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Pakistan & the UK had longstanding, historic relations with multifaceted cooperation, says Ishaq Dar

FM Ishaq Dar & British FS Lord David Cameron discuss important regional issues including Afghanistan & the situation in Gaza

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar received a telephone call from Lord David Cameron, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom on Monday. According to the statement issued by Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, the Foreign Minister thanked the British Foreign Secretary for his message of felicitations on his appointment as the Foreign Minister and said that he looked forward to working closely with the UK leadership to further strengthen bilateral relations.

Reiterating the importance of Pakistan-UK relationship, the Foreign Minister said that Pakistan and the UK had longstanding, historic relations with multifaceted cooperation. The Foreign Minister emphasized the early conclusion of the Enhanced Strategic Partnership (ESP) agreement to take relations to the next level. Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar stressed on the need to enhance bilateral cooperation in trade and investment, people to people contacts and climate. The Foreign Minister stressed on the need for early resumption of PIA flights between Pakistan and the UK which would further bolster linkages, particularly in view of the large Pakistani diaspora in the UK. The two Ministers also discussed important regional issues including Afghanistan and the situation in

Ahsan Iqbal inaugurates work on development schemes at Narowal University

Gaza. The Foreign Minister invited Lord Cameron to

visit Pakistan on mutually convenient dates. SABAH

NAROWAL: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Prof. Ahsan Iqbal attended the foundation stone-laying ceremony of various schemes including roads, sewerage and water supply at the University of Narowal.

Member National Assembly (MNA) Chaudhry Anwarul-Haq, Member National Assembly (MNA) Wajiha Akram Chaudhry, Provincial Minister for Religious and Minority Affairs Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora, Member Provincial Assembly (MPA) Rana Manan and former Chairman Municipal Committee Narowal Syed Azharul-Hassan Jilani also attended it. Ahsan Iqbal was warmly welcomed by the university administration on his arrival. The technical team of University of Narowal gave a detailed briefing to the minister about the schemes. The minister formally inaugurated work by driving a road roller and handed over four buses bought for transport of the university to the administration and also planted a sapling in the admin block. APP



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding implementation of **Track and Trace System. APP**

PM Shehbazs decides to take measures against tax defaulters & tax evaders on an emergency basis

Says sale of fake & unregistered cigarettes should be stopped & these should be seized & destroyed

VOM Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has directed the authorities concerned to make the track and trace system fully functional in all sectors, including tobacco, cement, sugar, and fertilizer industries, to prevent tax evasion.

Chairing a meeting regarding the track and trace system in Islamabad on Monday, PM people involved in tax evasion.

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Germany

Alfred Grannas called on Prime Minister

Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday and

cellor Olaf Scholz for sending a congratula-

The prime minister emphasized that Pak-

istan deeply valued its longstanding ties

with Germany and considered it an impor-

While noting the positive trajectory of bilat-

eral ties, the prime minister expressed the

desire to expand existing level of bilateral

trade and investment, stating that there was

great potential for enhanced German invest-

discussed matters of mutual interest. The prime minister thanked German Chan-

tory message to him on his re-election.

tant partner in Europe

PM, German ambassador discuss ties

ments in Pakistan.

Shehbazs Sharif decided to take measures against tax defaulters and tax evaders on an emergency basis.

The Prime Minister instructed to establish an inquiry committee to identify the obstacles in the way of the track and trace system and determine the responsible for that.

The committee, in seven days, will identify the obstacles in the way of the complete activation of the track and trace system and the

PM Shehbaz Sharif said the committee will also submit suggestions on the future strategy for the application of automatic tax system in

The Prime Minister further said all legal hurdles in the way of track and trace system should be removed.

Prime Minister sought a comprehensive plan of action for the enforcement of automatic track and trace system and digital strategy. He said all such factories which refuse to install track and trace system should be sealed immediately.

In addition to revenue collection, Shehbaz Sharif advised to use the track and trace system to prevent counterfeiting and substan-

dard products. He directed that the sale of fake and unregistered cigarettes should be stopped and these

should be seized and destroyed He said country is suffering from economic problems and the mafia is colluding to dam-

age the national exchequer. The Prime Minister advised to hire services of internationally renowned organizations for the track and trace system

The meeting was given a detailed briefing on the current status of the automated tax system and obstacles in the way of making this system fully functional in sugar, cement, fertilizer and tobacco industry.

Fostering parliamentary diplomacy; essential for world peace: Ayaz Sadiq

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has said that upholding values of democracy, peace and the rule of law ere essential for global growth and development.

"Pakistan is a peaceful country that believes in dialogue for cooperation and understanding," he expressed while addressing the 148th IPU Assembly in Geneva on "Parliamentary diplomacy: building bridges for peace and understanding

The Speaker said that fostering bilateral and joint partnerships through the Parliamentary Friendship Groups among parliaments of the world would strengthen the parliament-to-parliament contacts, said a press release issued here Monday.

While appreciating the IPU's efforts for peace and understanding across the globe, he has said the world is witnessing death and destruction in Gaza at an unimaginable scale as over 30,000 civilians have been killed, most of whom are women and children.

He expressed his resolve that Pakistan would continue to raise grave concerns at the situation in Gaza where heart-rending images of death and destruction from Gaza are emerging.

Ayaz Sadiq also said that Israel's actions violated all international humanitarian and human rights law deliberately attacking civilian targets and as such, constituted war crimes and crimes against humanity. During his speech, he also reiterated strong and unequivocal condemnation of the indiscriminate use of force by Israel and call for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire in Gaza.

"We have always and will continue to stand by our Palestinian brothers and sisters for the exercise of their inalienable right to self-determination for a viable, secure, contiguous and sovereign State of Palestine on the basis of the pre-1967 borders with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital." APP

PNS Yarmook rescues eight Iranian fishermen from fire-stricken boat

RAWALPINDI: The Pakistan Navy Ship (PNS) Yarmook in a successful operation rescued eight Iranian fishermen in the open sea after the Navy vessel timely monitored the emergency call from the firestricken boat. According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) on Monday, on hearing the distress call, PNS Yarmook rushed to the spot at a very low speed and carried out a successful rescue operation. The Pakistan Navy ship successfully rescued all the fishermen as well as played a role in extinguishing the uncontrollable fire.

"Timely and successful rescue operation is a practical example of Pakistan Navy's handling of all kinds of situations at sea.

The humanitarian rescue operation of the Pakistan Navy is an expression of its determination to ensure the safety of human life at sea," the ISPR said. PR

Data availability vital for better service delivery: Shaza Fatima



VOM Report

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication, Shaza Fatima Khawaja, on Monday said that availability of data in the digital era is crucial. During a meeting with the Country Director of

Consulting Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd, Kanth, Haroon Shaza Fatima highlighted the significant role of data in decision-making She said that a sta-

database is essential enhancing service delivery, emphasiz-

ing the importance of a credible database for capacity building within government organizations. Shaza Fatima urged Teradata to collaborate with the Ministry of IT and Telecom to achieve these objectives. In response, Haroon Kanth assured that Teradata is prepared to work closely with the government of Pakistan

Azam Nazir Tarar assesses prices, facilities at utility store

The prime minister welcomed the German

side's initiative to send a business delegation

to visit Pakistan soon and assured the Ger-

man Ambassador that the delegation would

be facilitated in every way to ensure a suc-

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Law and Justice, Azam Nazir Tarar, conducted a thorough inspection of a utility store in the provincial capital on Monday, focusing on product quality, facilities, and sales mechanisms. During his visit, Minister Tarar diligently observed the sales activity, assessed the availability of facilities, and

scrutinized the stock of discounted products. Engaging with store staff, Minister Tarar inquired about any existing challenges and checked the rate list

to ensure transparency Speaking to the media, he emphasized the government's commitment to prioritizing economic improvement, citing Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's leadership as pivotal to the nation's economic progress.

Minister Tarar underscored the government's dedication to providing essential facilities, highlighting the announcement of the largest Ramadan package in the country's history. He elaborated on the inclusivity of the package, emphasizing special discounted rates for both Benazir Income Support Program beneficiaries and the general public. APP

Pakistan water crisis become a pressing issue, Jo Moir

By Sohail Majeed Butt

ISLAMABAD: British High Commission, FCDO Development Director, Jo Moir said the FCDO had initiated the journey to understand water and national security challenges of Pakistan and the solutions to resolve it. She added that the programme was relatively new and the FCDO was working out to comprehend Pakistan's situation which was one of the most water stressed countrv in the world. "We are looking to explore gaps and knowledge resources to fix the issue as in Pakistan water crisis has become a pressing issue and the country's bulging population is over 240 million with five million people added every year. Jo More said 70% of the total population lacked access to clean water, whereas the exports, and growth of industry is to be supported by water. The Tabadlab under its series of roundtables organized the 63rd dialogue titled "Water Con-



flict: Trends and Trajectories for 2024 and Beyond" that showcased a review of numerous studies done on water issues that served as an evidence to growing water scarcity of the country and ways to overcome those challenges

Director, Centre for Regional and Global Connectivity, Tabadlab, Zeeshan Salahuddin while moderating the roundtable informed that the Centre had identified some 26 studies on water related issues and conducted survey interviews to unearth the facts for detailed discourse.

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Power struggle causes disarray in PTI's ranks: Tarar

and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Monday said that there was a sheer power struggle within the ranks of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) that may lead to its disintegration or creation of a forward block.

