argued that the FIA cannot take action against the journalists under PECA Act 2016, as only Section 20 of the act deals with such allegations, however, the complainant in such

cases should be a 'natural person'.

The AGP also agreed with the barrister's arguments and concurred that certain sections of PECA did not apply to the FIR. The allegations levelled by former commissioner Rawalpindi Liaquat Ali Chattha on February 17 regarding the election commission and CJP colluding to rig February 8 general elections also came under discussion during the hearing.

CJP Isa stated that a commissioner accused him of manipulating the elections and the statement was broadcast by all the TV channels without any verification. He added that it is common practice globally that a news piece is first verified before being aired. SABAH

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Invest in women

RAZA HUSSAIN QAZI

On March 8, the world observed International Women's Day (IWD), which honours the social, economic, cultural, and political accomplishments of women.

The official theme for IWD-2024 was 'Count Her In: Invest in Women, Accelerate Progress', which was harmonized with the United Nations 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

While debates on women's empowerment have long been a standing agenda of development debates at international fora, countries have been able to implement just a fraction of what was discussed, strategized, or committed by nations.

Like the PML-N, the PPP which is the second-largest party in the coalition government has also defined certain targets for women's empowerment. It has committed to promote gender equity by addressing disparities in education and empowering girls and women through educational initiatives.

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Lord David Cameron

United for progress

with non-Commonwealth members. We have made enormous strides in recent years in empowering women and girls, backing 4,000 businesses owned by women across the Commonwealth to become more competitive.

Today, on March 11, some 2.5 billion of us will come together to celebrate the Commonwealth family. Seventy-five years after the London Declaration, I will join this family's many nations, faiths and communities at a service at Westminster Abbey.

Today, as foreign secretary, I want our family of nations to work in partnership to uphold these values and fulfil these goals. I am proud of the work Commonwealth members do in partnership in areas ranging from rule of law to protecting the environment.

We have a major opportunity this year. The Commonwealth Heads

of Government will be meeting in a Pacific island country for the first time, gathering in Samoa this October. This gathering takes place a few months after the ten-in-a-decade UN Small Island Developing States Conference in Antigua and Barbuda this May.

These states are already harnessing the power of nature to tackle the causes and impacts of climate change. Just look at Papua New

Guinea, protecting some of the world's most important forests, on which we all depend. Or take the sixteen Commonwealth small island states working as part of the global coalition committed to protecting at least 30 per cent of the world's ocean by 2030.

We can offer much more support to these efforts. Britain is doubling its provision of international climate finance. And last autumn, the prime minister made our biggest-ever contribution to the Green Climate Fund, the largest global fund to support developing countries in responding to climate change.

This will help. However, the biggest challenge these states face is accessing the international funding itself. Despite being low

emitters uniquely exposed to the threat of climate change, they receive a minuscule proportion of such funding.

So many of these states said to me at COP: "We keep hearing announcements about green finance, but it seems so hard to get hold of the money and get projects financed." That is what I want to fix.

A dedicated Commonwealth hub has helped mobilize more than \$310 million of climate finance for our small island members since 2016. This year, as members of the same Commonwealth family, let's build on this and go much further.

But all members can play a role. Many of us are donors. Others have experience to share in accessing finance from such funds and banks themselves, and making best use of them on the ground.

This year, in Samoa, we have a chance to show them and our other small island members just what the Commonwealth means. An effective association. A unique network. A reliable source of support. In short, a family.

The writer is the UK's secretary of state for Foreign, Commonwealth And Development Affairs.

Cost of trade between Commonwealth members is more than 20 per cent lower than costs of trading with non-Commonwealth members

ened. And Commonwealth missions have observed dozens of elections since we agreed on our new charter.

The bonds our family shares matter all the more as we face great global challenges. I believe this is especially true for our small island members. Our charter recognized their particular needs in building their resilience, especially in the face of climate change.

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Pakistan

QUAID-I-AZAM MUHAMMAD ALI JINNAH

Meanwhile, three Round Table Conferences were convened in London during 1930-32, to resolve the Indian constitutional problem. The Hindu and Muslim leaders, who were invited to these conferences, could not draw up an agreed formula and the British Government had to announce a 'Communal Award' which was incorporated in the Government of India Act of 1935.

