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Federal Minister for Commerce
Jam Kamal Khan

PNS SHAMSHEER & PNS HAIBAT visit UAE and conduct bilateral exercise NASL AL BAHR

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Navy Ships SHAMSHEER and HAIBAT visited port Mina Zayid Abu Dhabi UAE, to participate in Ex NASL AL BAHR. Upon arrival, Pakistan Navy Ships were received by Senior Officials of UAE Navy and Defence Attaché of Pakistan. Mission Commander along with Commanding Officers PNS SHAMSHEER and PNS HAIBAT called on Brig. Abdullah Faraj Al Muhairi, Deputy Commander UAE (Navy). During the interactions, matters of mutual interests were discussed and enhancement of bilateral ties in all spheres was reaffirmed. In addition, conduct modalities of Ex NASL AL BAHR were also deliberated with host navy. During the port stay, Assistant Minister for Security and Maritime Affairs of UAE, Salem Saeed Al Jabri, Ambassador Pakistan to UAE, senior leadership of UAE Armed Forces and notables from Pakistani community also visited the ship. Students and Pakistani community displayed excitement during their visits onboard ship. Officers and men of both the navies also conducted cross visit of naval units and participated in joint sports activities. After the port call, PNS SHAMSHEER & PNS HAIBAT will participate in Ex NASL AL BAHR. The exercise is aimed to enhance interoperability, display operational readiness and consolidate existing strong bilateral relations between the two navies. PR

Security forces while foiling attack at Frontier Corps HQ in Mohmand District kill four suicide bombers: ISPR



RAWALPINDI: In early hours of 6 September 2024, a group of four Khwarij tried to attack a Frontier Corps Headquarters in Mohmand District. According to the statement issued by the ISPR, the attempt to enter

the camp was effectively thwarted by the security forces personnel, and resultantly the Khwarij, all four suicide bombers, were sent to hell before they could cause the intended damage. Sanitization operation is being conducted to eliminate any other Kharji found in the area. Pakistan security forces stand valiant, with the sheer determination and resolve, to wipe out the menace of terrorism from the country. PR

Pakistan Air Force observes 7th September as Martyrs' Day at all PAF Bases throughout the country

CAS Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu reiterates his resolve to make all-out efforts for the progress & development of Pak



issued by the ISPR, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of Air Staff was the Chief Guest during a Martyrs' Day Ceremony held at Air Headquarters, Islamabad. Speaking at the occasion, the Air Chief said that PAF has a proud history of sacrifice, valour and professionalism. He highlighted that the Martyrs' Day is an embodiment of exceptional bravery, flawless professionalism, and an unparalleled spirit of sacrifice of the Armed Forces of Pakistan. Hailing the glorious heroism displayed by the Martyrs of Pakistan Air Force, the Air Chief said, "We owe our heroes an eternal debt of gratitude for what they have done for us, setting a supreme example of sacrifice for generations to come. On this solemn occasion, we extend our heartfelt tributes to those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for our motherland." PR

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Air Force observed 7th September as Martyrs' Day at all PAF Bases throughout the country. The day commenced with a solemn observance, including Quran Khawani, dedicated to the martyrs of the 1965 & 1971 Wars, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty since the establishment of Pakistan. According to the statement



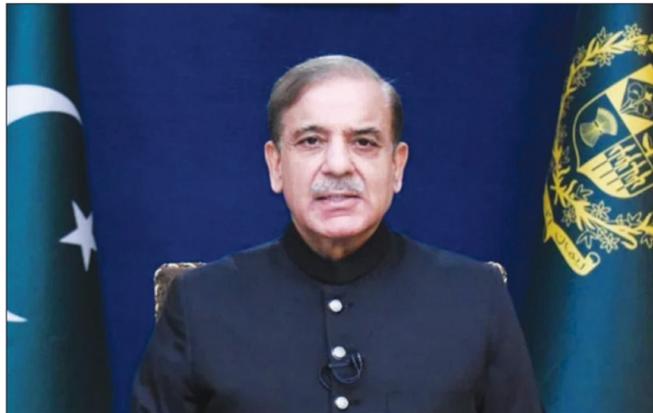
ABU DHABI: Pakistan Navy Ships SHAMSHEER and HAIBAT to participate in Ex NASL AL BAHR during Ships visit to UAE.

Entire nation is proud of Pakistan Air Force: PM Shehbaz

Says their exceptional service & prowess ensures that our skies are safe & their determination & valour contributes to a stronger Pakistan

VOM Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has said the entire nation is proud of Pakistan Air Force. In a message on the occasion of PAF Day, PM Shehbaz Sharif paid tributes to sacrifices and professionalism of Pakistan Air Force. He mentioned that on this date in 1965, the



PAF created history of courage and bravery. Despite being less in number, the brave men of PAF foiled the evil intentions of the enemy. The Prime Minister said that M. M. Alam shattered the enemy's arrogance by destroying five of their aircraft within a

minute. Meanwhile, in a post on his X handle on the occasion of PAF Day, the Prime Minister said their exceptional service and prowess ensures that our skies are safe, and their determination and valour contributes to a stronger Pakistan.

Message from Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf on the occasion of Navy Day

September 8th (the Navy Day) is a remarkable day in our naval history, where our fearless warriors, driven by unshakable resolve, struck against the enemy with absolute impunity and bravado. This day stands as an enduring tribute to the selfless sacrifices of our gallant officers and sailors, whose exemplary valour continues to inspire generations and inflame the spirit of patriotism across the nation.



The Navy Day is an occasion to commemorate a series of extraordinary operations that embody the unfailing enthusiasm and unprecedented courage of our sea sentinels. Operation 'SOMNATH' shines as a beacon of valour, where a formidable Pakistan Navy Flotilla comprising seven major warships executed a daring surprise attack on the Indian Port of Dwarka. This audacious operation inflicted significant damage on critical shore installations and a key radar station, which signified unparalleled professionalism and dealt a serious blow to the enemy. During the 1965 war, PNS/M GHAZI emerged as a grisly deterrent, epitomizing our operational ascendancy and raising stakes for the enemy, harbouring malicious intent and harm to our homeland through violent force.