Addressing a press conference here, he said that top PTI leaders like Gohar Khan and Sher Afzal Khan were taking contradictory stances on different issues

He regretted the "childish attitude" put up by the PTI which was a national party. Tarar advised the PTI leaders to shun its internal politics and play its due role in strengthening the economy. Lambasting the PTI, he said sometimes they wrote a letter to the IMF, but sometimes asked the European Union to investigate the election process in Pakistan. If they had any complaint, they should knock the door of the Election Commission of Pakistan or Election Tribunals, he said.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information He said once they were accusing the US of toppling the PTI government, now they had hired lobbying firms in the United States. The minister said that American diplomat Donald Lu had called the PTI founder as a "certified liar".

He urged the PTI leaders to join mainstream politics and contribute to the nation building process. "We need to create unity and consensus at the national political scenario", he opined.

The minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the government was fully committed to the agenda of economic reforms.

He said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was holding meetings on the economy on a daily basis as the government's focus was on solving the people's problems. "We are focusing on measures like privatization, reduction of government expenditure, tax reforms, digitization of FBR, expansion of tax net and reduction



of tax burden on the poor segments of the society.

He said that for the first time in the history, taxpayers would be honored with awards in the coming days. "The government of Pakistan will, for the first time, give awards to businessmen who increase the tax volume," he remarked. He said that in this regard, there would be a formal ceremony at the Prime Minister's House soon. The process of economic reforms is continued at a rapid pace, he added. Tarar said that to provide relief to the

people during Ramazan, the Prime Minister had assigned the duties of ministers across the country. He said yesterday and today also federal ministers visited the utility stores and reviewed the arrangements to ensure relief to the

He said that a road map was being made and all measures were being taken to improve the country's economy as the focus of the PM was on economic

Besides economic revival, he told that eradication of terrorism from the country was also the top priority of the

incumbent regime. He said that in the past, the PML-N government under the leadership of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif established peace and now peace would be established

under the leadership of Shehbaz Sharif. Paying homage to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the sake of the country, he said, "in the war against terrorism, we have full confidence in the security forces, armed forces and police and law enforcement agencies", he main-

He said Gwadar Port Authority was attacked and responsibility for this attack was accepted by the Balochistan Liberation Army. The terrorist Karim Jan killed during the attack on the Gwadar Port Authority was included in the missing persons list, the minister added and said, when Karim Jan's body was handed over to the heirs, it transpired that he was declared a missing person from

August 2022, he noted. The minister said that it was very alarming that the BLA terrorist was involved in the Gwadar Port Authority attack, but the campaign was being conducted for

two years by dubbing him as a missing

He said that these were very sensitive matters, adding that Gwadar was a commercial hub, part of CPEC, and attack on it was an attack on the national econ-

The minister assured that the government would play its full role for establishing peace in the country

To a query, the minister said the Governor Punjab had decided on the matter related to the fee of Ahad Cheema's children in accordance with the law.

On the occasion, he underlined the need for promoting inter-faith harmony in the country by discouraging sectarianism.

The minister said that he had directed the officers concerned to ensure that more funds should be allocated in the next financial budget for the health insurance programme of journalists and media workers. APP

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No room to manoeuvre

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ven though the prospects of stable governance are far and bleak, the government must keep running and soon there will be chatter surrounding the budget. He who sits on the throne will aim for a 'high' growth rate and would want to know how much fiscal space there is (read: will have to create) to achieve it. Well they have none and they should not attempt the latter. The country's large persistent fiscal deficit has been at the centre of recurring macroeconomic insta-

Government revenues only cover around 60 per cent of total expenditures, with a fairly rigid fiscal spending structure and significant untapped potential sources of revenues. The remaining 40 per cent of the expenditures are financed through borrowing, of which borrowing through domestic banks is the most sizeable.

Each of the three dimensions feed into one another to magnify the problem. Almost 80 per cent of the total spending is pre-committed obligations of the government in form of interest payments, salaries of government employees and pensions, defence, subsides and grants. Interest payments on borrowed resources take up the largest share in government expenses.

In FY2023, these payments were 36 per cent of the government's expenditure, and are even higher at 45 per cent in H1 of FY2024. The government is essentially borrowing to meet just the cost of borrowing, hence adding to the future cost of borrowing and exacerbating the fiscal deficit situation.

Considering that there is no way out of meeting the interest liabilities or salaries of employees, dare we touch the subject of pensions and defence, at the very least expenditure on subsides and grants merit a review. The primary beneficiaries of these are

Government revenues only cover around 60 per cent of total expenditures

the state-owned enterprises (SEOs) and the energy sector: gas and petroleum. Multiple policy papers have asserted that these are regressive, ineffective and distortive expenses which add about 13 per cent to the government's burden. By contrast only 10 per cent, perhaps even less, is allocated to development programmes and susceptible to being slashed when the government runs out of capacity to borrow further.

On the revenue side of the government's balance sheet, the highly skewed tax system creates distortions in the market, directing resources to unproductive investments. Under taxation of the real-estate sector has made it more profitable for firms and individuals to invest in property relative to the manufacturing sector in tradeable goods. Tax collected on agricultural income and the retail sector remains much lower than its contribution to the GDP. In contrast, those employed in the formal sector lift a much larger burden of taxes, having to pay in the form of direct as well as indirect taxes. These are among the addressable issues in the tax system, but governments irk at the mere mention of ideas resembling higher taxes for the fear of displeasing the electorate. It appears they need to be reminded of the inflation tax.

Ignoring the nuances of the matter, in non-technical terms, high levels of bank borrowing are facilitated through printing money which causes inflation. Higher inflation lowers the real value of household income, acting as a tax. However, since this inflationary impact appears much later than the apparent short-term growth induced through high levels of government spending, the time lag is exploited for political

What in fact has happened to the economy is the crowding out of private investment through the banking sector, allocation of capital to unproductive sectors, minimal expense on human development and the debt burden reaching alarmingly high levels.

In FY2023, the general government debt was 77.1 per cent of GDP. Unfortunately, our policymaking process is constrained by use of fiscal policy for economic growth rather than enhancing the economy's productivity capacity for gains and a short-term vision. But if securing an IMF programme and serving the generations of Pakistan is on the agenda, office holders would benefit from remembering that growth ought to be an outcome of policies not a target. Think sustainable, productive, long term. Act. The country stands on a weak foundation; it needs to be rebuilt and now.

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is a new day in a new Supreme Court of Pakistan (SCP). Led by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa, the SCP now appears to be making noble efforts to reintroduce some order into our judicial system.

Not that there was no order previously, but the steps that some of the former chief justices took betrayed their innocence.

On March 22, the Supreme Court set aside the dismissal of former Islamabad High Court (IHC) judge Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui, and by doing so added another feather to its cap. Just to recap: in January this year, a five-member bench including the CJ and Justices Aminuddin Khan, Jamal Mandokhel, Syed Hasan Rizvi, and Irfan Saadat reserved its verdict on Siddiqui's plea against his removal. Credit goes to the court for broadcasting the proceedings of the case live on the SC's website. The former judge had challenged a decision by the Supreme Judicial Council (SJD), dismissing him from service.

It is worth recalling that right after assuming power in 2018, the PTI government and its leader, Imran Khan, initiated a relentless attempt to acquire absolute power by crushing the opposition and intimidating other state organs. In its effort, the PTI government reportedly had support from the most significant quarters of power in the country.

Even the SJC, willingly or unwillingly, appeared to be toeing the official line. Accusations against Justice Siddiqui revolved around a speech he delivered at the Rawalpindi Bar Association. A major charge against Justice Siddiqui was that he had accused intelligence services of influencing the court proceedings and forming benches of choice. It was not an entirely new accusation, as in the past, we had seen the judiciary of Pakistan crack under pressure from the civil and military

In the 1950s, the CJ Munir-led Supreme Court that Chief Justice

The hopeful future of the Supreme Court

Munir led set the tone for the future decision against him by the SJC in leading to his superannuation. line of action that successive chief justices followed - of course, barring a few exceptions. In the 1960s, CJ AR Cornelius, otherwise a decent judge, could not stand up against the wrongdoings of the first military dictator of Pakistan, General Ayub Khan.

In the 1970s, Justice Hamoodur Rehman, again not a bad judge, wrote the daring Hamoodur Rehman Commission Report exposing the misdeeds of military action in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) that led to the breakup of the country in 1971. But the same judge buckled under pressure from the ZA Bhutto government and validated its decision to impose a ban on the only major left-wing and progressive party that Abdul Wali Khan was leading in Pakistan.

Justices Maulvi Mushtaq and Anwarul Haq denied ZA Bhutto a fair trial and, in collusion with the military regime of General Ziaul Haq, hanged the former prime minister. In the 1980s, Justice Haleem, so far the longest-serving chief justice of Pakistan, did not challenge the usurper General Zia in any significant way. He did not object to the sham referendum and the unlawful imposition of the eighth amendment in the country. In the 1990s, then CJ Naseem Hasan Shah acknowledged there were pressures from the usual suspects during the Bhutto trial. This has now proved to be true, as a recent opinion by the SC confirms that the ZA Bhutto did not get a fair

In the 2000s, Justice Irshad Hasan Khan emerged as yet another judge who could not resist, or willingly accepted, military intervention.

Then the Imran Khan project of the 2010s had full support from many serving and retired generals who had like-minded judges in the courts. So given this background, when Justice Siddiqui levelled certain accusations against some officers, ideally there should have been a thorough investigation. Instead, Justice Siddiqui lost his job as a result of a controversial 2018, just weeks after the PTI assumed office.

Siddiqui nominated seven individuals in his amended plea, including the former chief of army staff and two retired brigadiers. The SC remarked that these three army officers had no direct connection with the case. Earlier this year, former ISI director general Lt-Gen Faiz Hameed submitted his response to Justice Siddiqui's petition and rejected the allegations of his involvement in constituting IHC benches to prolong the detention of former premier Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam

It is true that spymasters all over the world indulge in political shenanigans not only in their own countries but also in other countries. They make frequent attempts to dent people's freedom and democratic processes, while also trespassing into the judicial domain.