Congress leadership was arrogant and domineering. The classic example was its refusal to form a coalition government with the Muslim League in the United Provinces. Instead, it asked the League leaders to dissolve their parliamentary party in the Provincial Assembly and join the Congress.

One of its leaders, Jawaharlal Nehru, even declared that there were only two forces in India, the British and the Congress. All this did not go unchallenged. Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah countered that there was a third force in South-Asia constituting the Muslims.

TOWARDS A SEPARATE MUSLIM HOMETELAND

The 1930s witnessed awareness among the Muslims of their separate identity and their anxiety to preserve it within separate territorial boundaries. An important element that brought this simmering Muslim nationalism in the open was the character of the Congress rule in the Muslim minority provinces during 1937-39. The Congress policies in these provinces hurt Muslim susceptibilities. There were calculated aims to obliterate the Muslims as a separate cultural unit.

PAKISTAN RESOLUTION

The All-India Muslim League soon took these schemes into consideration and finally, on March 23, 1940, the All-India Muslim League, in a resolution,

at its historic Lahore Session, demanded a separate homeland for the Muslims in the Muslim majority regions of the subcontinent. The resolution was commonly referred to as the Pakistan Resolution. The Pakistan demand had a great appeal for the Muslims of every persuasion. It revived memories of their past greatness and promised future glory. They, therefore, responded to this demand immediately.

CRIPPS MISSION

The British Government recognized the genuineness of the Pakistan demand indirectly in the proposals for the transfer of power after the Second World War which Sir Stafford Cripps brought to India in 1942. Both the Congress and the All-India Muslim League rejected these proposals for different reasons. The principles of secession of Muslim India as a separate Dominion was however, conceded in these proposals.

To be continued...

Today in History

Showbiz

Kirsten Dunst almost lands on her face at 2024 Oscars: Watch

Kirsten Dunst encountered a slip at Oscars 2024 red carpet

Kirsten Dunst recently avoided a fall on the 2024 Oscars red carpet while posing for pictures. Her husband, the Friday Night Lights actor laughed away the encounter, hiding her face while she whispered in his ear.

tered a slip just as she held out her arm to pose with her husband, later to find herself rescued by another man. The celebrity who played Mary Jane on Spider-Man alongside Toby Maguire, instantly steadied herself, greeting the near-fall with humor.



Scientists detect mysterious waves in Jupiter's core, what are they?

A team of researchers from Harvard University have proclaimed that they detected mysterious waves moving deep inside Jupiter's core changing its magnetic field, Science Focus reported. A planet's magnetic field serves as a portal into the intricate processes occurring beneath its surface. Alterations in these fields expose the hidden interplay between magnetism, fluid motion, and other forces — processes liable for the generation of Earth's magnetic field.

spot, but, as outlined in this paper, that rate



of drift is oscillating." Bloxham and his team propose that these fluctuations point to the existence of waves deep within Jupiter's metallic core — an essential step towards unravelling its hidden mysteries. Bloxham says that these waves could be oceanic waves that alter speed during movement. However, unlike oceanic waves, these waves might follow specific paths, perhaps even cylindrical courses. The current inquiry revolves around determining whether these are torsional waves encircling the planet's rotational axis—the imaginary line around which Jupiter rotates — or Alfvén waves travelling along magnetic field lines.

Which type of carbs should you be avoiding for attractive face?

Carbs, sugars may have significant effect on your facial attractiveness

Long-term and short-term consumption of high-glycemic meals has a significant impact on a person's facial attractiveness, irrespective of their age and body mass index (BMI). According to heterosexual volunteers of the opposite sex, there is a statistically significant correlation between an individual's intake of refined carbs and their perceived facial beauty.

Refined carbohydrates, or foods processed in a way that usually removes much of their nutritional content, are abundant in the Western diet, according to SciTech Daily. Examples of these foods include table sugar, white flour, and ingredients in many packaged snacks. Increased intake of refined carbohydrates has been associated in the past with negative health outcomes, including obesity, type II diabetes, and cardiovascular illnesses.

carbs may have an impact on non-medical characteristics like one's appearance. According to statistical research, eating the high-glycemic breakfast was linked to poorer judgements of both men's and women's facial attractiveness thereafter. While eating high-energy foods at these times was linked to increased attractiveness ratings, chronic use of refined carbs during breakfast and snacks was also linked to lower attractiveness ratings.



