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Dozens hurt as police break up lawyers' protest

- Lahore Bar organises rally against LHC's decision to move civil courts to Model Town
- Police round up dozens; law minister urges CM to release lawyers, both favour talks to resolve issues

By Waqih Ahmad Sheikh

LAHORE: As scores of lawyers converged on The Mall to lodge their protest against the decision to shift civil courts from Aiwan-i-Adl on Lower Mall to Model Town, the police used teargas, baton-charge, and water cannons to disperse them, prompting violent clashes outside the Lahore High Court (LHC).

Dozens of people on both sides suffered injuries during the confrontation while several lawyers, including women, were taken into custody.

The police contingent clad in anti-riot gear was on standby when the procession organised by the Lahore Bar Association reached the GPO Chowk on The Mall.

The lawyers had planned to enter the high court to lodge their protest against the LHC chief justice's decision to 'unilaterally' shift the courts from Lower Mall to Model Town.

However, their attempt to enter the LHC premises, which were barricaded by the law enforcers with an 'iron fence' and the main entrance shut, met with batons, as the police used force to disperse them. The lawyers also chanted slogans against the chief justice and the police.

In the ensuing clashes in which media persons were also affected, dozens of protesters, including women lawyers, were rounded up and several received "minor injuries". On the other hand, the police claimed that they were pelted with stones which injured over a dozen officials, including two SPs, one DSP, and two SHOs.

The Mall Road from Chairing Cross to Istanbul Chowk remained a no-go area for commuters for hours due to the police-lawyers clash.

In a bid to control the situation, Pakistan Bar Council's member Ahsan Bhoon negotiated with the police officers and warned them against using force to disperse the lawyers allegedly at the behest of the LHC chief justice. He assured the police that lawyers would remain peaceful if allowed to enter the high court. However, the police did not agree to the demand.

The members of the LBA have been observing protests since December last year when then chief justice

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Muhammad Amer Bhatti issued a "unilateral" notification about the shifting of the courts. Due to the protest, the case filing branch at the civil court remained shut for at least 73 days causing problems to litigants and lawyers.

In March, the Punjab Bar Council temporarily called off the protest as a 'goodwill gesture' to Chief Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan hoping for a positive response from the new head of the Punjab judiciary. However, contrary to the expectation, the bar got a "cold shoulder" from Chief Justice Khan as well, and the dispute could not inch towards any resolution.

Consequently, a joint action committee (JAC) was formed, comprising elected leaders of different bar associations and councils to chalk out a policy. Wednesday's protest rally was announced by the JAC.

The protesting lawyers also demanded the withdrawal of terrorism cases registered against their colleagues, apparently affiliated with the PTI who were arrested in the wake of the crackdown on the political party. Some of these lawyers are on bail while some others have been

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LAWYERS clash with police outside the Lahore High Court, on Wednesday. —M. Arif / White Star

Imran refuses to tender apology over May riots

- Says ready to face inquiry into 2014 dharna
- Alvi says those having 'real power' should initiate dialogue

By Malik Asad

ISLAMABAD: Former prime minister Imran Khan on Wednesday refused to apologise for the May 9 riots and said he is ready to face inquiry into the sit-in that his PTI staged in 2014.

He was speaking to the media after the court proceedings in the £190 million corruption case at Adiala jail. When asked whether he would apologise for the May 9 violent protest, Mr Khan replied in the negative, saying he was under detention at the time and was unaware of those protests.

The ex-premier mentioned that he became aware of the protests when he appeared before the then chief justice of Pakistan, Umar Ata Bandial.

"I had already condemned those violent protests," he added.

It may be mentioned that a day earlier, the director general of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) ruled out dialogue with PTI unless the party leadership tendered a public apology over the May 9 protests.

Mr Khan further said that if the establishment is not interested in dialogue, PTI will not pursue it either.

According to the former premier, he wanted dialogue for the sake of Pakistan, not to strike a deal for personal favours.

However, he clarified that he has no issue with the army as his close relatives are serving in the armed forces and bureaucracy.

Mr Khan expressed readiness to face

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inquiry into the 2014 sit-in and stated that he would gladly appear before the inquiry committee.

He further said that the allegations levelled against him in connection with the 2014 sit-in had proved to be wrong.

Mr Khan stated that the sit-in was staged to protest the 2013 elections, adding that the 2024 elections are also fraudulent, as the former caretaker prime minister has also disclosed information about Form-47.

He claimed that some PML-N leaders had privately conveyed to PTI that

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Six terrorists killed, arms seized in KP, says ISPR

By Umar Farooq

PESHAWAR: Six terrorists were killed and weapons recovered from their possession by security forces in operations carried out in two southern districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Wednesday, the military's media wing said.

A statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said that the first operation was carried out following the reported presence of terrorists in Dera Ismail Khan. The security forces planned an intelligence-based operation (IBO) and five terrorists were successfully neutralised during the operation, it added.

The ISPR statement said that another gun battle took place in North Waziristan district during which security forces effectively engaged a terrorist location and killed a terrorist identified as Inam Ullah.

Security forces recovered weapons, ammunition and explosives from the possession of terrorists who, the ISPR added, remained actively involved in numerous militant activities against security forces as well as innocent civilians.

"Sanitisation operation is being carried out to eliminate any other terrorist found in the area as the security forces are determined to wipe out the menace of terrorism from the country," the statement said.

On May 4, security forces killed six terrorists

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Electricity tariff for March raised by Rs2.84

By Khaleeq Kiani

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday notified an additional fuel cost adjustment (FCA) of Rs2.84 per unit for electricity consumed in March, to extract about Rs23 billion from consumers of ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) during the current month.

According to an order issued by the regulator, Nepra "has reviewed and assessed a National Average Uniform increase of Rs2.8372/kWh in the applicable tariff for XWDISCOs on account of variations in the fuel charges for the month of March 2024".

The net increase in tariff due to the FCA impact would be about Rs5 per unit because of its partial spill over to the quarterly tariff adjustment (QTA) to follow later.

The "adjustment of Rs2.8372/kWh shall be applicable to all consumer categories except electric vehicle charging stations (EVCs) and lifeline consumers. The said adjustment shall be shown separately in the consumers' bills" based on units

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SBP admits text mistakes on banknotes

The State Bank of Pakistan has acknowledged mistakes in Urdu text on currency notes and assured the federal ombudsman of correcting these in the upcoming new banknote series. The mistakes/omissions were pointed out in a complaint filed by Shahzad H. Fazli, a Pakistan Writers Guild member, who approached the ombudsman for redressal of his grievance after the SBP failed to correct it. Page 2

Govt dedicates May 9 anniversary to martyrs

- PM to chair special cabinet meeting today, to address event at Jinnah Convention Centre
- PTI plans rallies across country, claims police rounding up supporters to scuttle protests

By Syed Irfan Raza and Ikram Junaidi

ISLAMABAD: As it aims to mark the first anniversary of the May 9 violence which targeted military installations and monuments of martyrs, the government has decided to commemorate the day in solidarity with martyrs and their families.

On the other hand, opposition Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf, which was at the receiving end after the May riots, has planned to organise gatherings across the country to express solidarity with its incarcerated leader Imran Khan, whose brief arrest on the fateful day triggered countrywide violence.

The government is observing the day with the slogan "May 9, never again".

In order to counter PTI's protests, authorities in Islamabad and Punjab have already imposed Section 144.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will chair a special meet-

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ing of the federal cabinet while the information ministry will organise a special function — to be addressed by the premier — at the Jinnah Convention Centre in which people from all walks of life have been asked to join the premier and his ministers "to pay befitting homage to our glorious martyrs and their families".

In the lead-up to the May 9 anniversary, electronic media continue to broadcast advertisements recalling violent protests, mob clashing with the police, attacking and entering the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi and vandalising the Lahore corps commander's residence.

Meanwhile, President Asif Ali Zardari said in a statement that May 9 will always be remembered as a dark day in Pakistan's history when a "politically instigated mob ran amok", damaging public property and military installations.

He affirmed that any attempt to misuse these rights

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Proposal to set up medical colleges in five dists reviewed

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A proposal to establish medical colleges in Attock, Mianwali, Vehari, Bhakkar and Jhelum with the help of public-private partnership was reviewed at a meeting presided over by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz here on Wednesday.

The chief minister criticised the previous government for not addressing health issues during its tenure.

As the chief minister expressed her indignation over Rs4 billion loss caused to the national exchequer in the Murree hospital project during the previous government's tenure, the meeting decided to take legal action against those responsible for it.

"It is our duty to safeguard people's money and we cannot permit its loss. We want to establish state-of-the-art health facilities for the people in every district. We will provide high-quality treatment facilities to the common man," she said.

A briefing was given to the chief minister on the construction and rehabilitation of hospitals, 'Clinic on Wheel' free medicines and other matters. She also reviewed health sector reforms.

The chief minister ordered early completion of the projects envisaging upgrade of 2,500 basic health units (BHUs) and 300 rural health centres (RHCs).

She directed the officials concerned to take prompt measures for the establishment of a new hospital in Murree and provision of angiography machines in Jhelum, Attock, Mianwali, Murree, Sahiwal and Sialkot.

Man, two robbers killed in gun battle

By Our Correspondent

NAROWAL: Three people, including a citizen and two robbers, were killed and another injured in exchange of firing in Sheikhupura on Wednesday.

Reports said during a robbery, a man was killed, and another injured. Two robbers were killed due to retaliatory gunfire from the people.

Waqas Ali and Waseem Abbas were stopped by robbers at Khanpur Canal. During the robbery, gunfire erupted, resulting in serious injuries to both men. Waqas Ali succumbed to his injuries on the spot, while Wasim Abbas was shifted to District Headquarters Hospital by Rescue 1122.

In the meantime, residents from nearby villages surrounded the robbers, leading to a crossfire in which both assailants were killed.

According to Rescue 1122, the suspects have been identified as Afzal Shaukat and Shehbaz.

Rescue 1122 has shifted the three bodies to Sheikhupura DHQ Hospital.

ASI Muhammad Yunus said no FIR was registered so far.

LAHORE: Ganga Ram Hospital nurses stage a demo in front of the Punjab Assembly for payment of their stipend.—Writ Star

SBP promises to rectify Urdu text errors in currency

By Khalid Hasnain

LAHORE: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has admitted various mistakes in the Urdu text on currency notes and assured the federal ombudsman of correcting these in the upcoming new banknote series.

The mistakes/omissions were pointed out in a complaint filed by a citizen to the ombudsman.

In his complaint, Shahid Hussain Faiz, a member of Pakistan Writers Guild, pointed out mistakes in the Urdu text (Bank Daulat Pakistan, rupiya, Hamil Haza ko Mutalba par Ada Karay Ga and Hakomat-e-Pakistan ki Zamanat se Jari Hua) while quoting various references and books.

According to the verdict announced by the ombudsman, the complaint alleging maladministration on the part of SBP stated that the bank was not ready to correct Urdu texts appeared on banknotes. After being disappointed by the SBP, the complainant approached the ombudsman for redressal of his grievance. A copy of complaint was also forwarded to the SBP which, later, submitted that it has initiated the design work for the issuance of new series of banknotes and it would look into the suggestions and observations made by the complainant while finalising the Urdu texts.

Both the parties were heard in detail and record was examined carefully. And during the hearing, the suggestions of the complainant were found valuable.

"During investigation of the instant case, the representative of the agency (SBP) admitted omission and undertook that the agency would look into the suggestions and observations made by the complainant while prevailing the Urdu text on its new banknote series. On the assurance of the agency, the complainant showed satisfaction," reads the verdict.

"The agency is advised to submit compliance report within 60 days," it directs the SBP.

On the other hand, in a letter to the complainant, the SBP through its joint director also pledged to take remedial measures in this regard.

"As discussed, the SBP will look into the suggestions/observations made by your good self while finalising the Urdu text for our new banknote series," the letter states.

Panel decides to deploy Rangers at two police posts

By Our Correspondent

DERA GHAZI KHAN: A meeting of the divisional intelligence committee held at the commissioner office on Wednesday decided deployment of Rangers at two inter-provincial police posts, including terrorist-hit Jhangi check point established at Punjab-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa boundary.

Dera Ghazi Khan Regional Police Officer retired Capt Sajjad Hasan Khan and Commissioner Dr. Nasir Mehmood presided over the meeting.

Divisional heads of security agencies, including district police officers and deputy commissioners from all districts of Dera Ghazi Khan division, also participated.

A detailed review of security measures in the tri-border areas, the security of inter-provincial check posts, threat alerts, and challenges was conducted.

It was decided to deploy Rangers at Rairai Umar Farooq (Jhangi) and Hazrat Khalid bin Waleed (Lakhani) posts to enhance provincial boundary security.

Directives were issued to tighten security further at inter-provincial check posts, facilitate timely information exchange among law-enforcement agencies, and ensure quick responses to emergencies. During the meeting, tributes were paid to the Punjab police for repelling the terrorist attack on the Jhangi check post.

RPO Sajjad Hasan Khan instructed all DPOs to proactively address threat alerts and challenges, conduct on-ground self-inspections, and maintain readiness for emergencies. Mock exercises for immediate responses should be conducted, and coordination with other agencies should be prioritised.

The DPOs should complete the ongoing construction work at the check posts as soon as possible, complete surveillance with thermal dome cameras and the jawans posted on duty should be kept alert at all times.

During the meeting, Commissioner Dr. Nasir Mahmood said the government was providing all the resources including modern weapons, bullet proof and armoured vehicles at the inter-provincial check posts.

Roads would be reconstructed as directed by the government to ease traffic in tri-border areas.

Parvez Elahi shifted to Kot Lakhpat jail

LAHORE: The government on Wednesday shifted Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf President Chaudhry Parvez Elahi to Kot Lakhpath Jail, Lahore.

Recently, the IHC directed the interior secretary to decide an application seeking a court decree to declare the residence of former chief minister of Punjab Parvez Elahi as a sub-jail and his subsequent shifting there.

Justice Arbab Mohammad Tahir was hearing a petition filed by Mr Elahi's spouse, who contended that the PTI president could be detained in his residence for health reasons.

A medical board constituted to ascertain his health condition advised that the former chief minister be kept in Rawalpindi prison, and that he should not travel.

Reacting to PTI president's shifting to the jail, his wife Qaisara Elahi said in statement on Wednesday, "The interior secretary didn't follow Islamabad High Court's order and shifted Parvez Elahi from Islamabad territory to Lahore's Kot Lakhpat Jail."

"This step of the ministry of interior is clearly against the decision of the Islamabad High Court. Immediate action should be ensured according to the order of IHC," she demanded.

Earlier, in the letters addressed to the interior secretary and Punjab's additional chief secretary home, Mr Elahi's spouse wrote, "In view of his peculiar health condition, injuries, and on humanitarian grounds, my husband, Parvez Elahi, be taken out of jail premises and put under house arrest at Islamabad or Lahore immediately".

The court noted that Mr Elahi is not a convict, and the right to life of an under-trial prisoner, guaranteed by the Constitution, supersedes the obligation of the state to try him for an alleged offence. The court directed the interior secretary to consider the application of the petitioner and pass appropriate orders if the matter falls within his competence; otherwise, the matter will be referred to the appropriate forum within two days.—Staff Reporter

Revisiting Lahore cinema and dismantling language through art

By Irfan Aslam

LAHORE: A character, a diehard fan of Sultan Rahi, in the short film and installation, remembers the time when a movie ticket used to cost just Rs5 in Lahore, lamenting that things have changed now.

While the film shows the condition of historical cinemas that are disappearing now, Nasreen Begum's song Jiddo Dil Toe Jaey, Jiddi Gal Muk Jaey from the 1967 Punjabi film Mera Veer plays in the background.

These scenes are from the video installation, Cinematic Catastrophe, by Sarmed Cheema, in the group show of artworks and multimedia by six artists, titled *Hein Kamakh Kanch-Ab Mohabat Chhap Afsanay*, at Tollinton Block of the National College of Arts (NCA).

Cheema says his work aims at looking for a sustainable model to bring cinema back to all segments of society, not only multiplexes for the elite. "It would be 'cinema on wheels'. We are acquiring a container in which 20 to 25 people would be able to sit and enjoy a movie on screen. We would take this cinema to the suburbs."

Sarmed has plans to extend his research based on this project to see whether a new sustainable model for cinema could be created in Punjab once again to attract investors for producing films and to make the films accessible to the poor segments of society. He is documenting the old traditional cinemas of Lahore that are being dismantled or have been abandoned.

Multimedia artist Sumbul Natalia has displayed her body of work, titled 'Sorry for inconvenience. But this is a rebellion,' exploring the relationship between language, power and resistance and a woman's place in it. She has literally deconstructed the legal terms in dictionaries, defining the role of women in the country. By using old pictures from the newspapers and pages of dictionaries, she has turned them into pieces of art to highlight the women's struggle for their rights, another take on feminism.

"By using the law dictionary in my work, I am literally and visually deconstructing it. By using the printmaking technique I have dismantled the pictures, terms and words to highlight their arbitrary and fluid nature," she says.

Sumbul has taken words from a law book and burnt them to make a piece of art. "That's my rebellion," she declares. She says that she wants to show that these are mere words of a language which can be reinterpreted and reconstructed to give a new meaning to them according to your will. Even legal terms and words taken as text in law are reinterpreted and changed according to our own whims, she asserts.

Usman Rana has installed his 'visual representation of Sine wave frequencies with salt on aluminum'. He says his installation is about visual representation of Sine frequencies using different materials. "I chose to use aluminium as my surface and table salt as my medium. By doing so, I invite the audience to delve deeper into realms and beyond the perception of sound," he says. In Rana's installation, salt on the surface creates different patterns as triggered by different frequencies of sound.

"The patterns are different because every frequency creates a separate pattern and energy. Every sound, even the human sound, differs from person to person. So does every note on a musical instrument, eg the sound of a Banuri or Sarangi makes different patterns as they have different frequencies," he explains.

The other artists whose work are a part of the exhibition are Nadia Zafar, Fariha Rashid and Hira Gul. The exhibition was inaugurated by NCA Vice Chancellor Murtaza Jaffri. It will continue till Friday (tomorrow).

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Lawyers go on nationwide strike against police today

• Legal fraternity to stage marches and rallies in protest against Punjab 'police brutality' • Demand immediate action by federal and Punjab govts
• SCBA president says CJP not in favour of interference in high court affairs

By Nasir Iqbal

ISLAMABAD: Declaring a black day, the Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) and the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) on Wednesday issued a full-day nationwide strike call for all courts, including the Supreme Court, high courts, and subordinate judiciary on Thursday (today).

The strike call has been issued to show solidarity with the legal fraternity after what they called disturbing events of Punjab police brutality against lawyers who were peacefully protesting the "unlawful divisions" of the civil courts in Lahore.

A delegation consisting of SCBA President Shahzad Shaukat and Secretary Syed Ali Imran also called on Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa. Mr Shaukat urged the CJP to take immediate cognisance of the matter by taking suo motu notice for amicable resolution of the issue. However, he told the media later that the CJP believes that the Supreme Court should not interfere in the affairs of the high courts.

In condemnation of the illegal and unlawful acts by the Punjab police, lawyers across the country will stage a complete strike and will abstain from appearing in courts to demonstrate solidarity with the advocates of the Lahore Bar Association. Additionally, they will convene protest meetings, marches, and rallies in their respective bar rooms to express their dissent on this matter.

Mr Shaukat cautioned that they should not be forced to disclose how the Punjab government was installed on a 'fake mandate' and said the lawyer's body also unable to understand the alleged agenda of the chief justice of Lahore High Court (LHC).

Meanwhile, PBC's vice-chairman Riaz Ali Sahar vehemently condemned the reprehensible police brutality inflicted upon lawyers in Lahore on Wednesday. The lawyers were engaged in a peaceful protest against the notification to transfer cases to the "Model Town katchery" and the "unjustified registration of terrorism cases" against their fraternity.

The incident occurred at Mall Road, near LHC, where the police initiated violence and scuffles against the lawyers, subjecting them to brutal treatment and arresting several individuals, he said.

The vice-chairman emphasised that every individual, including lawyers, possesses the fundamental right to engage in peaceful protest.

He underscored that PBC cannot ignore such flagrant acts of police brutality perpetrated against advocates.

He strongly criticised the excessive and unwarranted use of police force against lawyers, denouncing it as a shameful act perpetrated by the police and a grave violation of their duty and discipline.

The brutal conduct exhibited by the Punjab police has tarnished the dignity and respect of lawyers, who have consistently advocated for the rule of law and the supremacy of the Constitution. Such egregious behaviour demands immediate and severe action against the responsible police officials, he said.

He has, therefore, demanded immediate and decisive action from both the federal and Punjab governments, along with senior police officers, to address the involvement of police officials in this shameful and inhuman act and urged for exemplary punishment to be meted out to those responsible.

Furthermore, he emphasised the need to prevent any recurrence of such actions in the future, saying failure to do so may lead lawyers across the country to hold the said individuals accountable.

He also expressed disappointment towards chief justice of LHC, stating the failure to resolve the longstanding issue through peaceful negotiation has contributed to the current situation.

Meanwhile, Mr Shaukat and Secretary Syed Ali Imran regretted that numerous lawyers have reportedly sustained serious injuries and many have been unjustly detained. They have demanded immediate medical attention for the wounded and the prompt release of the arrested lawyers.

While expressing solidarity with the lawyers' and their just stance against the divisions of civil courts in Lahore, they have also strongly condemned and criticised the inept handling of this very sensitive matter by LHC chief justice who failed to resolve the issue despite repeated appeals from the bar.

Arrests of peaceful lawyers were a clear infringement of the principles of democracy, freedom of expression, and the right to dissent. Being citizens of this country, everyone's rights are protected under Article 4 read with Article 9, Article 10-A, Article 14 and Article 9 of the Constitution, they opined.

In the end, they have warned that let no one be mistaken, if the police brutality continues unchecked and the lawyers' just and fair demands remain unmet, this protest will escalate into a nationwide movement, with SCBA spearheading the call for nationwide action.

QUETTA: People evince interest in a roadside stall selling bags, on Wednesday. — PPI

Two benches formed to hear judges' complaints

IHC registrar office to notify hearing within a couple of days

By Malik Asad

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Islamabad High Court (IHC) Justice Aamer Farooq on Wednesday constituted two different larger benches to hear complaints of senior puisne judge Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani and Justice Babar Sattar.

According to a senior official of the court, the bench comprising CJ Farooq, Justice Miangul Hasan Aurangzeb and Justice Arbab Mohammad Tahir will hear the complaint of Justice Kayani.

Another larger bench comprising Justice Kayani and Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri will hear the complaint of Justice Sattar.

The IHC registrar office would notify the date of hearing in a couple of days.

According to the sources, the senior puisne judge in addition to a recent unsigned complaint of so-called affected judges of the district judiciary filed against him also referred a Vlog and a television programme in which lawyer Muhammad Waqas Malik in an interview criticised the judge.

Advocate Malik also filed a reference against Justice Kayani in the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) a couple of days after six judges wrote a letter to the Supreme Court against meddling of intelligence agencies in the judicial affairs.

Advocate Malik is a former general secretary of Islamabad High Court Bar Association and alleged in the reference that Justice Kayani "waged a war against the forces of Pakistan in a planned manner by inducing and convincing other judges of the high court".

The unsigned complaint filed against Justice Kayani last week stated that the judge was biased against the judges who joined the Islamabad's subordinate judiciary from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The complaint also named certain lawyers who were the associate of Justice Kayani while he was a practicing lawyer.

According to the sources, Justice Sattar in the complaint had requested IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq for initiating contempt proceedings after personal details of his and his family, including their US residence permits, were posted online.

Justice Sattar pointed out that the privacy of his family members was breached, and their identity cards and permanent residency card were uploaded on social media.

On April 28, the IHC's public relations office issued a statement in response to the social media campaign, calling it 'false, malicious and contemptuous'.

The press release stated that the judge was also accused of hiding assets in both Pakistan and the US.

"Justice Babar Sattar has never had any nationality other than that of Pakistan," the IHC clarified, adding that while Justice Sattar worked as a lawyer in New York and was granted a green card, he left his job in the US in 2005 and returned to Pakistan and has lived and worked in Pakistan since then".

Pakistan, Uzbekistan vow early work on rail project

Uzbek FM Bakhtiyor meets PM Shehbaz, FM Dar

By Bagir Sajjad Syed

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Uzbekistan on Wednesday underscored their commitment to the swift completion of the planned railway link that will traverse Afghanistan, connecting the two countries and promising to enhance regional connectivity and trade opportunities.

Foreign Office, in a media statement after a meeting between visiting Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan Bakhtiyor Saidov and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar said, "The two sides reaffirmed commitment to early implementation of the Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan Railways project, which would give boost to bilateral and regional trade and become a bridge between South and Central Asia."

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in his meeting with FM Saidov also emphasised the importance of the railway project and Pakistan's commitment to its early completion.

Pakistan, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan had in February 2021 agreed to build a railway line across Afghanistan to connect Central Asia with Pakistani ports at an estimated cost of $4.8bn. In July last year, the three countries signed a protocol during their meeting in Pakistan that delineated the route of the project running from Termiz, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan's Mazar-i-Sharif and Logar provinces, and culminating in Pakistan via the Kharlachi border crossing in the Kurram district.

The railway project, spanning 760kms, is scheduled for completion by the end of 2027, with the capability to transport up to 15 million tonnes of goods annually by 2030. This rail link will notably decrease cargo delivery time between Uzbekistan and Pakistan by around five days, while also slashing transportation costs by at least 40 per cent.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, according to PMO, expressed Pakistan's commitment to working with Uzbekistan to speed up and complete all bilateral trade and connectivity projects.

He reaffirmed Pakistan's readiness to provide access to Uzbekistan to Pakistani ports.

At the bilateral meeting, the two sides discussed at length bilateral economic cooperation, trade, investment and connectivity.

They noted that following operationalisation of Transit Trade Agreement, bilateral trade has increased 3.4 times during the previous year and has the potential to reach the targets set during the last Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) held in Tashkent in February 2023.

Both sides agreed to identify new areas of economic cooperation and emphasised the importance of a liberal visa regime especially for the business community to promote linkages and people-to-people contacts, the FO said.

IHC accepts Bushra Bibi's plea seeking transfer to Adiala jail

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has accepted the petition filed by former prime minister Imran Khan's wife, Bushra Bibi, seeking her transfer from their Banigala residence, which had been declared a sub-jail, to Adiala jail.

Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb pronounced the verdict that had been reserved last week and ordered her transfer to the Adiala jail on Wednesday.

The high court declared the notification issued to declare her Banigala residence as a sub-jail null and void.

The jail authorities had earlier informed the court that Bushra Bibi had to be moved to her Banigala residence, because Adiala jail was already overcrowded, and detaining her in the central prison would pose a security risk.

Marwat blames senior PTI figures for depriving him of PAC post

ISLAMABAD: Days after losing the PTI backing for the post of National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC), maverick Sher Afzal Khan Marwat on Wednesday lashed out at senior party figures for what he called depriving him of the coveted position.

Mr Marwat was a strong candidate for the post and PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan recently announced that party founder Imran Khan had agreed on his candidature.

However, PTI's political committee met in Islamabad on Friday night to discuss the nomination with majority voting to replace Mr Marwat with MNA Sheikh Waqas Akram.

A party insider said that nine of the 19-member committee, headed by Omar Ayub, voted for Sheikh Waqas, seven for Mr Marwat, with Aon Abbas, although present, opting to abstain. Former NA speaker Asad Qaiser and Mr Marwat were not present.

Talking to the media persons, Mr Marwat vented his anger at the senior party leaders and announced the decision not to work with them under protest.

He said the PTI had turned into a dead horse following the arrest of Imran Khan, claiming that he revived the party and took the runaway leaders back to their respective constituencies. However, after the Feb 8 elections, they betrayed him, he regretted.

The PTI lawmaker accused the senior party figures of flouting Imran Khan's directives on one protest and another.

He said he was not being allowed to meet the PTI founding chairman in jail, adding that he was not invited to the political committee's meeting where the voting was held to replace him with Sheikh Waqas as the PAC chairman.

An insider told *Dawn* that the meeting was convened haphazardly. According to him, the members were initially informed that the contest was between Mr Marwat and Sunni Ittehad Council chairman Sahibzada Hamid Raza. However, most of them were surprised when they learnt that the candidates were Mr Marwat and Sheikh Waqas.

The political committee comprises five MNAs from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa — Asad Qaiser, Atif Khan, Barrister Gohar, Omar Ayub and Mr Marwat. Besides them, Ali Amin Gandapur, Shah Farman, Azam Khan Swati and Shibli Faraz are also from KP.

Likewise, Fisha Shazeen Naqvi and Haleem Adil Sheikh are from Sindh, Sabir Khan Kakar and Qasim Khan Suri from Balochistan and Khalid Khurshid is from Gilgit-Baltistan.

Hammad Azhar, Mian Aslam Iqbal, Hafiz Farhat, Aon Abbas Bappi, Moonis Elahi and Zulfi Bukhari are the PTI leaders from Punjab but, according to the insider, not a single MNA from the province was added to the committee.

As per statistics, PTI-backed independent candidates won 59 seats of the National Assembly from Punjab and 14 from KP. — Malik Asad

Opposition leaders slam military involvement in politics

• Omar Ayub questions who has given DG ISPR right to negotiate • Mahmood Achakzai insists each institution should stay within its limits • Hamid Khan says rejection of public mandate led to creation of Bangladesh

By Ikram Junaidi

ISLAMABAD: Prominent opposition leaders collectively called for the full implementation of the Constitution and criticised the military's interference in political affairs.

The leaders were speaking at a seminar titled "Tahafuz-i-Aain-i-Pakistan: Kaise aur Kyun", organised by the joint opposition on Wednesday, on the eve of last year's May 9 violent protests erupted after the arrest of PTI founder Imran Khan.

The seminar also came a day after the military said that those involved in the May 9 protests need to regret their acts with sincerity and shun the "politics of anarchy and hate" before any talks could be initiated with them.

However, speaking at Wednesday's event, PTI Secretary General Omar Ayub, the leader of the opposition in the National Assembly, openly rejected the press conference of the director general of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), questioning the DG's right to negotiate on political matters. He also alleged that the DG was confused and lacked narrative.

"DG ISPR, you are a protector, not the owner of the state," Mr Ayub declared, emphasising that real power resides with the people and their elected representatives.

He also called for public access to several sensitive reports, including those on the Army Public School and the Abbottabad Commission, as well as the investigation into journalist Arshad Sharif's death.

Mahmood Khan Achakzai, who presided over the seminar, said that people have started their struggle for "Haqiqi Azadi" (real freedom). He said Pakistan's issues couldn't be addressed unless each institution stayed within its prescribed limits.

He warned that the day anyone tried to enforce martial law or amend the Constitution, the workers of the joint opposition would be on the roads.

JAMAAT-i-Islami leader Liaquat Baloch (left), PTI Senator Shibli Faraz, MWM leader Raja Nasir Abbas Jaffari, PTI MNA Asad Qaiser, PkMAP chief Mahmood Khan Achakzai, and Opposition Leader in National Assembly Omar Ayub along with others attend the seminar, on Wednesday. — Online

PTI leader Asad Qaiser, former speaker of the National Assembly, spoke about the severe disillusionment prevailing in the country and urged all institutions to adhere strictly to their roles to ensure peace in the country. He announced plans to conduct similar seminars in other cities to continue advocating for constitutional governance.

Another PTI leader, Advocate Hamid Khan, said the Constitution of 1956 was democratic and if it had not been suspended, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) would still be part of Pakistan. The country was divided because "we did not accept (their (East Pakistan's) mandate", he said.

Advocate Khan noted that the DG ISPR said everything regarding the May 9 incident was clear. "It means that he has made a decision. Who has given him the power to make decisions?" he added.

Liaqat Baloch, the deputy head of Jamaat-i-Islami, suggested that there should be no role of the establishment in politics and democracy.

"No one will accept it even if someone holds a press conference in the Faisal Mosque (saying there is no role of establishment in politics). We will accept the result of the elections, which will be held without the establishment's interference," he said.

Allama Raja Nasir Abbas Jaffari, the head of Majlis Wahdat-i-Muslimeen, said that steps against the Constitution should be stopped and those who won through "fraud" Form-47 should not sit in the parliament.

Leader of the Opposition in Senate Shibli Faraz said the Constitution should be followed in letter and spirit.

PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Khan said the Constitution was practically suspended and suggested making government with the vote and support of the people.

Advocate Sardar Latif Khosa said that the state consisted of only people and others were employees. "You are employees; you are not even an institution. Everyone must follow the Constitution, even if they are the chief justice or army chief," he added.

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Rubina Khalid appointed BISP chairperson

By Syed Irfan Raza

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari Wednesday approved the appointment of a senior leader of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Rubina Khalid as Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).

He also accepted the resignation of Dr Amjad Saqib from his position as BISP chairperson, a press release issued by the President House said.

Dr Saqib was appointed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif after the post had fallen vacant after the departure of Dr Sania Nishtar.

The president approved the appointment under Section 5(3) of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Act 2010.

In the last Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) government the position was retained by the PPP as its legislator Shazia Marri was made its chairperson.

After one year of assassination of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, the social safety network programme was launched after her name in 2008. BISP is considered as the largest and most systematic social protection initiative to be launched in Pakistan. Under the programme poor and needy people are given monetary support.

According to the BISP, the BISP board has approved record Rs471 billion budget for 2023-24 which included Rs361.5 billion for Benazir Kafaalat Programme, covering a total of 9.3 million families, Rs12.27 billion for Benazir Nashonuma Programme covering 1.5 million individuals, Rs55.4 billion for Benazir Taleemi Wazaif which would benefit 9.2 million children.

In addition, Rs6 billion have been earmarked for Benazir Scholarships for Undergraduates.

Senator Rubina Rauf Khalid hails from a noted and widely respected political family of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Her father late Syed Zafar Ali Shah had served as the Member of the National Assembly (MNA) in 1985-88 and 1993-96.

A close confidant of former prime ministers Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto, his legacy was carried out by his son Syed Zahir Shah who served in the provincial assemblies of 2002-2007 and 2008-2013 and also as Provincial Minister for Health from 2008 to 2013.

Rubina's late Husband Rauf Khalid is fervently remembered an artiste par excellence and a noted writer.

His services as a film maker, actor, writer and a cultural icon were re-cognised by the government of Pakistan by conferring upon him the highest civil award of Sitara-i Imtiaz.

After Rauf Khalid's tragic death in 2010, Rubina ventured into practical and political field. She was awarded senate ticket from KP in 2012 and again in 2018. She has served in the parliament for 12 long years where she has rendered services as the chairperson of the standing committee on maritime affairs, besides being member of standing committees on information, information technology, national heritage, delegated legislation besides others.

She has widely travelled and participated in international forums of the United Nations, Inter Parliamentary Union, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Asian Parliamentary Assembly and others.

HRCP concerned over 'restrictions' on civil, political rights

Calls for upholding democratic principles, rule of law

By Jamal Shahid

ISLAMABAD: Expressing concerns over increasing political polarisation in the country resulting in greater restrictions on civil and political rights, the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) has called for economic justice and protection of civil rights and emphasised on the importance of upholding democratic principles and the rule of law.

In its annual report "State of Human Rights 2023", released here on Wednesday, the HRCP noted with deep concern that irreparable political divisions spilled over into public acts of arson and violence on May 9, 2023, following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan.

"What followed was flagrant disregard for the Constitution as unelected forces tightened their grip on the country's democratic structures and civic spaces shrank to an all-time low," says the report.

The report says the state's response to the May 9 riots was to quell dissent — to the extent of resurrecting military courts to try civilians, perpetrating enforced disappearances, ordering mass arrests and allegedly orchestrating public disassociation from the PTI among many senior party leaders.

According to the report, the right to freedom of expression and assembly took a particular hit during the year.

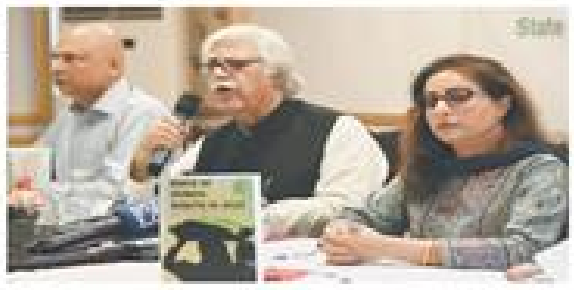
The general elections were also delayed well beyond the 90-day constitutional limit on various grounds, including the need for new delimitations on the basis of the recent census.

The rule of law, it says, was markedly poor, with a record six-year high in fatalities related to terrorist attacks and counter-terrorism operations and two militant attacks in Bajaur and Mastung, that collectively left at least 117 dead.

The practice of extrajudicial killings continued, while street crime and the incidence of mob lynchings surged, says the report.

The report says that as in previous years, journalists, activists and political workers were subjected to enforced disappearances across the country.

In an admirable show of strength, however, young Baloch women mobilised a long march from Turbat to Islamabad to protest against alleged extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances.



HRCP Chairperson Asad Iqbal Butt speaks during the launching of the 'State of Human Rights in 2023' report in Islamabad on Wednesday. The commission's co-chair Murtazaa Jahangir and secretary general Harris Khaliques are also present.—Photo by Tanveer Shahzad

Among vulnerable groups, religious minorities reported an increasing climate of fear, especially in the aftermath of an attack in Jaranwala, in which scores of churches and homes were torched and looted by mobs, following allegations of blasphemy against a Christian man.

In the wake of the federal government's decision to expel undocumented foreigners, it says, Afghan nationals in particular were rounded up in police raids and sent to deportation centres with little to no legal recourse.

Speaking at the launch of the report, HRCP secretary-general Harris Khaliques said the 2023 economic crisis had "pushed tens of millions of ordinary citizens to the brink of desperation."

Commenting on the high incidence of enforced disappearances, he also deplored the role and performance of the Commission of Inquiry of Enforced Disappearances as 'disgraceful.'

HRCP chairperson Asad Iqbal Butt said it was critical for the state to fulfill people's right to education, livelihood and health.

Expressing concern over the low rate of trade unionisation, he said attempts to unionise workers were routinely met with harassment and intimidation.

Vice-chair HRCP Islamabad Nasreen Azhar said religion continued to be "weaponized for political purposes".

Concluding the press conference, co-chair Mimoue Jahangir said the state must protect the right to peaceful protest for all political parties and groups.

She pointed out that repressive laws passed in one government's tenure would return to haunt them when in opposition.

It called upon the government to take immediate steps to address the grievances outlined in the report and uphold the principles of democracy, justice, and human rights.

Man abducted from Pindi found dead in Kashmore

By Mohammad Asghar

RAWALPINDI: A man who was abducted for Rs20 million ransom in March by unidentified kidnappers after he left for his home in Sukkur was found dead in Kashmore Katcha area on Wednesday, police said.

After the recovery of Agha Sohail Ali Khan's body, the police concerned from Kashmore Sindh contacted the R.A. Bazaar police as from his pocket a driver's license bearing the name of Agha Sohail Ali Khan a resident of Tench Bhatta Rawalpindi was found, police said.

After reviewing the police station record, the R.A Bazaar police have found that the deceased was the same person who had been kidnapped for ransom in March, 2024. Later, a police team was dispatched to Kashmore to bring the body of the victim back.

According to police sources, the kidnappers were in contact with the family of the abducted person and initially they demanded Rs20 million for his release from his family and later reduced it to Rs10 million.

Agha Babar Ali, a resident of Tench Bhatta, lodged an FIR with the R.A. Bazaar after his father Agha Sohail Ali Khan, 70, left his house for Sukkur on March 5, 2024 and went missing till his body was found by the police in Kashmore on Wednesday.

Babar Ali said in the FIR that his father left his house for Sukkur on March 5 as his brother Agha Muzamil Mujtaba Khan accompanied his father to the Rawalpindi Railway Station to see him off.

He said the next day his father informed his friend Amjad that he had reached Sukkur safely. He further said that after he found his father's mobile phone switched off, his brother asked Amjad if his father had any conversation with him, he replied that his mobile phone was found switched off.

He further told the police that his father was processing ATM cards of different banks, CNIC and a driving licence with him when he left his house.

His father was wearing a Shalwar Kameez, gray waistcoat and brown shoes when he left for Sukkur. Following his complaint, the RA Bazaar has registered an FIR under section of kidnapping 365, PPC and launched an investigation.

Meanwhile, SSP Investigation Zunaira Asfar directed the police investigating officer to ensure timely completion of cases challan.

She was presiding over a meeting at Police Lines Headquarters.

The officers assigned to follow up cases and enforcement staff participated in the meeting.

SSP Investigation gave instructions to the officers regarding the compliance of summons and warrants. The SSP further directed that all legal requirements must be met for the punishment of the accused.

GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & COORDINATION DEPARTMENT

NO. SO (G/S/GA&CD/Tender/Generator/23-24 Karachi, dated: 06th May, 2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Services, General Administration & Coordination Department, Government of Sindh, invites sealed bids from interested bidders registered with FBR and other relevant tax authorities for the procurement of Plant and Machinery for SG&A&CD's offices. The requirements for the procurement of goods are as under:

Sr.	Description	Schedule of Issuance of Bidding Documents	Schedule of Submission	Schedule of Opening	Tender Fee	Bid Security	Method
1	Supply & Installation of Diesel Generator	From the date of publication upto 20th May, 2024 @ 1:00 PM	20th May, 2024 @ 3:00 PM	20th May, 2024 @ 4:00 PM	Rs. 5,000/-	5% of quoted bid	Single Stage One Envelope Procedure

Terms & Conditions:

i. Single Stage - One Envelope Procedure would be used for Open Competitive Bidding. In the first stage only the technical proposals will be opened. Later, the financial proposals of only the technically qualified firms will be opened. Financial proposals should accompany a bid security equivalent to five percent (5%) of the bid amount in favour of "The Sub Officer (G), SG&A&CD". Both technical and financial proposals must be sealed separately. Envelope shall be marked as "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" in bold and legible letters to avoid confusion.

ii. The bidding documents containing detailed terms and conditions, evaluation criteria, method of procurement procedure and other relevant details for submission of bids may be collected on payment of Rs. 2000/- in favor of "Section Officer (G), (SG&A&CD)" from the address at 1st Floor Sindh Secretariat Building No. 1, Shahrah-e-Kamal Ataturk Road, Karachi and can also be downloaded from www.pprra.gov.pk, gsgb. The bids will be submitted / opened in the office of the Deputy Secretary (R&A), SG&A&CD, 2nd Floor, New Sindh Secretariat Building-1, Karachi.

iii. The bids prepared in accordance with the instructions laid down in the bidding documents, must reach the office of undersigned as per above mentioned schedule.

iv. In case of unbearable circumstances on submission / opening date & time or if the Government declares any holiday, the tenders shall be submitted / opened on the next working day at the same time & venue.

v. The Procuring Agency may reject all or any bid as per relevant provision of SPP Rules.

vi. The Procuring Agency may cancel the bidding process at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal as per SPP Rules.

SECTION OFFICER (General)
SG&A&CD

(SP-4899 No. 1075/24)

TENDER NOTICE

TSE-23240540903 Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of SPPRA GOB. The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIV KHUZDAR invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates

Tender Fee Rs.1500/- and Bid Security 2%

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	CONST OF FLOOD PROTECTION BAND KHANDOZAI BAGHBANA & NOOHAY TEHSIL BAGH-BANA DIST KHUZDAR (PSDP NO 4286)	40,000,000

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 20,000,000 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Registration with Pakistan Engineering council (PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 40 million in Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE04A , CE10 . **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,500 PKR **Issuance of tender Documents:** From the date of publication of NIT to **22 May, 2024** during office hours on working days **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by **22 May, 2024** till 12:00 PM. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 01:00 PM. **Address:** Irrigation Colony Old Karachi Road Khuzdar

Phone no: 0848413270Fax no: 0848413831
Email: engg.saeed@yahoo.com

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
IRRIGATION DIVISION KHUZDAR

PRO No.2204/8-5-2024

TENDER NOTICE

TSE-23240540903 Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of SPPRA GOB. The DEPUTY DIRECTOR AGRICULTURE OFWM HUB invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates.

Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and bid Security 2%

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	DID OF BORE, INST OF SOLAR SYSTEM & INST OF PVC PIPELINE UNDER THE PROJECT AGRICULTURE BORE WITH SOLAR MACHINERY AT WINDER HUB PSDP 2023-24 S NO. 102 (22023-01-30)	12,671,419

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 9,000,000 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Registration with Pakistan Engineering council (PEC) C-4 and above (Upto 25 million in Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE09(ii) (Water Supply), CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works) , CE11(i) (Solar). Income Tax Registration certificate is required. The bidding firm must submit Income Tax Return of Taxation Year 2023. The Bidding Firm must submit Audit Report (Audit Balance Sheet of FY 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23) The bidding Firm must submit Company's latest Bank Account Statement or Bank Credit Line Certificate. The bidding firm must submit Income Tax Return of last 05 Taxation Year. **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR **Issuance of tender Documents:** From the date of publication of NIT to 24 May, 2024 during office hours on working days **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by **24 May, 2024** till 09:30 AM. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 10:30 AM. Address: hub bypass between main RCD highway hub

Phone no: 0333261217Fax no: 0333261217
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR
AGRICULTURE OFWM HUB

PRO No.2185/7-5-2024

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TENDER NOTICE

PRINTING OF ANNUAL REPORT OF PPHI SINDH

PPHI SINDH is not for profit organization, registered under section 42 of the Companies Act 2017, invites sealed bids/proposals for the **"Printing of Annual Report of PPHI SINDH "** from interested bidders having relevant experience on **Single Stage – One Envelop Bidding Procedure**.

A complete set of bidding document containing basic eligibility and evaluation criteria and terms and conditions may be obtained from the Head office of PPHI SINDH Karachi by submitting pay order of amount **Rs. 1,000 in the name of PPHI SINDH (Non-refundable)** on submission of application.

Description	Bid Security	Date & Time for Submission of Bids	Date & Time for Opening of Bids	Address for Receiving of Tender Documents & Submission of Bids.
PPHI SINDH Annual Report	2% of bid price	24th May, 2024 Friday at 2:30 PM	24th May, 2024 Friday at 3:30 PM	Procurement Wing & Conference Hall Respectively C-27/1, Block-2, Clifton, Near Umer Sharif Park, Karachi

1. The bidding documents will be issued from 9-05-2024 to 23-05-2024 during working days (10.00 AM to 4.00 PM) at the address given above.
2. The bid will be opened publicly in the presence of bidders or their authorized representative who choose to present as per given schedule given above.
3. In case of announcement of Public Holiday or any unfavorable circumstances, the tenders/ bids will be submitted and opened on next working day. Other terms & Conditions, venue and time will remain same as mentioned in this Notice.
4. All bids shall include applicable Govt. taxes and these will be deducted from the bills / invoice, according to Govt. Rules/Policy.
5. Bid Security @ 2% of total value of the bid/contract must be submitted by the firms in shape of Pay Order and must be attached with "Financial Bid" in favor of PPHI SINDH, otherwise bid will not be considered and will be treated as non-responsive and rejected.

PPHI SINDH HEAD OFFICE
C-27/1, Block-2, Clifton, Near Umer Sharif Park, Karachi.
Phone: 021-35872214/35364045

SINDH EDUCATION FOUNDATION
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

AUCTION NOTICE

The Sindh Education Foundation, Government of Sindh, invites SEALED BIDS for "Auction of condemned/obsolete/unusable Computer, Electrical/Electronics and other scrap items etc." along with substantiating documents from the interested bidders in Pre Registration for the bidding of highest value of sale. The bidding document along with the detailed list of items are available at SEF website (the auction to be included like Furniture, Wooden Chairs, Iron Chairs/ Cupboards, Water Dispensers, Fridge, Split/ Window air Conditions, UPS, Batteries, Fax Machines, Photocopier Machines, Computer Accessories, Tyres, etc.).

Terms and Conditions

1. The bidders must have NTN and valid CNIC numbers.
2. All the bids will be subject to the confirmation by the Auction Committee. The items will be sold as 'AS IS WHERE IS' basis.
3. The bid must be submitted separately for each lot along with the separate Pay Order/Demand Draft of 25% (in **case of any short bid value/earnest money, the bid will be disqualified**) of the bid value of each lot inclusive of all taxes. Whereas, the balance of 75% will also be paid within 20 working days of acceptance of bid in shape of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favor of Sindh Education Foundation Government of Sindh Karachi. The successful bidders will also pay the separate Pay Order/ Demand Draft of all taxes as per law.
4. The highest bidder of each Lot will be awarded to take ownership of the Scrap.
5. After the Management approval, the successful bidders will be required to remove the scrap within 15 days during office hours only after making the full payment.
6. In case, the successful bidder fails to remove the sold-out items even after the lapse of 15 days, the Sindh Education Foundation reserves the right to forfeit the earnest money and rescheduling Lot.
7. All participants/bidders inspect/check the scrap carefully on the given dates/time mentioned below well before the Auction Date. No claim whatsoever will be accepted after the finalization of the Auction process.
8. The items can be inspected during office hours on any working days till the submitting date at the office address of the Sindh Education Foundation, Bungalow No.21-A, Block 7/8, Overseas Housing Society (OCHS), Amin Khawro Road, Karachi, Sindh and Lands Warehouse located at Kotdiji of Sindh Textbook Board Landhi Contained Manzil Pump Near Shaddi Ville Karachi.
9. The mentioned lots will be sold as WHOLE i.e. any single lot will not be split further (government offers for any single item(s) is not acceptable).
10. Quantities shown in the Lots are approximate and claims shall not be entertained. Successful bidder is required to pay as per the actual quantities.
11. "BIDDING / AUCTION FORM" & other related documents & item lists can be downloaded from **8th May 2024 to 20th May 2024** from the official website of Sindh Education Foundation i.e. www.sef.org.pk or can be collected from the Admin Section, SEF Head Office Karachi.
12. The last submission of bidding form of auction is **20th May 2024 till 11:00 AM**. Bid shall be opened on same date at **11:30 AM** in the presence of Auction Committee and bidders at Sindh Education Foundation, Head Office Karachi, NICL Building, 1st Floor, Survey No.18/14, Abbasi Shaheed Road, Karachi Cantonment Area.
13. The Sindh Education Foundation reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason. In case of any dispute, the verdict of Managing Director, SEF will be considered as a final decision.
14. The decision of the Auction Committee will be final and binding upon all the bidders.
15. In case of any unforeseen situation resulting in closure of office on the date of opening, or if the Government declares holidays, the offers shall be submitted/opened on the next working day at same time and venue.
16. All applicable taxes will be borne by the successful bidders as per tax law.
17. Only sealed applications will be accepted for the auction and it must reach the Assistant Director (GA&C), Sindh Education Foundation, Head Office Karachi, NICL Building, 1st Floor, Survey No.18/14, Abbasi Shaheed Road, Karachi Cantonment Area.

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Hub becomes 34th district to report polio detection

By Ikram Junaidi

ISLAMABAD: While polio virus was limited to 33 districts of Pakistan till last month, wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) was found in sewage samples from Hub on Wednesday. The district had hitherto remained free from the virus.

Moreover, three samples taken from already infected districts tested positive, taking the tally for the current year to 116.

A spokesperson for the Pakistan Polio Programme said on Tuesday four samples had tested positive for the virus, meaning that eight samples were detected in two days.

According to the Regional Reference Lab for Polio Eradication at the National Institute of Health (NIH), sewage samples collected from Karachi South, Karachi Central, Jamshoro and Hub contained poliovirus, which was genetically linked to the imported VRBA genetic cluster of WPV1.

"The virus has been found in sewage samples of 34 districts so far this year. All positive samples and the two human cases reported in 2024 contain the VRBA cluster, which had disappeared from Pakistan in 2021, but remained in circulation in Afghanistan and was reintroduced through cross-border transmission last year," an official of the health ministry said.

"The Pakistan Polio Programme conducted four polio vaccination campaigns, including two nationwide drives, with the oral polio vaccine in January and February.

The campaign reached over 45 million children under the age of five years.

"The next campaign is planned for the first week of June, ahead of the high travel season of Eid," the official said.

"Polio is a devastating, incurable disease. The Polio Programme urges all parents and caregivers to ensure that their children are vaccinated at every opportunity and have completed all routine vaccinations to ensure that they are protected from 12 preventable diseases."

Polio is a highly infectious disease that mainly affects children under the age of five years. Vaccination is the most effective way to protect children from it.

Quetta-Chaman highway reopens after negotiations

QUETTA: Traffic between Quetta and Kandahar resumed on Wednesday evening on the Quetta-Chaman National Highway after successful talks between local tribal leaders and government officials.

Tribesmen had blocked the road after violent clashes erupted with security forces during an anti-poppy cultivation drive in Gulistan and other areas of Qila Abdullah district, which borders Afghanistan.

A leader of the tribesmen claimed the confrontation led to the death of two tribesmen and injuries to six security personnel, causing a halt in the Afghan transit trade along with other import and export activities.

Talks were facilitated between the Ghaltzai tribe, led by Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan Ghaltzai, and government officials, including Frontier Corps commandant Brig Umar and Chaman DC Athar Abbas.

According to the agreement reached in the talks, an FIR will be registered against the accused persons who were involved in the killing of two tribesmen, compensation will be paid to the families of the deceased, and PC and administration officials will visit the bereaved families to offer condolences. All cases registered against the tribesmen during the incident will also be reviewed.— Saleem Shahid

No plan to hand over Gwadar to China, says Balochistan govt

GWADAR: The Balochistan government has said there is no plan to hand over Gwadar port city to China and refuted all such reports doing the rounds on social media in this regard and termed them negative propaganda.

"There are all baseless rumors to mislead the people," Gwadar deputy commissioner Hamadullah Rehman said about rumors doing the rounds on social media about the leasing of the Gwadar city and the port.

He said the provincial government is a guarantor of development of the city, prosperity of the people and protection of their traditional values, which will be ensured at any cost.

He said that Gwadar is being constructed as smart port city of the region and for this purpose the Balochistan government has approved a safe city project for the port city to ensure complete protection of the people and the city.

"The aim of launching the safe city project is to curb crime, stop smuggling of goods and defeat acts of terrorism," Mr Rehman said, adding that under the project cameras will be installed and latest traffic checking system introduced.

He said those spreading such baseless rumors wanted to put hurdles in the development of the Gwadar city and create law and order situation in the area.

He said that a similar propaganda was launched when an Industrial Agriculture Park was inaugurated and the Gwadar International Airport was being built.— Bahram Baloch

Imran refuses to tender apology over May riots

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elections would not be held until Justice Qazi Faez Isa became the chief justice.

During the court proceedings, accountability judge Nasir Javed Rana recorded the statement of a witness, while the counsel for Mr Khan and Bushra Bibi cross-examined another witness.

The court accepted Mr Khan's application for his medical checkup and adjourned the proceedings till May 13.

Impartial inquiry

In Lahore, former president Dr Arif Alvi while speaking to the media outside the Punjab Assembly emphasised the need for an impartial investigation into the events of May 9 and urged that the perpetrators be brought to justice.

He said, "The opposition should seek forgiveness. Forgiveness is the only answer to all disputes."

He said those who did not know the meaning of democracy were preaching democracy.

He said the evidence, if any, of the May 9 riots should be presented before courts.

"When I was president, [Imran] Khan sahib called for a dialogue," he added.

He mentioned that Mr Khan always voiced for a peaceful protest and resolution of all disputes through dialogue.

In an obvious reference to the establishment, Dr Alvi said those having real power should initiate the dialogue process.

He said the present government was artificial and completion of its tenure was unlikely.

The former president said he visited the assembly to meet the opposition members. He said it was unfortunate how the parliament was filled with those who won the elections with the help of Form 47.