On various occasions, many of our high-level officers have displayed a particular type of self-deception that was not always in good faith. History has more abundant evidence than what they can counter.

In February 2024, a 23-page statement that Gen Faiz and Irfan Ramay submitted to the SC through their counsel, Khawaja Haris, said that the constitution does not provide for the continuation of the SJC proceedings against judges who either resigned from office or retired on reaching superannuation prior to the conclusion of such proceedings. This did not carry much weight as the SC raised questions about whether the SJC followed due process before ordering Siddiqui's termination and reserved the verdict in the case.

In the final verdict, the SC says the SJC's opinion about Siddiqui's dismissal and the subsequent notification issued on Oct 11, 2018 have been set aside. Though several of Justice Siddiqui's observations on various occasions are questionable, he deserved an impartial hearing, and the delay that occurred in the hearing and decision was inordinate,

A judge of a high court retires at 62 ears of age, and an early decision on the petitions could have saved Siddiqui a lot of trouble and humiliation. Now, even after the SC decision in his favour, he cannot become a judge again. However, he will now be entitled to receive the benefits and privileges extended to a retired

The apex court has rightly observed that the failure to abide by the fundamental right of due process resulted in the unfair treatment of Siddiqui and it was wrongly assumed that he was making false allegations. Now that action against Siddiqui has become malafide, as the SC has asserted that the SJC acted coram non judice (before a judge not competent or without jurisdiction).

Per the judgment, the SJC had determined Siddiqui guilty of misconduct without ascertaining the veracity of the allegations and without conducting an inquiry, merely because he had taken the matter public.

Now this country and all its institutions must realize that if any allegations become known to the public, it is unfair to punish the whistleblower for highlighting wrongdoings at the highest level. If an impartial inquiry finds the allegations to be false, the inquiry committee can declare the whistleblower guilty of misconduct. It is unjust and unfair to punish without first ascertaining the veracity of the allegations. Hitherto, the practice at the highest level is that if an allegation is against a politician, a JIT comes into being and the entire state machinery springs to action, but if the allegation is against an officer, it seldom gets a JIT.

In this particular case, the SJC did not even state what misconduct Justice Siddiqui was guilty of, apart from speaking publicly, which is not

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Today in History

History of Pakistan

ity in the proposed Pakistan into a 'hostage' population who would be visited by retributive violence if Muslims in India were harmed.[3][20] The Pakistani demand resulted in

the Muslim League becoming pitted against both the Congress and the British.[21] In the Constituent Assembly elections of 1946, the

India's Muslim minority would be seats reserved for Muslims, polling who were living in provinces where net Mission Plan.[27] According to ensured by turning the Hindu minor- 89.2% of the total votes.[22] they were a minority. The 1946 electric this plan India would be kept united Congress had hitherto refused to acknowledge the Muslim League's claim of being the representative of Indian Muslims but finally recognised to the League's claim after the results of this election. The Muslim League's demand for the creation of Pakistan had received overwhelming popular support from India's

According to this theory the safety of Muslim League won 425 out of 496 Muslims, especially those Muslims unity the British arranged the Cabition in British India was essentially a plebiscite among Indian Muslims over the creation of Pakistan.[23][24][25]

The British, while not approving of a separate Muslim homeland, appreciated the simplicity of a single voice to speak on behalf of India's Muslims.[26] To preserve India's

but would be heavily decentralised with separate groupings of autonomous Hindu and Muslim majority provinces. The Muslim League accepted this plan as it contained the 'essence' of Pakistan but the Congress rejected it.

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Showbiz

Gwyneth Paltrow confesses she cares less

of what people think after turning 50

Gwyneth Paltrow on binge-watching reality TV genre during her slow days in a new interview

fessed she cares less of what people have to say about her after turning 50. In a new interview with Sunday Times, the Iron Man star said, "I don't care, I've turned 50, I don't care what anybody thinks. Paltrow revealed she focused on eat-

Gwyneth Paltrow has recently con-

ing well, balancing her gut health and looking out what went into her mouth. However, there are times when she just wanted to curl up on the sofa ordered take-out and binge-watched reality TV.

"I love on a Sunday to not do anything, watch rubbish TV and not make dinner and order in food. I really need one slovenly day," stated the Great



she found out about reality show dur-Addressing reality TV, Paltrow shared ing the pandemic, mentioning her

favourites which included Love Is Blind and Love On The Spectrum. "It's 'a slippery slope," said the actress about watching reality TV genre. Earlier in November 2023, Paltrow spilled the tea on various wellness rituals as she played a game of "Slay or Nay" on social media. The actress claimed "lemon water, cold plunging and sounds baths" to be a "slay", as she revealed she "finds them to be really healing". Paltrow also pointed out that she's fond of medicinal mush-rooms, explaining, "I think that psychedelics are going to absolutely be — and currently are — the next most interesting area in addressing

Lunar Eclipse 2024: This is what Worm Moon celestial show means for your zodiac signs

A radiant Worm Moon is set to shine in the sky on Monday along with a celestial show for people seeking out for a penumbral lunar eclipse. Referred to as the Worm Moon by the Farmers' Almanac due to its proximity to the spring equinox, March's full moon will be at its fullest at 3am ET. The lunar eclipse on March 25 will be visible in Japan, the eastern half of Australia, North and South America, western Africa and western Europe, according to EarthSky. The eclipse will be most visible at 2:12am CDT and begins at 11:53pm CDT on March 24. Notably, you may not see much of a visual effect, unlike with a total or partial lunar eclipse. Following are some suggestions for and effects on your zodiac signs as a result of this lunar eclipse. Aries; If you're upset, have an open but gentle conversation. Don't give up on people quickly. Taurus; Focus on your spiritual wellbeing and incorporate practices like yoga or daily walks. These activities can help you feel rejuvenated. Gemini; Take a step back and don't force your-

self into projects that you can't devote your

energy to, if you're feeling uninspired.

Cancer; Let go of any unnecessary belongings as you decorate, allowing for a sense of lightness in your home. Leo; It might be a good time to try practicing positive affirmations, if you've been experiencing fluctuations in your confidence. Virgo; Avoid making accusations, keep an open mind and focus on gathering the facts. Libra; When others project their emotions onto you, you might feel overwhelmed. Remember that their feelings are not a reflection of you. Scorpio; It's possible you'll feel lost in a fog, during the days before, during, and after the eclipse. It's important to take it easy. Sagittarius; Make sure that you have the necessary time and energy to fully dedicate yourself to them. Prioritise your commitments. Capricorn; Things will change soon, and you will receive the recognition you deserve. Stay positive and keep doing your best. Aquarius; As you continue to evolve and grow, there are certain beliefs that you still hold onto, while you are generally open-minded. Pisces; Try to think of long-term solutions to restructure what you're doing and how, if you're experiencing financial stress.

Health

Beware gamers: Video games can make you blind sooner than you think

Video games are not only harmful for professionals but affect everyone

Video games remain a popular leisure activity in the fast-evolving digital entertainment landscape, drawing millions into increasingly sophisticated and realistic gaming environments. Recent research published in Nature sheds light on a darker aspect of being a hardcore gamer despite gaming is an escape and source of joy for many, according to The Debrief. The potential for significant physical health issues are drastic stemming from prolonged video gaming sessions. Exact 955 individuals aged 18 to 94 who identified as gamers were surveyed and a striking correlation between long gaming sessions and increased reports of physical ailments such as eye fatigue, neck and back pain, and wrist and hand discomfort was found. Reported by 52.1% of study participants, the most common physical complaint was back or neck pain. With 46.1% of participants mentioning it, eye fatigue came in second. Whereas, hand or wrist pain was a close third, experienced by 45.4% of the participants. This trend of physical health issues persisted

across all demographics, including different age groups and genders, as well as among casual and aspiring professional gamers, according to researchers. The adverse physical effects of gaming are not isolated to a specific demographic or type of gamer, as suggested by the findings.

They are a wide concern that affects a wide range of individuals who engage in extended gaming sessions instead. The stereotype that gamingrelated health issues are limited to young men or professional gamers is challenged this way.



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کی ضامن ،قراۃ العین ملک

چکوال(ڈسٹرکٹ رپورٹر)ڈپٹی کمشنر قراۃ

العین ملک نے کہا ہے کہ امتحانی نظام کا تقدس

رقرِ ار رکھنے کے لئے امتحانی مراکز کی اجا تک

سپیکشن کاعمل جاری ہے تا کہ امتحانی عمل کی

شفاف سنحیل یقینی بنائی جا سکے۔ انہوں نے بیہ

بات پیر کے روز مخصیل چکوال اور کلر کہار کے

مختلف سکولوں میں میٹرک کے کے امتحانی مراکز

کے اجانک معائنہ کے بعد گفتگو کرتے ہوئے

کہی۔ڈیٹی کمشنرقرا ۃ العین ملک نے امتحانی مراکز میں جاری امتحانی عمل اور انظامی اعتبار سے

امتحانی امیدواروں کے لئے سہولیات کا جائزہ لیا۔ علاوہ ازیں انہوں نے امتحانی مراکز میں

سیکیورٹی ،گلرانعمله کی حاضری ، ویجی کینسسٹم

اور روشیٰ کے انتظامات کا بغور جائزہ لیتے ہوئے ً

امتحانی عملہ کو تا کید کی کہ امتحانی امیدواروں کے

لئے پرسکون ماحول مستقل طور پر برقر اررکھا جائے

تا کہ وہ مکمل میسوئی کے ساتھ امتحانی عمل سے گزر

اولینڈی ڈویژن میں اب تک 280,822 م

عبوری صفانت منظور کرلی۔

وزیرِ اعظم کیس کی قیمت میں اضا فے پر برہم ، اوگر ا کی کا رکر دگی کا جا ئز ہ لینے کا فیصلہ