Health

# دی اسٹیٹس گراف

لینڈاز آباد

منگل 12 مارچ 2024ء

**19 رکنی وفاقی کابینہ نے حلف اٹھایا، صدر مملکت نے حلف لیا**

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار خصوصی) پاکستان کی نو منتخب 19 رکنی کابینہ نے ایوان صدر میں حلف اٹھا لیا ہے۔ ایوان صدر میں یونانی حلف برداری کی تقریب کا آغاز قرآن پاک کی تلاوت سے کیا گیا۔ بعد ازاں صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری نے نئی وفاقی کابینہ کے ارکان سے حلف لیا، تقریب میں وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف سمیت دیگر ارکان آگلی بھی شریک ہوئے۔ حلف اٹھانے والوں میں خواجہ آصف، اسحاق ڈار، خالد تھول صدیقی، شہزاد قاسم نقوی، امیر قاسم، چوہدری سالک حسین، ریاض بھٹو، رانا تحسین اور جام کمال شامل ہیں۔ اوسٹن افغاری، مظالمہ تارڑ، فیض بھٹی، اسحاق ڈار، صدیق ملک، محمد



اسلام آباد، وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف کی زیر صدارت کابینہ کا پہلا اجلاس جاری ہے۔

**بانی پی پی پی سے ملاقات کیلئے پیر ستر گورنر نے درخواست دائر کر دی**

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار خصوصی) چیئر مین نے مشاورت کرنی ہے، میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے پیر ستر گورنر نے کہا کہ ان کی ملاقات کیلئے درخواست دائر کر دی ہے۔ ان کے ساتھ ساتھ دیگر رہنما بھی ملاقات کیلئے درخواستیں دائر کر رہے ہیں۔ ان کے ساتھ ساتھ دیگر رہنما بھی ملاقات کیلئے درخواستیں دائر کر رہے ہیں۔ ان کے ساتھ ساتھ دیگر رہنما بھی ملاقات کیلئے درخواستیں دائر کر رہے ہیں۔



اسلام آباد، پی پی پی کے رہنما پیر ستر گورنر نے ملاقات کیلئے درخواستیں دائر کر دی ہیں۔

**جسٹس فیملی نے حلف اٹھایا**

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار خصوصی) جسٹس فیملی نے حلف اٹھا لیا۔ جسٹس فیملی نے حلف اٹھا لیا۔ جسٹس فیملی نے حلف اٹھا لیا۔ جسٹس فیملی نے حلف اٹھا لیا۔ جسٹس فیملی نے حلف اٹھا لیا۔ جسٹس فیملی نے حلف اٹھا لیا۔



اسلام آباد، جسٹس فیملی نے حلف اٹھا لیا۔

**سینیٹ کی 48 نشستوں کیلئے پولنگ 3 اپریل کو ہوئی، لیگ پی پی نے منصوبہ بندی کر لی**

سندھ اور پنجاب سے 12، 12، پنجونخوا اور بلوچستان سے 11، 11 جبکہ اسلام آباد سے 2 سینیٹرز کا انتخاب ہو گا

ان اتحادی جماعتوں نے پولنگ کے لیے تمام امیدواروں کی فہرستیں جمع کرائی ہیں۔ ان اتحادی جماعتوں نے پولنگ کے لیے تمام امیدواروں کی فہرستیں جمع کرائی ہیں۔ ان اتحادی جماعتوں نے پولنگ کے لیے تمام امیدواروں کی فہرستیں جمع کرائی ہیں۔

**صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری کو مسلح افواج کی جانب سے گارڈ آف آنر**

اسرائیل کے ساتھ مذاکرات کے دوران سے کھلے ہیں، حماس سربراہ



اسلام آباد، صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری کو گارڈ آف آنر پیش کیا جا رہا ہے۔

**دھاندلی سے ہمارے امیدواروں کو ہرایا گیا، ملک بھر احتجاج کرینگے، بھائیو**

گزشتہ روز کے احتجاج میں کوئی گم نہیں ٹوٹا، 100 سے زائد کارکنوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا، فاسٹ حکومت ہوش کوٹھی ہے