He said that judges should be appointed purely on merit and the freedom of media was critical for the democracy in the country.

"We are Pakistani and all institutions including the army belong to us," he said.

Wajih Ahmad Shaikh in Lahore also contributed to this report

Print media's issues to be resolved: minister

KARACHI: Information and Broadcasting Minister Attaullah Tarar has said that issues confronted by the print media will be amicably addressed.

During a meeting of the All Pakistan Newspapers Society's executive committee, held in Islamabad with APNS President Nasdreen Saigol Lakhani in chair, the minister was apprised about various problems facing the print media, including the pending notification of 35 per cent increase in government advertisement rates.

He was also reminded that the prime minister during his last meeting with the APNS office bearers had given an assurance that Rs50 crore would be released to newspapers before Eid. However, the print media was paid only Rs44 crores.—Press Release

Dozens hurt

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sent to jail on judicial remand.

Federal Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar telephoned Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and requested her to order release of the arrested lawyers.

According to media reports, the CM and the law minister evolved a consensus that valid demands of lawyers should be honoured and the matter should be resolved with reconciliation. Mr Tarar said lawyers were not terrorists and should be released immediately. The CM said the chief secretary and the inspector general of police had been restrained from using force against the lawyers.

The law minister said that confrontation did not favour anyone. He implored that "sanity should prevail".

Six terrorists killed

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and busted their hideouts in an intelligence-based operation in North Waziristan.

The statement said the IBO was planned and carried out following reported presence of terrorists in the area, adding that an intense exchange of fire took place between security forces and terrorists.

The six killed on May 4 were involved in numerous militant activities against security forces and targeted killing of civilians.

On May 2, the military's media wing said, three terrorists, including two ringleaders, who were involved in the abduction of a district and sessions judge were killed in a joint operation carried out in Tank district.

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Cancellation of Pre Qualification Supply and Installation of Medical Gas Pipeline System at BIUT Nawabshah

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OPINION

May 9 fallout

A YEAR since the events of May 9, 2023, very little appears to have changed, at least from the political perspective. In fact, there seems to be even more bad blood between the PTI and the security establishment; both sides appear unwilling to reconsider the combative stance they have taken towards each other. In a press conference on Tuesday, the military's spokesperson made it clear there would be no moving forward without a sincere apology from the PTI and a public disavowal of "the politics of anarchy and hate". In response, the PTI denounced the statement as a "pack of lies" that was "full of contradictions".

It cannot be denied that the violence directed at military symbols and installations in several parts of the country on this day last year, was a direct consequence of the narrative built by the PTI following its ouster. The party had spent months framing the possibility of its chief's arrest as a 'red line', all the while blaming and shaming the security establishment for its ouster from government in April 2022. This combustible mix, triggered by the controversial arrest of Imran Khan by Rangers personnel from the premises of the Islamabad High Court, exploded in the form of unprecedented, widespread violence by PTI supporters. The PTI should acknowledge that it acted in an extremely irresponsible manner by leading its supporters towards such an unacceptable reaction. Thousands were targeted in reprisals by the state, and the events of the day accelerated the expansion of unelected forces' influence in the state's legislative and administrative apparatus. However, the state, too, is not without blame. Rather than acting with restraint and demonstrating that it was only interested in getting justice for the wrong that it had been caused, it responded with extreme measures that seemed to have been taken from the playbooks of past dictatorships. For example, in seeking 'justice' for PTI supporters' defacement of various installations, the homes of countless civilian suspects were raided and vandalised and their residents allegedly harassed by personnel representing the state. Even women prisoners, who otherwise enjoy special protections and concessions under Pakistan's legal system, were repeatedly denied their right to bail and kept incarcerated without trial in scores of dubious cases.

The PTI-military stand-off has been the root cause of Pakistan's political instability. Since neither side seems interested in a resolution, perhaps the government should step in. It can offer its best resources to prosecute the May 9 cases in civilian courts, thereby ensuring a transparent judicial process. Done fairly, this will prevent the two sides from engaging directly with each other, which only seems to be perpetuating the tensions between them. It is important that this chapter be closed satisfactorily so that the nation can move forward.

A fresh approach?

SUCCESSIVE governments have tried to address the problems of Balochistan — particularly the province's precarious law and order situation — with very little success. On Tuesday, President Asif Zardari, during a visit to Quetta, made a fresh attempt to tackle the issues of this tortured land. The president, while presiding over a meeting with top federal and provincial officials, reiterated the need for 'dialogue' between all political forces in Balochistan, while also calling for efforts to address its socioeconomic and law and order issues. A similar attempt was made by Mr Zardari and his party the last time he was in the presidency through the 2009 Aghaz-i-Haqooq-i-Balochistan package which was, at least on paper, a thorough plan designed to deal with many of the issues that have contributed to alienation in Balochistan. But today, nearly 15 years after the package was announced, separatist violence continues in Balochistan, as the underlying discontent has not been addressed. Other elected governments thereafter also announced various packages and schemes for the province, yet Balochistan's problems remain unresolved.

Unless the key factors that fuel violence and alienation in Balochistan are addressed, this vicious trend will continue. The president is right to suggest dialogue as a way out of the quagmire. But this dialogue must be meaningful, and powerful quarters within the state apparatus need to be on board for it to succeed. On the political front, instead of patronising 'influentials' and those soon to be loyal to the official narrative, popular leaders should be given the space and freedom to operate. The detestable practice of enforced disappearances must be ended permanently, and those suspected of breaking the law produced in court so that their fundamental rights are protected. Where socioeconomic issues are concerned, locals have the first right to the province's resources, as well as to jobs and training. Moreover, the province's dismal health and education indicators need to be vastly improved. This would require the state's attention and investment in the social sector. Unfortunately, for decades, the centre has applied colonial methods to 'tame' Balochistan. These have included carrots — such as 'packages' for the province and support for sardars and feudals loyal to the powers that be — as well as sticks — such as frequent security operations. To permanently end the insurgency and bring peace to Balochistan, a democratic approach is required.

Visa fraud

THE FIA has a new task at hand: cracking down on fraudulent work visas. This was prompted by the discovery of a Pakistani human smugglingnetwork in Romania, which arranged for migrants to enter the EU through such means. The smugglers not only facilitated illegal entry into the EU but also the migrants' further clandestine movement towards more affluent European nations, exploiting their hopes for a better life. The criminal network requested 509 work permits, successfully acquiring 102, and generating illicit profits exceeding a million euros. The FIA is broadening its focus from traditional sea and land routes to include air routes through Central Asia. Smugglers now use these air pathways alongside the earlier routes from Quetta through Iran, Turkey, and Greece, charging exorbitant rates to transport individuals into Europe. The urgency to address this menace has never been clearer. The government recently organised a conference in Islamabad in collaboration with international bodies to discuss human smuggling. However, this initiative must be part of a broader, more comprehensive strategy to tackle the issue.

The socioeconomic drivers of migration — unemployment, poverty, and lack of security — must be addressed. Traditional pressures and the aspiration to uplift one's familial and social standing also contribute significantly to this risky endeavour. Treating these individuals as criminals rather than victims of exploitation only exacerbates their plight. It is vital to shift this perspective and see them as victims of broader systemic failures. The state's role should be protective and proactive, not merely punitive. Enhanced legal frameworks, increased support for economic development in migration-prone regions, and eradication of corruption in migration processes are crucial. Additionally, enhancing the capacity and integrity of the FIA and related institutions is essential to ensure that these measures are not just temporary fixes but part of a long-term solution. International collaboration should also be harnessed to improve border management and dismantle smuggling networks effectively.

BY ALI TAUQEER SHEIKH

Dubai, Baku and Belém

Pakistan's climate policies must be guided by scientific data and scientific research.

THE federal government has just initiated an important but overly cautious process of streamlining its institutional landscape dealing with climate change. The primary motivation is to strengthen the ability to unlock climate finances. But would establishing the Climate Change Authority, reconstituting the Climate Change Council, or updating the Rules of Business to eliminate redundancies from the climate ministry's mandate alone help turn around the nation's climate vulnerabilities or access international finance?

It is indeed important to delineate the roles and responsibilities of multiple players and strengthen coordination between national and provincial stakeholders. These changes, however, need to be guided by a clear roadmap of Pakistan's climate journey. Can the process be aligned with domestic economic reforms, inclusion, and climate rights? Concurrently, can it help enhance our eligibility to avail climate finance options, which include concessional lending, trade, and investments? How can the financial flows, even if small, be accessed and made predictable to support Pakistan's drive for resilience, rehabilitation and reconstruction after climate disasters?

Global climate initiatives announced at each Conference of the Parties, particularly since the Paris Agreement in 2015, have provided ample opportunities to interested parties to engage with the presidency of each COP to take advantage of possible opportunities. Britain, Egypt and the UAE, the presidencies of the last three COPs in Glasgow, Sharm el-Sheikh and Dubai, each announced about a dozen initiatives, inviting interested parties to join in. Several of them were backed by ambitious financial mechanisms.

These initiatives, pledges, and side deals are typically voluntary initiatives. They are not always managed or controlled by the secretariat of the climate-change convention, and hence not necessarily part of the mandate of climate ministries. Probably half of these initiatives suited Pakistan's development needs in such sectors as energy, agriculture, health, water, industrial production, urban planning, trade, and foreign direct investment. The ministries and departments mandated to deal with these issues are rarely, if at all, present at COPs or aware of the opportunities.

The climate summit in Dubai, for example, made 11 pledges backed by overall commitments amounting to $85 billion. These included doubling finances for adaptation, tripling renewables, doubling energy efficiency, halting deforestation, announcing frameworks for global climate resilience, developing programmes for a just transition, and an agreement to operationalise the Loss and Damage Fund (LDF). Except for the last one, Pakistan did not show much appetite for any of the initiatives, even if Sultan Jabber al-Jaber, the UAE COP chair, visited Pakistan prior to the COP to check Pakistan's pulse for various initiatives and to win support for them.

The initiatives announced in the UAE have set the mood for global climate action that will inform at least the next two climate summits in Baku this November, and Belém, Brazil, in December 2025. The COP in Azerbaijan will prioritise mitigation, regional peace, and water issues. The likely focus in Brazil will be social development, climate justice, and protecting forests and local communities. The agendas of the two COPs are evidently very closely aligned with Pakistan's development needs. These initiatives are typically linked with the country's economic development, structural reforms under discussions with the IMF and multilateral development banks, and the transformation needed to meet SDG targets. A roadmap adopted now can help avoid the annual pangs of guilt.

The agenda for Baku will review the implementation of COP28 targets, particularly to advance the Paris Agreement goals. It will strive to finalise the first enhanced transparency framework, establish a new collective quantified goal on finance, scale up targets for climate finance, and finalise the LDF. Baku will also host a series of high-level political convenings to assess barriers to NDC development, regional 'green corridors' for grid-scale storage, and the role of trade in accelerating climate and sustainable development actions.

It would be unrealistic, indeed unfair, to expect the climate ministry to engage with and independently assess these processes, let alone lead the country to access finances from such initiatives. The global climate agenda clearly calls for reforms that go beyond amending the Climate Change Act of 2017 or integrating it with the Environmental Protection Act, 1997, in order to remove inconsistencies. We also need to develop institutional mechanisms and ways to link global climate negotiations with the priorities set for domestic economic development, rather than tepid responses every year. This calls for integrating climate considerations in various ministries and departments.

The foregoing can serve as the basis for a four-track climate policy:

First, Pakistan's climate policies must be guided by scientific data and scientific research. The Global Change Impact Study Centre, Zoological Survey, and Pakistan Environment Protection Agency are housed at the climate ministry. They can be mandated to specifically develop baselines and set standards for climate emissions, biodiversity, and environment. Together with the Bureau of Statistics, they can develop Pakistan's natural resource income accounting, because the income generated from natural resources and ecosystems must be measured. We need to assess the economic value of natural resources and the impact of economic activities on the environment.

Second, Pakistan's climate priorities must be co-created with the provinces. We must avoid the risk of a competitive relationship with subnational entities. Any differences, as well as the agenda of the Climate Council, must be cleared by the Council of Common Interests. The Climate Council must be a professional organisation and should not take over the functions of the CCI. The climate ministry should build upon its rich experience of dealing with the provinces on environmental and climate issues.

Third, Pakistan's finance minister must spearhead the drive for climate finance. Since he has greater clout than most other cabinet members, he must inform parliament on all climate finance successes and failures with the development partners and the hosts of the annual COP meetings.

Fourth, Pakistan's policy must be embedded in sectoral, national and provincial policies, public-private partnerships, and private sector investments by the Planning Commission. The latter's historically central position must be availed to embed climate change in a whole-of-government effort to link the global climate discourse with Pakistan's development agenda. ■

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BY KHURRAM HUSAIN

The net metering dead end

LET'S start with putting a couple of undue misapprehensions to rest. I have had the opportunity of interacting with key decision-makers in the power bureaucracy and they assure me of two things. First, solar panels installed in people's homes are not going to be taxed. Second, the net metering rate at which power utilities buy electricity back from consumers is not going to be revised downward for those who already have their system up and running. They emphasise that changes are being considered in the net metering regulations of 2015, with a view to reducing the amount people receive for the power their systems pump into the grid, but that those with existing systems will not be impacted.

Let's hope they will keep their word, because breaking covenants is becoming far too routine for the government of Pakistan. Assuming that they will keep their word with existing customers, there is another problem of a more general but critical nature. The government of Pakistan seems to no longer be able to afford the solar revolution sweeping across the world. This is somewhat striking, since the whole idea of the renewable revolution is to make electricity more affordable and cleaner and many countries have set targets for themselves on how much of their power should come from renewable sources like solar.

For example, in 2010, the world's total installed solar power generation capacity was less than 42GW, according to *Our World in Data*. By 2022, this had risen to 1,053GW. This is one of the fastest rates of growth for a new power source. What is even more striking than these two data points is the slope of the graph along the way, which shows continuous acceleration year after year.

Rooftop solar has dominated this growth, although some estimates are suggesting that utility-scale solar may start to overtake rooftop in a few years in some critical regions, like the European Union. But these trends apart, rooftop solar has dominated the rise, and for most countries, it has been the main driving force in their solar expansion and plans to meet net zero targets.

Here in Pakistan, something has happened that others have experienced too, but they found innovative solutions rather than trying to suppress the growth of rooftop solar. Pakistan had targeted 1,920MW of rooftop solar capacity by the year 2025, according to its latest Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan. In reality, we crossed that threshold in 2023, if not sooner. Now they want to apply the brakes, because, according to the power bureaucracy, this rapid growth in rooftop solar is creating costs that have to be passed on to poorer segments of the population, who don't have the luxury (yet) to go the rooftop solar route because they have single-phase meters and the technology does not yet work with that. Additionally, they have very limited rooftop space they can use for the purpose.

The big problem in Pakistan's power bureaucracy now is that the state insists on setting the price of electricity manually, using outmoded formulas. In large-scale thermal power plants, for example, they still use what is called 'cost plus' pricing, where the regulator actually looks at each cost item in the prospective power plant and decides what their total costs are and how much margin they should be allowed. This is partly because nobody is willing to invest in Pakistan on a large scale if their returns are not guaranteed. And the big reason for that is the government of Pakistan has a lousy reputation when it comes to delivering on its commitments.

> Power bureaucracies need to adapt to, facilitate and spur on the solar revolution.

Meanwhile, the way in which electricity is produced has evolved and changed rapidly from the time this 'cost plus' pricing formula was developed. Back then, we had a few large-scale power plants supply electricity to a single buyer — the government — which transmitted this power to various distribution companies, all state owned, who then sold it on to a list of metered customers.

The solar revolution has changed all that. Now we have what is called 'distributed generation' or 'point of sale consumption', where electricity is produced in a large and growing number of locations, and often consumed then and there. Along with this shift has come a new category of consumers and producers of electricity, called 'prosumers' — people who produce and consume electricity themselves. The old pricing formulas are not going to work in a world of prosumers.

Here is what seems to be going wrong in the power bureaucracy with this move to bring down net metering rates, and perhaps switch to what they call 'gross metering' for all categories, although it seems the details are still being worked out. What's wrong with all this is that it aims to protect the bureaucracy from the disruptive impact of a new technology that is spreading rapidly around the world, and changing how power sectors are organised.

Imagine, in the early 2000s, if the bureaucracy had moved to protect the Pakistan Telecommunication Corporation from the disruptive impact of mobile phones. Imagine if they made the argument that this new technology was being used by elites, who were opting out of the PTC system, leaving the rest to carry the costs of the state-owned telecom infrastructure. Imagine if the state gave in to their arguments, and moved to heavily tax handsets and talk time and priced the new technology out of the market. Where would we be today?

Something similar, perhaps not identical, is happening today with solar and other renewable power generation technology. Power bureaucracies need to adapt to, facilitate and spur on this revolution and increase the speed of its adoption. The key change begins with pricing and then the 'single buyer model', allowing power generators to sell to their customers directly instead of through the state. Instead, they seem more concerned with protecting the financial health of their bureaucracy in the face of this revolution. ■

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BY F.S. AIJAZUDDIN

Unwelcome returns

WITH the prescience that philosophers share with out-of-office politicians, a hundred years ago, a leading Indian scholar analysed the combustible demography of India. In 1923, Dr Radhakrishnan wrote in his two-volume survey of *Indian Philosophy*: "India even today is mainly Hindu." [Describing the Epic Period, which spanned roughly 600 BC to 200 AD, he wrote: "The fortunes of the Hindus [however] became more and more linked with those of the non-Hindus." Amongst these, he included Buddhists, Jains, Saivites and Vaishnavites — the sons of India's soil. Muslims, of course, had yet to come.

It is a lengthy tome to read, and even more difficult to digest. I chewed on it as a student in the 1960s, but gave up before reaching the end of the second volume. I returned to it recently to seek answers to the Hindu-Muslim experiments at religious coexistence since the arrival of Muslims in the subcontinent, and especially since PM Narendra Modi's determination to expel them.

India's traditional hospitality is proverbial, but it does not extend to religious strangers. Over the centuries, Buddhists have quit India for gentler climes. Today, Buddhism has over 520 million followers, of whom only 8m are left in India (Lord Buddha's birthplace) to follow in his footsteps.

Almost contemporary to Buddhism is Jainism, also founded in India and perfected by the 24th tirthankara, Lord Mahavira (circa 600 BC). Equally pacific and non-confrontational, unlike Buddhism, Jainism has survived in India. There are between 4m to 5m still living there. A growing number are to be found today in Canada, Europe, and the US, where the practice of pious self-abnegation would appear to be at odds with cross-motorialism.

In PM Modi's eyes, the problem in India is not a majority of Hindus, but a fertile surfeit of 200m Muslims (now 15 per cent of its population). Modi's predicament is not a question of putting a genie back into the bottle. His conundrum is how to remove the green genie from the saffron bottle.

Under PM Nehru, Muslims in India rarely felt that they had to choose between their country and their religion. Under his daughter, PM Indira Gandhi, a test of writs for Indian Muslims came in 1971, when, after her victory in East Pakistan, she is said to have commented: "A thousand years of subjugation have been avenged."

Incidentally, all of the rulers of the Mughal dynasty (whom PM Modi regards with anathema) — except for its founder Babar and his son Humayun — from Akbar to Bahadur Shah Zafar, were born in India. They saw themselves as Indians by birth. Today, they are furnished as Muslim foreigners.

During the recent elections in Bangladesh, which brought Sheikh Hasina Wajed back to power, India did not figure as a material issue. Neither in Pakistan, where Nawaz Sharif's earlier bonhomie with PM Modi did not affect the return of his PML-N to power.

In India, though, PM Modi's recent speeches during his election campaign could have been dismissed as hustings hype, were it not for their implications for Muslims within India, and for Pakistan and, by extension, other neighbouring countries.

On home ground in Gujarat, Mr Modi addressed four different rallies where he accused the Congress party as harbouring a "dangerous mentality", its manifesto being in the "language of the Muslim League". In 2017, he had accused former PM Manmohan Singh of "holding a secret meeting with Pakistani diplomats to conspire against him".

Now his theme is that Pakistan's political leaders "are praying for a Congress victory. Pakistan is now eager to make the prince of the Congress the prime minister of India".

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To an audience in Junagadh, he added: "If Sardar Patel was not present [in 1948], Junagadh would have gone to Pakistan. The Congress will create a dangerous situation for the country if it comes to power. They may give away the Kutch desert claiming no one lives there."

On June 4, everyone in the subcontinent will know who will rule India for the next five years. Mr Modi knows it will be him. The Sharifs in Pakistan hope so too. They should anticipate, however, that Mr Modi as an emboldened three-time prime minister may taunt Pakistan by testing the fragile frontier between occupied Kashmir (India's new 'union state') and Pakistan's travelling counterpart Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

He may also decide to withdraw from the Indus Waters Treaty, which covers the rivers flowing from the upper riparian, to leave Pakistan frothing at the mouth, knowing that an embolded World Bank would prefer not to arbitrate.

Over the next five years, PM Modi could pressurise Indian Muslims to crowd Pakistan's eastern borders in Punjab and Sindh as refugees. It happened in 1971, when up to 10m refugees from East Pakistan crossed into India. PM Modi may be tempted to return the compliment. ■

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BY RASHID AMJAD

Grapes of wrath

HOW I would like to live in the dream world of the neoliberal economist, in which markets are left to determine the exchange rate, where prices of wheat are left to market forces, where consumers are indifferent to eating imported or domestically produced wheat, and inputs like fertilisers are freely available at market prices, free of the monopolies and hoarding that artificially raise prices.

The thoughts of a small farmer?

But the harsh world that confronts us in the Punjab countryside today is very different. For the poor small farmers, who form the vast majority of the province's nearly 5.5 million rural households with holdings of 12 acres or less, or for small tenant farmers, it is becoming clearer by the day that the government has no intention of purchasing wheat at the announced support price of Rs3,900 per 40 kilograms.

For the poor farmer, hope is all but lost as inclement weather brings rain and thunderstorms, and his wife curses him for not having sold his harvest (which now lies in the open) at Rs2,700 — the going market price, which is even less than the current world price. But at this rate, he would make a big loss, he pleads. Yet no one is there to listen.

Unbeknownst to the farmer, who was banking in the hope that his bumper crop would finally yield good returns and a livable income, plans were afoot to undercut the price announced by the government before the harvest. Knowing full well that a bumper crop was expected, the interim government still allowed the import of nearly 3m tonnes of wheat, costing the country over a billion dollars in precious foreign exchange at world prices that were one-third lower than the announced price. Rather than face the problem, the new government that took office in late February decided to ignore it. The ECC produced a half-baked plan in which the Punjab government deliberately played no part.

In contrast to the simple, idealistic world of the neoliberal, there is a large body of literature tracing the history of how wheat prices should be determined by the government. The resulting system had serious mismanagement and corruption flaws as well as an unaffordable government subsidy. But on one point it was very clear: the farmer cannot be left to the mercy of the market and middlemen, who will fleece him in the process. If we let wheat prices be dictated by global market prices, as postulated by neoliberals, such a policy would need to be carefully thought through, especially keeping in mind the wide price fluctuations, in the context of both food security and protecting small farmers from steep price declines.

This is the crux of the matter. Last year, the world price of wheat, given the market-determined exchange rate, was higher than that announced by the government. In the Ishaq Dar years, at a highly overvalued exchange rate, the world wheat price was lower. So, before we postulate that domestic wheat prices should follow world prices, we must establish if the exchange rate at which this is determined reflects its real price.

Indeed, ever since the 1950s, the Pakistani farmer has paid a huge tribute to finance growth of the economy, especially industry, because agricultural prices have been kept low through overvalued exchange rates and high protection to industry to foster its growth, which changed the terms of trade against agriculture and in favour of an inefficient, uncompetitive industrial sector. And we want to continue this practice?

Now, having acted thoughtlessly to allow prices to be determined by market forces and allowing large imports at world prices, what options does the government have to overcome the current wheat crisis?

> For the poor farmer, hope is all but lost.

First and foremost, to provide some relief to farmers who are still holding on to their harvested wheat, the government should start procuring, on a war footing, at least 3.5m tonnes of wheat at Rs3,900 — the price to which it has committed — and quickly rent space to store the crop.

Second, the State Bank must urgently come up with a plan for financial support from commercial banks to advance loans to small farmers at lower than market interest rates, so that they can purchase the necessary inputs to prepare and plant their next crop.

Third and most importantly, the government must set in motion a well-thought-out plan for ensuring a better and more efficient system of wheat procurement. Such a plan should ensure food security and a fair return to farmers, while gradually reducing the role of and cost to the government in fixing minimum support prices, replacing this with a role it can afford to maintain.

For now, let the government make amends for its procrastination and bring some relief to anxious farmers. ■

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FROM THE PAST PAGES OF DAWN

1974 | Fifty years ago

NAP-Govt talks

PESHAWAR: Former NWFP Governor Arbab Sikandar Khan Khalil confirmed this morning [May 8] that informal political talks were going on between the Balochistan NAP and the Government. He told newsmen in the Assembly Chamber that the Balochistan NAP had been in constant touch with the frontier NAP and its Central body in this connection. ... Asked whether the present talks were on formation of a PPP-NAP coalition government in Balochistan, Arbab Sikandar ... said: "We will have full details of the outcome shortly when a representative of Balochistan NAP comes to Peshawar." — Correspondent

[Meanwhile, as reported by our commercial reporter,] although the stock market remained open yesterday [May 8] no transaction was reported to have materialised as operators decided to ... do no business. Their 'sit-down strike' was said to be in protest against conditions in the stock market where values have been steadily falling and no steps were being taken to remedy the situation. Meanwhile, the Board of Directors of Karachi Stock Exchange has denied that its members and directors have decided to boycott trading from May 8, 1974... .

1949 | Seventy-five years ago

'Israel's' membership

LAKE SUCCESS: Chaudhri Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan chief delegate, today [May 7] urged that "Israel's" admission to the United Nations be postponed until she had shown her willingness to abide by the United Nations Charter. Speaking ... in the ad hoc Political Committee, Chaudhri Zafrullah said "Israel" must do three things as proof of this willingness. (1) Agree to cooperate in setting up an international regime in Jerusalem. (2) Allow Arab refugees who wish to do so to return to their land. (3) Restore to the Arabs those territories which are beyond the boundaries of the Assembly resolution.

"The setting up of the state of 'Israel' has set in motion a far reaching cultural and spiritual conflict, the magnitude of whose consequences it is not possible to assess at this stage," Chaudhri Zafrullah said.

... "The United Nations would be deceiving itself and ... both Christendom and the Muslim world, if it were to shut its eyes to the designs of 'Israel'." ... The Chinese delegate ... said that although the United Nations should insist on punishment of the murderers of Count Bernadotte, there was no justification for excluding "Israel" ... until this was done. — News agencies

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cement industry should wake up

PAKISTAN'S cement industry, supported by abundant indigenous raw material, comprises 26 plants with a collective annual installed capacity of 83.58 million tonnes. However, despite this capacity, actual cement sales across the country witnessed consistent month-on-month decline throughout the 2022-23 fiscal, mainly due to reduced domestic demand.

Furthermore, total cement sales for 2022-23 amounted to 44.58 million tonnes, marking a 15.71 per cent year-on-year decline. This trend has persisted, with only a brief respite in the first nine months of the current fiscal year, up to March 2024, during which total cement sales reached 34.5 million tonnes compared to 31.6 million tonnes in the same period of the preceding year, representing a nominal 2.7pc growth. Besides, total sales saw a 3.8pc decrease in domestic sales during the said period, while exports surged by 68pc, nearly doubling compared to the corresponding period in 2022-23.

With continuing sluggish domestic sales, the industry has shifted focus towards boosting exports and exploring new markets. Despite global challenges, Pakistani cement exports surged from 2.152 million tonnes in 2021-22 to 4.566 million tonnes in 2022-23, maintaining approximately 10pc of the total sales. Pakistan earned $323 million in 2022-23 from cement exports compared to $165.7 million in 2021-22, leveraging the devaluation of the Pakistani rupee against the dollar.

While Japan, Vietnam and China lead globally in cement as well as clinker exports, Pakistan has historically been an inconsistent exporter due to various factors. On the flip side, cement exports represent a nominal share of Pakistan's total commodity exports, accounting for 0.538pc in 2021-22 and 0.919pc in 2022-23. Major export destinations in 2022-23 included Sri Lanka ($104 million), Afghanistan ($71 million), Bangladesh ($56 million), Madagascar ($36 million), and other countries, such as Qatar, South Africa, Mozambique, Togo, and Cameroon (cumulative exports $56 million).

In the past, Pakistan has exported rather significant volumes of cement, with exports exceeding $570 million in 2012, $536 million in 2013, and $517 million in 2014. However, exports declined to $345 million in 2015 and went down to $270 million in 2021. Gradually, Pakistan lost some markets to cheaper sources of supply from Iran, India and China. Bangladesh revitalised its cement industry, and has recently entered the export market.

It is imperative for the industry to regain momentum in international markets. Recent developments include receiving orders for the first-ever Pakistani cement shipment to the United Kingdom, securing a substantial order from the United States, and exploring markets in Mexico, France and Germany, indicating promising prospects.

Over the last more than a decade, the total installed capacity of the industry has surged from 47 million tonnes in 2010 to the current 83 million tonnes per year. This capacity has to be optimised.

Hussain Ahmad Siddiqui
Islamabad

The inside rot

THE Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) has been increasing the cost of electricity almost on a monthly basis now, citing increased line losses and generation cost as the main reasons. The latest bogeyman touted by Wapda is the

use of solar panels by end users. However, Wapda has consistently ignored the biggest contributor of losses in the system; the procurement department of all distribution companies (Discos).

The whole procurement process actually is nothing but a nexus with a number of manufacturers, suppliers and agents, which is haemorrhaging state resources at an alarming rate.

The losses incurred by the corruption and collusion of Discos far outstrip the losses incurred due to theft. Yes, you have read this right. To shield these losses from the public and those in power, a mechanism and chain of command is in place to keep all prying eyes out and away.

Consider the case of electrical cable and wire rope manufacturers. Wapda has implemented a rule stipulating that these items must be exclusively sourced from local 'approved' manufacturers, effectively granting a green light to a cartel that goals orders from Discos, and fixes prices with 'mutual consent'.

The costs of these cables, as procured by Discos, surpass those of equivalent imports from China, and in some cases even in comparison with imports from Germany. The cable manufacturers, on the other hand, keep officials of Discos happy to keep the racket going.

Procurement losses attributed to these cable manufacturers dwarf line losses by a conservative factor of 1.8x. A cursory examination of procurements by Discos over the last five, perhaps even 10 years, comparing the costs from 'approved' local suppliers against those available in the open market or from international manufacturers would unveil the staggering scope of corruption.

Wapda officials should stop conjuring up a new bogeyman every now and then. Instead, they need to focus towards.

Name withheld on request
Karachi

Money transfers

USING online banking channels has become necessary, if not inevitable, for various payments and money transfers. However, most people take into account the hidden charges or bank fee related to it. The cost and challenges associated with traditional banking channels and mobile wallets are often disquieting. Besides, people have also faced a variety of problems in their interbank transfers. All such elements work as impediments in the growth of online banking in the country.

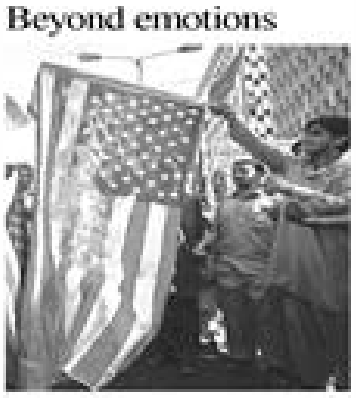
I had never used the Raast platform that was introduced by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) a while ago. It was only recently that I had the occasion to use it, and found it to be an efficient mode of online transfers. It was instant, reliable and absolutely free of any charges. As I later came to know, the platform is available for mobilephone applications, internet banking and over the counter services.

Impressed by the facility, I find it crucial to raise awareness about Raast so that the people may take due benefit. All commercial banks allow customers to create a Raast identity (ID) by linking their preferred International Bank Account Number (IBAN) with their registered cellphone number. Once that has been created, it allows others to make money transfers by only using the cellphone number, taking away the need to remember account details and codes. Transfers can also be made even if the sender does not have a Raast ID.

On the basis of my own journey from ignorance to experience, I believe it is the general lack of awareness that is keeping the general public away from this facility. SBP should be proactive in this regard.

Anam Rasool
Multan

Beyond emotions



NOT many would disagree with the assertion that Muslims around the world happen to be more emotional than practical. Beyond giving expressions to our emotions, we hardly do anything to make things change on the ground. We take out rallies, but lose momentum right afterwards. Burning flags and effigies represents the height of expression. We need to get rid of this mindset, and to adopt a more rational approach.

The countries in the Muslim world that have the resources at their disposal have been developing strategic and economic ties with Israel, losing sight of the larger umbrella of ideological interests. Why do the Muslims not take out protest rallies against their own rulers for being silent on the critical issue? Indeed, why do we continue to see lengthy queues and waiting times for visas to Western destinations? But, more critically, why can we not see the contradictions within our set of practices?

We can be a force to reckon with only when we focus on a rational approach towards our future, improving ourselves both academically and scientifically.

Ibrar ul Haq
Rajanpur

▶ **THE MAIN CULPRIT:** Many argue that political unrest is the main reason behind the country's decline in fortunes. Although these arguments contain some elements of truth, one cannot underminie the importance of literacy in taking care of the underdemocratic norms in society. In fact, illiterate people often make their decisions on the basis of ethnic as well as linguistic preferences rather than, say, ideological principles. Besides, they are also unable to hold their leaders accountable. Eventually, all this results in the spread of social evils, like corruption. As such, illiteracy is the major reason behind political instability as well as economic downturn.
Maria Zulfiqar Awan
Islamabad

▶ **LIBRARY TIMING:** Libraries not only promote learning, but also ensure bright future of a nation. However, the staff of the Punjab Public Library, Lahore, appears least interested either in uplifting library standards or in facilitating the visitors. As such, the library staff has unilaterally set a new timing of the library from 8am to 8pm, which is not enough for the students to achieve their study targets. In the past, during the caretaker setup, the library timing had been revised from 8am to 1am, but that order is being flouted. The authorities should direct the library administration to facilitate the visitors.
Moula Bakhsh Tareen
Jhal Magsi

▶ **TELEVISION DRAMAS:** Television dramas aired in the past used to be penned and produced by writers and directors who wanted to create content that mattered and was worth watching. They entertained as well as educated the viewers at the same time. Now the question is do the present-day dramas even claim to be anywhere close to their predecessors? Sadly, the answer is in the negative. Today's dramas present violence and gun culture, while promoting nothing good. They spread negativity in the minds of the young viewers. The authorities concerned must devise a policy in this regard.
Mumtaz Khan
Karachi

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Two brothers killed over land dispute in Swabi

By Our Correspondent

SWABI: Two brothers were killed over a land dispute in a Topi village here on Wednesday, Rescue 1122 and police officials said.

A rescue official said a team provided first aid to two men seriously injured and shifted them to the Tehsil Headquarters Hospital, Topi, where they succumbed to injuries.

The deceased were identified as Tayyab Khan, 40, and Jahanzeb Khan, 35.

Sultan Zeb registered an FIR with the police, stating his brothers were trying to stop some labourers from harvesting wheat crop on a disputed land when Sherinzada, Gulzada and Goharzada, who were also present there, opened fire at his brothers, injuring them critically. Later, they died in hospital.

Meanwhile, the police arrested a man, who had allegedly killed his wife in Jalbai village of Chota Lahor, according to a press release issued by the police.

Mohammad Nabi had gone into hiding after the incident, but the police traced him.

DSP Chota Lahor Fazal Sher Khan said a team traced the accused in a far-flung area and arrested him during a raid. Also in the day, a Peshawar Electric Supply Company official was injured when owner of a house attacked him for removing illegal connection in Yar Hussain village on Wednesday, Pesco officials said.

They said the injured, Khizar Hayat, was shifted to Bacha Khan Medical Complex, Shalmansoor.

The Yar Hussain police registered an FIR against the accused, Shahid Khan.

Rickshaws banned from GT Road in Peshawar

Admin also decides to seize old buses, wagons plying along BRT corridor

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The district administration has banned rickshaws from the Pir Zakori Bridge-Surey Pul stretch of the Grand Trunk Road here from today (Thursday), insisting the move will ease traffic congestion on the major main thoroughfare in the capital city.

The decision about the ban was made in a meeting chaired by the commissioner of Peshawar division, Riaz Khan Mahsud, according to an official statement.

The meeting called to discuss traffic issues in the provincial capital was attended by deputy commissioner Afaq Wazir, SSP (traffic) Saud Khan, officials of the Regional Transport Authority and excise department, and representatives of transporter unions.

It also decided that the old buses and wagons plying the roads along the Peshawar Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor would be impounded and scrapped, while their drivers would be arrested.

The participants also agreed about the seizure of rickshaws that are registered in other districts but operate in the provincial capital.

They also directed authorities to crack down on the rickshaws whose drivers have photocopied permits and registration papers, while the sealing of rickshaw factories was also ordered.

The meeting decided to ban rickshaw supply from Punjab and order the arrest of suppliers and confiscation of those tri-wheelers.

It said the district administration would launch a 20-day crackdown on illegal rickshaws, buses, and wagons from Thursday (today).

Under the plans, pressure horns, flashlights, tinted glasses, illegal registration plates, and musical instruments will be removed from vehicles before being destroyed, while legal action will be taken against drivers under the age of 21.

The meeting also decided to impound and scrap the buses, wagons, and rickshaws illegally operating in the provincial capital.

It chalked out a strategy to do away with illegal transport vehicles from the provincial capital and took the representatives of transporter unions into confidence about it.

Officials said as the crackdown would continue until May 29, special teams of the police, district administration, and transport and excise departments were formed for its success.

Peshawar SSP (traffic) Saud Khan told *Dawn* that the traffic police had presented the traffic management plan for Peshawar to the district administration for approval and implementation.

He said the traffic police were impounding illegal rickshaws and buses and registering FIRs against their drivers.

"Last month, we [traffic police] registered FIRs against 209 rickshaw drivers and impounded 209 illegal buses and rickshaws," he said.

The SSP said that over 100,000 rickshaws and loaders operated in the provincial capital, but in the case of their seizure, the traffic police lacked spaces to keep such a large number of vehicles.

An official told *Dawn*, requesting anonymity, that the Peshawar BRT project envisioned the scrapping of old buses plying the provincial capital's roads.

He said that under the bus project, authorities scrapped around 600 old and rickety buses after making due payments to their owners in two phases.

The official, however, said that transporters later brought in buses from the Punjab province and demanded a phase-out of old buses, but the demand was turned down by authorities.

PHC asks Afghan artists' counsel to examine deportation pleas pending with SC

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court on Wednesday adjourned the hearing into the petitions of several Afghan artistes and transgender persons for stopping the federal government from deporting them, insisting they'll be persecuted in the Taliban-ruled Afghanistan.

A bench consisting of Justice Syed Mohammad Attiqur Shah and Justice Syed Arshad Ali directed the counsel for petitioners to examine the pleas filed with the Supreme Court on the matter.

The bench observed that it would be appropriate for the petitioners to file applications with the apex court for checking if the prayers in the pleas before the Supreme Court and the high court were identical.

It was hearing two petitions, including the one filed on behalf of 147 musicians and singers by Hashmatullah Omed, Rafi Hanif and Hameed Shahdai, and the other by Ahmad Anwari alias Hooris and 16 other transgender persons.

Advocate Mumtaz Ahmad appeared for the petitioners and said his clients had challenged the decision of the federal government to forcibly repatriate all unregistered Afghans, including the petitioners.

He said that the high court earlier issued an order stopping the federal government and its law-enforcement agencies from harassing his clients and acting against them until further orders.

The lawyer added that the high court also ordered the clubbing of the two petitions.

The counsel claimed that the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban rendered the lives of the local artists and transgender people "very dangerous and miserable," as the government had announced that it wouldn't allow Afghan artists to perform in the country.

He added that like thousands of other Afghans, his clients fled their country along with their families and took shelter in Pakistan.

The lawyer said that the petitioners and their families were registered by the UN refugee agency, which gave them a token number, and their cases were under process.

A deputy attorney general said that identical petitions had already been filed with the Supreme Court.

When the bench asked Mr Mumtaz whether the same petitioners were parties in the case pending with the apex court, the counsel said that petition was filed by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan for relief for all unregistered Afghan nationals, whereas the two petitions pending with the high court sought relief for artists and transgender persons only.

The bench wondered whether it wouldn't be appropriate for the petitioners to withdraw their pleas and approach the apex court to become parties to the matter pending with it.

The counsel said that he was not sure whether the prayers made in that plea were identical to those in the two petitions. He said that if his clients withdrew the two petitions, then the restraining order of the high court would become ineffective and that there were fears that the petitioners would face harassment and forced repatriation.

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Wheat procurement from local farmers to save govt Rs12bn, claims Gandapur

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur on Wednesday said his government would save Rs12 billion by purchasing wheat from local farmers and the money would be utilised for construction and renovation of wheat storehouses.

He stated said this during a visit to the provincial reserve centre of the food department, where he formally inaugurated the process of wheat procurement for the current season.

Provincial minister for food Zahir Shah Tiru and highups of food department and district administration were also present. Addressing a ceremony on the occasion, Mr Gandapur said 300,000 metric tonnes of wheat would be procured from farmers of the province, out of which 80,000 metric tonnes was being purchased from Dera farmers.

He said total procurement at the rate of Rs3,900 per 40kg would cost Rs29 billion.

"It will be ensured that farmers are provided with their due rights without any hindrance," he said, adding necessary steps had been taken to make the procurement process transparent. He said committees had also been formed at the district level in addition to establishing a control room and introducing an app for the purpose.

Gandapur said: "Not buying wheat from Pakistan Agricultural Storage & Services Corporation Limited would result in a benefit of Rs12 billion, which would be utilised for construction and maintenance of warehouses."

The chief minister made it clear that wheat procurement would be carried out on the basis of first come, first served basis.

He asked the farmers' community to come forward and play their proactive role in implementing the provincial government's policy aimed at ensuring wheat procurement in an efficient and transparent manner.

He made it clear that the provincial government had decided to have zero tolerance policy against corruption and bribery in all the departments, adding all possible steps would be taken to ensure transparency in all government matters, including postings and transfers.—Correspondent

NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF CREDITORS OF THE INSTITUTE OF BANKERS IN PAKISTAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Order dated the May 02, 2024, of the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court, Islamabad passed in Company Original No. 6 of 2024, a meeting of the creditors of The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan ("**IBP**") will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the premises of The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan, IBP Building, M.T. Khan Road, Karachi to consider and if thought fit, approve, adopt and agree to amalgamation of IBP and National Institute of Banking and Finance ("**NIBAF**") into National Institute of Banking and Finance, Pakistan ("**NIBAF, Pakistan**") in the manner provided in the draft Scheme of Arrangement ("**Scheme**") to be sanctioned by the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court under Section 279-282 and 285(8) of the Companies Act, 2017, ("**Act**") pursuant to which the entire undertaking and all assets and liabilities of IBP shall stand transferred by operation of law to NIBAF Pakistan, and IBP shall stand dissolved without winding up.

A copy of the Scheme and the statement under section 281 of the Act explaining the effects of the Scheme are being provided with the notices of the meeting sent to the creditors of IBP. Further copies of the Scheme and the Statement under section 281 of the Act may be obtained from the office of IBP during normal office hours on application prior to the meeting by the creditors.

Mr. Asif Qadir has been appointed as Chairman of the meeting and is to report the results thereof to the Court.

The Scheme will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Sd/-
Kamran Ahmed Hashmi
Company Secretary

The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan
Islamabad
Dated: May 9, 2024

Notes:

1. A Draft of the Resolutions proposed to be considered by the creditors of IBP at the meeting is being attached herewith (**Appendix A**).
2. All creditors of the Company, as of April 23, 2024, are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.
3. A creditor entitled to attend and vote, is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote for it.
4. An instrument of proxy for the meeting (in which you can direct the proxy how you wish him to vote) is being provided with the notice (**Appendix B**). Further, copies of the instrument of proxy may be obtained from the IBP offices at Karachi or Islamabad.
5. A copy of the Scheme and Statement under Section 281 of the Companies Act, 2017 are being sent to creditors along with the notice.

Appendix A:

"RESOLVED that the Scheme of Amalgamation between The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan ("**IBP**"), National Institute of Banking and Finance ("**NIBAF**") and National Institute of Banking and Finance, Pakistan ("**NIBAF, Pakistan**") under Sections 279 to 282 and 285(8) of the Companies Act, 2017, prepared in connection with the amalgamation of IBP and NIBAF into NIBAF Pakistan, considered by this meeting and initialed by the Chairman of this meeting for purpose of identification, be and are hereby approved, accepted and agreed."

Appendix B:

FORM OF PROXY

The Company Secretary
The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan,
Sector H-8/1, Pitras Bukhari Road,
Islamabad.

I/We, _____, being a creditor of The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan, hereby appoint _____ bearing CNIC No. _____, as my/our proxy in my/our absence to act for me/us and vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the meeting of creditors of the said company convened pursuant to the Order dated May 02, 2024 of the Islamabad High Court in Company Original Petition No. 6 of 2024 and to be held at 11:00 a.m. at the premises of the Institute of Bankers in Pakistan, IBP Building, M. T. Khan Road, Karachi for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving, adopting and agreeing to the Scheme of Arrangement among The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan, National Institute of Banking and Finance and National Institute of Banking and Finance, Pakistan, and their respective voting members and referred to in the Notice convening the said meeting.

I/We direct my proxy to vote [in favour of] [against] the resolution approving the Scheme of Arrangement referred to in the Notice convening the said meeting.

As witness my/our hand / seal this _____ day of _____, 2024.

TENDER NOTICE

The Project Director PSDP Projects (159, 160, 164, 165 GP) invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items. **TSE-23240540523Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB.**

Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Bid Security 2%

S.No	Description	E.Cost
1	Supply Installation & Commissioning of Apple Fruit Jam & Juice Plant at Quetta.	140 Million

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** 1 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 100,000,000 in Previous 3 Years. Turnover of at least 80,000,000 PKR in 2 Subsequent Previous Years. Presence in Active Tax Payer List. Sales Tax Certificate. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Deposit at Call 2% of Bid Amount. Affidavit on Completness of Information. **Procedure of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of **Deposit at Call** of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk **Issuance of tender Documents:** Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk **Last Date of bid submission:** Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by **23 May, 2024** @ **12:00 PM** through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at **01:00 PM on EPPS System Address:** DIRECTORATE GENERAL AGRICULTURE EXTENSION RAHI BAGH SARIAB ROAD QUETTA. **Phone no:** 3332465225

Email: gmpdrb@gmail.com

Project Director
PSDP Projects (159, 160, 164, 165) GP) Balochistan, Quetta

AR No.443/8-5-2024

PRE QUALIFICATION

Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. 1. Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. 2. The Procuring Agency for Works invites applications from eligible Applicants for supply of following items.

Sr	TSE No.	Name of Packages
1	TSE-23240540 6473	Construction Of Medical College At Nasirabad (Package -4 College Section Student Hostel)
2	TSE-23240540 6433	Construction Of Medical College At Nasirabad (Package-2 College Section Library + Cafeteria + O.H.W Tank & G.G.W Tank)
3	TSE-23240540 6393	Construction Of Medical College At Nasirabad (Package-1 College Section Administration Block)

3. Eligibility of Applicants: mentioned in the Bidding Documents. 4. Pre-Qualification Documents: The Pre-Qualification documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed **1,000 PKR** in the form of **Green Challan,** (The NIP & Pre-Qualification Document can also be downloaded from www.bppra.org.pk) **5. Issuance of Pre-Qualification Documents:** From the date of publication of NIP to **23 May, 2024 01:00 PM** during office hours on working days **6. Last Date of Application submission:** The Pre-Qualification must be submitted latest by **23 May, 2024 @ 01:00 PM** at the office of the undersigned **7. Pre-Qualification Opening:** All Pre-Qualification will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at **01:00 PM 8. Address: PROJECT DIRECTOR AT OFFICE AT DERA MURAD JAMALI 9.** The Pre-Qualification Documents can be downloaded from E-Submission BPPRA Website **(www.bppra.gob.pk). 10. Tender Documents:** The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk **11. Last Date of bid submission:** Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by **23 May, 2024** through supplier dashboard. **12. Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at **02:00 PM on EPPS System**

PROJECT DIRECTOR
MEDICAL COLLEGE NASEERABAD

AR No.445/8-5-2024

PRE QUALIFICATION

Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. 1. Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. 2. The Procuring Agency for Works invites applications from eligible Applicants for supply of following items.

Sr	TSE No.	Name of Packages
1	TSE-23240540 6523	Construction Of Medical College At Nasirabad (Package -6 Hospital Section Central Laboratory)
2	TSE-23240540 6513	Construction Of Medical College At Nasirabad (Package -5 Hospital Section Administration Block Library And Other Offices)
3	TSE-23240540 6493	Construction Of Medical College At Nasirabad (Package -3 College Section Academic Block)

1. Eligibility of Applicants: mentioned in the Bidding Documents. 2. Pre-Qualification Documents: The Pre-Qualification documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed **1,000 PKR** in the form of **Green Challan,** (The NIP & Pre-Qualification Document can also be downloaded from www.bppra.org.pk) **3. Issuance of Pre-Qualification Documents:** From the date of publication of NIP to **23 May, 2024 01:00 PM** during office hours on working days **4. Last Date of Application submission:** The Pre-Qualification must be submitted latest by **23 May, 2024 @ 01:00 PM** at the office of the undersigned **5. Pre-Qualification Opening:** All Pre-Qualification will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at **01:00 PM 6. Address: PROJECT DIRECTOR AT OFFICE AT DERA MURAD JAMALI 7.** The Pre-Qualification Documents can be downloaded from E-Submission BPPRA Website **(www.bppra.gob.pk). 8. Tender Documents:** The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk **9. Last Date of bid submission:** Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by **23 May, 2024** through supplier dashboard. **10. Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at **02:00 PM on EPPS System**

PROJECT DIRECTOR
MEDICAL COLLEGE NASEERABAD

AR No.447/8-5-2024

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

COMPANY OVERVIEW

A newly established clean energy company seeks to appoint experienced individuals to lead the company and work closely with leadership.

MANAGER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - COMMERCIAL

The position of Manager Business Development- Commercial will report to Head of Business Development and will be responsible for commercial expansion plans. This role involves identifying, developing, and nurturing relationships with commercial partners, clients, and stakeholders to drive business growth and revenue for the Company.

Key Responsibilities

- Identifying and engaging potential clients, building the sales pipeline and forecasting and reporting revenue growth.
- Responsible for developing commercially viable solutions for the Company, clients and all other stakeholders.
- Delivering intro sales pitches to new clients, developing client-specific proposals, contract and pricing negotiation. Winning renewals and upsells with account management team
- Collaborate with the relevant departments to develop effective sales collateral, campaigns, and promotional materials to support sales efforts.
- Manage entire Customer relationship management cycle including but not limited to commercial terms and agreements and commercial negotiations with stakeholders.
- Prepare and present budget proposals, sales reports, forecasts, and performance metrics to the supervisor providing insights and recommendations for improvements.
- Stay informed of the technical, market, and regulatory developments in the renewable energy / Wind industry and communicate key trends, risks, and potential impacts to respective stakeholders and cover the risk mitigation action in relevant contract documents.

Education

- Minimum 16 years of education preferably masters from a renowned HEC recognized university or institution/equivalent foreign degree holder preferably in Business Administration, Engineering, Marketing or any related field.

Experience

- Minimum 6-7 years of professional experience preferably in a large national/multinational organization with at least 2-5 years of related functional experience in a similar role at an equivalent position or in one level below position.

Requirements

- The ideal candidate will have a strong background in commercial business development, a deep understanding of the renewable energy industry, and a proven track record of successfully closing deals.
- Strong knowledge of renewable products, systems, and industry trends.
- A resourceful self-starter with excellent organizational and time management skills
- Excellent leadership and team management skills.
- Exceptional communication, negotiation, and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to build and maintain strong customer relationships.
- Results-oriented with a track record of meeting or exceeding sales targets.
- Proficient in using CRM software and MS Office Suite.

Age

- The candidate should be preferably not more than 35years of age as of last date of submission of application.

MANAGER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - TECHNICAL

The position of Manager - Business Development - Technical will report to Head of Business Development and will be responsible for providing technical expertise to clients and working closely with sales and engineering teams to develop and deliver customized solutions that meet clients' needs.

Key Responsibilities

- Assist Head of Business Development in developing and implementing technical design of renewable solutions based on customer requirement(s).
- Build and maintain strong relationships with key clients, stakeholders, and industry partners, fostering partnerships and driving customer loyalty.
- Collaborate with the designated stakeholders for technical negotiations and related matters.
- Stay up-to-date with industry trends, market intelligence, new developments, and competitor activities to identify new business/sales opportunities and maintain a competitive edge.
- Preparation and onward submission of technical terms and conditions, verification & sign-off.
- Prepare and present technical budget proposals, technical reports, metrics to the supervisor providing insights and recommendations for improvements.
- Responsible for the development of technical specifications of the system components.
- Stay informed of the technical, market, and regulatory developments/ new trends in the renewable sector and communicate key trends, risks, and potential impacts to respective stakeholders and cover the risk mitigation action in relevant contract documents.

Education

- Minimum 16 years of education preferably masters from a renowned HEC recognized university or institution/equivalent foreign degree holder preferably in Engineering, General Management or a related field.

Experience

- Minimum 6-7 years of professional experience preferably in a large national/multinational organization with at least 2-5 years of related functional experience in a similar role at an equivalent position or in one level below position.

Requirements

- Hands on experience in preparing technical proposals and design of renewable solutions.
- Should be abreast with emerging trends and technologies in the renewable sector.
- Candidates with proficiency in any of the software i.e. PVsyst, Heliodscope, PVSol, AutoCad, Homer Energy, SketchUp/Skelion, etc will be preferred.
- A resourceful self-starter with excellent organizational and time management skills
- Excellent leadership and team management skills.
- Ability to build and maintain strong customer relationships.
- Results-oriented with a track record of meeting or exceeding sales targets.
- Proficient in using CRM software and MS Office Suite.
- Knowledge of related NEPRA regulations is a must.
- Knowledge of National Electrical Code/ NFPA 70 will be preferred.
- Active Certified Energy Manager or Certified Energy Auditor Certification is a plus.

Age

- The candidate should be preferably not more than 35 years of age as of last date of submission of application.

HEAD - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The position of Head of Business Development will report to Chief Operating Officer and will be responsible for driving sales and business development activities of the renewable Company.

The successful candidate will be accountable for the entire sales process, from creating demand through originating solutions sales and closing profitable opportunities for the Company.

Key Responsibilities

- Responsible for generating sales opportunities, preparing tenders and negotiating contracts including onshore and offshore wind, solar and battery storage projects and other renewables.
- Responsible for building the projects pipeline for the Company through extensive business development activities.
- Responsible for ensuring financial viability of all the new, ongoing and future projects to create a win-win situation for both the Company and the client.
- Define project scope, budget estimation, execution strategies, deliverable that support business goals in collaboration with stakeholders and management.
- Refine strategies for the development of energy projects in Solar, Onshore and Offshore Wind, Battery Energy Storage and other renewables.
- Establish relationships with potential project partners like potential customers, OEMs, EPC contractors, government and regulatory parties.
- Responsible for proposals delivery, requirements documentations and completion of legal documents with project stakeholders.
- Advise on deals structures; develop end to end process to effectively and efficiently close deals.
- Responsible for staying abreast on industry trends, publications and reports that provide in-depth analysis, data, and forecasts for renewable energy sector.
- Create strong market presence and increase awareness of Company's renewables.