ایران پاکستان گیس پائپ لائن منصوبے کی مانیٹرنگ کیلئے فوری طورپربین الوزارتی کمیشن قائم کیا جائے، شهبازشریف،ضروری نهیں سوئی گیس نر جتنا اضافه مانگا اتنادیدیا جائر،تمام پهلو دیکهیں گر،چیئرمین اوگرا پٹرولیم ڈویژن کو گردثی قرضہ کاحل تیار کرنے کی 🏿 ہور ہانئی قیتوں میں اضافہ کیم جولائی 2024 💴 📗 ہدایت کردی۔وزیراعظم نے تین ماہ میں گیس انفرا اسلام آباد (وقائع نگارخصوصی،سٹاف رپورٹر

ہدایات کیں ہیں۔اس کےعلاوہ وزیراعظم نے دو

مُفتول میں گیس انفرااسٹر کچر، گیس چوری اور ناقص

کارکردگی کی رپورٹ پیش کرنے کی بھی ہدایت کی

ہے۔ادھر سوئی ناردرن گیس کی طرف سے گیس

قیتوں میں اضافے کی پٹیشن پر اوگرا ساعت کے

دوران چیئر مین اوگرامسر وراحمه خان نے کہا ہے

كه كيس كي قيمتول مين ابھي كوئي اضافه نہيں

حکومت ملکی معیشت بہتر کرنے

كيكئے كوشال ہيں، وزير تجارت

کراچی (بیورور پورٹ) وفاقی وزیر

تجارت جام کمال نے کہا ہے کہ ہم اس ملک کی

معیشت کے حوالے سے چیزوں کو بہتر کرنے

کے لیے کوشاں ہیں۔ کراچی میں میڈیا سے

گفتگو کرتے ہوئے ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پہلے دن

سے وزیر اعظم بڑے جذبے کے ساتھ اور

محنت کے ساتھ کام کر رہے ہیں، وفاقی وزرا

اور صوبائی حکومتوں نے نئی ذمہ دار یوں کو

سنجال لیاہے، یا کتان کو بہت چیلنجز کا سامنا

ہے لیکن ہمیں اللہ سے بہتری کی امید ہے، یہ

سب ہاری محنت پر مبنی ہے۔ پیپلز یارٹی کی

كابينه ميں شموليت كے سوال پر انہوں نے بتايا

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چیف ایگزیکٹوآئیسکو27 مارچ کوٹیلی

فون برآئيسكوريجن كےصارفين كى

شکایات سنیں گے، ترجمان

الكِّزيكُوآ فيسر آئيسكو داكر محمد امجد خان

مورخه 7 عاري 4 2 0 2 (بروز بده)

دن 10:00 بي تا دن 12:00 بي تك

اسلام آباد۔راولینڈی ٹی۔راولینڈی کینٹ۔

ائک _ جہلم _ چکوال سرکلز اور گردونواح کے

آئیسکوصارفین کے بجل سے متعلقہ مسائل سنیں

گے اور اُن کے برونت حل کیلئے موقع پر ہی

متعلقه دفاتر كوبهيج ديا جائے گا۔ صارفين چيف

ا یکز مکٹو سے بات کرنے اور اینے بجلی سے

متعلقہ مسائل کے اندراج اورازا کے لیے

فيس بك آئي ڈي CEO-IESCO

E - Kachery اور طیلی فون

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شکایات کے اندراج کے دوران اپنا نام، بل کا

ریفرنس نمبرا ور رابطه نمبر ضروریتا ئیں۔

آباد (سٹی رپورٹر) چیف

ليحكومت اپنا بحر بوركرداراداكر _ گى

اسٹر کچر، گیس چوری اور ناقص کارکردگی کی ریورٹ)وزیراعظم نے گیس کی قیت میں حالیہ اضافے پر اظہار برہمیٰ کرتے ہوئے اوگرااور گیس کمپنیوں کی پیش کرنے اوراریان پاکستان گیس یائپ لائن منصوبے کی مانیٹرنگ کیلئے فوری طور پربین کارکردگی کا جائزہ لینے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ وزیراعظم الوزارتي تميشن قائم كرنيكي بهي مدايت كردي منى _ نے وزارت توانائی کوایک سے 3ماہ میں 16 اس کے علاوہ وزیراعظم نے ایک ماہ میں سرپلس ٹاسک مکمل کرنے کے احکامات جاری بحلی کیاستعال کیلئے نمیا نڈسٹریل زون تیار کرنے کردیئے،ایک ماہ میں گیس کی قیمتوں میں حالیہ اضافہ کے فرانزک آ ڈٹ کی رپورٹ پیش کرنیگی کا ملان پیش کرنے اور دو ہفتوں میں یاوراور

سینیٹ انتخا با ت ، قو می اسمبلی کا جلا س يكم ايريل كو بالا نركا فيصله اجلاس میں دوابریل کو مینیٹ انتخابات سے متعلق منظوری کی جائے گی بقو می اسمبلی ہال کو یولنگ

الثیش میں تبدیل کیا جائے گا،وزارت پارلیمانی امور نے سمری وزیر عظم ہاؤس کو بھجوادی اسلام آباد، پیثاور (شاف رپورٹر، 'رہنمااعظم سواتی نے سینیٹ کی جزل نشست نتخابات کے لیے قومی اسمبلی کا اجلاس کی_م

نو می اسمبلی *سیکریٹریٹ کے مطابق قو*می اسمبلی کے اجلاس میں دو اپریل کوسینیٹ انتخابات ہے متعلق منظوری لی جائے گی اور قومی اسمبلی ہال کو بولنگ اشیشن میں تبدیل کیا جائے گا۔ وزارت بإرلیمانی امور نے سمری وزیرِاعظم ہاؤس کو بھجوا دی ہے اور وزیرِاعظم ہاؤس ا جلاس بلانے کی سمری صدر مملکت گا ۔صدرمملکت قو می اسمبلی کا اجلاس کیم ایریل

کو بلائیں گے۔ ادھر اپیلٹ ٹربیونل نے لی ئی آئی رہنما اعظم سواتی کوسینیٹ الیکشن لڑنے

اسلام آباد(ساف ريورش)وفاقي وزير

اطلاعات عطا تارژ نے کہاہیکہ نی ٹی آئی والے آئی

ایم ایف کوخط لکھتے ہیں تو مجھی پورٹی یونین سے

الكشن كى تحقيقات كا كهدر بين، اگرآپ كو

شکایت ہے تو الیکش کمیشن یا الیکشن ٹر بیونلز میں

جائیں۔اسلام آباد میں پریس کانفرنس کرتے

قومی جماعت ہے لیکن روبیہ ایسا ہے جیسے چھوٹے

یجے آپس میں لڑرہے ہوں، پی ٹی آئی کے رہنما

تارر کے کہا کہ یا گی آ گیا ہیں

سایا۔اپیلٹ ٹربیونل نے پی ٹی آئی رہنما نظم سواتی کے سینیٹ کی جنزل نشست پر لیکش لڑنے کے لیے کا غذات نامز دگی منظور الليه جسٹس فکيل احمہ نے کہا کہ لمیکئو کریٹ کی نشست کے لیے اپیل پر بعد میں فیصلہ جاری کیا جائے گا۔ سینیٹ کی <mark>48</mark>

که پیپلز پارٹی اور دیگر جماعتیں جیسے ایم کیو ایم، نیشنل یارٹی وغیرہ ان سب نے مل کے نشتوں پر انتخابات کے لیے قومی اسمبلی کا حکومت کی تشکیل میں حصہ ڈالا ہے، وہ الگ بات ہے کہ ہم اس حکومت کا حصہ ہیں یانہیں ذ را نع قو می اسمبلی سیریٹریٹ کے مطابق قو می کیکن اسے بنانے میں سب کا ہاتھ ہے، جہال الشمبلی کے اجلاس میں دو اپریل کو سینیٹ تک کا بینہ میں شالیت کی بات ہے



. نوازشریف کی فیصل آبادآ مد، ڈور پھرنے سے جاں بحق آصف کے والدین سے اظہار تعزیت کررہے ہیں

نی ٹی آئی اداروں کو خط لکھنے کے بجائے الیکشن ٹربیونل میں جائے ، عطاء تا رڑ

اندرونی سیاست کوچھوڑ کر میثاق معیشت کے لیے میں جائیں۔وفاقی وزیر کا کہنا تھا کہ گوادر پورٹ ا پنا کردار ادا کریں، آپ بھی آئی ایم ایف کو خط ا تھارٹی پر بچھلے دنوں حملہ کیا گیا، اس حملے کی ذمہ لكست بين بهي يوريي يونين ساليشن كى تحقيقات كا داری بی ایل اے نے قبول کی، کریم جان نامی كمدر بين، الرآب كوشكايت بيتوالكش كميش دہشتگر د گوادر بورٹ اتھارٹی کے جملے میں ملوث تھا اور وہ ہلاک ہوا، بہتشویشناک بات ہے کہ اگست

بالیکشن ٹر بیونلز میں جا^ئیں، آپ جھی لا بنگ فرمز ہائر کرتے ہیں، آپ کو ڈونلڈ لونے سر ٹیفائیڈ جھوٹا میں آئے اور یہال پرسیاست کرے، آپ بور پی یونین سے ربورٹ مانگنے کی بجائے الیکٹن ممیشن