**جب تک مینڈیٹ بحال نہیں ہوتا احتجاج جاری رہے گا، لطیف کھوسہ**

ہوئی عوام اس کی شدید مذمت کرتے ہیں، جب تک مینڈیٹ بحال نہیں ہوتا احتجاج جاری رہے گا۔



اسلام آباد، پی پی پی کے رہنما پیر ستر گورنر نے ملاقات کیلئے درخواستیں دائر کر دی ہیں۔

**دو دنوں رہنماؤں کے درمیان تمام شبوں میں مزید تعاون بڑھانے پر اتفاق**

اسلام آباد (ٹی وی رپورٹر) وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف سے سعودی سفیر نواف بن سعود نے ملاقات کی ہے۔

**بلوچستان سینیٹ کی تین نشستوں پر انتخاب 14 مارچ کو ہوگا**

ارکان ووٹ کا سٹ کر سکیں گے۔ بلوچستان سے سینیٹ کی تین خالی نشستوں پر انتخاب 14 مارچ کو ہوگا۔

**حکومت کشمیر کے قیام کا مقصد مسئلہ کشمیر کو اجاگر کرنا ہے، پیر ستر سلطان**

مردی کے کردہ عزم کو بے نقاب کرنے کے لیے 16 مارچ سے میرپور سے عوامی رابطہ ہم کا آغاز کر رہا ہوں



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**صحافی ہراساں کیس، چیف جسٹس آئی جی اور ایف آئی اے پر برہم**

آئی جی کی کارروائی غیر نپیش اسے ہٹا دینا چاہیے، ہراساں پر مانی لارڈ، مانی لارڈ لاکر بھی ہے، جسٹس فائز عیسیٰ



اسلام آباد، صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری کو گارڈ آف آنر پیش کیا جا رہا ہے۔

**سنی اتحاد کو نسل و مخصوص نشیمن نہ دینے کی خلاف درخواست**

متعلقہ سٹیج کو چھوڑنے کی سفارش

تفصیل نہ ملنے کا اقدام خفیہ کیا گیا ہے۔ درخواست میں موقف اختیار کیا گیا ہے کہ سنی اتحاد کو نسل و مخصوص نشیمن نہ دینے کی خلاف درخواست متعلقہ سٹیج کو چھوڑنے کی سفارش کی جائے۔

**پاکستان میں ماڈیول کی فراہمی**

مفاہمتی یادداشتوں پر دستخط

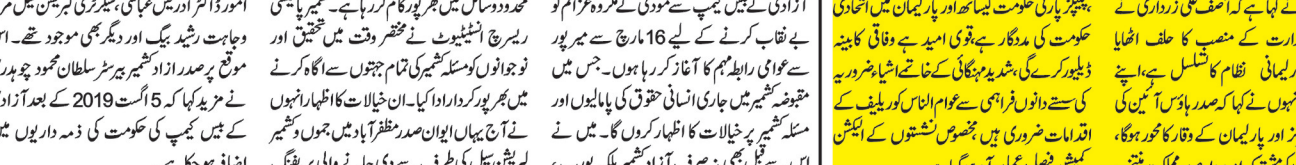
فونڈوں کی فراہمی کے لیے پاکستان میں گورنمنٹ کے ساتھ مذاکراتیں جاری ہیں۔ پاکستان میں گورنمنٹ کے ساتھ مذاکراتیں جاری ہیں۔

**بلوچستان سینیٹ کی تین نشستوں پر انتخاب 14 مارچ کو ہوگا**

ارکان ووٹ کا سٹ کر سکیں گے۔ بلوچستان سے سینیٹ کی تین خالی نشستوں پر انتخاب 14 مارچ کو ہوگا۔

**حکومت کشمیر کے قیام کا مقصد مسئلہ کشمیر کو اجاگر کرنا ہے، پیر ستر سلطان**

مردی کے کردہ عزم کو بے نقاب کرنے کے لیے 16 مارچ سے میرپور سے عوامی رابطہ ہم کا آغاز کر رہا ہوں



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**غزہ سٹی میں اسرائیلی حملے، عورتوں اور بچوں سمیت 10 فلسطینی شہید**

قابض فورسز نے فلسطینیوں کو مسجد اقصیٰ میں داخل ہونے سے روک دیا، اسرائیلی فوج نے غزہ سٹی میں اسرائیلی حملے، عورتوں اور بچوں سمیت 10 فلسطینی شہید

غزہ (مائیک ڈیک) غزہ پر اسرائیلی فوجوں کی جارحانہ کارروائیوں کے نتیجے میں 10 فلسطینی شہید ہوئے۔

## Saudi Ambassador calls on the Prime Minister of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al-Malkiy, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif earlier today.