Education

- Minimum 16 years of education preferably masters from a renowned HEC recognized university or institution/equivalent foreign degree holder preferably in Business Administration, Engineering, Marketing or a related field.

Experience

- Minimum 6-7 years of professional experience preferably in a large national/multinational organization with at least 2-5 years of related functional experience in a similar role at an equivalent position or in one level below position.

Requirements

- Experience in renewable industry.
- Proven track record of business development experience of sizable projects.
- Excellent decision making skills
- Excellent interpersonal relations and demonstrated ability to work with others effectively in teams.
- High level of critical and logical thinking, analysis, and/or reasoning to identify underlying principles, reasons, or facts.
- Self-motivated and able to work independently and proactively.
- Excellent organizational, strategic, planning and implementing skills.
- Ability to travel as per requirement.

Age

- The candidate should be preferably not more than 40 years of age as of last date of submission of application.

MANAGER – PROCUREMENT

The position of Manager Procurement will report to Head of Project Management and will be responsible for playing a critical role in ensuring the efficient sourcing of materials, equipment, and services for our renewable energy projects.

Key Responsibilities

- Implementation of the procurement strategy for the company's renewable energy projects.
- Responsible for sourcing materials, equipment and services from vendors both locally and internationally, negotiating favourable terms and conditions.
- Experienced in drafting and negotiating contracts projects.
- Build RFI/RFQs online through e-Tendering tool in consultation with project execution and technical team
- Ability to evaluate RFQ responses on a Total Cost of Ownership basis to ensure the selection of the most appropriate suppliers
- Manage vendor relationships and evaluate supplier performance to ensure quality and reliability.
- Oversee procurement processes, from request to purchase, and ensure compliance with company policies and regulations.
- Collaborate with project management and technical teams to identify procurement needs and ensure timely delivery of materials.
- Monitor procurement costs, track budget expenditures, and identify opportunities for cost savings.
- Actively monitor and mitigate supplier risk including financial, capacity, quality, and compliance.

Education

- Minimum 16 years of education preferably masters from a renowned HEC recognized university or institution / equivalent foreign degree holder preferably in Engineering, Management, Business Administration and / or any relevant field.

Experience

- Minimum 6-7 years of professional experience preferably in a large national/multinational organization with at least 2-5 years of related functional experience in a similar role at an equivalent position or in one level below position.

Requirements

- Proficient in procurement software and systems.
- Strong negotiation and contract management skills.
- Exceptional problem-solving and decision-making abilities.
- A deep commitment to sustainability and renewable energy.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.

Age

- The candidate should be preferably not more than 35 years of age as of last date of submission of application.

If you have the required experience and educational qualification to take up the challenging role, you are requested to apply by **May 23, 2024** at **http://jobs.hrs-int.com/**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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TELECOM FOUNDATION
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Telecom Foundation reserves the right in its discretion to accept or reject any or all responses without assigning any reason

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Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited

EXTENSION IN CLOSING DATE
TENDER ENQUIRY NO. Lahore/CPO/01/24

IPPRA Reference No.	[illegible]
Existing Closing Date & Time	11:00 AM on 07-May-2024
Extended Closing Date & Time	11:00 AM on 14-May-2024
Extended Opening Date & Time	11:30 AM on 14-May-2024
All other terms and conditions will remain the same.	

Ministry of IT & Telecom
DIGITAL PAKISTAN

Ignite
National Technology Fund

JOIN THE REVOLUTION

SHAPE PAKISTAN'S STARTUP ECOSYSTEM WITH BRIDGESTART PAKISTAN!

Are you passionate about driving innovation and fostering growth in Pakistan's startup landscape? Ignite National Technology Fund, in collaboration with the Ministry of IT & Telecom, is seeking seasoned professionals to join the expert committee for the prestigious BridgeStart Pakistan program.

ABOUT BRIDGESTART PAKISTAN

BridgeStart Pakistan is a pioneering initiative aimed at catapulting Pakistani startups onto the global stage. By facilitating access to top-tier international incubators and accelerators, we're empowering local entrepreneurs to unleash their potential and make a mark on the global tech scene.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS

We invite applications from individuals with diverse backgrounds and extensive experience in the startup ecosystem. Whether you're a seasoned entrepreneur, investor, academic, corporate leader, policymaker, or mentor, your expertise is invaluable in shaping the future of Pakistan's startup landscape.

HOW TO APPLY

For Roles and Responsibilities of the Expert Committee and Key Criteria for Applicants, please visit **https://ignite.org.pk/expertpanel** and submit application at **bridgestart@ignite.org.pk** by **24 May, 2024.**

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NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EOGM-2024) OF THE INSTITUTE OF BANKERS IN PAKISTAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Order dated the May 02, 2024, of the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court, Islamabad passed in Company Original No. 06 of 2024, the extraordinary general meeting of the members of The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan ("**IBP**") will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the premises of The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan, IBP Building, M.T. Khan Road, Karachi to consider and if thought fit, approve, adopt and agree to amalgamation of the IBP and National Institute of Banking and Finance ("**NIBAF**") into National Institute of Banking and Finance, Pakistan ("**NIBAF, Pakistan**") in the manner provided in the draft Scheme of Arrangement ("**Scheme**") to be sanctioned by the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court, Islamabad under Section 279-282 and 285(8) of the Companies Act, 2017, pursuant to which the entire undertaking and all assets and liabilities of IBP and NIBAF shall stand transferred by operation of law to NIBAF, Pakistan, IBP and NIBAF shall stand dissolved without winding up.

One copy of the Scheme, statement as required under Section 134 (3) of the Companies Act, 2017, setting out in detail the special business to be conducted in the extraordinary general meeting ("**134(3) Statement**") and statement under Section 281 of the Companies Act, 2017, explaining effect of the Scheme ("**281 Statement**") are being provided with this notice of the meeting sent to the members.

Further, copies of the Scheme, 134(3) Statement and 281 Statement may be obtained from the registered office of IBP during normal office hours on application prior to the meeting by the members.

Mr. Jameel Ahmad, Governor, SBP or in his unavailability, Dr. Inayat Hussain, Deputy Governor, SBP has been appointed as Chairman of the meeting and is to report the results thereof to the Court.

The Scheme will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Sd/-
Kamran Ahmed Hashmi
Company Secretary

The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan
Islamabad
Dated: May 9, 2024

NOTES

1. A Draft of the Resolutions proposed to be considered by the members of the Institute at the extraordinary general meeting is attached herewith (Appendix A) as required by Section 140(1) of the Companies Act, 2017.
2. All members are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.
3. A member entitled to attend, and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote for it.
4. An instrument of proxy for the meeting (in which you can direct the proxy how you wish him to vote) is being provided with the notice (Appendix B) sent to members. Further, copies of the instrument of proxy may be obtained from the registered office of The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan.
5. A copy of each of the Scheme, 134(3) Statement and 281 Statement are being sent to all members along with the notice to the members.

Appendix A:

"**RESOLVED THAT** the Scheme of Arrangement between The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan ("**IBP**"), National Institute of Banking and Finance ("**NIBAF**") and National Institute of Banking and Finance, Pakistan ("**NIBAF, Pakistan**") under Sections 279 to 282 and 285(8) of the Companies Act, 2017, prepared in connection with the amalgamation of IBP and NIBAF into NIBAF Pakistan by transferring to and vesting in NIBAF, Pakistan the entire undertaking of IBP and NIBAF against no consideration and the dissolution of IBP and NIBAF without winding up, considered by this meeting and initiated by the Chairman of this meeting for purpose of identification, be and are hereby approved, adopted and agreed.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mr. Riaz Nasarullah Chunara (Chief Executive) and Mr. Kamran Ahmed Hashmi (Company Secretary), be and are hereby authorized, jointly or singly, to submit the Scheme as approved by the voting members, to the Honourable Islamabad High Court at Islamabad and seek sanction of the Honourable High Court of the Scheme to effectuate the amalgamation of IBP into NIBAF Pakistan in accordance with Section 279 - 282 read with Section 285(8) of the Act."

Appendix B:

FORM OF PROXY

The Company Secretary
The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan,
Sector H-8/1, Pitras Bukhari Road,
Islamabad.

I, _____, being a member of THE INSTITUTE OF BANKERS IN PAKISTAN hereby appoint _____ as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EOGM-2024) of the Institute to be held on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the premises of Institute of Bankers in Pakistan, IBP Building, M. T. Khan Road, Karachi and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Signature _____

Important:

1. The proxy form, duly completed and signed, must be received at the Registered Office of The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan, Islamabad, or IBP Karachi office, not less than 48 hours before the time of holding the meeting.
2. A proxy must be a member of the Institute.
3. If a member appoints more than one proxy and more than one instruments of proxy are deposited by a member with the Institute, all such instruments of proxy shall be rendered invalid.

HESCO

HYDERABAD ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

RE-INVITATION TO BID

Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO), a power Distribution Company, its core function is to supply, distribute and sell the power (Electricity) in the area of 13 Districts of Sindh Province, invites sealed bids from the firms, who have valid PEC license (renewed for the year 2023-24), registered with Sindh Sales Tax and Income Tax Departments and who are also on Active Taxpayers List of SRB and Federal Board of Revenue for the following works:-

Tender No.	Name of Work	Bid Security	Dropping Date & Time	Bid Opening Date & Time
Re-Tender 2023-24 XEN/Civil-43	Repair & Maintenance of Boundary Wall including raising, repair & maintenance of shade 1 & 2 in MCPL Workshop Building at CTC HESCO Jamshoro	Rs. 450,000.00	27.05.2024 02:00 PM	27.05.2024 02:30 PM
Re-Tender 2023-24 XEN/Civil-44	Estimate for the Construction and Establishment of Transformer Reclamation Workshop at 132KV Grid Station Mirpurkhas	Rs. 1664800.00	27.05.2024 02:00 PM	27.05.2024 02:30 PM
Re-Tender 2023-24 XEN/Civil-45	Estimate for the Construction and Establishment of Transformer Reclamation Workshop at Shaheed Benazir Abad Nawabshah	Rs. 1726300.00	27.05.2024 02:00 PM	27.05.2024 02:30 PM

Bid Security of BOQ Cost in shape of call deposit in favor of Executive Engineer Civil Works Division HESCO Hyderabad.

Other Conditions

a) Tender / bidding documents could be purchased upto **24.05.2024** during office hours from the office of undersigned at PDC/S.E GSO Office at 132KV Grid Station Colony Gaseinabad Hyderabad. Bid security must be accompanied an application mentioned against each work.

b) Tenders can be purchased from the undersigned's office by the owner or his authorized person having current authority letter with original CNIC. Price of bidding document is **Rs.3000/-** each tender **(non-refundable).**

c) The tender documents will be issued on a written request **along with CDR mentioned** for particular work on original letterhead of the firm, duly attested by **Notary Public** (only one authorized representative can purchase tender for one firm).

d) Unsealed / improper sealed tenders will be rejected straightaway. Rate should be carefully mentioned (in figures & words) in the B.O.Q as well as on tender documents; otherwise the tenders will be rejected.

e) Affidavit in which the bidder undertakes that he is not involved in any litigation, Affidavit in which it should be undertaken that the information provided is true and correct duly attested by **Oath Commissioner**.

f) Affidavit in which it should be undertaken that he has not been blacklisted by any government / autonomous body duly attested by Oath Commissioner.

g) The bidder will show the Original Documents & (submit one set attested copy) at the time of purchase / sale of tender.

h) **10% Performance Guarantee from any scheduled Bank in Pakistan or Bank Guarantee from an Insurance Company having at least AA rating from PACRA/JCR** will be provided by the lowest bidder at the time of letter of acceptance.

i) **The CDRs of those firms who drop their tender in Tender Box will not be returned till the finalization of Bid Evaluation.**

j) **Under rule 33(1) of PPRA Rules 2004, the HESCO Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals at any time prior to acceptance of bid or proposal.**

This advertisement is also available on PPRA website at www.ppra.org.pk and HESCO website at www.hesco.gov.pk

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BANKING AND FINANCE STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Order dated May 02, 2024, of the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court, Islamabad passed in Company Original No. 6 of 2024, the meeting of the creditors of National Institute of Banking and Finance ("**NIBAF**") will be held on Saturday, June 01, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the premises of National Institute of Banking and Finance, Sector H-8/1, Pitras Bukhari Road, Islamabad to consider and if thought fit, approve, adopt and agree to amalgamation of the NIBAF and The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan ("**IBP**") into National Institute of Banking and Finance, Pakistan ("**NIBAF, Pakistan**") in the manner provided in the draft Scheme of Arrangement to be sanctioned by the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court under Section 279-282 and 285(8) of the Companies Act, 2017 pursuant to which the entire undertaking and all assets and liabilities of NIBAF shall stand transferred by operation of law to NIBAF Pakistan, and NIBAF shall stand dissolved without winding up ("**Scheme**").

One copy of the Scheme and the statement under Section 281 of the Companies Act, 2017 explaining effects of the Scheme ("**281 Statement**") are being provided with the notices of the meeting sent to the creditors of NIBAF. Further copies of the Scheme and the Section 281 Statement may be obtained from the registered office of NIBAF in Islamabad, during normal office hours on application prior to the meeting by the creditors.

Mr. Taimoor Aslam Khan has been appointed as the Chairman of the meeting and is to report the results thereof to the Court.

The Scheme will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Sd/-
Razia Sameem Huma
Company Secretary

National Institute of Banking and Finance
Islamabad
Dated: May 9, 2024

NOTES:

1. A Draft of the Resolutions proposed to be considered by the creditors of the Company at the meeting is being attached herewith (**Appendix A**)
2. All creditors of the Company as of April 23, 2024 are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.
3. A creditor entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote for it.
4. An instrument of proxy for the meeting (in which you can direct the proxy how you wish him to vote) is being provided with the notice (**Appendix B**) sent to creditors. Further copies of the instrument of proxy may be obtained from the registered office of NIBAF at Islamabad.
5. A copy of the Scheme and Statement under Section 281 of the Companies Act, 2017, is being sent to creditors along with the notice.

Appendix A

"RESOLVED that the Scheme of Amalgamation between National Institute of Banking and Finance ("**NIBAF**"), The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan ("**IBP**") and National Institute of Banking and Finance, Pakistan ("**NIBAF, Pakistan**") under Sections 279 to 282 and 285(8) of the Companies Act, 2017, prepared in connection with the amalgamation of NIBAF and IBP into NIBAF Pakistan, considered by this meeting and initiated by the Chairman of this meeting for purpose of identification, be and are hereby approved, adopted and agreed."

Appendix B

FORM OF PROXY

The Company Secretary
National Institute of Banking and Finance
Sector H-8/1, Pitras Bukhari Road,
Islamabad.

I/We, _____, being a creditor of National Institute of Banking and Finance, hereby appoint _____ bearing CNIC No. _____ as my/our proxy in my/our absence to act for me/us and vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the meeting of creditors of the said company convened pursuant to the Order dated May 02, 2024 of the Islamabad High Court, Islamabad in Company Original Petition No. 6 of 2024 and to be held on Saturday, June 01, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the premises of National Institute of Banking and Finance, Sector H-8/1, Pitras Bukhari Road, Islamabad for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving, adopting and agreeing to the Scheme of Arrangement among National Institute of Banking and Finance (NIBAF), The Institute of Bankers in Pakistan and National Institute of Banking and Finance, Pakistan (NIBAF Pakistan), and their respective voting members and referred to in the Notice convening the said meeting.

I/We direct my proxy to vote [in favour of] [against] the resolution approving the Scheme of Arrangement referred to in the Notice convening the said meeting.

As witness my/our hand / seal this _____ day of _____ 2024.

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Economic crisis deepens amid political instability

Industrialists, analysts lament govt yet to develop long-term growth strategy

By Shahid Iqbal

KARACHI: Industrialists and analysts express growing concerns as political protests and whose former demonstrations escalate, casting shadows over business activities and economic stability.

The business community, already beset by high inflation and interest rates, feels that political issues overshadow economic priorities.

"A rising tide of unrest and protests against the government has cornered the economy, making it difficult for businesses to operate effectively," one businessman stated anonymously, reflecting the prevalent fear of backlash for speaking out.

Some traders and industrialists note that persistent political disturbances have dashed hopes for stability after visible economic improvements compared to last year.

"There is no sign of stability in the government, which reflects rising vulnerability in the economy," said Aamir Aziz, an exporter.

"Daily remarks from the Supreme Court and high courts on political and corruption issues leave us in limbo, particularly concerning our future strategies," Mr Aziz said. He emphasised the need for a well-defined economic and political roadmap to attract investment.

A Karachi-based head of research noted that trade and industry were not clear about the economy's future, and the present government has yet to develop a long-term growth strategy.

He lamented that economic growth, which must be the government's priority, has been put under the shadow of inflation and interest rates. He said the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has also failed to spur growth or bring down inflation and appears to be overwhelmed by the challenges.

The private sector is working with least participation, which will bring down the growth rate to even lower than two per cent this year. "Despite sovereign default, Sri Lanka recovered within two to three years and the current inflation is 7.5 per cent. This is not a miracle but management," he said.

Some bankers believe that the SBP is managing the exchange rate, and this stability may vanish in one go.

Amid these economic challenges, analysts also noted some positives, such as Saudi investors' interest in major Pakistani assets, which could temporarily bolster the country's external accounts. However, the looming need for $25 billion for debt servicing next fiscal year and a persistent trade deficit threaten to offset these gains.

"The stable exchange rate is not the benchmark for the economy's growth. It is only a sign that the country can pay back the dues and be able to trade with any country," said Atif Ahmed, a currency dealer in the interbank market.

He noted that the current account deficit has significantly decreased, yet the SBP's foreign exchange reserves are largely borrowed, showing no clear policy on managing external and domestic debts.

Six-month deadline extension for upgrade agreements irks refineries

Excessive delays cause about $4bn loss in last four years

By Khalooq Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division has requested the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) to extend the deadline for signing upgrade agreements with five domestic refineries for six months until October this year, but most refiners smell a rat for the delay.

"The government seems to be more focused on attracting foreign investment, which is no doubt important, but it needs to realise that foreign investment flows in only when existing foreign and local investors are listened to," said Adil Khattak, who is chairman of Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) and chief executive officer of Attock Refinery Ltd.

He said the deadline for signing upgrade agreements with the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) was April 22, 2024. Three refineries — Attock Refinery Ltd, National Refinery Ltd and Pakistan Refinery Ltd — gave consent to sign the agreements before the deadline, while two other refineries — Parco and Cnergyico — needed more time.

However, the "Petroleum Division didn't arrange signing with the willing refineries, nor extended the deadline date in time to accommodate Parco's request", he said, adding that ARL, NRL and PRL plan to invest $3bn on their upgradation projects. The total investment will increase to $6bn when Parco and Cnergyico join in.

It may be noted that the refining policy had already taken more than four years to develop, causing the country to lose about $4bn due to these delays.

Interestingly, the Petroleum Division has now moved a summary to the CCoE days after the deadline expires, seeking a six-month extension even for those ready to start working immediately on upgradation to Euro5 fuels.

The Petroleum Division said the Pakistan Oil Refining Policy for Upgradation of Existing/Brownfield Refineries 2023 was approved by the Federal Cabinet in February to upgrade the existing refineries to produce environment-friendly EuroV fuels and decrease the production of furnace oil.

The policy provided an incremental incentive of 2.5pc on HSD (in addition to the current 7.5pc) and 10pc on petrol in the form of deemed duty for seven years to achieve this objective. The incremental incentive has been deposited in an escrow account maintained by Ogra with the respective refinery for meeting up to 27.5pc of the upgrade projects' cost. Ogra is to allow withdrawal of funds from the escrow account by the respective refinery, post financial close of the Upgrade Projects, and against expenditure made for each milestone or the deliverables.

To avail the said incremental incentive, the refineries were required to execute Upgrade Agreements, open an Escrow Account with Ogra and provide $45bn bank guarantee to Ogra within 60 days of notification of the Policy i.e. by April 22, 2024. The policy required the deemed duty to be cut from 7.5 to 5pc for refineries that do not sign the upgrade agreement by the said deadline.

The petroleum division confirmed that "ARL, NRL and PRL have conveyed their readiness to sign the Upgrade Agreement" and requested the Petroleum Division to coordinate the signing ceremony. "However, Parco and Cnergyico Pakistan Limited (CPL), jointly contributing more than 50pc of the country's refining output, have yet to finalise the Upgrade Agreements," the Petroleum Division said.

Interestingly, the Power Division also confirmed in the summary that Parco was in the process of updating its feasibility study, after which its board of directors will decide on the planned upgrade. "The said activities may take 5-6 months."

On the other hand, the Petroleum Division also confirmed that "a settlement agreement between Cnergyico and the Government of Pakistan for payment of (about Rs500m outstanding petroleum levy (payable by Cnergyico) was also being negotiated", which also could not be concluded before April 22 deadline.

"In case of non-signing by the due date, the deemed duty on HSD shall be reduced from 7.5pc to 5pc for Parco and Cnergyico, making the operation of these refineries extremely challenging".

IRSA has curtailed shortfall estimate to 21pc for early kharif season.—File

Kharif crop production prospects improve

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The extended and massive rainy spell in April, higher than usual temperatures and anticipated normal monsoon rainfall have improved kharif crop output prospects.

Taking into consideration the "very promising water situation", the Indus River System Authority (Irsa) on Wednesday decided "to curtail the shortages for the early kharif period till June 10, from the initial 30pc to 21pc for Punjab and Sindh", said a statement issued by the water regulator.

After a meeting presided over by Irsa Chairman Abdul Hameed Menga) and attended by all four members, the regulator said it would "continue with full indented supplies for Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa".

An official told *Dawn* that the temperatures in Skardu — the major catchment area of Tarbela dam — had already risen to 27 degrees centigrade on Wednesday against 17 on the same day last year which meant snow melting to improve river flows earlier than normal. Also, the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has indicated that monsoon rains are expected to be normal this year, although a final forecast will be made by mid-June.

Moreover, better storage in dams than anticipated earlier had also significantly addressed the operational constraints arising out of Tunnel-5 construction activities at Tarbela dam. At present, the water conservation level at Tarbela stands at 1,467 feet, while operational constraints for T5 could emerge at 1426 feet.

While reviewing the water situation from April 1 to 30, 2024, Irsa noted that the actual inflows of 10.35 million acre-feet (MAF) far surpassed the forecasted inflows of 7.03MAF, showing a 47pc increase. The increased river inflows — more concentrated in the Kabul and Jhelum Basins — were due to the exceptional/unusually disturbances that stretched into April 2024, making the rainfall total for the month 84pc above normal.

The recent rains added about 3.6MAF in storages. Accordingly, the storages in Tarbela, Mangla and Chashma reservoirs stood at 4.358MAF on May 8 (Wednesday), i.e. 48pc above the 10-year average.

Therefore, Punjab's approved share of 8.252MAF has now been increased to 9.266MAF. Likewise, Sindh's approved share of 4.934MAF was also increased to 5.548MAF.

Axe falls on another senior taxman

By Mubarak Zeb Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has agreed in principle to suspend another senior taxman, who sought adjournment in a case involving Rs856 million in tax payments, for allegedly demonstrating lack of commitment to resolving tax concerns, *Dawn* has learnt through reliable sources.

They said FBR Chairman Zubair Tiwana forwarded the name of Sahibzada Abdul Mateen, chief commissioner of Medium Taxpayers Office (MTO), Karachi, to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for suspension or removal from his current position.

Mr Mateen will become Inland Revenue Service's (IRS) second senior officer after Yousif Hydar Shaikh, chief commissioner-IR, Large Taxpayers Office, Islamabad, who was suspended with immediate effect for 120 days on April 23 on the same charges of seeking adjournment in a case in the Islamabad High Court.

A senior tax official told *Dawn* that the competent authority in such cases is the prime minister. "As of today, I can confirm that no notification has been issued [about suspension of the officer]," the official said; however, the notification is expected to be issued on Thursday (today).

According to the source in MTO Karachi, the issue relates to a request for an adjournment in a tax case pending before the Sindh High Court. The adjournment did not indicate that the tax was waived or that any commitment was made not to pursue it.

The source said the FBR would issue a notification suspending the officer for 120 days.

The FBR chairman has transferred more than 20 senior tax officers based on an intelligence report that they fiercely challenged their removal from posts. He also removed the IRS tax policy member, who was also an official spokesman for the FBR.

The FBR chairman has yet to appoint a spokesperson, and avoided responding to numerous messages sent to him as well as his IRS member operation for comment on the matter. Mr Tiwana, the IRS member operation and Customs member policy enjoy their current assignments, whereas all other top tax officers have been placed on special duty (OSD).

Based on intelligence information, a drive has been launched to remove senior tax officers from the IRS and Customs departments and make them OSD. However, many officers suspected that a pick-and-choose approach was used throughout the process, as many officers with tainted reputations continue to hold high-level positions in the field because of their connections with those at the helm.

WB reaffirms help for development

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: World Bank Vice President for South Asia Martin Raiser concluded his three-day visit to Pakistan on Wednesday and reaffirmed the bank's readiness to collaborate with Pakistan in its journey of economic transformation aimed at sustainable development.

During his stay, Mr Raiser met with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, members of his government, and key counterparts to discuss Pakistan's development priorities.

The discussions focused on economic and fiscal reforms, human capital development, adaptation to climate change, energy sector reforms, and digitalisation as a foundational enabler and accelerator of development.

"I am pleased to learn about Pakistan's reform plans to boost growth and attract more private investment, leverage digital transformation to improve governance, strengthen climate resilience, and invest in human capital to tackle daunting challenges such as child stunting and learning poverty," said Raiser in a statement issued by World Bank Islamabad office.

On Wednesday, PM Shehbaz witnessed the signing of a joint communique signed by World Bank Country Representative Najy Benhassine and Secretary of Economic Affairs Dr Kazim Niaz.

PM Shehbaz lauded the World Bank's contribution to Pakistan's development and appreciated the bank's support for building climate-resilient infrastructure in the wake of the 2022 floods in Pakistan.

Appreciating Pakistan's aggressive reform agenda, Mr Raiser said the World Bank is ready to collaborate with Pakistan in its journey of economic transformation aimed at sustainable development.

Both sides agreed to engage in a long-term, focused partnership under a new Country Partnership Framework with an annual review mechanism to assess progress and ensure results are achieved.

CDWP clears three projects worth Rs126bn

ISLAMABAD: The Central Development Working Party (CDWP) recommended on Wednesday three projects worth Rs126 billion to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) for approval.

The CDWP meeting was chaired by Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission Muhammad Jahanzeb Khan, said a press release.

Two projects related to transport and communications sector were presented in the meeting.

The first project pertained to upgradation and widening of Jaghai-Skardu Road 164km (second revised) worth Rs33.27 billion referred to Ecnec for further consideration.

The second project was rehabilitation and reconstruction of N-5 from Moro to Ranipur (NSC/SSC) and 32s damaged bridges under ADB Flood Emergency Loan (revised) worth Rs57.245bn referred to Ecnec for further consideration.

A project, namely the Prime Minister's Programme for Elimination of Hepatitis C Infection, worth Rs35.41bn, was referred to Ecnec. —APP

Shell posts Rs314m profit

KARACHI: Shell Pakistan Ltd (SPL) posted a profit after tax (PAT) of Rs314 million during first quarter of 2024 against a loss of Rs4.762 billion in the same period last year.

The mobility business grew its network with five newly commissioned sites and refreshed 13 sites. The business added 13 transformed retail facilities across the network.

ARL's key unit

Attock Refinery Ltd (ARL) said that it has started its main crude distillation unit after some improvement in uplifting of high-speed diesel (HSD).

In a stock filing on Wednesday, ARL said it is closely monitoring the situation with respect to product demand.

Pak-Qatar Takaful's turnover

Pak-Qatar Family Takaful Ltd achieved a turnover of Rs16.30 billion in 2023.

Shareholders Fund posted a net profit after tax of Rs156.30 million (earnings per share at Rs1.20), while the Participants' Takaful Fund (Waqf Fund) generated a surplus before distribution of Rs37.5m. —Staff Reporter

US DOLLAR BUYING Rs276.57 SELLING Rs279.14	EURO BUYING Rs295.19 SELLING Rs297.93
GBP BUYING Rs342.43 SELLING Rs346.43	UAE DIRHAM BUYING Rs75.00 SELLING Rs75.72
KSA RIYAL BUYING Rs73.30 SELLING Rs73.96	GOLD 1 TOLA Rs239,200 10 GMS Rs205,076

Stocks fall for third day on profit-taking

By Muhammad Kashif

KARACHI: The stock market was on a losing streak for the third consecutive day as investors indulged in profit-taking on pre-budget uncertainty.

Ahsan Mehanti of Arif Habib Corporation said the market extended overnight losses on pre-budget uncertainty and reports of falling fertilizer and cement sales.

Urea sales plunged 49 per cent month-on-month to 128,000 tonnes in April, hitting a three-year low. DAP sales also declined 12pc to 92,000 tonnes month-on-month.

Topline Securities Ltd said the index's decline was mainly propelled by Dawood Hercules, Engro Fertilizers, MCB Bank, Lucky Cement, and United Bank Ltd, collectively causing a drop of 210 points. On the other hand, Service Industries Ltd, Fauji Fertilizer Company, and K-Electric balanced it out by adding 97 points.

As a result, the benchmark index hit an intraday high of 73,079.18 and a low of 72,358.19. However, the KSE-100 index closed at 72,601.82 points after losing 159.38 points from the preceding session.

The overall trading volume surged by 56.04pc to 970.32 million shares. The traded value, however, fell 3.83pc to Rs23.53bn on a day-on-day basis.

Stocks contributing significantly to the traded volume included WorldCall Telecom Ltd (407.88m shares), K-Electric Ltd (68.03m shares), Hum TV Network Ltd (56.10m shares), Pak Elektron Ltd (29.96m shares) and Secure Logistics Group Ltd (22.72m shares).

The shares registering the most significant increases in their share prices in absolute terms were Service Industries Ltd (Rs49.60), Highnoon Laboratories Ltd (Rs26.83), Thal Ltd (Rs11.28), Archroma Pakistan Ltd (Rs11.18) and ZIL Ltd (Rs11.00).

The companies registering the major decreases in their share prices in absolute terms were Unilever Pakistan Foods Ltd (Rs552.77), Hallmark Company Ltd (Rs68.00), Nestle Pakistan Ltd (Rs30.00), Honda Pakistan Ltd (Rs26.40) and Hinopak Motors Ltd (Rs22.81).

Foreign investors remained net buyers as they bought shares worth $0.44m.

PAKISTAN STOCK EXCHANGE

THE TOP FIVERS

GAINERS		LOSERS		LEADERS*	
Service Ind	49.60	Unilever Foods	552.77	WorldCall Telecom	407.88
Highnoon Lab	26.83	Hallmark Co	68.00	K-Electric	68.03
Thal Ltd	11.28	Nestle Pakistan	30.00	Hum Network	56.10
Archroma Pak	11.18	Honda Pakistan	26.40	Pak Elektron	29.96
ZIL Ltd	11.00	Hinopak Motors	22.81	Secure Logistics	22.72

(Share volume in rupees) * Volume in millions of traded shares

INDICATORS	Wednesday	Previous	Change
KSE 100-SHARE INDEX (Points)	72,601.82	72,761.20	▼ 159.38
KSE 30-SHARE INDEX (Points)	23,638.63	23,639.12	▼ 99.41
MARKET CAPITAL (Rs billion)	9,804.214	9,850.260	▼ 46.046
TRADING VALUE (Rs billion)	23.534	24.978	▼ 1.444

ACTIVITY	
Total listed	532
Active	388
Gainers	149
Losers	208

PARTICIPANTS	
Foreign	▲ $0.44m
Companies	▲ $1.26m
Banks	▲ $1.67m
Mutual Funds	▼ $1.53m
Individuals	▼ $1.55m

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Combating terrorism is a 'shared interest' with Pakistan: US

By Our Correspondent

WASHINGTON: The United States on Wednesday emphasised its 'shared interest' with Pakistan in addressing the critical threat that terrorism poses to the entire region.

At the State Department's daily news briefing, Spokesperson Matthew Miller also focused on the treatment of Afghan refugees in Pakistan and urged Islamabad not to repatriate them due to the dire situation in Afghanistan.

"We remain committed to working with Pakistan to address the shared threat posed by terrorist groups throughout the region," said Miller, commenting on a recent ISPR statement about the involvement of Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in a series of terrorist attacks in the country.

Pakistan has suffered greatly at the hands of terrorists, and "we regret the loss of life and injuries sustained and offer our heartfelt condolences to those affected by these attacks", he added.

Underlining the need to protect Afghans forced to seek refuge in neighbouring states, he emphasised: "We will continue to encourage Afghanistan's neighbours, including Pakistan, to respect the non-return advisory, given the dire situation in Afghanistan."

Miller refrained from taking a stance on speculations that former prime minister Imran Khan would be released soon, stating: "We do not take position on those matters. Those matters are for the government of Pakistan to decide."

In his briefing on Tuesday, the spokesperson welcomed diplomatic engagement between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, applauding Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman's expected visit to Islamabad later this month.

Asked to comment on the Saudi prince's visit, Matthew Miller said: "Certainly, we always support diplomatic engagement between our partners," adding that he did not have further details about the visit.

BJP deletes *X* post accused of targeting Muslims

NEW DELHI: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party on Wednesday deleted a cartoon video posted on social media platform *X* that was criticised for targeting Muslims during an ongoing national election.

India's election code bans campaigning based on "communal" incitement but the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has frequently invoked the country's main religious divide on the campaign trail.

The video, posted by an official BJP account, featured caricatures of opposition politicians scheming to abolish special affirmative action programmes for marginalised Hindu groups and instead distribute them to Muslims.

The election commission wrote to the platform's Indian office on Tuesday saying the "objectionable" post violated Indian law. On Wednesday the original post had disappeared from the platform, with a notice saying it had been deleted.

A police complaint filed by the opposition Congress party accused the video of promoting "enmity between different religions". Modi, who is widely expected to win a third term in office when the six-week general election concludes next month, has made similar claims to the video in campaign appearances since last month.—AFP

RESCUERS extinguish a fire on a destroyed house following a missile attack near Kyiv, on Wednesday.—AFP

Germany sees spate of attacks on politicians; minister struck on head

BERLIN: German police on Wednesday arrested a 74-year-old man suspected of hitting a former mayor of Berlin in the head, the latest in a rash of assaults against politicians in Germany.

Chancellor Olaf Scholz blasted the attacks against politicians as "outrageous and cowardly", stressing that violence did not belong in a democratic debate.

Franziska Giffey was at a library on Tuesday afternoon when the suspect came up from behind her to hit her in the head and neck with a bag containing hard objects, police said.

Giffey, who is now Berlin state's economy minister and a member of Scholz's Social Democratic Party (SPD), was treated in hospital for light injuries. The detained suspect was previously known to investigators over "state security and hate crimes", said police, adding that they were investigating the motive of the attack.

Prosecutors were also considering if the man should be sent to psychiatric care because of indications that he might be mentally ill.

According to provisional police figures, 2,790 crimes were committed against politicians in Germany in 2023, up from 1,806 the previous year. Nevertheless, that was down from the 2,840 recorded in 2021, when the last general elections were held. Giffey said she was feeling well after the initial scare. But she was "concerned and shaken about a growing 'free will culture' in which people who are engaging politically in our country are increasingly exposed to attacks that are supposedly justified and acceptable.

"We live in a free and democratic country, in which everyone can be free to express his or her opinions," she wrote on X, formerly Twitter. "But there is a clear line — and that is violence against people," she added.

Berlin's current mayor Kai Wegner said anyone who attacked politicians was "attacking our democracy", as he vowed to examine "tougher sentences for attacks against politicians".

Nazi salutes

Politicians, particularly from Scholz's SPD or coalition partner the Greens, have found themselves under increasing attacks in recent months. Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck of the Greens was stopped from disembarking from a ferry by a group of protesters earlier this year.

Another prominent Green politician Katrin Goering-Eckardt was blocked from leaving an event in the state of Brandenburg last week by demonstrators who surrounded her car and started hitting it.

Giffey's assault also came just days after a European member of parliament, likewise from the SPD, had to be hospitalised last week after four people attacked him as he put up EU election posters in the eastern city of Dresden. Matthias Ecke, 41, needed an operation for serious injuries suffered in the attack, which Scholz denounced as a threat to democracy. Four suspects, aged between 17 and 18, were being investigated over the incident.

All four were believed to have links to the far-right group known as "Elbstadtrevolte", according to German media. Dresden has been a hotspot for assaults against politicians, with another case reported on Tuesday. A politician, identified by police only as a 47-year-old from the Green party, was threatened and spat on.—AFP

EU to use profits from frozen Russian assets to arm Ukraine

BRUSSELS: EU member states reached agreement on Wednesday on a plan to use billions of euros in profits from frozen Russian central bank assets to arm Ukraine and fund its post-war reconstruction.

Moscow has made a string of battlefield gains in recent months, pressing its manpower and weapons advantage as Kyiv awaited critical new Western aid more than two years into the conflict.

With Washington finally set to deliver on a long-stalled aid package, Kyiv's other major backer the European Union has also been pushing for months to find more funds. Leaders of the 27-nation bloc agreed in March to move ahead with the assets proposal, expected to unlock some three billion euros ($3.3 billion) a year, leaving diplomats to hammer out the details.

Posting on X, the bloc's Belgian presidency said EU ambassadors had "agreed in principle on measures concerning extraordinary revenues stemming from Russia's immobilised assets".

It said the funds would "serve to support Ukraine's recovery and military defence in the context of the Russian aggression," with a first tranche expected to be freed up in July.

"There could be no stronger symbol and no greater use for that money than to make Ukraine and all of Europe a safer place to live," added EU Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen.

The EU froze around 200 billion euros of Russian central bank assets held in the bloc as part of punishing sanctions imposed on Moscow for sending troops into its neighbour in February 2022.—AFP

World's record-breaking temperature streak extends through April

BRUSSELS: The world witnessed the hottest April on record, adding to an 11-month streak in which every month set a (fresh) temperature record, the European Union's climate change monitoring service stated on Wednesday.

Every single month since June of 2023, has ranked as the planet's hottest on record, as compared to the corresponding month in previous years, the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) said in its monthly bulletin.

Including the month of April, the world's mean temperature was the highest on record for a period of 12-months (1.6) degrees Celsius above the average, in the 1850-1900 pre-industrial period.

Some of the extremes which include months of record breaking sea surface temperatures, have led scientists to investigate whether human activity has now triggered a tipping point in the climate system.

"I think many scientists have asked the question whether there could be a shift in the climate system" said Julien Nicolas, C3S Senior Climate Scientist.

Greenhouse gas emissions from burning fossil fuels is the central component of climate change. In recent months, the natural El Nino phenomenon, which warms surface waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean, has also contributed to a rise in temperatures.—Reuters

UN sets sights on clinching 'biopiracy' accord at conference

GENEVA: After talks which spanned over a period of over 20 years, the United Nations is adamant on finalising an international agreement, in order to combat so-called 'biopiracy' later this month. Their solution is to enhance transparency with regards to the patenting of 'traditional knowledge' surrounding genetic resources.

The World Intellectual Property Organisation (a UN agency that deals with IP and innovation) is hopeful of ensuring that such knowledge will be protected from exploitation.

WIPO is comprised of 193 member states and will begin negotiations for an agreement from the 13 to 24 of May, at the agency's headquarters in Geneva. Below is a summation of the issues at stake, relevant fault lines and an explanation as to why exactly countries have waited till now, to move towards an agreement.

What is biopiracy?

Biopiracy is the use of genetic resources, and associated traditional knowledge, without any agreement on the part of those who hold them, and without the holders receiving any tangible benefit. Genetic resources are contained in a variety of organisms, such as medicinal plants, agricultural crops and animal breeds.

These resources are increasingly being utilized in everything ranging from cosmetics to seeds, medicines, biotechnology and food supplements. Given it is not obligatory to publish the origin of innovation, numerous developing countries are concerned that patents are being granted that either circumvent the rights of indigenous people or are issued for already existing inventions. Such cases often end up in prolonged legal battles.

"This is referred to colloquially as biopiracy" according to Wend Wendland, the director of WIPO's traditional knowledge division. While natural genetic resources themselves cannot be directly protected as intellectual property (as they are not creations of the human mind), inventions developed using them can be, most often through a patent, says WIPO.

Inventions based on genetic resources, and the related traditional knowledge used and conserved by indigenous people over generations, may be eligible for protection through the patent system.

What does the draft agreement say?

Patent applicants will be required to disclose the country from which the genetic resources involved in the invention originated, as well as the indigenous people that provided the traditional knowledge.

The goal is to increase the "efficacy, transparency and quality" of the patent system, says the WIPO. This will ensure that the invention is indeed new and that the countries and communities concerned have consented to the fact. An excess of 30 countries have such disclosure requirements incorporated into their national legislation. The majority of these are developing countries, including China, Brazil, India and South Africa. However, there are European states, too, such as France, Germany and Switzerland. It is paramount to mention that these procedures may vary and nor are they always mandatory.

Transparency stands to boost the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, which stipulates persons providing genetic resources and/or traditional knowledge 'should' benefit from the advantages (financial or otherwise), arising from their use.—AFP

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SAO PAULO: Tourists view Iguazu Falls, which are currently at full water capacity due to recent rains in southern Brazil.—Reuters

DUTCH artist Rajaonna van Dam paints 10 paintings at once with both hands and feet, at a museum in Vlaardingen, the Netherlands, on Wednesday.—AFP

WEST HALMAHERA: Mount Ibu spews thick smoke in Indonesia's North Maluku Province, on Wednesday. The volcano spewed an ash tower 1.5 kilometres above the peak, Indonesia's volcanology agency said. Authorities urged nearby residents to wear face masks and glasses when doing outdoor activities.—AFP

SYDNEY: Environmental activists hold a rally in front of Kirribilli House, the official residence of Australia's prime minister, on Wednesday. The demonstrators called upon the government of Prime Minister Antony Albanese to halt further approvals of coal and gas projects.—AFP

What a feet: viral Dutch artist paints 10 pictures at once

VLAARDINGEN: Two paintbrushes between the toes, two in her hands, and fierce concentration etched on her face, Dutch artist Rajaonna van Dam is crafting 10 paintings at the same time.

An astronaut, a self-portrait, a bespectacled panda and seven other pictures burst into life from her brush, painted on 10 canvases laid out on a table, upside-down on the floor, and two easels.

It started as a party trick for the curly-haired Rajaonna — her artist name — who wanted a challenge to relieve her boredom. But it has since become a profession that has shot her to viral fame, with every paint stroke worked out in advance in her head before setting to work with hands — and feet.

"I work a bit on one canvas, then move to another one, so I'm always dividing my attention between them," said Rajaonna, who is technically left-handed. "Five years ago, I started painting with both hands, as a bit of a challenge and to go quicker. I discovered I was ambidextrous," the 31-year-old artist said.

Starting out "for fun" and after a few mishaps with sticky tape between her toes, she tried using plasticine to keep the brush between her toes. It was a success and she posted a video of her exploits online, quickly becoming a viral hit. Orders flooded in. She is so skilled that only she can tell the difference between paintings crafted with her hands and those with her feet.

"I can really see a big difference. It's a bit less precise," she said, performing her skills at a museum in Vlaardingen, her home town in the south of the Netherlands.—AFP

COIMBRA: Nests made by storks dot an electricity pylon pictured in Portugal. Abundant food found in landfills, combined with warmer weather caused by climate change, are leading the vast majority of storks to skip an arduous journey to northern Europe and stay year-round in Portugal. Their nests often crown electricity pylons, which the authorities are trying to make safer for them.—AFP

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Govt dedicates May 9 anniversary

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to incite violence would never be tolerated.

"We have never seen such vandalism in responsible democracies, with violent mobs wreaking havoc on state properties for political gains," he added.

Earlier, addressing a press conference, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar said the May 9 tragic incidents were the "biggest conspiracy" orchestrated to disrupt the country's development and harm its defence and integrity. "Such a tragedy has never ever been witnessed that was aimed to weaken the country," he added.

"The May 9 events were systematically planned to undermine the country's defence," the minister claimed. The minister claimed that in the viral videos, it could be seen how the leadership of the PTI "provoked people" to attack the government and defence installations.

Interestingly, soon after the riots, civil and military leaders last year decided to observe May 9 as "black day" at the national level.

PTI plans protests

As the Islamabad police announced a ban on gatherings in the capital in light of Section 144, PTI spokesperson Raoof Hasan claimed that there was a crackdown on PTI supporters across the country, with dozens arrested in different cities to scuttle their planned protest.

Talking to Dawn, Mr Hasan said police were arresting the workers to stop them from holding rallies and protests. "Section 144 has been already imposed in a number of cities, including Islamabad. We will hold peaceful rallies and there is no plan to hold sit-ins. The state is so much afraid of Imran Khan that it has again changed the prisoner number of Imran Khan," he said.

According to a circular, signed by PTI Secretary General Omar Ayub Khan, as per the instructions of Imran Khan, the party will hold rallies at every provincial assembly constituency level in the country to mark the day.

Former prime minister Imran Khan's photo on placards with "Prisoner Number 804" written on them would be prominently displayed during the rallies and prayers for PTI's "martyrs" would also be organised.

According to the PTI, over 10,000 of its workers were arrested, but the government claimed it arrested only a few thousand people.

The PTI not only challenged the military court cases in the Supreme Court but also alleged that the riots were a false-flag operation designed and carried out by the establishment to dismantle the former ruling party.

Separately, the Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam led by Maulana Fazl have decided to mark the day by staging protest rallies and public meetings at various places in the country. JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has announced a public meeting on May 9 in Dera Ismail Khan and said it has nothing to do with the May 9 anniversary. The JUI-F chief said: "Our Million March and Awami Assembly have nothing to do with the May 9 incidents."

NEW YORK: Police arrest Olga Fedorova, a journalist, during the clearing of a pro-Palestine encampment at the Fashion Institute of Technology, on Tuesday evening. —AFP

Police, demonstrators clash at Amsterdam's Gaza demo

86 detained in Paris after police removed students who had set up a pro-Palestinian camp at the Sorbonne university

THE HAGUE PARIS/WASHINGTON: Dutch riot police clashed with pro-Palestinian demonstrators on Wednesday after moving in to 'clear barricades' at Amsterdam's main university. Images from local television outlets showed dozens of police officers (wearing riot gear) 'exchanging' baton blows with a group of protesters, when officers started clearing out an area in front of the Binnengasthuis building, within Amsterdam's city centre.

"The operation has been authorised by the mayor," they stated. The UvA alleged charges including 'disturbing the peace and destruction of property'. Images on the local AT5 channel portrayed police arresting demonstrators, numbering a few hundred.

They went so far as 'roughly pulling' one individual off a front-end loader. Another protester attempted to stop a loader before jumping into a canal, to evade police attempts at making an arrest.

Images further showed police surrounding and dragging away a small yet vocal group of protesters who remained on campus, while a front-end loader was 'pushing material used to put up the barricades into a canal'. Protesters here too, were waving placards which read "Free Palestine" and shouted "Shame on you" at police officers.

Police allege protesters were not 'just' students, but contained elements "who were not affiliated to the university and were deliberately seeking conflict with the police."

The Amsterdam city council is due to host an emergency debate regarding the ongoing demonstrations on Friday.

Campus protests have also sprung up across the United States in weeks gone by, with students calling upon universities to cut direct or indirect financial ties with US weapons manufacturers and Israeli institutions.

The rallies have rocked colleges campuses and slowly but surely, have begun spreading across the globe. Pro-Israel counter-protesters at the University of California, Los Angeles, physically attacked demonstrators at an encampment.

86 detained in France

French police on Wednesday detained 86 individuals following an operation to remove students staging a pro-Palestinian occupation at the Sorbonne university in Paris, according to prosecutors. Those arrested in the police operation on Tuesday night were being held for a variety of public order offences, the statement read.

They include wilful damage, 'rebellion', violence against a person holding public authority, 'intrusion into an education establishment' and holding a 'meeting designed to disrupt order'. A handful of students are also being held for participation in a group with a view to seeking to promote violence or damage to property.

They may only be held for an initial 24 hours, which can then be extended to another 24 hours.

George Washington University protest

Police used force in order to 'clear' an encampment of pro-Palestinian protesters at George Washington University in the US capital on Wednesday. In similar fashion to the events that unfolded in Paris, dozens were arrested in the latest clash with students demonstrating over the Israeli onslaught on the Gaza Strip.

Members of Congress allied with the Republican Party had 'pressured local authorities' to act on the encampment, even going so far as summoning Washington's mayor and police chief to testify in the House of Representatives on Wednesday.

Just after 4am (0800 GMT) hundreds of officers moved in on a university quad, making numerous arrests and using pepper spray on demonstrators.

Police representatives stated that 33 people were arrested for "unlawful entry" and "assault on a police officer." Officers remained on the scene till around 10:00 am, as tents were being dragged towards a garbage truck and a student held a poster reading "Free Palestine." For context, police had declined a request from the university to disband the encampment last month, the Washington Post had reported. At the time, they cited apprehensions about moving in against peaceful protesters.

Free speech versus intimidation

President Biden and universities have tried to walk a fine line between the rights of free speech and concerns about so called intimidation. On Tuesday, Biden condemned a "tumultuous surge" in 'anti-Semitism' in a speech at the Capitol, stating "there's no place on any campus in America, any place in America, for anti-Semitism or hate speech or threats of violence of any kind."

Demonstrators, including Jewish student organisers, have clarified that they denounce acts of anti-Semitism. On the other hand, they accuse their detractors of conflating criticism of Israel with prejudice against Jews.—Agencies

Electricity tariff

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billed in March 2024, and it will reflect in the billing month of May 2024, Nepra's notification stated.

In its determination, the regulator also busted a myth advanced by certain vested groups about the negative impact of solar net metering on overall national consumer tariff. Nepra said that the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) reported about 7.5pc reduction in consumption during the first nine months of the current fiscal year. The CPPA also conceded that only 54.7 gigawatt hour (GWh) of energy came from the solar net metering, accounting for just 0.7pc of total grid pool of 7,756 GWh delivered to Discos.

This also suggests that the narrative against homeowners with solar net metering was being pushed to conceal certain other efficiency-related matters in the power network. Upon inquiry by Nepra, the chief executive of CPPA reported that on an accumulative basis, the actual generation remained lower by 7.4pc for FY 2023-24, up to March 2024.

On further inquiry by Nepra about the reason for running RLNG plants, the CPPA responded that "the reason was due to the orders which were already placed for RLNG due to the expected increase in demand and to ensure system stability".

Upon more questions by the regulator, CPPA submitted that overall consumption reduced by 7.5pc, including a reduction in residential consumption by 11.3pc, commercial by 2.8pc, industrial by 4.5pc, and bulk by 14.5pc. Regarding the reduction in peak load charges, CPPA-G submitted that a proper study needs to be carried out in this regard.

On the issue of low utilisation of Thar coal power plants, CPPA conceded that the overall utilisation of these plants remained around 48pc during March 2024, considering system stability and demand patterns. Regarding the curtailment of Thar-based plants during the month, NTDC responded that this was due to a lack of demand and load management.

It was further revealed that the limitation of the HVDC (Matiari-Lahore) corridor, coupled with system stability issues, led to lower dispatch of certain plants. Regarding the financial impact of operating Guddu 747 on open cycle, CPPA-G stated that the rate difference between open cycle and combined cycle fuel cost component was around Rs3.6/kWh, resulting in an additional cost of Rs580 million.

Upon inquiry regarding the non-utilisation of the Lucky coal power plant despite being higher on the economic merit order, and the operation of the Sahiwal coal power plant which is substantially costlier, CPPA explained that the grid code also mandates the system operator to maintain system stability and reliability while dispatching power plants.

EU staff members protest Israel's bombing on Gaza

BRUSSELS: More than 100 staff members of European Union institutions gathered in Brussels on Wednesday in a protest against Israel's war in Gaza.

Protesters laid three coffins with red stains on them on the square outside the European Commission's head office in the Belgian capital. On the three 'bodies' the words International Law, EU Treaties and Genocide Convention were written, in a protest of the way Israel has responded to the Gazans.

"We're coming together in a peaceful assembly, to stand up for those rights, principles and values that the European institutions are build on," EU Commission staff member Marzia Carlisle said.

"The reasons why we work here and love to work here. Those values of human rights, human dignity and freedom especially." Fellow protester Soraya Baloghova, who works for the European Committee of the Regions, added the protest should not be seen as a political statement.—Reuters

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Reference our Tender Notice published in this newspaper on 23.03.2024, it is notified that the bids submission/opening date is extended as follows:

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PM vows to get 26m out-of-school children enrolled

• Declares education emergency in country • Unicef official says 70pc kids can't read, understand text

By Syed Irfan Raza

ISLAMABAD: Declaring an education emergency in the country, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday vowed to get around 26 million out-of-school children enrolled and promote literacy so that the motherland could regain its lost space and transform it as one of the most educated societies in the world.

"Today, with iron conviction, and the support of provinces, we will handle the challenge of 26m out-of-school children. We will bring them back to school...I declare from this moment an Emergency in Education all over Pakistan...The way we did it in Punjab, so will do it in Pakistan," the prime minister said addressing the National Conference on Education Emergency.

"I will personally supervise the programme and meet all the chief ministers, irrespective of their political affiliations, with a vision to march in unison, expressing the hope that the provinces too would extend their support," the PM said.

The event was attended by federal ministers, parliamentarians, vice chancellors, diplomats and development partners.

"This is about our children and our future... This is a very challenging task, no doubt. But nations which had faced difficulties and defeat in the past arose from the ashes of defeat. Germany and Japan are the examples. Why can't Pakistan be? I guarantee, if we move in unison to find our space, Pakistan will emerge as one of the most educated societies one day," he added.

The premier said the enrollment of 26m out-of-school children and stunted growth were major challenges facing Pakistan which required huge financial resources. "But the real challenge is the will to do," he said, recalling Pakistan's manifestation of the commitment to becoming a nuclear power despite international pressures, and eliminating terrorism by sacrificing around 80,000 lives to establish peace in the country.

In his address, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui said the education sector needed immediate actions and urgent responses as Pakistan stood at the crossroads of destination with no option to lose.

"The statistics of education in Pakistan are disturbing, alarming and disheartening. More than 26m children are out of school. This number is greater than the population of 150 countries in the world," he added.

Unicef representative in Pakistan Abdullah A. Fadil said over 70 per cent of children aged 10 in Pakistan could not read or understand text. Despite constitutional guarantees, education in Pakistan was neither yet compulsory nor free, he regretted.

He said through enhanced investment in education and young people, Pakistan could regain its lost stature as the first Nobel laureate in physics belonged to Pakistan and that the country also recently sent a space mission to moon.

British High Commissioner in Islamabad Jane Marriott said Pakistan with 60pc population under 30 years of age was at a crossroads to make tough choices.

She said the conference called for urgent actions like enhanced funding, inclusivity, multiple shifts schools and retaining the children, and assured her country's all-out cooperation to make Pakistan achieve the goal.

World Food Programme Country Director Coco Ushiyama, in her video message, said food security and education went hand in hand and school meal was one of the best programmes to invest in the country's future.

World Bank Vice President Martin Rainer said Pakistan was faced with 40pc children having stunted growth and the ratio was around 60pc in poor districts.

Mr Rainer said as Pakistan's education system was vulnerable to climate change, it was a must to invest in climate resilience.