جرائم پیشه عناصر کیخلاف کارروائی _الیڈی سمگلرسمیت 15 ملزمان گرفتار

راولپنڈی (خاف ربورٹر) راولپنڈی پولیس نے رفیق سے 4 لیٹرشراب ، طاہر نے منتیات فروشوں، جرائم پیشد اور قانون تکن سے 5 لیٹرشراب ، تھاند دھمیال پولیس نے تو ید عناصر عناف کاروائی میں لیڈی منتیات ممکلر سے 5 لیٹرشراب، تھاند تھسیرآباد پولیس نے ملال سے زائد چرس ،شراب اوراسلحہ وایمونیشن برآ مد کرلیا تھانہ دھمیال بولیس نے لیڈی منشات سمگر ما کشہ ہے 2 کلو 100 گرام جرس،تھانہ کہویہ چیں، تھانہ صادق آباد پولیس نے اولیس سے ۔ 1 کلو م 4 0 2 گرام چیں، سلمان ولیس نے عبدالرجمان سے 0 0 7 گرام پیس، تھاندرتد امرال بولیس نے افضال سے

640 گرام چرس، تفانه کارسیدال پولیس نے

سمیت 15 ملزمان گرفتار کر کے ساڑھے 7 کلو سے 1 پسٹوک 30 بور ،تھانیہ مندرہ پولیس نے

مرفراز کے 1 پہتول 30 دور، تفاقہ سول لائٹز پولیس نے آتش بازی کا سامان کے کرجانے والے اظہر کو گرفارکرکے 6انار، 6و فی ماچس ولیس نے آصف سے 1 کلو 20 1 گرام پناخہ اور 12 موائیاں جبکہ تھانہ نصیرآ باد پولیس نے غیر قانونی طور ترکیس سانڈرزریفلنگ کڑنے والے مہابت خان کو گرفتار کر کے کیس سانڈرز اوردیگر آلات ری فلنگ برآمد کر گئے پولیس ترجمان کے مطابق رواں سال میں منشات فروشوں کیخلاف کریک ڈاؤن کے دوران 93 ملزُ مان کُوگرفتار کر کے 55 کلوگرام چرس، 1 کلو 380 گرام ہیروئین،166کیٹر اور 54 بول شراب برآ مدگی گئی۔ مسعود سے 550 گرام چرس ،تھانہ ائیر پورٹ



بیالکوٹ، صوبائی وزیربلدیات میاں ذیشان کھلی کچہری میں شہریوں کے مسائل سن رہے ہیں

گئے۔زلزلدیمامرکز کےمطابق ریکٹرسکیل برزلزلے کی شدت 4.8ریکارڈ کی گئی، شہری خوف کے باعث کلمہ طیبہ کا درد کرتے ہوئے گھروں سے باہر نگل آئے۔ زازلہ یا مرکز کا کہنا ہے کہ زاز لے کی گرائی 30 کلومیٹر جبکہ مرکز ژوب سے 76 کلو

یثاور (بیورور بورٹ) یثاور ہائیکورٹ نے

سی اتحاد کونسل کے مخصوص نشستوں سے متعلق

کیس کا تفصیلی فیصله جاری کردیا۔ پیثاور

اِ نَکُورِٹ کے 5رکنی لاجر بیٹنے نے 14 مارچ کو

مخضر فیصله سنایا تھا تا ہم اب ہائیکورٹ کے جسٹس

ایس ایم عتیق شاہ نے 30 صفحات پر مشتمل

تفصيلي فيصله جاري كياجس مين كها كياميكه الكيشن

كميثن كامخصوص نشتنول كي تقسيم كا فيصله آرتكل

ژوب(نمائندہ پاکستان) بلوچستان کے مصرمشرق میں تھا۔واضح رہے کہ چندروزقبل بھی کوئٹہ علاقے ژوب میں زلز کے کے جھکے محسوں کئے سمیت بلوچتان کے مختلف علاقوں میں زلز لے کے جھلے محسوں کئے گئے، جس میں زلزلے کی شدت 5.6 جبكه گهرائي 30 كلوميٹر ريكارڈ كي گئي تھی۔بلوچستان کےعلاقے ژوب میں زلزلے کے جھکے محسوں کئے گئے۔ زلزلہ پہا مرکز کے مطابق

ريكٹرسكيل برزاز لے كى شدت 4.8ريكارڈ كى گئى

انتخابات میں سیٹ نہ جنتنے والی جماعت مخصوص نشستوں کی اہل نہیں ، بیثا ور ہائیکورٹ

نخصوص نششتوں کی نقسیم آئینی طریقے سے ہوئی، درخواست خارج کی حاتی ہے، سی اتحاد کوسل کے کیس کانفصیلی فیصلہ حار ی

ہے۔ فیصلے میں کہا گیا ہے کہ درخواست گزار نے

اعْرَاضَ كيا كه مخصوص نشتين دوسرى سياس جماعتوں مين نقسيم نہيں ہو سکتين، سنې اتحاد کونسل

51 کے مطابق ہے اور ہائیکورٹ کے پاس کی جاتی ہے۔ عدالت نے اپنے فیصلے میں مزید صوبے تک مخصوص نشتوں کے کمیرسندیا اختیار کہا کہ الیکن میں صدیلنے والی سیاسی جماعیت کا

خواتین مخصوص نشتول کی حق دار نہیں، مقرره دوسری جماعتوں کونہیں دی جاسکتیں غیرآ ئینی

وفت گزرنیکے بعد مخصوص نشست کی لسك جمع نہیں ہے، الیکش کمیشن نے مخصوص نشتوں کو آئین

کرائی جاسکتی،اس کیےاس کی درخواست خارج طریقے سے تقسیم کیا۔

ہے۔محکمہ زراعت پنجاب اور کا شتکاروں کی محنت کے باعث گزشتہ برس کیاس کے زیر کاشت رقبہ میں 20 تا25 فیصد جبکه مجموعی پیداوار میں 30 لا کھ گانٹوں کا اضافہ ہوا جس سے ملک کو1.5 ارب ڈالر کا فائدہ حاصل ہوا ۔ان خیالات کا اظہار سیکرٹری زراعت پنجاب افتخار علی سہونے

مخصوص نشستوں برحق ہوتا ہے لیکن جزل الیکشن

میں ایک بھی سیٹ نہ جیتنے والی جماعت مخصوص

نشتول کی اہل نہیں، یہ دلیل کے مخصوص تشتیں

معیشت کا پہیہ چلانے میں کلیدی کردار اوا کرتی میں کیاس کی کاشت کے ہدف کے حصول کیلئے

محکمہ زراعت کے افسران و فیلڈ اسٹاف بورے سلم ۸۹۸۳ کا فوکل برین" مقرر کیا۔انھوں نے جذبے اور تنذہی ہے اپنے فرائض سرانجام دیں تا کہ اسال کیاس کی زیادہ پیداوار کے حصول کو وار اجلاس ترجیحاً کیاس کی کاشت کے ڈویژنز یفینی بنایا جا سکے۔ کیاس کی پیداوار کامدف حاصل کرنے کیلئے محکمہ زراعت کے فیلڈ عملہ کی تمام اضافی ڈیوٹیاں ختم کی جارہی ہیں تا کہ ا گلے4 کیاس کی کاشت سے متعلق لائح عمل کو حتی شکل سے 5 ماہ تک فیلڈ اشاف کیاس کے کا شکاروں ہوئی بتایا کہ کیاس کی کاشت کے حوالے سے دیے کیلئے منعقدہ اعلی مطبی اوالی کے صدارت کی فئی راہنمائی کیلئے شانہ بشانہ شر کیے رہے۔اس ڈویشل وصوبائی کمیٹیوں کی تفکیل دی جا چک

راولپنڈی (سٹاف رپورٹر) کیاس ملکی کی کرتے ہوئے کیا۔انھوں نے کہا کہ صوبہ پنجاب

ملکی معیشت کا پہیہ چلانے میں کلیدی کردار،افتخار علی سہو

موقع پرسیکرٹری زراعت پنجاب افتخارعلی سہونے

كنساننث محكمه زراعت ڈاكٹر محمد انجم على كو" كاڻن کہا کہ کیاس کی مہم کے دوران با قاعد کی سے ہفتہ میں منعقد ہوا کریں گے اس موقع پرسیرٹری زراعت پنجاب نے کہا کہ گزشتہ سال پنجاب کو کیاس کے باعث پہچان ملی اور محکمہ کی نیک نامی

دیا گیا ہے قصاب مقررہ نرخوں سے زائد پر گوشت کی فروخت دھڑ لے سے کر رہے ہیں جبکہ اکثریت نے گوشت کی قلت پیدا کرنے ڈر رہ ہتا جرا تحاد کے جنز ل سیکرٹری ملک اشفاق نے تعینات ایس بی می ڈی افتخار شاہ کو گلدستہ پیش کررہے ہیں

سے 2023میں جی ڈی پی کی شرح کم ہوئی، پروفیکا صارف سے ایک عشاریہ 17 ڈالر قیمت وصول کی جاتی ہیں جو پیداواری لاگت سے كم ہے۔ ترجمان اليشا كيمطابق فيكسائل كى الكسپورك 21ارب سے كم بوكر 16ارب ڈالر ہو چکی ہیں،جنوری 2023 سیکیس کی قیت 23

گنابر ه چکی بین، 63 فی صد گیس گھر بلوصار فین

ترجمان الپیما نے کہا گیس کی قیمتوں کی وجہ ہولی کا تہوار دلوں کو جوڑنے کا شاندار موقع ہے محسن نقوی

اسلام آباد (سٹاف ریورٹر)وفاقی وزیرواخلہ 👚 جمعیت اور ہم آ ہنگی کیھیلائیں کیونکہ آج س نقوی نے یاکستان میں بسے والی ہندو معاشرہ نفرتوں اور کدورتوں کا شکار ہے محس برادری کو ہولی کی ' کی مبار کمباد دیتے ہوئے کہا ' نقوی نے کہا ' آپس کی تلخیوں کو پس پشت ڈال ہے کہ ہولی رنگوں کا تہوار ہے اور رنگ ہمیشہ کراس رنگا رنگ تہوار کی خوشیوں میں شامل ہونا