The Prime Minister thanked the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Majesty King Salman bin Abdul Aziz, and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman, for their kind wishes on his re-election as Prime Minister.

Given the special fraternal relationship between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, the Prime Minister said the Saudi Ambassador was the first envoy he was receiving after assumption of office.

The Prime Minister highlighted that his government's priority would be to transform the time-tested bilateral relations between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia into a mutually beneficial, strategic and economic partnership, with a focus on attracting Saudi investment for bankable projects in Pakistan.

The Prime Minister thanked the Saudi authorities for expanding the scope of the "Road to Makkah" initiative, which will facilitate Pakistani Hajj pilgrims.

While extending an invitation to the Prime Minister to visit Saudi Arabia, the Saudi Ambassador assured the Prime Minister of the Saudi leadership's full support. He said that Saudi Arabia would always remain a reliable partner for building a stronger and prosperous Pakistan. DNA

## China welcomes new Govt to carry forward traditional friendship: Spokesperson

BEIJING: China attaches high importance to promote its relations with Pakistan and stands ready to jointly work to carry forward traditional friendship and advance practical cooperation between the two countries, a Chinese Foreign Ministry's spokesperson said on Monday.

"We send our warm congratulations to Mr. Zardari on assumption as president," Wang Wenbin said in his regular briefing while commenting on oath-taking of Asif Ali Zardari as President of Pakistan. The spokesperson remarked that President Xi Jinping has already sent a congratulatory message to President Zardari on his oath-taking as the 14th President of Pakistan.

He reiterated that China attached high importance to promote its relations with Pakistan and stands ready to work with Pakistan to carry forward traditional friendship, advance practical cooperation in various fields and upgrade China Pakistan All Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership to building an even closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era. INP



ISLAMABAD: H.E. Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al-Malkiy, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. APP

## 19-member federal cabinet takes oath at President House



VOM Report

ISLAMABAD: After days of intense consultation among the ruling partners, President Asif Ali Zardari Monday administered oath to the 19-member federal cabinet comprising some

new faces. Earlier today, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Monday recommended 19 names to the president to be inducted into the federal cabinet, according to a summary forwarded to the Awwan-e-Sadr. Those who were recommended for the federal ministries, under clause 1 of the

Article 92 of the Constitution, include PML-N lawmakers Ahsan Iqbal, Khawaja Asif, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Rana Tanveer, Azam Nazeer Tarar, Jam Kamal Khan, Amir Muqam, Awaiz Leghari and Attaullah Tarar, while MQM-P's Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui and Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party's Abdul Aleem Khan are also on the list.

Moreover, Senators Ishaq Dar and Musadik Malik have also been recommended to be appointed as federal ministers under clause 9 of Article 91 of the Constitution, as both will cease to be senators on March 12 (tomorrow) following the end of their Senate term. The said clause authorises the prime minister to induct anyone into the federal cabinet who is not a member of parliament for a period of six months.

Three more names that have been recommended to be inducted as federal ministers — under clause 9 of Article 91 — include Muhammad Aurangzeb, Ahad Khan Cheema and Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi. Meanwhile, Shaza Fatima is the only woman to be recommended for inclusion in the federal cabinet. She will take oath as a state minister under clause 1 of Article 92 of the Constitution, reads the summary.

## PM has formed his Cabinet consisting of few serious individuals: Ataullah Tarar

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Ataullah Tarar Advocate has said that the Prime Minister has formed his Cabinet consisting of few serious individuals.

While talking to media persons at Islamabad, Ataullah Tarar said that the government will take serious steps for sorting out issues of the people. He said that the Prime Minister would announce the strategy regarding future.