Drawing inspiration from our rich history, Pakistan Navy remains alive to the need of maintaining combat readiness at all times in today's rapidly evolving global landscape, where potential contingencies demand constant vigilance. The Navy is steadfast in its commitment to modernise and expand its fleet capabilities through the induction of cutting-edge warships, submarines, maritime aircraft and patrol vessels. Ongoing projects in these domains manifest the Navy's strategic direction to enhance its operational prowess and boost the existing infrastructure. Pakistan Navy's regional influence is reinforced by its sustained presence in international waters and meaningful engagements with the regional navies. These efforts underscore the Navy's commitment to fostering cooperation, promoting maritime security, and advancing its role as a 'force for good' in the region. Pakistan Navy is striving in concert with the Government to stimulate the maritime sector, harness the vast potential of Blue Economy and drive growth to usher tangible economic benefits to Pakistan.

Today, as we celebrate the Navy Day, we reaffirm our resolve and pay rich tributes to the Shuhadas and Ghazis who have made innumerable sacrifices in the defence of the country. The Officers, CPOs/Sailors, and Civilians of Pakistan Navy pledge to stand firm in the face of any adversity and protect our nation's maritime interests, at all costs.

May Allah be our guide and protector, Ameen!

PAKISTAN NAVY ZINDABAD
PAKISTAN PAINDABAD

Security forces kill two terrorists in Kalat district



RAWALPINDI: Two terrorists have been killed during an intelligence based operation by security forces in Kalat district of Balochistan. According to

ISPR, the troops surrounded and effectively engaged the terrorists' location, and recovered weapons, ammunition and explosives from them. The killed terrorists remained actively involved in terrorist activities against security forces and innocent civilians in the area. Sanitization operation is underway to neutralize any other terrorist present in the area. Security forces of Pakistan, in step with the nation, remain determined to thwart attempts aimed at sabotaging peace, stability and progress of Balochistan. PR

Pakistan vociferously raising issues of Islamophobia, Kashmir & Palestine at global forums: Ishaq Dar

LONDON: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar has said the government will leave no stone unturned for the facilitation of Pakistani diaspora abroad. Addressing a news conference in London on Saturday, Ishaq Dar said he held very productive meetings with the leadership of the United Kingdom and they are eager to work with Pakistan. He said the issue of restoration of PIA's flights was also raised during these interactions. He said the government will continue to engage with the international community till the restoration of PIA's flights global destinations. He said restoration of PIA's flights is a big issue for the Pakistani diaspora. The Deputy Prime Minister further said the government is going to privatize the national flag carrier to improve its performance. He said bids for the outsourcing of Islamabad International Airport have also been sought. Commending the role of Pakistani diaspora in

UK's politics, Ishaq Dar said overseas Pakistanis should also be given representation in the parliament of Pakistan and it is on our agenda. But, it needs constitutional amendment, which cannot be done without a two-third majority. He said all the political parties will have to evolve a common strategy in this regard. Ishaq Dar said the government under the leadership of PM Shehbaz Sharif is fully focused on the economy, peace, security, and energy situation in the country. He said PM Shehbaz personally holds dozens of meetings to find a way out to address all the challenges confronting Pakistan. The Deputy Prime Minister said structural reforms are vital to put the country on the path of development and progress. He said the government is committed to its reforms' agenda and there should be no politics in this respect. Ishaq Dar further said Pakistan is vociferously raising issues of Islamophobia, Kashmir, and Palestine at global forums. SABAH

Pak-Uzbek Relations Strengthened at Uzbekistan's 33rd National Day

Pak Uzbek trade with plans to reach \$1 billion soon, Amb Usmanov

VOM Report

ISLAMABAD: The 33rd Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan was celebrated with great enthusiasm with Jam Kamal Khan, Pakistan's Federal Minister for Commerce, gracing the event as the Chief Guest. The ceremony, attended by dignitaries, diplomats, and military officials, marked a new chapter in the flourishing relationship between Pakistan and Uzbekistan. Minister Commerce emphasized the unique and enduring ties between Pakistan and Uzbekistan, rooted in shared history and culture. Highlighting the importance of trade, he stated, "Pakistan views Uzbekistan as a significant trading partner in Cen-

tral Asia. Over the past three years, bilateral trade has grown substantially, reflecting the strong bond between our two nations." Jam mentioned the successful "Made in Pakistan" exhibition held in Tashkent in June 2024, which featured 85 Pakistani companies and attracted hundreds of Uzbek businessmen. Minister Jam Kamal encouraged both nations' business communities to seize opportunities through the business forum held on the occasion, stressing that economic and trade relations should reach new heights. Jam Kamal Khan further remarked on Uzbekistan's pivotal role as the first Central Asian nation to sign a Transit Trade Agreement and Preferential Trade Agreement with Pakistan. Uzbek traders are increasingly using Pakistani



ports for their global imports, Jam added.



The Uzbek Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E. Oybek Usmanov, praised Pakistan's support in enhancing connectivity, particularly in the fields of defense,

trade, and regional infrastructure. Ambassador Usmanov highlighted that the bilateral trade had reached half a billion dollars, with plans to reach \$1 billion soon, thanks to joint efforts in transit and logistics agreements. He also pointed out the trilateral Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan railway project as a transformative initiative for regional connectivity. In closing, both leaders expressed optimism for the future, with Minister Jam Kamal reiterating his commitment to deepening the economic ties between the two nations. "Despite challenges, there will be steady, gradual, but persistent growth in Pakistan-Uzbekistan trade, with enhanced public and private sector engagement," he said.