ہوگا۔ چیئر مین اوگرانے واضح کیا کہ ضروری نہیں

کەسوئى ناردرن گیس نے جتنااضافە مانگااتنادىدىيا

جائے،اوگراساعت مکمل کرے تمام پہلوں کا جائزہ

لیگاءاوگرا صرف سوئی ناردرن گیس کی بات نہیں

سنتا، ہم گھریلو صارفین صنعتی اور تجارتی شعبے کے

مفادات کا بھی خیال رکھتے ہیں۔ دوران ساعت

پیار محبت والے ہی پائیدار ہوتے ہیں، ہولی کا جاہی، ہولی کا تہوار بھائی چارے اور خمرسگالی نہوار دلوں کو جوڑنے کاایک شاندار موقع کے جذبات کوفروغ دیتا ہے۔

اسلام آباد ،صدر آصف علی زرداری ہے کوٹ ڈی اوائر میں پاکستان کے نامزد سفیرمحمود اختر محمود ملاقات کررہے ہیں

عمران خان اور بشری کے پر و ڈکشن آر دُرجاری، 4اپریل کوعدالت طلب ایدیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ اینڈسیشن عدالت میں سابق

وزیراعظم عمران خان ،ان کی اہلیہ بشری بی بی کی

اسلام آباد (سپیش رپورٹر) ڈسٹرکٹ اینڈ سیشن کورنش اسلام آباد نیضمانت کی ر رخواستوں میں بانی پاکستان تحریک انصاف مصادرخواست صانت کیس کی ساعت میں عدال<mark>ت</mark> پل کو بروڈکش آرڈر جاری کر ویے۔ یں پیشی کے حوالے سے دائر درخواست پر جیل سیرنٹنڈ نٹ اڈیالہ کو حکم دیا کہ 4اپریل کو

نے اڈیالہ جیل حکام کوویڈ پولنگ سٹمٹھیک کرو کر بانی پی ٹی آئی کی حاضری لگوانے کا حکم دی دیا تھا۔ ڈسٹر کٹ اینڈسیشن کورٹس اسلام آباد مضمانت کی درخواستوں میں بانی یا کتان تح بک انصاف عمران خان اور ان کی اہلیہ بشری بی بی کو 14 پیل کو پروڈ کشن آ رڈر جاری عمران خان اور بشری بی بی کو پیش کیا جائے۔ عدالت میں پیشی کے حوالے سے دائر اصح رہے کہ 12 مارچ کو اسلام آباد کی درخواست پرساعت کی ،



سرگودھا، وائس چانسکر پروفیسرڈ اکٹر غلام یاسین کی قیادت میں پانی ہے آگاہی واک کی جارہی ہے۔

گرانفروشوں کو عوام کو لوٹنز کی صورت اجازت نهیی دینگر، حسن وقار مقرر کر د ہزخوں سے زائد منافع وصول کرنے والے د کا نداروں سے کسی قتم کی رعایت نہیں برتی جائے گی ،ڈیٹی کمشنرراولپنڈی

راولینڈی میں 66 ہزار 487 دکانوں کی

چیکنگ کی گئی ای دوران 486 گرانفروشوں

نکمہ زراعت ، کاشتکاروں کی محنت کے باعث کزشتہ برس کیاس کی پیداوار میں 30 لاکھ گاٹھوں کا اضافہ ہوا،سیکرٹری زراعت پنجاب

کے مرتکب یائے گئے تھے اسی دوران دکانداروں سے کسی قتم کی رعایت نہیں برتی گرانفر وشوں کو 6 لاکھ 67 ہزار 500 روپے جائے گی۔ ڈپٹی کمشنر راولپنڈی حسن وقار جرمانہ عائد کیا گیا۔ کیم مارچ سے اب تک ضلح چیمہ کی ہدایت پر پرائس مجسٹر پیش مکمل طور پر

راولپنڈی (شاف رپورٹر)ڈپٹی کمشنر سیرفقار ہوئے اور 64 لاکھ 80 ہزار روپے راولپنڈی حن وقار چیمہ کی ہدایت پر پرائس جرمانہ عائد کیا گیا۔ ڈپٹی کمشزر اولپنڈی حسن مجسٹریٹس کممل طور پرمتحرک ہیں گذشتہ 3 دنوں وقار چیمہ کا کہنا تھا کہ روزانہ کی بنیاد پرسنری میں میں 81 گرانفروشوں گرفتاری عمل میں منڈی کا دورہ کرنے قیتوں کا جائزہ لیا لائی گئی جو کہ اشیاء ضروریه کی مقرر کردہ جارہا ہے جارا کام لوگوں کومقرر کردہ قیتوں نرخوں سے زائد منافع وصول کرنے اور پر اشیاء ضروریہ لیٹنی بنانا ہے۔مقرر کردہ ریٹ لسٹ آویزاں نہ کرنے کی خلاف ورزی نرخوں سے زائد منافع وصول کرنے والے

متحرك بين گذشته 3 دنول مين مين 81 گرانفروشوں گرفتاری عمل میں لائی گئی

کے حل کے لئے منعقدہ اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ٹریفک جام کےمسئلے کی سب سے بوی وجه تجاوزات ہیں۔ اسکے علاوہ سر کول کے تعمیر و مرمت، پارکنگ کی عدم دستیابی اور روڈ انجینئر نگ کے نھ ساتھ انٹر بنڈ ڈرائٹورز بھی ٹر نفک کے مسائل

میں اضافے کی بڑی وجہ ہیں۔اس سلسلے میں بشاور فو ڈسیفٹی ٹیموں کی ملک شاپس کی چىكنگ،800لىردودھىلف

> راولینڈی(ساف رپورٹر) پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کے ترجمان نے کہا کہ ڈی جی فوڈ اتھارٹی ى طرف سے پیشل ٹیمیں تشکیل دی گئی فوڈ سیفٹی ٹیموں نے ملک بھر کی دودھ کی دوکا نوں کی چیکنگ کی اور 800 لیٹر غیر معیاری اورمضرصحت دودھ تلف کیا ۔ ٹیموں نے متر مارکیٹ اور مری روڈ پر موجود مختلف ملک شاپس کی چیکنگ کی اور ناقص دودھ سیلائی کرنے یر 4 دوکانوں کو بھاری جرمانے کئے ۔ترجمان نے مزید کہا کہ رمضان المبارك ميں دودھ كا استعال بڑھ جاتا ہے۔فوڈ سيفنى تيمين سحرى اورافطارى دونوں ٹائم فيلڈ ميں

> > 370 كيخلاف احتجاج

کے جابرانہ آرٹیکل370 کخلاف آوازیں تیز ہونے لگیں۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق آرٹیکل 370 کخلاف

تشميرك بعدلداخ كعوام بهي اسية مطالبات كي

مانیاں ،منن اور بیف نا پید ،ریٹ بھی مرضی

کے ، انظامیہ کمبی تان کرسوگئی ، ڈی سی اٹک

سے نوٹس لینے کا مطالبہ، تفصیلات کے مطابق

فتح جنگ شهر میں گوشت کا مصنوعی بحران پیدا کر

علاوہ لوگوں کوٹریفک قوانین ہرعملدرآمد کے حوالے سے خصوصی آگاہی دی جائے۔ کمشنر راولینڈی کو

ٹر یفک پولیس کی جانب سے بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بنایا گیا کہ ٹریفک پولیس کی جانب سےٹریفک قوانین کی پابندی پرعملدرآمد کے لئے سزاکومز بدسخت کماحا

راولینڈی کو بڑا مسلہ تجاوزات ،مزید نرمی نہیں کر سکتے،کمشنر راولینڈی

راولینڈی (شاف ریورٹر) تمشنر راولینڈی 🏻 روڈ پر بیکن ہاؤس سکول اور مریم جمپتال کواپنی علیحدہ 📗 ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہڑ بظک قوانین پڑمل کر کے بھی

ڈویژن انجینئر عامر خنگ نےٹریفک جام کےمسائل 📗 یار ننگ فعال کرنے کی ہدایات دی گئی ہیں۔اسکے 📗 اس مسئلے کوئسی حد تک کم کر سکتے ہیں۔ نیم جنوری ہے

حالان دیئے جا چکے ہیں۔تفصیلات کےمطابق اس عرصے میں اوور سپیڈنگ پر ,313 ٹریفک سکنل کی خلاف ورزي ير4023، بغير جيلمك , 2464 رانگ ے پر 4130اور 2982 انف آئی آرز درج کی جا ر باہے۔اس من میں جرماندی رقم میں اضافہ کردیا گیا چی ہیں

اسلام آباد، وزیرخارجه آنحق ڈارفلسطین کےسفیرملا قات کررہے ہیں

پنجاب اسمبلی، نازیبا اشاروں پر

عظمیٰ بخاری کا واک آئوٹ

تھوں میں بانی تحریک انصاف کی رہائی کے سیاشین راشد مجمود الرشید ،غمر سرفراز سیہ بنرز تھام کیے، اس موقع پر رکن اسمبلی رانا میں ہیں، حق کی طرف بات کریں

سیریم کورٹ،ایف آئی اے کی صحافیوں کیخلاف مقد

مات واپس لینے کی یقین د ہانی

يا كستان ميں ميڈيا،صحافيوں كيساتھ كيا ہوا،إس پر كتابيں كھی جاسكتی ہيں، ہم

بھی جانتے ہیں کہانف آئی آرکیے ہوتی ہے، چیف جسٹس

آوٹ کردیا جبکہ ڈپٹی اسپیکر نے معاملے پر انکوائری کا تھم دے دیا۔ سالانہ صوبائی بجٹ