Pakistan's fastest mountaineer Naila Kiani, in her video message from Makalu Mountain, said she had been able to achieve her dreams just because of self-belief and education. She responed the prime minister and chief ministers to allocate more resources for girls' education to help them materialise their dreams.

Meanwhile, chairing a separate meeting on Wednesday, PM Shehbaz directed the authorities concerned to immediately initiate the process of establishing the Pakistan Skill Company and Pakistan Skill Development Fund to unify the technical and vocational education countrywide and provide better employment to Pakistani workers abroad.

Pakistan's first moon satellite enters its orbit

By Jamal Shahid

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's inaugural lunar satellite, ICUBE-Q, has achieved a significant milestone by successfully entering the moon's orbit on Wednesday afternoon, as confirmed by Institute of Space Technology.

ICUBE-Qamar was successfully deployed in lunar orbit on May 8, at 1:14pm.

According to the Institute of Space Technology, the pivotal development highlights its importance in potentially unlocking larger-scale space missions for Pakistan in the future.

"Satellite after deployment is performing as per design specifications. All sub-systems' health data is excellent. The imaging payload is fully functional," IST said, adding, "The next two days will be spent conducting thorough in-orbit testing. Images will be shared after in-orbit testing."

Last Friday, Pakistan became the sixth country to launch its first-ever moon satellite.

Riding on the Chinese rocket Chang'e 6 lunar probe, the ICUBE-Q satellite marked a historic collaboration between Pakistan and China in lunar exploration. The Chinese mission aimed to land on the moon's far side, perpetually hidden from Earth, and subsequently collect and return samples.

The Chinese embassy expressed its enthusiasm for the milestone, highlighting that this marked the first-ever China-Pakistan cooperation on lunar exploration.

According to Dr Khurram Khurshood, head of the department of electrical and computer science at the institute, the satellite would play a critical role in deep space missions.

Operating in extreme temperatures as low as minus 100 degrees Celsius, the satellite features a 7kg one-megapixel camera tailored for missions with power constraints. "Its surface-level analysis capabilities, transmitting images at a modest 1-kbps, will provide crucial data on crater locations, water, and traces of ice on the moon's surface. These findings, obtained through various techniques, hold promise for global utilisation," he said.

As the Chinese lander collects rock and soil samples, ICUBE-Q will spend three to six months orbiting the moon, capturing and transmitting images of the moon back to Earth. By May 15, according to the institute, Pakistan anticipates sharing images captured by the satellite.

MALMO (Sweden): Handala, a boat carrying humanitarian aid for Gazans, arrives on Wednesday, ahead of a song contest being held at this port city to show solidarity with the 30,000 demonstrators protesting against Israel's participation in Eurovision. The vessel, run by the NGO Ship to Gaza, had earlier departed Norway to challenge and break the inhumane blockade of Gaza and to shed light on the consequences of Israeli actions against Palestinian children.—AFP

Seventh mass grave found at Gaza as Israel strikes Rafah

• Negotiations resume in Cairo with Hamas calling latest round 'decisive'
• US pauses shipment of 3,500 heavy-duty bombs amid Israeli incursion

GAZA STRIP: Medical teams found a third mass grave inside Al-Shifa hospital and a seventh mass grave across Gaza hospitals, with the recovery of 49 bodies from the premises, as Israel bombarded Rafah on Wednesday amid the ongoing negotiations in Cairo and Doha for ceasefire and prisoner swap.

Israel has defied international objections and sent tanks into Rafah, which is crowded with Palestinian civilians sheltering near the Egyptian border, seizing on Tuesday a crossing that is the main conduit for aid into the besieged territory.

The White House condemned the interruption to humanitarian deliveries, with a senior US official later revealing Washington had paused a shipment of bombs last week after Israel failed to address concerns over its long-threatened Rafah operation.

However, the Israeli military claimed on Wednesday it was reopening a major aid crossing into Gaza, Kerem Shalom, as well as the Erez crossing. But the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, said the Kerem Shalom crossing remained closed.

The Israeli military did not immediately comment on the third mass grave, as footage from Al-Shifa hospital showed at least a dozen bodies wrapped in black plastic body bags.

Standing in front of the ruins of the hospital, Motasem Salah, head of the emergency department at Al-Shifa, said several of the bodies had decomposed.

Last month, around 30 bodies were reported found buried in two other graves in the hospital courtyard.

After the Israeli assault in March, the World Health Organisation said Al-Shifa had been reduced to ashes, leaving behind an "empty shell" with many bodies.

On Wednesday, Gaza authorities said health workers continued to uncover bodies from the complex. So far, 520 bodies have been recovered from "seven mass graves" found at three different hospitals across Gaza in recent weeks, the media office said.

Since the escalation of attacks by Israeli forces in Gaza in October 2023, at least 34,844 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have been killed, according to the Hamas-run territory's health ministry.

Cairo talks resume

On the other hand, talks aimed at agreeing a ceasefire resumed in Cairo on Wednesday "in the presence of all parties", Egyptian state-linked media reported.

A senior Hamas official said the latest round of negotiations would be "decisive".

Hamas "insists on the rightful demands of its people and will not give up any of our people's rights," the official told AFP on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak publicly on the negotiations.

He had previously warned it would be Israel's "last chance" to free the scores of prisoners.

However, the Israeli forces continued to conduct air and ground assault in Gaza and Rafah, after capturing Rafah crossing.

Incursion condemned

Meanwhile, Qatar, which hosts Hamas leaders and has been mediating between the two sides, appealed "for urgent international action to prevent Rafah from being invaded and a crime of genocide being committed".

A Palestinian analyst said Israel's seizure of the Rafah crossing could be an attempt to create new facts on the ground, or a bid to "sabotage the truce talks".

Israel's seizure of the Palestinian side of the Rafah crossing came after Hamas said it had accepted a truce proposal — one Israel said was "far" from what its own negotiators had previously agreed to.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described the Rafah operation as "a very important step" in denying Hamas a passage that was essential for establishing its influence.

Bombs shipment stopped

Hours later, a senior US administration official speaking on condition of anonymity said Washington had "paused one shipment of weapons last week" after Israel failed to address its concerns over the Rafah incursion, which the United States has vocally opposed. The shipment consisted of over 3,500 heavy-duty bombs, the official said.

It was the first time President Joe Biden, whose government is Israel's top provider of military assistance, had acted on a warning he gave to Netanyahu in April.—Agencies

Karachi, Lahore passport offices start working 24/7

By Iftikhar A. Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Zonal passport offices in Karachi and Lahore have started to operate 24/7 in line with orders of Interior Minister Mohsin Raza Naqvi.

Passport offices at Awami Market in Karachi and Garden Town in Lahore will now be open around the clock to facilitate the public.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday announced that at least one passport office in both Lahore and Karachi will stay open 24/7 to better serve the public and improve accessibility of the people to passport services.

In a post on X, Mr Naqvi said the move will make it easier for everyone to access passport services anytime.

"To give some to the public and to facilitate them, at least one passport office will be open 24/7 in both Lahore and Karachi. This will make it easier for everyone to access passport services anytime," he said.

The move is expected to significantly alleviate the burden on existing passport offices and reduce waiting times for applicants.

The development has come at a time when the number of people applying for passports appears to be growing.

Informed sources said the passports and immigration currently had a capacity to print 20 to 25 thousand passports per day while it was receiving around 40 thousand applications each day, leading to a backlog of passports which stands at around 0.8 million.

They said the interior minister has also taken notice of the huge backlog and under his directions steps were under way to enhance the printing capacity. They said that tenders had already been invited for printing of e-passport and machine readable passport machines.

The sources said the delay in release of funds for procurement of lamination paper and other essential materials was one of the reasons for the delay in issuance of passports.

They said a law will soon be brought to the parliament to give passports and immigration department the status of Authority, so that the organisation earning billions of rupees each year is not handicapped by delays in the release of funds.

Three Afghan cops killed in bomb blast

Taliban-run defence ministry refutes Pakistan military's claim about Bisham attack

FAIZABAD: After days of protests against the ongoing operation for clearance of poppy cultivation in Badakhshan, three policemen were killed and five others wounded in a bomb attack on a security convoy on Wednesday.

"The bomb exploded while the convoy of police forces was on its way to destroy poppy cultivation," Taliban Interior Ministry spokesman Abdul Mateen Qani posted on X, formerly Twitter.

The ministry officials said a sticky improvised explosive device (IEED) was attached to a motorcycle that targeted a convoy of police vehicles in Faizabad, the capital of mountainous Badakhshan province, around 11am.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack.

An AFP journalist saw Taliban authorities searching homes and detaining dozens of people near the scene. Images posted on social media but not immediately verified by AFP showed a charred motorcycle and a police truck riddled with holes.

Eyewitness Amirullah, who did not want to give his full name, said he heard a huge explosion and saw that a convoy of Taliban authorities had been hit. "Immediately the security forces cleared the area of people," he said.

The explosion comes days after Taliban security officials and residents clashed over the violent clearance of poppy crops in two Badakhshan districts, leaving two dead and sparking rare protests.

Afghanistan was the largest producer of opium before poppy cultivation was banned by the Taliban in a decree in 2022. Farmers have been encouraged to plant different crops, but none compete with the financial draw of the poppy, leading some to continue to discreetly cultivate small plots.

The number of bombings and suicide attacks in Afghanistan has fallen since the Taliban ended their insurgency after ousting the US-backed government and returning to power in August 2021.

However, a number of armed groups, including the Islamic State group, remain a threat, with regular reports of explosions that go unconfirmed by authorities.

Taliban reject Afghan's role in Bisham attack

Separately, the Taliban defence ministry rejected Pakistan military's claim that Afghans were involved in an attack on Chinese engineers. "Afghans are not involved in such matters," said Mufti Enayatullah Khwarazmi, the spokesperson for Afghanistan's Taliban-run ministry of national defence.

"Blaming Afghanistan for such incidents is a failed attempt to divert attention from the truth of the matter and we strongly reject it," he added.—Agencies

China, Serbia agree to chart 'shared future'

In a bid to boost ties with eastern Europe, Xi to reach Hungary after touring Serbia

BELGRADE: China and Serbia on Wednesday agreed to follow a "shared future" as President Xi Jinping visited the Balkan country as part of his bid to forge stronger relations with allies at the edge of the European Union.

Xi is on his first European tour in five years, and the trip was seen as an effort to strengthen ties with eastern European countries that are pro-Russia and large recipients of Chinese investment. He will fly to Hungary later in the day.

"We are writing history today," Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic told a large crowd that had gathered in front of the Serbian presidential palace to welcome Xi, applauding and chanting "China, China".

ACCOMPANIED by Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic (left), Chinese President Xi Jinping greets the people gathered outside the Palace of Serbia during a welcome ceremony in Belgrade.—AFP

The two countries signed 29 letters of agreements promoting legal, regulatory and economic cooperation.

Serbia will also become the first European country in years to enter into a free trade agreement with China when a deal signed last year comes into effect on July 1.

Vucic said that since 2020 China had been the single-largest investor in Serbia, and that its investment was up 10-fold over the past decade. The free trade deal will guarantee tariff-free exports for 95 per cent of Serbian products to China over the next five to 10 years, he said.

Xi said that China was ready to import more high-quality agricultural products from Serbia and would welcome more direct flights between Belgrade and Chinese cities.

Both leaders boast of an ironclad partnership. Along with Hungary, Serbia is Europe's firmest supporter of China's huge Belt and Road infrastructure project across parts of Asia and Europe.

"Serbia became China's first strategic partner in central and eastern Europe eight years ago, and it becomes the first European country with which we shall build a community with shared future," Xi said.

The two leaders said they would support each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity, meaning that Serbia considers Taiwan, viewed by Beijing as a breakaway province, to be part of China, just as China considers Kosovo, which declared independence in 2008, as part of Serbia.

"We shall jointly confront hegemony and the politics of power," Xi said.

Xi's visit comes on the anniversary of the 1999 Nato bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade during a campaign against the former Yugoslavia to force late Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic to end a crackdown on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

Nato said the bombing, which killed three Chinese journalists and wounded 20 Chinese nationals, was accidental. It prompted outrage in China and an apology from then US President Bill Clinton.

"The Chinese people appreciate the peace but will never allow that a historic tragedy repeats itself," Xi said in an opinion article in the daily Politika on Tuesday.

Vucic said the two countries had agreed to establish an intergovernmental technology committee that would enable Serbia to get access to the latest technologies and use of artificial intelligence.

China owns mines and factories across Serbia and has lent billions for roads, bridges and new facilities, becoming Serbia's key partner in much-needed infrastructure development.

Xi left France on Tuesday after a two-day trip during which he offered no major concessions on trade or foreign policy, even as President Emmanuel Macron pressed him on market access and Ukraine. — Reuters

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Olympic champion Hafnaoui to miss Paris Games

TUNIS: Olympic 400-metre freestyle champion Ahmed Hafnaoui will miss the Paris Games, Africa Aquatics (AA) said on Tuesday.

The continental governing body said on its website the 21-year-old Tunisian had confirmed local media reports that he would not swim at the July 26-Aug 11 Games.

AA's report said Hafnaoui had declined to resume training in the US where he was previously based but did not provide details.

However, Tunisian Olympic Committee president Mehrez Boussayene told Reuters Hafnaoui's participation in Paris has not been fully decided yet, adding that he has suffered an injury that requires him to rest for 45 days.

Boussayene also said Hafnaoui has many other international obligations ahead of him, calling on sports fans to "change their views of champions and treat them humanely".

"One of our duties as officials is to protect and care for athletes," he said.

Hafnaoui's mother Amira said her son's main focus right now is his recovery.

"Ahmed's absence from the Paris Olympics has not yet been confirmed. Even if he is absent, Ahmed is an Olympic champion and has achieved international recognition despite his young age, and there is still a long way to go before him to achieve the best.

"The priority currently is his physical and mental health," she added.

Hafnaoui had trained in California late last year under former US team head coach Mark Schubert, who runs an elite distance swimming programme in Orange County.

However, he told reporters at the World Championships in Doha in February that he had returned home to Tunisia, citing a visa issue.

In 2021 at the age of 18, Hafnaoui stunned the world by winning the 400m freestyle gold from lane eight at the pandemic-delayed Tokyo Olympics after being the slowest qualifier in the final.

He claimed the 800m and 1,500m freestyle titles at last year's World Championships in Fukuoka and was runner-up in the 400m behind Australia's Sam Short.

However, he failed to reach the final in all three events at the last World Championships in Doha in February.—Reuters

Pakistan junior tennis team named

PESHAWAR: A three-member Pakistan team was announced on Wednesday for the forthcoming South Asian Tennis Championship being staged in Kathmandu later this month.

The players selected for the May 20-29 event include Rashid Ali Rochani (Sindh), Mohammad Shayan Afridi and Mohammad Junaid Khan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa).—AIPP

BORUSSIA Dortmund's Mats Hummels (third R) heads to score past Paris St Germain goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma during their Champions League semi-final second leg at Parc des Princes.—Reuters

Flying under the radar, Dortmund stun Europe with CL final spot

PARIS: Eleven years after losing 2-1 to German rivals Bayern Munich in the 2013 Champions League final, Borussia Dortmund have overcome the odds and are heading back to Wembley.

Dortmund's 1-0 win over Paris St Germain in the French capital thanks to a header from Mats Hummels on Tuesday saw the Germans complete a 2-0 aggregate win, becoming the most unlikely Champions League finalists since Tottenham Hotspur in 2019.

In the June 1 final in London, they will face either Bayern again or 14-time champions Real Madrid.

Dortmund came into the season on the back of a bitter Bundesliga title loss on the final matchday of the previous campaign.

And while their league results quickly confirmed Edin Terzic's team did not have the consistency to be a serious title contender this season, it was a different story in Europe.

Dortmund, who won the tournament in 1997, cruised through their group with only one loss in six matches against PSG, AC Milan and Newcastle United.

"There is always a team that no one has on their radar that reaches the quarter-finals or the semi-finals. We wanted to be the team that will not necessarily on anyone's radar," Terzic said. "That road has been unbelievable.

"Last season, we lost the championship at home on the last matchday. I'm happy that we can now give something back to the fans," Terzic added, remembering how Bayern Munich snatched the Bundesliga title from Dortmund on goal difference.

"[Going to the final] was a very emotional moment, a beautiful moment. We wished it for last season's last matchday. But today we could pay something back, keep them dreaming and now we'll do everything to bring the trophy back home."

Dortmund did not play the kind of spectacular football that instantly attracts attention but scored key wins at Newcastle and Milan. After losing on the first matchday Dortmund went five group games without defeat to top the section.

"After the second matchday [following a loss at PSG and a home draw against Milan] almost no one believed in us any more," said captain Emre Can. "We only had one point after two matches but we kept believing in us and that was the most important thing. Keeping two clean sheets in two matches against PSG is no mean feat."

Borussia Dortmund veteran Marco Reus, who announced on Friday he would leave the club at the end of the season, said "nobody expected us to make it".

"Tomorrow nobody will ask how we did it. They will just see the name Borussia Dortmund in the final at Wembley," Reus said to Amazon Prime. "Today it was clear that we needed to suffer and that we needed some luck, but what the lads did was crazy, crazy."

Prior to their two 1-0 wins over PSG in the last four, Dortmund had dispatched PSV Eindhoven in the round of 16 and Atletico Madrid in the quarter-finals. A re-match with Bayern remains on the cards.

"We will come up against a very tough opponent, no matter who it is," said Hummels. "Since that second matchday we have kept believing we can hold our own in the Champions League. There is absolutely no reason whatsoever not to believe that we can also win the final."

Dortmund have played a roller-coaster Bundesliga season and are currently in fifth place with two games left.

"That plays no role," Terzic said. "In 2013 when Dortmund were in the Champions League final they were 25 points behind in the league and in 1997 when they won it they were also not doing well. The season had highs and lows but our season is still not finished."

Dortmund rode their luck in both semi-finals, with PSG hitting the woodwork six times — including four times on Tuesday.

Despite needing assistance from the goal frame, Dortmund's central defensive pairing of Hummels and Nico Schlotterbeck kept PSG's ace attacker Kylian Mbappe under check.

PSG began the second half well but their flurry was cut short when Hummels headed in from a corner on the 50-minute mark.

Hummels' headers have a history of breaking French hearts.

At the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, Hummels nodded in the only goal in Germany's 1-0 quarter-final win over France on their way to a fourth crown.

Hummels' contract expires at the end of the season and he has said he will not decide until the summer where he plays next season — or whether he plays on at all.

But while the veteran may join Reus in walking off into the Westfalenstadion sunset, his whereabouts on the first Saturday in June remains clear.

MBAPPE DENIED DREAM PSG FAREWELL

Mbappe, however, will not get his dream farewell from PSG after their shock exit deprived him of playing his last game for the club at Wembley.

The 2018 World Cup winner will leave PSG after seven years when his contract expires at the end of this season, with Real Madrid his likely next destination.

He had hoped to sign off by leading the Qatar-owned club to Champions League glory for the first time in their history, but missed two good chances at the Parc des Princes.

"I tried to help my team as best as I could but I didn't do enough," Mbappe said. "I'm the guy who should score goals and be decisive. When things are good, I take all the time light and when they are not, you have to take the shadow. That's not a problem. The first one who should have scored tonight was me. That's life and we have to move on, rise and the team."

It will be hard for PSG to do that, given how close they were to reaching the final for the second time, four years on from their defeat against Bayern Munich in Lisbon.

That will forever remain as close as Mbappe came to lifting the European Cup with his hometown team, for whom he is their all-time top scorer with 255 goals.

Being knocked out by the team who sit fifth in the Bundesliga looks like a disaster for a club who have invested as much as PSG over the years since the Qatari takeover of 2011.

However, the truth is also that this PSG side was not seriously expected to get this far, despite the presence of Mbappe.

A massive overhaul of the squad was undertaken ahead of this season following the departures of Lionel Messi and Neymar, and Luis Enrique was brought in to oversee the new project.

"The objective I set out when I arrived was to compete as well as we could for every trophy," the Spanish coach said on Tuesday. "Tonight I'm proud of my team, of all the players."

PSG won the Ligue 1 title and have the French Cup final to come later this month.

"We weren't efficient, they were efficient, they scored two goals and won both matches. There's a lot to take back from this competition," captain Marquinhos told reporters.

"At the start of the season, nobody believed we'd get this far. We've overcome a lot of obstacles, but we can't throw everything away now just because we've been eliminated. We have to remember that this is a new project, with a new coach. There are positive things to take into the next season."—Agencies

Karachi face Lahore in national women's one-day final

FAISALABAD: Karachi and Lahore won their respective matches here on Wednesday to qualify for the final of the National Women's One-Day Tournament.

Karachi and Lahore, having finished as the top two sides with nine wins each in the double round-robin stage, will lock horns in the final at the Iqbal Stadium in Faisalabad on Saturday.

On Wednesday, Karachi defeated Rawalpindi by 22 runs in their tenth-round match at Bohranwali Ground in Faisalabad.

Batting first, Omaima Sohail's 86-ball 67 featuring seven fours steered Karachi to 167 all out in 41 overs.

Karachi spinners led by Omaima (4-34) played a vital role in restricting Rawalpindi to 145 all out in 49.4 overs. Maham Mansoor and Syeda Aroob Shah shared five wickets between them.

In a low-scoring thriller at the Iqbal Stadium, Peshawar successfully defended a scanty 110 to edge out Multan by four runs.

Peshawar's Aleena Shah helped her team cross the 100-mark with a dogged 40 as Multan's Noor-ul-Iman grabbed five wickets for 15 runs.

In reply, Multan looked comfortable at 76-2 before losing the next eight wickets for just 30 runs with six balls to spare.

In another match, Lahore outclassed Quetta by nine wickets at the Jawad Sports Complex.

After electing to bat first, Quetta managed to post a poor total of 105 all out in 49.1 overs.

Khadija Chishti and Arijah Haseeb top-scored with 23 runs each. Lahore's Noreen Yaqoob and Ayesha Bilal picked up three wickets apiece while Quratulain claimed two.

In reply, Dua Majid smashed an unbeaten half-century (52 of 71 balls, six fours) while giving her team a 55-run opening stand alongside Samiya Afzar (31).

Dua then added 53 runs with Iram Javed (20 not out) to seal the chase in 24 overs.

Scores in brief:

Karachi Women beat Rawalpindi Women by 22 runs.

KARACHI WOMEN 167 in 41 overs (Omaima Sohail 67, Ibraiza Sajjad 24; Rida Adam 3-24, Laiba Mansoor 2-23, Tania Saeed 2-39); RAWALPINDI WOMEN 145 in 49.4 overs (Aima Saleem 32, Tania Saeed 27 not out, Farzana Farooq 24; Omaima Sohail 4-34, Maham Mansoor 3-17, Syeda Aroob Shah 2-19)

Peshawar Women beat Multan Women by four runs.

PESHAWAR WOMEN 110 in 42.2 overs (Aleena Shah 40, Sidra Nawaz 23; Noor-Ul-Iman 5-15); MULTAN WOMEN 106 in 49 overs (Samina Afzab 30, Gull Rukh 29; Momina Hamat 2-9, Zaib-un-Nisa Nisar 2-26)

Lahore Women beat Quetta Women by nine wickets.

QUETTA WOMEN 105 in 49.1 overs (Arijah Haseeb 23, Khadija Chishti 23; Ayesha Bilal 3-16, Noreen Yaqoob 3-20, Quratulain 2-25); LAHORE WOMEN 108-1 in 24 overs (Dua Majid 52 not out, Iram Javed 20 not out).—APP

Shehla group summons PHF Congress today

LAHORE: While the federal government-appointed reconciliation committee, which was formed to resolve the dispute between two rival groups of the Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF), is yet to announce its decision to end their tussle, one of the groups headed by Shehla Raza has summoned its Congress meeting in Rawalpindi on Thursday.

According to a press release issued by the group, the 56th Congress, the first of 2023-24, will be held to discuss the affairs related to the constitution as well as finance.

All the past meetings of the Congress were extraordinary while no Congress meeting was held during the last couple of years. It should be held once in a year.

The second group headed by Tariq Hussain Bugti is in Malaysia presently with the national team, which is competing in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup.

Raoa Mashhood Khan, the head of the reconciliation committee, held detailed meetings with the two groups but the committee's decision on the dispute is still pending.—Sports Reporter

Murray to return for Geneva Open

LONDON: Briton Andy Murray will make his comeback from injury at this month's Geneva Open after the former world number one was handed a wildcard by the organisers of the French Open tune-up event on Wednesday.

Murray, who turns 37 later this month, rolled his ankle in the final set of his defeat by Czech Tomas Machac in the Miami Open in March and withdrew from the Monte Carlo Masters and Munich Open last month.

The Scot opted not to undergo surgery and will now return in the May 19-25 tournament in Switzerland.

The three-time Grand Slam winner, who had hip resurfacing surgery in 2019, previously said he did not plan to "play much past this summer" but hoped to compete at another Olympics.

Murray had also said he hoped to play at the French Open, which starts at Roland Garros on May 26. Murray has not played in the tournament since 2020.—Reuters

Nasir, Wong advance as CNS International Squash begins

By Ahmed Ali

KARACHI: Hong Kong's Wong Chi Him and local hope Nasir Iqbal advanced to the second round of the Chief of Naval Staff International Squash Championship with straightforward victories on Wednesday while Japan's Ryoto Tomotaka prevailed in a five-game thriller.

In the opening match at the Roshan Khan and Jahangir Khan Squash Complex, Wong justified his higher seeding as he dominated the court against Sebastian Hofmann of the Netherlands, winning in straight games 11-4, 11-2, 11-5.

Wong's clinical drop shots were too hot to handle for the error-strewn Hofmann. The Dutchman, struggling to find his rhythm, mistimed his shots and failed to counter Wong's precise play.

"As I was the higher seeded player I expected to play better than him," Wong told *Dawn*. "Still I need to be more consistent as Hofmann dominated me in some rallies but I was able to catch up. I would analyse my game-play a bit more and try to improve on some areas."

Wong's compatriot Ka, however, didn't have an easy ride as Tomotaka edged him in a nail-biter 12-10, 11-8, 5-11, 10-12, 11-3.

Ende prevailed in a closely-contested first set, utilising his reach advantage to edge out Ho. The second set was equally intense, with Ende taking it despite the ninth seeded Ho's valiant efforts.

Ho upped the ante and solved the riddle of Ende as he clinched a well deserved game to halve the deficit, capitalising on Japanese international brief lapse in focus.

The match was tied at 2-2, with Ho leading 5-2 in the fourth set before Ende staged a remarkable comeback to level the score at 9-9. Ho's resilience was evident as he claimed three consecutive points to level the match at 2-2.

But Ende regained his composure in the decisive game as he raced to a 5-1 lead before wrapping up a hard-fought victory.

"I know Ho is a very competitive individual as he beat me in our last three fixtures, so it's great to register a victory against him," the 29-year-old Ende told *Dawn*. "He picked up on most of my drop shots and I struggled on counter-drops so I guess that is something I can improve on."

Nasir, meanwhile, downed a "frustrated" Darren Pragasam 11-9, 11-5, 12-10.

Nasir was cruising towards victory when he led 10-5 in the first game but Pragasam bounced back in style to cut the deficit to 10-9. Nasir was relieved when referee gave Nasir a point for obstruction — a decision against which the Malaysian protested vehemently — which sealed the game.

The second set was more comfortable for Nasir, as he showcased his superior movement and shot selection.

Although Pragasam pushed Nasir in the third set, the Pakistani emerged victorious, displaying great sportsmanship by declining a point awarded due to obstruction again.

"The last point in the first game could've easily been a let," Pragasam told *Dawn*. "But at the end of the day these decisions can be subjective, maybe my perception was different the referee."

But Pragasam admitted that the decision affected him.

"In the second game I was still stuck on that decision and really hindered my performance which was frustrating," he said.

Pragasam's fellow countryman Muhammad Syafiq Kamal though had a fine outing as he staged a brilliant comeback to defeat Egypt's Hazem Hossam 5-11, 11-13, 12-10, 11-9, 11-8.

Hossam won the first set with some great shot selection, building an 8-1 lead. Kamal struck back with four consecutive points, but Hossam regained control to close the set.

The second set was a thriller, with Kamal leading 8-10 before Hossam equalised and took the lead. Kamal's clever shot towards the corner forced Hossam to rotate, levelling the score. Kamal capitalised on Hossam's errors to take the game.

The Egyptian regained control in the third game, despite Kamal's efforts to level the score. The fourth set saw Kamal break the pattern, taking the lead and eventually winning to level the match at 2-2.

The decisive fifth set was packed with action, as Hossam went 7-4 up before Kamal levelled the score. Hossam's shot out of his range gave Kamal a 9-7 lead, and the Malaysian secured the victory in 69 minutes.

Meanwhile, Malaysia's Bryan Tee Kang Lim and Ong Sun Hung, Hong Kong's Leo Chung along with England's Will Salter also won their first-round matches.

The top seeded players were given a first-round bye.

In the women's section, Anam Mustafa Aziz, Saima Shoukat, Roshna Mehboob, Komal Khan, Mehwish Ali and Sana Babbar emerged victorious in their first-round clashes.

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PCB perplexed as Amir still awaits Ireland visa

By Mir Shabbar Ali

KARACHI: Pakistan pacer Mohammad Amir is still waiting for his Ireland visa to travel to the country for the three-match Twenty20 International series that commences on Friday.

The 32-year-old, who rescinded his international retirement in March to make his Pakistan return ahead of this year's T20 World Cup, is part of the national side's 18-member squad for the Ireland series and the four matches against England after that.

Amir, however, has been left waiting in Lahore while the remaining members of the Pakistan squad flew to Dublin on Monday. The country's cricket board is in constant touch with its Ireland counterpart.

"We are in regular contact with the Cricket Ireland officials over the matter and they have told us that Amir's visa is still in process," a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) spokesperson told *Dawn* on Wednesday.

Amir was brought back to the national camp following his decision make himself available for Pakistan in order to boost the side's prospects of winning the T20 World Cup, which is set to be held in the United States and the Caribbean next month.

Pakistan's matches against Ireland, to be played until May 14 and those against England, scheduled to be held from May 22-30, will serve as the side's final warm-up ahead of the T20 showpiece, which Babar Azam's men will kick off with their match against co-hosts US.

Given the importance of the Ireland and England matches, nervousness prevails in the PCB's offices over Amir's visa issue, which can potentially cut down the crucial match practice for the bowler, whose only international matches after a gap of four years were four matches in the recent five-match T20I series against New Zealand.

Dawn understands that the PCB remains hopeful that Amir will be granted the visa, but if that does not happen, the pacer will be directly flown to Leeds, where Pakistan will play their first T20 against England.

Amir, who holds temporary residence of the United Kingdom, featured in Ireland's inaugural Test match in 2018. CI has communicated to the PCB that it is in touch with Ireland's department of foreign affairs, which, according to the Irish board, works independently.

However, officials in the PCB are perplexed at the situation, having the view that a member cricket board holds the responsibility to ensure visiting team players do not face issues related to visa processing.

Amir, along with the remaining members of the Pakistan contingent, had applied for the visa after the team's fitness camp in the country's military academy in Kakul in March.

CI did not respond to *Dawn's* enquiry over the issue.

THE pack climbs between Recco and Ruta during the fifth stage of the Giro d'Italia, 178km between Genova and Lucca, on Wednesday. Frenchman Benjamin Thomas outfoxed the three other members of a late breakaway to take the stage. Thomas, a five-time world champion on the track, was part of a powerful quartet that escaped with 80km to go and eked out a narrow lead to the line. Tadej Pogacar retains the overall lead of the race.—AFP

Pakistan come back to edge Canada, face Japan in Azlan Shah Cup final

IPOH: Pakistan and Japan won their respective matches on Wednesday to qualify for the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup final in Ipoh.

Both the teams top the table with 10 points each from four matches. The final will be staged on May 11 at the Azlan Shah Stadium.

Pakistan have registered three wins and a draw while Japan also have the same number of wins plus a draw.

On Wednesday, Pakistan defeated Canada 5-4 while Japan beat hosts Malaysia 2-1.

Malaysia and New Zealand are placed at third and fourth, respectively, with six points each.

South Korea have registered three points and are at five while Canada with no wins, are at bottom in the six-nation invitational event.

Continuing with their impressive comeback show in the event, Pakistan edged Canada.

The green-shirts, who clawed back from two goals down, to register a well-deserved win, now top the six-nation event with 10 points under their belt and face New Zealand in their last league match scheduled for Friday.

In earlier matches of the ongoing event, Pakistan worked their way back from 1-3 down against Malaysia before winning 5-4, and the same scenario existed against Japan in the 1-1 drawn match.

Sean Davies' field goal in the fifth minute pushed the Canadians, 19th in the world rankings, ahead of Pakistan, ranked 15.

Forward Harbir Sidhu, with 25 caps under his belt, then added further gloss by scoring the second goal in the 17th minute giving Canada a solid looking 2-0 lead.

But Pakistan, the three-time former Sultan Azlan Shah Cup champions, made a superb comeback with two penalty corner goals within a space of two minutes, leaving Canadian goalkeeper Matthew Sarmento baffled.

Abu Raky Mahmood struck back-to-back goals for Pakistan in the 28th and 29th minutes.

Arshad Liaqat extended Pakistan's lead to 3-2 (36th), Ashraf Waheed Rana made it 4-2 (44th) and Ghazanfar Ali nailed the fifth (45th).

Canada's Sean Davis made a field goal in the 49th minute, and Arijpt Batter scored in another field attempt in the 50th that reduced the deficit to 5-4.

Except for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics where Pakistan comfortably won 7-1 in a pool match, the record shows the contest between the two nations have always been close. In the last 14 meetings, Pakistan won 10 times, Canada three times that included claiming a 6-0 whitewash victory over the former world champions in the 2017 Hockey World League semi-finals in London, and drawn once.

Pakistan head coach Roelant Oltmans praised Canada.

"Let us give credit to Canada. They played a good game and gave us a hard time today. We were only able to come back in the second quarter after being 2-0 down. Although we led 5-3, the pressure was still on us. And we had so many chances to score and even had 11 penalty corners," the Dutch coach said after the match.

"At this moment we have not thought of the last pool match against New Zealand on Friday," he added.

Patrick Talbothani, the Canadian coach, said the dedicated performance shown by his players delighted him.

"I thought we started pretty well and were fortunate to get some good moments. It was a tough competition in the second and fourth quarters, as we came under a lot of pressure too, but I am happy with the commitment given by the players," Talbothani said in his post match comments.

"It was a good score, but it could have been a little different and in our favour, if the players had kept the game in control and not lose focus against Pakistan. We play Japan on Friday and I hope the team plays as well as they did today."—Agencies

PLAYERS in action during the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup match between Pakistan and Canada at the Azlan Shah Stadium on Wednesday.—courtesy Malaysian Hockey Confederation

Sangakkara backs Samson as India keeper for T20 World Cup

NEW DELHI: Rajasthan Royals captain Sanju Samson has made his case to be India's first-choice wicket-keeper at the T20 World Cup, the team's director of cricket Kumar Sangakkara has said.

Samson has been named in India's 15-member squad as wicket-keeper/batsman alongside Delhi Capitals skipper Rishabh Pant, who has also impressed in the Indian Premier League after his return to cricket following a horror car crash.

He smashed 86 off 46 balls on Tuesday but the knock went in vain, with the Capitals winning by 20 runs at home.

Samson has been in prime form with 471 runs in 11 matches and Tuesday's match was his fifth half-century of the season.

Sangakkara played down the Pant versus Samson debate in the post-match press conference but made his choice clear.

"It's really up to Rahul Dravid and Rohit Sharma and how they see the combination," Sangakkara told reporters. "But he has made his case, so hopefully he'll have a good run in the World Cup."

Samson has been an underrated leader of his team, who are all but through to the play-offs with eight wins in 11 matches, and is third in the batting list behind Virat Kohli (542) and Ruturaj Gaikwad (541).

"With Sanju, the biggest thing about this season for him is having a lot of clarity about the way he should bat," former Sri Lanka wicket-keeper/batsman Sangakkara said.

"There are certain stages of the game that he seems to lose a bit of concentration, which we've addressed from past seasons," he added.—AFP

Bangladesh recall Shakib for last two Zimbabwe T20s

DHAKA: Bangladesh on Wednesday recalled all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan and pace bowler Mustafizur Rahman for the final two Twenty20 internationals of the five-match series against Zimbabwe.

Former captain Shakib has not played a T20 since July 2023, and was this year elected as a member of parliament for Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's ruling party.

Shakib has refused to draw the curtain on his cricket career, and his participation in this series signals that the star player may still be in contention for June's Twenty20 World Cup.

Left-arm spinner Mustafizur was rested for the first three matches after returning from the Indian Premier League, where he was the season's joint-highest wicket taker for the Chennai Super Kings.

Top-order batsman Soumya Sarkar also returned to the side after missing the first three matches due to injury.

Parvez Hossain Emon and Afif Hossain, both named in the squad for the first three matches but neither making the XI, have been left out.

Pace bowler Shoriful Islam also rested to accommodate the returning trio.

Squad: Najmul Hossain Shanto (captain), Tanzid Hasan, Parvez Hossain Emon, Shakib Al Hasan, Towhid Hridoy, Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Jaker Ali Anik, Shamim Hossain, Shohag Hossain, Tanzim Hasan Sakib, Soumya Sarkar, Nasum Ahmed, Mohammad Saifuddin.—AFP

Olympic flame arrives in Marseille amid tight security

MARSEILLE: The Olympic flame reached Marseille, just outside the Old Port, amid tight security on Wednesday, 79 days before the Paris 2024 Games Opening Ceremony.

More than 150,000 people are expected to attend the ceremony after a six-hour parade of the three-masted *Belem*, which left Greece on April 27 with the flame after it was lit in Ancient Olympia 11 days earlier.

The ship was awaited by 1,024 boats.

Around 6,000 law enforcement officers are securing the area before Florent Manaudou, France's 2012 Olympic men's 50 metres freestyle swimming champion, brings the flame to land shortly after 1730 GMT in the presence of President Emmanuel Macron.

Police canine units and elite forces snipers have also been deployed.

"It's an unprecedented level of security," Interior minister Gerald Darmanin said. "Life goes on in Marseille but in great security conditions.

"We conceived this event as a ceremony, the fifth of the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics (on top of the opening and closing ceremonies," said Paris 2024 executive director Thierry Reboul who is in charge of ceremonies. "Marseille is the ideal spot to create memories."

"It was the obvious choice," Tony Estanguet, the president of the Paris 2024 organising committee, said of Marseille, which was founded around 600 BC by Greek settlers from Phocea.

That will be followed by a free rap concert on a floating stage in front of 45,000 spectators.

On Wednesday morning, the tranquility of the gentle breeze was matched only by the glittering of the Mediterranean sea in the background of the Old Port, making for an ideal day in France's oldest city.

The relay will start on Thursday with former Olympique de Marseille footballers Jean-Pierre Papin, Didier Drogba and Basile Boli, as well as three-star chef Alexandre Mazzia among the torch bearers.

More than 10,000 people will take part in the torch relay before the flame reaches Paris and is installed near the Louvre, in the Jardin des Tuileries. Extremely tight security will be a constant feature as the torch travels through more than 450 French towns and cities, and passes by dozens of tourist attractions including the Mont Saint Michel.

Around 200 members of the security forces are set to be positioned permanently around it, including an anti-terror SWAT team and anti-drone operatives.

Organisers have promised a "spectacular" and "iconic" Olympics, with much of the sport set to take place in temporary venues around the City of Light including at the Eiffel Tower and the Invalides.

In the absence of a much-feared security scare, the opening ceremony will take place in boats on the river Seine in a radical departure from past Games which have opened in the main stadium.

All of the major infrastructure has been completed with only two new permanent sporting venues built in a bid to reduce the financial cost and carbon emissions of the global extravaganza.

The idea of the torch rally harks back to the ancient Olympics when a sacred flame burned throughout the Games.

The Paris Olympics will run from July 26-August 11, followed by the Paralympics from August 28-September 8.—Agencies

MARSEILLE: The Belem, a three-masted ship carrying the Olympic Flame, sails to the Old Port on Wednesday.—Reuters

Crawley aiming for white-ball role

LONDON: Zak Crawley is aiming to secure a more regular role in England's white-ball teams after establishing himself in the Test side under skipper Ben Stokes and head coach Brendon McCullum.

Test opener Crawley has scored over 1,000 runs in 13 matches since the start of 2023, playing with an attacking, aggressive style that has often helped his team get off to quick starts.

His Test form has led to calls for his inclusion in the white-ball teams, but the 26-year-old was left out of England's squads for last year's 50-overs World Cup and the Twenty20 edition next month.

"I've always wanted to be a good white-ball player," Crawley, who has played eight One-day Internationals and no T20Is for England, told the Sky Sports Cricket Podcast.

"I'm trying to add a few other shots to my game, but I feel like it's quite mixed and I've gone well in T20 cricket in the past when I've had a run at it." Crawley said much of his focus had been on Test cricket in recent years.

"It was always my priority for me to play Test cricket," he added. "That will always be my number one format – it means the most to me – but playing any format for England is a huge honour and playing white-ball cricket is something I really want to do.

"I'm trying to add a bit more power to my game, I'm working hard in the nets trying a few different things to hopefully hit more and bigger sixes."—Reuters

Leverkusen edge closer to Dublin as another record looms

LEVERKUSEN: Bayer Leverkusen coach Xabi Alonso (C) conducts a training session at the Ulrich Haberland Stadium on Wednesday.—Reuters

BERLIN: Xabi Alonso's rampaging Bayer Leverkusen will have an additional incentive in Thursday's home second-leg Europa League semi-final against Roma: breaking a 59-year-old European football record.

Avoiding defeat against Roma on Thursday will not only mean a trip to Dublin for the Europa League final, it will also extend their unbeaten run to 49 games — the best mark in European football history.

A Zinedine-inspired Benfica went on a 48-game unbeaten streak between 1963 and 1965. The record has stood since, but Leverkusen have a golden chance of blowing it out of the water.

Alonso's side has already overtaken Juventus' 43-match unbeaten run from 2011 to 2012, which was the best of a team in the top five European leagues.

Already crowned Bundesliga champions for the first time back in April, Leverkusen are through to the German Cup final, where they face second-division Kaiserslautern.

Leverkusen won 2-0 in Rome last week and could set up a meeting with either Atalanta or Olympique de Marseille in the final with a one-goal loss, but breaking the record would be yet another outstanding achievement in an already brilliant season.

"A second leg is always a dangerous situation no matter the result before," Alonso told reporters on Wednesday. "We are preparing to play well with good motivation and at our own pace. We want to be aggressive, control and defend well as a team. We are expecting Roma to come with the hope of qualifying."

Last season, Roma defeated Leverkusen over two legs to make it to the final and Alonso said the bitter memory of that May evening would motivate them.

"We haven't forgotten what we experienced in our stadium and the feeling we felt last year. "We must use this energy and hopefully we can celebrate at the end."

The other semi-final is on a more even keel after Atalanta came away from the Stade Velodrome with a 1-1 draw after having their backs to the wall for large parts of the first leg in Marseille last week.

Atalanta, whose trophy cabinet contains seven lower league titles and the 1963 Italian Cup, are looking to go one better than in 1988 when they reached the last four of the Cup Winners' Cup as a Serie B team.

Gian Piero Gasperini's side have been inconsistent for much of the season but are eyeing a historic climax to the campaign, with a Italian Cup final with Juventus coming up next week and Champions League qualification also up for grabs.

Marseille have lost their last three semi-finals in the competition and are seeking their first major European trophy since winning the inaugural Champions League in 1993.

In the third-tier Europa Conference League semi-finals, Club Brugge welcome Fiorentina, who hold a narrow 3-2 lead from last week's first leg while Aston Villa will look to make a comeback away to Olympiakos in Athens, having suffered a surprise 4-2 loss at home in the first leg.—Agencies

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Pakistan edge Canada, face Japan in Azlan Shah Cup final

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STUDENTS of the Dow University of Health Sciences stage a rally to express solidarity with the people of Palestine and against Israeli atrocities in Gaza, on Wednesday. —Online

Enacted years ago, witness protection law fails to see the light of day

- Passing the buck, govt departments inform SHC that response on draft rules awaited for eight years
- Bench expresses serious resentment against inordinate delay

By Ishaq Tarmoli

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court was on Wednesday informed that the provincial home department had been waiting for a response from stakeholders on the draft Sindh Witness Protection Rules for the past eight years.

The home department submitted in its comments filed before a two-judge bench headed by Chief Justice Aqeel Ahmed Abbasi that in 2016 it had circulated the proposed draft rules to various officials and departments but despite the lapse of around eight years their response was still awaited.

The SHC has been expressing serious resentment against the authorities concerned over an inordinate delay to take necessary steps for proper implementation of the witness protection law enacted over a decade ago.

The law and home departments have filed their comments and attempted to shift the blame on others over an excessive hold-up to enforce the law.

The law department asserted that it had verified the drafted rules in September 2014 and thereafter had no information whether such rules were approved and notified by the home department or otherwise while the home department maintained that proposed rules were circulated to the finance and law departments as well as various other offices in 2016, but their response was still awaited.

A petition was filed last year seeking proper implementation of the Sindh Witness Protection Act, 2013 and at the previous hearing the SHC had ordered the authorities to take necessary steps for proper implementation of the law and warned that the secretaries of the home and law departments would be summoned if the compliance was not made.

When the two-judge bench took up the matter for hearing on Wednesday, the law and home departments filed their comments.

The reply filed on behalf of the law secretary asserted that the law was enacted and notified in June 2013 and being custodian of law, the home department drafted rules and the same were verified/vetted by the law department in September 2014.

After such progress, the law department had no information whether these rules were approved and notified by the home department or otherwise and the administrative department would be in better position to explain the court about further progress, it added.

The home department in its comments contended that witness protection advisory board under the chairmanship of home secretary and witness protection unit had already been notified while an additional inspector general of police (AIGP) had been requested in 2016 to nominate officers for constitution of the committee, but the response had not been received yet.

It also maintained that comments were also called from AIGP of counter terrorism department and secretary/member advisory board about procedure to appoint witness protection officers in 2016, however their response was still awaited.

"A copy of the draft proposed Sindh Protection Rules, 2016 under Witness Protection Act, 2013 was circulated to the various offices viz. a viz. prosecutor general Sindh, AIGP CTD Sindh, law department, finance department and inspector general of police Sindh vide home department No. SO(LE-I)HD/6/70/2023 dated 20-09-2016. However, the replies are yet not received", it concluded.

After taking the comments on record, the bench adjourned the hearing till May 30.

Citing the home and law departments,

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Six booked for harassing student on KU campus

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Police on Wednesday booked six "students" of the University of Karachi in a case pertaining to harassing a female student on the campus on Tuesday night.

The case was registered with the Mobina Town police station under Sections 147 (rioting), 148 (rioting, armed with deadly weapon), 149 (every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace), 337-H (punishment for hurt by rash or negligent act), 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and 506-B (criminal intimidation).

Area SHO Mohammed Nawaz said that complainant Amir Hussain stated in the FIR that he was a student of the Sindhi department in the KU and on Tuesday night he was sitting with a female student at "Sufi Canteen", located in the staff town, at around 9pm on the campus when six students — Hasan, Shariq Imam, Mohammed Umair, Muneeb, Asad and Kamran — and some others arrived there, asked his name and department.

The complainant said that they became angry when he asked as to why they were inquiring that. They started beating him with fists and sticks and also attempted to harass the girl.

On Wednesday morning, several students of the KU staged a protest sit-in and blocked the main Abul Hasan Isphahani Road for vehicular traffic. They demanded the police to incorporate relevant sections of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997 in the FIR against six students. However, the police convinced them that it was not a terrorism case. Later, they ended their protest and dispersed peacefully.

16 PSF workers granted pre-arrest bail

A session court has granted interim pre-arrest bail to 16 activists of the Peoples Students Federation (PSF) on Wednesday in a case pertaining to a clash between two groups at the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC).

Last week, eight students sustained injuries in a clash between PSF and Islami Jamiat Talaba (IJT).

After hearing the arguments, the court granted interim pre-arrest bail until May 13 to the 16 applicants against a surety bond of Rs20,000 each.

PTI claims police crackdown ahead of May 9 protests

HALEEM Adil Sheikh, along with other PTI leaders, addresses a press conference from behind artificial bars, purported to symbolise Adiala Jail, at Imaat House, on Wednesday. —Shakil Adil / White Star

By Imran Ayub

KARACHI: On the eve of first anniversary of May 9 incidents, the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) on Wednesday accused the Pakistan Peoples Party-led Sindh government of launching a crackdown on the party across the city.

The party said raids were being carried out on workers' homes, their families were being "harassed" and activists had been detained, but expressed the resolve that the party would not stop from taking to streets on Thursday (today) to exercise its constitutional and democratic right of peaceful protest and demonstration.

In an early-morning video statements, social media updates and messages to its workers, the Karachi leadership of the party came up with claims about pre-dawn raids on workers' homes by police and detention of a number of activists and their family members.

The party alleged that the "harassment" was carried out on the behest of the PPP government.

In the video statement shared by the party on different social media platforms, PTI-Karachi president Raja Azhar said that the police had raided the houses of PTI leaders Sajjad Soomro, Saeed Afridi, Fahim Khan and Shahnawaz Jadoon.

"The police harassed their family members when they weren't found at home. Even they [the police] misbehaved with the women and children of the leaders. In one case, the police detained younger brother of Shahnawaz Jadoon and took him away. Our Saddar Town president was also arrested. It's not policing but fascism on direct orders of PPP government and their leaders Bilawal Bhutto and CM Murad Ali Shah."

He said the government had "labelled PTI workers as terrorists" and treating them as "anti-state elements" which was a sheer injustice as the workers and supporters of the party were the most patriotic citizens of Pakistan.

The party spokesperson, Fauzia Siddiqi, later in the evening said the police though released the Saddar Town president a few hours after the detention, law enforcement agency kept raiding the homes of party workers even later in the day.

"We were seeing this coming [police raids on eve of May 9]," she told *Dawn*. "So the party has advised workers to adopt all precautionary measures."

Dawn tried to contact senior police officials for their version, but there was no response.

Symbolic 'Adiala Jail'

The Sindh chapter president of PTI Haleem Adil Sheikh, on the

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Sindh PA meets today

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori on Wednesday summoned the session of the provincial assembly on Thursday (today).

The session was called as the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party is set to table a resolution in the house to recognise May 9 as a 'dark day in the country's history'.

The resolution, submitted by PPP's Sadia Javed on Wednesday and to be taken by the house on Thursday, condemned the violent incidents on May 9, 2023 after the arrest of Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf founder Imran Khan and urged the federal government to hold accountable "the architects and all individuals involved in the mayhem".

It said that the arrest of the PTI leader was exploited to unleash widespread destruction and chaos in whole country. "Pakistan's critical defence installations were attacked, national memorial heritage sites were vandalised, and innocents civilian were killed and robbed," the resolution added.

No order issued by SC for removal of hawkers: registrar

Dawn Report

KARACHI: Terming a report published in *Dawn* about its recent order "factually inaccurate and misleading", the Supreme Court of Pakistan has said its April 25 order "does not direct the removal of street hawkers".

A detailed rejoinder sent by the registrar of the apex court was in reference to a 'comment' piece, *'The CJP and Karachi hawkers'*, published in the newspaper in its edition of May 6.

While pointing at certain factual inaccuracies in the article, the letter states that what is fundamentally wrong and contrary to the record is to categorise the order of April 25, 2024 as 'not dissimilar from the order issued by then-CJP Justice Gulzar Ahmed', which had directed buildings to be demolished. "The order dated 25 April 2024 does not do this," says the SC letter.

In the letter sent to *Dawn*, the SC registrar has also highlighted certain portions of the April 25 order about 'encroachments', 'containers' and 'trees'.

Regarding the issue of 'encroachments', the SC order states: "Whilst encroachments by citizens are demolished, it is unfortunately noted that encroachments on public roads and pavements are made by those paid out of the public exchequer. Occupants of properties also assume that the pavement running in front of their property is theirs, to do with it as they please. Generators are also installed thereon. Pavements are for the use of the public; access thereto and use thereof cannot be prevented or restricted."

The order further says: "Everyone, including the provincial and federal governments, and all those under them must abide by the law and cannot encroach upon public roads and pavements nor can block them which may stop or restrict public use thereof."

According to the order, citizens must not be inconvenienced as "those paid out of the public exchequer serve the people, and not vice versa".

While referring to observations of the additional attorney-general for Pakistan and the advocate general for Sindh regarding the placement of certain barriers for protection against terrorist attacks, the SC order states: "We are mindful of the security concerns and the same can be met by placing the barriers within the premises."

Regarding its implementation, the SC order directs all the provincial governments, as well as the federal government, to clear public roads and pavements of all encroachments from all over the country within three days, "failing which the same should be demolished/removed by the relevant authority and the cost incurred thereon shall be recovered from those who encroached thereon".

In regard to the buildings in official use, the SC order states: "The amount shall be recovered from the pay of the senior most official in occupation of the property/building in front of which runs the pavement on which barriers or other restrictions preventing public use thereof are place."

The SC order also instructs the government to place advertisements in newspapers informing the public of this order, and to ask the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra) to direct their licensees to broadcast it as a free public service message.

The SC registrar's letter also mentions certain excerpts from the SC order regarding the shipping containers that used by the authorities from time to time for security purposes, but are left on the roadsides or on pavements, and instructed that this practice needs to be stopped.

It also observed that there was a need to line the roads with trees in order to control pollution and counter effects of climate change.

While referring to the detailed excerpts on the issue of encroachments, the registrar's letter states that the SC order "does not direct the removal of street hawkers", describing the headline of the newspaper article as "wholly inaccurate and misleading".

At the same time, the SC registrar's letter points out that in the newspaper article there were certain factual inaccuracies like the CJP Qazi Faez Isa's name was misspelled, and that the period when Justice Gulzar Ahmed was the CJP, and the year in which he passed order about Karachi, were incorrect.

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"WEAKNESSES AND SHORTCOMINGS ARE NOT THE THINGS TO TALK ABOUT."

— HAZRAT ALI (A.S.)

Book on history of China launched

By Aloozeh Fatimah

KARACHI: Speakers at a programme on Wednesday said that academic Dr Junaid Ahmed's latest book is one of the pioneering works that thoroughly explores China's civilisation and language, tracing back over 5,000 years of its history.

These views were expressed by former Ambassador to China Hasan Javed, businessman Mian Shankat Hussain and Professor Dr Athar Ahmed at the launch *China Leads*.

The event was organised by the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR) in collaboration with the Sindh investment department here at a local hotel.

China's Consul General in Karachi Yang Yundong was the chief guest.

Following the recitation of the Quran, the event began with Tahir Ahmed, the host, introducing the guests and providing the audience with an overview of the book that delves into the history of China.

They said that the book states that in its entire history, China has never attacked any country. It has only defended itself from a number of aggressors throughout its history. Moreover, it contains details of achievements of China in all sectors, alongside comparing it with five other similar size countries including Russia, United States of America (USA), Canada, Brazil and India.

"I have read many books in my life, I can't quote a number here, but I can tell a good book and a bad book, and this is one of the most comprehensive books on China that I have read recently," said former envoy Hasan Javed. "This is such a unique book that it should be taught as a text-book," he added.

Mian Shankat, who has dealt with China for the past five decades, said: "If someone needs one book to understand China, Dr Junaid Ahmed has written that book. It has everything for you."

Prof Athar Ahmed, who is an expert in international marketing, also shared similar views and emphasised on the importance of learning history the correct way. He encouraged everyone to give *China Leads* a read.