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Education index

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The Planning Commission of Pakistan, under the leadership of Ahsan Iqbal, has released the District Education Performance Index (DEPIx). The DEPIx is a comprehensive tool designed to measure and evaluate the performance of education systems in 134 districts across Pakistan. It is structured into five key domains: Governance & Management, Learning, Inclusion (Equity & Technology), Infrastructure & Access, and Public Financing. Each domain encompasses specific parameters and indicators that collectively provide a detailed assessment of educational performance. Instead of solely focusing on the performance of each district, it is essential to closely examine the formulas and critically assess their significance. Tariq Banuri, the former chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, poses several important questions: Do the five index numbers truly convey meaningful insights, or do they attempt to present a less grim reality? For instance, consider the governance index; one of its indicators is whether teachers actually attend class. Should we introduce other variables to mitigate the impact of this indicator? Additionally, what does it mean that Islamabad, the only territory, received a green rating and was placed in the high-performance category for scoring above 60 per cent on the index? Does this imply that it is acceptable if teachers only attend class 60 per cent of the time, that only 60 per cent of teachers attend, or that students achieve only 60 per cent of what their peers do with the same time investment? This analysis seems, at best, superficial and obscures more than it clarifies. Another key domain of the index, 'Learning', primarily measures outcomes through standardized tests like ASER (Annual Status of Education Report) and NAT (National Achievement Test), which may not fully capture the diverse range of skills and competencies that are important for students. For instance, critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and social-emotional skills are increasingly recognized as vital in global education standards but are often underrepresented in these assessments.

DEPIx is tool designed to evaluate performance of education systems in 134 districts across Pakistan

In the learning outcome domain, Grade 3 and 4 proficiency is each assigned a weight of 6.0 out of 30, whereas the percentage of students passing matriculation examinations is assigned a weight of 9.0. Why, then, is passing the matric exam considered more important? And why has proficiency in middle-level education been entirely overlooked? In 'Inclusion: Equity and Technology', the parameter of access to the internet in schools offers insights into how digital technology is integrated into the curriculum. Nevertheless, digital devices, teacher training in technology use, and the integration of technology into teaching are also crucial but are not accounted for in the formulation of this domain. Focusing on broad-based gender parity targets and basic access measures may inadvertently overshadow more complex equity issues. For example, disparities in educational experiences among different demographic groups; and inadequacies within curricula that fail to incorporate culturally and linguistically relevant content, particularly for marginalized populations. Within 'Infrastructure and Access', the parameter measuring school availability and distance has been heavily weighted, and this prioritization is largely justified. However, this focus may overlook other access-related issues such as road safety or the availability of transport, which are equally important in rural or remote areas. The parameter measuring the percentage of out-of-school children (OOSC) in student participation is a significant indicator and has been assigned a weight of 50 per cent within the domain. This reflects the inclusivity and accessibility of the education system. Yet, assigning such a huge weight might overlook other critical infrastructure factors such as the quality of facilities or availability of teachers. For instance, a district with a low OOSC rate but inadequate infrastructure might still score relatively high, even if the learning environment is substandard. In the 'Public Financing' domain of DEPIx, a district with a very modest budget may allocate 60 per cent of it to education. Still, the small size of its budget could render even this relatively high percentage insufficient. However, when examined in isolation, each of these indicators fails to capture the full financial capacity of a district, potentially leading to a misinterpretation of its actual investment in education. The indicator does not account for a district's distinct needs or challenges, such as student population, poverty rates, or existing infrastructure deficiencies. Even if the percentage appears high, it may fail to address the district's unique requirements.

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The retroactive trap

A controversial amendment to the Elections Act, 2017 was signed into law, upon receiving the president's assent on the 8th of August, 2024, thereby concluding the legislative process. The Elections (Second Amendment) Act, 2024 purports to: (i) bar returned independent candidates from joining a political party unless they declare affiliation prior to symbol allocation (amending Section 66); (ii) invalidate reserved seats for political parties that miss the filing deadline (amending Section 104); and (iii) make independent candidates' consent to join a party irrevocable (inserting Section 104A). The Act enforces that a candidate is deemed independent without a pre-symbol declaration, while those who declare are bound by it. To add spice to the mix, the Act applies these amendments retroactively, extending back to the very inception of the Elections Act in 2017. This retroactive aspect is the primary focus of this opinion. To grasp the retroactive implications, one must first consider the legislators' intent and the controversy over the inclusion of non-obstante ouster clauses within the Act. These clauses are particularly problematic given that the legislation was enacted in direct response to a Supreme Court ruling on the very matter it seeks to address. The short order rendered by the 13-member Supreme Court bench in 'Sunni Ittehad Council, Faisalabad, etc v Election Commission of Pakistan' (detailed reasons are yet to be notified) conferred upon the PTI reserved seats for women and minorities in the National and Provincial legislatures, thereby precluding the possibility of the incumbent government securing a two-thirds majority in parliament. A two-thirds majority in parliament would allow the ruling coalition to push through a constitutional amendment, advancing its broader political, legal, administrative, and

economic goals. With the context established and acknowledging the polarized views on the Supreme Court's decision, we now turn to the core issue: why the Act's retroactive application raises substantial concerns. As Lon L Fuller, a Harvard Law professor and natural law theorist, famously quoted: "A retroactive law is truly a monstrosity. Law has to do with the governance of human conduct by rules. To speak of governing . . . today by rules that will be enacted tomorrow is to talk in blank prose." The term 'retroactive law' (also referred to as 'retrospective' and 'ex post facto'), is most commonly understood as any such law that applies not only to subsequent conduct and situations (such as in all prospective legislation) but also to conduct and situations which antedate it. Now, one might want to say, straight off, that retroactive law is so obviously objectionable that there cannot be anything to discuss. However, upon a closer examination, we see that retroactive laws can further be classified into two subcategories. The first type, labeled as strongly retroactive, consists of laws that are, on the face of the statutes, 'effective' even before the date of their enactment (such type of legislation majorly occurring in the tax context). The second sub-category of retroactive laws are those that operate forward from the date of enactment but explicitly make reference to and change the legal consequences of acts that took place in the past. This second sub-category of legislation, in particular, can be labeled as 'weakly retroactive'. Weakly retroactive laws operate forward but explicitly change the consequences of past behavior. A normative view is that the only type of 'strongly' or 'weakly' retroactive laws that generally are justified are 'curative' laws – legislation that corrects an error in the statute's original enactment. Such legislation is designed to restore what was believed to be the status quo. The remaining class of legislation – into which almost every legislation falls – is ostensibly 'prospective legislation'. The legal system, as it stands, is built on a foundational principle of 'finality'. When a court renders a decision, it offers the parties involved a sense of closure and certainty, allowing