یں 2 گھنٹے 17 منٹ تاخیر سے شروع ہوا۔

جلاس کے دوران اپوزیش اراکین نے

لے4مکز مان پر فر دجرم عائد

اب تک مختلف خلاف ورزیوں کی مدمیں 140694

حاری کنسرٹ کے دوران دہشتگر دی سے ہلا کتوں ماسکو (بیورور پورٹ) روس کے دارالحکومت کی تعداد 143 تک جا پینجی جبکه 140 سے زائد ماسکو کے کراکسٹی ہال میں کنسرٹ پرحملہ کرنے والے 4ملزموں کو عدالت میں پیش کر دیا زخی ہیں جن میں متعدد کی حالت تشویشناک بتائی گیا۔غیرملکی میڈیاریورٹس کےمطابق قانونی نافذ جا رہی ہے۔روسی میڈیا کے مطابق حملے میں ملوث4مشتہ حملہ آور اور ان کے 7 ساتھی گرفتار کرنے والے اداروں کی جانب سے کراکس ٹی کر لیے، ایک ملزم فرید الدین تر کیہ ہے ماسکو ہال کنسرٹ پر حملے میں ملوث 4 ملز مان کو گزشتہ پنجا،ملزموں کا مدف مال میںموجو دافرا دکو ہلاک روز عدالت میں پیش کیا گیا،عدالت نے حاروں ملزمان بر فرد جرم عائد کر دی۔ماسکو بولیس کی کرنا تھا۔تا جک صدر امام علی رحمان نے کنسرٹ ہال حملے میں تا جکستان کے ملوث ہونے کی تر دی<mark>د</mark> جانب سے عدالت میں بیان دیا گیا کہ ملزمان کرتے ہوئے بیان میں کہا ہے کہ حملے میں 4 نے بے گناہ شہر یوں کو گولیاں مار کرموت کے تا جک باشندوں کے ملوث ہونے کی خبریں بے گھاٹ اتار دیا، مرنے والول میں خواتین اور <mark>-</mark>



وزبر بلدیات ارشدا ایوب لوکل کونسل بورڈ ملاز مین کی پنشن بارے اجلاس کی صدارت کررہے ہیں

لداخ کے ہزاروں شہر بوں کا آر مکل

سیالکوٹ (بیورور پورٹ) وزیر دفاع خواجہ وزیر اعلی پنجاب سے ملاقات ہے ان سے

ٹھ آصف نے کہا ہے کہ میں شہر یوں اقبال کا درخواست کروں گا کہان منصوبوں کو پاپنچ سال شکر بیدا دا کرتا ہوں مجھے اس شہر نے عزت بخشی میں مکمل کیا جائے ۔ سمبڑیاں ، پسروراور سیالکوٹ کولنک کرنے کے لئے رنگ روڈ بننا جاہئے جزل ہے میری نسلیں بھی آپ کاا حسان نہیں دیے سکتیں بس اسٹینڈ کو بھی شہر سے باہر جانا جا ہے۔وزیر سات منصوبے اس شہر کے لئے بہت ضروری ہیں شہرے تمام سرکاری دفاتر شہرسے باہر منتقل ہونے دفاع خواجہ محمہ آصف نے نجی یو نیورٹی کی جانب عاہے جیل،عدالت اور سرکاری دفاتر کی 53 سے افطار ڈنر کے موقع پر شہر یوں سے خطاب

منظوری کیلئےسرایا احتیاج ہیں، مجمد در چرترارت کے ہاوجود ہزاروں شہر یوں کا مودی حکومت کیخلاف کیڑ اراضی پر یارک تغییر ہونا جاہئے میری کل <mark>۔</mark> احتجاج تيسر بفتة مين داخل موكيا خ جنگ ،قصابوں کی من مانیاں، گوشت ناپید ،مرضی کا ریٹ مقرر،انتظامیہ خاموش

ہر میں گوشت کا مصنوی بحران پیدا،قصاب مقررہ نرخوں سے زائد پر گوشت کی فروخت دھڑ لے سے کرنے لگے،عوامی حلقوں کا نوٹس کا مطالبہ کیلئے غیر اعلانیہ ہڑتال کر رکھی ہے تا کہ من گیا ہے جو قصاب حضرات گوشت فروخت بھی فتح جنگ (تخصیل ریورٹر) قصابوں کی من

کر رہے ہیں وہ بھی من مانے ریٹ وصول کرتے ہیں بازار میں مٹن دو ہزار سے کیکر 22 سوتک جبکہ بیف کے مقررہ کردہ نرخ 750 جَبُه ماركيك ميں 1000 سے 1200 روپے فروخت کیا جا رہا ہے عوامی حلقوں نے ڈپٹی کمشنرا ٹک اورکمشنرراولپنڈی

پندریٹول برفروخت کرسکیں ،رمضان المبار ک کا آغاز ہوتے ہی جہاں اشیاءخور دونوش کے نرخ کئی گنا بڑھا دیئے جاتے ہیں اس طرح مٹن اور بیف کے نرخ بھی بڑھا دیئے گئے ہیں تا ہم من پیند نرخوں کے باوجود مزید لوٹ مار کرنے کیلئے گوشت کی غیر اعلانیہ ہڑتال کر دی گئی ہےشہر میںمٹن بیف ناپید ہو

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KSrelief distributes 5,000 Ramadan packages in Punjab, completing aid mission



VOM Report

ISLAMABAD: The King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief) completed the distribution of 5000 food packages across four districts of punjab in Ramadan.

In an unwavering commitment to address the pressing nutritional needs of the residents of Punjab, (KSrelief) has initiated the distribution of 5000 essential food packages across four districts - Muzaffargarh, . Kotaddu, Rajanpur and Rahimyar khan in Punjab. Each package, weighing 97 kg, contains essential food items to support a family for an entire month of Ramadan. The contents compromise 80kg of flour, 5 litres of cooking oil, 5kg of sugar, 2kg dates and 5kg of Daal Chana. Around 35,000 individuals across these four districts will be benefitting with this humanitarian effort. The project is being executed with collaboration with the National Disaster Management, local governments, and implemented through the coordinated efforts of KSrelief and its partner organization Hayat Foundation.

Sirajul Haq in a letter to Russian President expresses his utmost condemnation of the heinous terrorist attack on Crocus City Hall in Moscow

Says we stand in solidarity with the govt of Russia in all their efforts to keep their country secure & peaceful

LAHORE: Emir Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Sirajul Haq on behalf of the Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan has expressed his utmost condemnation of the heinous terrorist attack on Crocus City Hall in Moscow. Sirajul Haq has written letter to Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday

"On behalf of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan, I express my utmost condemnation of the heinous terrorist attack on Crocus City Hall in Moscow" Sirajul Haq wrote. Sirajul Haq wrote "We share the grief of the bereaved families, and of the people of Russia in general. Our thoughts are with those who lost their loved ones in this ruthless attack. We stand in solidarity with the government of Russia in all their efforts to keep their country secure and peaceful". SABAH



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Science & Technology Khalid Magbool Siddiqui is chairing a meeting at PCSIR Laboratories Complex.

President Zardari appreciates performance of Wafaqi Mohtasib & urges the need to take further steps to enhance its outreach

Wafaqi Mohtasib Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi presents the Annual Report of the Federal Ombudsman to President Zardari

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has appreciated the performance of the Wafaqi Mohtasib and urged the need to take further steps to enhance its outreach so that the maximum number of people could benefit of its services. Meanwhile the Wafaqi Mohtasib of Pakistan has processed a record 194,099 complaints against the maladministration of government departments in 2023, which is 18% higher than the previous year. Out of these, 193,028 complaints were disposed of which is 22% higher than the year 2022.

This was reported by the Wafaqi Mohtasib, Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi, who called on President Asif Ali Zardari and presented the Annual Report of the Federal Ombudsman, at Aiwane-Sadr on Monday.

The Mohtasib briefed the President about the performance and initiatives taken by the Federal Ombudsman. He said that the Ombudsman was providing speedy and free-of-cost justice to the complainants against the maladministration of various government departments. He informed that 49,190 complaints were received online in 2023, which was an increase of 47% from last year. He added that 22,321 complaints were received through the Mobile App, showing an increase of 21% as compared to the year 2022. He stated that the Ombudsman was using the latest technology to help in the speedy redressal of cases and



to enhance its outreach to the people in remote areas of the country.

The Mohtasib highlighted that the opening of new regional offices, holding of Khuli Katcheries, launching of the Informal Resolution of Disputes mechanism, and visits of Mohtasib's inspection teams had helped in addressing complaints, besides leading to

an increase in the registration of complaints. He further said that the office of Overseas Pakistanis in the Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat had processed a record 202,367 complaints received through Pakistan Missions abroad, and One Window Facilitation Desks at all international airports of the country. SABAH

Khalid Maqbool vows to play proactive role for improving education in Sindh

ogy Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, Monday said that federal government will play proactive role for improvement of education sector in Sindh with an aim of creating job opportunities for the youth.

The minster while talking to media persons during visit of Pakistan Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) Laboratory Complex Karachi said that a large chunk of country's population was consisted of youth and ministry of Science and Technology was ready to take measures in coordination with the provincial government for training the youth in skills required in the global market.

All the organizations working under the ambit of MoST as well as higher education institutions will start technical courses for secondary and higher secondary students having proficiency in subjects of English and Mathematics, he said and added that after the skill building the trained students will be able to acquire jobs around the world.