The Chinese Consul General Yang appreciated the book and applauded the writer for recording the history of China in such a brief way.

Towards the end of the event, the writer spoke to the audience and answered the questions regarding the book as well.

He informed the audience that there are over 400 references taken from credible resources which are aimed at assisting future students and researchers who are planning to pick China as their research subject.

He said that his aim was to write a book which compiles the brief history of a country which has stayed in very close contact with Pakistan for ages that too in a way that is accessible for readers.

CHINESE Consul General in Karachi Yang Yundong speaks at the event. — Fahim Siddiqi / White Star

'Gaza genocide is for land occupation, economic interests'

Experts share their understanding of devastation unleashed by Israel in Palestine

By Shazia Hasan

KARACHI: Wearing black armbands, participants in a dialogue on the topic of 'The Palestinian Conundrum: Economic Ramifications and Calls for Social Justice' organised by the Egalitarians, an economics society at the Institute of Business Management (IoBM) here on Tuesday, shared a wealth of knowledge and understanding behind the devastation and recent incidents in Gaza, Palestine.

Former ambassador Ghulam Rasool Baloch said that it was agonizing to witness the ongoing genocide for the last seven months. "We can close our eyes when it becomes too painful to watch but we cannot close our conscience. The place has been made uninhabitable for Palestinians. It will take them at least 14 years to clean the Gaza Strip," he said.

He also pointed out that the attacks on Gaza had nothing to do with religion. "It has everything to do with imperialist enterprise. It is simply an economic interest of the West to dominate the world through Israel," he said.

Former ambassador Syed Hasan Habib said that the world was on Palestine's side and yet it made no difference. "We are at a position where we have no solution. In this crisis the position taken by Israel is unrealistic."

Economist and writer Dr Shahida Wizarat was of the opinion that cowboy culture was getting mixed with world order. "If you try to understand the psyche of the Israelis. They want to bomb out Gaza to make a beautiful sea resort there," she said.

"We are looking at a similar situation in Jammu and Kashmir. India is seeking investments for their occupied Kashmir. The idea is to trample on populations who live in beautiful environs and build tourist resorts there," she added.

Dr Asghar Dashti, educationist and expert on international relations, also said that the people of Gaza were seen by the West as "useless" people occupying a piece of valuable land so they need to be removed. "These days you need to look at countries as markets and their parliament houses as facilitation centres," he said. "Whatever we are seeing happening in Palestine is happening in the name of development. There is the Israeli Ben Gurion canal plan, connecting the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea. The place for this plan happens to be right next to northern Gaza," he pointed out.

Senior journalist and analyst Wusatullah Khan said that it was in fact a misconception that the conflict between Israel and Palestine was religious. "Maybe your forefathers lived somewhere but left and have been gone for centuries. Then how can it be your right to go there one fine day and reclaim the same place, which is now home to someone else, on just this knowledge? The West has accepted this story that it is okay to throw out anyone from where your ancestors lived but it is wrong," he said.

"Why won't Germany give back what they took away from the Jews in Hitler's time? The German compensation to Israel should have gone to the families of the victims of that time but it has gone instead to Israel. This was done to strengthen the Israeli economy, of course. Europe actually doesn't like Jews. They don't want them back if anything happened to Israel," he added.

Assistant Professor and senior lecturer at IoBM Mohammad Zubair and President of the Egalitarians Fatima Asim also spoke.

Well-known social worker Faisal Edhi said that he had earlier accompanied his late father Abdul Sattar Edhi to Palestine to extend humanitarian help but this time it was just not possible. "Earlier, we used to go there through Egypt. But now even Egypt is not willing to allow us passage or give us a visa. Many other humanitarians are also trying to reach Gaza but are stuck," he said.

"The problem is that Egypt is afraid. Egypt, like Turkey and Pakistan, is drowning in International Monetary Fund and World Banks debts. Therefore, they are also afraid of sanctions or demands from these two entities as they won't be able to fulfil their demands that can lead to the toppling of their governments," he added.

"Quite frankly, the Israelis are doing what Hitler was doing to them in his concentration camps. If he was a Rightist/Fascist power then so are the Israelis. They are no different," he said.

Nurses, midwives building sustainable healthcare, moot told

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Highlighting the role healthcare providers play in shaping economics and environmental sustainability, speakers at an international conference held in connection with the International Nurses and Midwives Day on Wednesday underscored the need for recognising and supporting the contributions of nurses and midwives in building resilient healthcare systems.

Titled Economy and Environment: Impact through Nursing and Midwifery Care, the conference was hosted by the Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery (AKU-SONAM) in collaboration with the hospital's division for nursing services.

Speaking as the chief guest, Universities and Boards Secretary Noor Ahmed Samoo commended AKU-SONAM for becoming a role model in the fields of nursing and midwifery in the country.

"As Pakistan's first private institution to establish a School of Nursing and Midwifery, the AKU-SONAM faculty has made significant contributions in the field through its outstanding academic services, research work and awareness programmes," he said.

Citing the WHO data, he said there were 15 million vacancies globally for healthcare workers and so they could have a huge impact on the economy worldwide.

Chief Executive Officer AKUH Dr Farhat Abbas shared insights into the economic dimensions of nursing and midwifery care, stressing their role in driving positive healthcare outcomes and economic growth.

Chief Nursing Officer at AKUH Khairunnissa Hoada spoke about nurses' contributions in patient care, hospital management and healthcare system sustainability.

"Their efforts and commitment to excellence are instrumental in leading best practices for a healthier future for all in Pakistan," noted Ms Hoada.

Dr Tazeen Saeed Ali, Interim Dean of AKU-SONAM, emphasised the importance of nursing and midwifery education in fostering a sustainable healthcare workforce and addressing environmental challenges.

Need stressed for thalassaemia screening before marriage

Dawn Report

KARACHI: Speakers at a seminar emphasised that would-be couples must undergo thalassaemia screening tests to know whether or not they carry the genes of the severe blood disorder.

The seminar was organised by the Saylani Blood Bank and Thalassaemia Centre to mark World Thalassaemia Day on Wednesday.

Senior haematologists and health professionals stressed the need of creating mass awareness about thalassaemia to make Pakistan a thalassaemia-free country.

They highlighted that the fatality rate among children with thalassaemia had been on the rise in Pakistan but young people from both genders motivated to get tested for this blood disorder before marriage would go a long way to reverse this trend.

The participants of the event were informed that a blood bank and treatment facility, being run by the Saylani Welfare International Trust, had been offering free of cost thalassaemia screening tests to let young would-be couples from underprivileged families determine before their marriage whether or not they carry the genes of severe blood disorder to protect the health of their coming generation.

Speaking on the occasion, Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority secretary Dr Dur-e-nur Jamal said that the community should fully support the government's prevention and treatment efforts to overcome the thalassaemia disorder in Pakistan.

She urged the audience that pre-marital thalassaemia screening testing should be conducted on a compulsory basis. She said the community should fully back the government's drive to implement the laws aimed at prevention of the genetic blood disorders.

She said that a mass awareness campaign should be launched to persuade would-be couples to get tested for thalassaemia before their marriage on a compulsory basis.

She said the SBTA had been doing research on various aspects related to blood transfusion and related disorders.

Senior haematologist Dr Ghulam Sarwar informed the audience that the requirement of blood for transfusion services to treat the affected children had lately decreased at the Saylani Blood Bank and Thalassaemia Centre. He said that at present 700 children were registered to get treatment services at the centre. In the past, up to 1,600 pints of blood were required to treat them in a month, which has now decreased to 538 pints. He said this observation had indicated that the best treatment and medication services had improved the health of the affected children.

Dr Sarwar said that arranging blood donors for the children with thalassaemia had been a major problem for their concerned parents who continued with this struggle on a lifelong basis.

Haematologist Dr Younus Jamal said that a bone marrow transplant was a way too expensive option to treat thalassaemia costing around Rs six million to Rs10m.

Saylani Trust CEO Madni Raza said that merely treatment and medication were not enough to combat genetic disorders like thalassaemia as people needed to have proper knowledge about such diseases as an effective means of prevention.

He lamented that several Nikah Khawan in the country didn't have any knowledge about the law adopted for compulsory pre-marital thalassaemia screening tests in the country.

Zahra University Director-General Arthur Mukhtar, Dr Area Rafique, Saylani Trust President Arif Lakhani, Blood Bank director Muhammad Iqbal Qammar and children with thalassaemia and their concerned parents also attended the session.

PTI crackdown

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other hand, came with an idea to set up a "symbolic Adiala Jail" at the Imaal House headquarters.

Speaking at a press conference from behind the "symbolic bars", he announced "peaceful protests" across the province on May 9.

"Staging peaceful protest is our legal right. There should be no restrictions," he said, adding: "Those resorting to violence are criminals and must face consequences. Who're the perpetrators of May 9 incidents? What was the role of Punjab police on that day?"

The PTI leader appealed to what he called institutions to identify Pakistan's enemies. "We reject May 9 as a pretext to target PTI and Imran Khan that ultimately benefitted the PML-N and the PDM."

'Phuleli Canal to be converted into recreational spot'

Dawn Report

KARACHI: Provincial Ombudsman Dr Muhammad Sohail Rajpar has said the historic Phuleli canal will be converted into a state-of-the-art recreation spot for the people of Hyderabad.

He said this while speaking at the launch of the magazine of the Alumni Association Government College University Hyderabad (Karachi Chapter).

Speaking on the occasion, Universities and Boards Minister Muhammad Ali Malkani said that the first priority of the Sindh government was to develop the education sector on better lines, because development without education was not possible.

He said that the history of Government College was over 100 years old.

In his presentation, Amin Yousuf informed about the works and future projects under the Alumni Association Government College Hyderabad (Karachi Chapter).

Man shot dead in Gulshan-i-Hadeed

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: A man was shot dead in Gulshan-i-Hadeed, police said on Wednesday.

They said that Pervez Ahmed, 50, was targeted at Rao Arcade, Phase-2, late on Tuesday night.

An Edhi Foundation spokesperson said that he was killed by robbers over resistance.

However, Steel Town SHO Ghulam Hussain Pirzada said that the motive behind the murder was not clear.

He said that the victim was riding a motorcycle when armed pillion riders opened indiscriminate firing on him. He suffered six bullet wounds on different parts of his body and was taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre where doctors pronounced him dead.

He said the killers did not take away anything.

He said the victim originally hailed from Mirpurkhas.

The SHO said that he was reportedly involved in property business, sale/purchase of Iranian oil, etc.

BEFORE: MR. SOHAIL JABBAR MALIK, JUDGE
IN THE BANKING COURT NO. II AT KARACHI
Block No. 15, Pakistan Secretariat, New Passport Office, Saddar, Karachi.
SUIT NO. 122 OF 2024
Habib Bank Limited, Gulshan-e-Jauhar Branch, Karachi.... Plaintiff
VERSUS
Muhammad Asim S/o Muhammad Younus, (CNIC No. 42101-[illegible]) Flat No. 304-B, [illegible], Plot House No. [illegible], Ground Floor, New Bangalore, Block-16, Gulshan-e-Jauhar, Karachi and House No. D-834, F.B. Area, Block-19, Karachi. ...Defendant
To the above named Defendant
WHEREAS the Plaintiff above named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 1979 (Or 2001). You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court within Thirty Days from the service hereof to answer and defend the suit, and within such time to deposit an appearance in the prescribed fee pay. In default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such thirty days to Rs.500,000/(Rupees Five Lacs) under Section 9 of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance. Copies of documents on which the claim is based are enclosed herewith. Take notice that if you fail to appear duly in the Court in the form of written statement showing that there is a defence to the suit on merits, an Order may be pronounced against you.
Notice is fixed for 8th July, 2024 at 09:00 AM before Banking Court II, Karachi.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on the 8th day of May, 2024.
BY ORDER
ACTING READER
BANKING COURT NO. II
KARACHI

BEFORE: MR. SOHAIL JABBAR MALIK, JUDGE
IN THE BANKING COURT NO. II AT KARACHI
Block No. 15, Pakistan Secretariat, New Passport Office, Saddar, Karachi.
SUIT NO. 118 OF 2024
Faysal Bank Limited, having Registered Office at Faysal House, ST-02, Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi and Office at 9th Floor, 90, Shahrah Faisal, Karachi. Plaintiff
VERSUS
Muhammad Ovais Waris S/o Muhammad Waris, (CNIC No. 42401-[illegible]) Residential Address: 1 Flat No. D-403, Sabina Tower, Sector 15-A-6, Buffer Zone, North Karachi, Karachi.
2 Flat No. A-104, Sabina Tower, Sector 15-A-6, Buffer Zone, North Karachi, Karachi.
Office Address: Muhammad Waris & Co., Owner Office No. 110, 1st Floor, Madinagar Centre, Block 14, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, near D.C. Office, Karachi. Defendant
To the above named Defendant
WHEREAS the Plaintiff above named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 1979 (Or 2001). You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court within Thirty Days from the service hereof to answer and defend the suit, and within such time to deposit an appearance in the prescribed fee pay. In default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such thirty days to Rs.500,000/(Rupees Five Lacs) under Section 9 of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001. Copies of documents on which the claim is based are enclosed herewith. Take notice that if you fail to appear duly in the Court in the form of written statement showing that there is a defence to the suit on merits, an Order may be pronounced against you. Take notice that you should be allowed to appear and defend the suit.
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Tender Notice
Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works Limited, West Wharf, Karachi, invites tenders for the supply of following on free delivery at KSEW basis:

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The suppliers / bidders are informed that Single Stage (Two Envelopes Bidding) Process is opted for all cases. Therefore, suppliers are required to submit (i) Technical Offer and (ii) Commercial Offer separately on tender due date.
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General Manager (Proc/Stores)
Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works Ltd
Phone Numbers: +92-21-99214045-64 Ext: 360

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The Project Director PSDP Projects (159, 160, 164, 165 GPI) invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items. TSE - 23240407111 Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of SPPRA-GOB.
Tender Fee Rs.1500/-

S.No	Name of Works	Bid Security
1	Supply Installation & Commissioning of Sorting, Washing, Waxing and Grading Unit at Pishin	2%

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: 1 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 50,000,000 in Previous 3 Years. Turnover of at least 40,000,000 PKR in 2 Subsequent Previous Years. Presence in Active Tax Payer List Sales Tax Certificate. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. 2% of Bid Amount. Affidavit on Correctness of Information. Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk. Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 27 May, 2024 till 12:00 PM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 01:00 PM on EPPS System. Address: Directorate General Agriculture Extension, Rani Bagh, Sariab Road, Quetta
Phone no: 3332468235 Email: pmprbl@gmail.com
AR No.4455-5-2024
Project Director
PSDP Projects (159, 160, 164, 165)
GPI Balochistan, Quetta

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Deputy Conservator of Forests Gwadar invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works on Percentage Rate on CDR under the Project "Ten Billion Trees Tsunami Program Phase-I Upscaling of Green Pakistan Programme (revised) Forestry components Balochistan for the year of 2023-24.

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost	Opening Time	Closing Time	T/Fee/CDR
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3.	Planting of 500,000 propagules seedling (Mangrove) in Kanwal Tehsil Ormara TSE-23240406801	3.00 M	03:00 PM	04:00 PM	1000/CDR@2%

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 3,500,000 PKR Amount in subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure. Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed under Head C-03170 Forest Receipt/CDW 7030. Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 22 May, 2024 during office hours on working days. Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 22 May, 2024. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under signed. Address: Deputy Conservator of Forests Gwadar
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DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, GWADAR

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KP governor visits Qalandar shrine, Bhuttos' mausoleum

Dawn Report

DADU: Newly-appointed governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, visited the shrine of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar in Sehwan and Bhuttos' mausoleum in Garhi Khuda Bakhsh Bhutto village on Wednesday.

The governor told journalists after placing a chador on the saint's grave that he was grateful to Pakistan Peoples Party chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari and Ms Faryal Talpur, who entrusted to him responsibility to serve people of the province.

He was accompanied by provincial minister Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah, Jamshoro PPP leader Syed Asif Ali Shah, Jamshoro deputy commissioner and other officers.

Talking to journalists outside Bhuttos' mausoleum, Kundi said that he would play the role of a bridge between the centre and province and avoid tension between the Chief Minister House and Governor House as it could harm people of the province.

He said: "The situation in KP is fast deteriorating. Therefore we must sit together to discuss the law and order conditions."

He ruled out talks with those who did not believe in the Constitution and the law of the land and said President Asif Ali Zardari, who was currently visiting Balochistan would come to KP to appraise himself of the problems of the province.

"No matter whether the chief minister comes to the Governor's House or not, it will not make any difference," he said in answer to a question.

He said that the chief minister was criticising PPP leadership only to cover up his weaknesses, inefficiency and incompetency.

Four of a family killed, 10 hurt in car-bus collision

By Our Correspondent

DADU: Four members of a family died and 10 others suffered injuries in a head-on collision between a passenger coach and a car on the Indus Highway near Khairpur Nathan Shah bypass on Tuesday.

The four belonging to the Memon community were going in a car to the village of Kanhar Lakhiar in K.N. Shah from Moro to offer condolences over the death of a relative.

The dead were identified as Ghulam Asghar Memon, Yasir Memon, Ms Irshad Khatoon and Shamshad Memon. The names of the injured — women, children and elderly people — could not be identified.

Rescue workers reached the spot, and shifted the bodies and injured to the taluka hospital of K.N. Shah.

The hospital's Medical Superintendent Dr Sikandar Nasir said that nine injured were discharged after treatment, but the car driver, Nawed Arain, was admitted due to his precarious condition.

The K.N. Shah SHO said police had impounded the damaged coach and car, and started investigation.

Murad wants more check dams built in Tharparkar to harness rainwater

Dawn Report

MIRPURKHAS: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has directed provincial irrigation minister to survey different areas in Tharparkar where check dams can be built to harness rainwater in the rain-dependent arid region.

The chief minister was addressing party workers of Mirpurkhas division at a privately owned banquet hall in Mirpurkhas on Tuesday.

"We are committed to you [people] and the cause to eradicate poverty, usher in new vistas of development and create job opportunities to bring prosperity to the province," he said.

The party workers of Tharparkar complained to the chief minister that several reverse osmosis plants in Thar had gone out of order. The CM said that he had prepared an umbrella scheme for the repair of all out-of-order plants.

The workers pointed out that Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (Hesco) had imposed prolonged load-shedding on villages from Naukot to Mithi and as a result the villagers could not even provide water to their cattle. The CM asked the energy minister to talk to Hesco authorities and get the issue resolved.

Thari women workers complained that there was only one girls' college in Mithi where girls from across Tharparkar district were receiving education. They had to travel long distances daily to reach the college, they said.

The chief minister said that he would talk to the minister for education to prepare a scheme for the construction of a girls' hostel in Mithi. The party workers complained that LBOD was flooding lands in Jhudo and Sindhri after remodelling and pointed out that Sindhri badly needed a drainage system. The CM said that his government was working on it.

The workers proposed construction of more check dams in Tharparkar so that rainwater could be harnessed for agriculture. More than 70 check dams constructed in Thar had irrigated water-starved lands and helped produced onions and other crops, they said. These dams had proved to be a source of agro-activity and brought prosperity, they said.

The chief minister directed the irrigation minister to survey the areas where check dams could be built.

The party workers of Mirpurkhas told the chief minister that Mirpurkhas to Mirwah road had become dilapidated and needed to be reconstructed on priority basis and Jamrao and Mithrao canals needed to be lined to save water and control waterlogging.

The chief minister was also requested to order desilting of Nara Canal to improve its water flow and help small growers receive water for their lands.

He announced establishment of a public school in Mirpukhas and said the party workers of Umerkot had demanded beautification of their district headquarters.

The meeting was also attended by PPP Sindh president Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, general secretary Waqar Mahdi, MNAs Mir Munawar Talpur, Aftab Shah Jilani, Pir Ameer Ali Shah, Dr Mubesh Malani, MPAs, local bodies' representatives, local party leaders and workers.

In Nawabshah, the chief minister said that problem of wheat procurement aggravated after the wheat procured by the interim federal government started arriving at the port.

He said at a gathering of party workers, office bearers and elected representatives of the districts of Shaheed Benazirabad, Naushahro Feroze and Sanghar at a banquet hall in Nawabshah that the untimely import of wheat caused huge losses to growers.

He said that he had suspended four district food controllers after receiving complaints of unfair distribution of gunny bags and asked the irrigation minister to conduct an inquiry into the growers' complaints.

"We have 400,000 tonnes of wheat in our godowns while only 900,000 tonnes are required to meet the province's needs. We have already procured 600,000 of fresh crop whereas 300,000 more is being procured from the areas," he said.

He said that thanks to Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, the province received 1.7 billion dollars inclusive of loans from World Bank, Asian Development Bank and other donors. These loans were obtained unconditionally and proved a great help in rehabilitating flood-affected areas, he said.

Party workers of Naushahro Feroze and Nawabshah aired similar complaints before the chief minister who issued directives to the ministers and functionaries concerned to resolve them.

Witness protection law

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inspector general of Sindh police and prosecutor general of Sindh as respondents, the petitioner submitted that the Sindh Witness Protection Act, 2013 was enacted in 2013 to provide protection to witnesses, but the respondents had made no positive efforts so far for the enforcement of the law in letter and spirit.

He also submitted that the law provided a framework for the protection of witnesses in Sindh and to ensure a safe and secure environment to record their testimonies in criminal cases, but neither requisite fund to set up a witness protection unit had been released yet, nor it was properly implemented.

The petitioner maintained that the witness protection programme was required to be set up under Section 4(1), witness protection advisory board under Section 5(1), witness protection unit under Section 6(1) and establishment of a committee for making recommendation in terms of placing a witness under protection under Section 9 of the act.

The petitioner asked the court to direct the respondents to immediately frame rules as required under Section 29 of the act and also establish the witness protection unit, advisory board besides other measures as mandated in the law.

Witnesses without protection

The provincial assembly had passed the Sindh Witness Protection Act, 2013 for absolute government security to witnesses in criminal cases, including life protection, reasonable accommodation, financial assistance and compensation to legal heirs if the protected person is killed or dies during the process.

However, the witnesses are still without protection as the provincial authorities have yet to enforce the law in letter and spirit.

Legal experts believe that poor implementation of the law has discouraged witnesses from testifying, adding that legislation about protection of witnesses and other people connected with trials had already been existed in the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997, which clearly states that the government should extend protection to witnesses and others during the investigation, trial and thereafter. But these provisions were hardly implemented, they added.

The special law on the subject matter was enacted around 11 years ago, but in the absence of a witness protection unit, it appears to be almost impossible for witnesses to appear in courts and depose against the accused in terrorism-related cases while in the past, the key prosecution witnesses had turned hostile by deviating from their previous stance in several high-profile and sectarian killing cases due to fear and sense of insecurity.

SUP moot concerned over dacoit rule in riverine areas

Dawn Report

SUKKUR: The Sindh United Party (SUP) convened Sindh Qaumi Conference in Jacobabad to identify various threats to Sindh and expressed concern over dacoit rule in riverine areas, abduction of poor labourers and innocent children for ransom and complete breakdown of law and order in the province.

The party's president Syed Zain Shah, who chaired the conference, said the Feb 8 general election was fake as it allowed Pakistan Peoples Party to control Sindh with the help of establishment. Under a conspiracy, Sindh's lands, islands and heritage had been stolen and unrest and drugs were being spread in the province, he said.

He said that Sindh had been handed over to PPP and the centre had been given to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and PPP under a pre-polls deal.

He feared PPP was going to lease out Sindh's assets such as water, sea, coastline, national resources and land to foreign and local companies. Sindh's MNAs and MPAs and MQM were part of this deal, he said.

He said that they definitely wanted development and prosperity of the country but "we are not ready to hand over mineral resources of Sindh to foreign companies."

Addressing a similar Sindh Qaumi Conference in Larkana, Zain Shah said the rigged election process had given birth to a host of questions about its transparency. The world had witnessed how the elections had been held and results prepared, he said.

He termed it a robbery on the rights of millions of people which had thrown Sindh into a quagmire of unemployment, battered law and order situation and starvation.

He demanded ensuring equal rights on resources and the right to rule as enunciated in the 18th Amendment and repatriating aliens to their countries. "We are determined to safeguard our land. We will join alliances to block possibilities of rigging and manipulation of polls. We will also work to foil such conspiracies," he said.

Dr Sabir Abbasi, general secretary of Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA), said that GDA and its allies proved that the alliance was an alternative to PPP in Sindh and denied any inability of PPP.

BEFORE: MR. SOHAIL JABBAR MALIK, JUDGE IN THE BANKING COURT NO. II AT KARACHI

(Block No. 15, Pakistan Secretariat, Near Passport Office, Saddar, Karachi)

SUIT NO. 121 OF 2024

Habib Bank Limited, Tariq Road Branch, Karachi ..... **Plaintiff**

V.E.R.S.U.S

Muhammad Ibrahim S/o Ghulam Jan Baloch, R/o Flat No. 202, 2nd Floor, Noor Heights, Allama Road, New Malir Colony, Bahadur Branch, Karachi. CNIC No. 42000-[illegible], Cell No. [illegible] ..... **Defendant**

To the above named Defendant

WHEREAS the Plaintiff above named has instituted a **Suit** against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001 (XV of 2001). You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court within Thirty (30) days from the service hereof to oppose and defend the said suit, and within such time to make an application to the defendant the grounds for default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of same thirty days to the **Relief claimed in Suit No. FIR 13A/13 under Section 9 of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001.** Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court in the form of affidavit disclosing that there is a defence to the suit on merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear and defend the suit.

Matter is fixed for **9th July, 2024** at 09:00 AM before Banking Court II, Karachi.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 8th day of May, 2024.

BY ORDER
ACTING READER
BANKING COURT NO. II
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TENDER NOTICE

The Project Director PSDP Projects (159, 160, 164, 165 GPI) invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items. **TSE-23240540741 Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB.**

Tender Fee Rs. 1500/-

S.No	Name of Works	Bid Security
1.	Supply Installation & Commissioning of Sorting, Washing, Waxing and Grading Unit at Pishin.	2 %

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** 1 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 50,000,000 in Previous 3 Years. Turnover of at least 40,000,000 PKR in 2 Subsequent Previous Years. Presence in Active Tax Payer List Sales Tax Certificate. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. 2% of Bid Amount. Affidavit on Correctness of Information. **Procedure of Procurement**: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security**: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of **Deposit at Call** of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents**: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk **Issuance of Tender Documents**: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk **Last Date of bid submission**: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by **24 May, 2024** till **12:00 PM** through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening**: All tenders will be opened on same day at **01:00 PM on EPPS System**

Address: Directorate General Agriculture Extension, Ferozi Bagh, Sariab Road, Quetta

Phone no: 3232448235 **Email: pispribl@gmail.com**

Project Director
PSDP Projects (159, 160, 164, 165)
GPI Balochistan, Quetta

AB No.4448-S-2024

TENDER NOTICE

The BALOCHISTAN FOOD AUTHORITY invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items. **TSE-23240541051 Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. Tender Fee Rs.2000/-**

S.No	Class of Object	Bid Security
1.	ICT Equipment(Network, surveillance devices, storage devices, Office Equipment) (Total Item(s) Count: 9)	250,000 PKR

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** 3 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 5,000,000 in Previous 3 Years. Turn over of at least 7,200,000 PKR in 2 Subsequent Previous Years. Presence in Active Tax Payer List, Sales Tax Certificate. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. JV is not permissible. Submission of the required Bid Security in case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as ineligible and non-responsive. Submission of the required Bidding Document Fee. Attach Copy of valid PEC License C6 or above and C6 Above After Sale and Services free of Cost for 3 years. **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of amount 250,000 PKR specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk **Issuance of Tender Documents:** Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk **Last Date of bid submission:** Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by **23 May, 2024** till 11:30 AM through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:30 PM on EPPS System Address: Spinny Road Near Food Godam Quetta

Phone no: 081921[illegible] **Email: admin@bfa.gob.pk**

DIRECTOR
BALOCHISTAN FOOD AUTHORITY

AB No.4428-S-2024

TENDER NOTICE

The Cadet college panjgur invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items. **TSE-23240540861 Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. Tender Fee Not required**

S.No	Class of Object	Bid Security
1.	ICT Equipment(Network, surveillance devices, storage devices, Office Equipment) (Total Item(s)Count: 18)	2 %

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. 2 **Eligibility of Bidders:** 2 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 5,000,000 in Previous 5 Years. Turn over of at least 5,500,000 PKR in 5 Subsequent Previous Years. Presence in Active Tax Payer List, Sales Tax Certificate. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. JV is not permissible. Submission of the required Bid Security in case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as ineligible and non-responsive. Mandatory for firms other than Manufacturers. Two Year Warranty. The bidder(s) must have functional office in Balochistan having valid PTCL phone and Fax number, with field and supporting staff enabling support and replacement warranty. **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk **Issuance of Tender Documents:** Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk **Last Date of bid submission: Bid** can only be submitted electronically latest by **23 May, 2024** till 11:00 AM through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM on EPPS System. **Address:** Cadet college panjgur

Phone no: 086664[illegible] **Email: [illegible]**

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AB No.4418-S-2024

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

KARACHI

IT is notified to all public that I, Mrs. Afsheen Jabbar Wife of Muhammad Jabbar holding CNIC # 42201-0541027-2, Resident of C-205, Sector 14, Shadman Town, Karachi, Pakistan has the Sole Ownership, of Bahria town Property, Registration No. B7-A/P-A/DP-7118, my Plot No. "0080" measuring 200 square yards, Precinct # 14, Street 07 situated at Bahria town Karachi, now I have also given the general power of attorney, the said Bahria Town Property, to Mr. Khurram Baig son of Shoaib Ahmed Baig holding CNIC # 42101-8875436-3, Resident of Flat No. S-12, Ashraf Plaza, Sector 14-B, Shadman Town, North Nazimabad Town Karachi, to sell this Property if any Person / Agency having any objection or claim, should notify with documentary prove, to inform Bahria Town Head Office within seven (7) days, from the date of this publication failing which claim or objection what so ever shall be treated as Null & Void & further process will be completed in my Inder Favor Advertisers Mrs. Afsheen Jabbar. (1009371919)

OUR client has contracted to purchase Ground Floor 3 (GF-3) Block No. 17, Sea View Township, Phase-V, DHA Karachi. Any person / persons, financial institutions, DFI / DFIS or any Court / Courts have any objection, claim should notify to the Sub-Registrar-I, Clifton, within 07 days and my Office at Suit # 01, 2nd Floor, Aqa Chamber, Opposite City Courts, Karachi Zafar Alam Advocate High Court (1010211738)

RUKHSANA, W/o Muhammad Arif Memon, holding CNIC No. 41006-8446905-6 B/w House No. 18-41, Memon Society, Deamolded, Hyderabad has agreed to sell to my client (Leasehold) Residential Plot No. 109/3, 5th Commercial Street, Phase-IV, measuring 200 sq. yds. Pakistan Defence Officers Housing Authority, Karachi free from all claims, liens, charges, demands and encumbrances whatsoever nature and in vacant possession. Any Person or Persons, Bank, DFI's, Financial Institutions, Agency, Society, Authority etc having any objections to the sale or claim, lien, title on the said property should send the same to the undersigned under Registered A/D cover along with documentary evidence within seven days from the date hereof failing which claims or objections if any shall be deemed to have been waived and sale shall be completed. **MUHAMMAD YAKUB KAPADIA, ADVOCATE HIGH COURT,** Office No. 601, Sixth Floor, Landmark Plaza, Muhammad Bin Qasim (Bunnu) Road, off I.I. Chundrigar Road, Karachi. (1009371920)

THIS Public is hereby notified that our valued client has contracted to purchase a Industrial Plot of Land Bearing No. 232, Sector No. 24, measuring 1,000 sq yards, situated at Korangi Industrial Area, Karachi, along with ground plus one Storyed building thereon, total constructed area 15,000 Sq. Feet from the owners of the Said Property, (1) Mr. Asim Hafeez, holding CNIC No. 42101-2301217-1 (2) Mr. Shamim Ahmed holding CNIC No. 42101-1427845-3 both sons of Muhammad Abdul Hafeez, free from all sort of mortgages, charges, encumbrances, claims, litigations or objections whatsoever together with marketable title & vacant physical possession. Any person(s), company, authority, bank or financial institution having any claim, right, title, interest, lien or objection whatsoever in the Said Property should notify the same to the Sub-Registrar Korangi Town, Karachi, KDA Land depart Karachi and us at the given address, along with documentary evidence under registered A.D. within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, right, title, interest, lien or objection, whatsoever shall be deemed to have been waived and the said property shall be free to be validly transferred & conveyed in favour of our Client Seema Wasim Law Associates Office No. 201-202, 2nd Floor, Al- Ahsana Center, Near Passport Office Saddar, Karachi. Ph. 0334-8288416, 021-35640177 Email : danishabdulhafiz@yahoo.com (1009371920)

KNOW all men that I the undersigned has purchased a share of 166 sq.yds. built up ground plus two story constructed on Plot No. BC-19, Block-8, Clifton, Karachi, measuring 225 sq. yds. from Syed Muhammad Aslam son of Syed Muhammad Nazim through general attorney Syed Shabbir Ahsan S/o Syed Jamil Ahsan. Anybody else or Company has any objection regarding this sale, is invited to file his objections with documentary evidence in the Office of Sub-Registrar-II, Clifton, Karachi, within 7 days of publication of this public notice, failing which after the expiry of 7 days, no objection will be entertained whatsoever in nature. Advertiser Hussain Qulnaz Mir S/o Muhammad Qulnaz Mir CNIC No. 42201-2892109. (1017373915)

MY Client has contracted to purchase All Rail Residential Plot No. 132, Measuring 2000 Sq. Yds, Situated at Khayabane Tipu Sultan, Phase VIII-D, DHA, Karachi, from its Owner Mr. Mansoor Iqbal S/o Iqbal Ahmad Shaikh, CNIC No. 42201-0409256-3, Resident of Karachi, anyone having any claim, right or share in the said property should notify to DHA Office, Karachi and undersigned, along with documentary evidence under Registered Post with seven days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which claims, lien or objections if any shall be deemed to have been waived and the said property shall be conveyed and transferred in favour of my client. **IMRAN NAGRAMI** Advocate High Court A-607 & 707, Saima Trade Towers, I.I. Chundrigar Road, Karachi. (1102279703)

OUR client has agreed to purchased Bungalow No. 94/II, 6th Commercial Street Phase IV, DHA Karachi, Measuring 200 Sq.Yards, From Mr. Syed Mohsin Karim S/o Abdul Karimuddin CNIC No. 42201-0459131-1 Resident of DHA Karachi free from all dues, litigation, claims of whatsoever nature. Any person /bank or any concerned Authority having any claim Touching the plot should notify to Sub-Registrar 1, DHA Clifton Town Karachi, and Undersigned within (7) days. (In this Publication M/S. **MAYARI REAL ESTATE** Misbah, Ur Haq 0321-2165318) (1102279702)

OUR client has contracted to purchase, 1020 sq ft, a Residential Apartment No. G-6/A, 6th Floor Country Club Apartment, Plot No. 28-A/M, 23rd Street, Phase-V Ext, DHA Karachi from Mrs Fatheen, holding CNIC No. 42201-0446853-0. Any Person/Authority having claim or objection should notify us or Administrator of DHA Karachi within seven days. **FAROOQ** 0300-2080077, 0300-9240944 **THE GULF ENTERPRISES.** (1102279703)

OUR client has contracted to Purchase Bungalow No. 74-T, 1st Commercial Street Phase IV, DHA, Karachi, Measuring 200 Sq. yards From Mrs. Ambreen Soomro W/o Danish Ali Khan CNIC No. 42201-6519120 Resident of Karachi. Any Person, Institution having any objection, Claims Whatsoever should notify to us or Administrator DHA & Sub-Registrar within 7 Days of the publication of this notice, otherwise transaction shall be completed. **IQBAL MEMON wESTATE** Plot No. 127, 6th Commercial Street Phase IV DHA Karachi. 021-35355758, Ali 0321-2694707. (1102279705)

OUR client has contracted to purchase Plot No. 1089, Sector 3-C measuring 200 yards DHA City Karachi (U-5833-40002) from Nabeel Farooq Jangda S/o Farooq Jangda R/o Karachi CNIC 42000-5084100-9 free from all dues, claims, encumbrances etc. Any Person, Bank, Authority having any claim / objection should notify us or DHA City Karachi within 7 working days of this publication. **A.S. ENTERPRISES** 0213538669 (1102279703)

OUR client has contracted to purchase Plot No. 51/I-K, 21st Street, Phase VIII-B, DHA, Karachi, Measuring 500 Yards from Mrs. Tanveer Navratri W/o Ali Nawaz Navratri, CNIC No. 42201-0347578 R/o Karachi. Free from all claims, objections and encumbrances. Any Person, Bank, Authority having any objection whatsoever should notify to Administrator DHA Karachi with documentary evidence within Seven days from this Publication. **SADAF ESTATE** Mian Khizer Abbas 0336-0751667 Office No. 1, 1st Floor 27 C, Bukhari Lane 8 / 11 (Corner) Phase VI, DHA Karachi. (1102279711)

OUR Client has contracted to purchase Residential Double Storied Town House Bearing No. F-13/14, measuring 250 sq. yds, known as "Alpine Homes", Plot no. F-13, Block-5, KDA Scheme No. 5, Kehkashan Clifton, Karachi, from Mrs. Samia W/o Mr. Zulfiqar Ali holding CNIC No. 41304-9863499-8, Karachi free from all encumbrances, disputes. Any Person / Authority having any claim / objection over said property should notify us along with documentary evidence to Sub-Registrar II, Clifton Town Karachi, within (07) seven days of publication of this notice, otherwise transaction shall be completed as favour of our client published by Muhammad Tayyab Choudhry Advocate High Court Contact # 0301-2888784. (1102279703)

IT is to inform you that our client has purchasing one Property Residential Plot No. 81, Sub Plot No. B on Plot No. G-1, Block-8, KDA, Scheme No. 05, Clifton Karachi and making an agreement of Sale and Purchase with Mr. Shaikh Muhammad Rafiq S/o. Mr. Shaikh Muhammad Shafiq holding CNIC No. 42101-8934608-3 Attorney holder of Mrs. Nasreen Rasulbkh Khan holding CNIC No. 42201-0270466-8 (Owner of the above said Property). Therefore, if any person / persons or organization have any objection should inform the undersigned within 07 days and submit objection after the time, no objection will be acceptable and sale agreement/ sale formalities will be completed in all respect. Publisher HK Consulting (Corporate and Legal Consultant) M-22 International Trade Center Hasrat Mohani Road, Karachi. Phone: 021-32431021 Cell: 0320-2553312-2 (1009370780)

OUR client has contracted to purchase Residential Plot No. 2064, Sector 3-E, DHA City, Karachi measuring 125 square yards from Amin Khan S/o Mr. Din Shah CNIC # 14253-2047991-3 R/o Karak. Free from all dues, taxes, dues, charges, encumbrances etc. Anybody / Authority having any claim / objection should notify to us and Administrator DHA Karachi with documentary evidence within 7 days of this publication failing which any claim / objection shall be deemed to have been waived and the transaction shall be completed in favour of our client. **JUNAID AMEEN** 0300-9210373, 021-35315054 (1016279975)

OUR Client has contracted to purchased **BUNGALOW NO. 21/VII, STREET 31** , Phase II Ext., measuring 500 square yards DHA, Karachi from Mrs. Sherina Mushtaque W/o Mushtaque Jindani Resident of Karachi, free from all encumbrances, Litigation, dispute, lien, claim etc. Any person / authority / Bank having any objection / claim should notify undersigned and Sub- Registrar-I, Clifton Town, Karachi along with documentary evidence within seven days, failing which any claim shall be deemed to have been waived and transfer will be completed in favouring of our client. **REAL ESTATE B.N.K.** 5-C, Khayabane Bukhari, Phase VI, Defence Karachi. 021-35345740-48. (1016279977)

THIS is to notify the General Public that I, Syed Ovaiis Kadri CNIC # 42201-8306841-9 Resident of 3rd/ 20E Sector-5, Askari-5, Malir Cantt Karachi has sold my Car, Toyota Yaris Model 2021, Reg No. BUS-200 Chassis # NSP151R-0016420 Engine # 2NR2A281757 Color White to Mr. Pawan Kumar CNIC # 42201-1184308-3 Resident of Flat # 14, Floor 2, opp Police Lines, Saddar Karachi on 02 April 2024 at 02:00 PM therefore from 02 April 2024 02:01 PM I am not liable for any kind of liability regarding above mentioned Car. (1016279979)

AUCTION

KARACHI

EV under Collector of Customs (MCC) Appraisement West (KICT), Karachi. Auction of Fresh Schedule No. 58/2024 (KICT). Fresh lots will be held on 14-05-2024 (weekly) at 10:30 AM at KICT Auction Yard West Wharf, as per Custom Auction Rules SRO 450(I)/2001 "As is where is basis". Successful bidder will 25% Earnest money on the spot. After acceptance balance 75% amount Plus 10% Income Tax will pay within 07 days. Detail Goods: Magnesium Cl, MRI System, PEB Pellet Mould, Polyester Yarn, Used Tyre Scrap, Sulphur Agriculture Fertilizer, PU Coated Artificial Leather, Rubber Process Oil, Used Shoes, Used Embroidery Machine, Bamboo Split, Broom Sticks, Smart LED TV Parts, Sugar Absorbent Resin, Polyester Textured Yarn, Cosmetic Items, Jacob Coffee Cream, Oil & used Compactor/Tandem Roller etc. etc. Further detail DC Auction (KICT) West or Govt. Auctioneer M/s. Adnan Enterprises. 0300-8395249 (1100277981)

COURT NOTICE

KARACHI

IN the Lahore High Court Lahore. Notice Under Order V Rule 20 CPC. Civil Revision No. 14838 OF 2023 LDA etc VS Haji Abdul Rehman etc. Notice to Respondents. Haji Abdul Rehman S/o Ghulam Nabi R/o 601-C, Faisal Town Lahore. Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed titled Civil Revision against the order dated 20-09-2023 of the learned Additional District Judge Lahore and the case has been fixed for hearing 16-04-2024 (fixed by court), before the Hon'ble Court. As your service could not be effected through ordinary mode the Hon'ble court has directed for your substituted service through publication of notice in the press. 2 Now, therefore, you are hereby informed to appear before the Hon'ble court in person through an attorney or advocate on the date fixed for pleadings. 3 If you or your counsel fails to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the given date, the case will be heard and decided in your absence and no excuse thereof shall be acceptable on this court. Given under my hand and the seal of the Lahore High Court Lahore on this 4th May 2024. Syed Kashif Raza Zaidi Deputy Registrar (Civil) Lahore High Court Lahore. (2579327784)

QUETTA

ELECTION Tribunal Balochistan Court-II Quetta. Election Petition No 35/2024. Hussain Baloch S/O Faiz Muhammad, R/O Mohalla Shohadan Ward, Gawadar Petitioner. Versus: (1) Provincial Election Commissioner Balochistan, Bangalow Ws. Iqa, Zarghoon Road, Quetta. (2) Returning Officer, NA-259, Kech Cum Gawadar. (3) Malik Shah, Winning Candidate for NA-259, Kech Cum Gawadar. (4) Ashraf. (5) Ijaz Ahmed. (6) Ayaz Gadir. (7) Babloo Gulab. (8) Bakhat Ali. (9) Hafeezullah. (10) Khalil Baloch. (11) Raheem Imam Bux. (12) Zubaida Jalal. (13) Saeed Ahmed S/o Faiz Muhammad. (14) Saeed Ahmed S/o Molla Dad. (15) Salman. (16) Syed Ehsan Shah. (17) Syed Tasnoor Shah. (18) Syed Mafeem Jan. (19) Abdul Ghafoor S/o Syed Muhammad (Late). (20) Abdul Ghafoor Modh. (21) Abdul Malik. (22) Altaufullah. (23) Fida Ahmad. (24) Qasim. (25) Kahda Baloch. (26) Muhammad Akram. (27) Meer Hamal. (28) Meena D/o Taj Baghwan. (29) Nasrullah. (30) Nawaz Jan Baloch. (31) Yaqoob Balochi. All Candidates for NA-259, Kech Cum Gawadar Respondents. Notice / Aab to Respondents No.(1) to (30). Whereas, above subject Election Petition is fixed on 10th May, 2024 at 9:00am (Morning) for hearing. Whereas, the respondents are hereby informed by given Advertisement / Notice to make sure their presence or lawyers to defend the petition. Failing which the matter will be heard and decided in their absence as per law. Given under my hand and the seal of the court this day of May 04, 2024. By Order. Sd/- Mehaboobullah Khajak, Registrar Election Tribunal, High Court Building, Quetta. (1102279808)

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IN the Court of Ambassen Iqbal Ch Civil Judge Islamabad Suit for Declaration Nasim Firdous Noor vs Riaz Alam Noor S/o Noor Alam R/o 10, Dunton Road Leyton E-10 1DP London (England). It is proclaimed of the said defendant does not appear personally or through duly authorized agent or pleader in this Court on 17-01-2024 at 09:00 am ex-parte proceedings will be taken against him / has. (2512600094)

DAWN the complete newspaper

BEFORE: MR. SOHAIL JABBAR MALIK, JUDGE
IN THE BANKING COURT NO. II AT KARACHI
(Block No. 66, Pakistan Secretariat, Near Passport Office, Saddar, Karachi)
SUIT NO. 110 OF 2024

Faysal Bank Limited, having Registered Office at Faysal House, 07-09 Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi and Office at 8th Floor, 66, Executive Heights Phase, Karachi. ..... **Plaintiff**

V E R S U S

Syed Abdullah Raza S/o Syed Iqbal Hussain (Late), CNIC No. 42201-1803878-1, **Residential Address:** 5 Flatter 11-B, Empire Centre, 5th Floor Block-09, Muhallah Gulistan-e-Johar, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi.
Contact No. 0 (Self), Mohallah Tilak Chawl, Gulbai City, Hyderabad
Office Address: Sabri House (Flat Sabri), House No. 61/B/B, Tilak Chawl, Hyderabad ..... **Defendant**

To the above named Defendant/s

WHEREAS the Plaintiff above named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001. You are hereby summoned to obtain leave from this Court within Thirty Days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, failing which to cause an appearance to be entered for you, in default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such thirty days to **Rs 2,841,983.00 (Under Section 9 of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001)** claim to deprive you of the property you mortgaged to the Court in the form of written statement (duly signed and sworn to) in duplicate that you should be allowed to appear and defend the suit.

Matter is fixed for **1st July 2024** at 09:00 AM before Banking Court II (Karachi).

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 6th day of May, 2024.

BY ORDER
ACTING READER
BANKING COURT NO. II
KARACHI

BEFORE: MIR MAJUMDARA KAZI (LAW JUDGE)
IN THE BANKING COURT IV AT KARACHI
BLOCK 66-A, PAKISTAN SECRETARIAT, SADDAR, KARACHI
SUIT NO. 09 OF 2024

Askari Bank Limited, Karachi ..... **Plaintiff**

V E R S U S

Ghulam Muhammad Rizvi S/o Lateef Hussain Rizvi
Wife House No.C/Walkin, Block-3, Muslim Apartment, Sector 14-B, Shadman-2, North Nazimabad Town Karachi **AND**
Flat No.A-420, Bagdad Centre, Block-10, F.B. Area, Karachi **AND**
Flat No.B7-A, Bagdad Centre, Block-10, F.B. Area, Karachi.
Business Address: Apna Micro Finance Bank, Branch Manager, Pagar Market Branch, Jalalsons & Square, Karachi ..... **Defendant**

To the above named Defendant/s

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted a Suit against you under Section 9 (1) of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001 (XLVI of 2001) for Recovery of **Rs 10,000/-** You are hereby summoned to obtain leave from this Court within 30 (thirty) days from the date of first service hereof to defend the suit, in default of your doing so, the allegations of fact in the plaint shall be deemed to be admitted and this Court may pass a Decree in favor of the Plaintiff as the facts stand.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application in the form or written statement containing a summary of admitted questions of law as well as facts in support of which evidence needs to be recorded.

Returnable by **10th day of July, 2024 at 9:30am** before the Banking Court IV at Karachi.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 3rd day of May, 2024.

BY ORDER
READER
BANKING COURT IV, KARACHI

(BEFORE SPECIAL JUDGE)
ANTI-TERRORISM COURT KASHMORE AT KANDHKOT
Special Case No. 43 of 2024
State... Versus ... Zafarullah Nindwani & Others

CRIME No. 13 of 2024
U/S: 365, 397, 365, 386, 337H(2), 337A(i)/F/F(ii), 148, 149 PPC & 6/7 ATA
Police Station, Karampur
District Kashmore at Kandhkot

WHEREAS, the accused namely **01. Zafarullah S/o Ahmed @ Ahmedu Nindwani, 02. Nasarullah S/o Ahmed @ Ahmedu Nindwani, 03. Ahmed @ Ahmedu S/o Gulzar Nindwani C.N.I.C. No.43502-0347505-1, 04. Hadi S/o Gulzar Nindwani C.N.I.C No. 43502-0347488-3, 05. Gulzar S/o Hadi Nindwani, 06. Arz Muhammad S/o Jalamb Nindwani, 07. Hakim s/o Arz Muhammad Nindwani, 08. Siddique S/o Tagio Nindwani, 09. Sulaiman S/o Yagoob Nindwani, 10. Sadiam @ Sadu S/o Sohrab Nindwani, 11. Piyari @ Pyaru S/o Hakeem Nindwani C.N.I.C. No. 43502-0347507-5, 12. Baga Muhammad S/o Hakeem Nindwani, 13. Muhammad S/o Shahida Nindwani, 14. Akbar S/o Muhammad Nindwani all R/o Hadi Kokari Nindwani Tahuka Tangwani** have shown as absconders in the above cited case. And whereas non-bailable warrants were issued by this court for the arrest of above named accused, which have returned unexecuted, with the report of police that the accused have absconded and are not traceable.

THEREFORE, Proclamation u/s 87 Cr.P.C read with section 19(10) of Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 is issued with direction to the above named accused persons to appear before this court at Subordinate Court Building Kashmore at Kandhkot within seven days after publication of this notice, failing which the case will be proceeded in their absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court this 2nd day of May, 2024.

SPECIAL JUDGE
ANTI-TERRORISM COURT KASHMORE
AT KANDHKOT

INF-439/ Ao. 1308.24

GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (W&S)
COLLEGE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LARKANO
GOVT. BOYS DEGREE COLLEGE HOSTEL BLOCK NEAR BNBAGAM COLLEGE ROAD LARKANO

NO. XEN/CED/LARKANO/- 217 OF 2024, LARKANO — DATED: 05/05/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

1. The Executive Engineer, W&S College Education Department Larkano, invites sealed bids / tenders on Composite Schedule of Rate (CSR) Non-Schedule Item basis or on Bids from the interested firms / contractor as per SPPRA Rules 2010 (amended up to date).

2. List of works is as given below :-

S.No.	Name of Scheme / Location / Scope of Work	Estimated Cost (in Million)	Bid Security 5%	Tender Fee	Completion Period	P.E.C. Category
	Provincial Based Schemes					
933	Establishment of Govt. College Tangwani District Kashmore (SDG#4) (2023-24 Programme)					
1	Govt. College Tangwani	99.764	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-4
936	Establishment of Government Girls College Kashmore District Kashmore (SDG#4) (2023-24 Programme)					
2	GGDC Kashmore	99.764	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-4
941	Construction of Girls Section/ Block in Existing Govt. Boys College Dokri District Larkana (SDG#4) 2023-24 Programme					
3	GDC Dokri	99.764	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-4
942	Establishment of Government College Qubo Saeed Khan District Kamber-Shahdadkot (SDG#4) (2023-24 Programme					
4	GC Qubo Saeed Khan	99.764	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-4
943	Establishment of Government Girls College Bakrani District Larkana (SDG#4) (2023-24 Programme					
5	GGC Bakrani	99.764	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-4
945	Establishment of Shaheed Bhutto Govt. College Larkana City District Larkana (SDG#4) (2023-24 Programme)					
6	Shaheed Bhutto Govt. College	99.764	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-4
960	Provision of Allied Work in Existing Govt. Girls College Thull District Jacobabad (SDG#4) (2023-24 Programme)					
7	Govt. Girls College Thull	24.000	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-3
965	Rehabilitation / Reconstruction & Provision of Missing / Allied Facilities in Existing Govt. Colleges of Sukkur Region (SDG#4) (2023-24 Programme					
8	Govt. G.B.I. Boys Degree College (Shikarpur)	31.000	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-3
9	Govt. Boys Shah Latif Arts & Commerce College Ghotki	32.000	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-3
968	Restoration of Rain Damages in Existing Degree College of District Larkana (SDG#4) 2023-24 Programme					
10	GDDC Larkana	80.288	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-4
11	SBBDC College of Education Larkana	55.000	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-3
12	Govt. Hyder Baig Jatoi College Dokri	19.579	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-3
13	GDDC Badah Taluka Dokri	19.234	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-3
14	Govt. Arts & Commerce College Larkana	63.950	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-3
15	Govt. Boys Degree College Rahelani	30.583	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-3
970	Addition of B.Sc. Block in Arts & Commerce College Larkana (SDG#4) (2023-24 Programme).					
16	Arts & Commerce College Larkana	41.633	5%	3,000/-	24 Months	C-3

3. **Eligibility** – Method of Procurement (**Single Stage One Envelope**).

4. **Bidding / Tender Documents.**

S. #	Particulars	Schedule of Dates
A	Date of Issuance of Bidding / Tender Document	From the date of publication in newspapers and hosting on website of SPPRA till **27.05.2024** upto 3:00 pm on payment of tender fee (Non-refundable mentioned against each work) in the shape of cash / pay order in favour of Executive Engineer, W&S College Education Department Larkana at Govt. Boys Degree College Hostel Block near BNB College Road Larkana.
B	Date & Time for Submission of Bids	On **28.05.2024** upto 3:00 pm in the office of the Executive Engineer, W&S College Education Department Executive Engineer, W&S College Education Department Larkana at Govt. Boys Degree College Hostel Block Near Bnb College Road Larkana.
C	Date & Time for Opening Bids	On **28.05.2024** upto 3:00 pm in the office of the Executive Engineer, W&S College Education Department Larkana, Executive Engineer, W&S College Education Department Larkana at Govt. Boys Degree College Hostel Block Near BNB College Road Larkana.

Unresponded Tenders - Other tenders are unresponded the tender documents will be again invited / advertised opened on the following dates

S. #	Particulars	Schedule of Dates
A.	2nd Attempt	i. Tender Issuance: **20.05.2024** upto 12.00 2024 at 3.00 pm. ii. Submission & Opening: **13.06.2024** at 2.00 pm. 13.06.2024 at 3.00 pm

5. **Terms & Conditions:**
Under the following conditions the bid will be rejected:
i. Conditional and Telegraphic Bids / Tenders.
ii. Bids not accompanied by the Bid Security or required amount and form.
iii. Bids received after specified date and time.
iv. Bids of blacklisted firm (Affidavit should be furnished)
v. Bid validity period is 90 (Ninety) Days.
vi. Procuring Agency reserves the right to reject all or any bid subject to the relevant provisions of SPPRA Rules 2010, (amended up to date).