He further said they also faced difficulties in the past. He said steps would be taken for ending economic issues. He noted they have to lessen the government expenditures, adding they have to bring improvement in the economy of the country. SABAH

## ANF recovers 991 kg drugs in 12 operations

RAWALPINDI: The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting 12 operations across the country managed to recover 991 kg drugs and arrested 10 accused, said an Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) official here on Monday.

He informed that 1914 intoxicated tablets and capsules were recovered from the possession of two suspects arrested at Karachi Airport. 4.8 kg heroin was recovered from a parcel booked for UK at Lahore Airport and two accused were arrested.

4 kg Ice was recovered from a passenger going to Doha at Peshawar Airport. 600 grams weed was recovered from a parcel sent from UK at a courier office in Multan.

600 grams heroin was recovered from a passenger going to Doha at Lahore Airport.

In another operation at Lahore Airport, 92 heroin-filled capsules were recovered from a Jeddah-bound passenger. 270 kg heroin and 238 kg morphine were recovered from Chaman area and 350 kg hashish was recovered from an area near Chaman Road Quetta.

100 kg opium was recovered from Nokundi Chagai and 21 kg hashish was recovered from South Asia Pakistan Terminal Karachi. In 11th operation, 2.4 kg hashish was recovered from two suspects netted near Expresses Highway, Islamabad.

In 12th operation, 250 grams hashish was recovered from an accused rounded up in Haripur. Cases under the Anti-Narcotics Act have been registered against the arrested accused and further investigations are under process. DNA



## Balochistan CM directs PDMA, administration to remain alert in view of rain situation



All Deputy Commissioners and Municipal Heads should take immediate steps to remove rain water from populated areas so that people do not face difficulties in the respective areas, he said.

The Chief Minister also ordered that in case of shutdown, heavy machinery should be kept ready at the sites to restore the means of communication, all kinds of encroachments and obstructions should be removed from the rivers to drain the rain water.

Quick response should be given in any emergency by monitoring the entire situation from the control room, he said and added that municipal services should be mobilized to drain rainwater from low-lying areas.

He said that concerned departments should keep an eye on the electrical installations along with the maintenance of the electrical system adding that the people would also be careful in the rainy season.

The CM advised the people should stay away from water drains, raw and rotten walls and constructions and electrical installations. APP

## Punjab CM has zero-tolerance policy towards violence against Women: Uzma Bukhari



ISLAMABAD: Punjab Information Minister Uzma Bukhari Monday said that the Chief Minister will adopt a zero-tolerance policy

and growth of the nation. She said on the chief minister's dedication to women's safety, stating the "Never Again" app would be a crucial tool in monitoring and addressing women's rights and security concerns.

Maryam Nawaz, the first female Chief Minister in the country's history, is deeply committed to safeguarding the rights of women, she said.

Replying to a query, she said that Punjab government will constitute special women desk in all police stations to facilitate them, adding, a proper mechanism was being implementing in the province for the protection of women. She said that CM Punjab will herself monitor the women related app, adding, all those who use smartphones should download it to stay connected with the police in case of emergency.

She further maintained that the mobile application will be launched in all districts of Punjab soon while a special squad will also be formed in this regard. APP

towards gender based violence and that the government under her leadership has launched "Never Again" app aimed at enhancing women's safety.

Talking to private news channel, she said that violence on women is a horrendous crime and strict action will be taken against the people involved in violence against women.

She said CM recognizes the important role women play in the development of society

## CDA allots 157 govt residences

ISLAMABAD: The management of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) has allotted 157 Government residences of different categories to officers and other employees of authority.

The residences were allotted on the basis of seniority on General Waiting List. However, the allocation of residences was made through balloting.

In all 57 houses were allotted 8n A category, 38 houses 8n B category 25 in C category, 17 in D category while 20 houses were allotted in D category in sectors G-6, G-7, G-8, G-9, G-10, G-11 and F-6.

The CDA Chairman on the occasion said that welfare of employees would remain management's top priority. APP



## New cabinet will be the ideal balance of knowledge

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain said on Monday that the new Federal Cabinet would be the best combination of understanding, competence, and experience.