"It will not be brain drain but actually it will be brain train" as they will be able to practically contribute in development of the country, he said and elaborated that highly skilled workers from Pakistan will not only send precious foreign exchange to the homeland but they will also get the first hand knowledge of lat-

est developments in different fields. Stressing the need of unified efforts to deal with challenges confronted by the country Khalid Maqbool said that we may steer the nation out of crisis if every stakeholder prioritize state over political or individual motives. We have to set our direction towards an inclusive and participatory democratic approach by going into the masses for strengthening the democratic system in the country, he opined and added that his party was playing a constructive role to bring democratic stability in the country.

Responding to a query the minister stated that the people of Karachi have given the mandate to his party once again and MQM-Pakistan has joined the coalition government for bringing political stability in the country. His party neither put forward nomination for the post of Sindh Governor nor they have demanded certain ministries in the federal cabinet, he clarified on a question. However, it was our point of view that if Chief Minster of the province belongs to rural areas then Governor should be from the urban populace, he added.

The minister, on a query about financial issues particularly non payment of salaries to PCSIR employees, assured prompt measures for resolving the issue. Earlier, the federal minster visited various sections of the laboratory complex received briefing on functions of the council and facilities available at the complex. The minster was briefed that PCSIR is mandated to conduct quality tests and issue certification that is recognized nationally and internationally.

The meeting was informed that council was facilitating regulatory bodies, industries and small and medium enterprises through its different research centers in various fields including pharmaceutical, food and marine resources, applied Chemistry, environment, applied Physics, computer and instrumentation and engineering. APP

Inflation, improvement of trade major challenges: Jam Kamal Khan

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Mohammed Ali Jinnah at the mausoleum, he Kamal Khan on Monday said that the control over increasing inflation and improvement of trade in the country were big challenges for the incumbent government.

He said that the federal government was seriously contemplating the current situation and would address it in the leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

While talking to media during his visit to pay homage to father of the nation Quaid-e-Azam said that the federal and provincial governments would have to jointly address the challenge of rampant inflation.

He said that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had set conditions under that the government could not provide subsidy.

The Federal Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan said that the governments would have to make efforts for balancing supply and demand chain to provide relief to the people. APP



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Shaikh is Presented with memento during his visiting Pakistan National Shipping Corporation(PNSC).

Pakistan water crisis become...

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The issue of water conflicts was divided into three different categories of transnational, interprovincial and local, he added. The first transnational study on Kabul River was presented by Policy Analyst, Tabadlab, Memoona Mohsin. She noted that despite the fact that Kabul River was shared between Pakistan and Afghanistan, there was lack of comprehensive water sharing treaty.

Moreover, out of the nine rivers that flow across the border none have formal agreement and treatment between the two countries, she added. She noted that lack of any treaty could trigger any conflict on water in the future.On the Interprovincial: Kala Bagh Dam, Haleema Abbasi said the environmental concerns associated with Kala Bagh Dam were irreversible for Indus River ecosystems with a plethora of climate change impacts that would create provincial tensions like arbitrary water allocations by Punjab, mistrust of the government and inadequate advocacy efforts. She added that there was a need to clearly define the National Water Law and upgrade the national water policy and water charter 2018.On the local study on Ghazi Barotha by Maheen said it

was the only project where the local communities affected by this run of river project were successfully managed and the key element was Ghazi Barotha Tarqiati Idara which was a dedicated project NGO that developed benefit sharing focus and advocated among the communities on the project. In the second part, during the panel discussion, Climate Change and Communications Consultant, Afia Salam said Pakistan's geographical locations moved it towards solutions and way forward despite its disaster prone terrain and vulnerability due to climate change. She said amid rapid rate of urbanization in the country, there was a need for relocation of water resources to the provinces with more migration to its urban areas

"Population is not discussed in many contexts and the social fabric unraveling because of it as everything revolves around population like increase in it will lead to deterioration of other ecosystems," she added. Water Resource Specialist. World Bank, Basharat Saeed said the disputes and disagreements on water leading to protracted conflicts were archaic, whereas the agreement, terms of engagement, use of vernacular, respect for data and outcomes was crucial to implement decisive policies.

Mohsin Naqvi greets Hindu community on Holi



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minster for Interior and Narcotic Control Mohsin Naqvi on Monday sent greetings to the Hindu community on the festival of

"Happy Holi to the Hindu community living in Pakistan" he wrote in his message and said that Holi is the festival of colors and colors always

last only with love. He said that the festival of Holi is a wonderful occasion to unite hearts and spread love and harmony because today's society is suffering from hatred and ugliness.

He said that one should put aside mutual bitterness and join in the joy of this colorful festival. He further said that the festival of Holi promotes feel-

ings of brotherhood and goodwill and celebrating joyous festivals together promotes love and relationships. All minorities including the Hindu community are equal citizens of Pakistan, Mohsen Naqvi added. APP

People of Pakistan & Turkiye are bound to each other in the relationship of Islamic brotherhood: Nawaz

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb also holds meeting with Maryam Nawaz

LAHORE: Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan, Mehmet Pacaci, called on Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif and PML-N Quaid Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif in Lahore on

Monday. They discussed issues of mutual interest and increasing cooperation in various fields. PML-N Quaid Muhammad Nawaz Sharif said that the people of Pakistan and Turkiye are bound to each other in the relationship of Islamic brotherhood.

Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz said Pakistan and Turkiye want to increase cooperation in commercial, economic and other fields. She said that the Punjab Government will provide all possible facilities to Turkish investors for

investment in the province.

welfare. SABAH

On the occasion, Turkish ambassador assured to increase cooperation with Punjab govern-

Meanwhile Federal Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb held a meeting with Punjab Chief Minister Marvam Nawaz in Lahore on Monday. During the meeting, they discussed country' economic situation besides matters of mutual interest. The Finance Minister felicitated Maryam Nawaz on assuming charge as first woman Chief Minister of the province, terming it a milestone. He also appreciated Punjab Chief Minister's measures for social

Apex Court seeks details of the military trials of 103 civilians for their alleged involvement in the violent events of May 9

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Monday sought details of the military trials of civilians for their alleged involvement in the violent events of May 9.

A six-member larger bench — led by Justice Aminuddin Khan and including Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Syed Azhar Hasan Rizvi, Justice Shahid Waheed, Justice Musarrat Hilali and Justice Irfan Saadat Khan heard a set of intra-court appeals (ICAs) against its October 23, 2023 unanimous ruling nullifying the military trials of civilians.

The case pertains to the trial of 103 civilians for their alleged role in attacks on army installations during the riots that followed ex-premier Imran Khan's arrest on May 9 last year. The appeals against the verdict had been filed by the then-caretaker federal government as well as the provincial ones in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab. Sindh had denied filing a purported plea on the same matter and was not included among the petitions taken up earlier. The defence ministry had also moved an ICA, requesting the apex court to suspend the verdict's operation during the pendency of the appeal.

In January, a petition was filed by Faisal Siddiqui Advocate on behalf of

some of those challenging the trials to restrain federal and provincial governments from engaging a private counsel to plead the matter.

At the last hearing on Jan 29, Justice Sardar Tariq Masood, who has since retired, referred the ICAs back to a three-judge committee for the constitution of a larger bench. On March 19, former CJP Jawwad S.

Khawaja, who is one of the petitioners to challenge the military trials, had requested the apex court for an early hearing of the appeals, contending that the continued presence of civilians in military custody was "beyond compensation" On Monday, Khawaja Ahmad Hosain

appeared before the court as the counsel for ex-CJP Jawwad S. Khawaja while Attorney General for Pakistan (AGP) Mansoor Usman Awan and KP Additional Advocate General (AAG) Syed Kausar Ali Shah were also pre-

Salman Akram Raja and Faisal Siddiqui appeared as the counsels for their clients who had challenged the trials while Barrister Chauhdry Aitzaz Ahsan, who was also one of the petitioners, was also present.

The KP government requested the court to withdraw its appeal against the Oct 23 verdict, presenting a resolution passed by the provincial cabi-

The SC ordered AGP Awan to furnish the details of the verdicts reserved by the military courts till March 28 and adjourned the hearing till then. At the outset of the hearing, Justice

(retd) Khawaja's counsel objected to the size of the bench. "103 suspects are in custody. Their families want to observe the case proceedings," Khawaja Ahmad Hosain said, urging the court to allow the suspects' families to be present for the proceedings. To this, Justice Aminuddin Khan replied that the courtroom was fully occupied, adding, "There is no objection on [the families] coming to the

court; we will look at this matter." Justice (retd) Jawwad Khawaja's counsel further requested the SC to constitute a nine-member larger bench to hear the appeals. Khawaja Ahmad Hosain argued that his client had sought the same in his petition. "It is my request to the court to urge the SC committee to constitute a ninemember bench," he said.

At this point during the hearing, the KP government urged the court to allow it to withdraw its appeal against the Oct 23 verdict, presenting a resolution passed by the provincial cabi"We want to withdraw the intra-court appeal," the KP AAG said, at which the court noted that the plea could not be withdrawn based on a cabinet resolution and told the lawyer to file an official application.

During the hearing, the petitioners challenging the military trials also objected to a private counsel pleading the matter.

Faisal Siddiqui said the AGP had filed five ICAs and "certain ministries" had sought the services of private counsels. "The AGP himself has filed the appeals so why should the public's money be spent on private counsels?'

Ex-CJP Khawaja's counsel urged the court to refer the case back to the judges' committee to reconstitute the bench. Khawaja Ahmad Hosain recalled that his petition had sought the same earlier.

"If a nine-member bench was formed earlier, then a hearing on the appeals would not have been possible today," Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar observed.

Khawaja Ahmad Hosain argued that as a five-member bench had nullified the military trials of civilians, a 4-2 verdict of a six-member bench striking down the Oct 23 ruling would make the verdict "controversial". SABAH

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