6. **Bidders Qualification / Eligibility Criteria**
i. Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in the relevant category or above (Active Status) is mandatory. The bid must be accompanied by PEC Income required for the works costing up to Rs. 5.000 Million.
ii. Relevant Experience of last Three Years (List of works with copies of letter of award of work and completion certificate of equivalent cost or above) (Attested by Notary).
iii. Turnover of last Three Years as per SPPRA Rules 2010, (amended up to date) with current liabilities 50% of Bid Cost.
iv. Valid Registration with Federal Board of Revenue Board (FBR) for Income Tax (NTN).
v. Valid Registration with the Sindh Revenue Board (SRB).
vi. The Bid Security 5% (Pay Periods) in the shape of Call Deposit issued from any Scheduled Bank of Pakistan, in favour of undersigned shall be submitted at the time of submission of bidding documents.
vii. Bidi Name, Complete Address, Telephone Number, Fax Number & Mail & Organization of Firm/Firm.
viii. Copy of CNIC of proprietor / partners (if any)
ix. Complete list Data of Technical Staff (One B.E & One Diploma Engineer).
x. Undertaking on stamp paper (Rs. 100 duly attested by Notary Public) that firm is not involved in any litigation, Disqualified (if, has not blacklisted (i.e not made unnecessary delay in completion of any work in the Government Department).
xi. Undertaking on stamp paper (Rs. 100 duly attested by Notary Public) regarding Non-Blacklisting of firm previously by Government, Semi Government, Autonomous Bodies as Executing Agency.
xii. Affidavit on stamp paper (Rs. 100 duly attested by Notary Public) regarding list of partners / partnership firm with Complete information along with Power of Attorney / Sole Proprietor.
xiii. Undertaking on stamp paper (Rs. 100 duly attested by Notary Public) that information submitted by Bidder / Firm is correct.
xiv. If the successful bidder / firm withdraw the tender, the Earnest Money will be forfeited in favour of the Government and bidder taking position active against them.
xv. Non-responsive Bidders if found will be excluded from the list of valid bidders and firms will be reported for taking penal action against them.
xvi. The firm which have quoted rates extra lower than SPPRA Curves 15 % with current jurisdiction from the engineer's estimate, PAY amount will be submitted by the Call Deposit of equal amount of the difference which the tender amount in favour of the undersigned to process tender process.
xvii. Tender shall not be entertained if received incompletely, conditional or received by mail, courier or telegraphically.
xviii. In case of holiday, bid submission / opening date, the bids shall be submitted and opened on the next working day, other terms and conditions shall remain the same.
xix. Incomplete / Conditional bids will not be entertained and will be rejected outright.

7. Procuring Agency reserves the right to cancel the Bidding process and reject all bids or proposals as per SPPRA Rules 2010 (Amended to date).

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
(W&S) COLLEGE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
LARKANO

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BEFORE: MR. SOHAIL JABBAR MALIK, JUDGE
IN THE BANKING COURT NO. II AT KARACHI
(Block No. 55, Pakistan Secretariat, New Passport Office, Saddar, Karachi)
SUIT NO. 517 OF 2024

Faysal Bank Limited, Having Registered Office at Faysal House, 07-08, Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi and Office at 8th Floor, 16, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Road, Karachi. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS

Muhammad Salman S/o Munawar Ahmed CNIC No. 42000-[illegible]

Rashidullah Ashraf S/o [illegible]

(1) House No. 46, [illegible] Jamia Nagar Club, Phase 6, [illegible] Road opposite [illegible], Karachi.

Office Address: [illegible] **Defendant**

TO THE above named Defendant

WHEREAS the Plaintiff above named has instituted a **Suit** against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 (XVI OF 2001). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within Thirty Days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such thirty days to **Rs.1,250,345/11 Under Section 9 of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001.** Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court in the form of an affidavit disclosing that there is a defence to the suit on merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear and defend the suit.

Whether a Fixed for **9th July, 2024** at 09:00 AM before Banking Court II, Karachi.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 8th day of May, 2024.

BY ORDER
ACTING READER
BANKING COURT NO. II
KARACHI

[redacted]

BEFORE: MR. SOHAIL JABBAR MALIK, JUDGE
IN THE BANKING COURT NO. II AT KARACHI
(Block No. 55, Pakistan Secretariat, New Passport Office, Saddar, Karachi)
SUIT NO. 519 OF 2024

United Bank Limited, Head Office at 6th Floor, State Life Building No. 1-3, Dr. Ziauddin Road, Karachi. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS

Iqbal Ahmed S/o Khuddu Bukhsh, R/O. Flat No. C-20, 3rd Floor, 1st Commercial Street Sabiq Avenue, Phase-6, D.H.A., Karachi.

2nd Address: House No. 4/11, Street No. 10, Khayaban-e-Mujahid, Phase-6, D.H.A., Karachi.

Office Address: Orient International School, Teacher, C-31, Block-8, Clifton, Karachi. **Defendant**

To the above named Defendant

WHEREAS the Plaintiff above named has instituted a **Suit** against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 (XVI OF 2001). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within Thirty Days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such thirty days to **Rs.1,250,345/11 Under Section 9 of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001.** Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court in the form of an affidavit disclosing that there is a defence to the suit on merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear and defend the suit.

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KARACHI

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Bid Reference No: DO/SG/457

The Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (The Employer) through the office of GM & PD, (TCP) intends to invite sealed bids from Original Manufacturers/ Authorized Distributors/ General Order Suppliers who are on Active Taxpayers List (ATL) of FBR, and having valid Sales Tax Registration Number (STRN) with PRA/KPRA for the following work.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Time Period for completion of Contract
1	PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS REQUIRED FOR OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF SEISMIC NETWORKS FOR FY 2023-2024.	30 Days.

Interested eligible firms may obtain further information through the visit of office of the undersigned and obtaining the Bidding Documents during 08:00 hours to 16:00 hours in working days. A complete set of the Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by the interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon submission of evidence of depositing Rs.1000/- in the official bank account of GM & PD, TCP in Lieu. TCP Branch on non refundable fee. The tender documents will be issued on production of copies of Authority letters from the firms in the name of employee & income tax registration certificate.

Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered at the **Dy. Director (C&P), Tarbela Dam Project** on or before **1100 hours** on **27-05-2024** and must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rs. 105,000/-** in the form of unconditional Bank Guarantee (on prescribed form of bid security in the bidding document) or in the form of **CDR in favour of GM & PD, TCP.**

Bids will be opened on the same day at 1130 hours in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend at the **Dy. Director (C&P), Tarbela Dam Project.**

This procurement will be carried out as per PPRA rules, 2004 (single stage one envelope) as amended time to time.

The Employer reserves the rights to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals at any time prior to acceptance of a bid or proposal.

Note: The Bidder must meet the following Qualification Criteria:-

i) Specific Experience:- One or more similar nature assignment, satisfactorily completed with contract price upto 2 Million or more during the last four (04) years. Also provide completion satisfactory certificate from the employer.

ii) Blacklisted firms/firms/firms/suppliers/manufacturers are forbidden to bid and on the basis of available information with Pepco will not be considered.

iii) WAPDA will not be responsible for any type of tax/levy imposed by Federal/ Provincial government during the period of supply.

Director Seismology
Tarbela Dam Project
Tel: 0995-350000

This notice is also available at PPRA Website: www.ppra.org.pk

PO&L/3051 Website: www.wapda.gov.pk PR(SL)/PAKISTAN/9022-24

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عوام الناس کو مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ سعدیہ دختر صاحب داد عمر 4/5 سال کو مورخہ 06-04-2023 کو کسی نامعلوم ملزم/ملزمان نے اغواء کر لیا ہے جس کا مقدمہ ملزم نمبر 106/2023 ملزم دفعہ 364-A ت پ کے تحت تھانہ بریکچہ میں درج ہے اگر کسی شخص کو سعدیہ دختر صاحب داد عمر 4/5 سال سے متعلق کوئی بھی معلومات ہوں تو برائے کرم IO کو درج ذیل نمبروں پر اطلاع دیں۔ اطلاع دہندہ کا نام صیغہ راز میں رکھا جائے گا۔

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اطلاع دہندہ کا نام صیغہ راز میں رکھا جائے گا۔

SDPO، آفیسر انچارج 021-99333589
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

PROCUREMENT OF SECURITY LABELS FOR TEXTBOOKS TO BE SOLD IN OPEN MARKET FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2024-2025 IN ON NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS

Sindh Textbook Board intends to procure approximately 14,000,000 self-adhesive Security Labels to be affixed on the Title Covers of Textbooks to be sold in open market (i.e. Single Textbook/ Practical Note Books etc.) to provide security to its Textbooks against pirated/counterfeiting. Local & foreign manufacturers, having production unit in Pakistan, registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax Departments, interested firms possessing adequate experience in the relevant field of printing and enhance Security Labels and having sound financial position may participate in the tendering process on national competitive bidding process. In addition to this, the applicant firm/ company should adhere to the following terms and conditions:-

1. The validity of offer shall be upto 45 days from the date of opening of Technical Bids.
2. Specifications:
   i. The Security Label should be Paper based, as per approved design of STBB, printed on 80 GSM self-adhesive paper with release liner.
   ii. To be supplied in roll/ reels.
   iii. The Security Label should have internal die cut marks to give protection against peel off.
   iv. Academic Year 2024-25/2025-26 and STBB should be printed in clearly visible font size.
   v. QR Code (URL link of design verification and instructions of the Security Label) shall be printed on Security Label.
   vi. Mulgloss coated paper with white face shall be used for face material.
   vii. Impermeable Paper Sheet has used for release liner.
   viii. Additional security features (Micro Text, Hard Photographs / V.V Light, Color Shift, Hub, Hexagons to special laser light, light polarization, hidden text to be visible with coin run etc.) should be provided by the bidder.
3. Valid registration with relevant tax authorities of Pakistan i.e. FBR/SRB etc.
4. Minimum 05 years' experience in relevant field.
5. Annual financial turnover of Rs.50 million in last 3 years.
6. Bid Security as mentioned in Standard Bidding Document (at the rate of 2% of the estimated price as per approximate cost) in accepted form/ pay order to be attached with the Technical Bid in the form of Pay Order/ Demand Draft / CDR in favour of Sindh Textbook Board.
7. The firms should have not been blacklisted by any Government(s), Departments, Semi-Government Departments, Attached Department, Autonomous Body, Special Institution, Company, Agency and Organization etc.
8. The successful bidder shall arrange one training session for STBB staff regarding use of gadgets in identification of the original Security Labels at STBB office Jamshoro.
9. Date of online apply for the bid under (Single Stage Single Envelope Bidding Procedure) is, **04/05/2024** to **[illegible]**, the bids shall be submitted on **[illegible]** via GPPPA's newly created portal E-PADS up to **12.00 Noon.** Bids shall be opened on the same day at **01:00 P.M.** after the bid portal closed.
10. STBB shall not be responsible for any cost or expense incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bid. In case of official holiday on the day of submission, the next working day will be treated as closing/opening date.
11. Conditional or incomplete bids shall not be accepted.
12. The procuring Agency reserves the right to cancel the process and reject all proposals, at any stage prior to the Award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability in this regard.
13. The tender documents will be publicly available on website after the bid portal publication of this Advertisement.
14. Interested applicants may get the DBD from following website http://www.sindh-epropcure.gov.pk/

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SECRETARY, SINDH TEXTBOOK BOARD, JAMSHORO

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PROVIL. HIGHWAYS DIVISION DADU

TCS/1.05/24 DATED: 06.05.2024

NOTICE INVITING SEALED TENDERS

01. Sealed tenders are invited as per S.P.P Rules 2010, (Amended 2013) from the interested persons / contractors / companies / firms on Standard Bidding Documents (SBDs) for procurement of the following:-

S. #	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. In M)	Contractor Category	Specialized Code	Tender Fee	5% Bid Security in Million CD R only	Complt. Period
1.	Rehabilitation / Construction of Sadiqi Road / Chuhar Lack Cutting from Super Highway to Thano Ahmed Khan Mile 0-2/1-1	19.040	C-4 & Above	CE-01 CE-10	2000/-	5%	07 Months
2.	Repair / Rehabilitation of RCC Slab 2/WPF Bridge (2 Span each PD 047 – 500) & 4/7 WPF Bridge 2 Span each (2 Span each at PD 581 + 484 over Dadu Canal along WPF of Road from Mewaser Nizamani Road	5.977	C-4 & Above	CE-01 CE-10	2000/-	5%	07 Months

PROGRAMME ISSUE / RECEIPT AND OPENING OF TENDERS

S. #	Particulars	1st Attempt	2nd Attempt (in case of unsuccessful tenders)
1	Last date of receipt of applications and issuance of tenders after publication of the NIT in newspaper upto 10:00 A.M.	24.05.2024	27.05.2024
2	Tenders will be received back upto 10:30 A.M and opened on the same day at 11:00 A.M	24.05.2024	27.05.2024

03. **Eligibility / Mandatory**
   i) Valid Registration Certificate upto June 2023-24 and onwards with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant category and specialized codes as mentioned against each work.
   ii) At least 3 similar nature of work having minimum cost 60% of the estimated cost of the work OR 3 similar nature works each having minimum cost 50% of the estimated cost.
   iii) Bio-data of Engineering and technical staff working with the firm.
   iv) Average Annual Financial Turnover not less than equivalent cost of the scheme / project during last five years.
   v) Annual audited reports of last three years from (ICAP) registered audit firm. Audit reports issued other than (ICAP) registered audit firms will not be accepted.
   vi) List of machinery and equipment available with documentary evidence of its ownership / rented.
   vii) Certificate of Bank showing creditworthiness of at least 10% (average balance per year for the last 03 years of the estimated cost of work along with bank statement. Bank statement must be provided separately for each year starting from 1st July to 30th June for the last three years and recent bank certificate must be attached showing available balance.
   viii) Registration with Income Tax Department (NTN Certificate) with active status with Federal Board of Revenue.
   ix) Annual Income Tax Returns of last three years.
   x) Registration Certificate of Sindh Revenue Board-Government of Sindh (SRB) Certificate (with Active Status).
   xi) Each page of the technical proposal must be numbered and attested by the owner of firm / company along with its stamps.
04. **Method of Procurement (Single Stage Two Envelopes)**
05. **Bidding / Tender Documents**
   i. Contract documents and other terms and conditions can both seen and back tenders can be issued or downloaded from the official website of GPPPA i.e.e.ppra.sindh.gov.pk. The tender fee amount of Rs.2000/- and the bid security mentioned above **in shape of Call Deposit only from any scheduled bank of Pakistan in favour of the Executive Engineer, Provincial Highway Division Dadu on account of (name of firm)** should be attached with the Technical Bid / Tendors, otherwise such tenders will not be entertained.
   ii. Manner of Bid Security other than CD-R will not be accepted.
   iii. Evaluation criteria, sub-criteria for the evaluation of full technical proposals is based on Marks Off Pass/Fail. If a bidder fails to obtain Pass or Fail in any criteria or sub-criteria, he/it shall not be qualified.
   iv. The tenders will be opened in presence of Procurement Committee / participating contractors / firms and their authorized representatives, who may wish to be present.
   v. Bid shall comprise **Single Package containing two separate envelopes.** Each envelope contains separately the Financial Proposal and Technical Proposal. Envelope shall be marked Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal in bold and legible letters to avoid confusion.
   vi. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL opened, must be evaluated for technical qualification of the firms. Financial bids / proposals of the technically qualified firms shall be opened on the date and time that will be communicated in writing to all the qualified contractors / firms in advance. Financial bids / proposals of technically non-responsive shall be returned to the respective bidders unopened.
   vii. The CD-Rs of the technically qualified bidders will be returned after the issuance of work order to the successful bidder.
   viii. In case any member of procurement committee happens to be out of Headquarters on the date of opening, the bids will be submitted and opened on the next working day on same schedule.
   ix. Joint Venture will not be allowed.
   x. Fresh Affidavit to the effect that all the documents / particulars / machinery information furnished are true and correct. In case of bogus / tampered or false information / certificates provided by the company / firm shall be liable to be blacklisted at any stage.
   xi. Details of name along with CNIC on non-judicial stamp paper, a representative should have authority on non-judicial stamp Paper from owner and participants.
   xii. In case of firm, giving full particulars of Directors / Proprietors or other connected information along with Power of Attorney in case of being sole proprietors such undertaking on fresh stamp paper be furnished.
   xiii. Undertaking on stamp paper that the firm is not involved in any kind of litigation with any departmental HR, has not abandoned or not made unnecessary delay in completion of any work.
   xiv. Fresh Affidavit to the effect that the firm / contractor has not been blacklisted previously by any executing agency.
   xv. The tenders should be submitted along with the above required documents / information. If any of such required documents / information lacking then the tenders will not be considered by the procuring committee and no excuse will be entertained.
   - **Place of submission, inspection and opening will be at following place & contact:-**
     - **Address: Office of the Executive Engineer Provincial Highway Division Dadu near Shaheen Petroleum Pump Dadu**
     - **Telephone No. 025-6200020**
     - **Email Address: eeprovhighwaydadu1@gmail.com**
06. **Terms & Conditions:**
   a) Under the following conditions the bid will be rejected:
      i) Conditional, alternate and telegraphic bids / tenders.
      ii) Bids not accompanied by bid security of required amount and form.
      iii) Bids received after specified date and time.
   b) **Bid Validity Period 90 days.**
   c) The procurement authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders / bids as per SPPRA Rules 2010 (Amended 2013).
07. In case of public holiday / strike due to any unforeseen incident, the date of submission / opening will be the next working day with same time of submission.

Opening:

01. In case of public holiday or any member of procurement committee happens to be out of Head Office on the date of opening, the bids will be submitted and opened on the next working day with same schedule.

Executive Engineer
Provincial Highway Division
Dadu

INF-KRY 1355/24

(BEFORE SPECIAL JUDGE) ANTI-TERRORISM COURT KASHMORE AT KANDHKOT

Special Case No.44 of 2024

State
Versus
Shafqat Ali Sundrani & Others

CRIME No. 42 of 2023
U/S: 302, 201, 120-B, 34 PPC & 6/7 ATA
Police Station: Gubio Katcho
District Kashmore at Kandhkot

WHEREAS, the accused namely **01. Shafaqat Ali s/o Gudratullah Sundrani C.N.I.C. No. 43104-0577353-9, Mobile No. 0300-3190654, R/o Gubio Katcho, 02. Babar Ali S/o Shafaqat Ali Sundrani C.N.I.C. No. 43504-0407448-3, Mobile No. 0300-132320 R/o Gubio Katcho** have shown as absconders in the above cited case. And whereas non-bailable warrants were issued by this court for the arrest of above named accused, which have returned unexecuted, with the report of police that the accused have absconded and are not traceable.

THEREFORE, Proclamation u/s 87 Cr.P.C read with section 19(10) of Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 is issued with direction to the above named accused persons to appear before this court at Subordinate Court Building Kashmore at Kandhkot within seven days after publication of this notice, failing which the case will be proceeded in their absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court this 02nd day of May, 2024.

SPECIAL JUDGE
ANTI-TERRORISM COURT KASHMORE
AT KANDHKOT

INF-KRY 1366/24

(BEFORE SPECIAL JUDGE) ANTI-TERRORISM COURT KASHMORE AT KANDHKOT

Special Case No.45 of 2024

State
Versus
Rehmatullah Nindwani & Others

CRIME No.10 of 2024
U/S: 353, 324, 398, 402, 440, 148, 149 PPC & 6/7 ATA
Police Station: Tangwani
District Kashmore at Kandhkot

WHEREAS, the accused namely **01. Ghulam Murtaza @ Murtu S/o Shahnawaz Bajkani R/o Village Taghman Bajkani, 02. Sabz Ali S/o Mauj Ali Bajkani R/o Village Taghman Bajkani, 03. Manzoor @ Manu S/o Sadiqro Bahalkani R/o Hasu Wah Taluka Tangwani, 04. Lalo @ Lal Muhammad S/o Mithal @ Mitho Nindwani R/o Jamal Taluka Tangwani, 05. Saddam @ Sadu S/o Sohrab Kokani Nindwani R/o Hadi Buz Nindwani, 06. Shahzado S/o Shahzor Bajkani R/o Gubio Katcho Taluka Kashmore** have shown as absconders in the above cited case. And whereas non-bailable warrants were issued by this court for the arrest of above named accused, which have returned unexecuted, with the report of police that the accused have absconded and are not traceable.

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Given under my hand and seal of this Court this 02nd day of May, 2024.

SPECIAL JUDGE
ANTI-TERRORISM COURT KASHMORE
AT KANDHKOT

INF-KRY 1367/24

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOOD, HYDERABAD REGION

Room No.109, Ground Floor, Block-A, Shahbaz Building, Hyderabad
Phone / Fax 022-9200917

NO.F-Tender (Fumigation)/2024/05 Hyderabad, Dated the 09th May, 2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited for acquiring the Fumigation Services from firms / companies registered with Plant Protection Department, Government of Pakistan for approximately storage of 23700 M Tons of wheat at various Government Godowns located at the Districts Hyderabad Matiari, Tando Allahyar, Tando Muhammad Khan, Badin, Thatta, Dadu & Jamshoro of Hyderabad Region.

The tender forms along with terms & conditions of the contract can be obtained on cash payment of **Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only)** as fee (non refundable) for each tender form **during office hours from the date of first publication of this notice till 24-05-2024** from the office of Deputy Director Food, Hyderabad Region, Room No. 109 Block A, Ground Floor Shahbaz Building Hyderabad, or downloaded from Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's website (www.ppra.sindh.gov.pk). In such case the pay order of equal amount as cost of Tender Form shall, however, be accompanied the bid. The last date for submission of tenders is **27-05-2024** upto **01:00 P.M.** and the same will be opened on the same day at **02:00 P.M.** in the office of the undersigned in presence of bidders or their representatives. No tender form shall be issued on the date of opening of tenders.

In case NIT remains unexpended at the above date, the next date of opening will be **10-06-2024** and last date for issuance of tender form will be upto **10-06-2024.** Time & venue will remain the same. No tender forms shall be issued on the day of opening of the tenders.

If the above fixed dates for opening of the tenders would be declared as public holiday / general not, then tenders will be received / opened on the next working day at the same time & venue.

The bid shall remain valid for the period of 90 days from the date of bid opening and which is extendable by the competent authority as per relevant Rules of SPPRA (Amended Upto date).

The firms / companies shall provide store fumigants as well as extending complete service i.e. fumigants (approved / registered with the concerned authority) plus fumigation can apply.

For tendering the bids, the following instructions should also be fulfilled:

1- Complete profile & history of company showing clear officer/ residential addresses and telephone numbers.
2- The firm / company should have relevant fumigation experience of consolidated either with Provincial Food Department or with Federal Organization such as PASSCO, TCP etc.
3- The bidder will submit valid registration certificate issued by Plant Protection Department, Government of Pakistan (in case of fumigation services).
4- Copy of CNIC of the owner and/or representative of the firm.
5- Copy of NTN showing the bidder as Fumigation Services in its principal activities.
6- Evidence of valid registration with SRB, valid SRB Certificate showing the bidder as Fumigation Service provider in its principal activity.
7- The firm/company already undertaken the fumigation work in the Food Department shall provide Performance/No Dues Certificate from the authority of executing agreement.
8- The bidder shall provide registration validity, quantity fumigated (M.T) (in warehouses, containers, available fumigant (kg), (ALP Tablets), available Contact insecticides (Litre), number of vacuum cleaner available, number of sprayer available, (power, manual), polyethylene sheet 01 (mm) Kg available, number of sand bags available, number of sewing / sewing machine available, number of first aid box available, number of thermal fogger available, number of safety goggles available, number of air compressor with generator available, skilled manpower available, number of safety equipments for labours, gas mask, gloves, uniform, goggles helmet, canisters available, number of weighing machine available.
9- The bidders are required to submit earnest money @2% of the amount of their offers in shape of pay order/bank draft in favor of Deputy Director Food, Hyderabad. The tenders without earnest money shall be ignored.
10- Price quoted shall be inclusive of all taxes duties, including Sales Tax upto consignee's end.
11- The offers shall be firm, unambiguous and unconditional.
12- All the bids shall be processed through the procurement committee for evaluation of bids and making recommendation to the Competent Authority for award of contract.
13- The successful bidder shall be liable to affix adhesive stamps on the agreement @0.35% of the value of contract.
14- The successful tenderers shall be responsible to all the terms & conditions of the tenders as well as agreement including guarantee / warranties of safety of wheat stocks for **Nine Months** including rodent control.
15- The station / locations can be increased / enhanced as per clause 16(c) of SPPRA Rules 2010 (Amended upto date).
16- The other terms and conditions and the details of work and the amount of Security Deposit in each case are shown in the statement attached with the tender form which can be obtained from the office of the undersigned or downloaded from Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority website (www.ppra.sindh.gov.pk).
17- The other terms & conditions as envisaged under SPPRA Rules 2010 (Amended / updated) will be governed on the contract.
18- No offer shall be considered / accepted after the prescribed date & time.

(DANISH KHAN LUND BALOCH)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOOD
HYDERABAD REGION

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SUDOKU ALPHA

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				5				6
3		4		8				
		2	7	4	6			
			6					3
		1	8		4			5
7	9	6	1				4	
9		8		7		3		
			4				1	
					9		2	8

TRICKY B4696

		9	7				8	
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				1			3	8
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		1	3	7				
				2			9	
7		8			4	6	5	

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

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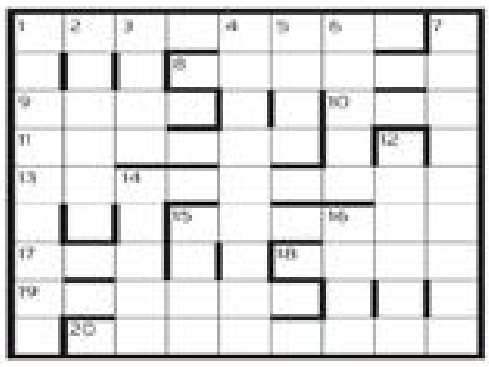
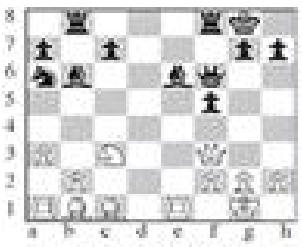
CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Large general shop (8)
8 Author of Middlemarch, _ Eliot (5)
9 Catch sight of (4)
10 Large (3)
11 Roughly-built huts or cabins (8)
13 Lively excited behaviour (4,5)
15 Ornamental tuft (6)
17 _ Lynam, TV and radio host (3)
18 US state (4)
19 Get (8)
20 Rook fell (anag.) (8)

DOWN
1 Cosmetic product (9)
2 Faulty shot (6)
3 Immature insect (4)
4 Capital of Iceland (9)
5 Charged particles (4)
6 Metropolitan (5)
7 Make laws (9)
12 Kebab spike (8)
14 Enthusiasm (5)
15 Small duck (4)
16 Average (2-2)

CHESS



WHITE WINS A PIECE
HINT: JUST TAKE IT.

TARGET

Y	T	L
P	A	R
A	O	R

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

TODAY'S TARGET
Good 36;
Very good 55;
Excellent 45 (or more).
Solution tomorrow

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

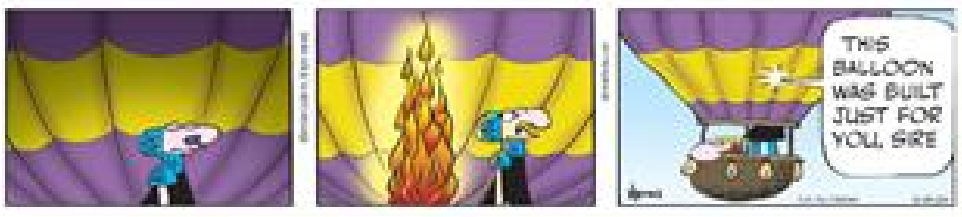
TACTICIAN
anti antic attain attic intact tacit tactic TACTICIAN taint tinct tint titan titanic

Solution:
1. Flinder (Metro & Balmoral). 2. Quale. 2. B&B' winning the queen [Salmon- Dalmon 'ed].

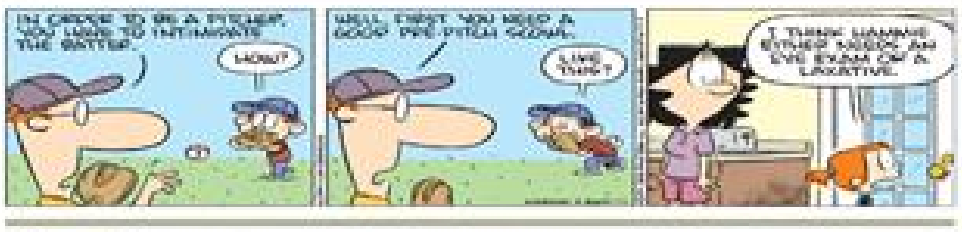
THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES



WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sunset	07:01pm	06:50pm	07:06pm	06:49pm	07:06pm	07:20pm
Sunrise	05:43am	05:08am	06:50am	05:08am	06:14am	05:27am

Three Day Forecast

	Today			Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	28	44	Mostly Sunny	28	42	Mostly Sunny	26	39	Mostly Cloudy
Hyderabad	27	44	Sunny	26	42	Sunny	26	41	Mostly Sunny
Islamabad	25	39	Mostly Sunny	27	38	Partly Cloudy	21	36	Partly Cloudy
Lahore	27	42	Sunny	18	41	Partly Cloudy	25	38	Mostly Cloudy
Multan	28	46	Sunny	21	43	Mostly Sunny	27	40	Partly Cloudy
Peshawar	25	39	Mostly Sunny	20	38	Mostly Cloudy	21	36	Partly Cloudy
Quetta	19	31	Mostly Sunny	20	19	Partly Cloudy	11	27	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, [illegible]
CPLC	1122, [illegible]
Fire Brigade	16, [illegible]
Bomb Disposal	[illegible]
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	[illegible]
PCAA Flight Inquiry	[illegible]
	[illegible], 114

HOSPITALS

National Shifaband	[illegible]
Civil Hospital	[illegible]
Jinnah Hospital	[illegible]
NICVD	[illegible]
Aga Khan Hospital	[illegible]
Khairaldin Dam Hospital	[illegible]
Indus Hospital	[illegible]
Tabba	[illegible]
Dawaldin Hospital	[illegible]
Kiran Cancer Hospital	[illegible]
Liaquat National	[illegible]
Memon Medical	[illegible]
A.O. Clinic	[illegible]
Baqai Hospital	[illegible]
Holy Family Hospital	[illegible]
Patel Hospital	[illegible]
South City Hospital	[illegible]
Kidney Centre Institute	[illegible]
Kamran e Hayat	[illegible]
Usman Memorial	[illegible]

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, [illegible]
Chhipa	1020
SIUH Rescue	1122
St.John	[illegible]
Red Crescent	[illegible]

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	[illegible]
Rawalai	[illegible]
PINK (Civil)	[illegible]

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Dace

▼ TODAY'S WORD OFFENDER

(OFFENDER: uh-FEN-der. One who transgresses, violates.)

Average mark 35 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 29 or more words in OFFENDER?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — TAMPER

tame	trap	part
tamer	aper	pram
tamp	mare	prate
tape	mart	ramp
taper	mate	rape
tare	meat	rapt
tarp	meta	rate
team	pare	ream
tear	part	reap
temp	pate	
term	pear	
tram	peat	
tramp	perm	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s" such as "bans" or "dies" are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "e" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "baker" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS
2 In the red
9 Never
10 Brie
18 Fade
13 Impel
14 Identical
16 Dhaka
19 Left
20 Elan
21 Jet lag
22 Decision.

DOWN
1 Unbridled
3 Naive
4 Trek
5 Hesitates
6 Reap
7 Endear
8 Dwellings
12 Adhere
15 Cells
17 Afar
18 Yeti.

METRO EVENTS

WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

Zer-e-Zameen by Shaunaey Mansur is being staged at the basement of the National Academy of Performing Arts at 7pm.

A musical performance by Nabila Baho is being organised by the Napa at its Zia Mohyeddin Theatre as part of its ongoing Women's Performing Arts Festival, at 9:30pm.

SEMINAR

A seminar on the 'Role of Islamic Finance in the Establishment of Islamic Economy' is being held by the Department of Economics at the Applied Economics Research Centre's main auditorium, University of Karachi, at 2:30pm, in collaboration with Meezan Bank.

DISCUSSION

A panel discussion on the 'Adherence to International Labour Standards in Sindh' is being organised by the Szabist University, at its seminar hall, BV Building, at 3pm.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

*** You're keen to talk to others today. You feel you have something you want to say or something you want to share with someone. This is why you want to talk to someone who will genuinely listen to you. You don't want to waste time on superficial chitchat. Tonight: Don't worry.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

*** Not only might you be concerned with cash flow, earnings and financial matters today, at a deeper level, something might trigger thoughts about your basic values. In other words, what really matters in life? What is really worthwhile? Think about it. Tonight: Budget.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

**** Today the Moon is in your sign, which happens for two and half days every month. When this occurs, your good fortune is slightly enhanced. You might test this by asking the universe for a favor. Play a longshot. Ask for permission. Meanwhile, you're emotionally hyped. Tonight: Stay chill.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

*** Privacy matters to you today. In fact, despite your recent experience of increased popularity talking to friends and groups, today you will welcome an opportunity to hide or enjoy your privacy and solitude. (With good food and drink, naturally.) Tonight: Relax.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

*** A heart-to-heart conversation with a friend will likely be meaningful to you today. In fact, this discussion could cause you directly or indirectly to modify your future goals. Someone might point out new possibilities. Or they might point out limitations and pitfalls. Tonight: Listen.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

*** Today the Moon is sitting at the top of your chart, which means you're more public for some reason. Quite likely, people will know personal details about your private life. Possibly because someone is reading your resume, or you're selling something, or advertising something online -- could be anything. Tonight: Show respect.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** Today you have an urge to get away from it all. You want to travel, explore or do something different. You want some adventure! If you can't travel, you could at least be a tourist in your own neighborhood or town. Go somewhere different. Shake things up a little! Tonight: Patience.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

*** Today you might have to deal with the values of someone else, especially if those values don't agree with yours. Let's face it. Some societies like bread, some like potatoes, some like rice, some like corn. We're all in this Big Soup together. Tonight: Check your finances.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

** Once a month, the Moon is opposite your sign for two and half days, and when this occurs, you have to compromise with others. That day has arrived. Therefore, be easygoing and cooperative. (It's not a big deal.) In two weeks, others will have to cater to you. Tonight: Cooperate.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

** You might have to do a service for someone or put the needs and wants of someone before your own today. It's just what's happening. (Note: If you wear clothes made by someone else, or drive on a road built by someone else, or use a cellphone built by someone else, it's how the world works.) Tonight: Work.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

**** This is a fun-loving day, which is why it's the perfect time to play hooky, take a long lunch or goof off. You'll enjoy sports events as well as fun activities with kids. You'll also enjoy schmoozing with friends and exploring the world of the creative arts. Tonight: Responsibilities.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

*** Home, family and your private life are your primary focus today. Many of you might be involved with a parent more than usual or a female family relative. If you can find some privacy in familiar, pleasant surroundings, this will please you. Tonight: Think positive.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz
By Steve Becker

Pinpoint defense

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 10
♥ 9 5
♦ J 9 7 2
♣ 9 4 3 2

WEST
♠ 2
♥ A 8 4 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ Q J 8 7 6

EAST
♠ K 9 8 5 4 3
♥ 6
♦ A K 8
♣ A K 10

SOUTH
♠ A 7 6
♥ K Q J 10 7 3
♦ 6 5 4
♣ 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	1♠	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble		

Opening lead -- two of spades.

Precise defensive play is the hallmark of all top partnerships. Today's deal, from the 1968 Blue Ribbon Pairs, shows the stuff of which sound defensive play is made. The East-West pair was Marty Bergen and Larry Cohen, who won the gruelling six-session contest.

Cohen, West, elected to leave in Bergen's reopening double of three hearts for penalties, since East-West could make three notrump -- worth 600 points -- anything less than a three-trick set would have yielded an unsatisfactory result.

Cohen began by leading his singleton spade, on which Bergen played the three. This conveyed the message that he had an entry in clubs, the lower-ranking of the two remaining suits (aside from spades and the trump suit).

After the ten of spades held, declarer led a heart to his king, which Cohen ducked. When South next led a heart toward the nine, Cohen went up with the ace, revealing that he had no other high hearts and was therefore interested in obtaining ruffs.

Cohen returned a club to the king, and Bergen, allowing for the possibility that declarer might have been dealt a singleton club, returned the nine of spades for West to ruff, calling for a diamond return. So after ruffing, Cohen switched to a diamond and obtained a second spade ruff. The defenders still had two more diamond tricks coming, so declarer wound up with only six tricks, giving Bergen-Cohen a top score of plus 800.

If the defense had slipped anywhere along the way -- for example, if West had tried to reach East with a second club lead -- South would have escaped for down two, giving East-West a very poor result.

Tomorrow: Test your play

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick -- A4696

5	8	1	2	9	6	3	7	4
9	3	2	7	4	8	5	6	1
4	7	6	1	3	5	2	8	9
1	9	5	4	6	2	7	3	8
7	4	3	5	8	9	6	1	2
2	6	8	3	7	1	9	4	5
8	2	4	6	5	3	1	9	7
6	5	9	8	1	7	4	2	3
3	1	7	9	2	4	8	5	6

Tricky -- B4696

9	7	4	2	5	3	1	8	6
5	8	3	6	7	1	9	2	4
6	2	1	9	8	4	7	5	3
2	1	8	7	6	5	4	3	9
4	3	9	8	1	2	6	7	5
7	5	6	3	4	9	8	1	2
8	4	7	5	2	6	3	9	1
1	9	2	4	3	7	5	6	8
3	6	5	1	9	8	2	4	7

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DAWN

METRO North

ISLAMABAD Thursday, May 9, 2024

ISLAMABAD

Sunset	06:59pm
Sunrise (Tomorrow)	05:06am

NEXT 24 HRS

Minimum	25°C
Maximum	37°C
Outlook	Partly Cloudy

Pakistan edge Canada, face Japan in Azlan Shah Cup final

Pg.20 SPORT

WORKERS put final touches to Rangoli designs at Rawalpindi's Allama Iqbal Park on Wednesday ahead of the three-day Jashan-i-Baharan festival starting today. The event is being organised by Parks and Horticulture Authority. — Photo by Mohammad Asim

Islamabad police's all-inclusive licence policy rife with complications

Experts say move to issue licences to 'outsiders' violates law; police say otherwise

By Murawar Azeem

ISLAMABAD: The decision of the Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) to dole out driving licences to every citizen irrespective of their residential address stands in stark contrast to relevant laws, as these documents can be only issued to the citizens by the respective licensing authority – separate for each district.

According to law experts, there is a traffic police department in each district police headed by the SSP, which is the competent authority to issue licences under Section 7 (Grant of Licence) of the Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965.

According to Section 7 of this law, "Any person who is not disqualified under Section 4 for driving a motor vehicle and who is not for the time being disqualified for holding or obtaining a license, may apply to the licensing authority having jurisdiction in the area in which he ordinarily resides or carries on business or, if the application is for a licence to drive as a paid employee, in which the employer resides or carries on business for the issue to him of a licence."

Under this law, the relevant authority can only issue licences to those who either reside or have business in its jurisdiction, experts said, adding that the authority can also issue licences to applicants, whose employer either resides or has business in its jurisdiction.

One of the complications which will arise due to the recent decision of the ITP is the postal address supposed to go on the licence. It is also unclear which address will be mentioned on the licence – permanent or temporary – for applicants residing outside the federal capital. The police spokesperson, however, said that for the time being, the permanent address from the CNIC would be mentioned on the licence.

Similarly, there is no centralised authority for the issuance of licences, which means people can obtain multiple licences from different district traffic police offices and the law asking applicants to get the license from their district aims to curb this practice.

The issuance of licences to people who do not live in Islamabad will also result in complications in the enforcement of traffic penalties because of potential problems with their residential addresses. In 2018, the ITP in in collaboration with Pakistan Post started delivering licences to applicants' homes to ensure the implementation of the law, and only the residents of the capital were issued driving licences by the authority. However, the majority of the licences were returned to the ITP headquarters as most of the addresses were "fake".

Police officials said that people from other districts, especially Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and northern Punjab, are interested in ITP licences as these are certified by the International Organisation for Standardisation and recognised in 80 countries. Moreover, Pakistani citizens registered with the ITP can drive abroad without the need for an international driving licence for one year.

Proposal to IGP

Police officials told *Dawn* that the ITP SSP had sent a proposal to the Inspector General of Police to legalise the interior minister's order, as without the amendment in Section 7 of the Motor Vehicle Ordinance, the traffic police cannot issue licences to outsiders.

Legal experts said that in response to the proposal, the IGP could issue standing orders under Section 12 (power to make rules) of the Police Rules. However, the approval of the "provincial government" was still mandatory.

Lawyer Raja Inam Amin Minhas told *Dawn* that the Motor Vehicle Ordinance was a "proper law" which could not be amended "on the wish and will". Proper legislation is required for the amendment to the law, he added.

According to Section 22 and 43 of the ordinance, the government "shall make rules", said Advocate Minhas, adding that the PM and the cabinet were the government, not the IGP or the interior minister. As per the rules, the IGP cannot issue a standing order amending the rules, he added.

The lawyer said the issuing authority in each district could issue licences to citizens in its limits in light of their details, such as domiciles and relevant records, available with them.

Islamabad police spokesperson Taqi Jawad said the interior minister's instructions to the ITP did not violate any law.

The spokesperson said such people will get licences issued by the ITP after the approval of SSP under Section 7 of MVO.

The PRO also confirmed that the SSP ITP sent a proposal to the IGP to "legalise the instructions" of the minister regarding the issuance of licences to every citizen.

Naqvi asks CDA to focus on development of stalled sectors

By Kashif Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: The chronic issue of stalled sectors got the attention of Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Tuesday, as he directed the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to start development work in these sectors as well as digitise land record within six months.

At present, the CDA has 13 acquired residential sectors and nine of them are stalled with no signs of development.

In addition to these 13 sectors, there are nine other sectors that have not been acquired yet but will be acquired sooner or later as per the civic body's plans.

The CDA, which is supposed to develop sectors in the capital, has badly failed in this area as it could not develop any new sector after D-12, which was completed in 2008. E-12 is the highlight of the stalled sectors. Plots in this sector were sold by the CDA in 1989 and it has not been developed even now, with many who purchased the land having passed away.

In 2005, the CDA launched I-15 sector and sold plots, but people are still waiting to get possession in this sector. However work in this sector along with I-12 is near completion.

In 2008, the CDA through a land-sharing formula acquired several other sectors – D-13, E-13, F-13, H-16, C-13, C-14, C-15 and C-16. Out of them, development work is in progress only in C-14 and C-15 amid no signs of development in other sectors.

As per the city's master plan, sectors H-13, H-15, H-16, H-14, H-17, D-14, D-15, and D-16 are also supposed to be developed by the civic agency.

Officials, however, told *Dawn* that there was a need to complete development work in sectors that had already been acquired instead of launching new sectors.

In the meeting with the interior minister, the issue of illegal housing societies, slums, and right of way of Islamabad Expressway was discussed.

Sources said during the meeting it was discussed that illegal graveyards were being set up on the right of way of this road. The PTI government in 2020 had proposed to lease out a portion of the right of way of this road only to abandon the decision after coming under criticism.

"The interior minister ordered [the CDA] to start development work in those sectors which were lying undeveloped for decades. it is grave injustice to the people if they were not given possession despite paying all charges," he said, adding that a comprehensive strategy in this regard would be finalised soon.

According to an official handout, Minister Naqvi said that an efficient one-window system would be established in the CDA to facilitate the people. He also asked the CDA to activate its smart mobile application within three

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Rubina Khalid appointed BISP chairperson

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari Wednesday approved the appointment of a senior leader of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Rubina Khalid as Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).

He also accepted the resignation of Dr Amjad Saqib from his position as BISP chairperson, a press release issued by the President House said.

Dr Saqib was appointed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif after the post had fallen vacant after the departure of Dr Sania Nishtar.

The president approved the appointment under Section 5(3) of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Act 2010.

In the last Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) government the position was retained by the PPP as its legislator Shazia Marri was made its chairperson.

After one year of assassination of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, the social safety network programme was launched after her name in 2008. BISP is considered as the largest and most systematic social protection initiative to be launched in Pakistan. Under the programme poor and needy people are given monetary support.

According to the BISP, the BISP board has approved record Rs471 billion budget for 2023-24 which included Rs361.5 billion for Benazir Kafaalat Programme, covering a total of 9.5 million families, Rs32.27 billion for Benazir Nashonuma Programme covering 1.5 million individuals, Rs55.4 billion for Benazir Taleemi Wazaif which would benefit 9.2 million children.

In addition, Rs6 billion have been earmarked for Benazir Scholarships for Undergraduates.

Senator Rubina Rauf Khalid hails from a noted and widely respected political family of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Her father late Syed Zafar Ali Shah had served as the Member of the National Assembly (MNA) in 1985-88 and 1993-96.

A close confident of former prime ministers Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto, his legacy was carried out by his son Syed Zafar Shah who served in the provincial assemblies of 2002-2007 and 2008-2013 and also as Provincial Minister for Health from 2008 to 2013.

Rubina's late Husband Rauf Khalid is fervently remembered an artiste par excellence and a noted writer. His services as a film maker, actor, writer and a cultural icon were recognised by the government of Pakistan by conferring upon him the highest civil award of Sitara-i-Imtiaz.

After Rauf Khalid's tragic death in 2010, Rubina ventured into practical and political field. She was awarded senate ticket from KP in 2012 and again in 2018. She has served in the parliament for 12 long years where she has rendered services as the chairperson of the standing committee on maritime affairs, besides being member of standing committees on information, information technology, national heritage, delegated legislation besides others. — Syed Irfan Raza

DC summoned over FIRs filed against tandoor owners

ISLAMABAD: Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri of Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Wednesday summoned the deputy commissioner on a petition filed by the Naanbais Association against registration of FIRs against tandoor owners for overcharging the price of Roti.

Barrister Umar Ijaz Gillani, counsel for the petitioner, challenged the notification dated April 26 issued by the district magistrate whereby the price of Roti (100 grams) had been fixed at Rs16 and that of Naan (120 grams) at Rs20 under Section 3 of the Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977.

Mr Gillani contended before the court that Section 3 of the Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977, provided that the federal government was empowered to issue notification in this regard and fix a "fair price". Another mandatory requirement was that the notification shall be given publicity in the official gazette, but the impugned notification was not published in it, he added.

The counsel further contended that there was no justification for fixing the rate of Roti having a weight of 100 grams at Rs16 and the rate of Naan weighing 120 grams at Rs20.

He pointed out that in Punjab and remote areas of the province like Chakwal and Talagang, the same rate of Roti had been fixed. It is not possible that in a city like Islamabad, the Naanbai Association could sell Roti at the same rate as fixed by the Punjab government.

The court issued notices to all the relevant authorities and directed the "deputy commissioner... to appear in person on the next date of hearing." Further hearing has been adjourned until May 10. — Malik Asad

HRCP concerned over 'restrictions' on civil, political rights

Calls for upholding democratic principles, rule of law

By Jamal Shahid

ISLAMABAD: Expressing concerns over increasing political polarisation in the country resulting in greater restrictions on civil and political rights, the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) has called for economic justice and protection of civil rights and emphasised on the importance of upholding democratic principles and the rule of law.

In its annual report "State of Human Rights 2023", released here on Wednesday, the HRCP noted with deep concern that irreparable political divisions spilled over into public acts of arson and violence on May 9, 2023, following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan.

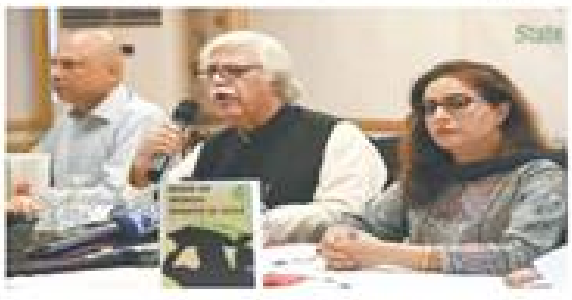
"What followed was flagrant disregard for the Constitution as unelected forces tightened their grip on the country's democratic structures and civic spaces shrank to an all-time low," says the report. The report says the state's response to the May 9 riots was to quell dissent — to the extent of resurrecting military courts to try civilians, perpetrating enforced disappearances, ordering mass arrests and allegedly orchestrating public dissociation from the PTI among many senior party leaders.

According to the report, the right to freedom of expression and assembly took a particular hit during the year.

The general elections were also delayed well beyond the 90-day constitutional limit on various grounds, including the need for new delimitations on the basis of the recent census.

The rule of law, it says, was markedly poor, with a record six-year high in fatalities related to terrorist attacks and counter-terrorism operations and two militant attacks in Bajaur and Mastung, that collectively left at least 117 dead. The practice of extrajudicial killings continued, while street crime and the incidence of mob lynchings surged, says the report.

The report says that as in previous years, journalists, activists and political workers were subjected to enforced disappearances across the country. In an admirable show of strength, however, young Baloch women mobilised a long march from Turbat to Islamabad to protest against alleged extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances.



HRCP Chairperson Asad Iqbal Butt speaks during the launching of the 'State of Human Rights in 2023' report in Islamabad on Wednesday. The commission's co-chair Munizae Jahangir and secretary general Haris Khalique are also present. — Photo by Tanveer Shahzad

Among vulnerable groups, religious minorities reported an increasing climate of fear, especially in the aftermath of an attack in Jaranwala, in which scores of churches and homes were torched and looted by mobs, following allegations of blasphemy against a Christian man.

In the wake of the federal government's decision to expel undocumented foreigners, it says, Afghan nationals in particular were rounded up in police raids and sent to deportation centres with little to no legal recourse.

Speaking at the launch of the report, HRCP secretary general Harris Khalique said the 2023 economic crisis had 'pushed tens of millions of ordinary citizens to the brink of desperation.'

Commenting on the high incidence of enforced disappearances, he also deplored the role and performance of the Commission of Inquiry of Enforced Disappearances as 'disgraceful.'

HRCP chairperson Asad Iqbal Butt said it was critical for the state to fulfill people's right to education, livelihood and health.

Expressing concern over the low rate of trade unionisation, he said attempts to unionise workers were routinely met with harassment and intimidation.

Vice-chair HRCP Islamabad Nazreen Aslar said religion continued to be "weaponised for political purposes".

Concluding the press conference, co-chair Munizae Jahangir said the state must protect the right to peaceful protest for all political parties and groups. She pointed out that repressive laws passed in one government's tenure would return to haunt them when in opposition.

It called upon the government to take immediate steps to address the grievances outlined in the report and uphold the principles of democracy, justice, and human rights.

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Writer Hassan Manzar nominated for Kamal-i-Fun Award

Literary awards worth over Rs5m announced for writers

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) on Wednesday announced literary awards of Rs5.2 million for writings, articles and books published in 2022.

The panel of judges consisted of well-known writers and scholars namely Munir Ahmad Badini, Dr Moeenuddin Aqeel, Dr Salma Shaheen, Dr Abdul Razzaq Sahir, Sarwat Mehyuddin, Riffat Abbas, Yousuf Hussain Abadi, Mubeen Mirza, Dr Khalid Mahmood Sanjrani, Dr Rubina Shaheen, Dr Amjad Tufail, Bushra Farrukh, Haris Khalique, Farrukh Yaar Khan and Akhtar Dargahi.

The judges met on Wednesday in the office of PAL. Munir Ahmad Badini presided over the meeting to nominate writers for awards based on writings, articles and books published in 2022.

Prominent writer Hassan Manzar has been nominated for the Kamal-i-Fun Award.

The Kamal-i-Fun Award is the highest literary award in the field of literature for recognition of a lifetime achievement in creative and research work. The amount of the award is Rs5 million.

PAL Chairperson Dr Najeeba Arif announced the National Literary Awards for the year 2022, given to the best literary books written during the year 2022 in Urdu and other Pakistani languages, in a press conference.

According to the decision of the panel, for Urdu Prose (Creative Literature), the Saadat Hasan Manto award will be given to Ahmad Saleem for his book 'Meri Dharti Mere Log'.

For Urdu Prose (Criticism and Research) Babe-i-Urdu Molvi Abdul Haq award will be given to Dr Aurangzeb Niazi for his book 'Urdu Adab Mabolisti Tanazur'. For Urdu poetry, the Dr Allama Mohammad Iqbal award will be given to Qamar Raza Shahzad for his book 'Dar Guzar'. For Punjabi poetry, the Syed Waris Shah award will be given to Ghulam Hussain Sajid for his book 'Kun De Gunn' in Punjabi prose.

The Afzal Ahsan Randhawa award will be given to Naia Sukh for his book 'Waba Te Wandi' in Sindhi poetry.

The Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai award will be given to Imdad Hussaini on his book 'Zard Matti', and the Sindhi Prose Mirza Qaleech Baig award will be given to Manzoor Kohiar on his book 'Derook 109' and Dr Fayaz Latif on his book 'Shaikh Ayaz Jo Shairee Jaa Laghat' for Pashto poetry.

The Khushhal Khan Khattak award will be given to Ismail Gauhar on his book 'Ghazal O Ghazal', and for Pashto Prose, the Mohammad Ajmal Khan Khattak award will be given to Aseer Mangal on his book 'Tarla Da Tarbor Vaa'. For Balochi Prose Syed Zahoor Shah Hashmi award will be given to Yousuf Gichki on his book 'Tarangani Johar', and the Balochi Poetry Mast Tawakli award will be given to Mubarak Qari on his book 'Gas e Wateerkang Lotas'.

For Saraiki poetry, the Khwaja Ghulam Fareed award will be given to Iqbal Bahar for his book 'Sarsop', and the Saraiki Prose Dr Maher Abdul Haq award will be given to Hafeez Khan for his book 'Marna Jeewan Dee' for Brahui Poetry Taj.

The Mohammad Tajal award will be given to Maher Zahid Nabi for his book 'Qalo-i-Qamain' for Brahui Prose. The Ghulam Nabi Rahi award will be given to Zang Brahui for his book 'Mir Noor Mohammad Mengal: Zindo Kirdar'.

The Hindko Poetry Sawan Ahmad Ali award will be given to Sajid Sarhadi on his book 'Piyar Dee Derre', and the Hindko Prose Khatir Ghaznavi award will be given to Gul Arbab on her book 'Chuni Naal Baheni Kahanian.

For English prose, the Pitras Bokhari award will be given to Kamila Shamsie for her book 'Best Friends'. For English poetry, the Daud Kamal award will be given to Ejaz Rahim for his book 'Charli Hubb' and Other Poems'. For translation, the Mohammad Hasan Askari award will be given to Yasmeen Hameed for her book 'Junoobi Asia Kee Muzakhab Nazmein'.

The award money of Rs 200,000 will be given to each of the award winners for the National Literary Awards 2022.

Baloch students want end to 'forced disappearance'

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Baloch Student Council (BSC) Islamabad on Wednesday claimed that students of their province had been facing profiling and harassment in Islamabad.

Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club (NPC), BSC leader Ikram Baloch and other council members said that Feroz Baloch, a student of Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, was allegedly abducted on May 11 in 2022, when he was heading towards university library.

They said that despite filing court cases and protest demonstration, still there is no clue of Feroz.

Similarly, they said after Feroz's abduction, his class fellow Ahmed Khan Baloch, was also abducted from Balochistan.

The participants of the press conference announced to hold protest over the failure of the authorities to trace the missing student despite passage of two years.

They said the BSC would distribute pamphlets in educational institutions followed by protest on social media X on Friday before holding protest demonstration outside the NPC against alleged enforced disappearance on Saturday.

They claimed that people of Balochistan and students had been facing enforced disappearance for the last two decades.

They claimed that the Baloch students mainly in Islamabad and Punjab had been facing harassment by law enforcement agencies and because of this students were under mental agony, affecting their education.