He said Dr. Gohar Ijaz, Aurangzeb Khan, and Mohsin Naqvi's experience and abilities should be fully utilized in the new federal cabinet. Mian Zahid Hussain said that immediate progress should be made towards a new agreement with the IMF and that fundamental economic reforms should be initiated.

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's government will resolve long-delayed matters and will be taken forward rapidly, in which the role of President Asif Ali Zardari and the People's Party will be laudable.

The business leader added that the presence of Asif Ali Zardari in the presidency would be a boon for the system. Specific terms of the agreement with the IMF need to be fully implemented and the lender's leniency is appreciable because the situation is improving because of it. Mian Zahid Hussain said that according to the agreement with the IMF, the clause regarding the permission of imports is not being implemented. Imports have not been eased as agreed which has reduced the current account deficit.

He observed that by keeping the current account under control, the speed of the dollar leaving the country has been controlled, which does not deplete the foreign exchange reserves rapidly. One of the reasons for the IMF's leniency is that foreign investment is negligible. Loans are unavailable; if imports are allowed in this situation, foreign exchange reserves will be depleted. DNA

## ICCI launches Digital Sehat Asaan Card Program

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader and Member National Assembly (MNA), Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhry has said that government is a very difficult task in present times as we have come to power with the spirit of service. He said, "Differences in politics are based on ideology, it should not be turned into personal enmity, the government has accepted the mission of serving the people. At this time, all the leadership of the country is mature. Everyone is requested to promote understanding for the development and prosperity of the country, we will change the shape of Islamabad in the next 5 years."

Addressing the launching ceremony of Digital Sehat Asaan Card at Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Monday, Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhry said that bringing Sehat Card at private level for all business community is a great achievement of President ICCI.

He said, since last three decades population of Islamabad has increased manifolds but new hospitals have not been built. At least three more hospitals like PIMS should be established in Islamabad. In the next five years, the health system of Islamabad will be completely transformed. Islamabad Chamber, the major stakeholder of the city, will work together to solve the problems. The PML-N leader said, "The government is facing many challenges. There are big challenges of inflation, unemployment, energy, law and order in the

country, on which the government will have a special focus. Economic stability in the country is linked to political stability, all parties should be united for the country. Under the leadership of Ahsan Bakhtawari, the role of Islamabad Chamber is prominent among all chambers at present, while Zafar Bakhtawari's services to Islamabad are unforgettable."

Speaking at the event, President ICCI Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that Asaan Sehat Card was a dream for the business community which has been fulfilled. With the digital health card, the business community of Islamabad will get better health facilities, he added.

Ahsan Zafar said that the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce wants to establish its own medical center. It is desired that like Karachi and other chambers, Islamabad Chamber should establish its own hospital. The ICCI will make every possible effort to provide convenience to the business community and citizens of Islamabad. We will talk to CDA for provision of plot for establishment of hospital and medical center, he maintained.

The ICCI President said that a new government has been formed, the cooperation of the government and related institutions is required for development work in the markets of Islamabad. The Founder Group will fulfill all the promises it made to the traders. The new government should work on priority basis for economic and political stabil-

ity in the country.

Senior Vice President ICCI Faad Waheed said Chairman of CDA should be from Islamabad, only he can better understand the problems of the city. PIMS Hospital can be run better if the chamber is included in the board. CEO MEDXOL Health Company Ali Iqbal said that medical camps will be organized in every center and market of Islamabad. More than 120 hospitals from all over Pakistan are on MEDXOL's panel. All set to provide better healthcare facilities to the business community.

Chairman Founder Group Khalid Iqbal Malik said that the credit for bringing Asaan sehat card goes to President ICCI Ahsan Bakhtawari. Not only the members of the Chamber but all the small and big businessmen of Islamabad will benefit from Asaan Health Card. Addressing the ceremony, Secretary General UBG Zafar Bakhtawari said that there is a request from the government to include the representatives of Islamabad in the federal Cabinet. The Prime Minister is requested to include Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhry in the federal cabinet. If the representatives of Islamabad are not included in the federal cabinet, the problems of city power will not be solved. All employees of all small and big businesses will also get discounted health facilities with Asaan Sehat Card. Without reconciliation, no society can move forward, if we want to improve the economy, we have to promote the politics of reconciliation and tolerance. INP