them to plan their future actions and make informed decisions based on the judgment's legal precedent. This foundation of predictability is vital not only for the parties but also for the broader stability of our legal framework. The Act imposes significant retroactive constraints on independent candidates, subtly yet strategically, by barring them from realigning with a political party post-election and rendering their consent to join a political party post-election irrevocable. Additionally, it nullifies and overrides the Supreme Court's ruling on the reserved seats matter, directly affecting the standing of these independents. An effective, morally grounded argument, is that the legitimacy of laws stems from the justice of the legal system. In developed societies, retroactive legislation is widely viewed as inherently unjust. From an early age, we learn that living in man-made societies requires abiding by established rules. We plan our financial, social, and political affairs based on these rules, expecting them to be consistently applied to ensure some semblance of certainty. Changing the rules after the game has been played and applying them retroactively is fundamentally unfair. Essentially, the Act's retroactive force changes the rules after the election transaction was concluded, as Professor Bryant Smith notes: "Retroactive laws may be passed with a knowledge of the precise conditions to which they are to apply and of the persons or classes on whom will fall whatever burdens they may impose. They expose the lawgiver to greater temptation to partiality and corruption." After the enactment of the Act, a petition was filed under Article 184 (3) of the constitution before the Supreme Court challenging the vires of the Act. As per well-settled principles of law, the validity of a legislative enactment, whether with retrospective effect or otherwise, shall always be subject to judicial review on the principles of 'ultra vires, non-conformity with the constitution or violation of fundamental rights, or on any other available ground'. In Pakistan, judicial decisions have generally taken a conservative approach towards striking down retroactive legislation. The higher

courts balance legislative authority with constitutional scrutiny, stressing that a law must meet constitutional standards to be enforceable. If it fails, the law is invalid. Courts may also apply the doctrine of severance to remove legislation that distorts a parent law or violates the constitution. While the legislative technique of nullifying the Supreme Court ruling is undeniably effective, its use is certainly to be condemned and falls within the opprobrium attached to attempts to pack the Supreme Court. No less objectionable than those endeavours to upset the separation of powers is this present-day tampering with rulings of the highest court of the land to avoid constitutional questions and a face-to-face conflict with substantive issues. While in the past the courts have recognized the power when exerted and have bowed before it, there is no assurance that the present Supreme Court will demonstrate the same deference in its judicial review of the Act. A strong argument can be made against permitting the use of this device on the ground that legislative authority is both created and conditioned by the constitution. While parliament holds the power to legislate both prospectively and retroactively under the constitution, this power cannot be exercised in a manner that infringes upon fundamental principles of natural justice and due process. From a pragmatic perspective, the Supreme Court might be reluctant to directly confront limitations on its authority, particularly when so much of its power is more the result of adroit rationalization than it is the delineation of positive constitutional enactment. While the 1973 constitution grants the Supreme Court the mandate to dispense complete justice and obligates all executive authorities to assist it, they may prefer to sidestep potentially contentious issues to avoid an embarrassing or overly confrontational scenario. Therefore, any potential overreach in limiting the Supreme Court's jurisdiction must be self-regulated by the legislature to ensure that the passions of the hour do not circumvent constitutional safeguards by detour.

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Today in History

History of Pakistan



The Pakistani officer class was largely from West Pakistan, and all the key army and air installations were located there—even in the case of naval capability, Karachi was a far more formidable base of operations than Chittagong in East Pakistan. In 1962 Ayub Khan promulgated another constitution. Presidential rather than parliamentary in focus, it was based on an indirectly

elected president and a reinforced centralized political system that emphasized the country's viceregal tradition. Although Ayub anticipated launching the new political system without political parties, once the National Assembly was convened and martial law was lifted, it was apparent that political parties would be reactivated. Ayub therefore formed his own party, the Conven-

tion Muslim League, but the country's political life and its troubles were little different from the days before martial law. Ayub Khan won another formal term as president of Pakistan in January 1965, albeit in an election in which only the Basic Democrats cast ballots. Opposed by Fatima Jinnah, the sister of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, who ran on a Combined Opposition Parties ticket, the

contest was closer than expected. During the election campaign, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto—who as foreign minister was supposedly a loyal member of the Ayub Khan cabinet—promised in a public address that the conflict over Kashmir would be resolved during Ayub Khan's presidency.

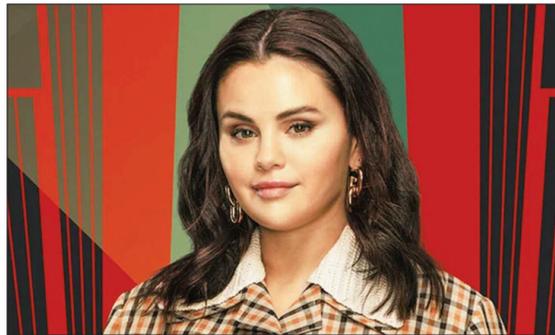
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Showbiz

Selena Gomez shares life-changing advice with younger self

Selena Gomez reflects on her journey of self-criticism and growth

Selena Gomez reflects on her time in the industry and wants to offer her younger self some advice. The former Disney star, who recently achieved billionaire status, opened up during a Rare Beauty virtual event on Wednesday, September 4. The 32-year-old pop sensation dished out on the advice she would give to her younger self in response to a fan's question. The Lose You to Love Me singer shared some heartfelt words that struck a chord with her fans. She said, "Don't be so hard on myself. I was very hard on myself. If the teacher scolded me for talking too much, I'd go home and think about it



all day. "If I had a crush on a boy and he asked a girl out in front of me, I'd be a wreck forever." "I was too hard on myself," she added. "I didn't think I was enough, or sometimes I didn't think I fit in, and ultimately, you're exactly who you are made to be." Selena first launched Rare Beauty in September 2020, promoting the brand exclusively through their official website and Sephora stores in North America. On the professional front, the actress most recently starred in Only Murders in the Building, which premiered on August 27.