They said if any student was indulged in any wrongdoing, he should be presented before court, but there is no justification of enforced disappearance, they said.

Stalled sectors

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months and launch a round-the-clock call centre for the benefit of the masses.

He stressed that efforts should be carried out for the beautification of Islamabad, particularly the Diplomatic Enclave.

The minister directed that landscaping in the enclave should be completed in three months. "Keeping in view the growing population, he also tasked the CDA to establish new sectors in the capital," the statement said.

Old enmity claims life in Hassanabdal

TAXILA: An old enmity claimed the life of a dumper driver in the limits of Hassanabdal police station on Wednesday.

Police sources said 50-year-old Nazar Shah was travelling on his dumper after loading crushed stone from a nearby stone crushing plant when two masked men on a motorcycle intercepted his vehicle and showered him with bullets near the Khodda bus stop on G.T. Road. As a result, he died on the spot. The assassins managed to escape from the scene.

Later, police reached the spot and moved the body to the Tehsil Headquarters Hospital for an autopsy.

According to the family of the victim, police have attributed the killing to an old enmity. Hassanabdal police registered a case and launched further investigation.

Meanwhile, police on Wednesday arrested three brick kiln workers who allegedly strangled their colleague to death in the limits of Pindigheb police station over a dispute.

Station House Officer at Pindigheb police station Sub-Inspector Syed Imran Haider had said Mohammad Nadir, along with Mohammad Naveed and Pervaiz Talib, natives of Muzaffargarh, worked in a brick kiln. They allegedly strangled their co-worker Mohammad Shoukat to death over a petty dispute on April 27 and fled away. He said the police, after successfully tracing their hideouts, arrested them.

Separately, police arrested a proclaimed offender (PO) wanted in an attempted murder case registered against him with Wah Cantonment police station last year. — Correspondent

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APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Karakurum Cooperative Bank Ltd (KCBL) requires the services of an audit firm for its external audit. The contract with the firm will be for a span of 3 years to carry out audit of the accounts for the Period from Year June 2024 to June 2026. Reputable category (A) Chatered Accountancy firms of SBP panel are invited to submit Technical & Financial proposals under single stage single envelope procedure before 31st May 2024.

Terms of reference for the assignment can be downloaded from our web site.

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IN the Court of Waqas Ahmad Raja Civil Judge Islamabad Suit for Declaration Muhammad Arif Khan vs Director General ETO etc and, Dong Min Wo Plan pl R/o House No. 1, Street No. 22, Sector F-8/3, Islamabad. It is proclaimed of the said defendant does not appear personally or through duly authorized agent or pleader in this Court on 13-05-2024 at 08:00 am ex-parte proceedings will be taken against him / her. (3741260095)

HARIPUR

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MANSEHRA

IN Court of Muhammad Kashif Civil Judge VI Mansehra. Case No. 183/1 institution 2/11/2023 Munir Khan versus Mohammad Ibrahim etc. The appearance of Abid S/o Muhammad Khan, Fazl Rabi, Shoib S/o Ahmad Khan R/o Ichrian Tehsil Balla Pakhal District Mansehra settled in Saudi Arabia (multi1) possible through any means. They are directed to appear before Court personally or through attorney on 13/5/2024 otherwise case decides ex-parte. (3904273458)

MIRPUR

IN the Court of Muhammad Farooq Rasheed Additional District Judge / Judge Family Court Mirpur (AJK) Case No. 913/2023 Institution 14-12-2023. Title: Rashid Mahmood V/S Aqsa Bi, Suit, Proclamation for Aqsa Bi Daughter Khurseed Bi Wife Farhan Mushtaq S/o Mushtaq Ahmed R/O House No. 27 Sector E/4 Tehsil & District Mirpur. Presently abroad. It is therefore proclaimed that if the said defendant will/ shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in Court at 08:30 am on 09-05-2024 the proceedings will be taken ex-parte. (3741260097)

BANNU

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IN the Court of Samina Sahar Civil Judge XIII Family Court II Bannu Suit No. 186/FC Institution No. 15-11-2023 next date of hearing 14-05-2024 case title: Noreen vs Aurangzeb. Notice to Aurangzeb Khan S/o Muhammad Khan R/o Noor Khas Jaar Dada Gul School Jaseem Khel Bannu presently in Qatar Doha. Whereas in the above case filed the service of above defendant(s) is not possible through ordinary means, therefore, you defendant(s) is / are informed through this publication that on 14-05-2024 at 8:00 am. You has / have to appear before this Court either personally or through attorney or through counsel to pursue the suit noted above, otherwise, ex-parte proceedings will be initiated against you. Seal of Court. (3904273454)

NOWSHERA

IN the Court of Sulaiman Khan Civil Judge II, Pabbi Nowshera. Suit No. 400/1, Institution 07-06-2023. Next date of hearing 14-05-2024, Case title Muhammad Shoaib vs Farooq Ahmad. Publication against. Farooq Ahmad Shah S/o Naseem Shah R/o Presently in UK. In the above titled suit the service of above mentioned persons is not possible through ordinary means. Therefore, you Farhat Ali is informed through this publication that on 14-05-2024 at 8:00 am you has to appear before this Court either personally or through attorney or through counsel to pursue the suit noted above, otherwise ex-parte proceedings will be initiated against you. Seal of Court. (3904273454)

UK

IN the Court of Ambareen Iqbal Ch Civil Judge Islamabad Suit for Declaration Nasim Firdous Noor vs Riaz Alam Noor S/o Noor Alam R/o 10, Dunton Road Leyton E-10 1NF London (England). It is proclaimed of the said defendant does not appear personally or through duly authorized agent or pleader in this Court on 17-05-2024 at 08:00 am ex-parte proceedings will be taken against him / her. (3741260094)

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

PESHAWAR

MUHAMMAD Nasir S/o Shah Muhammad Khan R/o Haider Khel Pro and Tehsil Mir Ali District North Waziristan CNIC # 21605-5020934-3 has been died on 06-01-2024. The File No. C/RES/1575 Plot No. 708 Sector-H, measuring 250 sq yds in Phase-I, DHA Peshawar will be transferred to his legal heirs. There is no claim of any nature and type. Khusam Zada Bibi (Widow / Nami Nominee). (3904273457)

PUBLIC at large is informed that (1) Mr Shafiqe Munir S/o Muhammad Munir (Late) (2) Mst. Rukaina Mian D/o Muhammad Munir (Late), is the Owners of a Plot No. 117 Sector F/8 measuring 1 Marla at Phase 6 Hayatabad, Peshawar. He has given its power of attorney to (1) Mr. Malik Zulfiqar Ahmad S/o Malik Muhammad Sharif (2) Sajad Munir S/o Muhammad Munir (Late) through (1) vide Deed No. 554 (2) vide Deed No. 555 Bahi No. 4, Volume No. 234 date 02-05-2024 Now, (1) Mr. Malik Zulfiqar Ahmad (2) Sajad Munir wants to transfer the Plot through given attorney Therefore, if any Bank, Department, Firm or individual have any objection on this transfer, he should contact the undersigned with written proof within 15 days. Otherwise, the Plot shall be transferred and later on no claim shall be entertained. Housing Officer (Transfer), RDA Hayatabad Peshawar. (3904273456)

PUBLIC at large is informed that Mr Abdul Shakoor Khan S/o Abdul Kabir Khan (Late), is the Owner of Plots (1) No. 173 Sector D/II measuring 20 Marla (2) Plot No. 88 Sector A/1 measuring 20 Marla at Zone II Regi Model Town, Peshawar. He has given its power of attorney to Mr. Abdul Saboor Khan S/o Abdul Kabir Khan through (1) vide Deed No. 542 (2) 543 Bahi No. 4, Volume No. 233 Date 8-05-2024 Now, Mr. Abdul Saboor Khan wants to transfer the Plots through given attorney. Therefore, if any Bank, Department, Firm or individual have any objection on this transfer, he should contact the undersigned with written proof within 15 days. Otherwise, the Plot shall be transferred and later on no claim shall be entertained. Housing Officer (Transfer), Regi Model Town Peshawar. (3904273458)

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Man abducted from Pindi found dead in Kashmore

By Mohammad Asghar

RAWALPINDI: A man who was abducted for Rs20 million ransom in March by unidentified kidnappers after he left for his home in Sukkur was found dead in Kashmore Katcha area on Wednesday, police said.

After the recovery of Agha Sohail Ali Khan's body, the police concerned from Kashmore Sindh contacted the R.A. Bazaar police as from his pocket a driver's license bearing the name of Agha Sohail Ali Khan a resident of Tench Bhatta Rawalpindi was found, police said.

After reviewing the police station record, the R.A Bazaar police have found that the deceased was the same person who had been kidnapped for ransom in March, 2024. Later, a police team was dispatched to Kashmore to bring the body of the victim back.

According to police sources, the kidnappers were in contact with the family of the abducted person and initially they demanded Rs20 million for his release from his family and later reduced it to Rs10 million.

Agha Babar Ali, a resident of Tench Bhatta, lodged an FIR with the R.A. Bazaar after his father Agha Sohail Ali Khan, 70, left his house for Sukkur on March 5, 2024 and went missing till his body was found by the police in Kashmore on Wednesday.

Babar Ali said in the FIR that his father left his house for Sukkur on March 5 as his brother Agha Muzamil Mujtaba Khan accompanied his father to the Rawalpindi Railway Station to see him off.

He said the next day his father informed his friend Amjad that he had reached Sukkur safely. He further said that after he found his father's mobile phone switched off, his brother asked Amjad if his father had any conversation with him, he replied that his mobile phone was found switched off.

He further told the police that his father was processing ATM cards of different banks, CNIC and a driving license with him when he left his house.

His father was wearing a Shalwar Kameez, gray waistcoat and brown shoes when he left for Sukkur. Following his complaint, the RA Bazaar has registered an FIR under section of kidnapping (365 PPc and launched an investigation.

Meanwhile, SSP Investigation Zunaira Asfar directed the police investigating officer to ensure timely completion of cases challan.

She was presiding over a meeting at Police Lines Headquarters.

The officers assigned to follow up cases and enforcement staff participated in the meeting.

SSP Investigation gave instructions to the officers regarding the compliance of summons and warrants.

The SSP further directed that all legal requirements must be met for the punishment of the accused.

Proposal to tax pension rejected

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: All Pakistan Railways Pensioners' Association has rejected the proposal to tax the pensions of retired government employees and said that for the first time in the history of Pakistan, government plans to bring pensioners into tax net.

In a meeting the members of the association observed that the proposal has been floated by bureaucrats to please the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and warned that if this decision was endorsed, the government will be responsible for the reactions of the general public.

The meeting held under the chairperson of the association Mohammad Aslam Butt, also observed that the bureaucrats and technical experts negotiating with the IMF were making pensioners scapegoats of their own incompetence and financial mismanagement.

Mr Butt added that the association demands of the government to curtail wasteful expenditures to increase income instead of creating hardships for the retired persons.

"The government should ban unauthorised foreign visits, free fuel and vehicle facilities for senior government officials," he added.

He said that all wasteful expenditures should be done away with immediately and more money has to be spent on the welfare of people.

The association's general secretary, Aurangzeb Tanoli and other officials announced that the retired government employees should not be at the mercy of ministers and advisers, to afford daily needs.

The only source of income for the retired person was pension and if the government imposed taxes on pensions only to please the IMF, their lives would be pushed further into financial difficulties.

Women leadership in climate action recognised

By Jamal Shahid

ISLAMABAD: The Gender Climate Award was held on Wednesday to recognise women's commitment, leadership and concrete initiatives in the fight against climate change and its effects in three categories — climate action, green enterprise and young climate journalism.

To celebrate the contributions of Pakistani women in climate action, the embassies of France and the United Arab Emirates, the Delegation of the European Union, the French Development Agency (AFD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Civil Society Coalition for Climate Change (CSCCC) hold the ceremony of the second edition of the Gender Climate Award.

The proud winners of the Pakistan Gender Climate Award 2024 were Qandeel Rehman (Climate Action), Umbreen Arif (Green Enterprise) and Khalida Niaz (Young Climate Journalism).

The winners received a trophy and a cash award of Rs1.2 million each to advance their activity and use the funds to deepen the gender-climate nexus in their area of work.

The Pakistan Gender Climate Award ceremony held at the Serena Hotel was attended by dignitaries from the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, diplomats, civil society, academia, youth and media.

Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change Romina Khurshid Alam lauded the initiative and pledged her support in taking the agenda forward to strengthen the gender-climate nexus.

COORDINATOR to the Prime Minister on Climate Change Romina Khurshid Alam speaks at the Gender Climate Award 2023 ceremony in Islamabad on Wednesday — APP

In her keynote address, Ms Alam said: "Women are the change and will change the future. They are our champions, and we have faith in their capabilities."

French Ambassador Nicolas Galey said: "We are delighted that the Gender Climate Award, which was launched last year by the French Embassy, can bring together other prestigious partners this year and even more in the future.

"This demonstrates global awareness of the impact of climate change, and the need for everyone – men and women, governments, international organisations, and NGOs – to meet this challenge together. By honouring the three winners of this award, we pay tribute to the extraordinary women of Pakistan for their leadership in climate action and their efforts to find innovative and concrete solutions to make their communities more resilient."

European Union Ambassador Dr Riina Klonka highlighted the disproportionate impact of climate change on women, adding that "women are at the heart of our work in building a sustainable world. Investing in female leadership is key to climate solutions. We are delighted to honour the inspiring work of women in addressing climate challenges, be it through journalism, entrepreneurship, or advocacy."

Deputy Head of Mission, UAE embassy, Mohammad Sultan AlKaitoob commented on the negative impact of climate change on the lives and livelihood of women. He emphasised the need for action.

"The UAE recognises the indispensable role that gender equality plays in building a sustainable and resilient future. Empowering women and girls not only enhances social cohesion but also accelerates progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those related to climate action," he added.

Resident Representative of UNDP Samuel Rizk congratulated the winners and encouraged them to become role models of inspiration.

"We've got to move past old-fashioned ways of thinking and work together to make real change happen. Today's winners serve as examples for young women and girls across Pakistan that show that the barriers can be broken down," Mr Rizk said.

In her concluding remarks, Senator Sherry Rehman said: "Climate and women are inextricably linked. The impacts of a planet on fire will further erode the capital of women. Spotlighting women and empowering them to become leaders is key to resilience. Events such as this should be scaled up and held every year to inspire women."

Speaking at the event, Aisha Khan from the CSCCC said the nation-wide call for applications made in November 2023 for the Gender Climate Award received a robust response and a total of 79 applications were received and evaluated by a five-member committee to select the winners.

"We hope this is a trend that we can build on to raise awareness and encourage women to participate more actively in climate action," she added.

The three Gender Climate Award winners expressed their delight and gratitude for the recognition.

FIA probes alleged corruption, illegal appointments in APP

By Kalbe Ali

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has opened investigations into the alleged illegal appointments and payment of salaries to ghost employees at the state-owned news agency Associated Press of Pakistan (APP).

The APP management had also filed a complaint against some of the employees, alleging that they were involved in releasing payments to 'ghost' employees.

Applications were filed against senior APP officials, with hearing regarding inquiry into 95 illegal appointments held at the anti-corruption circle of FIA on Wednesday.

A complaint was filed by Mouzzam Khokhar, special assistant to the APP, against Managing Director Asim Khichi, accusing him of illegally appointing around 100 people.

Apart from the FIA, Mr Khokhar also forwarded the complaint to the chairman PM's Inspection Commission as well as information secretary, who is also the APP Board chairman.

The complainant highlighted that not only were the appointments made in the APP during the ban period, but the laid-down procedure such as open advertisements was also not adopted.

He further alleged that most of the persons appointed were either relatives of the MD or belonged to his native area.

The complainant has attached some appointment letters and demanded the removal of Mr Khichi alleging that his actions had resulted in significant financial loss to the state agency.

On the other hand, responding to a query, Mr Khichi acknowledged that he had made around 42 appointments on contractual basis, claiming that all the personnel appointed were already working in the project initiated to establish the agency's social media wing.

"The project was set to expire in June 2023 and those working in the social media wing of APP were told in March 2023 to accept a new appointment letter with reduced salary as their services under the project would expire in the coming months," Mr Khichi said.

He presented documents, which included the APP Board's approval that empowered the MD to hire personnel on contractual basis.

"The complainant against me will only show 35 to 40 appointment letters because the list of 100 as claimed by them was fake; they had not even provided the list of 100 persons employed by me to the FIA or any other forum," he said.

Meanwhile, sources in the FIA acknowledged that the complaint lodged by the APP management included the name of Mouzzam Khokhar as well as 19 employees and officers accused of illegally hiring 20 people who although were getting salaries from APP, did not have appointment letters or personal files with the state agency.

The complaint made to the FIA by the APP management in October 2023 was based on the report of a fact-finding committee on illegal appointments, and it pointed out that Arshad Majeed, manager account APP, Islamabad disbursed salaries to these ghost employees through open cheques.

The inquiry report highlighted that among these ghost employees was the son of Arshad Majeed and the FIA had been requested to help recover the illegal amount paid to these persons.

Responding to the query, a senior FIA official said that after completion of the inquiry, FIRs would be lodged against those involved in misuse of power and malpractices.

Think-tank sees national reconciliation key to restoring stability

ISLAMABAD: An Islamabad-based think-tank on Wednesday warned that political instability in Pakistan significantly heightens the risk of unrest, underscoring the need for a national reconciliation to restore stability.

Islamabad Policy Institute (IPI) in its report titled 'Mapping the Policy Agenda 2024 – 2029' identified political instability as the foremost challenge facing the country and addressing this critical issue will ultimately pave the way for the much needed economic reforms and attracting foreign investment.

The think-tank stressed that the process should be all inclusive and more than just political maneuvering within the assemblies or the streets.

Faisal Ahmed, head of research at IPI, stated that such a process should recognise and address the concerns of all involved parties to find a common ground that facilitates constructive engagement and dialogue could be found.

Although various political stakeholders have recently suggested dialogue and reconciliation, divergent views on the process—particularly PTI's insistence on negotiating directly with the military and the military's refusal to engage in talks with the main opposition party—have stalled any progress.

In this backdrop, the report suggests that while the dialogue should be largely between the political parties, it should be owned and backed by the military. This it argued would legitimize the process, ensuring broader acceptance among the public and political entities, and foster trust among political factions, encouraging essential dialogue and compromise.

"The military, as a significant external stakeholder, has historically played a critical role in the country's politics, and its position and reactions could significantly influence the feasibility and success of any reconciliation efforts," it stressed.

For tackling the economic crisis, it was proposed that the government should push for a comprehensive debt restructuring plan that would relieve financial pressure and spare scarce resources for critical sectors.

"Without decisive action, the risk of following in the footsteps of countries that have suffered under the weight of unsustainable debt is all too real. Restructuring offers a viable alternative, one that requires courage, strategic foresight, and a steadfast commitment to the nation's long-term economic health and sovereignty," the report maintained.

The report proposed that institutions like the IMF should be engaged not just as alternatives to restructuring but as supportive partners in this endeavor.

The report further recommended reforming the subsidy programmes by eliminating regressive subsidies that benefit the affluent and focusing on targeted cash transfers for the vulnerable. Additionally, it suggested recalibration of government spending, strategic privatizations, and an expansion of the tax base.

On expansion of tax base, it advocated addressing the technical, political, and social dimensions of tax reforms to tap into untapped sectors and bolster public trust in government spending, thus creating a more equitable and efficient tax system.

Petroleum sector expert Zeeshan Tayyab recommended significant reforms for the petroleum sector, including its deregulation and a comprehensive overhaul of related policies. He emphasised addressing bureaucratic obstacles within key entities such as the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Ministry of Energy, State Bank, and the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority. Tayyab also highlighted the need to resolve issues concerning tax refunds, turnover tax, the margins of marketing companies, and foreign exchange losses.

Establishing a framework for investment, he maintained, will attract foreign direct investment and create a competitive environment.

Security analyst Abdul Basit, while discussing the security challenge in the report, recommended remapping of the current militant landscape, particularly in light of the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan.

He also called for addressing youth radicalisation, targeting the roles of gender in extremist groups, and the impacts of social media and misinformation; resolving the issue of missing persons in Balochistan through political efforts; and actively disrupting evolving alliances and sanctuaries of militant groups. — Staff Reporter

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GANGA Ram Hospital nurses stage a demo in front of the Punjab Assembly for payment of their stipend. — Whit Star

Proposal to set up medical colleges in five dists reviewed

LAHORE: A proposal to establish medical colleges in Attock, Mianwali, Vehari, Bhakkar and Jhelum with the help of public-private partnership was reviewed at a meeting presided over by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz here on Wednesday.

The chief minister criticised the previous government for not addressing health issues during its tenure.

As the chief minister expressed her indignation over Rs4 billion loss caused to the national exchequer in the Murree hospital project during the previous government's tenure, the meeting decided to take legal action against those responsible for it.

"It is our duty to safeguard people's money and we cannot permit its loss. We want to establish state-of-the-art health facilities for the people in every district. We will provide high-quality treatment facilities to the common man," she said.

A briefing was given to the chief minister on the construction and rehabilitation of hospitals, 'Clinic on Wheels' free medicines and other matters.

She directed the officials concerned to take prompt measures for the establishment of a new hospital in Murree and provision of angiography machines in Jhelum, Attock, Mianwali, Murree, Sahiwal and Sialkot. — **Staff Reporter**

Wheat crisis starts hitting cotton sowing

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The persisting wheat crisis has begun affecting cotton cultivation in the country, ringing alarm bells in the textile sector.

Cotton sowing has already been delayed due to unexpected drop in temperatures during the months of February and March, postponing wheat ripening and subsequent harvesting, which spares lands for the next crop.

As wheat has not been sold at the official rates of Rs1,900 per 40kg, this has shrunk the farmers' power to procure seeds, pesticides, fertilisers and other farm inputs for the next crop.

Due to this factor, most of the farmers have not yet started cotton sowing, causing concern in the textile and ginning sectors.

Cotton acreage has already dropped in the coastal cities of Sindh and Punjab's Bahawalnagar, Sahiwal and Vehari districts etc. Apparently, the growers in these areas did not sow the crop because of low temperatures earlier in the year. This means that cotton cultivation may remain lower than the official target of harvesting over 10 million bales of white lint.

Cotton Growers Forum chairman Ihsanul Haq urges both the federal and provincial authorities to announce per acre subsidy for wheat growers to enable them to grow cotton by improving their income. Otherwise, he warns, the country will have to import cotton as well as edible oil worth billions of dollars to meet the local shortfall.

SBP promises to rectify Urdu text errors in currency

By Khalid Hussain

LAHORE: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has admitted various mistakes in the Urdu text on currency notes and assured the federal ombudsman of correcting these in the upcoming new banknote series.

The mistakes/omissions were pointed out in a complaint filed by a citizen to the ombudsman.

In his complaint, Shahzad Hussain Faizi, a member of Pakistan Writers Guild, pointed out mistakes in the Urdu text (Bank Doulat Pakistan, rupiya, Hamil Haza ko Mutalba par Ada Karay Ga and Hakomat-i-Pakistan ki Zamanat se Jari Hua) while quoting various references and books.

According to the verdict announced by the ombudsman, the complaint alleging maladministration on the part of SBP stated that the bank was not ready to correct Urdu texts appeared on banknotes. After being disappointed by the SBP, the complainant approached the ombudsman for redressal of his grievance. A copy of complaint was also forwarded to the SBP which, later, submitted that it has initiated the design work for the issuance of new series of banknotes and it would look into the suggestions and observations made by the complainant while finalising the Urdu texts.

Both the parties were heard in detail and record was examined carefully. And during the hearing, the suggestions of the complainant were found valuable.

"During investigation of the instant case, the representative of the agency (SBP) admitted omission and undertook that the agency would look into the suggestions and observations made by the complainant while prevailing the Urdu text on its new banknote series. On the assurance of the agency, the complainant showed satisfaction," reads the verdict.

"The agency is advised to submit compliance report within 60 days," it directs the SBP.

On the other hand, in a letter to the complainant, the SBP through its joint director also pledged to take remedial measures in this regard. "As discussed, the SBP will look into the suggestions/observations made by your good self while finalising the Urdu text for our new bank note series," the letter states.

EU approves Rs4bn for Wasa reforms

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: European Union (EU) has approved over Rs4 billion grant for introducing institutional reforms in the Water & Sanitation Agency (Wasa) of Lahore and Faisalabad.

Meanwhile, AFD, the French government's funding agency, has also pledged to fund the establishment of a water treatment plant at Babu Sabu to treat sewage before it's discharge into the river Ravi.

"The Rs4 billion grant would be utilised to strengthen Wasa in Lahore and Faisalabad under institutional strengthening and reform programme of the EU," Lahore Wasa Managing Director Ghufran Ahmad told Dawn on Wednesday.

"Besides this, AFD would fund the water treatment plant at Babu Sabu. A sum of 300,000 Euros has already been provided by AFD for establishing the project management unit (PMU) in this regard," he added. To a question, the MD said the PMU has also started working.

Panel decides to deploy Rangers at two police posts

By Our Correspondent

DERA GHAZI KHAN: A meeting of the divisional intelligence committee held at the commissioner office on Wednesday decided deployment of Rangers at two inter-provincial police posts, including terrorist-hit Jhangi check post established at Punjab-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa boundary.

Dera Ghazi Khan Regional Police Officer retired Capt Sajjad Hasan Khan and Commissioner Dr. Nasir Mehmood presided over the meeting.

Divisional heads of security agencies, including district police officers and deputy commissioners from all districts of Dera Ghazi Khan division, also participated.

A detailed review of security measures in the tribal-border areas, the security of inter-provincial check posts, threat alerts, and challenges was conducted.

It was decided to deploy Rangers at Hazrat Umar Farooq (Jhangi) and Hazrat Khalid bin Walleed (Lakhani) posts to enhance provincial boundary security.

Directives were issued to tighten security further at inter-provincial check posts, facilitate timely information exchange among law-enforcement agencies, and ensure quick responses to emergencies. During the meeting, tributes were paid to the Punjab police for repelling the terrorist attack on the Jhangi check post.

RPO Sajjad Hasan Khan instructed all DPOs to proactively address threat alerts and challenges, conduct on-ground self-inspections, and maintain readiness for emergencies. Mock exercises for immediate responses should be conducted, and coordination with other agencies should be prioritised.

The DPOs should complete the ongoing construction work at the check posts as soon as possible, complete surveillance with thermal dome cameras and the jawans posted on duty should be kept alert at all times.

During the meeting, Commissioner Dr. Nasir Mahmood said the government was providing all the resources including modern weapons, bullet proof and armoured vehicles at the inter-provincial check posts. Roads would be reconstructed as directed by the government to ease traffic in tri-border areas.

Parvez shifted to Kot Lakhpat jail

LAHORE: The government on Wednesday shifted Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf President Chaudhry Parvez Elahi to Kot Lakhpath Jail, Lahore.

Recently, the IHC directed the interior secretary to decide an application seeking a court decree to declare the residence of former chief minister of Punjab Parvez Elahi as a sub-jail and his subsequent shifting there.

Justice Arbab Mohammad Tahir was hearing a petition filed by Mr Elahi's spouse, who contended that the PTI president could be detained in his residence for health reasons.

A medical board constituted to ascertain his health condition advised that the former CM be kept in Rawalpindi prison, and that he should not travel.

Reacting to PTI president's shifting to the jail, his wife Gaisara Elahi said in statement on Wednesday, "The interior secretary didn't follow Islamabad High Court's order and shifted Parvez Elahi from Islamabad territory to Lahore's Kot Lakhpat Jail."

"This step of the ministry of interior is against the decision of the IHC. Immediate action should be ensured according to the IHC order," she said.

Earlier, in the letters addressed to the interior secretary and Punjab's additional chief secretary home, Mr Elahi's spouse wrote, "In view of his peculiar health condition, injuries, and on humanitarian grounds, my husband, Parvez Elahi, be taken out of jail premises and put under house arrest at Islamabad or Lahore".

The court noted that Mr Elahi is not a convict, and the right to life of an under-trial prisoner, guaranteed by the Constitution, supersedes the obligation of the state to try him for an alleged offence. The court directed the interior secretary to consider the application of the petitioner and pass appropriate orders if the matter falls within his competence; otherwise, the matter will be referred to the appropriate forum within two days. — Staff Reporter

Revisiting Lahore cinema and dismantling language through art

By Irfan Aslam

LAHORE: A character, a diehard fan of Sultan Rahi, in the short film and installation, remembers the time when a movie ticket used to cost just Rs5 in Lahore, lamenting that things have changed now.

While the film shows the condition of historical cinemas that are disappearing now, Nasreen Begum's song Jidda Dil Tut Jaey, Jaddi Gal Mak Jaey from the 1967 Punjabi film Mera Vair plays in the background.

These scenes are from the video installation, Cinematic Catastrophe, by Sarmad Cheema, in the group show of artworks and multimedia by six artists, titled Main Kasaib Kutch-Aik Mohabat Chhap Ajnabi, at Tollinton Block of the National College of Arts (NCA).

Cheema says his work aims at looking for a sustainable model to bring cinema back to all segments of society, not only multiplexes for the elite. "It would be 'cinema on wheels'. We are acquiring a container in which 20 to 25 people would be able to sit and enjoy a movie on screen. We would take this cinema to the suburbs."

Sarmad has plans to extend his research based on this project to see whether a new sustainable model for cinema could be created in Punjab once again to attract investors for producing films and to make the films accessible to the poor segments of society. He is documenting the old traditional cinemas of Lahore that are being dismantled or have been abandoned.

Multimedia artist Sumbul Natalia has displayed her body of work, titled 'Sorry for inconvenience. But this is a rebellion,' exploring the relationship between language, power and resistance and a woman's place in it. She has literally deconstructed the legal terms in dictionaries, defining the role of women in the country. By using old pictures from the newspapers and pages of dictionaries, she has turned them into pieces of art to highlight the women's struggle for their rights, another take on feminism.

"By using the law dictionary in my work, I am literally and visually deconstructing it. By using the printmaking technique I have

dismantled the pictures, terms and words to highlight their arbitrary and fluid nature," she says.

Sumbul has taken words from a law book and burnt them to make a piece of art. "That's my rebellion," she declares. She says that she wants to show that these are mere words of a language which can be reinterpreted and reconceptualised to give a new meaning to them according to your will. Even legal terms and words taken as text in law are reinterpreted and changed according to our own whims, she asserts.

Usman Rana has installed his 'visual representation of Sine wave frequencies with salt on aluminium'. He says his installation is about visual representation of Sine frequencies using different materials. "I chose to use aluminium as my surface and table salt as my medium. By doing so, I invite the audience to delve deeper into realms and beyond the perception of sound," he says. In Rana's installation, salt on the surface creates different patterns as triggered by different frequencies of sound.

"The patterns are different because every frequency creates a separate pattern and energy. Every sound, even the human sound, differs from person to person. So does every note on a musical instrument, eg the sound of a Bansuri or Sarangi makes different patterns as they have different frequencies," he explains.

The other artists whose work are a part of the exhibition are Nadia Zafar, Farzha Rashid and Hira Gul. The exhibition was inaugurated by NCA Vice Chancellor Murtaza Jaffri. It will continue till Friday (tomorrow).

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Man kills nephew

LAHORE: A man allegedly killed his minor nephew and injured his sister in Nawab Town here on Wednesday.

Identified as Ali Haider, the suspect fled after the incident.

A police official said Haider, an addict, cut the jugular vein of three-year-old Ali Raza and boy’s mother came to rescue Ali, the suspect injured her critically.

The boy succumbed to his deep wounds on the spot while the condition of his mother was said to be critical at a local hospital.

The police started investigation after shifting the body to the city morgue. — **Staff Reporter**

International Theatre Festival kicks off with ‘Book of Love’

By Shoaib Ahmed

LAHORE: The four-day International Theatre Festival by Maas Foundation commenced at Alhamra Cultural Complex on Wednesday.

A sizable audience attended the inaugural ceremony, which was inaugurated by Mashal Malik. The cultural complex was adorned with multicolored lights, setting a vibrant atmosphere. Two performances were showcased on the opening day of the festival, accompanied by the dhol and cultural performances by a group of dancers portraying the diverse cultures of all provinces through various dances.

The first theatrical performance, “Book of Love”, by Maas Foundation, is written by Hassan Raza and directed by Amir Nawaz.

The story revolves around five-year-old Ali, who stumbles upon a book with sketches of a teenage boy and a girl. He starts to portray the vision of that book in which different scenes build up a sure loving relationship which is building between both the girl and the boy. They marry but after sometime their marriage faces challenges. Before they reach some conclusion about their relationship, the girl gets pregnant and with this the same care and emotions again come in the scene. After time they get a child and again they are busy in their routine life. They have lost those moments of love in that book. Ali explores all those love moments and then suddenly he finds the broken rose in the book which was actually given by his father to his mother in their early times. Then he comes to know that this book is in fact the love story of his parents. Then when his parents enter the room with the same disturbed angry mood, he shows them that broken rose and they remember their love story and feel ashamed about their behavior. The cast of the play consists of Ehsab Shakeel, Hassan Raza and Gulshan Majeed.

The second performance, “Dastaan” by the University of Central Punjab Dramatic Club, was written by Adnan Awan and directed by Haseeba Khalid. Set in the vibrant neighborhood of Anarkoan Lahore, the play follows a couple, Hania and Hamza, in search of a captivating story hidden from the world. Their quest leads them to encounter an old lady who narrates tales through her puppets.

Encampment in solidarity with Palestinians

LAHORE: Students of Beaconhouse National University in Lahore organised a demonstration in solidarity with the people of Palestine.

They set up the ‘Azad Encampment’ with tents, similar to the ‘Liberated Encampment’ at Columbia University, in a show of unity and held a protest with speeches.

Protesters emphasised the importance of collective action, stating that students have the power to speak up for Palestine.

The People’s University For Palestine was established on the campus, with a banner proclaiming, “Welcome to The People’s University for Palestine.”

Hania Imran, organiser of the protest, highlighted the devastation in Gaza, stating, “All universities in Gaza have been destroyed. All of our universities are now Palestinian universities. They can bomb Gaza and oppress and murder the Palestinians, but Palestine will live forever.”

A vigil was held for the martyrs of the genocide in Gaza, addressing the inaction by state institutions both domestically and internationally. A huge flag was displayed on one of the university buildings.

The demonstration concluded with chants and slogans calling for the freedom of Palestine. — **Staff Reporter**

Convocation

LAHORE: Up to 1,795 graduates of a private university were given degrees in various disciplines at its 26th convocation on Wednesday.

Up to 1,257 bachelors, 90 masters, 400 MS/MPhil and 48 PhD degrees were conferred at University of Management and Technology convocation.

Furthermore, 13 Patron’s Gold Medals, nine Rector’s Silver Medals, nine Rector’s Academic Excellence Award Gold Medals, four certificates of excellence, three certificates of merit and one Best Teacher Award were given away. — **Staff Reporter**

Coca-Cola received Governor’s Appreciation Certificate

This certificate, the highest form of appreciation from the Governor’s office, was awarded in recognition of Coca-Cola’s vision and its innovative approach to adopt principles of sustainability throughout its operations. Director Public Affairs & Stakeholder Management, Dr. Faisal Hashmi received the award on behalf of the company. “This recognition of our role as a thought leader reinforces our commitment to work cross-sectionally and streamline collections, as most of our bottling partner plants are located in Punjab province,” said Faisal Hashmi. Coca-Cola has pledged that it to work towards recycling about 6000 MT of plastic in 2024.

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This is with reference to the invitation for Pre-Qualification for Outsourcing of Solid Waste Management Services to District Hafizabad published in accordance with PPRA Rules 2014 on April 23, 2024 vide IPL # 3500 and Pre-Qualification Documents uploaded on PPRA website on April 26, 2024. The following changes are made:-

Sr. No.	Prac. No.	Description
1.	07	In basic eligibility criteria Point No. 5 is amended as under:- Bank statement in the name of Company / AOP / Proprietorship as applicable for last three years i.e. (2021, 2022, 2023) issued by the concerned bank (Jan 2021 to Dec 2023). Revolving Credit/Bridge Banks Statements, Certificates issued by the Respective Banks of Prospective Bidders showing Turnover may also be accepted. In Evaluation Criteria / Work Plant System, the following context shall be the part of Point 03 i.e. Relevant Experience: “The Running Contracts of Bidders shall also be considered and transport experience shall also be considered”. It is further informed that the last date for submission of PQD is extended to May 30, 2024 with closing time of 01:00 PM and opening time at 01:30 PM.

All other Terms & Conditions of the Pre-Qualification will remain the same.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
Bid Reference No: DCS/24/007

The Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (The Employer) through the office of GM & PD, (TDP) intends to invite sealed bids from Original Manufacturers/ Authorized Distributors/ General Order Suppliers who are on Active Taxpayer List (ATL) of FBR, and having valid Sales Tax Registration Number (STRN) with PPRA, KPRA for the following work

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Time Period for completion of Contract
1.	PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS REQUIRED FOR OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF W-BMC NETWORKS FOR FY 2023-2024.	30 Days

Interested eligible firms may obtain further information through the visit of office of the undersigned and obtaining the Bidding Documents during 08:00 hours to 16:00 hours in working days. A complete set of the Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by the interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon submission of evidence of depositing Rs 1000/- in the official bank account of GM & PD, TDP in UBL TDP Branch as non refundable fee. The tender documents will be issued on production of copies of Authority letter from the firm in the name of employee & income tax registration certificate.

Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered at the **Gm Director (GM/P), Tarbela Dam Project** on or before **11:00 hours** on **21-05-2024** and must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rs. 100,000/-** in the form of unconditional Bank Guarantee (on prescribed form of bid security in the bidding document) or in the form of **CDR in favour of GM & PD, TDP.**

Bids will be opened on the same day at 11:30 hours in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend at the **Gm Director (GM/P), Tarbela Dam Project.**

The procurement will be carried out as per PPRA rules, 2014 (single stage-one envelope) as amended time to time.

The Employer reserves the rights to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals at any time prior to acceptance of a bid or proposal.

Note: The Bidder must meet with the following Qualification Criteria:

i) Specific Experience: One or more similar nature assignment, substantially completed with contract price upto 2 Million or more during the last five (5) years. Also provide completion authenticate certificate from the employer.

ii) Blacklisted contractor/firms/suppliers/manufacturers are forbidden to bid and on the basis of available information with Wapda will not be considered.

iii) WAPDA will not be responsible for any type of backing imposed by Federal/Provincial government during the period of supply.

Director Engineering
Tarbela Dam Project
Tel 0995-350058

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FAISALABAD ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
OPEN AUCTION DISPOSAL NOTICE

Open Public Auction of under mentioned unserviceable material at locations mentioned against each will be held on following date & time on “as is where is” basis at FESCO community Centre opposite TRW workshop FESCO, Faisalabad.

Serial #	Auction No.	Description Of Unserviceable	Quantity Material	Location of unserviceable material	Auction Date & Time
1	492	Waste Paper size 15”x11”	5200 Kg	FESCO Computer Centre Faisalabad	28/05/2024 Tuesday 11:00 AM
2	493	Waste Paper small size or torn out pieces.	4500 Kg		
3	494	Waste Paper size 15”x11”	5550 Kg	FESCO Computer Centre Jhang	
4	495	Waste Paper small size or torn out pieces.	2850 Kg		
5	496	Waste Paper size 15”x11”	3500 Kg	FESCO Computer Centre Sargodha	
6	497	Waste Paper small size or torn out pieces.	400 Kg		

1. Registration along with copy of CNIC shall start at **09:30 A.M.**
2. The above unserviceable Material can be inspected during working hours at their respective locations mentioned against each before the date fixed for auction.
3. The bid remain valid for **150 days** & extendable with the consent of both parties.
4. Rate quoted should be auction wise and **“Excluding”** all applicable taxes.
5. All bidders will deposit **Rs.25,000/-** as bid security in shape of Bank Draft/ CDR/ Bankers Cheque in favor of CEO FESCO through Cashier before the start of auction **(09:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.)**. The deposit shall be adjusted against the auction winning price. Bid security of unsuccessful bidder will be refunded at spot after completion of auction.
6. The highest / Successful bidder will have to pay 1/4th of the bid amount on the spot as **“earnest money”**.
7. The remaining amount along with all applicable Government Taxes will have to be paid within **21 working days** of issuance of **“Letter of Acceptance”**, in case of failure, the earnest money will be forfeited.
8. All taxes levied by Govt. of Pakistan will be paid by highest / Successful bidder at the time of final payment.
9. All rights reserved for acceptance/rejection of offer in the auction by the competent authority.
10. All other terms and conditions will be informed at the time of auction or contact Director (M&I) Disposal FESCO office regarding other terms and conditions during working hours before auction date.
11. This advertisement is also available on PPRA website at **www.ppra.org.pk** and FESCO website at **www.fesco.com.pk**.

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Director MM (Disposal) FESCO, Faisalabad
Phone: 041-9220336 Fax: 041-9220215

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PARKS & HORTICULTURE AUTHORITY, LAHORE
TENDER NOTICE

Parks & Horticulture Authority, Lahore, invites sealed bids single stage two envelopes from the firms / contractors which are having valid Pakistan Engineering Council Certificate (PEC) for the following work:-

S. #	Description	Estimated Cost/ Bid Security (2%)	Tender Fee	Complt. Period	Invited By	Tender Submission / Opening Date & Time
1	Installation of Unmounted Lighting Structure at Allah Khan Chowk (near Tower) in Ichhra, Wahdat Road, Lahore.	Rs.2,32,43,843/- Rs.4,64,867/-	Rs. 5,000/-	28 Days	Director Electrical	Tender Submission Date & Time: **24 May 2024 at 11:00 AM** Tender Opening Date & Time: **24 May 2024 at 12:00 Noon**

1. The bidding documents can be downloaded from PPRA website with prescribed document fee as mentioned above in favor of Parks & Horticulture Authority, Lahore in shape of CDR / Pay Order and must be attached with submission of documents, failing which the proposals will not be entertained.
2. Applicant must provide complete company profile (name, mailing address, attitude of company, firm PEC certificate, copy of Income Tax / PRA Tax registration certificate).
3. The signed and stamped bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the Director Electrical PHA at Jilani Park Jail Road, Lahore during office days before the opening of tender with prescribed document fee as the tender. No bidding document can be entertained without signed and stamped of Director Electrical PHA Lahore.
4. The procurement shall be completed in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 on single stage two envelopes bidding procedure.
5. The envelope will be marked as “technical proposal & financial proposal”.
6. Single package containing technical and financial bid, duly completed, signed, stamped, sealed and in complete conformity with tender document should be dropped in the office of Director Electrical Parks and Horticulture Authority Jilani Park Jail Road Lahore.
7. No application will be entertained through post / courier for issuance of tender.
8. The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal.
9. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Director Electrical
Parks & Horticulture Authority
Jiliani Park Jail Road Lahore
042-99200843

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COURT NOTICE

DASKA

IN The Court of Qaisar Hussain Mufti Civil Judge Daska. Suit For Declaration, Nazir Mahmood Vs Public at Large etc. Notice To: Tahir Mahmood S/o Riyasat Ali Cast Jutt Rain R/o Talhana Tehsil Daska District Sialkot presently living abroad. Whereas service of respondents is not going to be effected through ordinary means. So, service of defendants / Respondents is being effected through proclamation in the newspaper. You, defendants / respondents are directed to appear in the court on 20-03-24 at 09:00 am, failing which ex-parte proceeding would be initiated against you. (2575202471)

LAHORE

IN the Lahore High Court Lahore. Notice Under Order V Rule 20 CPC. Civil Revision No. 14436 OF 2023 (LDA etc) VS Haji Abdul Rehman etc. Notice to Respondents: Haji Abdul Rehman S/o Ghulam Nabi R/o 601-C Faisal Town Lahore. Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed the Civil Revision against the order dated 01-08-2023 of the learned Additional District Judge Lahore and the case has been fixed for hearing 14-05-2024 (fixed by court), before the Hon’ble court. As your service could not be effected through ordinary mode the Hon’ble court has directed for your substituted service through publication of notice in the press. If Now, therefore, you are hereby informed to appear before the Hon’ble court in person through an attorney or advocate on the date fixed for plead your case. If you or your counsel fails to appear before the Hon’ble Court on the given date, the case will be heard and decided in your absence and no excuse thereof shall be acceptable on this court. Given under my hand and the seal of the Lahore High Court Lahore on this 4th May 2024. Syed Rashid Raza Zaidi Deputy Registrar (Civil) Lahore High Court Lahore. (2576027983)

IN the court of Muhammad Sudar Civil Judge Lahore. Case No. 16631-16-04-2024 Beg Khalaqa Alam Zai (R) VS Aalamd-Ul-Haq Pirachia etc. Suit For Recovery of Damages for amount of RS 1 Crore. Notice to the 1. Aalamd-ul-Haq Pirachia son of Ehsham-ul-Haq Pirachia, resident of Pirachia House, Mohallah Paraghan, Bhera, Bhalwal, District Sargodha. 2. Aalamd-Haq son of Ehsham-ul-Haq Pirachia, resident of Pirachia House, Mohallah Paraghan, near, Bhera, District Sargodha. Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above mentioned person(s) be served in the ordinary way. It is therefore proclaimed under order 5, Rule 20 CPC that The said person(s) shall appear personally or through duly authorized representative or pleader in court at 08:00 am on 20-05-2024 otherwise the proceedings will be taken against you as parte, no arguments of any nature shall be entertained thereafter. (2576027982)

KHARIAN

IN the court of Mr. Ehsan Nawaz Sahi Civil Judge Khanan. Suit for Possession Anal. Title: Rukaiya Ahmed Vs Muhammad Arshad etc. To: Muhammad Sabghat Ullah, Muhammad Tayyab Ullah sons of Muhammad Arshad, Muhammad Akhtar son, Aqsa Noreen, Sumaira Bibi D/o Muhammad Shafi, Muhammad Afzal son of Muhammad Akram, Manzoor Hussain son of Ali Muhammad, Muhammad Asif son of Noor Muhammad Caste Mughal, Umar Farooq son of Mukhtar Iqbal, Mehboob Hussain, Muhammad Waris Ali son of Ghulam Rubani Caste Gujjar, Ahmad son of Muhammad Azizi Caste Gujjar, Zafar Iqbal son of Noor Ahmad Caste Bhatti, R/o Dhandala/Dhandali, Tehsil Khanan Distt Gujrat. Whereas service of defendants / respondents is not going to be effected through ordinary means. So, service of defendants / respondents is effected through proclamation in the newspaper. You, defendants / respondents are directed to appear in the court in person or through counsel on 20-05-24 at 09:00 am, failing which, ex-parte proceedings shall be initiated against you. (2576025464)

GUJRAT

IN the court of Mr. Shoaib Zar Ali Additional District Judge Gujrat. Suit Appeal Family Title: Shumila Kausar Versus Sohail Yousaf Notice To: Sohail Yousaf S/o Muhammad Yousaf R/o Near Masjid Syedua Mohalla Jamshid Colony Dinga Tehsil Kharian District Gujrat. Whereas service of defendants is not going to be effected through ordinary means. So, service of defendants be effected through proclamation in the newspaper. You, defendants are directed to appear in court in person or through counsel on 09-05-2024 at 09:00 am, failing which, ex-parte proceedings shall be initiated against you. (2575202465)

MULTAN

IN the Court of Nasir Hussain Shah Judge Banking Court I New Judicial Complex Multan. Suit No 545/2023 Plaintiff NBP Main Branch at Ludhran Through Manager Versus Abdul Razzaq S/o M. Sadiq (2) M. Sadiq S/o Haji Hassan Sue Caste Cleric R/o Che Bain wala Mouza Kotha Chera Tehsil and District Ludhran. Defendants. Proclamation U/S 5(5) Financial institution Recovery of Financial Ordinance 44 of 2001. Whereas the aforesaid Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you and others for recovery of Rs. 1649040/- along with Markup interest and costs etc claimed to be payable by you Proclamation U/s 5(5) ordinance fixed date for further proceedings in the case has been fixed on 14-05-2024. Judge Banking Court I Multan. (2601021020)

GUJRANWALA

IN the court of Miss. Khadija Farooq Civil Judge Gujranwala. Suit for Declaration. Title: Rahmat Ullah Vs Umer Ali etc. To: Umer Ali son of Hamid Ali Caste Arain R/o College Road Street No. 8 Mohallah Waqf Muhammad Bukhsh Gujranwala. Whereas service of defendants / respondents is not going to be effected through ordinary means. So, service of defendants / respondents is effected through proclamation in the newspaper. You, defendants / respondents are directed to appear in the court in person or through counsel on 20-05-24 at 09:00 am, failing which, ex-parte proceedings shall be initiated against you. (2575202466)

IN the court of Miss Khadija Farooq Civil Judge Gujranwala. Suit for Takseem Property Title: Muhammad Arshad Vs Sunya etc. To: Sunya W/o Muhammad Amin Bhutta Ala. Muhammad Ashraf Son, Salma Shakeela, Rauta, Nadeem D/o Muhammad Amin, Abdul Ghaffar son of Muhammad Siddique Caste Mahar R/o Nanda Tehsil Distt Gujranwala. Whereas service of defendants / respondents is not going to be effected through ordinary means. So, service of defendants / respondents is effected through proclamation in the newspaper. You defendants / respondents are directed to appear in the court in person or through counsel 17-05-24 at 09:00 am, failing which, ex-parte proceedings shall be initiated against you. (2575202467)

ZAFARWAL

IN the court of Haris Ali ADJ Zafarwal. Inshad Ali s/o W. Muhammad Khan etc Civil Appeal. To: Muhammad Javeed, Parvaiz Akhtar both sons of Wali Muhammad, Abdual Qayoom S/o Sain Din, Muhtaar Shafeeque Rasheed, Naveed Rasheed both son of Muhammad Khan, Mubarak Ali S/o Ali Buhadar, Javeed Shamas, Tahir Shamas, Hamayoon Shamas, Muhammad Hamid Shamas both son of Shamas Din by cast Gujar R/o Lohara Tehsil Zafarwal district Narowal. You are deliberately avoiding receiving the summons in the case and are escaped. Therefore, this ad is being issued for all of you. If you do not appear on 11-06-2024 at 09:00 am in the court the proceedings would be done one sided and after that no objection and excuse would be accepted. This ad is being issued by the stamp and sign of this court. (2575202468)

IN the court of Khan Mahmood ADJ Zafarwal. Muhammad Khalid versus Waseem Abbas etc. Civil Revision. To: Nadeem Abbas, Azeem Abbas both of sons Shabeer Ahmad cast by Rajput R/o Jagoal Tehsil Zafarwal district Narowal. You are deliberately avoiding receiving the summons in the case and are escaped. Therefore, this ad is being issued for all of you. If you do not appear on 20-05-2024 at 09:00 am in the court the proceedings would be done one sided and after that no objection and excuse would be accepted. This ad is being issued by the stamp and sign of this court. (2575202469)

IN the court of Uzair ul Rehman Awan Civil Judge Zafarwal. Fazal Mahmood etc Versus Tahir Waseem etc Suit for Declaration with Permanent Injunctions & Partition. To: Muhsin Ali S/o Liaqat Ali, Zafar Ayub S/o Muhammad Ayub Cast Rajput R/o Marara Tehsil Zafarwal district narowal. You are deliberately avoiding receiving the summons in the case and are escaped. Therefore, this ad is being issued for all of you. If you do not appear on 13-05-2024 at 09:00 am in the court, the proceedings would be done one sided and after that no objection and excuse would be accepted. This ad is being issued by the stamp and sign of this court. (2575202470)

IN the court of Uzair ul Rehman Awan Civil Judge Zafarwal. Mughal Hussain versus Muhammad Shahbaz etc Suit for Declaration with Permanent Injunctions. To: Gulam Qadir S/o Jalal din, Gulam Mehuddin S/o Sadequa, Mukhtar Ahmed S/o Ahmad din cast Jutt Bulsan Tehsil Zafarwal district Narowal. You are deliberately avoiding receiving the summons in the case and are escaped. Therefore, this ad is being issued for all of you. If you do not appear on 10-06-2024 at 09:00 am in the court the proceedings would be done one sided and after that no objection and excuse would be accepted. This ad is being issued by the stamp and sign of this court. (2575202467)

NAROWAL

IN the court of Rajah Sabzal Senior Civil Judge (Family Division) Narowal. Suit For Recovery Maintenance Allowance. Nasreen Akhter etc Vs Anjum Shaheen Notice To: Anjum Shaheen S/o Anwar Ul Haq R/o Mohalla Muhammad Pura Tehsil & District Narowal presently living abroad (Malaysia). Whereas service of respondents is not going to be effected through ordinary means. So, service of defendants / respondents is being affected through proclamation in the newspaper. You, defendants / respondents are directed to appear in the court on 11-05-24 at 09:00 am, failing which, ex-parte proceeding will be initiated against you. (2575202472)

SIALKOT

IN the court of Miss Raheela Kanwal Civil Judge Sialkot. Suit For Recovery. Rakesh Kargo Sahiwal Vs Aleena Hamayun etc. Notice To: Sohaib Hamayun son of Hamayun Nisar resident of House No. 26/148 Mohallah Islam Abad Sialkot City. Whereas service of respondents is not going to be affected through ordinary means. So, services of defendants / respondents are being affected through proclamation in the newspaper. You, defendants / respondents are directed to appear in the court in person or through counsel on 10-05-2022 at 09:00 am, failing which, ex-parte proceedings shall be initiated against you. (2576025025)

IN the court of Miss. Zarbasha Bugti Judge Family Court Sialkot. Suit for Recovery. Muhammad Ramzan etc Vs Sohail etc Notice to: Sohail son of Muhammad Yousaf, Rukhsana wife of Muhammad Yousaf, residents of Chooli Kamhanan near Dukan Doctor Kanol Wala Dhulli Tehsil & District Sialkot. Whereas service of respondents is not going to be affected through ordinary means. So, service of defendants / respondents is being affected through proclamation in the newspaper. You, defendants / respondents are directed to appear in the court in person or through counsel on 27-05-2022 at 09:00 am, failing which, ex-parte proceedings shall be initiated against you. (2576025026)

COURT NOTICE

UK

IN the Court of Ambareen Iqbal Ch Civil Judge Islamabad Suit for Declaration Naeem Firdous Noor vs Riaz Alam Noor S/o Noor Alam R/o 10, Dunton Road Leyton E-10 2NF London (England). It is proclaimed of the said defendant does not appear personally or through duly authorized agent or pleader in this Court on 17-05-2024 at 09:00 am ex-parte proceedings will be taken against him / her. (2576025024)

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Two women lured with online job ad, 'raped'

By Our Correspondent

BAHAWALPUR: The Vehari city police have booked two men, arresting one of them, for alleged gang rape of two young women, including a university student, after luring them with online job advertisement, making their objectionable videos and blackmailing them.

According to Vehari district police spokesperson, the alleged rape incidents occurred in November 2023, but the two complainants approached the police on Tuesday last as they were being threatened by the suspects that their videos would be uploaded on social media if they lodged a complaint against them.

One of the complainants is a seventh semester university student, whose father had died and she needed a job for meeting her studies' expenditure. The other is the daughter of a private security guard and was looking for a job to contribute to the family's income.

The complainants say that the suspects, who are residents of Railway Colony, Vehari, uploaded an advertisement on social media, offering jobs to young educated women.

The complainants say that when they contacted the suspects on mobile phone, they were called to a place for an "interview". However, when they reached the place, they suspects subjected them to gang rape, making video clips of the heinous crime.

The women alleged that the suspects told them that they had already raped several girls and if they (the complainants) lodged a complaint against them, they would post the rape videos on social media.

The spokesperson said the suspects continued to blackmail and exploit the complainants for around six months and also extorted Rs12,000 from each of them. The suspects would also force the victims to also bring other girls along, so they could rape and blackmail them too, he added. He said the police have registered FIRs (No 427/24 and 428/24) against the two suspects under sections 376 ii, 292 A and 383 of the Pakistan Penal Code, arresting the main suspect. The other suspect has also been traced, he added.

The spokesperson says that the prime suspect is being interrogated as video clips of other victims are yet to recovered from him.

He said that the medical examination of both victims had been conducted and further action would be taken in the light of its report to be issued by the district headquarters hospital.

MULTAN: Students at a stall during a book festival at MNS-University of Agriculture. — APP

Body parts of missing man found in drain

TOBA TEK SINGH: Parts of the body of a missing young man from Jhang's Buddhaywala locality were found in a nullah on Tuesday night.

Sources said deceased Amer Ali Gujjar went missing on the night of May 1 and Jhang's Kotwali police had registered a first information report on May 4 when his parents failed to find him.

Further investigation led to the arrest of his friend, an 18-year-old barber Zubair.

During interrogation, Zubair confessed to slaughtering Gujjar in his own house located in Muhalla Hawara on the night of May 1. He confessed to disposing of pieces of the body at various locations, with the main parts being dumped in the nullah after being packed in a sack.

Zubair said he had consensual relationship with Gujjar who had also supported him financially in establishing his barber shop. Gujjar had borne most of the expenses for Zubair's marriage, which had taken place a few months back.

Zubair said Gujjar wanted to develop relations with his wife. As a result, he devised a plan to kill Gujjar. The suspect said he sent his wife to her parents' house, lured Gujjar to his home and killed him. — Correspondent

Schoolteacher held for beating minor student

By Our Correspondent

BAHAWALNAGAR: A Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) schoolteacher, who was booked along with the school principal and a female teacher for allegedly beating a prep-class student and misbehaving with his parents on Tuesday, was arrested on Wednesday.

The FIR registered on the complaint of Zaffar Iqbal of Nazeer Colony with B Division police said that six-year-old Hammad Zafar, a student of Shaheen Public School, returned home from school on May 6 with serious injuries.

The child told his family that teachers Humaira and Fayyaz beat him with sticks. Principal Mohammad Rafi allegedly misbehaved with the parents and removed them from his office when they approached him.

Education Chief Executive Officer Shahida Habeer told Dawn that a departmental inquiry had been initiated into the incident and the teachers had been removed from the school till the inquiry was completed while Fayyaz had been arrested as well. She said that the three-member inquiry committee would complete its task within three days.

She said that corporal punishment was never allowed in schools.

DEAD CHICKEN: Villagers in Haroonabad captured two motorcycle riders for allegedly distributing dead poultry and handed them along with dozens of dead chickens over to the Chishtian Sadar police. They were captured when the motorcycle of the duo slipped on Wednesday.

The locals told reporters that while travelling from Haroonabad to Chishtian, two teenage bike riders, who had installed double plastic drums on their motorcycle, got into an accident when the tyre of their bike burst near Village 1R, Haroonabad. As the motorcycle fell, dozens of dead chickens were scattered on the ground from the plastic drums.

Meanwhile, the villagers caught the injured youths and handed them over to the police. The people posted videos online in which one injured youth admits that they deliver dead chickens to Shakeel of Chishtian on a daily basis. The Saddar police said they had arrested two teenage boys on the villagers' complaint.

The police said the Food Department was informed by the police and that a case would be registered after a written complaint by the Food department.

No Food Department official was available for comments.

Robber injured in encounter arrested

By Our Correspondent

KASUR: The Pattoki police arrested a robber in an injured condition after an encounter between the police and robbers on Wednesday near village Jagowala.

The accomplices of the injured robber fled. According to the police, the robber was injured by his accomplices while exchanging fire with the local police.

The police also stated that the gang had shot and injured a police official at a check post a few days prior.

The police stated that after receiving a call at 15, four unidentified robbers snatched a bike, cash, and a cell phone at gunpoint, they chased the robbers.

The police shifted the injured gunman, identified as Haider of Chunga Manga, to the Pattoki THQ Hospital.

He is a proclaimed offender wanted in over a dozen cases of robbery and other heinous crimes. Police investigations were underway.

DEMAND: The Kisaan Board Pakistan (KBP) and Jamaat-i-Islami (JI), in a joint protest at Bakhs Chowk on Wednesday, demanded a price of Rs5,000 per maund of wheat.

Noor Hassan, Muhammad Ramzan, Rao Akbtar Ali, and Abobakar Naeem stated that farmers had incurred expenses in purchasing costly fertilizer and fuel to produce wheat. They also highlighted the continuous increase in electricity rates per unit throughout the year.

They criticised the government's announcement not to purchase wheat, visiting it as the final blow to the agriculture sector.

They demanded that the government purchase every grain from the farmers and stop yielding to the influence of mafias who would exploit the situation later on.

The KBP and JI had held the protest camp at Bakhs Chowk for the last five days to express their concern over the anti-farmer policies of the ruling class regarding wheat procurement.

Suspects in attack on teacher at large

By Our Correspondent

SAHIWAL: Youasiwala police on Wednesday registered a case against a youth and three others for physically assaulting and slapping a public school teacher.

The FIR was lodged after an inquiry directed by Commissioner Shoaib Iqbal on the instructions of the chief minister.

The inquiry conducted by Khalim Hussain, District Education Officer (Secondary), upheld the complaint of Zahid Saleem, a teacher of the Government High School, 95/9-L, Sahiwal tehsil.

The report said Saleem moved out of the class to see the headmaster on some matter. When he returned, student Adnan Shahzad was quarreling with class monitor. The teacher stopped Adnan from fighting and asked him to call his father. Adnan went home and rather brought his elder brother Babar Shahzad along with three unknown people who thrashed the teacher in front of his students.

Eyewitnesses said Babar and his accomplices slapped and beat the teacher for five minutes. Some fellow teachers rescued Saleem. The assailants succeeded in fleeing the school.

DSP Tagi Abbas told Dawn police were after the culprits.

IUB approves HEC's graduate policy

By Our Correspondent

BAHAWALPUR: The directorate of advanced studies and research of the Islamia University Bahawalpur (IUB), approved the Higher Education Commission's (HEC's) graduate policy, 2023, to be implemented at the post-graduate level.

GUJRANWALA WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

CORRIGENDUM

This is with reference to the invitation for Pre-Qualification for Outsourcing of Solid Waste Management Services for District Gujranwala published in accordance with PPRA Rules 2014 on April 26, 2024 vide IPL # 2600 and Pre-Qualification Documents uploaded on PPRA website on April 30, 2024. The following changes are made:-

Sr. No.	Page. No.	Description
1.	36	(i) Basic eligibility criteria Point No. 5 is amended as under:- Bank statement in the name of Company / JV / Proprietorship as applicable for last three years i.e. 2021, 2022, 2023 issued by the concerned bank (Jan 2021 to Dec 2023). Besides accepting Bank Statements, Certificates issued by the Respective Banks of Prospective Bidders showing Turnover may also be accepted. (ii) Evaluation Criteria / Merit Point System, the following contract shall be the part of Point 02 i.e. Relevant Experience: 'The Running Contracts of Bidder shall also be considered and transport experience shall also be considered'. It is further informed that the last date for submission of PQD is extended to May 09, 2024 with closing time of 12:00 noon and opening time of 12:30 PM.

All other Terms & Conditions of the Pre-Qualification will remain the same.

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(JHR-0) IPL-2944

PARKS & HORTICULTURE AUTHORITY, LAHORE

TENDER NOTICE

Parks & Horticulture Authority, Lahore, invites sealed bids on single stage two envelopes from the firms / contractors which are having Valid Pakistan Engineering Council Certificate (PEC) for the following work.

S. #	Description	Estimated Cost/ Bid Security @ 2%	Tender Fee	Complet Period	Invited By	Tender Submission / Opening Date & Time
1	Installation of Decorative Lighting Structure from Shah Jamal Bridge to Ferozpur Road Bridge Lahore	Rs.3,06,67,525/- Rs.7,67,563/-	Rs. 5000/-	20 days	Director Electrical	Submission of Tender Bid Date & Time: 29 May 2024 at 11:00 AM Opening of Tender Date & Time: 31 May 2024 at 12:00 Noon

1. The bidding documents can be downloaded from PPRA website with prescribed document fee as mentioned above in favor of Parks & Horticulture Authority, Lahore in shape of CDR / Pay Order and must be attached with submission of document, failing which proposals will not be entertained.
2. The applicant must provide complete company profile (name, mailing address, structure of company / firm PEC certificate, copy of incorporation / PPRA fee registration certificate).
3. The signed and stamped bidding document can be obtained from the office of the Director Electrical PHA at Allama Park Jail Road, Lahore during 07-day before the opening of tender with prescribed document fee of Rs. 5000/-. No bidding document can be entertained without signed and stamped of Director Electrical PHA Lahore.
5. The procurement shall be completed in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 on single stage, two envelopes bidding procedure. The envelope will be marked as "technical proposal & financial proposal.
6. Single package containing technical and financial bids duly completed, signed, stamped, sealed and as complete conformity with tender documents should be dropped in the office of Director Electrical Parks and Horticulture Authority Allama Park Jail Road Lahore.
8. Any application will be entertained through post / courier for issuance of tender.
9. The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal.
10. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Director Electrical
Parks & Horticulture Authority
Allama Park Jail Road Lahore
042-99204643

(LHR-0) IPL-2919

GUJRANWALA WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

REQUEST FOR TENDER

Gujranwala Waste Management Company (GWMC), established under Section 42 of Companies Act 2017, (previously known as Companies Ordinance 1984), invites eligible, well-reputed and experienced Firms / Companies / Contractors / Suppliers, registered with relevant Income Tax & Sales Tax Departments to indicate their interest in providing the following:

S. #	Proc. No.	Description	Estimated Price	Bid Security	Tender Document Fee	Bid Submission Deadline	Bid Opening
1	GWMC/ 2023-24/54	Hiring of Punjab Machinery Services for Eid-ul-Adha 2024	Rs. 14,823,198/-	Rs.296,463/- 2% of Estimated Price	10,000/- non-refundable	24-05-2024 11:00 AM	24-05-2024 12:00 Noon

The detailed tender documents may be obtained from the office of GWMC immediately after publication of this Tender Notice and submission of a written application to the name of CEO, GWMC at a cost mentioned amount against each item (non-refundable) to be deposited in "The Bank of Punjab (Any Branch)" in the Account Titled "Gujranwala Waste Management Company", A/c # 6580001956580001 during office hours or accessed online www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk, www.gwmc.com.pk. Late bids will be rejected. Bids of only those bidders will be entertained who purchased the tender document.

Interested bidders shall provide their Sealed Technical and Financial Bids, with required documents, demonstrating that they have the required qualifications, financial soundness and relevant experience to provide the above mentioned items. Single Stage Two Envelopes bidding procedure, shall be adopted as per PPRA Rules, 2014. The bid must be accompanied by Bid Security as mentioned in the above table in the form of Bank Guarantee / Demand Draft / CDR / Pay Order, in favor of Gujranwala Waste Management Company. The Bid Security is as per PPRA Rule # 27 which states that "The procuring agency may require the bidders to furnish a bid security not exceeding five per cent of the estimated price". The bids, without Bid Security, shall be rejected being non-responsive.

The bids will be opened as per schedule mentioned in the table above, at the same mentioned address in presence of bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend with their original CNICs.

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إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون

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PESHAWAR Thursday, May 9, 2024

PESHAWAR

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Sunrise (Tomorrow)	05:14am

NEXT 24 HRS

Minimum	25°C
Maximum	38°C
Outlook	Mostly Cloudy

Pakistan edge Canada, face Japan in Azlan Shah Cup final

Pg.20 SPORT

FARMERS harvest tomatoes in a field in Umar locality of Peshawar. — White Star

Rickshaws banned from GT Road in Peshawar

Admin also decides to seize old buses, wagons plying along BRT corridor

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The district administration has banned rickshaws from the Pir Zakori Bridge/Surey Pul stretch of the Grand Trunk Road here from today (Thursday), insisting the move will ease traffic congestion on the major main thoroughfare in the capital city.

The decision about the ban was made in a meeting chaired by the commissioner of Peshawar division, Riaz Khan Mehsud, according to an official statement.

The meeting called to discuss traffic issues in the provincial capital was attended by deputy commissioner Afaq Wazir, SSP (traffic) Saud Khan, officials of the Regional Transport Authority and excise department, and representatives of transporter unions.

It also decided that the old buses and wagons plying the roads along the Peshawar Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor would be impounded and scrapped, while their drivers would be arrested.

The participants also agreed about the seizure of rickshaws that are registered in other districts but operate in the provincial capital.

They also directed authorities to crack down on the rickshaws whose drivers have photocopied permits and registration papers, while the sealing of rickshaw factories was also ordered.

The meeting decided to ban rickshaw supply from Punjab and order the arrest of suppliers and confiscation of those tri-wheelers.

It said the district administration would launch a 20-day crackdown on illegal rickshaws, buses, and wagons from Thursday (today).

Under the plans, pressure horns, flashlights, tinted glasses, illegal registration plates, and musical instruments will be removed from vehicles before being destroyed, while legal action will be taken against drivers under the age of 21.

The meeting also decided to impound and scrap the buses, wagons, and rickshaws illegally operating in the provincial capital.

It chalked out a strategy to do away with illegal transport vehicles from the provincial capital and took the representatives of transporter unions into confidence about it.

Officials said as the crackdown would continue until May 29, special teams of the police, district administration, and transport and excise departments were formed for its success.

Peshawar SSP (traffic) Saud Khan told *Dawn* that the traffic police had presented the traffic management plan for Peshawar to the district administration for approval and implementation.

He said the traffic police were impounding illegal rickshaws and buses and registering FIRs against their drivers.

"Last month, we [traffic police] registered FIRs against 200 rickshaw drivers and impounded 200 illegal buses and rickshaws," he said.

The SSP said that over 300,000 rickshaws and loaders operated in the provincial capital, but in the case of their seizure, the traffic police lacked spaces to keep such a large number of vehicles.

An official told *Dawn*, requesting anonymity, that the Peshawar BRT project envisioned the scrapping of old buses plying the provincial capital's roads.

He said that under the bus project, authorities scrapped around 600 old and rickety buses after making due payments to their owners in two phases.

The official, however, said that transporters later brought in buses from the Punjab province and demanded a phase-out of old buses, but the demand was turned down by authorities.

Wheat procurement from local farmers to save govt Rs12bn, claims Gandapur

By Our Correspondent

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur on Wednesday said his government would save Rs12 billion by purchasing wheat from local farmers and the money would be utilised for construction and renovation of wheat warehouses.

He stated said this during a visit to the provincial reserve centre of the food department, where he formally inaugurated the process of wheat procurement for the current season.

Provincial minister for food Zahir Shah Toru and high-ups of food department and district administration were also present. Addressing a ceremony on the occasion, Mr Gandapur said 300,000 metric tonnes of wheat would be procured from farmers of the province, out of which 40,000 metric tonnes was being purchased from Dera farmers.

He said total procurement at the rate of Rs3,900 per 40kg would cost Rs29 billion.

"It will be ensured that farmers are provided with their due rights without any hindrance," he said, adding necessary steps had been taken to make the procurement process transparent. He said committees had also been formed at the district level in addition to establishing a control room and introducing an app for the purpose.

Gandapur said: "Not buying wheat from Pakistan Agricultural Storage & Services Corporation Limited would result in a benefit of Rs12 billion, which would be utilised for construction and maintenance of warehouses."

The chief minister made it clear that wheat procurement would be carried out on the basis of first come, first served basis.

He asked the farmers' community to come forward and play their proactive role in implementing the provincial government's policy aimed at ensuring wheat procurement in an efficient and transparent manner.

He made it clear that the provincial government had decided to have zero tolerance policy against corruption and bribery in all the departments, adding all possible steps would be taken to ensure transparency in all government matters, including postings and transfers.

Two brothers killed over land dispute in Swabi

By Our Correspondent

SWABI: Two brothers were killed over a land dispute in a Topi village here on Wednesday, Rescue 1122 and police officials said.

A rescue official said a team provided first aid to two men seriously injured and shifted them to the Tehsil Headquarters Hospital, Topi, where they succumbed to injuries.

The deceased were identified as Tayyab Khan, 40, and Jahanzeb Khan, 35.

Sultan Zeb registered an FIR with the police, stating his brothers were trying to stop some labourers from harvesting wheat crop on a disputed land when Shamrzada, Gulzada and Goharzada, who were also present there, opened fire at his brothers, injuring them critically. Later, they died in hospital.

Meanwhile, the police arrested a man, who had allegedly killed his wife in Jalbai village of Chota Lahor, according to a press release issued by the police.

Mohammad Nabi had gone into hiding after the incident, but the police traced him.

DSP Chota Lahor Fazal Sher Khan said a team traced the accused in a far-flung area and arrested him during a raid.

Also in the day, a Peshawar Electric Supply Company official was injured when owner of a house attacked him for removing illegal connection in Yar Hussain village on Wednesday, Pesco officials said.

They said the injured, Khizar Hayat, was shifted to Bacha Khan Medical Complex, Shahmansoor.

The Yar Hussain police registered an FIR against the accused, Shahid Khan.

PTI to hold rallies on first anniversary of May 9 violent protests

PESHAWAR: Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf will hold public gatherings and processions for the release of the party's founding chairman Imran Khan and other incarcerated leaders and workers on the first anniversary of the May 9, 2023 violent protests.

PTI's additional general secretary, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chapter Irfan Saleem told *Dawn* that public gatherings and rallies would be staged in each district and constituency of provincial assembly. "MNAs, MPAs and office-bearers of the party will lead the gatherings and rallies."

Mr Saleem said a public gathering would be staged at Chowk Yadgar in the provincial capital on Thursday evening to be attended by the ministers, MPAs and PTI leaders from Peshawar.

He said MPAs from Peshawar would take out processions from their respective constituencies and would march on different roads before reaching Chowk Yadgar.

He said flags of Pakistan and PTI would be hoisted on the buildings.

Meanwhile, MPA Fazal Ilahi staged a hunger strike camp outside the Peshawar Press Club demanding the release of Imran and other leaders and workers.

PTI activists chanted slogans in favour of their leader on the occasion.

Talking to mediapersons, Mr Ilahi said they would continue struggle for the release of Imran. — Bureau Report

Plastic surgeons to launch programme for rehabilitation of burn victims

Raising awareness to reduce burn incidents also part of initiative

By Ashfaq Yusufzai

PESHAWAR: Pakistan Association of Plastic Surgeons will launch provincial burns prevention programme to put brakes on incidents of burns through public awareness, ensure rehabilitation of victims and help in legislation to protect buildings from fire.

Prof Tahmeedullah, the president of Pakistan Association of Plastic Surgeons (PAPS), said that burn incidents had record 15 per cent increase as compared to last year but the silver lining was that 90 per cent of cases were preventable provided public awareness was scaled up and legal measures were put in place to reduce such incidents.

He said that an estimated 1.5 million people suffered burn injuries countrywide annually with 10 per cent of them happened to be life-threatening requiring hospitalisation.

Prof Tahmeedullah, who is also director of the 120-bed Burns and Plastic Surgery Centre, Peshawar, said that the programme was aimed at legislation making installation of smoke-detectors, fire extinguishers, safe electrical wiring and gas fitting in building mandatory to cut down risk of deaths from fire by 61 per cent.

He said that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Burns and Accidents Prevention Authority would be established to ensure architectural design of buildings with fire exit plan, safety of homes, educational institutes and road safety.

"Legislation will also cover prevention of industrial burns, safety of Wapda employees along with training sessions to protect the workers, safe handling of toxic and explosive chemicals with availability of personal protective equipment, like industrial gloves and masks etc," said Prof Tahmeedullah.

He said that about 15 to 20 per cent victims got crippled and underwent multiple surgeries and prolonged rehabilitation. "Of these, 70 per cent are in most productive age group of 15 to 40 years while 80 per cent belong to poor socio-economic strata, mainly due to illiteracy, poverty and low level safety consciousness," he added.

The director said that non-existence of burn care services at primary and secondary healthcare levels further complicated the situation. "As per plan, we want to set up a central registry to ascertain data, assess burn-related fatalities, injuries and disabilities to identify high-risk areas and populations and then initiate steps," he added.

Prof Tahmeedullah said that they would enlist support of plastic surgeons, experts in physical medicines and rehabilitation, health education and health promotion to guide, oversee, supervise and evaluate the programme. "We need more trained surgeons and nurses to improve the quality of treatment," he added.

He said that prevention was better than cure for which awareness campaigns at the community level, schools and workplaces would be held in addition to utilising television, radio, social media and community gatherings to disseminate information on burn prevention, first aid and safety measures.

"Integrate burn prevention education into the school curriculum from primary to secondary levels. Encourage schools to organise awareness events and competitions on burn prevention," he said

The PAPS chief said that imparting specialised training to healthcare professionals including doctors, nurses and paramedics on burn management and prevention were included in the programme. "Establishment of burn care training programmes in collaboration with medical institutions and international organisations is also part of the strategy," he added.

He said that the comprehensive programme also included steps to improve infrastructure, upgrade healthcare facilities for better burn care by imparting training to health professionals and procurement of modern equipment.

"Enhancement of emergency response systems to promptly transport burn victims to specialised facilities, enforcement of regulations related to fire safety at public places, industries and residential buildings along with penalties for violators are needed," he said.

Prof Tahmeedullah said that collaboration with postgraduate medical institute and Khyber Medical University for state-of-the-art training to healthcare providers, provision of incentives to businesses and organisations that prioritised fire safety measures and holding workshops, seminars and interactive sessions to raise awareness about burn prevention and safety were necessary to cope with burns.

Boy accused of rash driving, causing deaths acquitted

PESHAWAR: A court acquitted a 14-year-old boy accused of rash driving resulting in deaths of two persons on Peshawar's University Road a year ago.

An additional sessions judge, Attaullah Jan, ruled the prosecution failed to prove its case against the accused, who was charged with unintentional murder of two men near Islamia College Peshawar.

Defence counsel Nouman Muhib Kakakhel argued that a video of the occurrence had gone viral on social media. He contended that the prosecution witnesses agreed there was a video of the accident, whereas the same was not brought on record.

He argued there were seven to eight persons shown coming out of the vehicle in question, which the prosecution claimed was driven by the accused, but the forensic of the video was not available with regard to identity of the driver.

Mr Kakakhel stated one of the deceased was coming via the wrong way without a helmet on a motorcycle, who sustained head injuries, which was the cause of his death, whereas the second deceased fell victim to the first accident.

The counsel argued the minor accused was arrested 10 days before he was charged in the case and had been kept in illegal detention.

He argued there was no evidence connecting the accused with the case, hence he be acquitted of the charges. — Bureau Report

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Zuhar	12:13
Asr	05:04
Maghreb	07:05
Isha	08:39

Starting time in Peshawar

REFLECTIONS

"WEAKNESSES AND SHORTCOMINGS ARE NOT THE THINGS TO TALK ABOUT."

— HAZRAT ALI (A.S.)

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PHC asks Afghan artists' counsel to examine deportation pleas pending with SC

Adjourns hearing into their petitions against possible forced repatriation

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court on Wednesday adjourned the hearing into the petitions of several Afghan artistes and transgender persons for stopping the federal government from deporting them, insisting they'll be persecuted in the Taliban-ruled Afghanistan.

A bench consisting of Justice Syed Mohammad Attiqur Shah and Justice Syed Arshad Ali directed the counsel for petitioners to examine the pleas filed with the Supreme Court on the matter.

The bench observed that it would be appropriate for the petitioners to file applications with the apex court for checking if the prayers in the pleas before the Supreme Court and the high court were identical.

It was hearing two petitions, including the one filed on behalf of 247 musicians and singers by Hashmatullah Omed, Rafi Hanif and Hamed Shahdai, and the other by Ahmad Anwari alias Hooria and 26 other transgender persons.

Advocate Mumtaz Ahmad appeared for the petitioners and said his clients had challenged the decision of the federal government to forcibly repatriate all unregistered Afghans, including the petitioners.

He said that the high court earlier issued an order stopping the federal government and its law-enforcement agencies from harassing his clients and acting against them until further orders.

The lawyer added that the high court also ordered the clubbing of the two petitions.

The counsel claimed that the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban rendered the lives of the local artists and transgender people "very dangerous and miserable," as the government had announced that it wouldn't allow Afghan artists to perform in the country.

He added that like thousands of other Afghans, his clients fled their country along with their families and took shelter in Pakistan.

The lawyer said that the petitioners and their families were registered by the UN refugee agency, which gave them a token number, and their cases were under process.

A deputy attorney general said that identical petitions had already been filed with the Supreme Court.

When the bench asked Mr Mumtaz whether the same petitioners were parties in the case pending with the apex court, the counsel said that petition was filed by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan for relief for all unregistered Afghan nationals, whereas the two petitions pending with the high court sought relief for artists and transgender persons only.

The bench wondered whether it wouldn't be appropriate for the petitioners to withdraw their pleas and approach the apex court to become parties to the matter pending with it.

The counsel said that he was not sure whether the prayers made in that plea were identical to those in the two petitions.

He said that if his clients withdrew the two petitions, then the restraining order of the high court would become ineffective and that there were fears that the petitioners would face harassment and forced repatriation.

The lawyer contended that he would obtain attested copies of the petition pending with the apex court and examine whether the pleas being heard by both courts were similar or different.

The petitioners claimed that the Pakistani government had adopted the policy of forced return for refugees to Afghanistan in violation of international law, protocols, and agreements.

They requested the court to direct the government to allow them to live an unroubled and peaceful life as refugees in the country.

Two cops injured in Tanawal firing

By Our Correspondent

MANSEHRA: Two policemen were seriously injured in a firing by drug peddlers in the Lassan Nawab area of Tanawal tehsil here on Tuesday night.

The incident occurred as police constables Mohammad Moib and Mohammad Rehmat raided the "den" of drug dealer Mohammad Aram in the Mangal Dogha area, according to district police officer Shafaatullah Khan Gandapur.

He told reporters here on Wednesday that Aram and two other drug pushers opened fire at the policemen leaving both of them injured, and fled.

The DPO also said women relatives of the attackers threw stones at the policemen to prevent arrests.

The locals shifted the injured policemen to the King Abdullah Teaching Hospital where the doctors removed bullets from their bodies and declared their condition to be out of danger.

Mr Shafaatullah went to the hospital and inquired after the injured.

He said the police had sealed the area to prevent the escape of attackers and would arrest them shortly.

The DPO said the crackdown on ice, heroin, and other drugs would continue.

He said the police had begun hanging banners with pictures of drug dealers and details of their crimes at prominent public places and outside police stations across the district.

POWER CUTS: Traders in Oghi and its suburbs on Wednesday demanded an immediate end to the prolonged and unscheduled power outages.

"The excessive suspension of electric supply has adversely affected our businesses for the last two weeks," president of the Oghi Traders Association Attaullah told reporters.

Accompanied by other office-bearers of the association, Mr Attaullah said businesses depending on electricity also came to a standstill due to power outages.

He wondered how traders and businessmen could meet expenses and earn a livelihood in such circumstances.

The trader leader said people from all walks of life demonstrated against the excessive power cuts in Oghi earlier this week and demanded a smooth power supply, but to no avail.

"If the prolonged and unscheduled power outages don't stop, then we [traders] will down our shutters across Oghi," he said.

Mr Attaullah said domestic and commercial consumers of electricity regularly paid bills, but even then, they're subjected to the excessive power suspension.

Man arrested over attempted assault

KOHAT: Police arrested a man for trying to assault a five-year-old girl in Shokardarra here on Wednesday.

Police said that the man tried to assault the girl in his quarter but she was saved by her grandfather. They said that grandfather of the girl told them that the accused was residing in their neighbourhood. They said that he was sitting outside his house when he heard screams of her granddaughter.

They said that he rushed and entered the room where he found the man trying to assault the minor girl. They said parents should not allow their children to play outside their homes in the absence of their relatives.

A statement issued by the office of DPO Umer Khan said that soon after the incident was reported, they arrested the man. It said that the accused belonged to Muzaffargarh area of Punjab. He was residing with the family of his maternal uncle in neighbourhood of the victim.

Police registered a case against him under Child Protection Act of 2017 and Sections 376 of Zina Bil Jabbar on the complaint of the grandfather of the girl.

The statement said that such savages should be made an example as they disturbed the entire society. It said that it was the prime responsibility of police to safeguard the lives and properties of people. —Correspondent

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RESTD
HEADQUARTER 6 BRIGADE, RAWJU CANTONMENT (SWAT)

TENDER NOTICE

1. Headquarter 6 Brigade Rawju Cantonment (Swat) invites sealed quotations from all government contractors for utilized funds and funds to be utilized to Headquarter 6 Brigade for Leveling of Training Ground & Establishment of Assault Course / Provision of Water Tap (including Training tasks for development / upgradation of Brigade for FY 2023-24.
2. Quotations in sealed envelopes marked as "Offices Commanding, Headquarter 6 Brigade Rawju Cantonment (Swat)" will be submitted.
3. All quotations / bids will be submitted latest by 24 May 2024 at 1200 hrs which will be opened in presence of all bidders at 1300 hrs on 24 May 2024 in the office of Officer Commanding, Headquarter 6 Brigade Rawju Cantonment (Swat). Rates given by the bidders will be valid upto 30 Jun 2024.
4. Commander 6 Brigade reserves the right to reject any or all quotations / bids at any time by assigning plausible reasons to the bidders.
5. List of goods and other related information may be obtained from Headquarters 6 Brigade during working hrs.

OFFICER COMMANDING HEADQUARTER 6 BRIGADE RAWJU CANTONMENT (PABX/COM NO 0777 - 320117/12

KCBL Karakuram Cooperative Bank Limited

APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Karakorum Cooperative Bank Ltd (KCBL) requires the services of an audit firm for its external audit. The contract with the firm will be for a span of 3 years to carry out audit of the accounts for the Period from Year June 2024 to June 2026. Reputable category (A) Chatered Accountancy firms of SBP panel are invited to submit Technical & Financial proposals under single stage single envelope procedure before 31st May 2024.

Terms of reference for the assignment can be downloaded from our web site.

HEAD INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT
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TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tender is invited from Government Registered Contractors to establishment Training Shed (Facility) on account of Allotment of Budget of Special Annual Training Grant during Financial Year 2023/2024 in the Office of Commandant 9 Division Battle School, OTS Lines Kohat Cantonment.

Terms and Conditions:-
1. Details of work can be collected from institute before one day of tender date.
2. Rate of items / work once offered will be valid for six months with effect date of first supply.
3. No tender will be entertained after due date / time.
4. Sales Tax, Income Tax and other taxes shall be deducted according to Govt rules in vogue.
5. Tender duration from 10 May 2024 to 24 May 2024.
6. Sealed tender will be submitted upto 24 May 2024 before 1000 hours.
7. This Tender valid upto 30 June 2024.

Commandant 9 Division Battle School, OTS Lines Kohat Cantonment
Office Telephone No. 0922-860290

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
EXTERNAL PUBLICITY WING

PRE-QUALIFICATION NOTICE

External Publicity Wing, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Information &c Broadcasting Division), Government of Pakistan, Islamabad intends to pre-qualify Authorized service providers/workshops/firms/contractors etc. for services rendered i.e. Hotel reservations for foreign media delegations around the country, local hospitality, hire of vehicles, transportation of goods, arrangements for Conferences/ Seminars/Workshops, supply of publicity material etc. repair/maintenance of vehicles, machinery i.e air-conditioners, water dispensers, printers, scanners, photocopiers, fax machine, furniture and any other services for the financial years **2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.**

2. The firms registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax Departments may obtain the Tender documents, essential for pre- qualification, from the office of the undersigned on any working day on submission of written application after publication of this notice at a cost of **Rs.1,000/-** (non-refundable).

3. The interested parties may prepare their documents according to the instructions in the pre-qualifying documents, and must reach the office of the undersigned on or before **23rd May, 2024 till 11:00 am.** The bid will be opened on the same day at **11:30 am.**

4. The Notice is also available on **www.ppra.org.pk** and **www.epwing.gov.pk**

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PAKISTAN RAILWAYS,
DIVISIONAL OFFICE PESHAWAR

TENDER NOTICE FOR SALE OF SCRAP
(NO RATE NEGOTIATION WILL BE HELD)

Sealed tenders are invited for sale of following Retrieved Electrical Infrastructure (Poles) on "As-is-Where-is basis" lying at Attock City, Jamrud, Kohat Cantt, Kundian, Mianwali, Daudzai & Mari Indus.

Sl. #	Description	Nos.	Approx. Weight in Kg	Tender Fee	Opening Date
1.	Tubler Pole length 30 feet	70	4019	Rs. 2000/- (Non-Refundable)	30-05-2024 Tender will opened at 12:00 Noon
2.	Fabricated Pole length 30 feet	16	2450		
3.	Rail Pole length 20 feet	50	6610		
4.	Service Pole length 18 feet	100	1800		

Tender Documents can be obtained from Traffic Store, Divisional Superintendent Office Pakistan Railways Peshawar Cantt from 10-05-2024 to 29-05-2024 during working hours. Sealed Bids should be dropped in the tender box placed in the office of DAO Pakistan Railways Peshawar Cantt on 30-05-2024 up to 11:30 Hrs which will be opened publicly on same day at 12:00 Hrs in the presence of bidders or their representatives who may choose to be present. Detail of bids and other terms & conditions are mentioned in the Tender Documents. This Advertisement is also available on PPRA & Pakistan Railways websites at www.ppra.org.pk & www.pakrail.com Government Organization are also invited to participate in the tenders of scrap.

Tender No. 51-0/Electric poles/TS/PSC/2024.

(ANWAR SADAT MARWAT)
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For Divisional Superintendent
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ISLAMABAD

IN the Court of Javed Iqbal Sipra ADJ Judge Islamabad Appeal Mir Muhammad Rafiq etc vs Mst Shabnam Bibi C/o Muhammad Irshad, Muhammad Irshad S/o Muhammad Sadiq both resident of Bara-e-Medhu, Sundhar Pir Tarnol Tehsil and District Islamabad. It is proclaimed of the said defendant does not appear personally or through duly authorized agent or pleader in this Court on 10-05-2024 at 08:00 am ex-parte proceedings will be taken against him / her. (3741280009)

IN the Lahore High Court Lahore. Notice Under Order V Rule 20 CPC. Civil Revision No. 14436 CP 2022 LCR etc Vs Haji Abdul Rehman etc. Notice to Respondents. Haji Abdul Rehman S/o Ghulam Nabi R/o 601-C Faisal Town Lahore. Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed filed Civil Revision against the order dated 30-09-2021 of the learned Additional District Judge Lahore and the case has been fixed for hearing 14-06-2024 (fixed by court), before the Hon'ble court. As your service could not be effected through ordinary mode the Hon'ble court has directed for your substituted service through publication of notice in the press. I Now, therefore, you are hereby informed to appear before the Hon'ble court in person through an attorney or advocate on the date fixed for plead your case. 3 If you or your counsel fails to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the given date, the case will be heard and decided in your absence and no excuse thereof shall be acceptable on this court. Given under my hand and the seal of the Lahore High Court Lahore on this 4th May 2024. Syed Kashif Raza Zaidi Deputy Registrar (Civil) Lahore High Court Lahore. (05793017685)

IN the Court of Waqas Ahmad Raja Civil Judge Islamabad Suit for Declaration Muhammad Arif Khan vs Director General ETO etc and, Dong Min Wo Plan pl R/o House No. 1, Street No. 22, Sector F-6/3, Islamabad. It is proclaimed of the said defendant does not appear personally or through duly authorized agent or pleader in this Court on 13-05-2024 at 08:00 am ex-parte proceedings will be taken against him / her. (3741280009)

HARIPUR

IN The Court of Ishfaq Ahmad Ghauri Civil Judge Haripur District Haripur, Case Title Hajra Khan Vs Muhammad Taj Khan. Next Date Of Hearing 09-05-2024, Notice To Abdul Majeed Khan Son of Muhammad Zaman Bedia Shahid Daughter Of Muhammad Taj Khan Etc Resident of Village Ghandabha Haripur District Haripur Present Abroad Out Of Country. Whereas in the above mentioned case the mentioned defendant can not be served in the ordinary way, it is, therefore, proclaimed that if the said defendants will/shall not appear personally or through duly authorized agent or pleader in the court at 8 am dated 09-05-2024 the proceeding will be taken ex-parte. Given under my hand and seal of this Court. (3904273457 1)

MANSEHRA

IN Court of Muhammad Kashif Civil Judge VI Mansehra. Case No. 183/1 institution 2/11/2023 Munir Khan versus Mohammad Ibrahim etc. The appearance of Abid S/o Muhammad Khan, Fazl Rabi, Shoib S/o Ahmad Khan R/o Ichrian Tehsil Balla Pakhal District Mansehra settled in Saudi Arabia (mobile) possible through any means. They are directed to appear before Court personally or through attorney on 13/5/2024 otherwise case decides ex-parte. (3904273458)

MIRPUR

IN the Court of Muhammad Farooq Rasheed Additional District Judge / Judge Family Court Mirpur (AJK) Case No. 913/2023 Institution 14-12-2023. Title: Rashid Mahmood V/S Aqsa Bi, Suit, Proclamation for Aqsa Bi Daughter Khurshed Bi Wife Farhan Mushtaq S/o Mushtaq Ahmad R/O House No. 27 Sector E/4 Tehsil & District Mirpur. Presently abroad. It is therefore proclaimed that if the said defendant will/ shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in Court at 08:30 am on 09-05-2024 the proceedings will be taken ex-parte. (3741280097)

BANNU

IN the Court of Muhammad Umar Civil Judge IX Bannu. Suit No. 106/1, 169/1 Institution No. 30/12/2023 Meer Bosh vs Shah Nawaz. (3) Raheem Nawaz Khan son of Rahmawaz Khan resident of Bait Ali Meera Khel Bannu present UAE. Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the above mentioned defendant cannot be served in the ordinary way, it is, therefore, proclaimed under Order 5, Rule (3) CPC that if the said defendant will / shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in Court at 9 am on 28/05/2024, the proceedings will be taken ex-parte. No arguments of any nature shall be entertained thereafter. Given under my hand and seal of this Court. (3904273454)

IN the Court of Samina Sahar Civil Judge XIII Bannu. Suit No. 35/9 Institution No. 20/12/2023 Munad Ali vs Akhtar Niaz 22. Sanopash daughter of Akhtar Zaman resident of Mutha Sharif Tehsil Kulachi District Bannu. Present abroad. Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the above mentioned defendant cannot be served in the ordinary way, it is, therefore, proclaimed under Order 5, Rule 20 CPC that if the said defendant will / shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in Court at 8 am on 15/05/2024, the proceedings will be taken ex-parte. No arguments of any nature shall be entertained thereafter. Given under my hand and seal of this Court. (3904273454)

IN the Court of Samina Sahar Civil Judge XIII Family Court II Bannu. Suit No. 184/1 Institution No. 22-11-2022 next date of hearing 14-05-2024 case title: Dost Ali Khan vs Maaz Ullah etc. Notice to (1/7) Nazeeb Ullah S/o Maaz Ullah (Late) R/o Sikandar Khel Bala Tehsil and District Bannu presently in Julifiya Sahara Dubai. Whereas in the above case filed the service of above defendant(s) is not possible through ordinary means. Therefore, you defendant(s) is / are informed through this publication that on 14-05-2024 at 8:00 am. You has / have to appear before this Court either personally or through attorney or through counsel to pursue the suit noted above, otherwise, ex-parte proceedings will be initiated against you. Seal of Court. (3904273454)

IN the Court of Samina Sahar Civil Judge XIII Family Court II Bannu. Suit No. 186/FC Institution No. 15-11-2023 next date of hearing 14-05-2024 case title: Noreen vs Aurangzeb. Notice to Aurangzeb Khan S/o Muhammad Khan R/o Noor Khas Jaso Dada Gul School Jasem Khel Bannu. presently in Qatar Doha. Whereas in the above case filed the service of above defendant(s) is not possible through ordinary means. therefore, you defendant(s) is / are informed through this publication that on 14-05-2024 at 8:00 am. You has / have to appear before this Court either personally or through attorney or through counsel to pursue the suit noted above, otherwise, ex-parte proceedings will be initiated against you. Seal of Court. (3904273454)

NOWSHERA

IN the Court of Sulaiman Khan Civil Judge II, Pabbi Nowshera. Suit No. 400/1, Institution 07-06-2023. Next date of hearing 14-05-2024, Case title Muhammad Shoaib vs Farooq Ahmad. Publication against. Farooq Ahmad Shah S/o Naseem Shah R/o Presently in UK. In the above titled suit the service of above mentioned persons is not possible through ordinary means. Therefore, you Farhat Ali is informed through this publication that on 14-05-2024 at 8:00 am you has to appear before this Court either personally or through attorney or through counsel to pursue the suit noted above, otherwise ex-parte proceedings will be initiated against you. Seal of Court. (3904273454)

UK

IN the Court of Ambareen Iqbal Ch Civil Judge Islamabad Suit for Declaration Nasim Firdous Noor vs Riaz Alam Noor S/o Noor Alam R/o 10, Dunton Road Leyton E-10 1NF London (England). It is proclaimed of the said defendant does not appear personally or through duly authorized agent or pleader in this Court on 17-05-2024 at 08:00 am ex-parte proceedings will be taken against him / her. (3741280094)

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

PESHAWAR

MUHAMMAD Nasir S/o Shah Muhammad Khan R/o Haider Khel Pro and Tehsil Mir Ali District North Waziristan CNIC # 21605-5020934-3 has been died on 06-01-2024. The File No. C/RES/1575 Plot No. 708 Sector-H, measuring 250 sq yds in Phase-I, DHA Peshawar will be transferred to his legal heirs. There is no claim of any nature and type. Khusam Zada Bibi (Widow / Nominee). (3904273457)

PUBLIC at large is informed that (1) Mr Shafiqe Munir S/o Muhammad Munir (Late) (2) Mst. Rukaina Afan D/o Muhammad Munir (Late), is the Owners of a Plot No. 117 Sector F/8 measuring 1 Marla at Phase-8 Hayatabad, Peshawar. He has given its power of attorney to (1) Mr. Malik Zulfiqar Ahmad S/o Malik Muhammad Sharif (2) Sajad Munir S/o Muhammad Munir (Late) through (1) vide Deed No. 554 (2) vide Deed No. 555 Bahi No. 4, Volume No. 234 date 02-05-2024. Now, (1) Mr. Malik Zulfiqar Ahmad (2) Sajad Munir wants to transfer the Plot through given attorney. Therefore, if any Bank, Department, Firm or individual have any objection on this transfer, he should contact the undersigned with written proof within 15 days. Otherwise, the Plot shall be transferred and later on no claim shall be entertained. Housing Officer (Transfer), PDA Hayatabad Peshawar. (3904273456)

PUBLIC at large is informed that Mr Abdul Shakoor Khan S/o Abdul Kabir Khan (Late), is the Owner of Plots (1) No. 173 Sector D/II measuring 20 Marla (2) Plot No. 88 Sector A/1 measuring 20 Marla at Zone II Regi Model Town, Peshawar. He has given its power of attorney to Mr. Abdul Saboor Khan S/o Abdul Kabir Khan through (1) vide Deed No. 542 (2) 543 Bahi No. 4, Volume No. 233 Date 8-05-2024 Now, Mr. Abdul Saboor Khan wants to transfer the Plots through given attorney. Therefore, if any Bank, Department, Firm or individual have any objection on this transfer, he should contact the undersigned with written proof within 15 days. Otherwise, the Plot shall be transferred and later on no claim shall be entertained. Housing Officer (Transfer), Regi Model Town Peshawar. (3904273457)

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FPCCI chief pledges to resolve issues of industrialists

By Our Correspondent

HARIPUR: Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) will establish a special desk at its central office to promote business activities and encourage industrialists to play their role in strengthening national economy.

This was said by FPCCI president Sheikh Atif Ikram during his visit to Haripur Chamber of Commerce and Industry here the other day. He said that FPCCI cabinet was cognisant of the problems being faced by industrialists.

He said that FPCCI had decided to facilitate investors by addressing their problems related to government departments. He said that under the desk a district development board was being set up at Hattar Economic Zone (HEZ) comprising the district heads of electricity, SNGPL and revenue departments.

Mr Ikram said that FPCCI would play the role of an oversight body. Under the development board, the problems of industrialists would be addressed within the shortest possible time. It would help them to save their energies and resources by getting their grievances addressed within the bounds of the district in future.

As part of promotion of products of Hattar Economic Zone, FPCCI is going to establish a display centre in Hattar for which a 605-square yards plot has been acquired. The acquisition of land for relocation of the office of Haripur Chamber of Commerce and Industry is under process.

Earlier, local industrialists talked about the problems of high rate of mark-up, power and gas loadshedding and rising cost of production of industries and lack of incentive from government.

FPCCI general secretary Zafar Bakhtawri, HCCI president Tayab Swati, Saddar Zaman Shah, member executive body Saare Chamber of Commerce, Senior vice president of FPCCI Asif Ali Syed, SM Tarroor from United Business Group also spoke on the occasion.

Pre-marriage blood test can help prevent thalassaemia in children

Functions, awareness walks mark World Thalassaemia Day

Dawn Report

SWAT: Functions and awareness walks were held to mark the World Thalassaemia Day on Wednesday.

Speaking at a function organised in Rahimabad area of Swat to mark the World Thalassaemia Day, children with thalassaemia expressed gratitude for the new lease of life they received through the generosity of voluntary blood donors.

The SPS College management had invited thalassaemia children to mingle with students.

"The disease could be prevented if both partners undergo a simple thalassaemia test since it is inherited from both parents. We urge couples to prioritise this test before marriage," said Waqar Ali, a thalassaemia fighter.

Another thalassaemia patient, Aiman, said they were indebted to those who regularly donated blood to them. "Our heroes and role models extend beyond just blood donors to include those leading the Al-Fajar Foundation, which cares for the thalassaemia patients in Swat, and blood activists," she said.

The thalassaemia children were greeted with gifts.

Wajahat Ali, a blood activist, said individuals with thalassaemia endured significant hardship, particularly when their blood levels dropped. "They experience severe discomfort as their blood depletes. When fresh blood is transfused, they encounter another challenge of iron clotting," he explained. "Doctors administer medications to alleviate their pain and discomfort."

Wajahat emphasised that a simple blood test could prevent its transmission if couples underwent the screening.

He urged students to familiarise themselves with the disease and to disseminate information among their friends and parents.

In Lower Dir, speakers at a function held on Wednesday urged people to donate blood and let the patients suffering from thalassaemia.

The Al-Khidmat Foundation organised the function and an awareness walk on the premises of the District Headquarters Hospital, Timergara, to mark the World Thalassaemia Day.

Doctors, paramedics, thalassaemia patients, relatives, social and political activists were in attendance.

The hospital's medical superintendent Dr Ali Asghar, AKF district vice-president Haji Majidullah, its blood society in-charge Mohammad Zeb and others spoke at the function.

The speakers said thalassaemia was a genetic disorder causing decrease in haemoglobin production in the body.

They said thalassaemia was a fatal disease and awareness was needed to prevent it. They said there were 500 registered thalassaemia patients in Lower Dir. They said cousin marriages should be avoided.

The speakers said spouses should be tested for blood screening before entering into a marriage. They said bone marrow transplant was the only way to get rid of the disease.

Gifts were distributed among thalassaemia patients.

In Kohat, speakers at a function urged parents to carry out blood tests of their children before their marriages to save future generations from blood diseases.

An awareness walk was also held under the auspices of Frontier Blood Bank Foundation and a transfusion centre run by an individual, Ismail Khan.

The walk was led by MPA Shafiullah Jan, SP Umar Farooq, leaders of political parties and social organisations, SHO Jangbakhel police station Riaz Hussain and SHO city Saifullah Khan. Khattak also participated in the walk.

Speaking on the occasion, Ismail Khan said cancer patients, particularly children aged between 16 and 18 years required fresh blood transfusion weekly and sometimes twice a week depending on their condition. He appealed to people to donate blood generously.

STUDENTS donate gifts for children suffering from thalassaemia at a school in Swat. — Dawn

Young man foils college girl's suicide attempt

By Our Correspondent

CHITRAL: A young man saved a college girl from drowning when she jumped into Chitral River from Chowni Bridge in Boghoor village to end her life here on Wednesday morning.

City police station SHO Munirul Mulk told Dawn that the dejected girl from Boghoor village jumped into the river to commit suicide. He said that Mazhar, a young man from her village, also jumped into the river and saved her life.

He said that the girl was rushed to hospital for first aid. She had sustained injuries and was discharged after initial treatment.

Regarding the immediate reason of her suicide attempt, the police officer said that as per initial inquiry, the girl was dejected over the decision of her parents about her marriage against her will.

He said that no case was instituted against the girl for her suicide attempt as the relevant section (325) was deleted from Pakistan Penal Code.

Three months earlier, another college girl had jumped into the river from the same point on the bridge but she could not be saved. Reason of her suicide was also stated to be marriage against her will.

Meanwhile, police arrested three proclaimed offenders in the border village of Arandu. They were wanted by police both in Chitral and Upper Dir in many heinous crimes including murder.

The district police officer, Iftikhar Shah, said that the arrested men were identified as Mohammad Ishaq of Lachigram Dassel and Shiekh Zahid and Khan Tahseen of Zareen Bagh Dassel.

He said that the proclaimed offenders had fled to Kunar province of Afghanistan after committing crimes.

Anti-polio drive in three tehsils of Bajaur from 13th

By Our Correspondent

BAJAUR: The local authorities on Wednesday said an anti-polio campaign would be launched in three tehsils of the Bajaur tribal district from May 13.

Polio campaign in Warb Mamond, Lowi Mamond and Nawagai tehsils was postponed after the murder of a policeman escorting the vaccinators in Mamond tehsil on April 30.

A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting attended by officials of the district administration, the police and health department. Deputy commissioner Mohammad Anwarul Haq chaired the meeting, according to a statement.

The meeting expressed satisfaction over the law and order for conducting the campaign. However, it was decided that foolproof security would be provided to the polio teams to conduct the five-day activity in a peaceful manner.

Speaking on the occasion, Anwarul Haq asked the district police officer to make strict arrangements for the safety and security of vaccinators.

District immunisation officer Dr Fida Mohammad briefed the meeting about the health department's arrangements for the campaign. He said over 130,000 children would be administered anti-polio drops in three tehsils.

The meeting was informed that over 700 policemen would be deployed for security of polio teams in the areas.

JUI-F PROTEST: Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl local chapter on Wednesday said scores of workers would participate in the party's public gathering in Peshawar on Thursday (today).

Talking to reporters, JUI-F district chief Maulana Abdur Rashood said besides large number of workers, scores of people from different areas of the district would participate in the Peshawar gathering.

He said the workers would leave for Peshawar in the morning on Thursday. He said party chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, party's central and provincial leaders would address the gathering.

21 more illegal filling stations sealed in Khyber

KHYBER: The district administration continued its crackdown on illegally established filling stations on Wednesday and sealed 21 more such stations and arrested six persons.

Officials in Bara and Landi Kotal said that they found at least 21 filling stations operating in different localities without registration and selling substandard fuel.

The official raiding parties also checked fuel gauge, rates and quality of fuel being sold at these filling stations and arrested six managers for violating Ogra regulations.

Meanwhile, Fata Qaumi Jirga held its protest meeting in Jamrud on Wednesday in support of their demand for repeal of 25th Amendment and restoration of the previous status of erstwhile tribal areas.

FQJ leaders termed the merger of former Fata with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa unconstitutional and insisted that it was done in haste and against the genuine aspirations of tribal people.

They said that majority of the tribesmen were not happy with the 'forced' merger as it further compounded their miseries and multiplied local disputes.

They said that people of merged districts had never demanded extension of Police Act to their region while reverse system was also forcefully imposed on them.

FQJ leaders demanded of the federal government to reverse the merger plan and let the people of tribal areas live their lives in accordance with their time-tested customs and traditions. — Correspondent

Dera police launch crackdown on vehicles with tinted glass

By Our Correspondent

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: The police have launched a crackdown on vehicles with tinted glass, fancy number plates and modified silencers.

A police spokesman said the crackdown was launched in line with the directives of district police officer Nasir Mehmood to ensure road safety and curb illegal activities.

The police have also displayed banners to educate people about the road safety measures by complying with traffic rules.

The police officials checked vehicles and fined the violators of traffic laws.

The citizens were urged to refrain from indulging in illegal alterations to their vehicles.

FLOWER EXHIBITION: The cantonment board organised a flower exhibition here the other day. Dera station commander Brigadier Aamir Bayat was the chief guest, while cantonment's chief executive officer Waqar Ahmed was also present.

The station commander said flowers gave a message of love and peace in the society besides beautifying the environment.

He lauded the environment-friendly initiative of the cantonment board, saying the flowers exhibition would surely increase the beauty of the area.

ENROLMENT DRIVE: A ceremony was held at a government primary school here the other day in connection with the ongoing school enrolment campaign.

DSP city circle Hafiz Mohammad Adnan was the chief guest.

On the occasion, he said promotion of education was a must for the country's development.

"The future of the country is linked with the young generation and parents should enroll their children in government schools," he said.

Students were carrying different placards inscribed with slogans highlighting the importance of education.

They also presented tableaus and delivered speeches on different topics.

Meanwhile, newly-appointed SP city Tayyib Jan has said that protection of the lives and property of people would be ensured on priority basis.

He stated this during meetings with sub-divisional police officers.

The SP directed the SDPOs to launch a crackdown on drug dealers and other criminal elements.

He asked SHOs and other staffers of the police stations to deal with the visitors politely and take all possible steps for resolving their issues.

Govt asked to compensate rain victims in Shangla

By Our Correspondent

SHANGLA: Chakisar tehsil chairman Bakht Alam Khan on Wednesday alleged that provincial government ignored Shangla despite the fact that it was affected by recent rains that caused massive landslides, collapse of houses and casualties in different areas of the district.

Flanked by members of the tehsil council, he held a meeting with deputy commissioner and informed him about their grievances, especially about the distribution of food packages among the people affected by rains.

He said that revenue officials claimed that they distributed 560 food packages among deserving families but he did not see anything on the ground. He said that affected people were ignored in distribution of food packages.

"Our people have been badly affected by rains but despite lapse of two weeks they are still waiting for rehabilitation and compensation," said the tehsil chairman.

He said that provincial government only focused on southern districts and ignored northern districts including Shangla. He said that Shangla was among the most affected districts where emergency was also imposed but government was yet to start rehabilitation work there.

Mr Khan, who is also district general secretary of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz, said that government should immediately provide funds for rehabilitation and compensation of the people affected by rains.

He said that federal government assisted the affected people through PML-N provincial president Amir Muqam.

RECOVERED: Shangla police handed over to its owner a stolen jeep, they recovered during checking by their vehicle verification system team the other day.

A report was lodged at Nazimabad police station in Rawalpindi about the theft of the vehicle.

A statement issued by Shangla police said that during checking they found the stolen jeep through its VVS system and booked its driver Syed Mubarak Ali Shah, a resident of Karmang, Skardu.

After the directives of the local court, police sub-divisional officer Shah Hussain handed over the jeep to its owner Tariq Iqbal, a resident of Noorpur in Khushab district. The owner thanked Shangla police for recovery of his stolen jeep.

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