Tech

Boeing's beleaguered Starliner returns home without astronauts

WASHINGTON: Boeing's beleaguered Starliner made its long-awaited return to Earth on Saturday without the astronauts who rode it up to the International Space Station (ISS), after Nasa ruled the trip back too risky. After years of delays, Starliner launched in June for what was meant to be a roughly week-long test mission — a final shakedown before it could be certified to rotate crew to and from the orbital laboratory. But unexpected thruster malfunctions and helium leaks en route to the ISS derailed those plans, and Nasa ultimately decided it was safer to bring crew-mates Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams back on the rival SpaceX Crew Dragon — though they'll have to wait until February 2025. The gumball-shaped Boeing capsule touched down softly at the White Sands Space Harbor in New Mexico at 0401 GMT Saturday, its descent slowed by parachutes and cushioned by airbags, having departed



the ISS around six hours earlier. As it streaked red-hot across the night sky, ground teams reported hearing sonic booms. The spacecraft endured temperatures of 3,000°Fahrenheit (1,650°C) during atmospheric reentry. Nasa lavished praise on Boeing during a post-flight press conference where representatives from the company were conspicuously absent. "It was a bullseye landing," said Steve Stich, program manager for Nasa's commercial crew program. "The entry in particular has been darn near flawless."

Health

Health Rounds: Dye turns mouse skin invisible, allows researchers to see inside

Applying a food-safe dye that absorbs light onto the skin of a mouse makes its skin transparent, allowing researchers to look into the blood vessels of the scalp, the movement of organs under the skin of the abdomen, and at working muscles, they reported on Thursday in Science. The harmless process, which was reversible with a quick wash, may ultimately be useful in a wide range of medical diagnostics, the researchers said in a statement. Injecting the dye — called tartrazine and commonly known as FD&C Yellow 5 — might lead to even deeper views into the body, they speculate. Ordinarily, the body is not invisible because light

bends and scatters differently as it passes through each of the different tissues and fluids. When dissolved into water, tartrazine molecules are structured in a way that aligns with the light-bending ability of the skin, or its "refractive index." The dye absorbs blue/purple light and allows red/orange light to travel through the tissue, resulting in transparency. "Looking forward, this technology could make veins more visible for the drawing of blood, make laser-based tattoo removal more straightforward, or assist in the early detection and treatment of cancers," said Guosong Hong of Stanford University, who helped lead the research.

"For example, certain therapies use lasers to eliminate cancerous and precancerous cells, but are limited to areas near the skin's surface. This technique may be able to improve that light penetration." A commentary published with the paper notes that HG Wells predicted this approach long ago in his novel The Invisible Man. "The protagonist invents a serum that renders the cells in his body transparent by precisely controlling their refractive index to match that of the surrounding medium, air," Christopher J Rowlands and Jon Gorecki of Imperial College London wrote.



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بلوچستان میں سیلاب کی تباہ کاریاں جاری، مزید 12 اموات

کوئٹہ (بیورو رپورٹ) بلوچستان میں سیلاب کی تباہ کاریاں جاری ہیں، مزید 12 افراد سیلاب کی زد میں آ کر جان کی بازی ہار گئے۔ 24 ستمبر تک مجموعی طور پر 199 اموات ہوئی ہیں۔

پاک فضائیہ نے دشمن کے عزائم کو خاک میں ملایا، محسن نفوی

اسلام آباد (خلاف رپورٹ) وفاقی وزیر داخلہ محسن نفوی نے کہا ہے کہ دشمن کے حملے کو شکست دینے میں پاک فضائیہ کا کردار ہمیشہ پاک اور بے ہمت رہا ہے۔



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بجلی کے بڑھتے ہوئے نرخوں نے ملک میں سماجی بد امنی پیدا کی، تمام اسٹیک ہولڈرز کو ایک خاص حد تک کاروباری سمجھوتہ کیے بغیر رعایت فراہم کرنی ہوگی، انٹرویو...

پاک فضائیہ کا کردار سنہری حرف سے دکھایا جائے گا، مریم نواز

لاہور (بیورو رپورٹ) ذریعہ ایف جی پیٹریٹنگ اور شریف نے کہا ہے کہ 7 ستمبر 1965ء کا دن پاک فضائیہ کی تاریخ کا روشن باب ہے۔ جو دشمن کو پاک فضائیہ پر اپنے پیغام میں مریم نواز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ پاک فضائیہ کے شاہین کو خراج تحسین پیش کرتے ہیں، آج پاک فضائیہ کے شاہینوں کے پیشروانہدات اور لادراولتاریاں...

نیب ترمیم آئین کے خلاف، تباہی کا راستہ ہے، عمران خان

قانون سے بالاتر لوگ بھرتے جاتے ہیں، یہ ملک انقلاب کی جانب بڑھ رہا ہے، گفتگو...

غزہ، اسرائیلی فوج کا سکول اور مہاجرین کیپ پر حملہ، 13 فلسطینی شہید

غزہ (ایف پی پریس ڈیسک) اسرائیلی فوج کے غزہ میں سکول اور مہاجرین کیپ پر حملے میں 13 فلسطینی شہید ہو گئے۔ غیر ملکی میڈیا کے مطابق اسرائیل نے شمالی غزہ اور اور اور غزہ میں سکولوں کی تباہی کی ہے۔ اسرائیل کا کہنا ہے غزہ میں یزید فائر عام فلسطینیوں کی زندگیوں کو بچا سکتا ہے۔ 11 ستمبر سے بغلان لوگ اس سے واپس آئے ہیں۔ غیر ملکی میڈیا کی رپورٹ کے مطابق غزہ میں اسرائیلی جنگ کے نتیجے میں کم از کم 40,878 افراد جاں بحق اور 94,514 زخمی ہو چکے ہیں۔ 17 اکتوبر کو حماس کی قیادت میں ہونے والے حملوں میں اسرائیل میں کم از کم 1,139 افراد ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔

پاکستان کا دفاع مضبوط ہاتھوں میں، شہداء ہمارا فخر، سینیٹر ناصر محمود

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اسلام آباد پینجلس کلور پیوٹیشن میں انٹرنیشنل پیوٹیشن ڈیسک کے سربراہان اور دیگر اہلکاروں کی تصویر

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پنجاب، سی ڈی کے مختلف شہروں میں آپریشنز، 33 دہشتگرد گرفتار

لاہور (بیورو رپورٹ) کاٹھنہ نواز ڈیپارٹمنٹ (سی ڈی ڈی) نے پنجاب کے مختلف شہروں میں ایک سلیکی سٹریٹ آپریشن کے دوران 33 دہشتگرد گرفتار کر لیے۔ آپریشن کے دوران 3674 کوہنگ آپریشنز کے دوران 1431 مشتبہ افراد گرفتار گئے، کوہنگ آپریشنز میں 186331 افراد سے پوچھ گچھ کی گئی۔

عمران خان نے پارٹی کے پارلیمانی اور عملی امور کو الگ کر دیا

پارلیمانی امور اور عملی امور کو الگ کر دیا، عمران خان نے پارٹی کے پارلیمانی اور عملی امور کو الگ کر دیا۔

پی ٹی آئی جلسے کی تیاریاں مکمل، وزیر اعلیٰ پنجتو خٹا کی قیادت کریں گے

فیصلہ اسلام آباد کے داخلی و خارجی راستوں پر سٹیٹسٹریٹ پیچھا دیئے گئے

پشاور، اسلام آباد (بیورو رپورٹ، خلاف رپورٹ) پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے (آج) اتوار کو جلسے کے دوران 33 دہشتگرد گرفتار کر لیے گئے۔

انتہار کی کوشش پر ریاستی مشینری حرکت میں آئی، عظمیٰ بخاری

لاہور (بیورو رپورٹ) صوبائی وزیر اطلاعات و رہنما مسلم لیگ ن قلمی بخاری نے کہا ہے کہ انتہار نفرت اور جلا جھگڑا کی ترقی دے گی۔

سنے کرسی نوٹوں کے آرٹ مقابلے، خواتین بازی لگائیں، فاتحین کا اعلان

اسلام آباد (خلاف رپورٹ) سٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان نے سنے نوٹوں کی سریر کے آرٹ مقابلے جیتنے والوں کا اعلان کر دیا۔

تحفظ ختم نبوت کے ذریعے فتنہ قادیانیت کو ہمیشہ کیلئے ذن کر دیا، پیر مظہر سعید شاہ

پیر کرم نے مہارک جانی کیس میں اپنے فیصلے پر نظر ثانی کر کے آئین پاکستان کی روح پر عمل کیا ہے، جو خوش آئند ہے۔

داوی نیلم میں 9 سالہ قتل لاپتہ ہو گیا

3 کوہ پیماؤں کی لاشیں لگائیں، نیلم (بیورو رپورٹ) داوی نیلم میں 9 سالہ قتل لاپتہ ہو گیا۔

پاک بحریہ کے علاقائی اثر و رسوخ میں مضبوطی آئی، امیر البحر

آج کلون بھادری آفسیز اور سیکرٹری قریبائوں کو خراج تحسین پیش کرنے کیلئے منایا جاتا ہے

ملک بھر میں یوم فضائیہ جوش و جذبے کے ساتھ منایا گیا

اسلام آباد (خلاف رپورٹ) پاکستان جگ میں پاکستان ایئر فورس کا اہم کردار باہاں شروہات سے بھرتے ہوئے ملکہ بھر میں یوم فضائیہ جوش و جذبے سے منایا گیا۔

طلے کرچکے دہشتگردوں کو منطقی انجام تک پہنچائیں گے، وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان

اسن واماں اور سومو ساتی تہر ملی بوئے پینٹلچر ہیں، بلوچستان حکومت میں شامل اتحادی جماعتوں کو ساتھ لیکر چل رہے ہیں، سر مرزا گنجی...

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'Policy Board' constituted under Ahsan Iqbal to ensure economic stability

VOM Report

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives and the Planning Commission of Pakistan have constituted a high-level 'Policy Board', under the visionary leadership of Professor Ahsan Iqbal to ensure economic stability in the country.

"This initiative aims to enhance transparency and improve the economic planning process of the country with the active participation of private sector and corporate leaders," a news release said on Saturday. The Policy Board, led by Professor Ahsan Iqbal, comprises a diverse group of esteemed members from various sectors, including former federal ministers, industry leaders, academic experts and international professionals.

Notable members include Shahid Ashraf Tarar, Ex-Caretaker Federal Minister; Musadaq Zulqarnain, Chairman of Interloop Limited; Dr Rana Iqbal, Vice Chancellor of the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad and Naveed Sherwani, an IT expert from the USA. The board has been tasked with several critical responsibilities like providing advisory on policy formulation and strategy development, offering guidance on policies and strategies aimed at promoting mid and long-term economic growth.

Additionally, it would offer insights on national and international economic issues, reviewing macroeconomic trends and providing economic outlooks to inform policy decisions.

The board would also evaluate national plans and economic reports to offer recommendations, assess socio-economic trends to support evidence-based policy advice, and advice on policies to enhance national innovation and competitiveness.

Furthermore, the board would integrate sustainable development goals into national economic strategies, facilitate dialogue with key stakeholders, and promote international cooperation. Besides, it would review the impact of major economic policies to evaluate their effectiveness.

Chairing the first meeting of the Policy Board, Ahsan Iqbal emphasized the importance of this initiative in stabilizing Pakistan's economy. He highlighted that the participation of the private sector would significantly improve the Planning Commission's performance.

The board members will play a crucial role in developing strategic frameworks and preparing short, medium and long-term plans.

Ahsan Iqbal noted that the Policy Board would ensure the implementation of the 5Es Framework, the 13th Five-Year Plan, and Vision 2030. These frameworks prioritize key sectors such as exports, digital development, environmental sustainability, energy and equity. The experiences and recommendations of the Policy Board members would also assist in formulating the national budget, making the process more transparent and reliable.

The minister reiterated the government's commitment to transforming Pakistan into a trillion-dollar economy by 2035 through the effective implementation of the 5Es framework.



KARACHI: Air Vice Marshal Amir Shahzad (SI) Military placed floral wreath at the grave and offered prayers for high ranks of Rashid Minhas Shaheed.

President Zardari says the State shall provide free & compulsory education to all children of the age of 5 to 16 years

Says each of us has a vital role in shaping the future of our beloved country

VOM Report

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari said that the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of five to sixteen years.

This was stated President Asif Ali Zardari in his message on the occasion of International Literacy Day being observed today (Sunday).

President Asif Ali Zardari said we celebrate the transformative power of education and literacy, the pillars of our nation's future, on this International Literacy Day.

This year's theme, "Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace," underscores the critical role of literacy in fostering unity, cultural appreciation, and peaceful coexistence. As per Article 25A of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, education is a fundamental human right and "the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of five to sixteen years".

Today, we renew our commitment to making education accessible to all, regardless



of circumstances. President Asif Ali Zardari said that recognizing the urgent challenge of illiteracy, Pakistan has declared a National Educational Emergency, aiming to enroll out-of-school children and educate 70 million adults. Under the Prime Minister's Roshan Pakistan Literacy Drive, the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) launched the "Each One Teach One" (EOTO) Program, which calls on every literate citizen to teach at least one illiterate

person.

President Asif Ali Zardari said in order to enhance literacy, the government is providing Conditional Cash Transfers up to the higher secondary level through Benazir Taleemi Wazaif for educating underprivileged children. Stipends up to Rs 4000 for boys and Rs 4500 for girls per quarter are being offered in all districts of Pakistan. He said that currently, 9.7 million children are enrolled under the programme. Furthermore, 102,000 scholarships have been given to students from low-income families to ensure that all qualified students have access to undergraduate education.

President Asif Ali Zardari said on this International Literacy Day, we need to recommit ourselves to the national cause of promoting the universal right to education. Together, we can ensure that every Pakistani has the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to a more educated, inclusive, and prosperous nation. Each of us has a vital role in shaping the future of our beloved country. May our collective efforts bring about lasting peace, mutual understanding, and a brighter future for all, President Asif Ali Zardari said.

Nation will always remember unparalleled services & eternal sacrifices of the personnel of PAF: Mohsin Naqvi

Says the role of Pakistan Air Force in thwarting the enemy's attack will always be remembered in the history

ISLAMABAD:

Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has paid rich tribute to the brave Shaheens of Pakistan Air Force who are always ready



to defend the aerial boundaries of the beloved country. He stated that despite limited resources, Pakistan Air Force thwarted the enemy's nefarious designs in the 1965 war. He added that our Shaheens established complete dominance in the skies, and MM Alam set a record by destroying five enemy planes in one minute.

In his special message on Air Force Day, Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said that on September 7, the brave officers of Pakistan Air Force destroyed the enemy's aerial power and wrote unmatched chapters of courage, bravery, and valor.

He said that September 7, 1965, is a golden day in the history of Pakistan Air Force.

Mohsin Naqvi said that the nation will always remember the unparalleled services and eternal sacrifices of the personnel of Pakistan Air Force. He said that entire nation pays glowing tribute to the bravery and spirit of the martyrs of Pakistan Air Force. He stated that the role of Pakistan Air Force in thwarting the enemy's attack will always be remembered in the history.

Meanwhile Mohsin Naqvi has commended the security forces for foiling the attack on FC Headquarters in Mohmand by Khawarij terrorists. He said that the security forces thwarted the nefarious intentions of the cowardly enemy who attacked in the dark and sent four Khawarij to hell.

The interior Minister appreciated the security forces for thwarting the attack and sending the terrorists to hell.

He further said that Pakistan's security forces are determined to eliminate the menace of Fitna Al Khawarij. He said that our brave soldiers have always foiled the intentions of terrorists by taking timely measures and the Nation is rightly proud of it. SABAH

Maritime Minister reviews performance, holds 'Khuli Kachehri'

KARACHI: The Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh chaired a performance review meeting to assess the progress and achievements of key maritime organizations. During the meeting, the minister reviewed the performance of each organization, discussing their successes, challenges, and areas for improvement. The discussion focused on enhancing efficiency, productivity, and service delivery in the maritime sector.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to implementing recommendations and action plans to drive growth and development in the maritime sector. Following the performance review meeting, the minister chaired a 'Khuli Kachehri' to listen to the complaints and grievances of stakeholders from the maritime

industry. The open forum provided an opportunity for stakeholders to directly interact with the minister and share their concerns, suggestions, and ideas for improving the sector. The minister assured the stakeholders that their voices would be heard and their issues would be addressed promptly. The Khuli Kachehri was attended by representatives of different stakeholders, including the Chairman of Port Qasim Authority (PQA), the Chairman of Karachi Port Trust (KPT) and Executive Directors of Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC), Marine Fisheries Department (MFD), and Korangi Fish Harbour Authority (KoHFA) along with their teams.

During the Khuli Kachehri the minister issued on the spot directives to resolve the problems of the complainants on a priority basis. APP



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan visited Huwei.

APHC-AJK leaders applaud General Syed Asim Munir's firm stance on Kashmir

ISLAMABAD: Leaders of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir (APHC-AJK) chapter have expressed profound appreciation for the recent statement made by Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff, General Syed Asim Munir, regarding the Kashmir dispute. General Asim Munir delivered his remarks during the Defence and Martyrs Day ceremony at the General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi. "India's illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir is not only a national problem but a regional and global problem," he said. "We salute the freedom struggle of the Kashmiri people and maintain that the establishment of sustainable peace in South Asia lies in the solution of the Kashmir issue." He reiterated Pakistan's commitment to providing continued moral, political, and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people until they achieve their self-

determination. APHC-AJK General Secretary, Advocate Pervez Shah, alongside senior leaders Mehmood Ahmed Saghar and Syed Faiz Naqshbandi, lauded General Asim Munir for his firm and resolute stance on Kashmir. They noted that his unwavering support has significantly uplifted the spirits of the Kashmiri people in their quest for self-determination. The leaders expressed gratitude for General Asim Munir's steadfast commitment, which reaffirms Pakistan's dedication to the Kashmir cause. The APHC-AJK leaders highlighted that General Asim Munir's emphasis on a peaceful resolution to the Kashmir dispute is crucial for achieving global peace. They stressed the importance of adhering to United Nations resolutions and addressing the legitimate aspirations of the Kashmiri people. INP

Peace and stability in Balochistan top priorities: Sanaullah

ISLAMABAD: Advisor to the Prime Minister on Political and Public Affairs, Rana Sanaullah, said on Saturday that the Prime Minister's first priority is to establish peace in Balochistan and provide relief to the people. Talking to a private news channel, he said the plans were executed rapidly for the development of Balochistan, and matters were being resolved on a pre-ary basis.

He said that the Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N), being a pro-democratic party, believes in dialogue and consultation.

The PML-N leadership offered dialogue and consultation for the betterment of Pakistan several times, he added.

Shehbaz Sharif, in the past, offered a charter of economy to bring the country out of an economic quagmire, he further added.

He said that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), on the other hand, was always involved in undemocratic activities, they chose the way of anarchy against the principles of democracy. APP

Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong makes historic visit to Karachi Nuclear Power Plants

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong visited the operational Karachi Nuclear Power Plants K-2 and K-3 on Saturday, following his predecessor Sun Wei Dong's attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Karachi Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs) in November 2013.

While giving brief to Ambassador it was highlighted that K2&K3 Nuclear Power Projects commenced their production in May 2021 and April 2022, respectively with the combined capacity of generating 2200 MW clean & cost effective energy to national grid, according to a press release. Ambassador appreciated the joint work done by Chinese Power Company and PAEC experts on completion of these Projects. He also thanked Chairman PAEC for ensuring foolproof safety & security in coordination with LEAs for Chinese workforce employed at KNPPs. While speaking on the occasion, Chinese Ambassador also stressed the need of promoting Pak-China Strategic & Bilateral cooperation in wide range of activities, involving various segments of the society. He stressed that Chinese

power companies may not be restricted only to CPEC Projects but also to contribute in non CPEC and power sector for strengthening Economic Foundations already laid between the two countries. While talking on the forthcoming C5 NPP, he appreciated the ongoing negotiations between both the countries and assured complete support for execution of the project which will ultimately enhance Nuclear Power potential of Pakistan. Ambassador further emphasized upon furthering Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives for local population around KHI NPPs and assured Chinese support for such activities as well. He affirmed that Chinese Commercial Counselor will also visit K2 & K3 site soon for reviewing the functioning of these setups and coordinate support required for CSR. Key officials of Chinese Consulate & Embassy at Karachi accompanied the Ambassador during this visit which reflects China's unwavering commitment to continue supporting Pakistan in its quest for cost effective & clean nuclear power generation in line with global environmental concerns.

Winners of new currency notes art competition announced

LAHORE: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) announced the winners of the art competition for the new note series and the competition was dominated by women. According to the results of the competition, five banknotes that stood first were designed by women, while six out of 10 banknote designs that were declared successful were created by women.

Rs10, Rs100, Rs500, Rs1,000 and Rs5,000 banknotes were designed by women while the Rs20 and Rs50 notes were designed by men.

State Bank has felicitated the winners and participants of the art competition. The runner-up Rs500 note was also designed by a female artist, while the runner-up Rs10 and Rs5,000 notes were created by male artists. Most designers have included the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, in their versions of the notes, some have also included images of Fatima Jinnah, known as the 'Mother of the Nation'. Dr Sherry Abidi bagged the first



position for Rs10 note, while Mirza Sufian was second for designing the same currency note.

Similarly, Haroon Khan won the first prize for designing Rs20 note while Syed Fawad Hussain was adjudged the winner for designing the best Rs50 note. The first position of Rs500 notes was given to Hadiya Hasan and Aini Zahra stood second. Similarly, Noreen Aslam's Rs1,000 note art won the first position in the competitions. In the note competition, only one designer, Maimoona Afzal, won

for two designs. The second prize in the Rs5,000 note category has been awarded to Karim Muhammad. The winning designs in the art competition are emblematic, selected after careful evaluation by a committee of experts, considering cultural heritage and progressive thinking. The winning banknotes will be sent to international experts who will design the new State Bank series. The experts will use the winning designs as a guide but will be free to design the banknotes. INP

Anna Baloch appointed as Pakistan's new foreign secretary

ISLAMABAD: Anna Baloch, a Grade 22 officer, has been appointed as the new foreign secretary of Pakistan. The official notification of her appointment was issued by the Establishment Division following the approval of the prime minister.

Amina Baloch, who previously served as Pakistan's ambassador to Belgium, will now take on the role of foreign secretary, one of the most critical positions in the country's diplomatic framework. Her appointment comes as Pakistan navigates complex global challenges and seeks to strengthen its international relationships. Ms Baloch is set to take charge of office on September 11 after the incumbent, Muhammad Syrus Sajjad Qazi, retires on September 10. Qazi has been appointed as a member of Federal Public Service Commission. The decision to appoint Baloch as foreign secretary reflects her extensive experience and expertise in international diplomacy. During her tenure as ambassador, she was instrumental in advancing Pakistan's diplomatic interests in Europe, particularly in Belgium, where she played a key role in enhancing bilateral relations.

Baloch will be Pakistan's second-ever female foreign secretary, following in the footsteps of Tehmina Janjua, the first woman to hold the position. Baloch, a seasoned career diplomat, brings extensive experience from her service in various international capitals. APP